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City council decides: equal work, equal pay

Daily Disp. 29/4/75

EAST LONDON — The city council's black employees who have the same qualifications, jobs and responsibilities as white employees, will receive the same pay, retrospective to January 1 this year.

The council agreed yesterday that the same long service allowances would be applicable, too.

The council agreed to share the cost of services to the Asian shopping centre in North End with the Department of Community Development at a cost to the council of R50 530.

Cllr R Mogg suggested that as the redevelopment of the North End was in terms of government policy, the department should pay for the whole development. Cllr R. de Lange (jun) seconded the proposal.

The council agreed to go ahead with 42 sub-economic and 15 economic housing units for Coloureds at Pefferville.

The councillor with the housing portfolio, Mrs R. Venter said the recommendations of the Coloured Management Committee, such only four-roomed units be built, would be considere

But the needs of the community with regard to the size of families wanting accommodation would also have to be taken into account.

Alternative tenders for brick and concrete block economic houses would be called for.

The cost of brick houses could add as much as R10 a month to the rental said Mrs Venter. — DDR.

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MRS BELONSKY

Daily Dispatch

Take-home pay for blacks up

EAST LONDON — The equal pay for equal work and responsibility policy of the East London City Council will mean some black employees taking home more cash than their white colleagues because blacks have fewer deductions — and fewer benefits.

Cllr R Belonsky said yesterday that the council's annual contributions to white employees totalled R386 872 compared with about R8 000 for blacks.

"With pensions the council pays on a rand-for-rand basis and its share for whites amounts to R255 540 a year while its share for black employees who qualify is only R8 652," she said.

Medical aid is also on a rand-for-rand basis and costs the council nearly R100 000 a year for white employees.

On the group life insurance scheme for whites, the council pays one-third to the employees' two-thirds and this costs the council R18 096 a year.

The provident fund for whites who cannot join the pension scheme is on a rand-for-rand basis and the council's share is R7 980.

White employees can obtain bonds at two per cent interest from the council on properties up to R15 000 and this adds another R5 256 to the council's annual contributions.

"With all these benefits whites shouldn't complain if some black employees have more take-home pay," said Mrs Belonsky. — DDR

Council wage dispute

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THE Minister of Labour, Mr Marais Viljoen, had appointed a conciliation board to settle a wage dispute between the Cape Town City Council and White municipal employees, Mr D. W. Archer, secretary of the local branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), said today.

According to the Acting Town Clerk, Mr S. Evans, SAAME requested a 17 percent increase in October last year. The council had offered an increase of two notches on employees' incremental salary scales, but this had been rejected by SAAME

BACK-DATED

Mr Evans said the two-notch increase had been implemented at the end of April this year and had been back-dated to January The council had also promised a complete re-evaluation of salaries to take effect from January 1976.

Mr Archer said the 17 percent increase requested was the difference in the cost of living index between the last municipal wage increase and January this year.

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Daily Dispatch 19/6/75

More members for Coloured committee?

EAST LONDON — Coloured areas will be divided into wards, increasing the number of members serving on Coloured Management Committees in the Cape.

This could mean the East London Coloured Management Committee's present membership of seven could increase to ten or more.

"Elections shall go according to wards and any person who qualifies, may be elected as a member of the committee for any ward," the amended regulation reads.

Each ward will consist of two members.

The regulation provides for a general election to be held in the event of a committee's area being divided or redivided.

The East London Coloured Management Committee will discuss at their next monthly meeting the feasibility of dividing their areas into wards.

Areas which may be divided into wards are Parkside, Buffalo Flats, Pefferville, Parkridge and Charles Lloyd Township — DDR.

More blacks on buses next week?

Daily Dispatch 21/6/75

EAST LONDON — East London's buses have not yet started carrying the increased number of black passengers, authorised at last week's meeting of the Road Transport Board.

At the meeting, an application by the city council to increase the number of blacks carried on the buses to 13 was granted.

Interviewed yesterday, the head of the Municipal bus service, Mr A. J Lupke, said he had only received official confirmation of the decision on Thursday, in spite of the decision being taken on June 13

"In addition there is an error in one of the forms I hope to get all the necessary licenses by Tuesday, and we will be able to start operating with the increased number of blacks on Thursday," Mr Lupke said

The council had originally applied to carry 25 blacks per bus — DDR

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Transport race bar eased

D. Dispatch 28/6/75

EAST LONDON — From Monday, municipal buses here will carry 13 black passengers instead of five as at present.

The councillor with the transport portfolio, Mr G Warner, said the necessary certificates were received yesterday.

The certificates have been issued under the same conditions as in the past. These are that black passengers may not use the buses at peak hours i.e. from the suburbs to the city between 7 30am and 8.15am Mondays to Saturdays or between 1 30pm and 2pm on Mondays to Fridays.

Blacks may not use the buses travelling from the city to the suburbs between 12 45pm and 1 30pm on Mondays to Saturdays or between 4 30pm and 5.30pm on Mondays to Fridays.

The restrictions do not apply on Sundays and public holidays. — DDR

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BLACKS WANT COUNCIL VOTE

From Peter Goosen

MOSSEL BAY — Two motions aimed at giving Coloured and Indian management committees in the Cape direct representation on White city and divisional councils were approved unanimously at the annual congress of the Association of Management Committees here today.

One motion asks the Government to pass legislation to allow management committee members to attend council committee meetings with speaking but no voting rights. The second asks for an amendment to the Cape Municipal Ordinance to allow management committee members to attend committee meetings with full powers, including voting rights

FOOTBALL

Delegates made it clear that although they were in favour of the motions it did not mean that the association accepted management committees. The ultimate goal would remain direct representation on councils

However, until the Government changed its policy the right to take part in council affairs at committee level was the first step towards full representation

Introducing one of the motions, Mr G Munsook of Rylands (Cape Town) said under the present management committee system the Government, province and local authorities were 'playing football' with Blacks When a grievance was raised, it was passed from department to department, all claiming it was not their responsibility

The association also unanimously approved a motion to make representations to the Minister of Justice, Mr J. T. Kruger, for a nation-wide campaign against shebeens and for heavier sentences for people convicted of selling liquor illegally.

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Council bid to end race bars

Daily Dispatch 1/7/75

EAST LONDON — The City Council here last night decided by eight votes to five to ask permission to remove race restrictions from the City Hall and quadrangle, the Orient Theatre, the Cambridge Town Hall and the Library Hall.

The motion introduced by Councillor Mrs Ruth Belonsky caused heated debate and resulted in the Mayor, Mr R L. de Lange calling for division on the motion. H ealso accused Mrs Belonsky of bringing politics into the meeting and threatened to resign if the Council became a political forum

Introducing the motion, Mrs Belonsky said that East London was lagging far behind the other major centres in removing racial discrimination

South Africa's Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Pik Botha, had said that discrimination was being removed in South Africa and the council should take more of a lead in doing so, she said

"Let us remember the reasons the Nico Malan Theatre in Cape Town was opened to all races It was the fact that all the ratepayers in the city had contributed to it and not all of them were allowed to attend performances

"We have the same situation in East London," Mrs Belonsky said

"In Cape Town, concerts at the City Hall are open to everybody, with no strings attached. Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Johannesburg and even Umtata have all embarked on plans to desegregate their amenities.

"The Port Elizabeth City Council have applied for the same permission as I have put forward," Mrs Belonsky said

She pointed out that the official policy was that where facilities were segregated, they should be of an equal standard.

"This is certainly not the case in East London We have eight halls for whites, two for Coloureds and one for blacks," she said.

She pointed out that the Peacock Hall for blacks, was at the moment filled by 15 Coloured families who had lost their homes in a fire.

"To those who might claim that we are flying in the face of the Government, may I point out that the official stated policy today is to do away with discriminaion. This has been said by the Prime Minister, the Minister of the Interior, Ambassador Pik Botha and several other spokesmen of the Government," Mrs Belonsky said.

Mrs Belonsky then proposed the motion which read that "the Council seeks the necessary permission to remove all racial restrictions on attendance at the City Hall (and Quadrangle), the Orient Theatre, the Cambridge Town Hall, and the Library Hall"

She was immediately accused by Mr De Lange of bringing politics into the meeting

"The City Council is not a political forum. All the years I have been here we have tried to avoid politics. All the time I have been here we have tried to be fair and just to all our people," Mr De Lange said

"But now there is a tendency to try to push the blacks, Coloureds and Indians.

"Let me tell you that in the controversy over the benches at the market I received dozens and dozens, if not hundreds of objections. Not that any of us have anything against these people, but there was a deliberate attempt by some to prevent the ratepayers of East London using their own facilities

"I want to say to you do not try to bring an opposition policy into the Council. You say it is official Government policy. I want to tell you it is not the policy of the Government to remove discrimination. That is entirely incorrect

"Today there is an attitude that the white man must go with his cap in his hand and ask for favours.

"I must tell you that I have had numerous applications for the use of the City Hall by other race groups and I've never refused them.

"I know these people better than you do I've had a lot of dealings with them.

"Where is it going to stop? Just now you will have these people on the Orient Beach," Mr De Lange said.

At this stage Mrs Belonsky interjected with "Just you wait"

Mr De Lange said East London was definitely not dragging behind the other centres

"But must the ratepayers now go cap in hand to the blacks I will not support this motion and if you are going to bring politics into the council meetings I am going to resign."

The Mayor was strongly criticised by Councillor J. J M. Orpen, who said he could "not agree with a word you have said".

"All we want to do is correctly and legally use our facilities for all our peoples," he said

Mrs Belonsky told the Mayor he was the only person who was bringing politics into the council, as nobody else had mentioned the word

The motion was seconded by the Deputy Mayor Councillor J A Yazbek, who said that it hardly needed comment.

"We have reached the stage of no return and if we miss on this one we are missing a splendid opportunity to show our city and the world that we are genuine in our attempts," he said.

Councillor Mrs M. E Kemp said she would support the motion "for Coloureds and Indians but not for blacks"

"Enough is being done for the blacks already," Mrs Kemp said

Supporting the motion Councillor Mrs R. E M. Venter pointed out that in terms of the Group Areas Act a permit was needed to open the halls

"What is not clear now is what the limits of Government policy are We need a clear cut decision," she said

Councillor P S Opperman then proposed that the motion be amended to ask the Government for this information

This was opposed by Councillor F. A. Stakemire, who said it was time to give the Government a clear indication that the local authorities wanted the removal of discrimination

The original motion was carried with votes by Councillors R Belonsky, J A Yazbek D J Card, R E Mogg, J J M. Orpen, F A Stakemire, Mrs R E. M. Venter and I. S Zulman

Councillors R L de Lange, R L de Lange (Jun), J H Bezuidenhout, Mrs R E M Kemp and P S Opperman voted against the motion — DDR

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Council wait for reply on Guild

Daily Dispatch 2/7/75

EAST LONDON — The City Council here is still waiting to hear from the Minister of National Education, Senator J. P. van der Spuy, whether the Guild Theatre will be allowed to become multi-racial.

The council during May gave its support to a request from the Board of the Theatre to the Minister, asking him to change lease conditions which would allow the theatre to operate along the same lines as the Nico Malan Theatre in Cape Town.

Yesterday Councillor J. J. M. Orpen, who is also a member of the Theatre Board, said that no reply had been received from the minister.

"In the meantime we have applied for a permit for blacks to see the black musical Ipi Tombi. It is the first time we have applied for permission for them to attend a show at the theatre," Mr Orpen said.

Councillor F. A. Stakemire, who is also a member of the Theatre Board, said yesterday's outline of Government policy on theatres, made by the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, Mr M. C. Botha, did not affect the theatre.

"They have not changed the existing procedure, so we will still have to apply for permits from the authorities," Mr Stakemire said. — DDR.

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DAILY DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1975 —

Mopp backs Belonsky motion on race bars

EAST LONDON — Black and Coloured leaders yesterday praised Councillor Ruth Belonsky's controversial desegregation motion.

But they condemned the stand taken by East London's mayor, Mr R. L. de Lange.

Mrs Belonsky proposed that the council seek the necessary permission to remove all racial restrictions on attendances at the City Hall and quadrangle, the Orient Theatre, the Cambridge Town Hall and the Library Hall.

Mr De Lange said he would not support the motion "and if you are going to bring politics into the council meetings I am going to resign."

The chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr P. Mopp, said it was because of politics that "we were removed from the Eastern Beach, denied the use of the Orient Theatre and relegated to an inferior status in the land of our birth.

"Has the mayor ever suffered the indignities, the frustrations and humiliation brought about by the hideous document of separate development or differentiation?

"If he had, Mr De Lange would have supported Cllr Belonsky's motion. This is not a case of bringing politics into civics," Mr Mopp said

"Mr De Lange claims he knows 'these people.' I speak as one of 'these people' We are sick and tired of this type of attitude on the part of city councillors in trying to keep us shackled and relegated non-beings in South Africa," he said.

"For too long have we as ratepayers been denied those rights enjoyed by ratepayers who have been classified white."

Mrs Belonsky's motion could not be construed as an attempt to prevent the ratepayers of East London using their own facilities.

"We are ratepayers as well, and Cllr Belonsky's motion embodies in it what is fair and just, whereas Cllr De Lange's attitude reeks of white domination," Mr Mopp said.

"I can assure Mr De Lange that the day will come when I will be able to drive my children to the Orient Beach without making excuses to them."

The chairman of the East London Indian Association, Mr A. E. Bob, refused to comment.

A member of the East London Joint Locations Advisory Board, Mr J. J. Matotie, praised Mrs Belonsky for her courage to speak out for the blacks.

He said he wished to remind the whites in East London that blacks and whites should stand united.

"United we stand, divided we fall," Mr Matotie said. — DDR.

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Munnik's No to open halls in East London

Daily Disp. 8/7/75

EAST LONDON — The Administrator of the Cape, Dr L.A.P.A. Munnik, paid his first official visit to East London yesterday, and destroyed hopes that public halls here would be allowed to become multi-racial

However, he raised hopes that the controversial coastal road would be reconsidered by the province.

During the visit, the first since he became Administrator earlier this year, Dr Munnik held talks with the City Councils of East London and Beacon Bay, and addressed a luncheon in his honour at a city hotel.

The meetings were attended by the four Provincial Councillors for the Border area, and Mr Harland Bell, United Party MP for East London City.

Interviewed after meeting the City Council, from which the Press were barred at the request of councillors, Dr Munnik said any applications for the use of halls by persons other than whites would have to be done in terms of the Group Areas Act

The East London City Council at its last monthly meeting had resolved to ask the necessary permission to remove race barriers from four of the public halls in the city

Dr Munnik's statement was in line with one issued recently by the Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, Mr M.C. Botha.

"The procedure is that the group organising the show must apply for the relevant permit If the Council is in agreement, the person running the show must apply to the Department of Bantu Administration for a permit for blacks, and to the Department of Community Development for Indians and Coloureds," Dr Munnik said.

Questioned on the possibility of a blanket permit being issued, Dr Munnik said it lay within the Minister's power, but it was "unlikely" that it would be granted.

Turning to the issue of the coastal road, Dr Munnik said the matter would receive his attention when he returned to Cape Town.

He is believed to have been sympathetic towards pleas that it be halted at the meeting, telling councillors they should not "be dictated to by engineers."

Later he appealed to councillors to be very careful in the decisions they took and always to consider the people who had elected them "as it is very difficult to reverse a decision once it has been taken."

Calling for closer liaison between Provincial and City Councillors, Dr Munnik said the whole system of three-tier government depended on this co-operation.

"My job is to find a happy medium between development and conservation, and this liaison will help me," he said.

"I must tell you however, that when I take a decision it will be because it is the right thing to do and not to enhance my popularity.

"I read with interest the editorial in the Daily Dispatch, that the Eastern Province should be a separate province. I think we should rather keep it as it is, but make sure that everybody gets a fair deal. That is my job and as I am originally from the Eastern Cape I can assure you I have the interests of this area at heart," Dr Munnik said.

Thanking the Administrator for his visit, the Mayor, Mr H. de Lange said the discussions had been "very serious."

"We even had Mrs Ruth Belonsky on racial integration, and the Administrator settled her very quickly. Honestly, with the Editor of the Daily Dispatch and some of these people I think giving them a say would be like putting a shotgun in the hands of a baby," Mr De Lange said. — DDR.

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Munnik contradicting Mulder says Nash

Daily Dispatch 10/7/75

EAST LONDON — The East Cape member of the Coloured Representative Council, Mr J. H Nash, termed the statements of the Administrator of the Cape, Dr L A P A. Munnik, and he mayor as "typical of the double standards of the Nationalist policy"

He was commenting on the Administrator's decision not to allow integration in public halls in East London.

"I am amused at the statements of the Administrator and the mayor of East London. On the one hand Dr C P Mulder, said racial discrimination had been eliminated in South Africa and on the other hand we get these two gentlemen directly contradicting him," Mr Nash said.

"I would like to appeal to the Daily Dispatch to send these two kragdadige statements of the two gentlemen to the overseas press to prove to them that apartheid in South Africa is being adhered to, to the letter.

"How does the Administrator reconcile his statement in East London with the opening of the Nico Malan Theatre in Cape Town? Mr Nash asked.

"Surely the Administrator should know that the Prime Minister is at the moment busy in Southern Africa with the delicate position of detente and that detente outside South Africa depends on good relationship and detente in South Africa," he said

Mr Nash said it is time Mr De Lange realised that he is not the mayor of the Nationalist Party in East London but that he is the mayor of the whole town

"When he makes statements as appeared in the press he must realise that he should speak in the interests of all the citizens of this town and that these people, whoever they may be, are ratepayers of this town

"We have contributed to all theatres and halls in the town and it is our right and not a privilege to be admitted to these places of entertainment.

"Mr De Lange can go to his Orient Beach and swim against the tide of freedom and justice but one day I will have to go into the surf at the Orient Beach to rescue him from his Nationalist thinking," Mr Nash said.

Mr Nash said he wished to warn Coloureds, Indians and blacks who see it fit to attend the separate Ipi Tombi and Lionel Petersen shows due in East London shortly, that they would be betraying the course of non-racialism and justice in this country

"Their children will one day point a finger at them," Mr Nash concluded

The Coloured Management Committee at their monthly meeting resolved to write to the City Council to express [illegible]

MR NASH

Mr Kemal Casoojee, the Acting Chairman of the East London Indian Association, expressed disappointment yesterday at the Administrator's decision not to open halls in East London to all races.

However, Mr Casoojee wished Mrs Ruth Belonsky and her fellow councillors the best of luck in pursuing the policy of South Africa. — DDR.

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Wage row: Meeting today

Cape Times 23/7/75

AN ATTEMPT will be made today to thrash out an agreement on the wage increases demanded by Cape Town White municipal employees when members of the City Council's Executive Committee meet representatives of the Employees Association.

The president of the South African Association of Municipal Employees, Mr A Nieuwoudt, will be flying to Cape Town from Pretoria to attend the meeting.

The president of the association's Cape Town branch, Mr A Uys, said yesterday that the association would continue to press demands for a 17 percent increase, backdated to January, 1975, to cover losses in 1974 due to inflation.

The City Council has offered a rise of two notches in the salary scale, equivalent to an average rise of about 10 percent.

"If we accept this we will suffer a seven percent loss due to cost of living increases in 1974, and we will not even have the assurance that our 1975 losses will be compensated," Mr Uys said.

Earlier this year the municipality's non-White workers accepted a rise of two notches.

News from the Transvaal that an employers' Association representing 150 local authorities has agreed that future cost of living increases be included in salary scales from the beginning of 1976 has added impetus to the workers' demands.

"In the Transvaal municipal workers will be compensated for losses before they occur. Here we have to bear the loss without any security that the equivalent sum will be made up later," Mr Uys said.

Mr I Ospovat, the City Council's Executive Committee chairman, refused to comment yesterday.

● A dispute has arisen in Stellenbosch between the staff of the municipality and the Town Council

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Deadlock on wage dispute

23/7/75 — The Argus Municipal Reporter

CONCILIATION talks aimed at ending a wages dispute between the City Council and Cape Town's White municipal workers ended in deadlock today. Now the issue will have to be settled by Government arbitrators.

Today's conciliation meeting — watched over by an official of the Department of Labour — was called by the Minister of Labour, Mr Marais Viljoen, when the City Council could not agree to an all-round 17 percent hike.

The local branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees — representing almost 4 000 White workers — put in its claim to compensate for the big rise in the cost of living since early last year.

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But the City Council offered an improvement of two notches on existing salary grades, which would have ment a maximum increase of about 10 percent.

The dispute will have to be settled by Department of Labour arbitrators.

Mr A. J. Uys, local SAAME president, said after the meeting: 'It's a pity. I am really sorry about it.'

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He said SAAME would hear the arbitrators' decision within three months. 'But in the meantime the

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Cape Times 11/9/75

Traffic course for Transkei men

TEN Africans from the Transkei this week started a full-length course at the Divisional Council's training centre for traffic officers at Ottery.

Enthusiastic and proud, these men will form the nucleus of the Transkei's own traffic control force when the homeland becomes independent next year.

They have joined a large class with a number of Coloured trainee officers and three other Africans from Kimberley, and when they have finished their 3½ months of intensive instruction will write the same passing-out examination as White traffic officers.

It is an extremely difficult examination and to qualify for their diplomas they will have to achieve a pass with an average of 50 percent in all subjects except criminal law for which 45 percent is required

In charge of the course are Mr V I C Rhodes of the Divisional Council's Traffic Department and Mr E B Benskin of the Provincial Traffic Department.

Among the subjects the men have to master are the traffic ordinance regulations, traffic control, criminal law, the Transportation Act, and public relations.

The senior trainee from the Transkei, Mr Phineas Kalifa said the trainees were proud to have been chosen for the course.

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Tucsa calls for transport bodies

Cape Times 27/9/75

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TUCSA delegates yesterday unanimously called for a metropolitan body in each major centre responsible for providing cheap and efficient public transport.

Urban transport had become too big a problem for local authorities or private enterprise to cope with unaided, the resolution said.

It called for a body in each urban centre to plan and direct all forms of public transport including rail traffic, with power to request "massive subsidies" from Government to keep down costs to the passenger.

Such bodies should include representatives from local authorities, transport companies, commerce, industry and the unions. The resolution added that transport boards should give attention to the training and more efficient use of Black labour in the transport system.

Moving the motion, Mr M S Moerat, of the National Union of Commercial and Allied Workers said that the Group Areas Act had placed South Africa among those few countries where the poorest commuters lived furthest from their work.

Train services from the Cape Flats were limited and buses streamed along through hopelessly inadequate roads to reach the city.

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Equal pay inquiry 'welcome'

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Natal Mercury 2/10/75

Municipal Reporter

SEVERAL Durban City councillors yesterday said they would "welcome" an investigation into equal work for equal pay for the city's White and Black municipal workers.

Pietermaritzburg City Council have already taken a decision to investigate their Black and White salary scales with a view to giving equal pay for equal work.

Chairman of Durban's Amenities Committee Mr. Pieter Breytenbach said the capital city should be congratulated for taking the decision, and added that Durban was already working towards equal pay.

"But we have now reached the stage where we must eliminate discrimination, and I would welcome any investigation," he said.

Councillor Mrs. Pat Geary said: "Equal pay for equal work — all other things being equal — must come eventually, but I do not know if this is the time to precipitate it.

"Let us first wait for the results of the commission of inquiry into the city's finances to see if we can get a better rating system for Durban."

The Mayor, Mr. Dixie Adams, said he believed there was a continuous investigation into pay parity in Durban, and that the City Council had already given their support to "this sort of thing."

Mr. Rob Olufsen, chairman of the Joint Advisory Board which deals with the salaries of the city's 6 000-odd White workers, also supported an investigation.

"Before introducing equal pay we would need a thorough investigation," he said "At the moment there is no equal pay for equal work except for professional and semi - professional staff, but with every pay rise the gap is deliberately narrowed."

BUSES WAGES GROWL

Natal Mercury 3/10/75

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Mercury Reporter

DURBAN Corporation Transport mechanics are disgruntled about their low wages and excessive overtime, says Mr. Peter Barnsley, secretary of the Durban Municipal Employees' Society.

Mr. Barnsley said there was "strong resentment" among the Corporation artisans that they had to do day and night as well as weekend shifts while workers under contract worked a "cushy day shift."

He was referring to the Leyland and Natal Motor Industries mechanics who are now doing maintenance work under a six-month contract.

The men were also dissatisfied with their wage rates: "These mechanics get about R5 100 a year whereas in private enterprise they could get between R6 000 and R6 600," said Mr. Barnsley.

Transport lead by city

3/10/75

The Argus Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is taking first steps towards implementing far-reaching proposals by the Driessen Transport Committee which will ultimately revolutionise mass transport in South Africa's major cities.

Engineers are being commissioned to prepare a transportation study of the city, at a cost of R300 000 to the province.

The move was suggested by provincial authorities in anticipation of legislation needed to implement the committee's ideas.

The provincial roads engineer has also suggested that the Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee's technical body operate as an interim Metropolitan Transport Advisory Council to prepare an overall transport plan for the region.

The provincial administration has appointed Cape Town's City Council the "agent" responsible for preparing and implementing the comprehensive planning required.

Mr J Driessen, Secretary for Transport and chairman of the committee — whose proposals to relieve urban transport problems were tabled in Parliament in May this year — has also asked local authorities in major cities to freeze existing bulk factors in central areas.

Maximum bulk factors contained in town planning and building regulations limit total floor space in buildings, and increased factors would imply possibly larger buildings, more people in the buildings, and consequently more cars.

The Driessen Committee warned in its report that untenable, if not chaotic conditions would arise well before the turn of the century if official steps did not cut down private car transports in city centres.

Mr Driessen has now asked major local authorities not to increase maximum bulk factors in city centres unless they are satisfied that anticipated transport facilities would be adequate to cope with denser commuter populations.

The City Council was told of Mr Driessen's request this week. But the Town Clerk, Mr H. G. Heugh, said the city's bulk factors were laid down many years ago and any increase was unlikely now.

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Council cuts R20m off City budget

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Cape Times 3/10/75

THE CAPE TOWN City Council has chopped R20 million off the draft capital estimates for next year and will not start any new projects, Mr H C Heugh, the Town Clerk, announced yesterday.

Mr Heugh said steps had been taken to trim the City's spending even before the appeals from the Prime Minister and the Director of Local Government had been received.

"Our original capital estimates for next year amounted to R130m but after a series of meetings this has been cut to R110m."

Of this amount about R40m would be spent on housing development in Mitchell's Plain — a project the Government fully supported.

"We can't cut back on housing," he said.

The Mitchell's Plain project will create a city larger than East London and R350m will be spent on it in seven or eight years. The Government regarded it as a priority project and were encouraging work on it.

A further R66m was for essential capital works to which the municipality was contractually committed.

These works included the hydro-electric project at the Steenbras Dam, the civic centre, the freeways and essential services.

"We can't cut back on these projects. We have to bite on the bullet and go ahead," Mr Heugh said.

He stressed that no new work was being started. Projects under construction could not be slowed down since the time factor was part of the contracts.

The municipalities in the northern areas are also reassessing their capital works programmes and cutting back on all non-essential items.

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Greed fever

Union vice president Mr Sakkie Uys assesses South Africa's latest anti-inflation project

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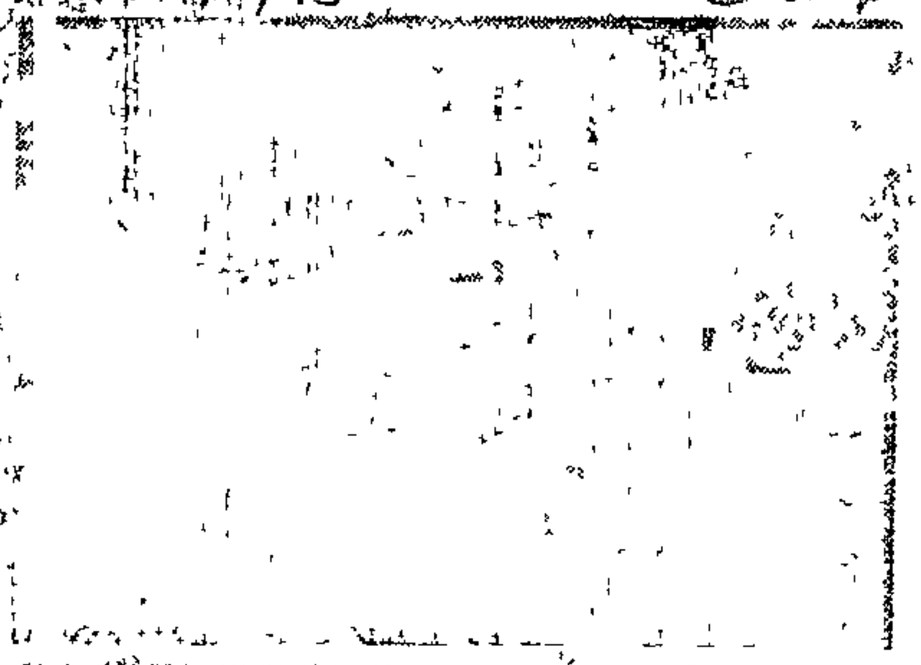
ARGUS 23/10/75

The Argus Municipal Reporter

WORKERS' union official Mr Sakkie Uys speaks for 4 000 people in Cape Town who have sacrificed a possible pay increase to help the national economy. And he says: 'Greed will rule in South Africa — I don't think the industrialists are going to stick to the agreement.'



MR SAKKIE UYS: Someone must take the lead.

Mr Uys is president of the City Council branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees, and national vice president of the 45 000 strong union.

The agreement which disturbs him is the set of rules drawn up by the Government to elicit public co-operation in a tough bout against inflation. The agreement was recently dismissed by consumers' advocate, Mr Eugene Roelofse as a toothless political dream more at home in satirical theatre.

Mr Uys and SAAME colleagues recently told the Cape Town City Council the association was withdrawing a claim for wage improvements which would have added about R5-million to the city's bills for next year and no doubt would have given ratepayers cause to shout.

OUTSPOKEN

Now he says 'SAAME as a whole is hoping that others will follow suit elsewhere in the country. As we see it, for every rand extra we earn, we are paying more all round.'

Blunt and outspoken, yet a mediator, not a militant, Sakkie Uys has been president of the SAAME branch for nine years, and a member of the local executive for 16.

He smokes almost continuously—perhaps partly because of the average four hours 'free time' work he puts in each day for the association.

STRANGE THING

But his working day is spent in a drab Electricity House office, where he heads the dog licensing section. Revenue has climbed since he took over, but it's a simple case of productivity, he says. 'I don't think the answer is just screaming for extra wages.'

He believes workers always get the thick end: 'A very strange thing has been happening in this country. Whenever anyone talks about wage increases, costs go up immediately. And I wouldn't say industry is taking the knocks.'

BIG BOYS

'We must give industrialists the chance to prove their good faith the same as the workers. But I don't think industrialists will stick to the spirit of

fault of the country's workers.

'They have shown they are trying to help. We thought if we show the Government that we are willing to go along, perhaps they could force the big boys to follow.

'Someone must take the lead. We are willing to help, but the other side must do its bit.'

Industrialists and agricultural unions, says Mr Uys, have the country 'in the palm of their hand.'

AS THEY WISH

By law workers are forbidden to strike and must put claims and grievances through arbitrators.

'But there is no arbitration industrialists have to go to if they want to put up costs. They do it just as they wish. That is why I say, the only thing that happens is the rising cost of living or inflation that the worker suffers.'

SAAME has agreed to re-assess the position of Cape Town's White municipal employees in March next year. This year, in January, they received 10 percent of their average 17 percent claim from the City Council.

SERIOUSLY

But even that improvement, says Mr Uys, only just matched the pace of inflation and CoL.

He says by next March a salary revision will be needed in the municipality. 'We will have to think very seriously then, because the workers cannot be expected just to sit back in the face of all this and say: We have to take it.'

But he is satisfied that the City Council will

City to equalise CoL grants

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THE City Council will pay equal cost-of-living allowances to all its pensioners — White, Coloured and African — within two years.

The council has agreed to raise the allowances for non-White pensioners in phases and to equalise them by January 1978.

Coloured and African pensioners presently receive allowances equal to about two-thirds of the payments to White municipal pensioners.

R300 000

From January next year the difference will be narrowed to about 20 percent. The allowances to non-White beneficiaries will be raised to 90 percent of the Whites' level from the beginning of 1977, and will be equalised by January 1978.

The increases next year will cost the city about R116 200. Ultimately the allowances will cost the city an extra R300 000 a year.

WOMEN DO THE MEN'S WORK

By Weekend Argus Reporter 8/11/75

Good pay, exercise for Cape Town's feminine builders

CAPE TOWN City Council is doing its share towards this Year of the Woman by employing Coloured women labourers on its building projects at Bonteheuwel and Mitchell's Plain.

And, to keep the feminists happy, the council is paying them the same wage as male labourers receive — 63,5 cents an hour, which works out at around R100 a month

The advantages of women doing a man's work are numerous according to the council The bonuses include·

- Reliability ('The women always come to work on Monday,' according to one Council spokesman)
- Enthusiasm and keenness
- A natural desire to be tidy and thorough

The women love their work For them building site labour means

- Good pay.
- Exercise
- An ideal opportunity to lose weight while they work

Mr Gerhard Reich, the council's building director, said this week women had been used to clean up houses after building operations for a number of months

'Then recently they approached us to ask if they could stack bricks and we agreed, mainly because of a labour shortage.

'One of the reasons some of them gave for wanting to do the hard work was a need to lose weight'

The council employs about 100 women at present on its building projects at Mitchell's Plain and Bonteheuwel. 'We don't need more women but if we did and I passed the word around we would have thousands ready to become labourers. It's a sought-after job'

Mr Reich said that the council provided the women stackers with council overalls, hard hats and thick rubber gloves to protect their hands 'They are treated like any other labourer,' he said

The women are also provided with transport to Mitchell's Plain though not to Bonteheuwel.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE in this picture of Cape Town City Council labourers stacking bricks at a Bonteheuwel building site The difference is that they are women. They are paid the same as men and, says the council, they do as good a job.

'They are given an identity card which enables them to get a ticket on the Mitchell's Plain bus'

Mr Len Beelders, as one of the council's general foremen, has the enviable task of overseeing the women — and he's as pleased as punch.

'They are a pleasure to work with They are far more reliable than the men and are willing and enthusiastic And they work every bit as hard if not harder than the men'

What do the women say? 'We love every minute of it,' said one group stacking bricks at Bonteheuwel under a blazing sun this week

For Mrs Fatima Ismail, mother of five, the job is a joy 'I used to work store canteen It was in a city department boring, unhealthy and the pay was not up to much.

'Now I'm earning a really good wage, I keep healthy and, best of all, I've lost a tremendous amount of weight'

Mrs Ismail sends her two eldest children to school and the three youngest are in a creche

Miss Fayroux Benito used to work in a factory 'I'm earning much more money now and I really enjoy the hard work.

I don't think of one complaint about my job now It's the sort of work that blows away sickness and we don't need to take slimming tablets'

The men on the site have mixed feelings about women doing their jobs. 'A building site isn't really the place for a woman,' said one 'But they certainly make the place more attractive.'

East London bus tariff hike

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EAST LONDON — Subject to the approval of the Road Transportation Board, East London's municipal bus fares will be increased early next year.

At a meeting of the City Council's Action Committee, it was decided the council should apply for increases of one cent in the cash tariff for the first stage of a bus journey and two cents for more than one stage.

The application for fare increases, which was forwarded by the City Council at their last meeting, asked that the increases be effective from "the earliest possible date in 1976." If granted, the increases will also affect the rates for books of ten tickets and the rate for scholars.

For an adult a book of ten tickets will cost ten per cent less than the cash price, while scholars tickets — available to children under the age of 18 years — have gone up by one cent a ticket, regardless of the number of stages the ticket is issued for.

For ten tickets this represents an increase from 40 cents to 50 cents for one stage, from 50 cents to 60 cents for two or three stages and from 60 cents to 70 cents for four to six stages.

The private hire of buses is also to go up and it will cost 55 cents instead of 50 cents per kilometre to hire a bus if the board approves the council's application.

The proposed cash fares for adults, with the old fares in brackets, are: One stage six cents (5), two stages ten cent (8), three stages 12 cents (10), four stages 14 cents (12) and five or six stages 17 cents (15).

The last time municipal bus fares were increased was in March 1974. — DDR.

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Coloured Management Committee quits

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Chatting after they resigned from the Coloured Management Committee last night were, from left: Mr J. Nash, Mr B. Phillips, Mr J. Marais and Mr P. Mopp.

EAST LONDON—The Coloured Management Committee disbanded here last night after four of the seven members resigned

They resigned — nine months before East London's 14 000 Coloureds go to the polls to elect a new committee — because "they felt frustrated about the committee which was a glorified advisory committee with absolutely no powers

"We have achieved nothing in the four years we've been associated with this committee," the chairman, Mr P. Mopp, said as he tendered his resignation.

Mr Mopp's list of grievances against the city council was endorsed by Mr J. Nash, Mr J. Marais and Mr B Phillips, who also resigned

Two other members, Mr F. Barlow and Mr W George, also endorsed Mr Mopp's allegations but felt it was not the appropriate step to take at this stage Mr W. November also did not resign.

The men who resigned were backed by Councillor Ruth Belonsky, who told the meeting "This is the only solution at this stage.

"I know the frustrations of this committee and I sympathise with all your problems."

Mrs Belonsky said many of the committee's recommendations had been poohpoohed by council with the reply "We won't be bullied by this committee"

But the councillor with the Non-white Affairs portfolio, Mr D. Card, made a strong plea for the members to rethink their decision in the interests of the Coloured people who had elected them.

"I understand your frustrations. I've also had frustrations around the horseshoe," Mr Card said. "But is this the right step?

"If you are adamant in your stand, I dwon't know what your future will be and what action the Government will take," Mr Card said

The library issue and the sacking of an administrative officer at the Parkside housing offices, Mr S. le Roux, were cited among the main issues for the resignations.

"We have been barred from the library only because we are the wrong colour and nothing else," Mr Mopp said while Mr Marais said Coloureds felt hurt and insulted over the library.

Answering Mr Card's question on how they proposed to work if they did not stay on the committee and how they hoped to get the ear of council, Mr Nash said: "Our resignations do not mean we are abandoning the fight for our people. We will continue the fight, but on a different platform such as ratepayers' associations."

Mr Barlow questioned whether the committee had gone to the root of the problem to find where they were being bogged down. "Are the city councillors to blame or is it at a higher level If at a higher level we must approach the authorities for a better deal."—DDR.

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Theatre race bar to stay

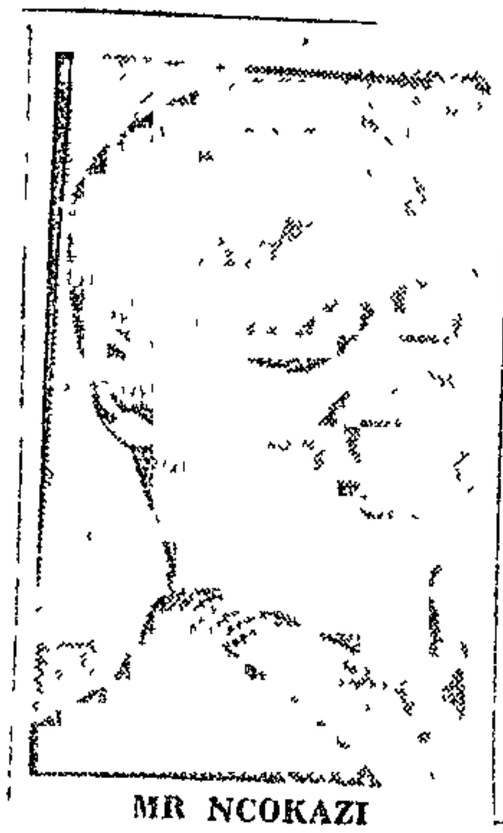
EAST LONDON — The Guild Theatre is not likely to be opened to all races in the near future

At his press conference yesterday, the Mayor of East London, Cllr J A Yazbek, said a clause in the Guild Theatre agreement specifically prohibited mixed audiences

"In May last year we applied to the Minister of National Education to release us from this clause

"In December, the minister's secretary wrote to tell us that the implications of our application were still under consideration, but a decision in the near future was unlikely."

A mixed cast has performed at the Guild Theatre and blacks have been allowed into the theatre on their own nights. — DDR.



MR NCOKAZI

Councillor hits at mayor over remark on CMC

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EAST LONDON — Councillor Ruth Belonsky hit out at East London's Mayor yesterday for "creating the wrong impression" over the attitude of certain councillors to the local Coloured Management Committee

She said the mayor, Cllr J. A. Yazbek, had implied that a statement she had made during the last meeting of the CMC had been untrue.

She had said certain councillors, referring to matters raised by the CMC to the city council, had said they would not be "dictated to or bullied" by the committee, and this had happened on a number of occasions

She said the mayor had denied that such things had ever been said

"I take strong exception to his denial of this," Cllr Belonsky said "My fellow-councillors know that what I said was true Several councillors have made such statements and they know it, so it seems strange that the mayor doesn't appear to remember having heard any such statements"

Asked yesterday, Cllr J Orpen said such words had been said

"I have certainly heard a councillor speak in that vein, but it is totally wrong to say the city council feels this way," Cllr Orpen said

Cllr D. J. Card agreed something of the kind had been said, but he could not remember the exact words.

"Something like this was certainly said, but referring to a particular matter. It was never said as a general statement against the CMC," Cllr Card said.

Cllr Yazbek said he would stick to what he said until Cllr Belonsky stated specifically when such statements were made and by which councillors.

The deputy mayor, Cllr F A. Stakemire said something might have been said during the course of a committee meeting but he could not recollect those exact words.

Cllr I. Zulman said he could not recall any councillor saying those words.

Cllr R Venter said she was not prepared to discuss what was said in committee. — DDR.

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4000 ask city for pay rise

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The Argus Municipal Reporter

ABOUT 4 000 White municipal workers in Cape Town are asking the City Council for a 19 percent pay rise.

They want the council to reply to the claim by the end of the month.

If the council cannot agree with the local branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) on the extent of pay improvement, the claim will go to arbitration.

SAAME withdrew a 17 percent pay claim in October last year, soon after the Government called for nationwide backing to its anti-inflation measures. White City Council workers subsequently received an average of 10 percent increases.

AGREEMENT

Branch president Mr Sakkie Uys said today the council had not kept an agreement to let the branch know by March 31 what salary improvements it was planning

He said the new demand was within the limit requested by the Government, but included the balance of 7 percent of the claim withdrawn last year.

It was based solely on the cost of living for last year. 'This is only to bring us into line with other municipalities; otherwise we would be so far behind. In the past two or three years our increases have never really caught up with the cost of living,' he said.

Mr Uys said organised labour in South Africa had acted fairly by claiming only past cost of living increases.

'We have already absorbed last year's increased cost of living, and we just want compensation,' he said.

In the Transvaal a Local Authorities' Employers' Association has been established and acts as an industrial council to maintain uniform salary scales.

Mr Uys said he believed there were similar moves in the Cape. 'But I think the idea here is to form an employers' association to fight employees, and that is an unhealthy situation'

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11 000 City workers threaten strike

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The Argus Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council may soon have to deal with another wages demand, this time from 11 000 Coloured and Black employees.

A union representing White workers in the council has already asked for a 19 percent pay rise for its 4 000 members.

Both the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) and the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) say the council has not adhered to an undertaking to re-evaluate work and wages in the Municipality by March 31.

SAAME wants an all-round 19 percent increase to compensate for two years' cost-of-living increases and for a demand it withdrew last year to support the Government anti-inflation exercise.

ASSURED

Mr J. H. Ernstzen, secretary of the CTMWA, said today the association's executive committee will put the issue to a meeting of its members soon.

He said the CTMWA had been assured in March last year that an evaluation of posts and wages would come into effect in January or at the latest by the end of March.

"To this the matter much bigger than [illegible] wages. In addition [illegible] would not be kept."

City Council denies wage inquiry claim

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CAPE TIMES 20/4/76

Staff Reporter

THE Executive Committee of Cape Town City Council issued a statement yesterday denying that there had been any breach of faith between the Council and the SA Association of Municipal Employees over investigations into wages.

The Executive Committee discussed at a meeting on April 13 a claim by Mr A J Dys, president of the Cape Town branch of SAAME, that it had not kept to an agreement to let the branch know by March 31 what salary improvements it was planning.

The committee has been conducting a re-evaluation of posts in the municipal service to determine that employees are paid a fair rate for the job, in line with comparable posts in other municipalities

The committee had said it was embarking on a difficult task that might take some time. But it undertook to apply retrospectively to January 1 any increases that might be found necessary. It also said the evaluation did not necessarily carry the promise that all employees would receive a further increase

TWO NOTCHES

In 1974 SAAME requested a 17 percent increase in salaries and wages. Exco awarded all staff members increases of two notches of the salary grades effective from January 1, 1975 This was equivalent to increases of 10 percent for salaried personnel and 12 percent for lower-paid wage earners

The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, representing Coloured employees, accepted the offer, but SAAME declined to withdraw.

A conciliation board was set up by the Minister of Labour last July but no agreement could be reached and the dispute was set down for a hearing by the Industrial Tribunal

WITHDRAW CLAIM

Before it sat, SAAME met Exco and said it was prepared to withdraw its claim if the Council agreed to review salaries and wages with effect from January 1.

Exco was not prepared to agree to an outright percentage increase but undertook to conduct an evaluation of posts and the rate for the job

Exco has had to collect data and hold meetings to consider the merits of some 900 categories of occupation It has almost completed its task and will submit the findings soon.

The Exco statement denies allegation of a breach of faith on its part and "is disturbed to learn that prior to the publication of its evaluation findings, SAAME is presenting a demand for a further 19 percent pay rise".

CAPE TIMES. 22/4/76

Council staff may go to arbitration

THE Cape Town branch of the SA Association of Municipal Employees voted by an overwhelming majority last night to authorize its executive committee to fight for a 19 percent wage increase and, if necessary, go to arbitration.

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Hundreds of municipal employees crowded into the City Hall, Cape Town, for the association's annual meeting at which wage demands took top priority.

Last night's decision to stand firm for a 19 percent hike follows a statement by Cape Town City Council's Executive Committee denying a breach of faith over investigations into wages.

The association's branch president, Mr A J Uys, expressed his disillusionment with the City Council's attitude in the negotiations. Last year, he said, the association was told it was welcome to attend all meetings of the body appointed to re-evaluate posts in the municipal service.

But in fact the proceedings had been conducted in secret, said Mr Uys. Even at this stage he did not know what the Council was doing.

"UNREASONABLE"

Long ago the Council had said it could not pay as much as the private sector, said Mr Uys. Now it claimed that the association was being unreasonable in its demands.

"After consultation with our head office it was decided to seek a 19 percent pay increase for everyone with effect from January 1 this year. If the Council does not reply by April 30 then we shall go to arbitration."

Earlier wage negotiations, which led to arbitration, were abandoned by the association's executive committee after the Prime Minister's appeal for wage restraints to help fight inflation.

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CAPE TIMES 4/5/76

Decision on wages soon

THE Cape Town City Council is working on its proposals to meet demands for a pay rise and will advise the local branch of the SA Association of Municipal Employees of its decision early this month.

Mr A J Uys, branch president of the association, said he had received a letter to this effect. The workers are asking for a 19 percent rise effective from January 1 this year

Municipal bid for new law on press

7/5/76

EAST LONDON — Should the Cape Province Municipal Association support a move to legislate that newspapers be prosecuted if they publish confidential municipal information?

This is expected to be one of the most hotly debated subjects when the CPMA meets for its 69th annual congress at the Orient Theatre, East London, from May 10 to May 14, though it is not on the official agenda.

The Finance Committee of the Port Elizabeth City Council — without reference to the council itself — sent a letter to the executive of the CPMA asking them to support and if the executive has seen merit in the request the matter will probably be brought up at the congress.

There was an outcry from Port Elizabeth councillors who felt the move should have been made by the council as a whole or not at all as then it could not have been viewed as a minority decision.

Under existing municipal regulations a councillor or municipal official who disclosed confidential information to the press may be prosecuted, but a newspaper is not liable to prosecution for publishing the information.

One Port Elizabeth councillor, Mr S. Rubin, felt the move was an attempt to restrict freedom of the press.

He said the press should be fully aware of developments which affected the community.

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Daan Rossouw MPC, however, felt the council's Finance Committee had been correct in bringing the issue to the attention of the CPMA.

"If necessary I would take this to the CPMA alone," he told reporters.

A proposal by the East London City Council that the CPMA support a recommendation to the Procincial Administration that members of the Coloured Management Committee be allowed to sit in at all committee meetings is also expected to arouse considerable interest locally.

The present ordinance provides that meetings of occasional and standing committees should not be open to the public or the press, but the council recently received a request from the CMC here that two members be allowed to sit in at all meetings of the Council's Action Committee.

The CMC indicated it felt it was not gaining knowlege in the running of municipal affairs under the present system of Management Committees and this could only be rectified if they had representatives serving on or sitting in on Action Committee meetings.

If the ordinance is amended to allow CMC members to sit in on these meetings they will not have voting rights and will not be able to take part in debate except if asked to do so on matters affecting the Coloured community.

They would also become liable to prosecution if they disclosed confidential information to the press.

The Grahamstown City Council has applied for the State to increase the subsidy payable in respect of government-owned properties on the grounds municipalities were finding it difficult to balance the budgets.

They say in towns where there is a high proportion of property exempt from taxes and there are limited sources of revenue available municipalities are finding it increasing difficulty in coping financially.

If a proposal by the Jamestown Town Council to abolish entertainment duty in the country districts is accepted it could mean a boom for the cinema industry in the smaller towns.

The council complains it is impossible for film companies to conduct bioscopes in small towns on a profitable basis because of the entertainment duty and the result of this is that young people from the platteland go to the cities to find entertainment.

The Jamestown council felt this was causing depopulation of the platteland which could be avoided if the province abolished the entertainment duty in the country districts as other provinces had done.

Pinball machines are also causing something of a headache, and not only for those who have to listen to the balls roll and the counters tumble.

The Uitenhage Town Council has been flooded with applications for licences to install pinball and similar machines and feels they are undesirable because of the type of customer they attract.

They have proposed that the machines only be allowed in amusement arcades set aside for the purpose. — DDR.

Cape Times 11/5/76

City workers demand rises

CAPE TOWN'S 11 000 Black municipal workers have decided to press the City Council for salary and wage increases as well as the re-evaluation of jobs.

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The secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, Mr J H Ernstzen, said the decision was taken at a meeting in the City Hall attended by about 2 000 workers.

The move for higher wages comes after White municipal workers have demanded a pay increase of 19 percent.

Mr Ernstzen said in a statement that the general membership of the association had authorized and instructed its executive committee to submit without delay demands for more pay "taking into account the rise in the cost of living" and for a re-evaluation of jobs.

The executive was instructed to ensure that the City Council gave the matter its immediate attention.

STEPS

"In the event of no satisfaction being obtained within a reasonable time, the executive committee is to take such steps to press the association's claim in such manner as it may deem fit."

The statement said the decision of the City Council to examine the evaluation of posts was taken a year ago but the council had failed to furnish its proposals by the due date.

Instead it told the association that it had almost completed the task and would be in a position to meet representatives of the workers early next month.

"The association is entirely dissatisfied with the position" bearing in mind that over the past year the cost of living soared and "the council has taken no steps whatsoever to relieve the plight of the workers"

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ARGUS 17/5/76

City pay peace is unlikely

The Argus Municipal Reporter

SPOKESMEN for Cape Town's White municipal workers will argue their pay claim with the City Council's executive committee tomorrow, but a settlement between them seems unlikely.

The council has finally come up with regrading and re-evaluation proposals for municipal jobs, but it is clear they will not match the 19 percent all-round claim by the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME).

At the same time, Coloured and Black workers — through the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association — have called for wage improvements, and they are also in no mood for waiting too long.

No matter what the settlements — and SAAME has said it will push its claim to arbitration if necessary — some improvement must be made, as neither union will be content to absorb escalating living costs with no salary compensation.

Which means the city's wages and salaries bill is, inevitably, going to be heavier.

SAAME's City Council branch — with about 4 000 members — withdrew a 17 percent pay demand before it reached an arbitration court in October last year in response to the voluntary tighten-your-belts programme initiated by the Government.

At least until tomorrow's meeting, proposals by the council to upgrade posts and improve pay will remain confidential.

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ARGUS 19/5/76

Wage talks reach a stalemate

The Argus Municipal Reporter

THERE has been no wage settlement between the City Council and municipal workers, and talks which began yesterday between the two sides will resume on June 2.

The council branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) wants a 19 percent all-round increase for its 4 000 members.

The council's executive committee has based its offer of improvements on a re-evaluation of posts in the municipal structure. The details have been given to SAAME, but they are thought unlikely to match the union's demand.

'We are still negotiating . . . hopefully or otherwise,' Mr D. W. Archer, SAAME secretary said after yesterday's meeting between local union officials and the executive committee.

He said it appeared the executive committee did not want the issue to go to arbitration. SAAME has said it will stand by its claim even if it has to be decided on by an arbitration court.

BREAK OFF

Mr Archer said today: 'It would appear they don't want us to go to arbitration. They could quite easily break off and there would be a dispute and we could go straight to arbitration.'

The 11 000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association is also pressing the council for wage and salary improvements for the Coloured and Black work force.

They have made no specific demand, but want the council urgently to improve pay scales to compensate for steep cost-of-living increases since their last all-round pay increase in January last year.

Council move to meet CMC over deadlock

DD 25/5/76.

EAST LONDON — The city council should not fall over backwards to make amends to the Coloured Management Committee, Cllr P Opperman said at last night's city council meeting.

Speaking in support of Cllr R L de Lange's motion that outside officials convene a meeting to solve the deadlock between the council and the CMC, Cllr Opperman said the council had done nothing to be ashamed of

"The whole matter leaves me stone cold. We have done nothing to warrant such criticism by the CMC and it is they who reached a deadlock with us, not we with them"

Cllr Opperman said the CMC should not be more frustrated than any other section of the ratepayers.

"We were permitted no further capital expenditure other than to those projects to which we were committed and for certain projects in the Coloured areas.

"We allowed a further R10 000 for Coloured housing although they said housing here was better than in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town We have already bent over backwards for them, but we just cannot grant their every wish."

Cllr Opperman said the CMC accused the council of giving them no co-operation, but it was the CMC which refused to co-operate with the council.

Cllr De Lange had suggested that in view of the deadlock, the Director of Local Government should be asked to convene a meeting including himself, a member of the Department of Coloured Affairs, the city council and the CMC.

"I make this proposal because it seems to be the only way to settle this vexed question and to stop the allegations that have been thrown back and forth by the CMC," Cllr De Lange said.

"Mr Mopp (the chairman of the CMC) says he represents 16 000 people. I represent 50 000 people and what would happen if they too wanted to sit in at all council meetings?"

Cllr De Lange said he regretted that the CMC's demands were based on political ideologies.

Cllr F. Stakemire said the nub of the problem was that the CMC was not a Coloured management committee at all, but merely an advisory committee and many of the problems were caused by the fact that they had no power.

"There would be resentment if we called in outside people and we should not take the matter out of the control of the council. This would be unilateral from our side and I cannot see that we would advance on the course we want to achieve," Cllr Stakemire said.

Cllr D. Card said it would not help to take the matter to the administration or to Coloured affairs.

"We must get together to speak of our problems without outsiders. We must try to make them understand how local government works and how we are tied by rules and finance"

Cllr I. Zulman said although the council was waiting for a memorandum from the CMC outlining their frustrations, a round table conference should be called as soon as possible, whether or not they produced their memo.

"If we call in outsiders, we should only do so after we have consulted with the CMC," Cllr Zulman said.

Cllr J. Orpen warned that if outsiders were invited, the council could land up in confrontation with the CMC.

"The fault has been a lack of communication between the council and the CMC and the best way to heal this rupture is an informal discussion, with or without this memorandum."

The council agreed by nine votes to four to call a conference with the CMC in the council chamber before taking any further action. — DDR.

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CAPE TIMES 3/6/76

No decision on wage demands

THE Cape Town branch of the SA Association of Municipal Employees yesterday resumed negotiations with the Executive Committee of the Cape Town City Council — but no decision was reached on the association's wage demands

Negotiations between the Executive Committee of the City Council and SAAME resumed yesterday but, according to Mr D W Archer, secretary of the association, no decision was reached

The discussions were postponed indefinitely, he said

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City accused of flouting job law

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Cape Town City Council has come under fire from the Association of Municipal Employees for allegedly flouting job reservation.

The president of the association's Cape Town branch, Mr A. J Uys, has cited the city as an example of employers who.

- Because of political leanings employ non-Whites in positions that should be held by Whites
- Are recklessly embarrassing the Government and South Africa in the eyes of the world.

The attack came in a motion on job reservation introduced by Mr Uys at the biennial congress of the White Confederation of Labour here yesterday.

The City Council had gone so far as to place a person of another race in a supervisory position over a White, in spite of trade union objections and objections from the Department of Labour

The problem had been solved by transferring the White man to a 'completely new' post although the man was of an age when such a change should not be made.

The Cape Town Municipality's plan was to create 'as many non-White posts to replace Whites as possible,' Mr Uys said.

He proposed amending legislation to correct the present situation where employers seeking to embarrass the Government remained unaffected by the introduction of job reservation.

Other speakers questioned the proposal and asked whether stricter job reservation would not be an embarrassment to South Africa.

The debate was adjourned.

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City Council offer for decision

Cape Times 4/6/76

THE Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association will proceed to arbitration if their 11 000 Black members cannot accept an offer the Cape Town City Council has made in response to their recent demands for higher wages.

In a statement, Mr J H Ernstzen, secretary of the association, said this week that "an urgent meeting of the association will take place on June 13, at which members will decide whether to accept the offer of the City Council or declare a dispute and proceed to arbitration in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act"

The last meeting between CTMWA and the Executive Committee of the Cape Town City Council was held on Tuesday, June 1

"No agreement was reached but the association's representatives undertook to place the City Council's last offer before its membership for final consideration"

The Executive Committee of the council and representatives of the CTMWA have agreed that if the offer is rejected the matter will proceed direct to arbitration and bypass conciliation"

He said "the liklihood is that the council's offer will be rejected and the matter will proceed to arbitration

Meanwhile the Cape Town branch of the SA Association of Municipal Employees, which represents White municipal workers, resumed negotiations with the Executive Committee of the Cape Town City Council on Wednesday but no decision was reached on their wage demands

The Secretary of the Association, Mr D W Archer, stressed yesterday that the discussions were not "postponed indefinitely" as reported in the Cape Times yesterday, but that no date was fixed for their resumption

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CITY WORKERS MEET ON PAY

The Argus Municipal Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of Cape Town's White municipal work-force meet in the city tomorrow to decide on their next move in deadlocked pay negotiations with the City Council.

No agreement on wage and salary increases has emerged after two meetings between officials of the South African Association of Municipal Employees and the council's executive committee.

SAAME is claiming an all-round 19 percent improvement for its 4 000-odd members in the municipality.

Through its executive committee, the city council made counter-proposals for pay improvements, but they did not satisfy SAAME officials.

Mr Sakkie Uys, president of the city council SAAME branch and national vice-chairman of the union, said today "I have already discussed the matter in Pretoria with our executive and the national president.

"We have certain plans in hand but I must get our local executive committee to give the go-ahead."

Coloured and Black municipal workers will be asked if they accept city council proposals for pay increases at a meeting of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association later this week.

DEMANDS

But the CTMWA is also expected to turn down the offers made in response to demands for improvements by the 11 000-strong union.

The dispute will have to be settled in an arbitration court if the proposals are rejected.

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Talks on 19pc wage demand

CAPE TIMES 9/6/76

Staff Reporter

THE executive committee of the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) met in Cape Town yesterday to discuss their deadlocked negotiations with the City Council for a 19 percent pay increase.

Mr D McCallum, vice-chairman of the association, said the committee had "no comment" to make on the meeting.

Both SAAME and the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA), which represents Cape Town's 11 000 Black municipal workers, have said that they will go to arbitration if they cannot accept the offers made by the City Council in response to their wage demands.

On Sunday, June 13, members of the CTMWA will meet in Cape Town to decide whether to accept the council's offer to their organization or proceed to arbitration in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act.

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CAPE TIMES 14/6/76

Pay increase for municipal workers

AT A MEETING in the City Hall yesterday, 2 000 municipal workers accepted the Cape Town City Council's interim wage offer of a one-notch increase for all Black employees. The offer was made to the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, representing 11 000 Black workers, in response to their wage demands.

Mr J H Ernstzen, secretary of the association, issued the following statement on behalf of its executive after the meeting.

"After the last meeting on June 1, 1975 between representatives of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) and the Executive Committee of the City Council, the CTMWA convened a further meeting for June 13 The purpose of this was to enable members to take a final decision on whether to proceed to arbitration (in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act) or not

"On June 8, 1976 however, the Cape Town City Council submitted a fresh offer which was then duly discussed today The latest offer, subject to confirmation by the Council provides for a measure of interim relief for employees of one notch with effect from January 1, 1976

"This offer is coupled with an understanding by the Council's Executive Committee to enter into further negotiations in respect of the Exco's original offer. The association has, in view of the new turn of events, decided to withhold applying for arbitration for the time being

CONDITIONAL

"The association will instead not oppose the City Council's implementation of its proposal of one notch increase as an interim measure on the condition that the City Council will forthwith recommence negotiation for an overall settlement of outstanding wage and other issues raised by the CTMWA's demands.

"The executive committee of the association has been instructed to proceed accordingly and in the event of negotiations for an overall settlement breaking down, the whole matter shall once again be revived by the members with a view to proceeding to arbitration or taking other appropriate action," the statement said

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Arbitration in council wage dispute urged

ARGUS 15/6/76

The Argus Municipal Reporter

WHITE workers in the Cape Town Municipality have asked the Minister of Labour, Mr S. P. Botha, to set up an arbitration court to settle their pay row with the City Council.

Their union, the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), says pay offers by the council 'are such that they had to be declined' and there is no reasonable prospect of a settlement.

Local officials of the council branch of SAAME have had a number of meetings with the council's executive committee to argue their claim for an all-round 19 percent pay increase.

Their demand was turned down, and the association rejected counter-offers from the council.

NEGOTIATION

In a statement today, SAAME officials said: 'In spite of attempts by the association at these discussions to reach an agreement, it was obvious from the executive committee's attitude that no useful purpose would be served in continuing the negotiations.'

The council has also turned down SAAME's request for some alterations in the municipal grading schedule and for an additional 2 percent contribution to its pension fund by the council.

SAAME's statement referred to its withdrawal of a 17 percent wages claim last year following the Prime Minister's appeal to fight inflation.

UNREASONABLE

It said: 'The association informed the council that its rates of pay were even at that stage considerably behind those of other major municipalities and that it was unreasonable to allow its members to continue to bear the brunt of the high rate of inflation.'

The council had undertaken to re-evaluate posts and salaries in the municipality, but had not met its own deadline.

Meanwhile, there was 'considerable unrest and uncertainty' among council workers because of the continual spiral in the cost of living and the bleak prospect of further increased PAYE deductions in their July pay packet.'

SAAME members have demanded a special meet- of the branch to find out why it has not pushed on with its demands earlier. The meeting will be held in the City Hall on June 28.

Farmers call for Bantu land

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Mercury Reporter

LADYSMITH — The recycling of Bantu Trust Land no longer required for resettlement in the Klip River district for farming was urged by farmers at a meeting attended by the Deputy Minister of Bantu Development, Doctor Ferdi Hartzenburg, at Besters yesterday.

The meeting had been arranged by Mr Tino Volker, MP for Klip River, at the request of the Besters Farmers Association and was well attended by Besters and Ladysmith farmers, as well as senior officials of the Bantu Affairs Department.

After the meeting Mr. Volker said that farmers had pointed out that over 20 000ha of land north of the Tugela had been acquired from White farmers for resettlement and had thus been withdrawn from farming productivity.

Farmers felt that this land in the Klip River catchment area and at Hermanuskraal west of the railway line at Pieters, which was no longer required for resettlement, should now be recycled.

Mr. Volker said that it had been stated that if this land was recycled and sold to White farmers at current market prices it would provide additional funds for the Bantu Trust to undertake further development and resettlement.

Mr. Volker said the Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner in Natal, Mr. A. van der Watt would find out how many squatters lived in these areas. Priority would probably be given to their resettlement so that the land could be used for farming.

Mr. Volker said farmers were also concerned about the problems of White farmers adjoining Black spots in the Klip River area, and the fact that there were virtually no fences between them.

Proper fences would mean effective control in the district, farmers said.

If there was better control the relationship between Whites and Blacks would not be disturbed by stock theft, hunting and other unpleasant instances.

The programme of resettlement in the Klip River area was discussed and the meeting accepted the previous priority list of Roosboom, Cremin, Matiwaneskop and Jonono skop in that order.

Mr Volker said the Deputy Minister had said these Black spots would take up to 1979 to resettle.

Farmers suggested that after that, attention should be given to the resettling of the Black spots of Driefontein and Kleinfontein.

Committees man sacked

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GRAHAMSTOWN — The superintendent of works for a township to house 200 000 blacks at Committees Drift claimed yesterday he was dismissed after suggesting an alternative scheme.

He is Mr P J Botes, who said he had been construction supervisor on the Sishen Saldanha project and works inspector for the Department of Water Affairs

Mr Botes said he was appointed by the Cape Midlands Bantu Affairs Administration Board to supervise the Committees project He was dismissed after he suggested an alternative scheme to the Chief Minister of the Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe

He said that soon after starting work at Committees last July he established that the proposed township was impracticable for various reasons

They were that it would occupy too much valuable agricultural land, it would be too costly to build and maintain, local inhabitants would be uprooted, there was a lack of permanent jobs for new residents, and it was unacceptable to Grahamstown blacks and others who were to be settled there

He said the Ciskei Government, to which the scheme would be transferred eventually had not been consulted in its planning

Mr Botes said he studied other areas such as Grahamstown, Peddie and Fort Beaufort and decided that the best township site was at Breakfast Vlei, near Committees Drift

There was little chance that Grahamstown would get industries to employ its blacks and Mr Botes said he felt the development of the valuable irrigable land at Breakfast Vlei between the Fish and Keiskamma Rivers was a most suitable place for a township With several thousand hectares ready to be developed for crop irrigation farming, many job opportunities would be created

Mr Botes said he took the idea to the chief director of the Cape Midlands BAAB, Mr Louis Koch, who said the South African Government would not accept it

"My intentions were a positive approach to eliminate the unnecessary confrontation between the governments of South Africa and the Ciskei over the Committees scheme which I could not see being realised economically and politically

"I then decided at my own expense to see the Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, Mr [illegible]wagen, and his secretary, Mr J van Onselen, and explained to them the problems with the original scheme I also put to them my proposal and hoped that their experts would evaluate it in a full scale investigation which, incidentally, was not done in the original scheme

"I also contacted Mr Sebe and on a Saturday afternoon he visited me I flew him and Prof M Eksteen of Alice, a member of the BAAB, over the area. They were both very impressed with the idea"

Mr Botes said his second alternative suggestion for agricultural development of irrigable land on the farm Glenmore on the banks of the Fish River had since been accepted by the department of Bantu Administration and Development, and negotiations were underway to buy the land

He said he was later instructed by department officials to tell his superior, Mr Koch, of the work he had done on his own

At first Mr Koch showed interest in the scheme but later Mr Botes's actions became the subject of a departmental inquiry

Mr Botes said that at the inquiry he pleaded guilty to several charges of action outside the scope of his employment He was dismissed at the end of June.

Yesterday officials of the BAAB in Port Elizabeth refused to discuss the issue A senior administrative official confirmed that Mr Botes was dismissed but would not disclose the reasons

Prof Eksteen said yesterday he did wish to comment

Chief Sebe confirmed from his office in King William's Town that he had flown over the Breakfast Vlei area with Mr Botes

Chief Sebe said "He is a brilliant man who knows his work and has a sound background in agriculture I appreciate his efforts" — DDC

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ARGUS 25/10/76

Council heals one pay rift

The Argus Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has settled a pay dispute with its 1 000 Coloured and Black workers and will learn at a conciliation board hearing tomorrow whether its White work force has accepted increases offered to them.

A one-notch pay boost back-dated to July 1 means Coloured and Black employees will receive an additional bonus just before Christmas.

The council's offer to the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) was accepted at a meeting of 2 000 members in the City Hall yesterday.

It is the second pay increase for CTMWA members this year.

In June the union negotiated an interim improvement of a one-notch increase, which was effective from the beginning of January.

But the mid-year increase was accepted only as 'interim relief' and avoided the union and the council having to settle the issue by arbitration.

In a statement today the CTMWA secretary, Mr J. H. Ernstzen, said: 'There are still some outstanding matters to be resolved; and the general meeting of the association has instructed their executive committee to pursue these matters immediately.'

FIRM STAND

Four thousand White municipal workers, represented by the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), have been pressing for a 19 percent all-round increase.

Earlier this year the union, having rejected offers from the council, seemed determined to stand by their claim — even if it meant going to arbitration.

But negotiations with the council's executive committee continued, and the latest council offer is being discussed by SAAME's local executive.

They must tell a conciliation board in the city tomorrow if they have accepted the offered increase.

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Council workers get pay rise

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 2 000 municipal workers accepted the City Council's offer of a one notch pay increase for all 11 000 Black Council workers at a mass meeting in the Cape Town City Hall yesterday.

The increase comes into effect from July 1 this year and workers can now look forward to pay packets swelled by back pay before Christmas

This is the second increase granted to the workers this year In June they accepted a one notch increase back-dated to January 1 this year This was an interim measure

Negotiations between the workers and the Council have been going on for more than a year and only a few matters of a general nature remain to be settled

Statement

After yesterday's meeting a statement by the executive committee of the workers' association was issued to the press by the secretary, Mr J H Linstzen The full statement follows

"The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association has, over a period of many months, conducted negotiations with the City Council in connection with the revision of salaries and wages

"During such negotiations the City Council implemented — as a result of an agreement arrived at with the association in June 1976 — a one notch increase with effect from January 1, 1976

"Subsequent to such agreement, further negotiations took place as a result of which it was agreed that a minimum of a further one notch increase shall be implemented with effect as from July 1, 1976 for all employees

"There are still some outstanding matters to be resolved, and the general meeting of the association has instructed their executive committee to pursue these matters immediately"

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Council, staff agree on pay

Cape Times 27/10/76

CAPE TOWN City Council has reached agreement with its 4 000 White employees on a new pay agreement, averting the necessity of going to lengthy Government arbitration on the dispute

This was confirmed yesterday by the Deputy Town Clerk, Mr S Evans, who could not elaborate on details of the agreement

The South African Association of Municipal Employees had been pressing for a 19 percent all-round increase but had to tell a conciliation board yesterday if they were willing to accept the City Council's offer The president of the association, Mr Sakkie Uys, declined to comment on the new agreement, but I understand there are still certain matters to be resolved

These centre on the up-scaling of certain posts, the creation of new posts and pension benefits

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Two-year dispute over pay is settled

The Argus Municipal Reporter

A MUNICIPAL trade union and the City Council have agreed on a wages settlement — but the 4 000 workers affected will not know details of the deal until a union meeting next week.

Agreement was reached at a conciliation board hearing in Cape Town yesterday to settle a dispute which has simmered for almost two years

The South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) wanted a 19 percent across-the-board increase, but the increases decided on yesterday are likely to be lower.

The fact that the council would not agree to a flat 19 percent hike in the first place means it is unlikely they have granted it now, when the economic situation has tightened considerably.

PREFERENCE

It is believed the council prefers improvements to individual salary notches rather than allowing flat percentage increases

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said today that final details had not been settled so he could not say what the estimated cost to the city would be.

Earlier in the week a union representing Coloured and African municipal workers in Cape Town accepted a one-notch increase back-dated to July

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Commerce call to review city rates

AN urgent review of the municipal rating system in the Peninsula has been called for by the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce following an investigation by a special sub-committee.

In a 20-page report the committee warned that rocketing rates were forcing home-owners in the municipal area to sell their houses to move to cheaper areas and there was a risk that businessmen would be forced to move out of the city's business area to escape further rates increases.

Backing its report with specific examples of rates increases over the past 10 years, the committee showed that rates have risen by up to 459 percent since 1965.

Naming properties in Sea Point, Camps Bay, Vredehoek and Wynberg, the committee calculated increases of between 96,5 percent and 459 percent in 10 years or under

R150 TO R570

The actual increases ranged from R150 to R570 on private properties and were as high as R10 000 on business properties The properties used for this comparison had all been left unimproved during the period referred to.

The increases often placed unfair burdens on home-owners and in some cases forced them to move to cheaper areas

Businessmen would soon be forced to seek relief in cheaper areas. This would reduce rentals to uneconomic levels, property values would decline and, eventually the city's rates income would drop, the committee warned.

UNREASONABLE

In view of inflation and the depressed state of the South African economy it was unreasonable to expect the taxpayer to assume continually escalating municipal debts.

In many cases the community's ability to pay had been reached and in some cases it had already been exceeded, the committee said.

Property ownership was becoming decreasingly accurate as an indication of wealth and ability to pay. A system of rating based on the owners use of municipal services would be a fairer method of taxation.

Cottage Hospital to close next year

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THE Rondebosch Cottage Hospital, one of the oldest hospitals in Cape Town, will close on January 31, 1977

This was announced in a statement issued by Mr P J Loubser, MEC Hospitals, yesterday

The decision was taken "after careful consideration by the Hospitals Department, and consultation with the hospital board and medical committee concerned", Mr Loubser said

"Bearing in mind the tradition of a hospital which was erected in 1899 and the sentiment of a community that has been associated with it throughout the years, it was not an easy decision to take," he added

The statement said that the hospital building provided inadequate facilities and required renovation The estimated cost, together with the provision of limited additional facilities, would be R750 000

Inadequate

"After that it would still be a hospital of antiquated design with inadequate facilities and an inefficient flow pattern of services'"

Provision of a new hospital was also considered but the site, planning and construction would cost at least R3m and take years to complete

Experience had proved, and it was generally accepted, that a hospital of such a size in an urban area was "completely unpractical and uneconomical," Mr Loubser said

Provision for the patients would be made at other hospitals

Mr A H Honikman, chairman of the City Council's Utilities and Works Committee, and Mr Fritz Botha, MPC, together with representatives of the Ward II Ratepayers' Association, will meet Mr Loubser today to discuss the closure

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Firm fights City ultimatum

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Strife over Nervi hall

Chief Reporter

THE CAPE'S biggest construction company, Murray and Stewart (Cape Town), will apply in the Supreme Court today for an order restraining Cape Town City Council from evicting the company from the site of the multi-million rand Nervi exhibition hall.

It is understood that the City Council has accused Murray and Stewart of non-compliance with certain terms of the contract for the project and that on October 28 the council presented the company with an ultimatum — with today as the deadline.

Murray and Stewart, who are the main contractors in the exhibition hall project, have been instructed by the council to fulfil their obligations in terms of the contract. The council's requirements are, it is understood, mainly to do with Murray and Stewart's obligations to the sub-contractors. It is a condition of the contract that if these obligations are not met, the council may evict Murray and Stewart from the site and take over the entire project.

The City Council's warning letter to Murray and Stewart was signed by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, and copies were sent to all the sub-contractors.

Among the council's requirements is that the sub-contractors be allowed access to the site in Sir Lowry Road, and that a co-ordinating work programme be drawn up by Murray and Stewart.

Murray and Stewart deny having obstructed the sub-contractors by not allowing them access to the site, and having refused to comply fully with the terms of their contract.

The company's urgent application which is scheduled to be heard in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, today is the latest development in a long-standing dispute between Murray and Stewart and the City Council over aspects of the Nervi Hall contract.

In July the City Council's attorneys briefed Mr H Snitcher, QC, to investigate "certain demands" the council said it had received from Murray and Stewart concerning the sub-contractors for the project. It was not disclosed what these demands were.

The City Council's present ultimatum to Murray and Stewart could mean that the council may not only order the company to withdraw from the exhibition hall site but that it may also take over all Murray and Stewart's equipment on the site, so that construction can be continued with as little interruption as possible.

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Nervi hall row: City agrees to stay eviction

11/11/76

Chief Reporter

MURRAY AND STEWART (CAPE TOWN), the main contractors in the multi-million rand Nervi exhibition hall project, denied in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, yesterday that the company had failed to meet its obligations in terms of the contract. The firm also denied that it was responsible for delays in constructing the hall.

Murray and Stewart made an urgent application for a court order that would prevent Cape Town City Council from dismissing the firm from the exhibition hall site and taking possession of all the plant and materials on the site

It was state in court yesterday that the City Council would be legally entitled to order Murray and Stewart off the site today — the 14th day after a letter was served on the company in which certain demands were made by the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand

Assurance

Legal argument was still in progress when the court rose yesterday afternoon, and Mr H Snitcher, QC, for the City Council, gave an assurance that the council would not exercise this right before the court arrived at a decision

The case will be continued today, before Mr Justice Van Winsen

In a statement before the court yesterday the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said Murray and Stewart had failed to fulfil its obligations to the City Council and that it was "considerably in arrear with its part of the contract"

He added that the contractors had more particularly "failed to cast the dome of the vault timeously, or at all"

The delay was Murray and Stewart's fault, he said

Mr Heugh said Murray and Stewart had throughout adopted an attitude which was "fraught with the most serious prejudice" to the City Council, and which had caused and would cause considerably increased costs to the council

He said the firm was considerably behind in its own work schedule under the contract and had attempted to overcome the problems created by its delay by requiring "the conclusions of entirely new sub-contracts"

Access refused

Murray and Stewart, said Mr Heugh, had failed to fulfil its obligations by refusing access to the site to the sub-contractors nominated by the City Council

The long-standing dispute between Murray and Stewart and the City Council over the exhibition hall contract centres on the appointment of the seven sub-contractors directly by the City Council, not by Murray and Stewart

In papers before the court Murray and Stewart denied that it accepted that the City Council would enter into direct contracts with sub-contractors

A director of the company, Mr C H S Burzelman, said in a statement that any delay there might be in the project was the City Council's fault and in no way attributable to Murray and Stewart

Murray and Stewart, he added, was anxious to complete the project as quickly as possible, but to do so it insisted on its rights concerning the employment of sub-contractors

Any increased costs, Mr Burzelman claimed would be due to the City Council's own "irregular conduct in contracting directly with co-contractors"

Direct control

In documents supporting its application Murray and Stewart said direct control by the main contractor was essential for the satisfactory operation of the contract as a whole, and added "We regret we are unable to accept nominated sub-contractors under conditions which are different from those incorporated in the main contract"

Cape Town Municipality maintained that Murray and Stewart had been well aware, from the outset, of the municipality's practice in awarding contracts. Mr Snitcher said yesterday that the firm's refusal to work with any of the sub-contractors nominated by the City Council was "a form of passive resistance," as well as being a breach of contract

Both parties in the dispute have said they favour arbitration as a means of arriving at a settlement

Mr G D van Schalkwyk appeared with Mr Snitcher for the City Council They were instructed by Silberbauers Mr H S McKenzie, SC with Mr B Hoberman, instructed by Findlay and Tait, appeared for Murray and Stewart

Mr Snitcher

Mr Brand

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Nervi contractors 'must get off site'

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Chief Reporter

IF Murray and Stewart (Cape Town), as main contractors in the R8m Nervi exhibition hall project, were not prepared to comply with the City Council's contractual requirements they must get off the site, it was stated in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr H Snitcher, QC, for the City Council, said everyone concerned was suffering damage as a result of Murray and Stewart's refusal to accept the seven sub-contractors nominated by the council

"The important thing so far as we are concerned is that the work has got to be done," he added "Murray and Stewart have contracted to do the work by a certain date They are already considerably in arrear in casting the dome, and the delays, I am told, are piling up

"We say that this is our site — and if the contractor does not want to carry on this (the council's) way he must get off the site"

Order

Mr Snitcher was addressing the court in the action between Murray and Stewart and the City Council in which the company has urgently applied for an order declaring that it is not obliged to comply with the requirements of the City Engineer, as set out in a letter dated October 28

In this letter the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, accused Murray and Stewart of failing to fulfil its obligations under the exhibition hall contract He called on the company to allow the sub-contractors nominated by the council access to the site and to co-ordinate the work of these sub-contractors with the remainder of the work under the main contract

Naughty boys

In terms of this contract the City Council is entitled to dismiss Murray and Stewart from the site if the firm does not comply with the City Engineer's demands within 14 days

Mr H S McKenzie, SC, for Murray and Stewart, said in argument yesterday that it seemed the City Council had elected to treat the company like "naughty boys" by acting in this way

He added that Murray and Stewart regarded the seven firms nominated by the City Council as co-contractors, not sub-contractors — "and we refuse to allow the co-contractors to do sub-contractual work while they are in a direct contractual relationship with the City Council, and not with us"

Mr McKenzie said Murray and Stewart had not come to court with ulterior motives, it had done so to see that justice was done in the dispute that had arisen

"We want to get on with the job — but we want to get on with it with due recognition of our rights There have been delays, but not solely due to our fault, as has been suggested

Arbitration

Mr McKenzie said construction of the exhibition hall was progressing, and that the domed, barrel-vaulted roof should be completed in January or February It was after that the main sub-contractual work would really have to go full speed ahead

In the meantime the matters in dispute between Murray and Stewart and the City Council could be referred to arbitration

At the end of argument yesterday Mr Justice Van Winsen reserved his judgment in the matter, after Mr Snitcher had renewed the assurance he gave on Wednesday that the City Council would in the meantime not exercise its right to dismiss Murray and Stewart from the exhibition hall site

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Disaster team can be active within 5 hours

By TONY ROBINSON

WITHIN five hours of a natural disaster in Cape Town the municipality can assemble a force of 600 men and get them and their equipment to the scene.

This can be done at any time of the day or night and equipment will include specialist heavy machinery, such as bulldozers

Naturally the City's emergency services, like the fire brigade and ambulances, will be there almost immediately and so will the first teams of workers

The force of 600 will include the specialists and skilled workers to effect emergency repairs And it is only the initial task force

These are some of the facts spelled out in an interview with Mr Donald Craythorn an assistant town clerk who is deeply involved in the City civil defence programme

This first phase in an emergency will deal with physical problems and restoration of essential services

Second phase

The second phase, according to Mr Craythorne, is in caring for uninjured people left homeless as a result of disasters like earthquakes, fires or even tidal waves

The municipality has made a survey of all halls and buildings which can be used for emergency accommodation

In addition a survey has been made of all open spaces where tents can be pitched and it is estimated that 127 000 people can be accommodated "if we can get the tents"

There are also plans for a command centre which will be in radio contact with the affected areas and all municipal services

Arrangements have been made with the SABC to broadcast emergency messages and advice in a disaster situation Mr Craythorne feels this is particularly important as practically every one of the 128 000 households in the City has a transister radio

Hospitals fall under the Provincial Administration and he is impressed by the arrangements that have been made to cope with an emergency.

First aid posts will fall under the municipality's civil defence programme and some chemists have indicated that their shops can be used for this purpose

Mr Craythorne said it was decided not to stock up with emergency supplies as there were many big City warehouses and stores from which blankets, clothes and rations can be drawn in an emergency

Public

The public will be involved in the programme through voluntary organizations within the municipal wards where they live

Ratepayers' associations and ward councillors are being asked to appoint a warden for each of the City's 17 wards and wardens will form their own organizations tailored to the needs of communities they serve

"We'd like to give them as much freedom as possible because they know the conditions in their wards and the people who live there They might, for instance, decide to divide a ward into two sections and we would not object to that," Mr Craythorne said

The wardens will be responsible for organizing volunteers, listing people with special skills who can be called on in emergencies, such as retired nurses, engineers and artisans In addition they could list resources that could be used in emergencies, such as caravans and bakkies

The first warden has been appointed He is Mr C C W Steyl, a City Councillor for Ward 16 and a retired army sergeant-major

Interested groups

Since March this year the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, and Mr Craythorne have addressed ratepayers' associations and other interested groups on civil defence

Mr Craythorne, who has spoken at 15 meetings, says the most common problem is a misunderstanding of the term civil defence

Because many people feel it is a kind of home guard, local authorities think the name should be changed to civil emergency services and they would like legal powers to implement the programme

Questions

The other question asked at meetings is "what can I do in an emergency?" Because of this he expects a flood of volunteers after wardens have been appointed

A handbook on the subject has been compiled and is ready for printing It is hoped a copy will be posted to every householder in Cape Town in January next year

The book gives advice on what to do if the water supply is disrupted, if the lavatories are not working on fire fighting, on what to keep in your first aid kit and which foods to keep in stock

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Rates drop, but no change in revenue

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EAST LONDON — Rates within the area controlled by the Divisional Council of Kaffraria are to drop next year, but because of recent valuations the revenue for the council will remain roughly the same as last year.

Rates in municipal areas have been slashed from 0,187 cents in the rand to 0,140 cents and in rural areas from 0,337 cents in the rand to 0,265 cents

Because of recent revaluations in the rural areas the increase in income for these areas will jump from R188 732 to R272 239, balancing the loss incurred by the reduction in rates for municipal areas.

The secretary for the divisional council, Mr E. Daubermann, explained that King William's Town and East London would pay almost 25 per cent less than last year, but this would be made up by the rural areas

Cllr D. Radue said when the councils of East London and those of the rural areas amalgamated there had been a valuation in East London while rural valuations had not been done for many years

But in spite of this councillors slammed the Valuation Court for inconsistency.

Cllr D Lloyd said he had attended a meeting of the court and was worried by their inconsistency.

"Sometimes they got their facts from neighbours. This was very unsatisfactory.

"They said they were guided by prices, and one can understand this, but they can be unrealistic The whole thing is wrong," he said.

Cllr T Robey said in Peddie there had been two cases where the selling price of a property was lower than the divisional council valuation.

Cllr R. de Lange also slammed the Valuation Court "I don't want to criticise any individual in the court, but the system is in my opinion just plain plumb stupid.

"How some valuations are arrived at is a puzzle to me. The municipal ratepayer is squeezed to such an extent that he cannot be squeezed anymore. The lemon is dry," Cllr De Lange said.

There had been an outcry because municipal ratepayers felt they were carrying the rural areas.

"In this city some valuations are just not understandable. It's time this divisional council played its part on behalf of the ratepayer by objecting to the administrator about the methods of valuation.

"I can't support the idea that some people's rates decrease while others don't," Cllr De Lange said. — DDR

New chairman

EAST LONDON —The former deputy chairman of the Divisional Council of Kaffraria, Mr M. Robb, of Stutterheim, has been appointed chairman of the council for the coming year.

Mr Robb takes over from Mr M. Luck, and the new deputy chairman elected at yesterday's meeting of the council is Mr D Radue of King William's Town.

Mr Robb paid tribute to the outgoing chairman, who he said had "steered the council through difficult times" when regional divisional councils first amalgamated with the Divisional Council of East London to form the Divisional Council of Kaffraria.

There was a heated debate over the question of third party insurance premiums being paid for some members of the former East London Divisional Council by the Divisional Council of Kaffraria.

The new council is at present paying premiums on private vehicles for some members, but this benefit was never extended to employees of the former councils of Komga, Stutterheim and King William's Town.

Cllr T. Robey proposed the policy of paying third party premiums for private vehicles be discontinued completely. "Surely the staff get competitive wages and can pay their own premiums," he said

"You can't use ratepayers' money for this. The province has ordered us to cut down," said Cllr R. de Lange in support of the motion.

The chairman, Cllr Robb, pointed out that it was a benefit which had been guaranteed by the council when the Divisional Council of Kaffraria was formed and it could not now be taken away

Council decided to refer the matter to the finance committee for further consideration. — DDR.

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City rates may rise by 10 pc

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By TONY ROBINSON

MUNICIPAL rates in Cape Town have more than doubled in the last six years and a further increase which may be about 10 percent seems likely for next year.

The rates for 1977 will be decided at a special City Council meeting on November 25 and there is no official indication of what to expect

But it is clear that City councillors and officials are expecting an increase and the only figure that has been mentioned is 10 percent.

Coming after a succession of electricity price rises and a steep increase in the cost of water, it will be a heavy blow for City ratepayers.

Municipal rates have increased every year since the general revaluation in 1969 and the average increase has been a little over 10 percent

The actual increases were 5 percent in 1970, 15 percent in 1971, 7,5 percent in 1972, four percent in 1973, another 7,5 percent increase in 1974 then a huge jump of 20 percent in 1975

The rates for the present year were based on a new valuation and the effect of the increase varied but the average increase was 15 percent.

This means that the man who paid a rates account of R100 in 1969 would have seen it rise to R105 in 1970 and then increase steadily to R120,75, R129,8; R135, R145,12; R174,15 and this year it would have reached R200,27 if the average increase of 15 percent was applied

The total increase over the period is more than 100 percent During a similar period the national consumer price index has risen by about 80 percent.

Last year's chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr I Ospovat, said that one of the main reasons for the council's increased spending was its commitment to four major projects — the Steenbras pump storage scheme, the civic centre, the Nervi hall and the various freeway projects.

And he warned that this spending would increase

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Dispute over hall is settled

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The Argus Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council and Murray and Stewart have settled a dispute which last week led the construction company to ask the Supreme Court to stop the council forcing them off the site of the R11-million exhibtion hall.

No details of the settlement — which was reached out of court — have been disclosed.

The wrangle could have led to costly delays in construction of the new hall.

The Town Clerk, Mr H. G. Heugh, said 'broad agreement' has been reached, although finer details of the settlement had still to be worked out

'We have agreed verbally, it's not yet in writing,' he said.

Work would go ahead at the site and subcontractors — who were the subject of the complicated contractual dispute — would be free to get on with their jobs.

Mr D. E Baker, managing director of Murray and Stewart, said: 'The situation has now been normalised'

Construction workers at the exhibition hall complex are working till late at night to finish the vaulted roof before the Christmas builders' holidays.

The roof consists of pre-cast concrete sections.

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Cottage Hospital meeting

A RATEPAYERS' meeting to discuss the threatened closure of the Rondebosch Cottage Hospital and to find ways and means of keeping it going, will be held in Rondebosch Town Hall at 8 pm tomorrow.

The meeting will be addressed by Dr R. L. M. Kotze, director of hospital services, Mr Fritz Botha, MPC for Groote Schuur, and Mr A. H. Honikman, chairman of the utilities and works committee of the City Council

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Rates for 1977 rising in Peninsula

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MUNICIPALITIES in the Cape are this week considering their rates for next year and so far the pattern is increases all round.

The biggest increase so far is in Durbanville where the rates have been raised by 11,8 percent. This increase follows a slight increase last year.

Rates in Fish Hoek have been pushed up by 7,46 percent for 1977 and in Parow they will go up by five percent.

The increases follow soaring electricity tariffs as most of the towns draw their current from Escom and have felt the brunt of the full Escom price rises.

Cape Town, which generates a large amount of its own electricity, has been able to cushion the impact of the increases.

And in most cases the jump in rates is being accompanied by a rise in the tariff for water.

Other municipalities in the area will be fixing their rates for 1977 later this week and on Monday. The Cape Town City Council meets on Thursday to consider its rates and ratepayers are glumly expecting their seventh consecutive rates increase.

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Ratepayers' appeal on Cottage Hospital

Staff Reporter

A MOTION calling on the Administrator Dr I A P A Munnik, not to close the Rondebosch Cottage Hospital was passed at a meeting called by the Rondebosch Ratepayers Association in the council's town hall last night

The meeting attended by 300 people -- including former patients and staff of the hospital -- discussed the threatened closure of the Rondebosch Cottage Hospital on January 31 next year after 77 years of service The hospital was established in 1899

Dr R L M Kotze, Director of Hospital Services said it would probably have to be demolished because it was in a state of antiquity and disrepair It would cost R750 000 to renovate which was unrealistically high for a 60-bed hospital

Mr Lutz Botha, MPC for Rondebosch, said the hospital did not deserve "this summary act of euthanasia" With slight renovations it could remain an amenity and service to the community

Its importance as a training hospital for nurses was shown by the fact that of the 49 nurses trained there this year, none failed their final examinations and 19 passed with honours

Alderman A H Henkman the Cape Town City Councillor for Rondebosch, said the R10 000 a bed needed for the Cottage Hospital was not very much when compared with the R46 000 a bed spent on the Tygerberg Hospital

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City rates up again today?

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN ratepayers can brace themselves today — all indications are that the City Council will decide to increase the rates for the seventh consecutive year.

The increase, which seems inevitable, will follow huge hikes in the price of electricity and water.

During the past six years the average annual increase has been 10 percent with the effect that most people's rates bills have doubled.

But Cape Town ratepayers are not alone in their plight. In Durban rates have almost doubled in five years and the picture in Johannesburg is similar.

It is almost impossible to compare the rates paid by homeowners in the country's three biggest cities, as the way of assessing the rates varies considerably. But it seems clear that the bills are highest in the Mother City.

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Bellville rates won't go up

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WHILE most municipalities in the Cape are increasing their rates for next year, the Mayor of Bellville, Mr Danie Uys, has announced that for the fourth year in succession there will be no increase in Bellville.

He said Bellville rates had been increased only once in the past 14 years and that was by 20 percent about four years ago

Rates in Cape Town have doubled during the past six years and a further increase is expected today

Mr Uys said there would be no increase in any charges or levies fixed by the municipality except in the case of water

Bellville buys its water from Cape Town and the price has just gone up by 48 percent but Mr Uys said Bellville would absorb 25 percent of the increase

The actual tariff for water will rise from 11c to 13.5c a kilolitre

"I believe we have the cheapest rate for water in the Cape Province," he told the Cape Times

Loan fund

The main reason for the unchanged rate was that Bellville had built up a consolidated loan fund of about R6m and capital works were financed from this fund at only 2.5 percent interest

The municipality has an accumulated surplus of R3m

The present municipal year ended with a surplus of about R0.5m Mr Uys said that the heads of departments were asked to save five percent on their approved budgets for the present year This would have saved the council R375 000 but a saving of R178 000 was actually achieved

Bellville had provided for the future so well that it would have been possible to reduce the rates by 10 percent and still come out This, however, would have drained the municipality's reserves

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Re-think plans for traffic — Councillor

THE Cape Town City Council was paying lip service to the proposals of the Driessen Report and sponsoring private motorists, Mr Frank van der Velde said at the council's annual budget meeting yesterday.

In a hard-hitting maiden speech that earned the new councillor enthusiastic applause, Mr Van der Velde said now was the time to re-think the plans for the City's future.

The City, he said, had built parking garages at enormous cost but not one of these garages was full or nearly full. "Are we going to continue sponsoring the private car?" he asked.

He pointed out that 14 percent of Cape Town's street parking was in the central business district (CBD) of the City whereas the figure for Johannesburg and Durban was six percent.

And 25 percent of Cape Town's off-street parking was in the CBD while the appropriate figure for both Durban and Johannesbug was six percent.

This, he said, showed how cars had been encouraged to come into town.

If 20 percent of commuters could be persuaded to use public transport 28,81 million litres of petrol would be saved each year and this saving in petrol would be worth R4,35m a year in Cape Town alone.

But if people were to be encouraged to use public transport it would be necessary to improve the efficiency by giving buses priority rights in traffic, special bus lanes and providing parking at suburban railway stations.

The railways, he said would welcome parking garages built over the suburban stations. This would provide cover for the stations and the land for the parking garages would not cost the City anything.

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The Cape Times, Friday, November 26, 1976

Bloomberg attack on 'grandiose schemes'

THE City's Engineer's department had wasted thousands of costly man-hours dreaming up grandiose schemes which could not possibly be implemented, Mr David Bloomberg, a former mayor of Cape Town, told the City Council yesterday

He named the City for the People scheme by former City Engineer, Dr Solly Morris, as an example of a scheme for which there was "no possible hope of implementation".

Another example was the plan to redevelop Muizenberg.

"How many man-hours have been spent on these grandiose schemes and at what cost to the council and its ratepayers?" Mr Bloomberg asked.

Under present economic conditions work of this sort was an exercise in futility

The Strand Street concourse was an excellent project but he had heard of plans to extend it to other parts of the City.

This was the time for the engineers to explore their procedures and for the council to modernize its outlook

Mr Bloomberg said there was no financial district in the City and this was due to a lack of planning by the City Engineer's department

The Reserve Bank building, which occupied a whole block, had killed one of the prime shopping areas of the town There should have been discussions with the bank as they might have been prepared to have shops on the ground floor

He said the members of the Executive Committee had 330 years of experience between them but they had produced little to indicate any new thinking.

The times were exceptional and exceptional thinking was needed He hoped that they would meet the challenge.

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Council puts up City rates by 18pc

THE Cape Town City Council approved a staggering 18 percent increase in rates for next year at an all-day crisis meeting yesterday.

The increase is one of the biggest in the history of the City and the budget the most depressing that councillors could remember.

Mr Bill Peters, chairman of the Executive Committee, said the increase was unavoidable and there was nothing he or his committee could do about it.

He said 10 percent of the increase would go to meet loan charges to which the City was committed. Six percent would be necessary to meet the increased wage bill of the Council which now stands at R64,8m.

This left only two percent "to play with" and he said that further cuts were impossible.

If drastic cuts had not been made the increase in rates would have amounted to 31 percent.

Mr Peters also said that rentals in the City's housing schemes would probably be increased in January and the examples he gave indicated increases of between six and 11 percent.

Among the reasons for the deteriorating financial position of the City were:

- The commitment to four major projects at the same time — the Civic Centre, the Nervi hall, the Steenbras pump storage scheme and the foreshore freeway.
- The difficulties of raising loan funds and high interest rates.
- The vast amount of non-ratable Government and

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City's rates up 18pc

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Provincial property in the City.

Mr Peters said the City's hope of salvation lay in the Browne Committee which had been appointed to look into municipal finance.

Mr Herbert Hirsch said the City went about its budgeting in the wrong way. It should first determine how much its ratepayers could afford to pay and then decide how to use the money.

As it was young couples must be "dead scared to buy a house" because of the way rates kept rising.

Mr David Bloomberg said the increase in rates was far greater than the majority of councillors had expected. He said the City should dispose of some of the property it owned like Electricity House and City Park and then lease them back until the Civic Centre was ready.

"I believe the City has lost a considerable amount of money by not doing this. Electricity House should have been disposed of years ago."

Mr R M Friedlander said there were 11 town councils and the divisional council in greater Cape Town and they were all competing with each other for revenue and duplicating services.

The council had lost R5m from the Government in direct rates and he pointed out that a vast area like District Six which should contribute to rates was in the hands of a government department and not contributing rates to the City. He said Cape Town ratepayers were subsidizing the Government.

Dr John Sonnenberg said the special meeting of the council was farcical. The budget was presented as a fait accompli and it was too late to make changes as it had to be presented to the Province by the end of the month.

He appealed for the budget to be presented earlier next year so that there was time to make changes.

Mr Louis Kreiner moved that the budget be referred back to the Executive Committee. He said the stage had been reached where the ordinary man in the street could not afford to pay any more to the council.

Liquidate assets

He urged the council to liquidate some of its assets to raise money and lease the Strand Street concourse on a 99-year lease to private enterprise. He said the council was not a landlord and urged it to get rid of all the land it could not use.

In seconding the motion Mr Bill Smit said Cape Town charged the highest rates in the country and its rates were among the highest in the world.

The motion, however, was defeated and the budget was adopted.

Only 14 voted in favour

ONLY 14 of the 34 Cape Town City Councillors voted in favour of the municipal budget for next year, which will increase rates by 18 percent.

When a division was called at the end of an all-day debate only 21 councillors were still in the chamber and the voting was 14 to seven in favour of the budget

The meeting was one of the longest in recent history and several councillors who said they would vote against the budget had already left when the division was called shortly before 5pm

This means that the budget was passed with the support of less than half the members of the council

Those who opposed it in the division were Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Bill Smit, Mrs Agnes Beyer, Mr Tom Walters, Mr Len Kendal and Mr Gerry Sullivan

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Shocked reactions to rates rise for city

IF BELLVILLE Municipality could keep its rates unchanged, then Cape Town, with all its highly paid experts, should surely be able to do the same, says Mrs Peggy Boldeman-hagen, Chairwoman of the Housewives' League.

She had been shocked by the announcement of an 18 percent increase in the city's rates and felt that the statement that the rates could not be [illegible] higher than those of the Cape Town municipal area, [illegible] of the Housewives' League described the rates increase as "staggering".

He said it was fortunate that many of the members of his union lived in Bellville and Parow and would not be affected but as people in the Cape Town municipal area.

He felt the City Council [illegible] should be ashamed for [illegible] the rise in the rates [illegible] they had decided what they would like to do and what tried to raise the money to do it.

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Munnik statement on 'men in boot' inquiry

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A ONE-MAN commission of inquiry has found that two African men were not forced into the boot of a traffic patrol car on July 6 as alleged by three Cape Town students, the Administrator, Dr L. A. P. A. Munnik, says in a statement.

The statement said the Administrator had received the report containing the findings and recommendations of the commission.

The full report would be tabled during the February session of the Provincial Council.

The commissioner, Mr H van Huyssteen, a former magistrate, had been appointed by the Administrator under powers vested in him and in terms of a proclamation of July 16.

A LETTER

The inquiry was into certain allegations in a letter published in the Cape Times on July 13 under the names of G. Kraak, D. Stern and L. Thorne, and into allegations in a leading article, published by the Cape Times on July 14 under the heading: 'Jokes we can do without.'

The Administrator said in his statement that the commission found that two Bantu men were stopped by two members of the provincial traffic force on Settlers' Way on July 6.

The Bantu men were, in fact, asked for their identity documents and where they lived, but there was nothing wrong with this.

The commission found that no one was handcuffed, no one was forced into the boot of a vehicle and no one was terrified or humiliated, the statement said

HOT HEADED

It was also found that the observations in the letter in the Cape Times were 'an exaggerated and emotionally loaded version by the three hot-headed letter writers who are students of the University of Cape Town and who have political aspirations.'

A reference to 'boot-locking humour' in the article 'Jokes we can do without' was 'a fabrication of the editor of the Cape Times' as nowhere in any conversation or document by any witness was it alleged that any 'boot-locking' took place

The commission found, according to the statement that the Cape Times was responsible for the unfounded use of the words 'crammed into the boot of a patrol car' and 'boot-locking humour' to place the incident in a worse light than was actually the case. This was found to be 'utterly reprehensible'.

NOT GUILTY

The commission recom- that the traffc officers were not guilty of any unauthorised conduct, except for the possible incongruity of instructing or telling the Bantu men to sit on the boot.

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Council struggling to balance books

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Big rates increase reflects city's crisis

By Kevin Jacobs, The Argus Municipal Reporter

ONE of the heaviest general rates increases loaded on property-owners by the Cape Town City Council has clearly underlined the city's financial crisis.

Only 21 voted on city budget

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The Argus Municipal Reporter

ONLY 21 city councillors were in the council chamber to vote on the budget after five hours of debate yesterday

It meant eventually that the budget was passed by less than half of the full 34-member council

A number of councillors who attended earlier in the day had already left when the final vote was taken

After their absence had been noted during a roll call requested by Mr Charlie Steyl, the Mayor, Mr John Tyers, said 'When those who are not here start criticising, they do not have a leg to stand on'

CRITICISED

Mr Isaac Ospovat, a member of the executive committee, also criticised their absence

A move by Mr Louis Kreiner to have the budget referred back to the executive committee for re-examination was defeated by 14 votes to seven

The budget was passed by the same majority in a division

In favour of passing the budget were Mr David Bloomberg, Mr Gerry Ferry, Mr Dick Friedlander, Mr Herbert Hirsch, Mr Alf Honikman, the Deputy Mayor Mr Ted Mauerberger, Mr Isaac Ospovat, Mr Bill Peters, chairman of the executive committee, Mr Emil Riese, Dr John Sonnenberg, Mr Charlie Steyl, Mrs Eulalie Stott, the Mayor Mr Tyers, and Mr M J. van Zyl.

RELUCTANTLY

Many of them had criticised the rates increase but voted reluctantly, they said, as it seemed it could not be changed.

Against adopting the budget were Mrs Agnes Beyer, Mr Len Kendal, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Bill Smit, Mr Gerry Sullivan and Mr Tom Walters.

There are no guarantees that the council will be able to balance its books in the next two years.

The only relief it can hope for is that inflation will ease up, and the tenuous hope that a Government inquiry into local authorities' finances will suggest new sources of income

The 18 percent rate increase eventually passed at the end of a marathon six-hour budget meeting yesterday was piled on top of heavy hikes in water and electricity tariffs, leaving Cape Town with probably the highest property rates in South Africa

Not the last

It was clear from the gloomy budget that even the stunning 18 percent hike may not be the last Further rates and tariff increases at the end of 1977 are very much an open question.

No-one will escape the weight of the budget, Property-owners directly have the burden of heavier rates, flat landlords undoubtedly will push up rents to cover their rates, council housing tenants will have to pay more, and the city generally will have to do without amenities and improvements which have been planned in many quarters

Several councillors tried their best yesterday to have the budget taken back and re-examined by the council's executive committee

Feeling crush

Others grudgingly voted for it, accepting the dismal fact that property-owners are simply feeling the crush of a book-balancing exercise

The municipal machine must function, projects must be paid for, borrowed money carries interest rates, municipal employees must earn wages and salaries — and someone must provide the money

Executive committee chairman Mr Bill Peters frequently repeated yesterday that nothing more could be done to ease the rates Drastic economising in every part of the municipal machine had already been done, he said

Ten percent of the rates increase covers interest on money spent in the past year on capital projects, 6 percent has to pay for municipal wage increases, and the remaining 2 percent will be absorbed by continuing cost esculation in almost every sphere of the municipal operation

Cold comfort for the city is the fact that ratepayers were spared a staggering 31 percent increase, which seemed likely when the executive committee first examined the estimates

A second round of pruning by departmental heads brought the possible increase to 25 percent, but still the executive com-

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Ratepayers angry with Councillors

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ANGRY Cape Town ratepayers, smarting over this week's 18 percent increase in municipal rates, are calling for blood.

They want to know why one-third of Cape Town's City Councillors were not present when the vote on the budget was taken and who the absent men and women were

The Cape Times received several calls from irate ratepayers and the theme of their complaint was "We put these people on the council and we expect them to be there when the most important decision of the year is taken"

Three councillors did not attend the meeting — Mr Ralph Mossop, who has leave of absence, Mr Eric Merringtoh, who is ill and away from work for two weeks, and Mr H L Stern

Overseas

Mr Stern, who had leave of absence until Wednesday, was overseas and arrived back in Cape Town late on Thursday afternoon

Mr J S Rabinowitz (Ward 2) said he was at the meeting until lunch time but he had to earn a living "There was nothing we could do about it The damage was done two or three years ago"

He said that he had opposed the Nervi hall and the Foreshore freeway, two of the projects which helped to make the increase inevitable

"After listening to a morning of futile speeches I felt there was no point in coming back," he said

Expected

Mr R Stephen (Ward 1) said he had been present until 3.15pm but had to leave to attend the annual meeting of a company for which he was the auditor.

Mrs F M Harding (Ward 12) said nobody had expected the meeting to continue for so long Mrs Harding said she had to leave the meeting for a personal reason

Mrs Joan Kantey (Ward 14) said she was called out of the meeting because of an illness in the family She had intended to speak and had prepared a speech, but was called out before she could deliver it

Emergency

Dr Jack Joffe, a medical practitioner, said he was called out on a medical emergency at 3pm He would have voted against the budget as his colleague in Ward 9, Mr G M Sullivan had done

Mr W H Scealcs (Ward 5) said he could not wait for the vote and left the meeting at 3 30pm because he had urgent business He is employed by the State (he is the director of the Cape College for Advanced Technical Education) and could not take a whole day off He pointed out that he had spoken against the budget and said he would have voted against it

Business

Mr Frank van der Velde left the meeting in the afternoon as he had to catch an aircraft on a business trip to Port Elizabeth He returned to Cape Town from a business trip to Johannesburg a day early so that he could attend the meeting

Mr Tiaan van der Merwe could not be reached for comment yesterday

Mr Solm Yach was not prepared to comment last night, but said he would explain his absence in his office on Monday

Mr Andrew Hudson, Ward 4, said he did not expect the meeting to last as long as it did, and there was a pressing engagement he had to keep after lunch If he had been present during the vote he would have voted in favour of the increased rates

"Bill Peters has acquitted himself very well during his first term as chairman of the Executive Committee, and has cut expenditure back to the bone I personally expected the rates would have to rise between 23 and 25 percent"

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Editor replies to fabrication charge

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CAPE TOWN — The Editor of the Cape Times has replied to an accusation by a commission of inquiry which found he had "fabricated" in commenting on an incident when two black men were allegedly crammed into the boot of a car by provincial traffic policemen.

A former chief magistrate of Cape Town, Mr H van Huyssteen, was appointed by the Administrator, Dr Munnik, to investigate

Dr Munnik released the findings and recommendations on Thursday, saying the full report would be tabled in February in the Provincial Council

Among the findings was the following "The reference to 'boot-locking humour' in the article 'Jokes we can do Without' was a fabrication of the Editor of the Cape Times as nowhere in any conversation or document by any witness was it alleged that any 'boot-locking' took place

The Editor of the Cape Times replied

"Detailed assessment of the commission's findings must await publication of the full report, which the Administrator sees fit to do only in February But the grave charge of fabrication in editorial comment requires immediate attention.

"The reference to 'boot-locking humour' was a justifiable comment because a news report in the Cape Times had clearly said the men were seen 'being crammed' into the boot.

The same report later said they were 'put into the boot," and the chief provincial traffic officer, Mr Johan Schoeman, reported as dismissing the incident as a joke, was specifically quoted as saying 'the Africans laughed in disbelief when they were let out from the boot'

"It would be harmful to have an explanation why the consequential use of the term 'boot-locking humour' could conceivably be seen as the very grave offence of 'fabrication.'

"On the contrary, the reference would appear to be fair comment. To take the point that no one had actually been reported as hearing the boot click closed would be hairsplitting and hardly relevant to the basic argument "

The commission found that two men had been stopped by two provincial traffic policemen on Settlers' Way on July 6 and asked for their identity documents

"No one was handcuffed No one was forced into the boot of a vehicle No one was terrified or humiliated "

The commission found the traffic officers were not guilty of any unauthorised conduct, except for the possible incongruity of instructing or telling the men to sit on the boot "The conduct of the traffic officers was of such a nature that it could rather promote race relations "

The commission recommended that consideration be given to reporting the Cape Times to the Newspaper Press Union about the matter and also that no information be supplied to the press before it had been thoroughly investigated and considered.

The following was the editor's footnote which was published along with the text of the commission's findings.

"The Cape Times did no more nor less than perform its duty as a newspaper in any society where there is freedom of the press. Both sides of the controversy were reported and our editorial comment was to the effect that, whether a joke or not, the incident was unnecessary and could harm race relations " — DDC

Cheaper finishes could save millions — councillor

CT 27/11/76.

Staff Reporter

MILLIONS of rands could be saved on big public buildings such as the civic centre by using cheaper finishes, Mr Louis Kriener, an architect and a Cape Town City Councillor said yesterday

He said that about a year ago the Government had asked builders and architects working on their projects to make savings like this The result was that in some cases millions of rands had been saved on single buildings

Mr Kreiner said he was convinced that the City Council could make similar savings on some of its projects

During the council s budget debate yesterday he said he believed that an extra R1m was being spent on the curtain walling for the Civic Centre because of delays.

This, he said, gave an idea of the kind of savings that could be made

Mr Kriner said using cheaper finishes would not make a building inferior

Mr Stan Evans, the Dputy Town Clerk, said the council was not busy on any projects at the moment on which savings of this sort could be made They were contractually committed to the civic centre and finishes could not be changed at this stage

He said cheaper finishes had been considered for the Nervi hall This would have saved about R400 000 but it had been decided that there was no point in "spoiling the ship for a ha'penny worth of tar"

Mr Kreiner said the Government had succeeded in negotiating the cheaper finishes He pointed out that every R1m saved would have reduced the rates increase

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Cottage Hospital has become redundant

29/11/75

Letters

From Mr P J LOUBSER, MEC:

I CONSIDER it my duty to react to the report (Cape Times, November 26) under the heading "Honikman against hospital closure"

Regarding the meeting which was held earlier last week in connection with the closing of the Rondebosch-Mowbray Hospital, I must point out that it is not customary that officials of the Provincial Administration attend public meetings to discuss matters, intentions and resolutions

The unusual step to request the Director of Hospital Services and other senior officials attached to the Hospitals Department to be present at the meeting which was arranged by the ratepayers of Rondebosch to discuss the proposed closing of the Rondebosch-Mowbray Hospital, was taken by me after an assurance by Mr Rupert Hurley, chairman of the Ratepayers' Association, that it would not be a protest meeting. It was with regret that I had to learn that of the assurance with regard to the meeting, of which Mr Hurley was the chairman, concerning the nature and spirit thereof, nothing came about

The meeting was fully informed of all the related considerations which led to our decision but nevertheless resolved that arrangements be made for a deputation to discuss the matter with His Honour the Administrator Some of the spokesmen of that community, however, deem it fit to make statements in the meantime which are apparently eagerly being taken up by your paper. The statements create impressions which I must rectify, otherwise I would be failing in my duty

Main reason

The main reason for deciding to close the Rondebosch-Mowbray hospital was never the amount of money which would have to be spent to renovate the hospital It is, however, unrealistic to spend R750 000 on a hospital of this size in an urban area which would then still be of antiquated design with inadequate facilities and an inefficient flow pattern of services

Secondly the hospital became redundant because adequate alternative accommodation is available for the patients The costs involved have been determined as a result of thorough investigations which were carried out by experts in their field and have been substantiated by figures

To refer to the Rondebosch-Mowbray hospital as a R10 000-a-bed hospital, is misleading The renovations alone would have amounted to more than R10 000 a bed Similarly it is false to state that the Tygerberg Hospital cost R46 000 a bed The 1 600-bed (not 1 500) Tygerberg Hospital was erected at a cost of approximately R32 000 per bed, including teaching facilities for doctors, laboratories, etc It is in any event ridiculous to draw a comparison between a large teaching hospital such as the Tygerberg Hospital and a small cottage type hospital such as the Rondebosch-Mowbray hospital. One wonders whether inhabitants of Rondebosch and vicinity desire that the comparatively new Karl Bremer Hospital should not be reopened

Not the last

Another fallacy is that the Rondebosch-Mowbray hospital is the last open hospital in the Peninsula where patients could be treated by their own doctors What about the Conradie Hospital, the Somerset Hospital, the Woodstock Hospital, the Victoria Hospital in Wynberg, the False Bay Hospital in Fish Hoek and the Karl Bremer Hospital when it is reopened?

I would also like to say that, much value as we attach to sentiment, the Provincial Administration deals with the taxpayers' money It is also incumbent upon us to keep abreast of the development of medical science and modern methods of patient treatment

It is trusted that you will give as much publicity to this letter as you did in the case of the article to which I am responding

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Council wants police cover for officials

1/12/76 C Times

Staff Reporter

THE DIVISIONAL COUNCIL of the Cape decided at its monthly meeting yesterday to ask the Government for police protection for its officials whenever they have to demolish unauthorized squatters' shacks.

A report from the secretary of the council, Mr W R Vivier, stated that entry by officials into African areas was at present "beset with a degree of risk"

While officials from the Squatter Control Section had maintained a good relationship with the inhabitants of the emergency camp, Crossroads, and had been provided with an unofficial "protective shield" by them when undertaking their duties in the camp, this protection could not always be guaranteed, the report said, "especially when occupied shacks have to be demolished"

If the council's policy with regard to the demolition of shacks was to be efficiently carried out at the emergency camp, he said, it was "clear that police protection will have to be sought at the highest level"

Solution

Mr Vivier also said that squatting had become a major problem in the council's area of jurisdiction and that the solution to the problem was at present "in limbo" owing to a "difference of opinion between council and the Chief Bantu Affairs Commissioner (Western

Mitchell's Plain site: City pays R4,25-m

ARGUS, 17/12/76

THE Municipality of Cape Town is to pay National Portland Cement Company Ltd R4 250 000 as compensation for expropriating the land on which the Coloured township, Mitchell's Plain, is being built.

In addition, the Municipality is to pay the costs of the arbitration, as well as the qualifying fees and expenses of eight witnesses who gave evidence during the arbitration hearing

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The Municipality of Cape Town maintained the value did not exceed R1,5-million. At argument, this figure was increased to R1 750 000

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The funds for the award will not come from the pockets of the City or D

trators and the umpire, as well as for a portion of National Portland Cement's costs, in spite of the original claim having been reduced by more than R22-million.

DIFFERENCE

In addition, there is the difference between the costs allowed on the Magistrate's Court scale and the actual costs In the case of National Portland Cement, who employed two Senior Counsel, this difference could amount to as much as R1 200 or more a day.

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The funds for the award will not come from the pockets of the City or Divisional Council ratepayers, but will be paid initially by the Department of Community Development

It seems likely the money will be recouped from homeowners at Mitchell's Plain and the purchase price of the 40 000 houses will be slightly increased.

Another possibility is that all taxpayers will contribute to foot the bill.

The costs of the protracted proceedings are awarded on the Magistrate's Court tariff On this scale, an advocate is entitled to R90 for his appearance on the first day of the hearing, as well as R67,50 for each subsequent day. Attorneys' fees, as well as fees for consultations, letters and other necessary preparations are also provided for.

Because the award was higher than the offer made by the council, according to law the council is liable for the costs of the arbi- [illegible] by more than R22-million

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GEORGE LIFTS SHOWBIZ BAN ON BLACKS

W/E ARGUS 18/12/76

By Mervyn Harris

THE blanket ban on Blacks attending performances in the two main halls in George has been lifted.

In two separate moves this week, which have been described as a forward step in improving race relations'.

- The City Council decided to rescind its ban on all Black performers and audiences at the George Civic Centre,
- The Department of Community Development has granted permission for mixed audiences to attend the Christmas show, Gigi, at the Arts Theatre.

The controversial ban on the Civic Centre was highlighted this year when the promoters of the all-Black musical hit Ipi Tombi applied for a permit to perform at the centre

In terms of existing legislation, the Town Clerk could refuse permission for any Black performer or audience to use the Civic Centre without having to refer back to the full council

However, a new council was elected in September and this week the members reversed the decision.

ON MERIT

The Mayor Mr Frikkie Gericke, said the decision was unanimous

Each application will now be considered on its merits A permit will still have to be obtained from the Department of Community Development

Mr Rex Burnett, the councillor who forwarded the motion, said that its adoption should improve race relations.

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No water in Macassar, complains resident

Staff Reporter

MACASSAR, the Coloured township near the Strand, has been struggling to find water, according to a resident there who complained yesterday that the water supply had been "off and on" all last week and had finally dried up completely on Saturday morning.

"You should see the people struggling to get water here," Mr Tommy Louw, a claims clerk from Macassar, told the Cape Times yesterday.

He said the township's water supply first began to seize up about lunchtime last Monday and had been "off and on" throughout the week. And from 10am on Saturday, there had been no water at all.

Residents were walking "in streams", he said, to Firgrove, about five kilometres away, to fetch water. Others were drinking from an asbestos tank at Macassar and one man used up "all the beers he had been keeping for Christmas" to cope with his thirst on Saturday night.

Mr Louw said he telephoned the Stellenbosch Divisional Council's number for water failures several times but by late yesterday the township still had no water.

Mr F H Stephens, manager of the council's waterworks department, said he received the first complaint at 8am yesterday and sent workmen to Macassar immediately. By late yesterday they had not yet reported back to him.

He said there was a new water scheme laid on in Macassar and it had had "quite a lot of teething problems".

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Beach Apartheid

SOUTH Africa's first multi-racial beaches came into being near Port Elizabeth this week.

"All races can swim there now," said Mr N W Anderson, secretary of the Divisional Council.

Story and picture: NIC VAN OUDTSHOORN

"The apartheid signs have been removed and they will stay down unless the Department of Planning orders us to put them up again."

The council decided unanimously this week to remove the "six level" signs which separated whites, coloureds, Indians, Malays and Chinese and banned blacks.

Mr Anderson said the council had applied to the department to keep the beaches multi-racial. "Our request has gone directly to the Secretary for Planning in Pretoria because it was his department which ordered us to put up the signs.

All Port Elizabeth beaches under Divisional Council control — with the exception of two holiday resorts, Willows and Beachview — are now multi-racial.

The prestige Port Elizabeth municipal beaches, Humewood and King's Beach, are still reserved for whites and are the next targets for campaigners.

Jubilant

"It's the best news I've had this year — and it's mainly thanks to the Sunday Times for exposing the apartheid which led to tremendous pressure being applied from all quarters for the council to change its policy," a jubilant Mr R Bhana, chairman of the Indian Management Committee, told me.

Mr Bhana and the Coloured Management Committee called an urgent meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee of the Divisional Council after the Sunday Times report appeared a few weeks ago.

The committee agreed to recommend to the council at its meeting this week that all petty apartheid signs at beaches under its control be removed and that the beaches become multi-racial. The council unanimously agreed to this in the case of the Port Elizabeth beaches and it was also decided to put the new policy into operation immediately.

Mrs Jackie James, who with her sister-in-law was questioned by the security police and fined in court this month for painting out the signs, told me: "It's tremendous news. I am so very happy for everyone's sake."

Mr Bhana said the removal of the signs would show that such discrimination was not necessary to avoid racial friction.

"I am just sorry that this had to be achieved after so much heartache and humiliation for so many people. Even the security police had to be involved."

Mr Bhana said that plans were being made to tackle the Port Elizabeth City Council over its beach and bus apartheid. "From now on we can only go ahead much faster — and I am sure more and more apartheid signs will come crashing down in the new year."

Cape has violent Christmas

26/12/76 S. Times

Sunday Times Reporter

FLYING Squad police in Cape Town received more than 1 000 calls on Christmas Eve — a record During the evening, reports of murders, robberies, assaults and domestic disputes were coming in at the rate of one a minute

Reinforcements, including a dog unit, were sent to a house in District Six after two policemen were attacked by a stone-throwing mob of about 100

The city's ambulance service also worked flat out, dealing with 120 assault cases between 10 am on Friday and 7 am yesterday

● In contrast police firemen and hospital staff in the Johannesburg-Pretoria area reported an unusually quiet Christmas A spokesman for the Johannesburg General Hospital said the casualty ward on Christmas Eve was no busier than any other Friday night

● It was also a quiet Christmas in the Eastern Cape, with no major crimes and no serious accidents A Port Elizabeth traffic official said "Motorists are apparently driving more slowly and more carefully than usual"

● Christmas in Bethlehem was accompanied by the ancient chant of Franciscan monks and the carolling of choirs from many parts of the world Israeli soldiers kept watch for possible Arab terrorism but there were no incidents

● Quote by President Idi Amin 1977 should be a year of dedication and action, with less talking

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Move to open beaches

EAST LONDON — A notice of motion urging that all beaches in the Kaffrarian Divisional Council area be opened to all races is to be tabled by Councillor C Blumenthal

Dr Blumenthal raised the matter at yesterday's meeting of the council, but agreed to submit a notice of motion at a later meeting.

The chairman, Cllr M Robb, said "We are limited to Government policy and have to confine ourselves to that."

Cllr M Yazbek suggested Dr Blumenthal investigate the position at Port Elizabeth where the council decided, without Government approval, to open its beaches to all races

Dr Blumenthal is to investigate the position before submitting his motion. — DDR

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8 ANC terrorists hanged

Argus 17/1/77

The Argus Africa News Service

SALISBURY. — Eight Muzorewa African National Council men were hanged here this morning for acts of urban terrorism, the Rhodesian Ministry of Law and Order has confirmed.

The men were sentenced to death, after pleading guilty last year, to carrying out bombing raids in the greater Salisbury area. These raids included grenade attacks in the Pink Panther restaurant, La Boheme night club, and sabotage to railway lines.

Last week a petition for clemency on behalf of the eight men was drawn up by eight women, who were the wives or mothers of the condemned men appealing to Rhodesia's President, Mr John Wrathall, to exercise his prerogative of mercy and commute the death sentence to life imprisonment.

ABBREVIATIONS

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A	s, Transvaal Archives
Acc.	
Add. Mss	(Manuscripts)
AYB	ook for South African
C.A.	Cape Town
C-B	ell-Bannerman
CO	British Colonial Office
DSAB	outh African Biography
FK	es in the Transvaal
	ial Office, Great Britain
GLCC	County Council
GS	Goewermentsekretaris,
JL	University of Cape Town
LA	
L.S.E.	of Economics
L.S.F.	Society of Friends, London
MP	(South Africa). Photostat Transvaal Archives
N.G.K.A.	e N.G.K. (Dutch Reformed Church), Cape Town
N.L.W.	National Library of Wales, Aberystwith
O.F.S.A.	Orange Free State Archives, Bloemfontein
P	Archives of the President, Orange Free State

Cape beach invasion 'normal'

Own Correspondent

SIMONSTOWN — A reported invasion of Coloured bathers at "Whites only" beaches in Simonstown this summer has been dismissed by the acting town clerk, Mrs S C Kruger, as something that applied to all races and normally occurred during the holiday period

Reacting to a Press report which quoted the Mayor of Simonstown, Mr Gordon Wilson, as saying weekends were developing into a confrontation by Coloured people who believed separation was dead, Mrs Kruger said this was probably the mayor's personal view. The matter had not been discussed by the town council

She did not believe the problems was particularly serious or different from previous years and only a few complaints had been received Whites used Coloured beaches just as Coloureds used White beaches The most common complaint was that there were too many people of all races on the beaches

Mrs Kruger said that if the police had been called, it was by private residents The council had not made any complaints and she knew of no specific trouble

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Cutback will hit societies, churches

ARGUS 19/1/77

CHURCHES, sporting bodies and other organisations which do not pay rates on their properties will be hard hit by a Cape Town Executive Committee recommendation to reduce drastically municipal subsidies on sewage and refuse removal charges.

The present subsidy on service charges costs the City Council R146 285 a year and this latest move — coming soon after the shock 18 percent rates hike — is seen as a further step in Cape Town's battle to balance its budget

Charitable and welfare organisations which enjoy rebates totalling more than R30 000 will not be affected.

The recommendation came at yesterday's Executive Committee meeting and now goes before the City Council for final approval

SLIDING SCALE

It calls for subsidies to be reduced on a sliding scale during a period of four years Eventually, churches which now enjoy a subsidy of 95 percent on service charges of R83 154 will receive a total rebate of only 20 percent.

In the case of a church like St George's Cathedral this means sewage and refuse removal costs will leap from their present level of R178,41 a year to R2 854,61 a year by 1981.

The Western Province Rugby Union's 85 percent subsidy will be cut to 20 percent within the next four years causing service charges to rise from R1 201,88 to R6 409,96

The Western Province Agricultural Society will see its bill spiral to R5 897,44 a year from a present level of R1 474,36.

The affected organisations will continue to be free from the payment of rates — a concession which costs the City Council nearly R1 million a year.

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Budget for centre exceeded

ARGUS 19/1/77

LAVENDER HILL's new community centre cost the Cape Town City Council nearly twice as much as the budgeted figure of R30 000, a report to yesterday's Executive Committee meeting has shown.

Construction of the centre was completed last year at a total cost of R52 421,74 — or R22 425 more than the budget.

Reasons given in the City Engineer's report include increases in material and labour costs of about 70 percent between the preparation of the estimate in 1972 and the completion date.

The report recommends that the additional cost be financed out of the Consolidated Capital Development and Loans Fund.

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Call to Council to cut and peg rates

ARGUS 19/1/77

AN indignant letter to the Cape Town City Council from 502 angry ratepayers calls for an 18 percent reduction in the rates for 1978, followed by a further seven percent cut in 1979.

The letter was sent to the council in the form of a directive.

After expressing "shock and dismay" at the recent 18 percent rates hike, the letter states that Cape Town's citizens face two alternatives: 'One is to be complacent and allow the Council to squander our money ad lib on grandiose schemes. The other is to direct the council on what it may spend.

'In the circumstances, we, who represent a cross-section of the worried citizens of Cape Town, direct that the council shall not increase rates for 1978 but shall reduce them by 18 percent and a further 7 percent for 1979 and thereafter maintain that rate until authorised by the citizens to alter it.'

The Town Clerk, Mr H. G. Heugh, said he would reply to the letter.

He said if Cape Town's ratepayers insisted on rates being pegged, they would have to be satisfied with a reduction of services.

'If the City Council never embarked on another project, it would not detract from the fact that money is growing more expensive at the rate of 15 percent a year.

'In order to fight that kind of inflation, we have only two alternatives: to reduce the quality and extent of municipal services — which in some cases are minimal enough as it is — or to increase rates.

'Whatever we do, it seems that we will make some people unhappy.'

CAUGHT with their signs down

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COSTLY CONFUSION ON THE BEACHFRONT

Tribune Reporter

THE REMOVAL of race restriction signs from beaches near Port Elizabeth is costing Coloureds and Africans dearly.

Many have had to pay R30 fines for using Pollok Beach, a white beach on the edge of the city, they thought had been derestricted.

Before Christmas, Port Elizabeth Divisional Council took down signs designating beaches for Malays, Indians and Chinese outside the city, but did not intend blacks should use white beaches.

Over Christmas weekend, scores of Coloureds descended on Pollok Beach and bathed with impunity.

The next weekend police politely asked them to leave. No arrests were made.

Servants

A Coloured bather, Mr. Frank Simon, said he thought the beach was within the Divisional Council area and he had read that beaches there were de-restricted.

Last Thursday, five Coloured domestic servants were arrested on Pollok Beach and fined R30 for admissions of guilt.

This prompted the council to issue a warning that there had been no relaxation of apartheid along the coastline. The same afternoon 20 Africans were arrested on Pollok Beach, five of them from Lesotho. The local Africans were fined R30 for admission of guilt. The Lesothos are due to appear in court next Thursday.

This week another three Coloureds were fined R30 for using the beach.

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Office room for Indians 'by permit'

ORMANDE FULLER
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Indians may lease office space in Durban's central business district but only with permits in terms of the Group Areas Act, Mr. Marais Steyn, Minister of Community Development, said yesterday.

He told Parliament, in reply to a question by Mr. Gordon Waddell (PRP, Johannesburg North) that he did not intend to change these provisions.

Mr. Steyn, in his capacity as Minister of Indian Affairs, told Mr. Dick Enthoven (PRP, Randburg) that State expenditure per student at the University of Durban-Westville in 1975 had been R1 410,05.

Mr. M. C. Botha, Minister of Bantu Administration and Development, told Mr. Colin Eglin, leader of the PRP, that 987 000 citizenship certificates had been issued to KwaZulu citizens by the end of last year.

He said 1 214 000 remained to be issued.

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R5m loan

Financial Reporter

THE DIVISIONAL Council of the Cape is in the market for R5-million

UAL is underwriting the council's three loans — 20-year loan stock with a redemption yield of 13,13 per cent, 12-year loan stock with a final yield of 13,06 per cent and five-year loan stock with an all-in yield of 12,91 per cent

Application lists open on February 8 and will close on February 14

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Union threat to council 'best man' job policy

The Argus Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN CITY COUNCIL'S non-racial employment policy is being threatened by a White municipal trade union which has already complained to the Government of the council's 'unyielding and unco-operative' stand.

The South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) says it will be forced to ask the Government to apply full job reservation to all municipal posts in Cape Town unless the council agrees to negotiate for systematic planning in its all-races employment policy.

SAAME leaders claim the council refuses to discuss the issue and that it stands firmly by its policy of 'the best man for the job.'

The officials claim the council operates job reservation in reverse by employing only Coloured people in Coloured areas, but advertises jobs on an open basis in White areas of work.

They say there is little hope of the council relenting and that they may soon be forced to approach the Government again, as the only way out of a deadlock.

The union's concern is partly that Coloured people could be placed in 'traditionally White' jobs and in positions over Whites.

'Unavoidable'

Mr A. I. Nieuwoudt, president of SAAME and president of the Confederation of Labour, says an approach to the Government to ask for full job reservation in the municipality is 'unavoidable' if the council refuses to negotiate with the union.

Mr G. van Vuuren, a legal adviser to SAAME, says: 'We are aware that it is a touchy issue with the Black-White situation, but we are almost forced to ask for full job reservation.'

Cape Town's SAAME branch president, Mr A. J. Uys, says: 'That will create bitterness and friction between the races.'

The SAAME officials who explained the union standpoint at a branch annual meeting in Cape Town this week — say the union is following Government policy.

This calls for negotiations between trade unions and employers when there is a chance of other races being placed in 'traditionally White' jobs.

Agreement

The officials say they are not against a policy which disregards race, so long as the union is consulted, and both sides agree on a clear policy.

Mr Nieuwoudt said: 'The union is not unsympathetic, but we say clear planning is needed. We are prepared to talk to the council and discuss future planning. We do not have such fixed ideas as the council has.'

Mr van Vuuren said: 'We are also much concerned with labour unrest, and in the present economic climate people are really becoming worried when they see Coloured people coming into jobs traditionally held by Whites.'

Mr Uys said Government policy 'passes the ball to the trade unions.'

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Municipal sidestep on Coloured issue

The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — The Cape Provincial Municipal Association has sidestepped the issue of Coloured Management Committees taking part in White municipal council debates on issues affecting them.

After a motion by the Grahamstown City Council had been introduced by the Town Clerk, Mr A. D. Lofting, at the Association's Congress here only one further speaker, the Mayor of Upington, Mr J. A. V. de Beer, took part in the debate.

Less than a minute before the congress session was due to end at lunchtime yesterday — it had already been decided to adjourn the debate until this morning — the Town Clerk of Parow, Mr Gert van Rooyen, moved that the congress go on to the next item.

When the congress opened this morning CPMA president Dr T. G. Schlebusch ruled Mr van Rooyen's motion would stand.

This prevented any further debate on the Grahamstown motion.

Challenged by a delegate, Dr Schlebusch said that according to the CPMA constitution a ruling by the president was final.

When he introduced the motion Mr Lofting said Grahamstown supported the policy of separate local authorities and wanted to keep the debate out of the political arena.

However, it was obvious that for many years to come management committees would be closely linked with councils.

Following agitation by many management committees, including its own, the council had investigated what other local authorities were doing about the problem.

'We found an amazing collection.

'Some councils called them deputations and allowed them to state their case, other councils had separate committees, still others informal committees and two local authorities had special council meetings twice a year to which the CMC was invited.

'This is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. The province should lay down some clear rules as to what form of liaison should take place with Coloured Management Committees,' Mr Lofting said.

Mr de Beer said a similar motion had come to nothing at last year's CPMA congress in East London.

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Employment policy of Cape Town City Council

The MINISTER OF LABOUR replied to Question *11, by Dr A L Boraine.

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Question:

Whether representations have been made to his Department on the employment policy of the Cape Town City Council, if so, (a) by whom and (b) what was (i) the nature of the representations and (ii) his reply thereto.

Reply:

Yes

(a) South African Association of Municipal Employees

(b)(i) and (ii) I consider the representations and reply thereto as confidential and am not prepared to make it public

Council accepts transfer of East Griqualand

Cape Times 18/5/77

THE Cape Provincial Council formally decided yesterday to change the boundaries of the province so that East Griqualand can be incorporated into the Province of Natal.

And in Maritzburg the Natal Provincial Council made a formal decision to incorporate the area into their province

The area of land involved is 3 823 sq km and it is populated by about 43 000 people, mostly blacks.

The move to incorporate the area into Natal follows a commission of inquiry into the question which recommended incorporation Now the Administrators of the two provinces will petition Parliament, to make the necessary change in the boundaries to take effect from April 1, 1978

Dr L A P A Munnik, Administrator of the Cape, told the provincial council that the arguments in favour of the change were mainly financial and administrative

The arguments against the change were based on historical and ethnic grounds.

Dr Munnik said the Griqua people who had opposed the change felt they would have their land claims weakened by the transfer to Natal

The committee which investigated the matter, however, decided that the area would remain an integral part of South Africa, and there would be no fundamental change in the legal status of the area Their land claims would therefore be unaffected by the incorporation in Natal.

Dr Munnik said opponents of the change had argued that the step would be offensive to Transkei and would harm the good relations between the new state and South Africa. But he said East Griqualand was never a Transkei/Xhosa tribal territory and for the past 115 years it had been an area of Griqua, coloured and white settlement.

He pointed out that the area was already considered to be part of Natal in the commercial and agricultural spheres

Dr Munnik's motion was seconded by Mr F A Loots, leader of the council and by Mr Cyril Brett, leader of the Opposition, who said he agreed that the land claims of the Griqua people would not be affected by the change

Mr J F Pretorius (Nat Aliwal) and Mr J Malcolmess (UP Griqualand East) who both have constituents in the affected area also spoke in favour of the change.

The move was also supported by Mr G F Rautenbach for the IUP and Mr Herbert Hirsch for the PRP

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In-between Griquas are now content

Transkei's claims to East Griqualand were finally rejected this week, when the formal decision was taken that the rich farmlands should be incorporated into Natal after nearly 100 years of Cape administration. TREVOR BISSEKER, who grew up in the area, examines the significance of the move.

CONFIDENCE is flowing as strongly as the trout streams in East Griqualand the Cape enclave between Lesotho and Transkei which is to be incorporated into Natal next April

Cut off from its provincial mother-hen by an independent Transkei, East Griqualand had an anxious wait earlier this year for the outcome of the Steyn Committee of Inquiry, which investigated the problems of the rich farming community

Psychologically it became an isolated no-man's land as it was before the Griqua migration across the Drakensberg from Philippolis in 1861, and annexure by the Cape in 1879

Lack of confidence was shown in property values On the north-eastern Natal border near Underberg a good athlete could leap across the Endowena River from land worth R70 an acre to identical land in East Griqualand selling at half that price Now all that should change once the country's general economic climate warms up and buyers are back in the market

East Griqualand's 400 farmers, and the townsfolk mainly centred in Kokstad and Matatiele, make up a White population of about 7 000 who have long regarded Natal as their natural home, and they are now content despite the threatening noises from "the man over the hill" — Transkei Prime Minister, Kaiser Matanzima

The same cannot be said for the 6 000 coloureds — mostly Griquas — whose claims as "rightful owners" of the territory were put aside Tales have been told again of farms being bought by unscrupulous white pioneers for bottles of brandy — and hotly denied in letters to local newspapers by those who inherited the land

Coloured fears of an influx of Indians on incorporation into Natal, which would gravely threaten their already poor economic position seem unfounded

"Indians have never been allowed to live in East Griqualand with a few rare exceptions, and we don't foresee any change," said Mr Peter Miller, 36-year old secretary of both the East Griqualand Regional Development Association and the Farmers Union, when I spoke to him in Kokstad recently

The 40 000 Xhosas in East Griqualand mostly farm workers, are officially Transkei citizens and would obviously be overjoyed at a handover of the 3 800 square kilometre territory — but theirs is an impossible dream

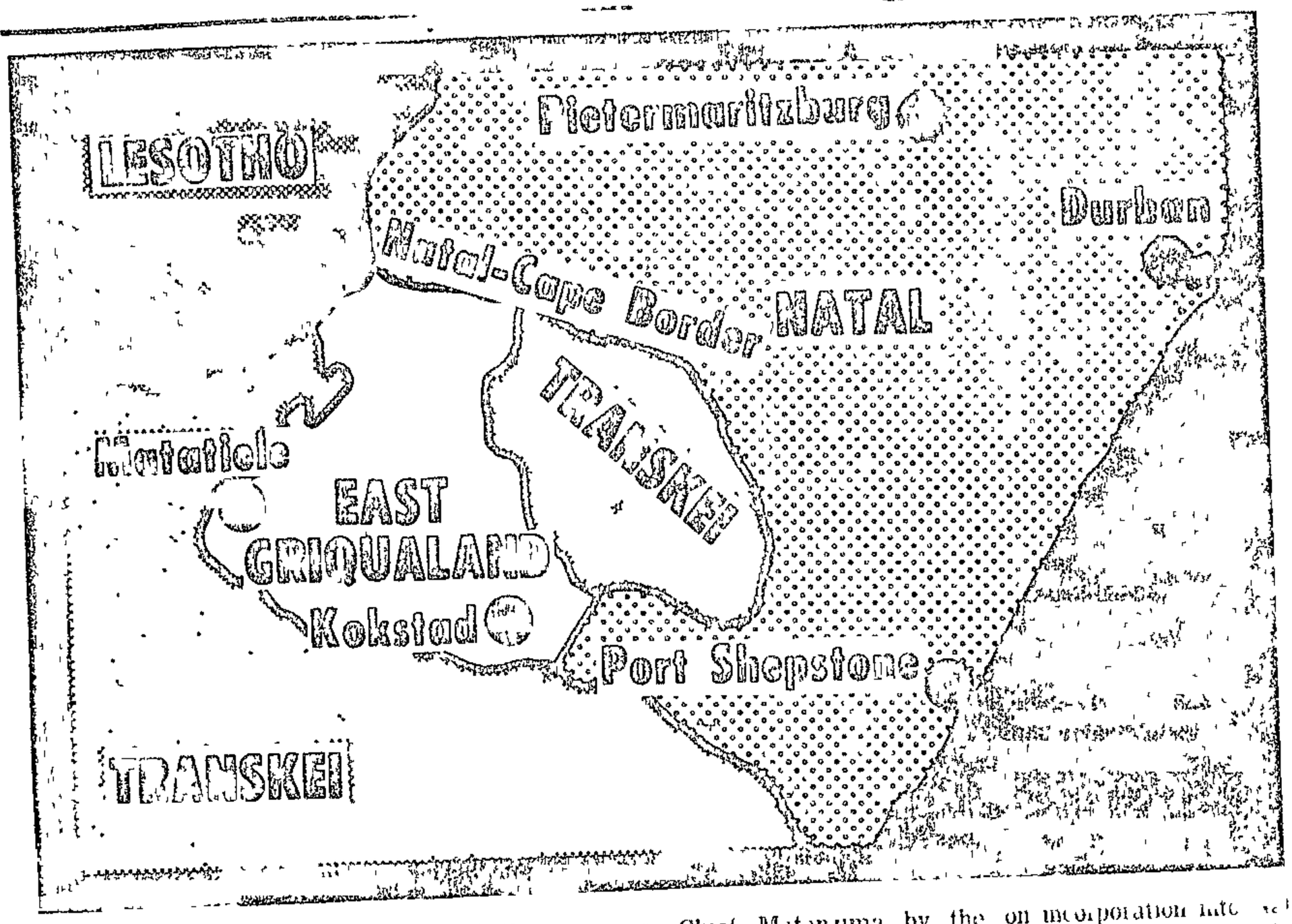
Nevertheless the whites remember the fate of Port St Johns, and deplore the situation of the 32 farmers of Ongeluksnek, who are marooned in a rugged, narrow strip of 100 000 acres between Transkei and Lesotho The area is to become part of Transkei but the Government has so far failed to buy the land.

"It is a most unjust situation," said Mr Miller "There is some belligerency from local blacks, and border difficulties with Lesotho have aggravated the stock theft problem You don't go away on three weeks' holiday when you farm at Ongeluksnek

"The rural community feels very strongly that no homeland should be declared independent until land has been bought and consolidated

"Provided nothing unforeseen happens, the Ongeluksnek farms will be valued in the second half of this year, but they may not be bought out until late in 1978 Until then, the farmers must just keep on going"

Ironically, despite the delight at incorporation into



Natal, East Griqualand's future prosperity depends heavily on good relations with Transkei This applies particularly to the main towns, which do a huge trade with their black neighbours

Buses and cars pour over Brooke's Nek into Kokstad on Saturday mornings and the streetsand shops are thronged with black customers I saw a man pay R65 in cash for a new bicycle Second-hand car and tractor prices must be the best in the country and general dealers do a roaring trade Livestock is also bought at East Griqualand sales

There are no border posts between East Griqualand and Transkei, possibly because Chief Matanzima regards the white land as part of his country, and this makes for easy communication.

East Griqualanders still have their seaside cottages on the Wild Coast, where a current venture for some is bringing up cannons from the wreck of a 15th-century Portuguese galleon off the island at Msikaba

Transkeians support white business in East Griqualand partly through convenience — Kokstad is much closer to some areas of Transkei than Umtata — and partly because of the superior goods available I was told, too, that some dealers in Transkei exploit their customers

Retail capacity in Kokstad has doubled in the past five years Although peasant poverty remains a serious problem buying power generally has increased enormously The Transkei Government is paying good salaries and when civil servants received bonuses in April, banks in Kokstad actually ran out of cash Shops were asked to make early deposits and a money truck had to be despatched to Maritzburg

So long as this free-and-easy relationship continues, with unrestricted travel and ready cooperation between Transkei and South Africa police in the hunt for stock thieves, East Griqualand will share the fruits of Transkei's new status

But what of Chief Matanzima's claims to East Griqualand, and his threats of "immediate action" if the area's incorporation into Natal goes through?

"His noises cause irritation more than anything else," Mr Miller told me "Government officials tell us to ignore his rantings

"What annoys people here is the prominence given to Chief Matanzima by the media He gets so much publicity the rest of South Africa may think he has a case His historical claims, it has been proved, are without foundation and we reject them, but we wish to live in peace and harmony with our neighbour"

Mr Miller said East Griqualand would not like a South African military presence in the area "That would be hysterical, but at the same time we must shake up our ideas on rural defence"

Mr Stanley Ponder, chairman of the East Griqualand Farmers' Union and a former army major, has accepted nomination as Officer Commanding the East Griqualand Commando He is retiring as the farming leader to devote his time to revitalising the commando, and breaking down local apathy

East Griqualand's geographical position has led to all its major links and social contacts being with Natal, rather than the Cape Kokstad is 180 km from Maritzburg 415 km from East London, 417 km from Queenstown and 1 600 km from Cape Town — as far from its administrative capital as is Windhoek A top priority for East Griqualand on incorporation into [illegible] will be a hard top road [illegible] Maritzburg via Underberg avoiding the Transkei-Natal border post at Umzimkulu

The present national road passes through 45 km of Transkei and border formalities have already proved irksome One businessman who left his passport at home recently crossed the border in the boot of a colleague's car About 70 km of the spectacular mountain road from Swartberg to Underberg is untarred, but traffic on the route has already increased considerably

The most difficult provincial switch will probably be in school systems, but similar change-overs in hospital services and legal proceedings are expected to go smoothly

Thirteen Government departments already serve East Griqualand from Maritzburg and many firms have head offices there or in Durban Farm produce goes to Natal markets and as the Steyn inquiry was told even the weather forecast refers to "East Griqualand and the Natal interior"

The only serious problem, it seems could come from that noisy man over the hill

Implicit within this was a vision of a new and more modern system of agriculture which would eliminate such elements as squatting and "kaffir farming" which were now seen as obsolete. As the South African Agricultural Journal, for example, argued:

> The new law (the 1913 Act) strikes a death-blow at the 'kaffir farming' which it has been the earnest wish of every progressive landowner to see abolished ... It is safe to say that this Act will considerably affect labour conditions in many parts of the Union. It will mean the clearing off of a large number of natives from European farms, the natives si[illegible]d to work in return for a wage. The re[illegible], clear straightforward farming, whils[illegible]ive areas that is not being farmed by Euro[illegible] remain idle (10).

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Plea on costs, salaries

Cape Times 4/6/77

A CALL was made in the Cape Provincial Council yesterday for an investigation into the costs structures of local authorities and the salaries of the officials.

The request came from Dr C J Roelofse (Nat Heidelberg) who has a doctorate in municipal finance.

Mr G J Lubbe, MEC in charge of local government, said he would consider Dr Roelofse's appeal

As an example of one of the things he would like examined, Dr Roelofse said local authorities financed the building of roads from loan funds while the Provincial Council and the Government financed roads from income

He said municipal officials earned salaries that compared with those paid by the two upper tiers of government and he wondered if this was connected with the fact that in SAAME the local authority officials had a strong trade union

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Differences on local autonomy

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OUDTSHOORN. — Major differences on local autonomy for the Coloured and Indian Management Committees or the alternative, direct representation on existing local municipalities, have emerged at the congress of the Association of Management Committees.

The association represents more than 100 management committees in the Cape.

Of the 50 percent of the association's members who answered a questionnaire on local autonomy, nine tenths rejected self-determination and supported direct representation on local municipalities.

But a determined move was made at the congress — and supported by Labour Party CRC members, including Mr David Curry and Mr Willie Meyer — to get the association to look into the viability of local authorities in Coloured and Indian areas which had neighbouring industrial business complexes.

The local autonomy proposal comes soon after the announcement by the Minister of Community Development, Mr S. J. Marais Steyn, of the appointment of a Government commission of inquiry into local self-government for Coloured and Indian areas.

REPRIMANDED

Mr R. Bhana, association vice-president and chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee, was reprimanded for making a Press statement earlier this year on behalf of the association without consulting the executive or the president.

In the statement, Mr Bhana rejected local autonomy for Coloured and Indian areas.

Amid murmurs of 'Now the Coloured people are asking for apartheid,' Mr Peter Marais, the chairman of the Matroosfontein Management Committee, proposed that the association should seek a redefinition of the geographical boundaries in order to create economically viable municipalities operating under the direct control of the Provincial Administration, with the same status and powers as presently constituted municipalities.

CIVIC RIGHTS

Earlier Mr J. H. Nash of the East London Management Committee and also that area's representative on the CRC, called on the association to ask the Government to scrap the management committee system and give the Coloured and Indian people full civic rights.

Mr Curry said there was a major difference in giving areas such as Pacaltsdorp and Genadendal local autonomy, because they had been established Coloured areas before separate development was introduced, compared to an area like Athlone, where the issue was the divorcing of an area from an existing local authority.

He said it was essential, if local autonomy was introduced, for an area such as Athlone that the adjoining White industrial and business complexes should be included in that area.

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All-race status refused to city restaurant

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LUIGI Restaurant has been refused international status for this year, making the Nico Malan Opera House the only Cape Town restaurant able to accommodate people of all races without obtaining permission for individual cases.

Besides the Nico Malan, Luigi of Woodstock was the only restaurant in Cape Town to apply for international status.

Mr Luigi Scaglia said today his application had been turned down 'because they reckoned that they preferred to give international status for the time being only to hotels.'

A similar application by a Durban restaurant had also been refused last year, he added.

Mr Scaglia said when customers booked a table for a racially mixed or a coloured party, he had to telephone or telegraph Pretoria for permission to serve the party.

To date, this permission had always been granted.

PRETORIA CALL

'If they book even an hour in advance, it is enough time for us to phone Pretoria for a permit.

'The embarrassment comes when people just come in and we have to tell them to wait and we can't offer them a drink while we try to get hold of Pretoria.

'Sometimes I am too busy to try, and I have to tell them we are full,' Mr Scaglia said.

Mixed buses: Most are in favour

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Staff Reporter

MOST City Councillors are in favour of the quiet transformation which has been taking place on Cape Town buses.

Bus apartheid has been silently dropping off in Cape Town during the past three weeks — so silently that several councillors have not even noticed it.

"I'm a bit out of touch with the bus move. The mayoress and I have not caught a bus in four years," confessed the Mayor, Mr John Ivers, yesterday.

But there is no problem in it at all, except when you get a real building worker with dirty clothes who might sit next to a smartly-dressed person."

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Ted Mauerberger, said: "I have not travelled in a bus for some while, so I am not in a position to judge if there is any change.

"It's the sort of thing that will play itself out according to citizen demand. My personal view is that of no objection if it (apartheid on buses) is done away with — provided there is no friction."

Mr W J Peters, councillor for Ward Three, has not been on a bus for 15 years, said: "All I can say is that some of my ratepayers, especially the older ones, would regret it if we went back to the old way (mixing). They fear that they might be attacked or robbed."

Mrs A C Beyer, councillor for Ward 10, said she had not commuted by bus for years.

Had to come

"I suppose mixing on the buses had to come. I think I would say I am in favour of it," she said.

"I am not a bus commuter myself, but mixing on the buses is obviously good for race relations," Dr I T Sonnenberg, councillor for Ward Two, said. "It's how it was when I grew up.

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We want a better deal ratepayers tell councillor

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EAST LONDON — A total of R14 million was needed to tar all untarred roads in the local municipal area

This figure was quoted by a city councillor, Mr R. de Lange (jnr), at a meeting of Ward One ratepayers where he was in the "hot seat" this week, answering questions on topics ranging from the poor condition of roads to rates and taxes.

He told the meeting of about 20 ratepayers that the tarring of Penzance Road alone would cost more than R60 000.

One ratepayer said: "We need a better deal this side of the river."

He was referring to Ward One which includes West Bank, Sunnyridge, Greenfields, Rosemount and Willow Park.

Another ratepayer asked Mr De Lange how much time he spent in the area and what the city council was doing to improve their lot

"I challenge anyone to do more for your ward than is being done now," replied Mr De Lange.

He said city councillors could do nothing constructive if they did not know what was going on.

This was why ratepayers should notify their councillors when they had a complaint.

"All it requires is picking up a telephone," he said.

The subject of prostitution in the harbour area of the West Bank was discussed briefly.

Mr De Lange said there was nothing much that could be done about that situation.

He promised to bring ratepayers' grievances before the city council. — DDR

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City to get R5-m under 'minimum' for housing

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THE Cape Town City Council's allocation from the National Housing Fund for the current year will be R5-million less than the City Engineer, Mr J. G. Brand, has estimated as the minimum requirement.

The council's executive committee heard yesterday that the allocation would total R35 567 451 instead of the R40 653 902 which Mr Brand had estimated they would need, even with cutbacks.

Mr Brand said yesterday that the effect would not be serious. Some work had gone more slowly than expected, and estimates had been pared to keep the budget within the allocated figure.

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Town Clerk appeals: don't dump rubble

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EAST LONDON — The Beacon Bay Town Clerk has issued an appeal to all residents to stop dumping rubble and garden refuse about the town.

Mr P. Gerber said he and other officials were concerned about the amount of illegal and unauthorised dumping of rubble and refuse on vacant erven and open spaces.

He said that while appeals had been made previously to residents to stop this practice, and while warnings were constantly being sounded, in many instances the effect was "abuse from the offending party".

Mr Gerber said such a state of affairs could no longer be allowed to continue, and pointed out that a municipal removal service was rendered to residents at a very nominal charge

The Town Clerk in his report before council said while he did not require council's sanction to prosecute offenders, he was reluctant to "resort to such drastic action" because a resident might be unaware that his gardener was committing an offence. A prosecution and conviction placed an additional financial burden on such persons when everybody was scraping the bottom of the barrel

Mr Gerber said the appeal was a last attempt to obtain the co-operation of all residents, but that a concerted effort would be made to prosecute offenders in future

The unauthorised dumping of rubble and refuse carries fines of up to R40 — DDR

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Park open to all

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EAST LONDON — The council has agreed that the beachfront amusement park be open to all races

Three councillors — J Orpen, J Bezuidenhout and E Kemp — voted against the siting at Marine Park

They all asked that their dissenting votes be recorded when an application by Empire Amusement Parks for use of the park in February and March next year came before council — DDR

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Selborne opening

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EAST LONDON — The Administrator of the Cape, Dr Munnik, will officially open the new buildings at Selborne College here on August 11.

The opening will take place at 11 a m and a full programme has been arranged for the rest of that day

From August 3 an English "week" will be held at the school, with visiting guest lecturer Mr John van Wiengaad of Natal University

Students will also present a play which will be analysed and discussed during the week

The play, Fight at Finnsburg, is by the late W Manson, formerly of St Andrew's College, Wits and Natal University, who was killed in a motorcycle accident — DDR

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Campers' costs up

EAST LONDON — Caravanners and campers at the Eastern Beach Caravan Park who use the 32 volt electric light leads will have to pay more for the service from Monday

The city council has agreed to increase the hire of the electric light leads from 30 cents to 35 cents a day or from R1,75 a week to R2,25 a week — DDR

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MR LAYCOCK

Optician Laycock dies

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EAST LONDON — A former East London optometrist, Mr Des Laycock, collapsed and died in Cape Town on Wednesday evening

Mr Laycock, 50, and his wife Gillian, left East London three months ago for Cape Town where they had planned to retire

A keen antique and yellow-wood collector, Mr Laycock had bought an old Cape Dutch-styled cottage in Newlands, which he and his wife were busy restoring to house their collector's pieces

Born in East London, Mr Laycock attended Selborne College and after matriculating studied optometry at an English university.

He returned to East London and went into practice with his father and later opened his own optometry business here

Mr Laycock also served on the East London City Council and was well known for his services as an active member of the East London Dramatic Club.

He was also a regular tennis and squash player at the Old Selbornian Club

Mr Laycock is the father of two married children, Tony and Christine.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalised — DDR

N. Mercury 29/7/77

Blind girl tops

WORCESTER — Tanya Peche, head girl of the school for the blind here, scored top marks for mercantile law in the National Senior Certificate examinations at the end of 1976. Candidates from throughout the Republic entered for the exam. — (Sapa)

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Bid to cut living costs in East London area

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EAST LONDON — In a bid to cut the cost of living and, at the same time be able to stay in business against competition from major supermarkets, the area's "small" shopkeepers have got together to form the East London Shopkeepers' Association

Chairman of the committee of eight is Mr John Petrelis, of Nahoon, with Mrs M Manthe (Beacon Bay) secretary, and Mr R Morgan (Greenfields) treasurer

Mr Petrelis said the object of the association was to try to bring pressure to bear on suppliers to allow the "small" shopkeepers similar discounts to those given automatically to the bigger supermarkets.

"We have 50 members at present, and we are confident that by the end of this month it will be 100 From there we expect to reach a membership of 200 or more within a short time

"At present there are some articles that we, as buyers, can get from some of the supermarkets at a lower price than we must pay for them from the suppliers

"The small shopkeeper has a major role to play in the economy, but if he is driven out of business it will leave the way clear for the "big boys" to dictate to the public

"The intention is that with better buying discounts we can pass on savings to the public and compete fairly in the open market

"If the local catering trade (cafes, restaurants and boarding houses are interested, it will probably be possible for them to join our association and enjoy the benefits of cheaper buying

"Suppliers will be given the names of our members and asked to co-operate Some already approached have signified their willingness to co-operate. ALL small shopkeepers will be eligible to join, representing all sections of the community, and we have already received an indication of strong support among the various population groups "

A few years ago a similar scheme was started in Port Elizabeth, which has grown to the extent that the association there now owns its own warehouse, does full bulk-buying on behalf of its members, and also owns a bottling plant.

This is not the immediate intention of the East London association, but it has not been ruled out should it become necessary to achieve the aims of the members.

Mr Petrelis emphasised that the improved discounts received from the suppliers would be passed on to the customers.

– BUSINESS EDITOR

A full minute of the proceedings will be circulated to all members in due course.

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President warns on staff disputes

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THE president of the Association of Divisional Councils, Mr R L de Lange, said yesterday that if a divisional council has a dispute with its staff it could be left without a single person to prepare its case for arbitration because all the employees would be on the other side

He said in his annual report that the position was "cumbersome, untenable and grossly unfair to local authorities as employers"

Mr De Lange said in most cases every member of the staff of a local authority from the top to the bottom was a member of the SA Association of Municipal Employees

If a council decided to refuse unreasonable demands by SAAME the matter would go to arbitration and the council, without any administratrative help, would be like a ship without a rudder

The chief administrative officer (the secretary of a divisional council or the town clerk) was the official who would formulate the council's stand against the union and his own salary had to be approved by the administrator

But Mr De Lange pointed out that there was nothing in law to stop this officer from becoming a member of the union and that he could not be expected to take an opposing view to the claims of the staff

The operations of local authorities were complicated and no arbitrator could know or locate (without the guidance of officials who are on the opposite side) the resolutions and decisions vital in the preparation of the council's case

His personal view was that divisional councils should be excluded from the provisions of the Industrial Conciliation Act under which the parties went to arbitration.

Disputes between a council and its staff could be settled by the administrator and the executive committee

Cut down, councils told

Dr L A P A Munnik

DR L A P A MUNNIK, Administrator of the Cape, yesterday warned divisional councils that "it would be necessary to continue with the reduction of capital works and all other expenditure".

He was opening the congress of the Association of Dividional Councils at George. Dr Munnik said the reduced road-building activities "may create surpluses in staff and equipment" and steps should be taken to prevent unreasonable hardship

"Where staff units become surplus to requirements as a result of the reduction of work" the provincial roads engineer would assist by employing these people elsewhere if possible

He told councils authorized to go ahead with capital works that no increase in their capital spending could be entertained at present

Council will be asked to support foundation's code

THE CITY COUNCIL will be asked to support the Urban Foundation's code of employment practices at its monthly meeting in the City Hall today.

The council will also be asked to reaffirm its opposition to the forces of racial discrimination.

The request is one contained in a motion that will be put by Mr A H Hood in consideration of the Utilities and Work Committee.

The motion is that the resolution should be forwarded as a statement of council policy to the Cape Town Municipal Service Commission, the heads of all departments and the local branch of SA Municipal Employees' Association and the Municipal Workers' Association.

The code of employment practices was drawn up by the Urban Foundation, the SA Employers' Consultative Committee on Labour Relations, the directors of the Confederation of Labour, Mr Harry Lewis, head of the Coloured Labour Commission, and representatives of the Coloured Labour Preferential Area Committee and the Coloured Labour Preferential Area Employers' Association.

Council backs Foundation's job code

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Cape Times 21/12/77

THE CITY COUNCIL decided without a dissenting vote to support the Urban Foundation's code of employment practices at its monthly meeting yesterday.

But the decision was taken only after an amendment proposed by Mr J S Rabinowitz, that preference should be given to men who had served on the border, was defeated

The original motion, introduced by Mr A H Honikman, chairman of the Utilities and Works Committee, also called on the council to reaffirm its opposition to all forms of racial discrimination

Mr Honikman said he saw the code as a first step towards the removal of all racial discrimination and job reservation

Example

He hoped every other municipality in the country would follow the example set by Cape Town and support the code of employment practices which was drawn up by the Urban Foundation and the SA Employers' Consultative Committee on Labour Affairs earlier this month

Seconding the motion, Mr Len Kendal said the private sector should go even further by laying down minimum wage scales that were realistic

He believed the Railways paid R200 a month to labourers and this he considered a fair and just wage

Mr John Tyers, a former mayor and the new MPC for Simonstown, said he would vote against the motion because he considered it completely unnecessary.

Sympathy

He had always had the greatest sympathy for the sentiments in the motion and but now "all our youngsters who are physically fit do national service"

The amendment was defeated with only Mr Rabinowitz, Mr Tyers and Mr W C Steyl supporting it These councillors did not vote when the main motion was put to the council

he could not see why the council had to reaffirm its policy

Mr Rabinowitz moved an amendment to add the proviso that "preference always be given to men who had served on the border"

He said he spoke as an ex-serviceman who had returned after the war to find that some people had "grown fat" while he was away

His amendment was seconded by Mr Tyers

Mr Tian van der Merwe, the new MP for Green Point, said the motion concerned the removal of racial discrimination and the issue should not be clouded.

Regret

It was a matter of regret that there should be reservations about supporting the motion, he said

Mrs Joan Kantey said it was "never out of place to reaffirm something you believe in"

The motion had been put in a spirit of co-operation and to oppose it would be a breach of faith.

"Anybody who has some kind of feeling for people will support this and not try to undermine it"

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee, said the question of service on the border was a separate issue

Mr Emil Riese, chairman of the Amenities Committee, said there had been a case for giving preference to ex-servicemen after World War II as they had been volunteers

Cape Times 22/12/77

City policy: Best man for the job

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THE City Council's policy has always been "the best man for the job" and its decision this week to accept the Urban Foundation's code of employment practices will not bring about any changes, the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said yesterday.

He said that all staff were treated equally and that the council had only one grading schedule and only one set of conditions of service

Mr Heugh pointed out that the municipality employed several coloured people in professional jobs and in the electricity department there were many coloured men in charge of depots and who earned up to R10 000 a year

Reservation

The only jobs affected by job reservation were those of traffic officers, firemen and ambulancemen but even here there has been some relaxation and the council had been given certain exemptions

Mr Heugh said the council had given evidence recently to the industrial tribunal investigating job reservation and had asked for all these restrictions to be removed

Remuneration

The code of employment practice states that organizations accepting it will strive constantly "for the elimination of discrimination based on race or colour from all aspects of employment practice and to apply this principle in good faith".

The principle will be applied in respect of

- The selection, employment, advancement and promotion of all employees
- The remuneration of employees
- The provision of pensions, medical aid, leave, sick pay, assistance with housing, working conditions and facilities and training programmes.
- The recognition of the basic rights of workers of freedom of association, collective negotiation and "the lawful withholding of labour as a result of industrial disputes, and protection against victimization resulting from the exercise of these rights"

ordinary clothes, except the necktie which is generally alarming, being mostly red, white and blue. There are a few poor fellows who lack even more than collars and ties - one or two who are barely covered. But they are all happy-looking. There is no cold shoulder for the ragged Kafir, but a nod, a handshake or perhaps a joke. All crowd together and pass newspapers and tobacco bags to each other.... The intellectual standard of the meeting is equal to that of any British labour meeting. You are amazed to see a native with a copy of "Nineteenth Century" in his hand, criticising an article by a London bigwig on the South African labour question. [A reference to an article by Sir H.H.Johnston, 'The Native Labour Question in South Africa', published in The Nineteenth Century and After, Vol.52, November 1902.]

the 'enormous success' acheived by the 'Kafirs' in education. There was unstinted praise for secret of their success, Mr. J.D.Petersen told his audience in January 1906 was that 'the east, worked in harmony one with

the plights' - 'just the three points on at a mass And another speaker on the same A.P.O's a common thing to see [the Kafir] the barb it might be, reading either some in the B same thing at his breakfast hour Governme contrast between the great missionary A.P.O. and the coloured mission stations also mor rsen alleged, 'there were not more to point aper and explain its contents.'(23)

Another criticism of the mission schools, as Isaac Dreyer pointed out at another meeting, was that the rules were so strict that the boys were 'like dogs on a chain.' When these young men arrived in town, 'they found they had liberty for the first time in their lives and frequently let it degenerate into licence.'(24) But coloured parents were also to blame. They were in

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too much of a hurry to take their children out of school, a visitor from Calvinia pointed out, so long as their boys could 'pretend to read and write' What did this lead to? - 'the empty-head coloured youth who occupied the whole of the pavement in crowded Plein Street on Saturday night and declined to budge even for women and children while he discussed football and so on.'(25

These were some of the conditions that led to the emergence of what Tobin described as 'enormous numbers of coloured street arabs.' 'Not only did these lads run wild about the streets all day, assaulting and robbing inoffensive ladies and [illegible]

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Water rise: 'Council is selling us down river'

By TONY ROBINSON

LEADING ratepayers have reacted angrily to the City Council's decision, taken in a secret session, to increase the price of water.

The 6,5 percent price rise comes in spite of the fact that the City made R1,3 m profit on water sales last year, and is expecting to make a further R1,3 m on water this year

The decision follows a shock 53 percent increase in the price of water two years ago to pay for the Riviersonderend water scheme

An angry Mr Chris Joubert, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, said the people who put the councillors in office had a right to know how they voted in the council

He disapproved of council secrecy and said the whole question of confidential green paper reports would be aired at a special meeting of the association on November 15

In camera

Mr Abe Katz, chairman of the Ward 17 Ratepayers' Association, said too much was happening in camera

"The councillors get sucked into the municipal bureaucracy and the voice of the ratepayers is not heard in the City Hall," he said Ratepayers had a right to know how their councillors voted

Mr J O'Connor, chairman of the Ward 13 Ratepayers' Association, said a matter like the cost of water should not be handled on green paper "These costs keep going up and the council is selling us down the river," he said

Mr Pete Katz, chairman of the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association said "I don't like it at all" He said the increase might be justified, as costs were rising all the time but, he would be asking his councillors about it and why the matter had been discussed in secret

'Normal practice'

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said it was "normal practice" to discuss the water tariff in committee, as it was part of the council's budgeting procedure

He said the increase might have been thrown out by the council and this would have affected the budget now being compiled by the Executive Committee

Mr Heugh said the council was the largest business in the City and a certain amount of confidentiality was necessary

The City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, said other municipalities in the Cape area which bought water from the council had been told that the bulk rates for water would also be going up These municipalities received water at cost, but the new costs had not yet been worked out They had been advised, however, that provisional estimates indicated that the cost would go up by 4,5 percent

there can be no doubt that together with the Stone the A.P.O. had done much by 1906 to raise the political consciousness of the coloured people.

'Socialism', wrote Wilfred Harrison, one of the veterans of the movement, 'had its beginnings as a propaganda force from the plinth of the Van Riebeck Statue,' which then stood where Dock Road crossed the bottom of Adderley Street.(29) The statue was frequented by 'Labour orators' on Sunday mornings, and provided an ideal meeting ground for men of similar views

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Institution of autonomous local authorities in Coloured areas

307 Dr F VAN Z SLABBERT asked the Minister of Coloured Relations.

(1) What areas in the Cape Province have been selected for investigation by the committee appointed to investigate the institution of autonomous local authorities in Coloured areas,

(2) which of these areas have been investigated to date;

(3) whether the committee has made any recommendations in respect of any areas, if so, (a) what recommendations and (b) in respect of what areas

The MINISTER OF COLOURED RELATIONS

(1) Aliwal North
Beaufort West.
Bellville
Hawston (Caledon)
Ceres
Cradock
De Aar
Despatch
Durbanville
George
Graaff-Reinet
Grahamstown
Cape Town
Kimberley
Kraaifontein
Kuilsriver
Malmesbury
Middelburg, C P
Mossel Bay
Oudtshoorn
Paarl
Parow
Port Elizabeth.
Saldanha.
Stellenbosch
Swellendam
Uitenhage
Upington
Vredenburg
Wellington.
Worcester

(2) The following areas are at present being investigated.
Port Elizabeth.
Bellville.
Worcester
Paarl
Mossel Bay

(3) No

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Loan sought for day care centre

EAST LONDON — The municipal housing section in consultation with the Child Welfare Society has completed a survey to establish the need for a day care centre for pre-school children in Buffalo Flats

A report tabled in the CMC monthly meeting here by the secretary, Mr K C Barichievy, stated a Coloured committee was formed 10 years ago under the chairmanship of Mrs P van der Westhuizen with the object of establishing a centre to meet the needs of the pre-school children in the Municipal economic housing area of Buffalo Flats

"Owing to lack of funds and lack of suitable accommodation, the project had, however, to be abandoned but Mrs Van der Westhuizen in liaison with the East London Society for Early Childhood Education interested a service club in the project as a community service

Arcadia Rotary Club, in collaboration with the East London Child and Family Welfare Society and the East London Society for Early Childhood Education took the matter up, approached the municipality for a suitable site for the establishment of a day care centre, obtained the services of an arthitect to have a plan drawn up and brought the project virtually to the stage where application for a loan to build the centre could be made

"Owing to the fact that the funds of the Department of Community Development were frozen for three years, the project was held in abeyance but as funds are now available, it can be proceeded with," the report stated.

In another letter, the City Treasurer, Mr J Howell, said a properly-conducted sample survey has been undertaken by the Child Welfare Society in consultation with the Town Clerk's Department

The CMC recommended to the City Council that they consider making application to the Department of Community Development for the necessary loan to erect the building — DDR

Rebate on rates for pensioners

9/11/78 DD (263)

EAST LONDON — Subject to the final approval of the East London City Council and the Administrator, pensioners here will receive a 20 per cent rate rebate as from 1980

The rebate will apply for men over 65 and women over 60, who have a total income of less than R200 a month This income includes that of the husband or wife of the pensioner.

The system approved by the council's action committee and which is to be forwarded to the council for final consideration is identical to the one presently in operation in Cape Town.

But before the system comes up for final approval all ratepayers will be sent a circular outlining the proposals and inviting those who qualify for the rebate to apply to participate in the scheme.

The response to this circular will be put before council when they consider the 1980 estimates and rates assessments

The city treasurer, Mr J Howell said yesterday his department would not be sending out the circular at this stage, but would wait until ratepayers had received their 1979 rate accounts in order to avoid confusion

After this a survey will be done and application forms sent out to pensioners on the basis of the results received

Pensioners who qualify for the rebate will have to furnish proof that their income is less than R200 a month

And in addition to the income and age qualifications, only those who own and reside on properties with a single dwelling will be eligible.

Application for the rebate will have to be made on an annual basis before September 30 each year.

Mr Howell warned that it had been impossible to implement the scheme in 1979 and pensioners must not expect to receive the rebate in their next rate account

They should not apply for the rebate until next year after they have received the circular from his department and the necessary application form — DDR

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Transport study cost

(CT 10/11/78) (Q63)

THE cost of completing the metropolitan transport study have rocketed from an estimated R300 000 to more than R535 000 in three years, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, reported to the executive committee yesterday

The study is being done by a firm of consulting engineers and it will provide information for future planning

Mr Brand said the R300 000 had been paid to the consultants by the end of last year. However extra surveys had to be undertaken because of a lack of data and there was a need to investigate a number of alternative systems and policies The cost was now estimated at R535 800 plus the cost of printing the reports

Verwandeln Sie das Objekt in einen Nebensatz mit dem angegebenen Verb.

Beispiel: Man kann an der Adria mit Sonne rechnen - scheinen.
Lösung: Man kann an der Adria damit rechnen, dass die Sonne scheint.

1) Die Reisegesellschaft garantiert die Zufriedenheit des Touristen - sein.
Lösung:

2) Manche Bauern verdienten damals mit Sommergästen - aufnehmen.
Lösung:

3) Wir sprachen von unserem Urlaub in Jugoslawien - verbringen.
Lösung:

4) Der Angestellte beschäftigt sich mit Reiseplänen - ausarbeiten.
Lösung:

5) Die Volkshochschule erwartet die gründliche Vorbereitung der Teilnehmer - sein.
Lösung:

6) Die Erholungssuchenden hoffen auf einen versteckten Winkel - finden.
Lösung:

7) Die Leute haben heute keine Zeit mehr für eine Fremdsprache - lernen.
Lösung:

8) Die Jugend begann mit dem Zelt und Fahrrad - reisen.
Lösung:

9) Heute ziehen manche Leute die Campingplätze vor - übernachten.
Lösung:

10) Die Autofahrer waren stolz auf die vielen Kilometer - fahren.
Lösung:

Beantworten Sie die Frage, die auf die Feststellung folgt:

1) Früher konnten manche Familien ihre Ferien bei der Grossmutter oder bei Verwandten auf dem Bauernhof verbringen.
Frage: Wo konnten früher manche Familien die Ferien verbringen ?
Antwort:

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People 'appear to be eliminated'

Cape Times

A MAJOR mistake had been made when parts of Strand Street and Adderley Street were turned into expressways, Dr Peter Penny, a city property consultant, said yesterday.

Dr Penny was delivering a paper on the economics of the central business area at a symposium in the Good Hope Centre on the central business district

"Can you think of any other city in the world where rapid vehicular traffic has been brought into rather than driven out of the retail core?" he asked

The problem had been compounded by eliminating the pedestrian at surface level "so that Adderley Street approached from the harbour today presents the depressing aspect of a ghost town. The buildings remain, there are limited numbers of cars about, but the people appear to have been elimnated by a neutron bomb"

Another major mistake was the railway station, which Dr Penny said should have been buried so that the commuter could have been delivered into Adderley Street with buildings over the tracks. Instead the station was built on ground level and the people were buried

Dr Penny said it was too late to do anything about the station but "we should at least explore development of retailing on the station frontage and have a jolly good look at getting the pedestrian back on to the surface by cutting down the volume of cars in Strand Street and Adderley Street and the pace at which they move"

"I would like to see Adderley Street again narrowed to what it used to be and shopping brought back in the place where cars hurtle across the tar in our very retail core"

Dr Penny said investigations by his company showed that "as a broad generalization" that to run a store in Adderley Street or Plein Street would cost the retailer up to 20 percent more in rates than to run the same store in the central area of any other South African city

Cape Town was an expensive city to run and it was regulating its financial affairs in an exemplary fashion and expenditure had risen no more rapidly than the cost of living.

He felt that the municipality might be better off if private enterprise took over some of its functions like the abattoir, and even the sale of water

He called for a metropolitan authority to end once and for all the exploitation of the mother city by the suburban municipalities and said the matter deserved dispassionate economic analysis, not political footballing.

CBD seminar
By TONY ROBINSON

Surplus offices 'may be boon'

Cape Times 18/11/78

THE present glut of office and shop space in the centre of Cape Town was the result of "fantastically over-optimistic speculation" and not any real decline in the central business area, Mr J G Brand, the city engineer, said at the symposium yesterday

The surplus of office and shop space "may well prove to be a boon and place the central area in a better position to compete with suburban locations"

The centre of the city was entering a period of unprecedented opportunity for advancement and economic growth The Golden Acre complex would be completed next year and the pedestrian links from the station to shopping area would come into full operation, he said

This, together with the completion of major public projects like the Good Hope Centre and the Civic Centre meant that new cultural, commericial and recreational opportunities would be created to stimulate the city's economy

There were, however, several negative aspects of the central business problem which would have to be removed or their effects minimized These included the negative image projected by commerce and the press, the lack of friendliness and courtesy in shops, air pollution from buses and lorries, the lack of short term parking, the disappearance of cinemas and the absence of night time population

Mr Brand said if serious congestion was to be avoided in future years the number of vehicles would have to be reduced, road space increased or the efficiency with which it is used improved

Private motorists would have to be encouraged to make journeys by other means, preferably by rail

'Return Dist 6' plea by Honikman

AN APPEAL for the return of District Six to the people without regard for colour was made by Mr A H Honikman, chairman of the City Council's utilities and works committee, yesterday at the symposium on the central business district

He said the effect of South Africa's biggest demolitions was far greater than the 20 percent population loss would suggest In addition the central area had been deprived of an important labour pool and was forced to draw from remote areas at heavy transport cost

If the area were returned to the people without regard to colour, life would rapidly be restored to it

"It would create a more balanced economy for the CBD and the City as a whole It would relieve ratepayers throughout the municipal area of much of the burden which government-owned property entails"

The State would be able to recover some of the capital it had invested in the area and relieve the taxpayer of heavy interest commitments

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Adderley St store's sales down, rates up

SALES in a leading Adderley Street department store have dropped by 45 percent during the past seven years while municipal rates and electricity rose by 140 percent.

This point was made by Mr David Bell, managing director of Stuttafords, at yesterday's symposium in the Good Hope Centre on the central business area of the City.

Mr Bell said his own store provided a fair reflection of trading in the centre of the City and if allowance was made for inflation since 1970, sales in real terms had dropped by 45 percent by the end of 1977.

"This means that although the money value of sales has increased we are selling 45 percent fewer units now than eight years ago."

During the same period the number of employees dropped by 25 percent because of reduced business.

He said that in the United States the emphasis had now swung away from new stores in the suburbs to remodelling the downtown stores The modern customer wanted pedestrian malls free from the roar, smell and hazards of vehicles. "It is important to make the city as much a meeting place for the community as the shopping centres have become."

Adderley Street would be the ideal pedestrian mall but was spoiled by Strand Street which effectively cut the City in half. Most office development was on one side of this highway and most shopping and amenities on the other.

Mr Bell said that since 1970 only two of his store's cost factors had increased faster than the consumer price index — property rates and electricity. Rates had increased from one percent of sales in 1970 to 2,2 per cent in 1977.

He said that suburban shopping development appeared to be approaching its limit.

City rates rise 4,9 pc, electricity up by 12 pc

Cape Times 24/10/78

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THE Cape Town City Council decided at its special budget meeting yesterday to increase property rates for next year by 4,9 percent

The increase, which was lower than most councillors feared, comes after a two percent increase last year and a shock 18,4 percent increase the year before

In addition, the council decided to increase electricity tariffs by approximately 12 percent, mainly because of an expected nine percent rise in the Escom tariff next year

At the end of last month the council put up the cost of water by 6,5 percent

The majority of councillors clearly regarded the budget as a good one and only three members voted against it

It was the third budget prepared by Mr Bill Peters, chairman of the Executive Committee, but it was read by the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr Isaac Ospovat, as Mr Peters had an eye complaint which made it impossible for him to read it

The Mayor, Mr Ted Mauerberger, said Mr Peters entered hospital for surgery yesterday

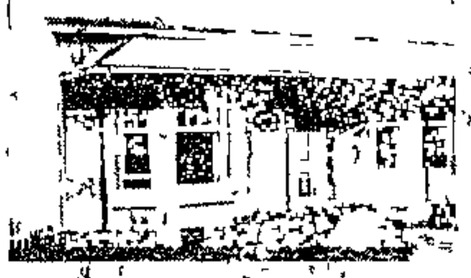
Mr John Muir introduced an ammendment asking the Executive Committee to revise the budget to avoid any increase in rates and also to embark on an economy campaign

However, this motion was ruled out of order by the Mayor as it would have lead to an absurd situation

It was explained during the course of the debate that the budget had to be approved by the council before the end of the month in terms of the Municipal Ordinance. To refer it back to the Executive Committee would necessitate a further council meeting to approve the revised budget, but as 14 days' notice was required for a council meeting, this would be impossible before the end of the month

Several councillors pressed for future budget meetings to take place earlier or for copies of the budget speech to be made available about four days before the meeting

Replying to the debate, Mr Ospovat said it was essential to preserve secrecy, just as the Minister of Finance had to preserve secrecy with his budget If there were no secrecy "we would have 20 ratepayers' associations and other bodies on our necks" He said the budget speech was an explanation of why the rate had to be increased



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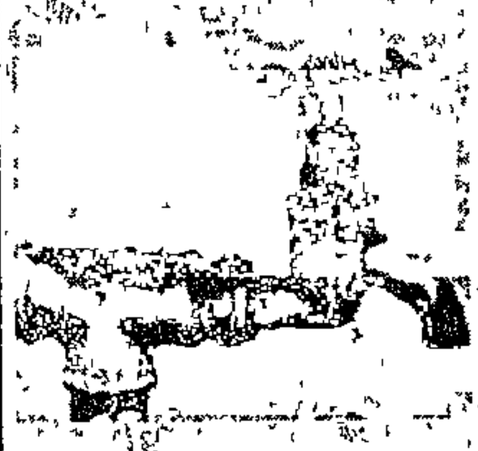

water up 6,5 pc last month

26/11/78 Cape Times

Elevated City freeway favoured

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By TONY ROBINSON

THE CONSULTING engineers retained by the City Council to reassess the controversial Buitengracht Freeway link in the City's ring road system are in favour of an elevated freeway.

There has been criticism of an elevated road by urban conservationists who feel it would have an adverse effect on the historic Lutheran Church complex in Strand Street

Cape Town's City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, says he is in general agreement with the report but has advised the council not to make a decision until the metropolitan transport study has been completed

Mr Brand says he has serious doubts about assumptions made in predicting the traffic growth, as the interim results of the metropolitan study indicate a much slower rate of growth than the consultants assumed.

In the report, released to the press yesterday, the consultants said a ground-level intersection with Strand Street would not have adequate traffic capacity.

It was also found that a depressed freeway would cost R3,54 m more than an elevated freeway.

The report says the visual impact of an elevated freeway on the historic buildings in Strand Street could be softened by moving the freeway structure farther away from the buildings and establishing a buffer screen of trees.

A terminal building in the form of a parking garage and bus station in the blocks bounded by Bree, Shortmarket, Hout and Buitengracht Streets was recommended, even though this would require the demolition of buildings of historic interest, including 90 Bree Street

Another conclusion by the consultants was that it would no longer be necessary to widen Hout Street and Shortmarket Street east of Bree Street as originally proposed

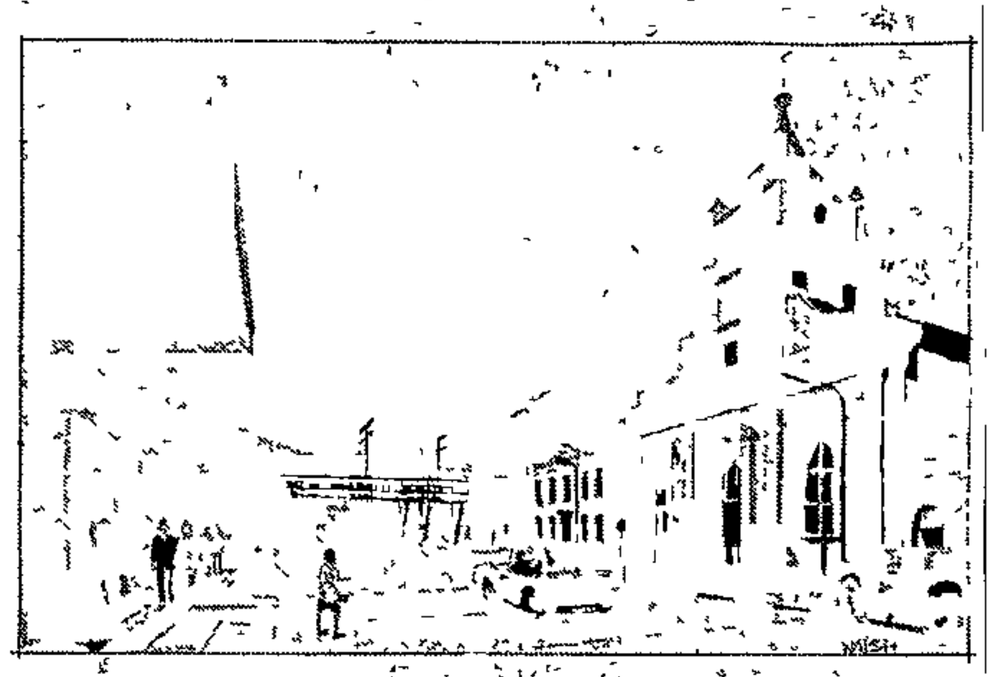
Church, Longmarket and Castle Streets could be converted into pedestrian malls if the Buitengracht freeway was in operation.

The consultants found that no advantage would be gained by building an interim scheme to link Buitengracht Street with the Foreshore Freeway.

Mr Brand says he would like to see changes to some details, but he agrees in principle with the major conclusions.

However, Mr Brand feels that because the growth in traffic will be slower than assumed by the consultants, an interim scheme will be possible.

In his comments to the Executive Committee he says that "an interim scheme to connect Western Boulevard with the elevated viaducts of the Foreshore Freeway as well as the construction of the Buitengracht ground level roads from Port Road to Strand Street and beyond will be established as a desirable first stage development of the Freeway."



The proposed freeway, in red, will cross Strand Street

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was established at Zonnebloem until 1860 but in order to follow this development it is necessary to have some understanding of the founders' vision and to look at the beginnings of the College at Bishop's Court, which set the pattern for the succeeding years.

The College was the realization of the vision of two men: Robert Gray, first Anglican bishop of Cape Town, and Sir George Grey, Governor and High Commissioner of the Cape. When the Bishop came to the Colony in 1848 he found the country in a state of uneasy peace. The Seventh Frontier War had but recently ended and the friction between black and white on the eastern frontier, which had repeatedly flared up into fighting over the previous seventy years, was no nearer being resolved. The failure of successive Governors to end the conflict, either by diplomatic means or by military control, had led to a growing concern to secure lasting peace through educating the Xhosa-speaking people in the Western way of life. But Sir Harry Smith's efforts to promote "Christianity and civilization" by strong-arm tactics were doomed to fail. It was left to Sir George Grey, who took up his post as Governor in December 1854, to implement a policy which aimed at allowing the Government to establish control over the chieffdoms beyond the eastern frontier by gradually winning them over to Western culture. Industrial education was the keystone of this long-term programme of cultural change and the establishment of an industrial institution in Cape Town for the education of the children of leading chiefs and their councillors an integral part of the plan.

Bishop Gray was only too willing to support the Governor's view that the Anglican Church, as the Church of the Government, should be given the oversight of the proposed Kafir College. He was eager to train an African elite for the missionary work of the Church and had already made an unsuccessful attempt to persuade a Xhosa chief to allow his son to be educated at Cape Town. The Bishop grieved that the Anglicans were making such a belated entry into the mission field and it is evident from his extensive plans for the conversion of the heathen that he was intent on making up for lost time. The Church, however, was hampered by a chronic shortage of men and money. It was only as a result of Sir George Grey's aid that they were able to embark on missionary activity on a significant scale.

Although the idea of the Kafir College was inspired by events on the eastern frontier, it was the founders' intention that it should serve a wider purpose and be open to all the tribes with which the Government was coming into contact in Southern and South Central Africa.[1] The

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have been Governor were two seventeen year old sons of Moshesh, Tsekelo and Tlali (later baptized George). Frustrated by the limited schooling available to them in Basutoland, they had run away from home and travelled to Grahamstown in search of higher education. They had eventually landed up at the Methodist mission school at Salem, but were sadly disillusioned when they discovered that they were expected to do manual work. They were on the point of returning home when Sir George heard of their plight and persuaded their father to allow them to come to the Cape. It was a diplomatic move on both sides, for with the deteriorating relations between Boer and Basuto, Moshesh was as anxious as Sir George to foster closer links of friendship between their respective countries.

The arrival of the Basuto princes at Cape Town coincided with the imminent departure of Bishop Gray for England and so they were placed in the Dean's care. But the Governor continued to take a personal interest in his proteges' welfare, providing for all their needs including a manservant and inviting them daily to his home. Tsekelo and Tlali attended a local school with the idea that as soon as they were sufficiently advanced they would be sent to England for higher education. Bishop Gray was instructed to initiate arrangements to send them to St Augustine's, the Anglican Missionary College at Canterbury. They returned home, however, before this plan could be carried out and a younger brother was later sent in their stead. Nonetheless, they were deeply impressed by their experience in Cape Town which included a short stay at the Kafir College. In the words of Tlali, they received "a truly Imperial education" and were shown "in every way, the power and the justice of the British". And, of greater import, these impressions were passed on to their people.

When Sir George again visited the frontier zone at the beginning of 1858, he realized that the time was now ripe to secure pupils for his proposed Kafir Institution. The rebel ringleaders including Maqomo, Xoxo and Umhala, had been exiled to Robben Island and the remaining chiefs, conscious of their vulnerability, were only too anxious to co-operate with the Governor. He undertook to provide for their childrens' needs while at school in Cape Town, and to return them to their homes on completion of their education. He promised that they would be well cared for, and that they would live in Bishop Gray's house - a pledge, incidentally, that was quite unauthorized and horrified the Bishop when he came to hear of

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Rise in rates 'resented'

Cape Times 30/11/78 263

COLOURED people resent the type of rate increases approved this week by the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr David Curry, a CRC executive member said yesterday

He was commenting on the Divisional Council's decision to peg the subsidy to the four management committee areas and the steep increase in rates in some other coloured areas.

Mr Curry said the coloured people had not asked to be moved to the new areas which were developed at high costs

In addition the areas were a long way from town and the industrial areas and the people who could least afford it had to pay extra travelling costs

Coloured areas were hard-hit by the Divisional Council budget this week with increases of 22,7 percent in Grassy Park, 27,9 percent in Matroosfontein, 24,9 percent in Oceanview, 22,4 percent in Belhar, 20,7 percent in Atlantis and 16,4 percent in Elsies River

A senior Divisional Council official explained that the management committee areas were subsidized by more than R1 m a year from the general rate fund

Cape Town alone pays R8 million into this fund

Mr Curry said the coloured people came to the city to work and to spend money and in this way they contributed to the wealth of the city For this reason the subsidies to their areas should be increased and not pegged

Electricity voted for basic houses

Cape Times 1/12/78 (263)

By TONY ROBINSON

THE City Council decided yesterday to provide electrictity in the houses it is building for the very poor at Kalksteenfontein, in spite of an Executive Committee recommendation to the contrary.

The council decision was a triumph for the Athlone Management Committee and Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee, who argued strongly in favour of providing the electricity, even though the extra cost would mean that fewer than the planned 300 houses would be built

Funds for the project have been provided by private firms at very low interest rates and by the SHELTER fund, and the council has matched this on a rand-for-rand basis It is intended to rent the houses for R10 a month

The council's Housing Committee was in favour of supplying the homes with electricity and it was supported by the Athlone and District Management Committee, but the Executive Committee rejected the idea because of the extra cost

Mr Norman Osburn said the days when one could build houses without electricity were past and Mr Frank van der Velde pointed out that if there was no electricity people would use open flames for cooking and lighting, increasing the fire hazard

Mr Emil Riese, chairman of the Amenities and Health Committee, said the basic houses were being built because the council had been refused permission to establish site and service schemes They were for people who had incomes of about R50 a month and they would then have to meet electricty bills of R10 a month The people would be tempted to use the hire-purchase system to buy stoves, refrigerators and television sets Mr Riese emphasized that the houses were to accommodate people in a transitional stage as they moved up from shacks to better houses

Mrs Stott said it was a disgrace that the City was about to build the worst houses in its history "We are talking about permanent houses, not site and service schemes," she said

Mrs Stott argued that electricity was safer, cleaner and cheaper than other forms of lighting or cooking energy and that people could get into debt just as easily buying gas stoves and refrigerators

Mr Isaac Ospovat, acting chairman of the Executive Committee, said that installing electricity would mean that the number of houses would be reduced by one in every seven but it was for the council to make its own decision

The Council decided by 20 votes to 10 in favour of electricity for the houses

8 pc pay rise for Divco staff from next April

Cape Times 12/12/78

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THE Divisional Council of the Cape, at its recent budget meeting held in committee, committed itself to granting an 8 percent increase to staff from April 1 next year.

This was confirmed yesterday by Mr Ivan Hampshire, chairman of the council

The decision was taken within days of a request by the local Association of Municipal Employees for provision to be made in the estimates for a possible pay increase

This was discussed at the budget meeting of the council and it was decided to grant 8 percent Mr Hampshire said it was because of this that the meeting was held behind closed doors

To meet the cost of the salary increase it was decided at the same meeting to increase the general rate for the entire division by 5 percent The meeting was then adjourned so that the estimates could be adjusted.

Mr Stan Faleckie, chairman of the SAAME branch, said he knew about the decision to grant the increase but had not received anything official He did not want to comment or see anything in the press as things were "very tenderly balanced"

The last increase for Divisional Council staff was in March this year when a 5 percent pay rise was granted

Usually pay rises take months to negotiate and sometimes claims go to arbitration before they are settled, but the Divisional Council agreed to the pay rise before it had even received a specific demand from SAAME

City Council employees are pressing for a 26 percent increase through SAAME but so far the council's executive committee has not responded to the demand The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association is also pressing for a four-notch pay rise

Cape Times 12/2/79

What do I get for my rates?

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ONE of the questions which ratepayers ask with great determination is: "What do I get for my rates?"

It's a good question, so I put it to Mr Bill Peters, chairman of the City Council's executive committee

"Ask the town clerk," he said "He's the chief administrative officer and he has all the answers"

But the Town Clerk, Mr H G Keough, referred me to the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, who has given the question some special attention and produced diagrams to show where the money comes from and where it goes. The diagrams are reproduced here

In addition, the treasurer supplied a facts sheet which gives the bare bones of the City's estimated operating expenditure for the present year.

During 1979 a total of R218 000 will be spent, and the largest single item on the list is "staff costs", which comes to R63 million, or 29 percent of the total

Then comes interest and redemption payments of R62 million (28 percent) and the electricity supply, R41 million (19 percent), spent on buying power from Escom, coal and fuel oils

A total of R37 million (17 percent) will be spent on sundry items such as stores, materials, electricity, water, telephones, fuel, stationery and maintenance Furthermore, there is a R15 million (7 percent) contribution to the capital development and reserve funds

However, the major trading undertakings such as the electricity supply, water and the abattoir are self-supporting and, in fact, make a profit and contribute 10 percent, or about R9 million, to the income that goes to provide the general services for the City

The first of the three circles (above right) presents the picture of the municipal expenditure, excluding the trading undertakings The second circle (centre right) shows where the income comes from, and the third circle (below right) shows what happens to the actual portion of the municipal income (R50,4 million) that comes in the form of property rates.

An important point to note is that the 7 percent attributed to administration and finance does not tell the full story, for administration charges are built into the costs attributed to the various departments

The 14 percent attributed to amenities, for instance, includes the cost of administering the parks and forests, as well as bathing amenities And the same goes for the other departments such as the fire brigade and the traffic department

So if you want to count the cost of pushing pieces of paper round in the great municipal bureaucracy in the service of Parkinson's Law, the figures quoted here will not be of much help That's a problem that deserves a separate study.

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THE hypermarket that is being planned for Constantia is going to make a considerable impact on the neighbouring City Council area, particularly Wynberg and Plumstead, yet it seems that the City Council may not have to be consulted.

The site, which is in the Divisional Council area, is zoned commercial, and that's that.

But the vast majority of customers will come from the City Council area, and they will travel on City Council streets and roads to get there. Mr Raymond Ackerman estimates that 60 percent of the customers will come over the Blue Route or Van der Stel Freeway, but what of the others?

It is certain that hundreds of customers will approach the hypermarket along routes such as Wetton Road, Ottery Road and Southfield Road. All these roads feed into the Main Road through Wynberg and Plumstead From there on the traffic will have to filter through the existing street system.

Part of this system is old and there are already traffic problems in Wynberg, particularly on a Saturday morning What will conditions be like in Main Road, Church Street, in the historic Chelsea Village near Maynardville, and near Victoria Hospital, at the end of every month?

The City Council must be given an opportunity to comment before the hypermarket proposals are approved.

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Mr L R Dickson, a former manager of City Tramways, will lecture (with slides) on what pedestrianization has done for the central business districts of other cities at a meeting of the South African Property Owners' Association at the Mount Nelson Hotel at 5 pm tomorrow.

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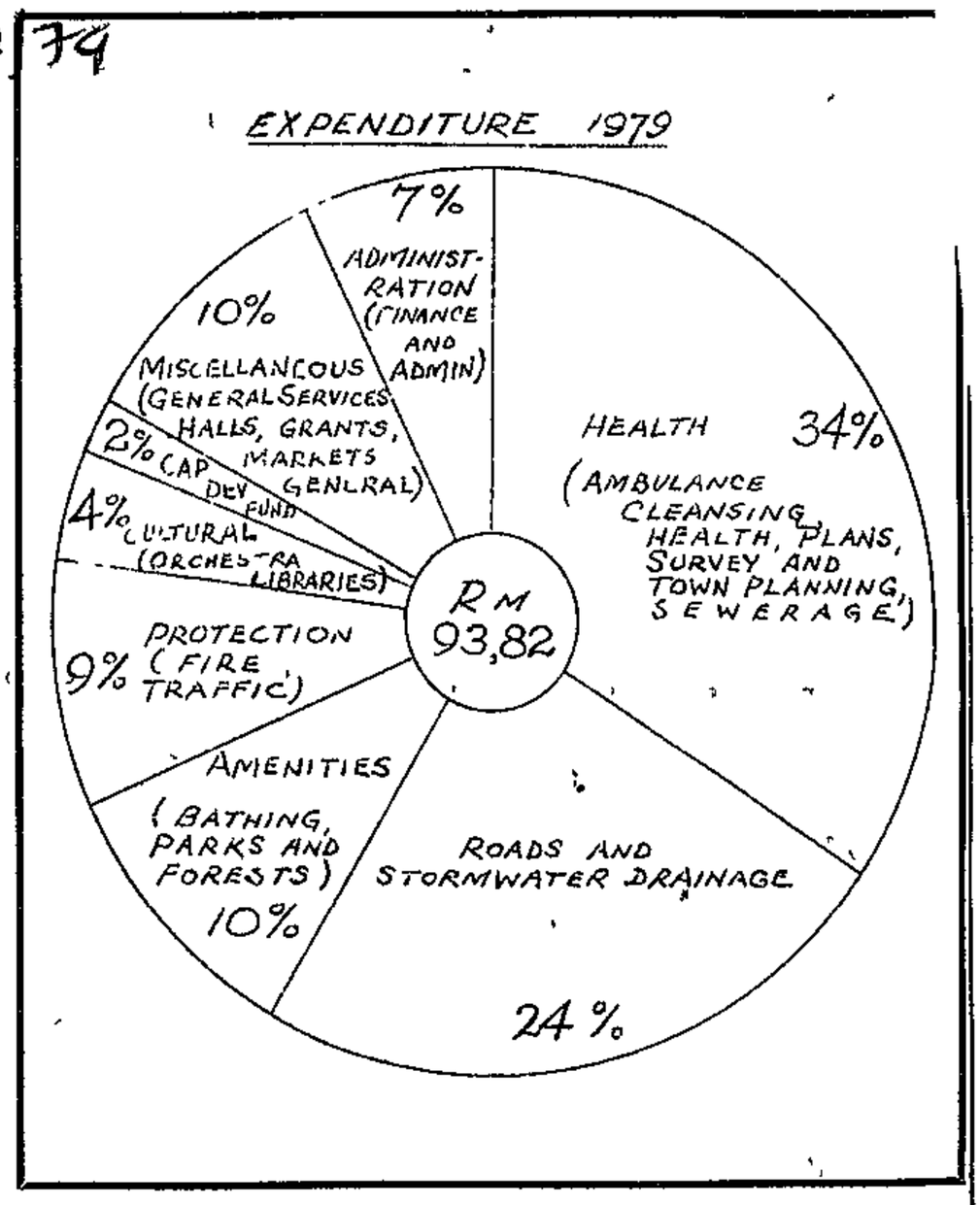
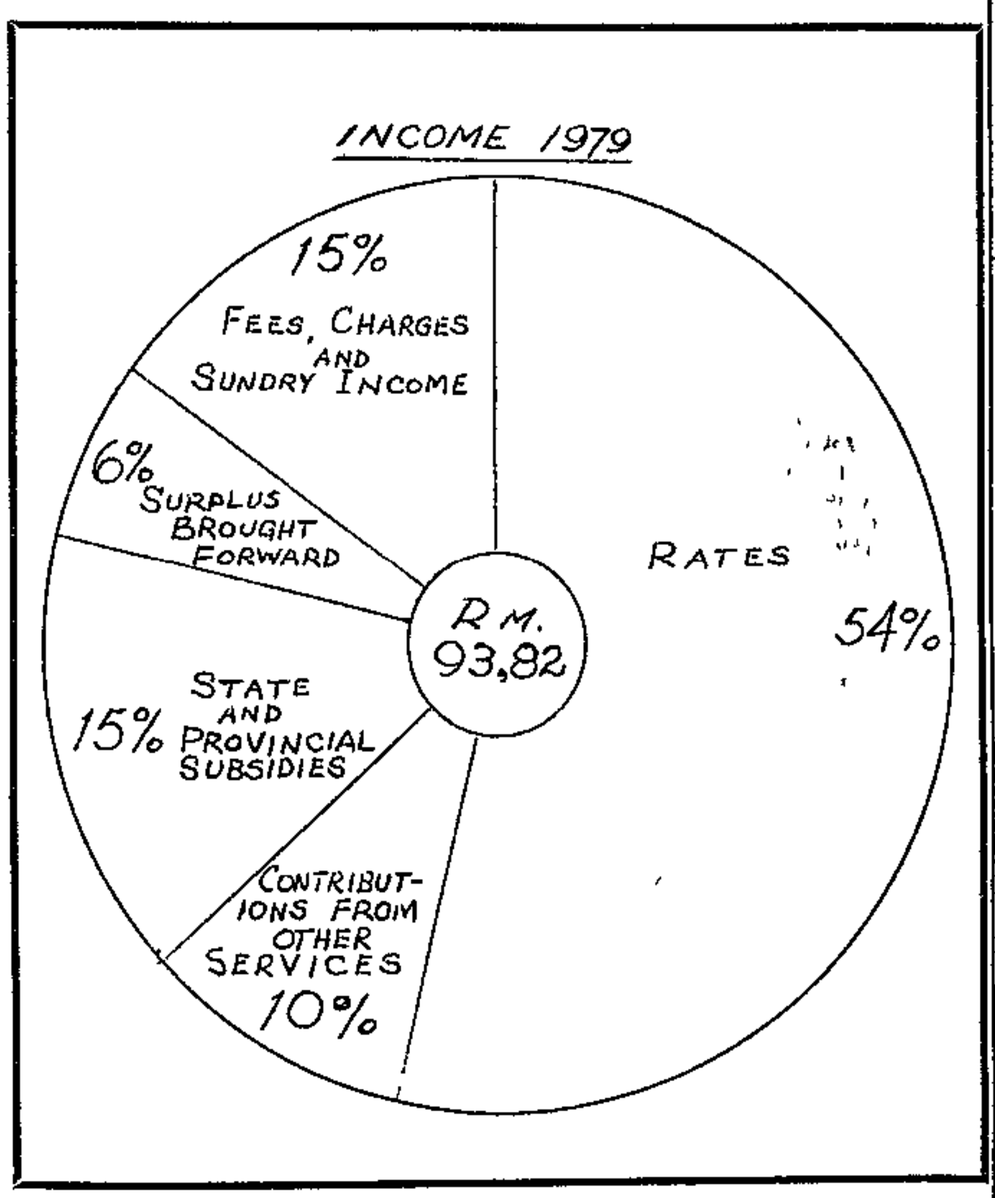
The annual general meeting of the Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association takes place on Wednesday at 8 pm in the Southfield Civic Centre

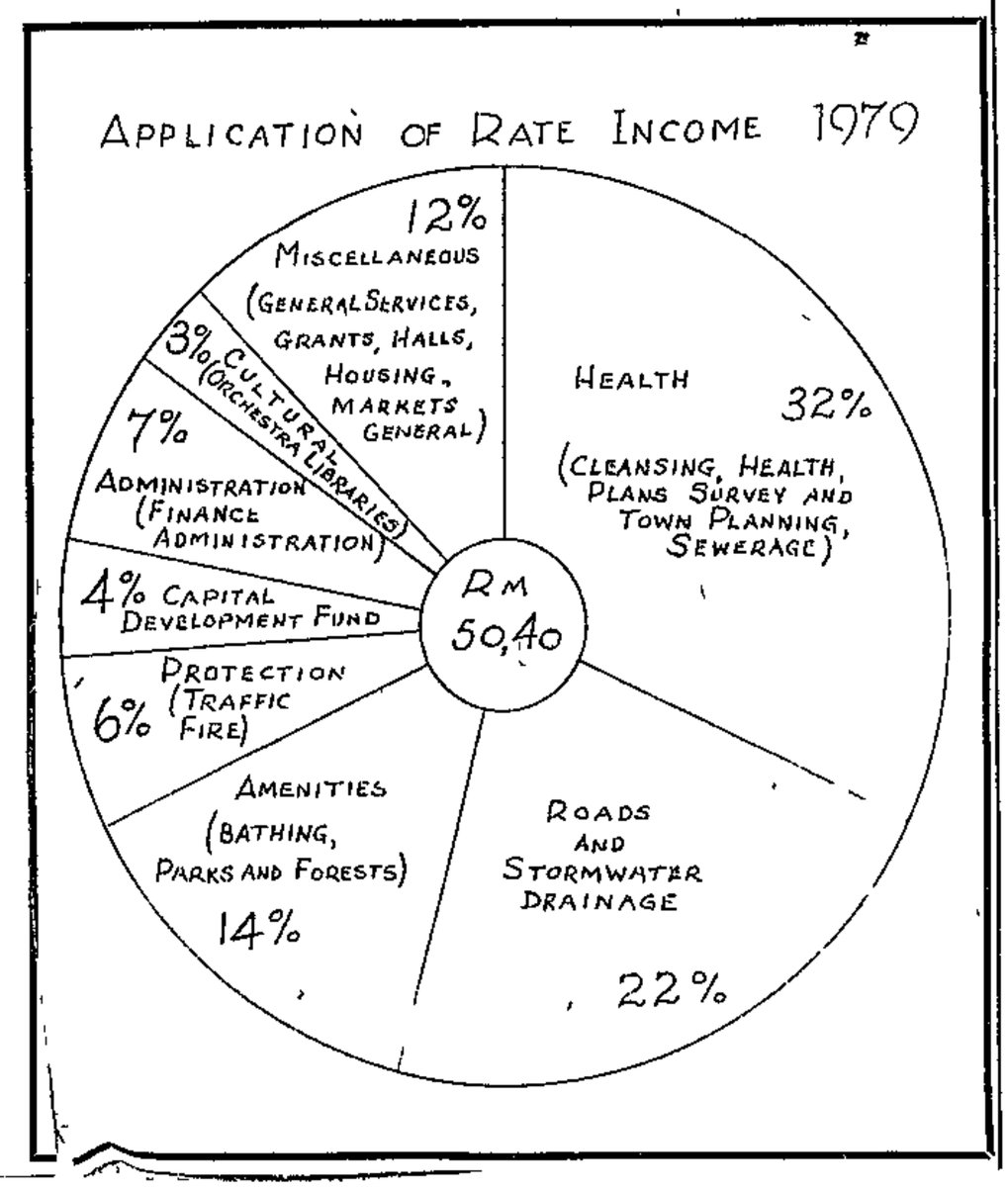
CIVIC DIARY

By

TONY ROBINSON







C. Times 22/12/78

City signs R7m deal

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THE Cape Town City Council yesterday signed a R7 260 000 contract with Siemens Ltd for the supply, delivery, building and commissioning of four 140 000 volt switchboards at the Steenbras Dam hydro-electric station.

The official signing of the contract was done by the Mayor, Mr Ted Mauerberger, and the deputy chief executive of Siemens, Mr H G R Linder, in the City Hall

The new switchboards will serve Mitchells Plain, Philippi and Athlone and are of the most technically-advanced types in the world

About 40 percent of it being manufactured at the Siemens factory at Sparton, Transvaal, while the rest is being imported from the Berlin works

Installation is well advanced.

(263) Cape Times 22/12/78

Council now pulverizes garbage

Staff Reporter

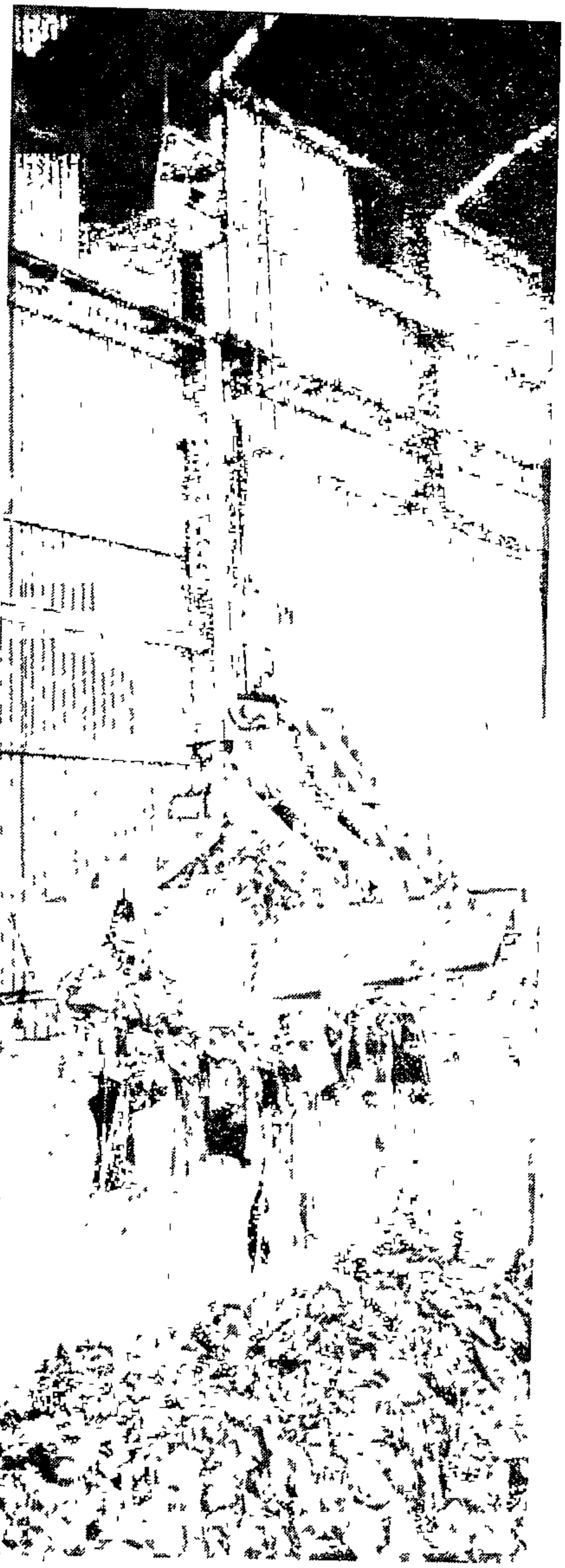
THE Cape City Council has introduced a new system of garbage disposal in which garbage is pulverized, replacing the old system of disposal by landfilling.

A pulverization station in Athlone is in operation

The new system has been introduced in order to prevent the pollution of the subterrannean water of the Cape Flats which could in time become Cape Town's water supply

At the Athlone plant, raw refuse is reduced to uniformity, compacted into bulk haulage vehicles and taken to Swartklip for further disposal or processing.

The plant, which is the first of its kind, has a capacity of 100 tons per hour and will open up possibilities for the recycling of non-degradable materials such as plastics.



A mechanical crane deposits garbage for pulverization at the new Athlone pulverization station.

A conveyor belt transports reduced garbage from a pulverizer to a compactor

Cape Times 23/12/78

City council signs R13 m water scheme contract

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A CONTRACT for R13 million, part of the R60 million Rivier-sonderend Water Augmentation Scheme, was signed by Cape Town city council yesterday

The main signatories were the Mayor, Mr Ted Mauerberger, and Mr A A Pitt, group deputy director of LTA Construction Ltd

The R13 million is for the construction of the Blackheath Water treatment plant which will supply an additional 227 megalitres of water a day on average for the city and the 17 surrounding dependant local authorities

Work on the plant will start immediately after the builders holidays in January and it will be sited on the farm Gletwyn about three km from Blackheath station The plant will be capable of treating a peak daily demand of 360 megalitres

Water for the plant will be provided by the government from a tunnel outlet on Stellenbosch Mountain The water will be conveyed under gravity by means of a 17 km pipeline

The R13 million contract was awarded to LTA with Biwater Africa as the sub-contractor for mechanical and electrical installation By the time the project is completed, the final cost of the plant will be closer to R15 million, according to the city engineer

Cape Times 29/12/78. (263)

1978 REVIEW — THE CITY COUNCIL

Sound start — then came the problems

IN January last year the City Council launched an imaginative plan to boost tourism to the city with the formation of Captour (Cape Tourism Authority) which absorbed the publicity association, took over the running of the regular Cape Town festivals and the promotion of Good Hope Centre.

By TONY ROBINSON

It was the result of an investigation by a special committee under Mr David Bloomberg, a former mayor of the city The City Council contribution to the project was set at R200 000 a year, of which R50 000 was allocated for the marketing of the huge but under-used Good Hope Centre

But while the year got off to a positive start problems were experienced on the city's beaches and there were calls for action from city ratepayers associations There were wrangles over beach apartheid and calls were made to the city to do something to stop beaches being taken over by hooligans

Most councillors and community leaders said they believed the problem was a social one and not political The City Council's Executive Committee (Exco) turned its attention to the possible establishment of a "law and order" force to control the situation on the beaches

Towards the end of the year a decision had been taken to build up the city force of beach constables to full strength

There was disappointment at the end of January when the council's housing committee decided that it could not continue with the restoration of the historic Malay quarter as the cost of the work was too high

The Good Hope Centre completed its first six months in February and Exco was told that huge hall under the barrel-vaulted dome had already stood empty for about 130 days

In March came the announcement that yet another Muizenberg Hotel, the Rio Grande, had been sold and was about to become a home for the elderly It was reported to be the 11th hotel in Muizenberg to close down in about 10 years

In the same month new legislation was published for the reorganization of fire brigades and an improvement in their standards It also provided for a 50 percent subsidy

Dog fight

March also marked the start of a dog fight when legislation was published providing for huge increases dog licence fees and harsh penalties for failing to licence the animals

A symposium on municipal rating sytems organized by two enterprizing city councillors, Mr Sol Kreiner and Mr Frank van der Velde MPC caused a sensation when a professor of economics from Wits University showed that Cape Town homeowners were paying the highest rates in the country — 44 percent more than their counterparts in Johannesburg or Durban

Cape Town's City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, disputed the professor's conclusions, recalculated the Cape Town rates on the sample property and deducted the Divisional Council rates (despite the fact that they are part of the rate burdons that were being compared) but still came to the conclusion that rates were highest in Cape Town

In May the Minister of Community Development, Mr. Marais Steyn, announced a R9 million plan to stimulate development in District Six but this came in for strong criticism as it involved moving more than 500 coloured families from their homes in the Bloemhof flat complex to a new development planned for the Athlone golf course

It also called for the renovation of the Fawley Terrace flats below De Waal Drive and this involved moving dozens of white families from the buildings

The City Council came out strongly against the golf course housing scheme and rejected a Community Development request to build the houses It also refused to sell the land to the department

The Divisional Council of the Cape came in for some strong criticism over its decision to build flats and maisonettes in Sun Valley The project cost department to continue selling the homes

Later in the year the firm reported that it was succeeding in its efforts to market the houses and Mr Bill Peters, the chairman of the executive announced in his budget speech that 5 000 houses had been sold but the sales appear to have made little impact on the waiting list for renting houses

At the end of June the roof-wetting ceremony for the huge Golden Acre project took place It is hoped that this complex will play a decisive role in R1,5 million and the council was not able to produce evidence of the demand for the homes , The Department of Community Development said there was no general shortage of housing for whites in the Peninsula and the local ratepayers objected to the flats

In June the City Council negotiated an unprecedented deal with a company still being formed to give it the exclusive right to sell houses at Mitchells Plain The houses are being produced at the rate of about 700 a month

Commission of between R90 and R100 a house was to be paid to the firm and the city reserved the right for its housing bringing new vitality to the centre of the city

July saw the Department of Planning investigating possible changes in the group area status of parts of Woodstock and Salt River

Two city councillors Mr Sol Kreiner and Mr Tom Walters, took the lead in organizing protests against the proposed changes and the way in which the matter was being handled Only two small advertisements were placed in local newspapers to advise the people affected that changes were being contemplated

A public meeting was called and the hundreds who attended called for the area to be declared open to all The call was echoed by the City Council

So far there is no indication of a decision on the area by the Pretoria planners

In August a ceremony was held to mark the completion of the first 30 starter houses built by SHELTER at Valhalla Park

The municipal elections in September produced few surprises and the four contests in the city's 17 wards resulted in one new councillor, Mr Clive Keegan and the return of a former councillor, Mr A L J Powell Other new faces were Mr Rupert Hurly MPC and Mr P R J Muller who were elected unopposed

The 34 councillors elected the same executive committee — Mr Bill Peters, Mr Isaac Ospovat, Mr Alf Honikman, Mrs Eulalie Stott and Mr Emil Riese

September also saw Whites Only signs come down on a stretch of beach west of Zeekoevlei and the new concept of "unallocated beaches" followed soon after Unallocated beaches are in fact open beaches

The former city engineer, Dr Solly Morris, accused the city's executive hierarchy of lacking the drive, courage, determination and enthusiasm to implement a major plan to revitalize the city

Underground

A major symposium on the central business district produced some strong criticism of the City Council and in particular the way in which it had driven pedestrians underground while surface roads like Strand Street had been converted into expressways

The symposium revealed the deep concern of businessmen and property developers about the situation in the CBD and the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand said he expected 19 percent of city centre offices to stand empty once the Golden Acre complex and the new Civic Centre were completed This, he said was the result of "fantastically over-optimistic speculation" and not to a decline in the CBD

Mr Brand did however produce evidence to show that things were not as bad as businessmen believed and the result of the symposium was a decision to form a CBD association to work for the revitalization of the city centre

November also saw the regular series of of municicipal price hikes with water going up by 6,5 percent, electricity by 12 percent and rates went up by a fraction under five percent The Divisional Council's general rate went up by five percent but in some areas, particularly the management committee areas and Constantia the rise was considerably steeper

Towards the end of the month the consulting engineer's report on the Buitengracht Freeway was released It recommended an elevated viaduct for the intersection with Strand Street but the City Engineer was not satisfied with some of the assumptions on which the traffic study was based as later information indicated a much slower growth in traffic volume He asked for an addendum to the report on the possibility of an interim solution to the problem

This freeway project came in for fierce criticism and some beligerant replies during December It will come before the council next year and it is likely to be the subject of considerable controversy for many months and possibly years

Mr Neville Dowman, an Athlone bricklayer, adds another cement brick to one of the "starter" houses at Valhalla Park, in the SHELTER fund's pilot housing scheme for squatter relief A ceremony to celebrate the completion of the first 30 houses was held in August

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Clandestine tour of the civic centre

Property Editor

THE security wall surrounding the R51-million Cape Town Civic Centre was breached this week when an Argus reporter walked through the open gates and toured the nearly completed building. No Press or public visits have been allowed till now.

Completion of the centre has been delayed to the end of April and council staff are expected to move into the building in June.

But the major work is complete while on some floors office suites are ready

In November, the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said that there would be no Press tours of the complex until completion. The architects were against any tour and opposed any interim newspaper reports on the building as there was a danger 'people would get the wrong impression.'

Tours would be allowed when the architects felt the building was ready for inspection.

OPEN GATES

Instructions were given to the contractors, Murray and Stewart, not to allow anyone on the site without permission from the Town Clerk.

However, this week an Argus reporter walked through open gates to tour the building and talk to sub-contractors

As the bank of 10 lifts is not yet operational you have to walk up 24 flights of stairs to see the magnificent view from the top of the centre.

On the lower level, the building has huge, rather barren malls and granite, concrete and rubber covered ramps.

MONTAGES

At various places tile montages cover the towering walls.

As you climb higher into the building you enter a fairly complete world of office suites.

Large carpet tiles in green, brown and yellow cover the floor. The offices, some obviously adaptable to 'open planning' and others not, are attractive and sunny.

A vinyl upholstered S-shaped bar on the 22nd floor faces Table Mountain

Everywhere signs are posted threatening instant dismissal if doors are tampered with or if walls are touched.

Cicero in Catilinam i, 29-33

His ego sanctissimis reipublicae vocibus ... respondebo.

Read the sentence aloud and consider the word order. For translation one might take the words in the sequence, 'His sanctissimis vocibus reipublicae et mentibus eorum ... qui hoc idem sentiunt ...'

His ... sanctissimis ... vocibus

'To these most solemn utterances'. Vox = voice or sound, hence that which is said, speech, utterance.

Cape Times 2/2/79 (267)

Schotsche Kloof residents up in arms over rent hike

RESIDENTS in the Malay restoration area of Schotsche Kloof have complained bitterly about the latest in a series of City Council rent increases.

Mr Achmat Davids, a spokesman for the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association, said the new increase of R7,50 a month meant that rents had risen by 50 percent in the past six years

The people were bitter about the increases, he said, and they were losing faith in the Civic Association which had tried to restrain them and prevent them from adopting attitudes which might not be legal.

A spokesman for the council said the increases would have been even higher but the housing committee limited them to R7,50 to avoid hardship.

Mr Davids said letters notifying residents of the increases said the reason was a rise in administration costs He wanted to know how and why these costs had increased and said residents in the area received very little for their money.

"We have no rent office and no community centre The building we use as a community centre we have to rent from the council It was renovated by the community at their own cost and we also maintain it."

In addition, the community had spent R1 500 of its own money tarring a playground.

Mr Davids said the Civic Association asked the council for facilities but did not receive them, and the people were losing faith in the association "We have become a milk cow of the City Council and we get the impression that they are trying to force us out of the area".

A City Hall spokesman said the main reason for the increase was the high cost of restoring the houses. Rents were based on a provisional estimate of these costs but the final costs had worked out much higher and additional funds had to be borrowed

He said previous increases had been limited to R7,50 a month and for this reason expenditure had not been fully recovered, so there was a carry-over from previous years. In addition, there had been a general increase in administration costs and in the contribution in lieu of rates

Cape Times 2/2/79

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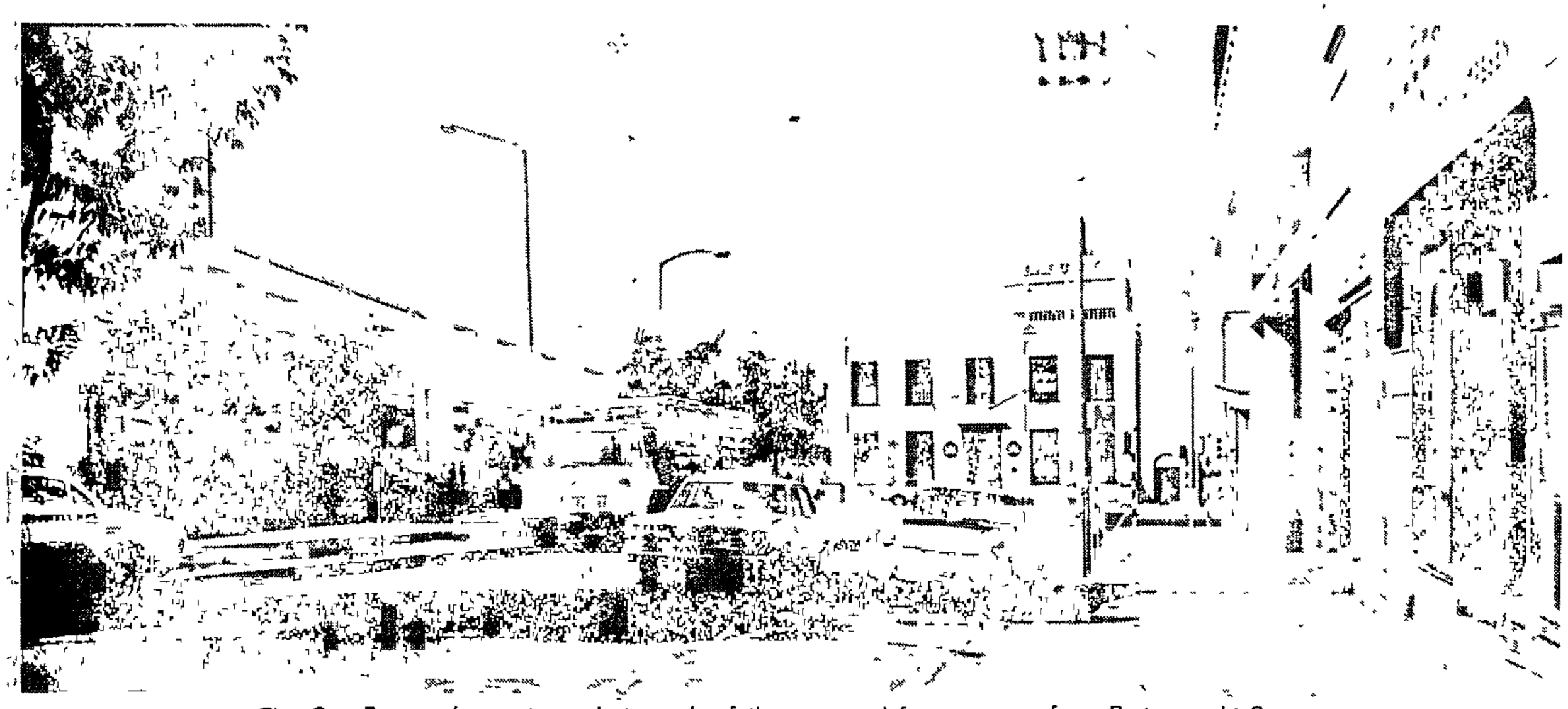
City Engineer claims picture distorts freeway

The photograph submitted by the City Engineer showing the proposed Buitengracht Freeway seen from Strand Street



The City Engineer's montage photograph of the proposed freeway seen from Buitengracht Street

THE row over the proposed Buitengracht freeway with its four elevated viaducts over Strand Street continued yesterday with a dispute over pictures of the scheme

The City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, claimed that the photograph of the model of the freeway published in the Cape Times on Monday was "distorted and misleading"

He repeated his criticism of a sketch by the Institute of Architects and described it as "completely inaccurate"

Mr Jack Barnett, chairman of the institute's Urban Vigilence Committee, said, however, that the institute stood by its sketch which it prepared because the artist's impression in the original report of the consulting engineers did not give the true picture of the freeway

In his letter Mr Brand said the photograph of the Buitengracht freeway model "is just as misleading as the artist's impression submitted by the the Institute of Architects, although for different reasons

"The Institute of Architects' sketch is completely inaccurate it does not

letter some photographs taken at street level on which the proposed freeway structure has been very accurately plotted These give a true impression of what would be seen, and I may add that visual inspection of the model, with the viewer's eye at street level, gives exactly the same result

"I trust you will give these photographs the same prominance as was given to the distorted and misleading one published on January 29"

Mr Barnett said he did not want to become embroiled in an argument with the city enginee and suggested that the model b put on display so that the publi could form their own impres sions His committee remaine convinced that the freeway wa a massive intrusion into th physical structure of the City and Mr Barnett said the photo graph of the model conveyed this to the public

The Cape Times photographer who took the photograph of the model used a standard lens and not one chosen to distort the foreground, as claimed by Mr Brand

Council firm on hike

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EAST LONDON — The East London City Council has re-affirmed its decision to apply to the Administrator for the city's sewerage charges to be increased by 20 per cent, water charges by 15 per cent and electricity charges by five per cent.

The increases have already been imposed from January 1 by special resolution, though they still have to be promulgated by the Administrator.

The city council met on Monday night to consider objections to the increases, but despite objections having been received, they decided to go ahead with the increases and have forwarded their application, together with copies of the objections, to the Administrator

The new electricity tariff is in the form of a five per cent surcharge at present, but the tariff itself will increase when promulgated and the surcharge will fall away.

The additional 15 per cent surcharge on water tariffs has increased the surcharge for water from 27,5 per cent to 42,5 per cent.

The 20 per cent increase in sewerage tariffs will take the form of a 20 per cent surcharge. — DDR.

Nod for council workers' pay rise

EAST LONDON — The South African Association of Municipal Employees, after months of negotiation with the East London City Council, has accepted in part the council's wage increase proposals.

The proposals, which were kept a closely guarded secret until now, allowed for municipal employees to receive increases of five per cent in January and July this year and also in January and July next year.

The local branch of Saame has accepted the increases for this year but rejected those for 1980

They had asked for a flat increase of 25 per cent and threatened to go to arbitration if they did not get it.

The secretary for Saame here, Mr Bert Easy, said yesterday that while the offer had been accepted for this year what was really wanted was a regrade based on the market values for various municipal posts in comparable centres. Saame would push for such a regrade before 1980 and he believed the request would be granted

But, said Mr Easy, such a request has been flatly refused by council in the past and this is why Saame had been forced to demand a flat rate of increase.

While some municipal employees received virtually as much as for an equivalent job in a comparable centre, he said others received as much as 50 per cent less than people in other centres

This was why a regrade was essential rather than a flat rate of increase

Mr Easy said Saame favoured a permanent regrade committee being appointed

Mr Easy said he hoped by early 1980 to see all East London municipal employees on salary levels comparable with those of Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Bellville and the Boksburg, Benoni and Springs group, all of which were accepted as comparable centres — DDR

Winelands row over Nat propaganda

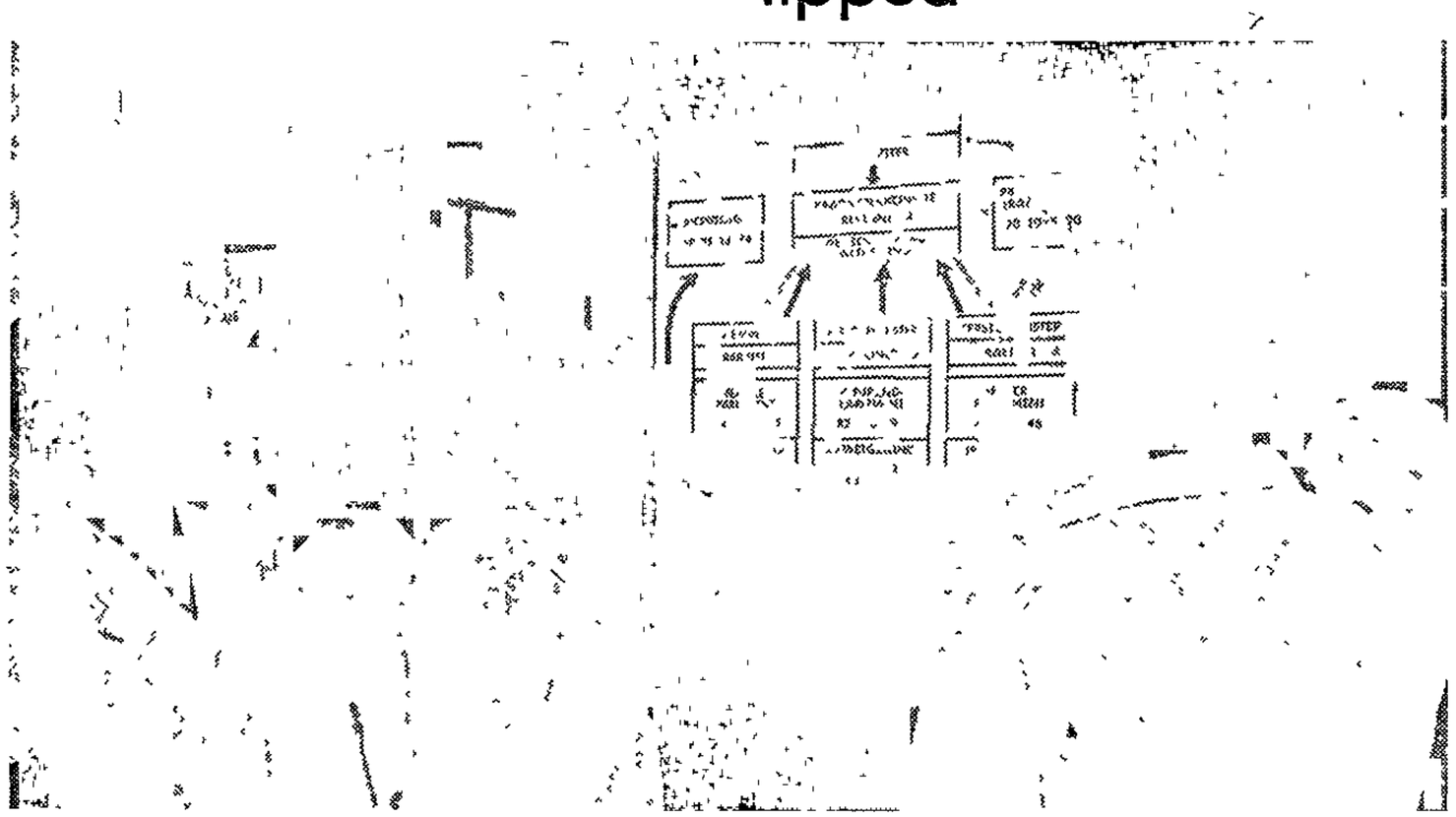
Council men tight lipped

Argus 10/2/79. (263)

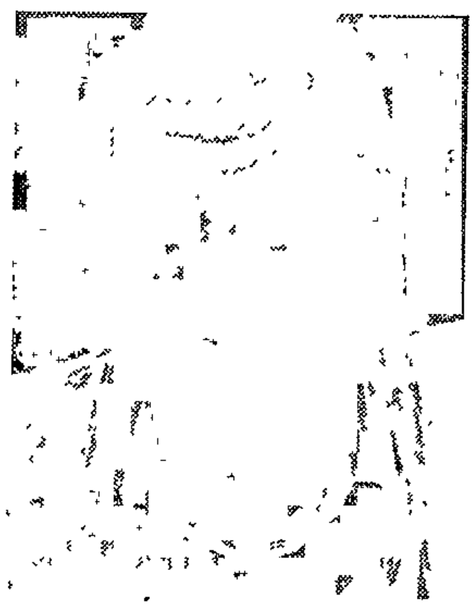
By Vivienne Walt

A ROW has broken out in the quiet winelands town of Robertson over municipal funds being used for National Party propaganda but senior town councillors are tight-lipped about who ordered the funding.

SOME of the residents of Robertson, who did not receive the municipal circular . . . or have ever heard of the constitutional proposals.



ROBERTSON residents examine the National Party constitutional proposals while waiting to be called into court The multicoloured poster stands prominently displayed in the Magistrate's Court.



MR S van der Poel, who owns a bookshop in Robertson . . . does 'not agree with the municipality's action.'

MR Herbert Hirsch, MPC — 'the matter is totally deplorable.'

MR Brian Bamford, Cape leader of the PFP: 'It's unacceptable . . . corrupt.'

Visits to the town's mayor, Mr C de Wet, and Town Clerk, Mr B van Rensburg, brought terse refusals to comment on a municipal circular sent with a diagram on the back explaining the National Party's constitutional proposals.

'As far as I know the Government printer sent the diagram to all municipalities,' said Mr van Rensburg He declined to comment on the decision further, saying he did 'not like to get mixed up with politics'

Mr de Wet, who owns a large store in the town, claimed he had not seen a draft of the circular before publication, and that he had known nothing of the plans to print the proposals.

When asked for a copy of the controversial circular, Mr van Rensburg said the council kept no records of the circulars, and there were no copies in the municipal buildings.

But a former town councillor interviewed later in the day said 'They keep excellent records of all their publications, but they are frightened Many Robertson people are very upset about it.

'People here think it is a cheek they should use their money for propaganda . . . it's like the Information Department,' said the former councillor, who did not want to be named

Residents expressed their anger about the way their money was being used by the municipality.

'Politics belongs to Parliament, not the municipality,' said one shop owner, Mr E Viljoen. 'They should not have done this'

The town's watchmaker, Mr A H Theron, said he 'didn't think it was right to put the constitutional proposals on the back of municipal literature.

'I thought it was just for explanatory purposes, but if you take it as being political, then it wasn't right,' he said, and directed Weekend Argus to the home of Mr Johan Marais, chairman of Robertson's National Party branch

Mr Marais, who is also a town councillor, refused to comment, saying he 'would not speak to opposition newspapers.'

The constitutional proposals have appeared in another prominent position in the town — the Magistrate's Court notice board.

The magistrate, Mr M J Langenhoven, said he was 'not prepared to give any information' about the large, multi-coloured poster, and threatened to stop the Weekend Argus photographer taking pictures of people reading it

Mr Dirk van Zyl, Progressive Federal Party organiser for the Swellendam by-election, said the same poster was in Magistrate's Courts of Swellendam Montagu and Bredasdorp, and on Divisional Council notice boards in those towns.

He had sent the Robertson circular to the PFP's member of the Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch.

Mr Hirsch called the circular's publications of the National Party proposals 'totally deplorable,' while Mr Brian Bamford, Cape leader of the PFP, called the move 'outrageous and corrupt' and suggested the circular be withdrawn.

'I do not know how they allowed this,' he said. 'It is totally unacceptable'

City to burn its refuse for power

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is well placed to become the first city in South Africa to generate electricity from municipal refuse

This has been made clear from a report by the City's electrical engineer, Mr D C Palser, which was presented to the utilities and works committee at their meeting yesterday

Mr Palser, who recently returned from a study tour of Europe, said it was initially estimated that using the refuse would lead to a saving of more than R500 000 a year

Very little work has been done on the burning of refuse for power generation, but many of the problems have already been overcome However, when refuse only was burnt special equipment was needed, and this meant the electricty was considerably more expensive than the power from a conventional coal power station

Investigations showed that it would probably be better to burn refuse as a supplementary fuel with coal on the conventional coal burning chain grate stokers

An installation of this type was operating satisfactorily in Birmingham, England, and arrangements had been made with experts associated with this project to visit Cape Town to consider the practical and economic implications of introducing a similar pilot scheme here.

Cape Town was in a unique position in that a refuse pulverizing plant had been constructed next to the Athlone power station Mr Palser said it should be possible to extract the combustible component from the rubbish and take it to the power station boilers at little cost

This material was blown into the boilers where a high proportion was burnt in suspension with the heavier elements falling on the front of the grate and being burnt along with the coal The system had an advantage over the pure refuse system in that the coal supply could be varied to meet fluctuations in the supply of rubbish

Mr Palser estimated that the energy available from refuse each year was equal to that from 30 000 tons of coal, which, at present prices would cost R0 75 million

The cost of the plant needed would not be excessive because the pulverizing plant was next to the power station and the net advantage to the city could well be in excess of R500 000 a year

City council pay negotiations continue

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Municipal Reporter

PAY talks will continue between Cape Town City Council and the city branch of the Municipal Workers' Association, which unanimously rejected an offer at a meeting yesterday.

The association asked for pay increases of between 15 and 20 percent in four instalments over the year, the first retrospective to January 1.

The council offered consolidation of a five percent emolument which employees have been carrying since January last year, with a further increase from April 1 and a third increase from October 1.

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said today the council had not yet been informed officially that the offer was refused but he expected negotiations between the association and the council's Executive Committee to continue.

Mr Heugh said there was no difference in pay between the council's white and coloured employees and that rates were 'not out of step' with what was paid by the private sector in the Western Cape.

Municipal workers are barred from striking, under the terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act, because they provide an essential service.

The association's secretary, Mr J H Ernstzen, said his committee was authorised to continue to negotiate with the council in an attempt to avoid confrontation.

In a statment issued today Mr Ernstzen said the association had been careful not to submit proposals of a contentious nature because members were 'in urgent need of immediate financial relief'.

He said the rising cost of living meant that some lower-paid workers were living on the border-line of starvation.

Council workers reject offer

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Staff Reporter

MORE THAN 1 500 members of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association yesterday unanimously rejected a new pay offer by the City Council which did not meet an average 17,5 percent pay rise demand retroactive to January 1

But the association secretary Mr J H Ernstzen, said it had been authorized at a meeting in City Hall to pursue negotiations with the City Council in an attempt to avoid confrontation

In terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act municipal workers constitute an essential service and are barred from striking Should negotiations with the council fail the matter could go to a conciliation hearing or directly to arbitration where the ruling would be binding on both parties

Mr Ernstzen described the atmosphere at the meeting as tense and said many of the association members were 'living on the border line of starvation

He said the offer rejected yesterday was submitted to the association by the council s executive committee on February 20 It provided for consolidation of an additional emolument of five percent which employees had been carrying since January last year and a further notch increase (about five to eight percent depending on position) from April 1 A further one notch rise was to be granted from October 1

The association said it had not raised several matters which it regarded as unsatisfactory because it hoped to achieve a speedy settlement of the wage issue It had accordingly limited its claims to a four-notch increase in wages from the beginning of the year for all workers employed by the City Council

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Housing scheme in Sun Valley, Cape Peninsula

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*10 Dr F VAN Z SLABBERT asked the Minister of Community Development

(1) Whether his Department granted a loan to the Cape Divisional Council for a housing scheme in Sun Valley, Cape Peninsula, if so, (a) when and (b) what was (i) the amount of the loan and (ii) the interest rate on it,

(2) whether after that date his Department made any proposals to the Council in respect of the loan, if so, (a) when and (b) what (i) were the proposals and (ii) was the Council's reply thereto

The MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) 1978-06-27

(b) (i) R1 959 138

(ii) 9¼%

(2) No

(a) and (b) fall away

For the hon member's information I should like to add that originally, during 1974, an advance of R1 833 303 was granted to the Divisional Council for the execution of a housing scheme comprising 180 flats and 43 maisonettes The scheme was subsequently revised by the Divisional Council of its own accord and an amended application for an advance was submitted in respect of 160 maisonettes This application was approved on 1978-06-27

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Berlin: govt may aid EL

THE ASSEMBLY — The Minister of Economic Affairs is investigating methods to help the East London City Council repay the R6 million loan for the development of Berlin.

This was revealed yesterday by the Minister, Mr Chris Heunis, who was reacting to a plea from the MP for King William's Town, Mr Hendrik Coetzer, for the R6 million loan from the Department of Planning to be written off.

Speaking on the debate on his vote in the committee stage of the budget, Mr Heunis also said speculation about Berlin should end as it was creating uncertainty about the area.

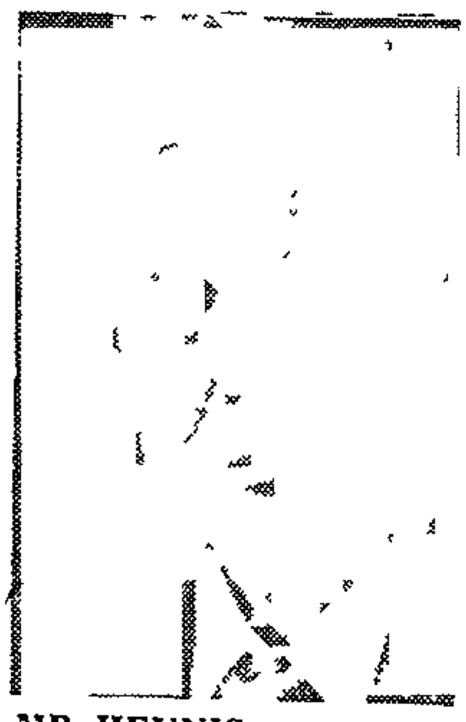
The Minister said Mr Coetzer should realise there were other areas with the problem. The idea had been that these areas would repay the loans when industries were established.

"We are aware that because of the recession, the expectations were not fulfilled.

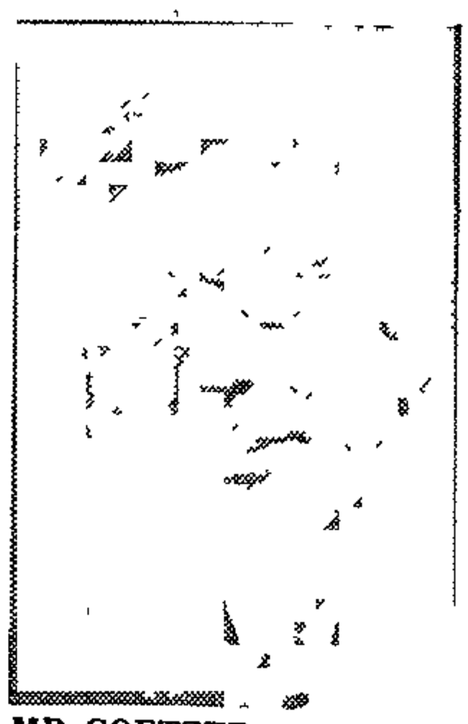
"Therefore, I will consider the problem of East London in relation to the overall problem and see if there are methods by which we can help the local authority," he said.

He hoped Mr Coetzer would be satisfied with this reply.

Following a question from the MP for East London North, Mr John Malcomess, about the future of Berlin, Mr Heunis said "I would be pleased if we all stopped speculating about Berlin. Our speculation is creating uncertainty among the people of the area, as well as potential investors there. I want to genuinely ask that this sort of thing be ended."



MR HEUNIS . . . stop Berlin speculation.



MR COETZER . . . write off R6m.

He warned against an impression being created about Berlin that was so pessimistic that nobody would want to go there.

Mr Heunis said there was "ample evidence that would indicate the government is fully aware of the problems of that area."

The government was not only aware of the problems, but was taking special steps to improve the situation.

"The fact is there are liberal decentralisation concessions available to that area," he said. "Special steps have been taken in establishing a plant for the distribution of steel products by Iscor and this plant is being heavily subsidised by the state."

He felt there was an obligation to propagate the advantages of a particular area in a positive manner.

"This is the manner in which it must done. If we want to succeed with decentralisation, we simply cannot decentralise on every village. If we want to succeed in that, we must accept certain broad concepts."

Replying to the plea by the MP for Griqualand East, Mr Jan Jordaan, for an entrepreneur-recruiter to be appointed for the Border area, Mr Heunis said he would not react at this stage to the request.

"The government's view is that it did not want to appoint an agent to propagate a specific area to entrepreneurs.

"In the second place it is our view that the government has a limited role to play in the sense that it must create the climate, but it must not be accused of involving itself more in the economic life of the land.

"It is difficult to get all these things together," Mr Heunis said.

Schoeman gives EL a promise

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EAST LONDON — The Minister of Agriculture, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, said yesterday he would do everything in his power as a Cabinet Minister for East London

Opening the new 4,6 million national fresh produce market at Wilsonia Mr Schoeman said he had been made aware of the need for development in the area

What East London needed was labour intensive industries

"I will see to it that East London is not hurt," he said

East London's Mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, who spoke before the Minister, said she hoped Cabinet Ministers would take time off to visit the East London area to study its problems

"There is a pressing need for development in East London Time is running out," Mrs Kemp said

During his speech Mr Schoeman warned producers, producer undertakings and commercial enterprises which did not support fresh produce markets to stop "undermining" the markets

He said he was referring to an article in a Sunday newspaper on markets

The state could hardly allow markets, in which so much money had been invested, not to be fully used

Local authorities had invested R61 million in the national markets

"Undermining of the markets will result in the price mechanism being disturbed and even broken down And when this happens I foresee serious problems for the producer as well as the consumer and the possibility of exploitation must not be underestimated," Mr Schoeman said

He expected those producers to whom he had referred to come forward if they had problems so steps coud be taken to rectify them

"It is only fair that the market authorities and I should know the underlying reasons for this undermining of our markets"

Referring to food prices, Mr Schoeman said it was not easy to put food prices up when so many other necessities were increasing in price

But fewer farmers were having to produce more food

Last year South Africa lost 2 400 farmers

By the turn of the century South Africa would have to feed 50 million people with fewer farmers and would probably have to import food which would make it far more costly than at present — DDR

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Nearly R2m goes to waste in Cape

EAST LONDON — A total of R1,96 million in "fruitless expenditure" was incurred by the Cape Provincial Administration in the last financial year, according to the latest annual report of the provincial auditor

Of this amount, R806 819 was incurred in projects in the Border area

The biggest sum — R609 325 — was spent in connection with a proposed new hospital in King William's Town for whites and Coloureds

The auditor's report says that after spending this money it was decided to abandon the scheme in favour of building a smaller hospital on a more suitable site

Other main items of fruitless expenditure on the Border, and the reason for abandoning the scheme, were

R30 842: Beacon Bay Afrikaans medium primary school (the parallel-medium school serves the area effectively)

R26 816 Sunnyridge primary school (anticipated development in the area did not materialise)

R29 750 Somerset East — Middelbare School extensions (the enrolment decreased to such an extent that the school is regarded as a primary school)

R23 485 Butterworth high school additions (a prefabricated hall met the requirements of the school)

R18 960: Port Rex Technical High School, new building (scheme abandoned in favour of purchasing an existing nearby building)

R18 841 Alexandria Sandflats primary school hostel additions (a considerably smaller scheme was found sufficient).

R16 203 Amalinda Afrikaans medium high school, new building (as a result of the decline in enrolment at Grens High School, which can accommodate 100 additional pupils, the new school building was no longer required.

Other money spent on abandoned projects was Grahamstown nature reserve (R6 186), De Vos Malan School (R383), Berlin School (R1 878), Ugie High School (R343), West Bank High School (R4 828), Grens Primary School (R7 125), Peddie Secondary School (R8 074)

Bad news for trout anglers is that R3 680 was spent fruitlessly on a scheme for extensions and dams at the Pirie trout hatchery at King William's Town. The project was abandoned "as fish breeders to an ever increasing extent meet the requirements of land owners as far as the supply of fresh water fish is concerned"

Not included in "fruitless expenditure" was an amount of R120 149 spent on new building at Piet Retief Technical High School at Adelaide.

The auditor's report says this was "expenditure which could have been avoided and the amount was charged to vote money".

The reason given was "compensation in respect of abnormal expenditure incurred during the extended period of the building contract caused by delays beyond the control of the contractor". — DDR

It should be clear from this exposition that Nibbana is no happy "after-life" in a "heaven world". Although the Buddha did not deny the existence of heavens and deities, he maintained that these were still conditioned states, established through Ignorance and maintained by Illusion, on ratified levels of being and becoming.

Almost by definition, Nibbana cannot really be "experienced", as it is the very annulment of all experiential sensation of any description. By the same token it represents the highest possible bliss as it lacks all those elements that can even remotely cause suffering, through existence. Paradoxically therefore, Nibbana is our ultimate goal because it does away with all our ambitions. Indeed, in order to attain it, we have to lose all sense of attainment.

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R10m to be spent on Queenstown projects

QUEENSTOWN — The Government plans to spend R10 million on public works projects in Queenstown in the next four years giving the Border area a vital boost.

This was confirmed in a telephone interview from Cape Town with the Secretary for the Public Works Department, Mr M. M du Preez, yesterday

The R10 million injection — which will go into schools, a hospital and a prison — is part of the PWD five-year programme for development in the Border area.

Mr Du Preez said although the plans were not a final commitment on the part of the government his department was working towards the programme.

The first contract planned is for September this year when R800 000 will be spent on civil engineering work for the J. J. Serfontein School.

A further R3,25 million has been allocated for the school for mid-1980.

R1,6 million has been allocated for the Maria Louw Secondary for March 1981.

And at the beginning of 1981 R1,06 million will be spent on the Komani Hospital. Later on in the year a further R323 000 will be spent there.

A new R3 million prison is planned for Queenstown in July 1982.

These plans do not include a sizeable sum — probably more than R2 million — to be spent on an army base in Queenstown in the near future.

When approached for comment, the town clerk, Mr Attie Maree, said he was delighted with this "tremendous infusion of state capital into Queenstown".

The president of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce, Mr Edgar Ruddock, said he thought the proposed projects would make everybody happy. — DDR

R4,8m to be spent on schools, hospitals

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EAST LONDON — The Cape Provincial Administration will spend R4,8 million on schools and hospitals this year

More than R3,3 million of this is to be spent on schools in the area, with the largest amount of R810 000 allocated to the Baysville Special School in East London

The school, which was built for 250 pupils and now holds 440, will acquire new sportsfields, a girls' hostel, workshops classrooms, a staffroom and library

The total amount to be spent on the school is estimated at R2,5 million, and the principal, Mr C F Visser, said he expected the projects to be completed in approximately three years.

At King William's Town, R690 000 has been allocated for additions to De Vos Malan High School and R118 000 for Dale College The P. J Olivier High School at Grahamstown is to receive R359 000 for a hall and additions and R113 000 has been allocated to Victoria Girls' High School for renovations and rewiring.

Winterberg Agricultural High School at Fort Beaufort will receive R93 000 this year for a borehole and water supply Girls' High School, Queenstown, will receive R52 000 for conversions and R13 000 will be spent on toilet facilities at Maclear High School

In East London, Port Rex Technical High School will receive R10 000 for preliminary work at De La Salle, which will be the school's new premises from 1982. The total cost of this project is over R2 million

Construction is already underway at West Bank High School where R404 000 will be spent this year. Gonubie Primary School has been allocated R123 000 for additions

Cambridge High School will get R202 000 for additions and conversions The estimated total cost of these is over R1 million

Additions to the hostels at Sandflats Primary School in Alexandria and Komga Secondary School will continue, with R18 000 to be spent at Alexandria and R10 000 at Komga

The Memorial Hostel at Cathcart will receive R10 000 this year for the replacement of existing buildings The project is expected to cost more than R1 million

Of the R1,5 million allocated to hospitals in the Border, R490 000 is to be spent on the third geriatric ward at the Settlers' Hospital in Grahamstown

At Bedford, R29 000 will be spent on kitchen and theatre alterations at the hospital The Fritz Visser Hospital at Noupoort will receive a R114 000 boost for additions and R256 000 will be spent on the Elliot Provincial Hospital.

Frontier Hospital at Queenstown has been allocated R79 000 for a gas installation and additional ward accomodation in the maternity division

R500 000 will be spent on the day hospital planned for Duncan Village and R27 000 for fire fighting facilities at Frere Hospital

The old Provost building at the 1820 Settlers Nature Reserve at Grahamstown will be restored with R11 000 allocated by Province and the Andries Vosloo Kudu Reserve in the town will receive R10 000

The East London library has been allocated R217 380 this year compared with R211 050 in the last financial year. —DDR

R609 000 was spent but not a brick laid

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CAPE TOWN — The Cape Provincial administration spent R609 325 on consultants' fees for a new hospital in King William's Town without a single brick being laid

This was disclosed in the Cape Provincial Council by Mr Roger Hulley, Progressive Federal Party MPC for Constantia

"I think it is mind-boggling that so much money can be spent on a non building without the province receiving even one brick of the proposed building in return," Mr Hulley said during a scathing attack on the provincial authorities

"A most disturbing aspect of this case is that the architects were paid a staggering high fee of R300 887 on a contract budgeted at R3,66 million

"This represents a fee of 8 2 per cent whereas the normal maximum scale of fees for architects laid down by the profession is only six per cent

"While I can accept that a proposed capital project may well be abandoned in the light of new considerations, I would expect such an abort decision to be taken after the sketch plan stage — or even after two sketch plans

"In this case the project must have involved a number of sketch plans and a number of full working drawings for the professional fees to have been so huge

"It would seem that not only the architects, but the quantity surveyors and perhaps other professional firms must also have been involved in this circus of false starts

I consider that the nett loss represents a huge wastage of public funds," Mr Hulley said

Replying, the MEC in charge of hospitals, Mr P J Loubser, said if the wasted expenditure over the years was considered, the amount lost on this project was not that large It was merely one case where the plans had to be scrapped PC

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EAST LONDON—A DYING CITY

IT is an open secret that the Ciskei will ask for independence next year and the homeland leaders' cries for East London and the white corridor are becoming more and more strident, says DAVID THOMAS.

CAN a city of 60 000 whites and more than 300 000 blacks just drop dead? Well, as improbable as it sounds, there is a growing view among leading East Londoners that their city is in fact dead

Leading this view is the deputy Mayor, Mr Donald Card, who claims 'East London is not dying — it is already dead and something must happen very fast to save the city

Most influential East Londoners including the majority of the City Council agree with Mr Card The Mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, is naturally not happy that this should be said in public Mr Card however feels that it is time to stop the cover up — stop pussyfooting as he puts it — and tell the truth He hopes that the truth will shock the Government and East London into action

That East London is in serious trouble there is no doubt Time and again during the last session of Parliament MPs of the National Progressive Federal and New Republic Parties made strident pleas for something to be done for this area

However, except for initiating a study of the area's problems by the University of Port Elizabeth, the Government seems to throw up its hands in dismay whenever the subject comes up East London and its hinterland have become the country's internal problem number one as the facts show

It has a rampaging unemployment rate which is now well over 70 percent among the economically active blacks of the area Housebreaking, armed robbery and violence are rampant

● Economic growth is not just stagnant it is shrinking — no new industries have been established here in years while many have gone out of business and some Government organisations like the railway workshops and Transportation Board have phased out their operations here

● Construction always a reliable barometer of economic activity, is at a virtual standstill

A coastal highway and a police station, both in the final stages of work, are the only projects going on except for the building of a few private houses and an expansion project in the black township of Mdantsane which has cut back to a three day work week for lack of capital

● Use of the East London Harbour has dropped to a miserable 40 percent of capacity

● Whites have been leaving the area at a rate of about 1 000 a year

Resettled blacks and many from the Ciskei and Transkei are pouring into the area to face unemployment and an acute housing shortage Mdantsane has swelled into the second largest black township in South Africa

● Apathy has set in among whites, upsetting the social outlets of sport, recreation and entertainment

● Although Border schools continue to produce promising players in rugby and other sports most leave the area mainly because there are no jobs available and there is no un[illegible]

Card, a former crack member of the Security Police who claims to be non-partisan politically, [illegible] the blame for East London's plight squarely on the Government and the 'system' as he calls it Most leading East Londoners agree with Mr Card

'It's all very well,' he says, 'for the Government to be concentrating all its attentions in South West Africa and Zimbabwe Rhodesia and the threat beyond the borders But it is ignoring a time bomb ticking well within its own borders'

The situation in East London has become ripe for urban terrorism, a horror he feels is not far off

People, from the aspiring home owner to the big investors are reluctant to commit themselves in this area any more

There is an unwritten warning sign that circulates on the local grapevine 'Don't buy property between the Great Kei and Fish Rivers' They feel this whole area will be given to the Ciskei, which according to a recent exhaustive study by Rhodes University's Institute of Social and Economic Research [illegible] independently without it

It is an open secret here that the Ciskei will ask for independence next year and the homeland leaders' cries for the annexation of East London and the white corridor are becoming more and more strident

East Londoners are not reassured by repeated Government denials that this area will not 'go black' — the broken promises of Port St Johns are still too fresh in everyone's mind

They feel furthermore that Government promises to East London ring hollow because they are never backed up with tangible deeds Somehow, although East London had a vast unemployed labour force, abundant water resources, mild climate and underused export-import facilities, large Government projects always seem to bypass this city

For years East London has been pushing for the Government to declare it an Export Processing Zone (EPZ) — a duty free area for imported materials and for goods manufactured in the zone and imported.

This, it is felt, would bring much needed industries pouring into the area to fill up the R6-million infrastructure which has been waiting for them since it was built in the early '70s

Ironically in view of the fears of 'going black' an amalgamation with the Ciskei as some sort of mixed homeland or federal state is probably the one sure solution for East London Development aid, it is believed, would pour in much as it has done in the neighbouring Transkei and the Ciskei

But as the gloomy situation now stands, it appears that the fight has gone out of the city which once so proudly dubbed the 'fighting port'

BY GEORGE!

'No, not a "July" party — a Skylab doomsday party.'

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Board may hike charges

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PORT ELIZABETH — The East Cape Administration Board might have to impose drastic service charge increases to meet an "enormous" deficit, the chairman, Mr J G Erasmus, said here yesterday.

Introducing a R42 million budget which makes provision for an accumulated deficit of R6,5 million, Mr Erasmus said if other relief could not be found there was no alternative to increasing charges in townships under the board's jurisdiction These include Duncan Village

He said the budget was three months late because of amalgamation between the East Cape, Karoo and Cape Midlands administration boards this year

Mr Erasmus said the board had to repay a loan of R3 million in 1982 Surpluses had to be created

"The prospects to do this seem remote If it is any consolation, we can inform you that all other boards are experiencing the same problems," he told board members

He said the budget was not one which a careful conservative policy maker would have prescribed

There was not a cash crisis at present because the board was financing itself with so-called reserves "but whether the board can carry on like this is another matter," he said

The budget carried deficits of R4,5 million from the East Cape, Karoo and Cape Midlands administration boards and estimated a R1,5 million deficit for this year

The board received no subsidy or material assistance from the state Only recently was it allowed to borrow money for housing at the sub-economic rate of one per cent interest

He said money recoverable from site rentals to cover housing maintenance was totally inadequate

Every effort should be made to sell houses either to private persons or possibly employers in order to minimise the board's housing maintenance requirements

He said the present labour bureau system was not working satisfactory and it was now a priority for the Manpower Administration Department to examine the system

The board administered 68 labour bureaus with a registered labour force of nearly 300 000 There were 60 000 registered work seekers — DDC

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Call to stimulate West Cape economy

THE Government will be asked to take urgent steps to stimulate the economy of the Western Cape region in a motion by the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce at the regional congress of the Western Cape chambers in Bellville next month

In its motion it lists the following steps which could be taken

- Extension of decentralisation concessions,
- Reduce the impact of high railage, electricity and other costs on the local economy;
- Encourage exports from the area;
- Promote tourism to the area,
- Ensure that water resources are adequately developed,
- Step up geological research into the mineral potential of the area.

Supporting the motion, the chamber says. 'The main factors contributing to the declining competitive ability of the Western Cape manufacturing sector are the cost disadvantages which are more prejudicial to the Western Cape than to metropolitan areas elsewhere in the Republic.

'Escalating railage rates in particular have affected the economy of the area. Its cost advantages in major markets have diminished with successive railway tariff increases because the region is situated further from those markets than other competing industrial areas.

'The fact that some 53,5 percent of firms operating in the Western Cape sell about 40 percent of their output in the Transvaal competitive area, is an indication of the extent to which local industrialists rely on that market'.

The extension of decentralisation concessions to Atlantis, Vredenburg-Saldanha, Paarl, Wellington, Somerset West and Worcester are called for Atlantis should be given priority, Vredenburg-Saldanha should get selective industrial development, Paarl, Wellington and Somerset West should not be allowed to stagnate and Worcester should be regarded as a 'well-placed centre for the settlement of south-bound population'.

The congress starts on August 7.

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not be calculated directly from the dates and a curve fitting technique was used. Linear regression analysis provided a best fit straight line, derived from a least squares analysis (McCall, 1970), between distance and date. Some sites had more than one date associated with them and a weighted average (Huffman, 1977) was used to provide a best estimate. The weighted average was used only where dates clustered and were unlikely to be associated with pre Iron Age events (Huffman, 1977). If dates were obviously more recent than the earliest occurence of the Early Iron Age in an area they were not used in the analysis as the analysis was an attempt to measure the rate of spread of the Early Iron Age.

DATA

Regression analyses for both of the possible routes of expansion, Urewe to Silver Leaves and Kwale to Silver Leaves, were carried out. Three regression lines were calculated, the value for the expansion of the Urewe culture and the values for the two possible routes. In each case the earliest date was set at a distence of zero. The distance from this site to other early sites was measured. The regression line was then calculated and rates of expansion were derived from the results.

The sites and associated dates used in the present study are shown in tables seven, eight, and nine.

for the rates of expansion derived from the radiocarbon chronology are considerably faster than the values for the wave of advance model (Table 1) and this coupled with the evidence for a difference between the rate of expansion for a single culture and the whole tradition provided support for a discontinuous spread model of the Early Iron Age expansion.

DISCUSSION

The regression analysis of the Early Iron Age radiocarbon chronology supported a North to South temporal ordering in the flutted and bevelled complex. The complex used in the present analysis differed from the eastern stream and therefore the regression analysis in no way supported the historical reconstruction proposed by Phillipson (1975; 1977). However the temporal ordering within the complex indicated a North to South spread and hence a 'stream' model.

The relatively slow expansion rates associated with the simulations of the continuous spread model indicated that the wave model (Soper, 1971a) is probably incorrect. The rapid rates of spread generated by the simulations of the discontinuous spread model suggest that this was the most likely mechanism of dispersal. This mechanism mimics movements known from oral tradition (Kimambo, 1974; Legassick, 1969; Monnig, 1967; Turner, 1954; Were 1974). The groups that were hived off would have moved some distance and settled and they could have acted as nuclei for further expansion. Because more than one

Grahamstown council rapped

GRAHAMSTOWN — Most Grahamstown city councillors snored audibly through the business of council meeting, Mrs Pam Paton, tipped to be the next mayor elect of the city, said here at the weekend

Speaking at the Quality of Life workshop, she was commenting on the general lack of interest by councillors in civic affairs affecting the Coloured and black population group

She said she had taken on the "link position" between the council and the Coloured Management Committee, despite her belief that the management committee system "doesn't work"

She was asked by Mr Peter Mopp, former chairman of the East London Management Committee, how it was that the so called liberal town and city councils of the Eastern Cape "hid behind the letter of the law when it came to open, direct meetings between councils and Coloured management committees," while Nationalist councils take on these discussions"

Mrs Paton said it was clear from the provincial ordinance that such meetings were expressly forbidden but asked how relevant these discussions were anyway She added that she did not regard the Grahamstown City Council as a liberal one

Management committees should build up pressure to be included in city and town councils, she said Although she felt she was a bad "link" for the management committee she said that "no person who took my place would have been even as efficient as I"

Mrs Paton said she had opposed the intended removal of blacks from Fingo Village to make way for Coloureds after the township was declared a Coloured Group Area in 1970

"I am prepared to step down my link position with the management committee if I am not acting in concert with the wishes of the Coloured community"

Mr O H Heemrod, a member of the Grahamstown Coloured Management Committee, said his committee was very satisfied with Mrs Paton's role

His committee had made it known that it had nothing to do with the intended removal of blacks from Fingo Village

It did not support the plan but has stressed the urgent need for the city council to allocate new townships and land to the Coloured community — DDC

EL needs help of all races says new mayor

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EAST LONDON — Mr Donald Card, East London's new Mayor, said last night the future of the city lay in the co-operation of all races.

In his inaugural speech in the city hall, Mr Card said: "If one group pulls to the right and the other to the left, we'll get nowhere. But together we can mould the future of our city."

Emphasising his hope for co-operation, he made a moving address in Xhosa.

The outgoing Mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said financial cutbacks were a feature of the past municipal year, but a steady growth had been maintained nevertheless

Mrs Kemp outlined the year's successes and disappointments at the official induction ceremony of Mr Donald Card and Mr Errol Spring as mayor and deputy mayor respectively.

In the light of the unfavourable economic climate, she said, a policy of financial stringency in both capital and revenue spending accounts had been followed

Cutbacks in funds for housing in Mdantsane was one of the less favourable aspects of the year, she said

A severe reduction in the number of houses being built by the Mdantsane Special Organisation was a result of heavy capital commitments and extensions to the township necessitated employees to work a three - day week

On the more positive side, she said, the construction of 280 dwellings in the Buffalo Flats area will begin next year, and an electricity network for Buffalo Flats Extensions 1 and 2 is being considered.

Two housing schemes for Indians at Braelynn Township Extensions 4 and 5 providing home ownership sites, housing and community facilities, are part of an envisaged programme.

The backlog in housing for whites had been eliminated, she said, and announced recommendations for an augmented supply for the West Bank had been accepted

Regarding unemployment, Mrs Kemp said· "It is perhaps not altogether true to say that the council's efforts were entirely unsuccessful," because constant pressure it brought to bear resulted in a survey into the unemployment situation

There had been no significant industrial growth in the East London area in the last year and hopes for the decentralisation of East London and especially Berlin, had not been fulfilled

In this regard, she said, Escom tariffs and railage rates, were the biggest problems Proof of this was the little industrial development that had taken place in Berlin

Mrs Kemp said the new market at Wilsonia operated at a loss, but subsidies to cover part of the losses had been assured A new site for the German Market was being developed

Attention to air pollution, Mrs Kemp said, was being given by municipal health authorities

The annual grant of R10 500 to promote musical entertainment had been assured by the council, she said

"The expected increase of 20 per cent in book prices in the next six months, presents a bleak outlook as far as the library is concerned," Mrs Kemp said, and did not foresee a solution to this problem.

Concerning the positive aspect of libraries in East London, she said extensions for study accomodation in the reference section was being planned, and expected library facilities to be established in Buffalo Flats and Braelynn in the coming months — DDR

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STUFFED CABBAGE SALAD

May Bennett, Ridgeworth

1 fresh green medium size cabbage
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Cut the centre from the cabbage, leaving the outer leaves to form a bowl. Wash well. Chop onion. Peel and cube the carrots and pineapple. Cube tomatoes. Thinly slice some of the inner leaves of the cabbage leaving the stalks. Place the carrots, pineapple, tomatoes, sliced cabbage and the finely chopped onion in a bowl adding any juice from the tomatoes, pineapple and add salt and black pepper to taste. Toss well, then pile the salad into the cabbage "bowl". Garnish with radish roses and a small bowl of mayonnaise for those who like it. To make the radish roses, cut across the tops in a double cross, then put them in iced water until the radishes open up.

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Ethne Beard, Port Elizabeth

boiled potatoes
cooked bacon
mayonnaise
chopped onion
salt and pepper

Cube the potatoes while still hot. Chop up the bacon, mix with the potatoes, onion and mayonnaise. Season with a little salt and pepper. Use hot or cold.

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EGG SALAD

May Bennett, Ridgeworth

hard boiled eggs
salanaise
salt and pepper
paprika and parsley

Cut eggs in half and lay on a flat salad platter; cut side down. Pour over salanaise.

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CHICKEN AND CUCUMBER SALAD

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Marinade chicken, cucumber, nuts and [illegible]. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise. C[illegible] and refridgerate until ready for use.

French dressing:
Blend together 6 T salad oil and 2 T lemon juice.

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Mayor not optimistic about unemployment

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GRAHAMSTOWN — Mrs Pam Paton, Grahamstown's new mayor, is well-versed in municipal affairs — in five years, she has served on every municipal committee except traffic and parks.

Grahamstown's third woman mayor said: "The men might feel at a disadvantage with a woman at the helm, but I certainly don't.

"But they've taken it in their stride, and I've had total co-operation from them."

Mrs Paton is not optimistic about improving Grahamstown's unemployment and black living conditions, said to be the worst in the Cape Midlands.

"There's no prospect of any vast improvement, although we are always striving to relieve the problem. It's a case of continually trying to build things up.

"Now that the Glenmore development has been scrapped, I'm hoping there'll be a definite move to make more land available for housing.

"Our activities are circumscribed by province, but as a middle-of-the-road council, we steer clear of broad political involvement. But we can achieve a lot in the day-to-day lives of ordinary people."

Mrs Paton has been quoted as saying she did not regard her council as a liberal one. "That's not true. Grahamstown councillors are good common sense, practical men, verging on the verlig.

"Some would say I'm a way-out liberal, others would call me a right wing Prog."

Mrs Paton acts as a link between the council and the Coloured Management Committee.

"There is good rapport between the two bodies and I will try to ensure this happy situation remains."

She has also pioneered the move to preserve historic buildings in the Settler City. "I hope to see a committee with advisory capacities established shortly, representing historical and commercial interests."

Mrs Paton, 44, was born in Edinburgh and came to East London during the war. She moved to Grahamstown with her husband, a lecturer at Rhodes University's Pharmacy Department, 15 years ago. They have two sons and a daughter. — DDR.

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Cape plans cost millions

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COMMUNITY facilities and projects 'involving millions of rands' up to 1984 are being planned by the Divisional Council of the Cape, said Mr Ivan Hampshire, chairman of the council.

Mr Hampshire said these projects would be subject to the availability of funds and the annual operating costs.

'With regard to operating costs, every possible avenue is being explored to find a solution to this problem,' he said

Mr Hampshire said the projects so far approved by the Divisional Council included

● The provision of a community centre with library facilities in Belhar at a total estimated cost exceeding R525 000 and depending on the availability of loan funds the provision of these facilities would be expedited as much as possible.

● The extension of the sporting facilities at Avonwood sportsgrounds in Elsies River by the provision of three tennis courts. Clearance had also been given by the council for the preparation of a new design for a community centre at Louw's Bush

Apart from the normal redevelopment projects, 2 067 sub-economic units would also be upgraded after approval by the Department of Community Development.

● The planning of a community centre at Grassy Park and two minor sport complexes and a swimming bath at Lotus River.

● The improvement of services and upgrading of dwelling units in Lavistown and the improvements to the sports complex in Blasara.

● Extensions to the library in Ocean View costing R35 000 have been approved and the tender stage reached.

● A housing scheme consisting of 235 economic and 243 sub-economic units in Ocean View, was also approved by the Council.

Mr Hampshire said the Divisional Council had sponsored loans totalling R7 500 000 to the Citizens' Housing League for the improvement of services and dwelling units in Lavistown and for the sports complex in Blasara.

The construction work on the major sports complex in Atlantis would continue and the development was being programmed to allow the use of the soccer field to a limited extent in 1980 and to the full extent in 1981.

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Sauce:
1 1/2 cups sugar
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1 heaped T flour
1/2 bottle vinegar

Mix the curry powder, flour with a little water. Mix well, so that no lumps form, and then add the sugar and vinegar, boil up and stir all the time, then add the cooked beans and onions, bring to boil again. Bottle.

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EGG SALAD

May Bennett, Ridgeworth

hard boiled eggs
salanaise
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Cut eggs in half and lay on a flat salad platter; cut side down. Pour over salanaise.

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CHICKEN AND CUCUMBER SALAD

S. Drury, East London

1 cup cooked chicken, diced
4 T finely chopped walnuts
French dressing/mayonnaise
lettuce
1 cup cucumber, peeled and diced
1 cup cooked green peas

Marinade chicken, cucumber, nuts and peas with French dressing. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise. Cover with greaseproof paper and refridgerate until ready for use.

French dressing:
Blend together 6 T salad oil and 2 T lemon juice.

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APPLE TUNA TOSS SALAD

1 medium head lettuce, torn in bite-size pieces (4 cups)
2 cups diced apple
1 11 oz can (1 1/3 cups) mandarin orange sections, drained
1 6 1/2 or 7 oz can tuna, drained and broken in large chunks
1/3 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
2 t soya sauce
1 t lemon juice

In a large salad bowl, combine lettuce, apple, orange sections, tuna and nuts; toss together. Combine mayonnaise, soya sauce and lemon juice; mix well. To serve, add dressing to salad; toss gently. Makes 4 - 6 servings.

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EL to receive major transport concession

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EAST LONDON — In a major government turnabout, the Minister of Transport, Mr Chris Heunis, announced in Pretoria yesterday that East London was to be declared a decentralised industrial area in terms of the Road Transportation Act

He added the relevant notice would be gazetted soon

In effect the concession means any factory or workshop in the proclaimed decentralised area will be able to make use of its own transport and not be forced to use the Railways

The announcement was welcomed by Mr Tony Recsei, a former president of the Border Chamber of Industries and the man who spearheaded the BCI fight to get East London included in the concession

He said the concession had been previously granted to other areas — none of them growth points — but up to now the government had consistently refused to include East London in the concessionary area

While the concession would be welcomed by all East London industrialists, it was still only a sop to what was a critical transport problem in this area because it restricted each factory to using only one vehicle up to a maximum of eight tons, he said

But the long-term benefits were significant and the announcement could be fairly hailed as a major breakthrough

Smaller industries, particularly, would benefit substantially

He said the concession was pertinent to East London because it was remote from the main market place — the Witwatersrand — and in future Reef customers would not have to wait two weeks for delivery

Soliciting the aid of the Federated Chamber of Industries and the Decentralisation Board, it was Mr Recsei and the BCI who led the fight to have the concession included in the original Act

The government subsequently appointed a commission of inquiry to consider amendments to the Act and it visited East London to hear the view of local industrialists

The government later agreed to include the concession, but excluded East London from the concessionary area — until Mr Heunis' announcement yesterday

"Transport and related costs are the most difficult long-term problems facing East London and are among the main reasons why industrialists have been reluctant to move to East London

"Now at least industrialists will know they will not have to get a permit or necessarily rely on the Railways to get their goods to the market and therefore the long-term benefits for East London are very significant," he said. — DDR.

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4. How does the answer to 3. change if the R70 000 is now a deductible loss, which can be set off against the taxable income from other sources of R50 000? Draw up the income statement assuming the deferral method is used.

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Draw up the income statement for the 19.8 financial year under a) liability method

b) deferral method

Assume the tax rate remains 42%

Council votes against new refuse service

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EAST LONDON — Rubbish removal will not go commercial here for the next 12 months

This was decided at the city council's monthly meeting last night after a lengthy debate on whether the municipality should relinquish the removals in favour of Waste-Tech at a cost of R598 756

A motion moved by Councillor I Zulman that council proceed with the new plastic bag system for the next 12 months to ascertain the actual cost was won by nine votes to seven

Spearheading the move to give Waste-Tech the contract, Councillor Joe Yazbek made an impassioned plea to let the free enterprise system operate in East London

"West Germany is today one of the most industrialised countries of the world because of the free enterprise system," Mr Yazbek said.

"We're running a bus service and fire brigade at a loss," Mr Yazbek said "Why can private companies run a bus service and still make a profit?"

He said the firm had the technology the municipality did not have and that it was a very reputable firm doing business — and doing it well — in many other centres in South Africa.

"We are not guinea pigs in this and the red herring from the detractors of this scheme that Vereeniging had withdrawn from the scheme is untrue

"This is a very serious matter and the greatest thing to have hit East London We should now wake up to it East London should take the break "

He said Waste-Tech was establishing an industry here and the city should not lose out on this but Mr Zulman asked whether ratepayers should be made to subsidise a firm to stay in East London

Mr Zulman warned the changeover would cost the municipality millions in time to come, that council would be giving their fleet of removal vehicles away for a pittance and challenged councillors to state categorically, for the benefit of the ratepayers, why they were voting for or against

"It has cost us thousands in time and labour to probe this and now that we have a system parallel to theirs, we want to give it away. The council employs experts, men who run big departments and whom we pay to advise us And now we don't want to take their advice"

He said giving out the contract would increase costs by 20 per cent and the cost would rise with council building 1 000 houses

"We do not need help in this field, we have the expertise and we have captive customers which is unlike running a bus service so I say let's keep this vital asset," Mr Zulman said and made it clear he backed private enterprise.

Councillor F Stakemire said it had not been proved to him the handover would be of benefit to the city and he would vote against it and the councillor with the finance portfolio, Mr B Armist, said he would have to be kicked out of his portfolio if he were to vote for something which would increase the budget deficit by R70 000

He also warned that the costs in Beacon Bay where Waste-Tech operated might go up 25 per cent

Councillor E Spring quoted figures to show that from 1973 to 1976, the cost of running the service went up by 26 per cent

He said in 1977 the cost escalation was only 4,2 per cent and in 1978 it was 3 per cent

"These figures perturb me because we see a sharp decline in 1977 — and that was after we had had talks with Waste-Tech. Those talks suddenly brought a tremendous saving

He said the other figures that perturbed him was that the cost of running the removal fleet in 1973 was actually cut in 1978 by 18 per cent and "and this at a time of such escalating prices and fuel price increases "

Councillor I. Lipworth rejected juggling of figures and urged that council be given an extra year to operate the removals "but under audit so that we can compare after that "

Councillor R L de Lange (snr) said delays and procrastination was to blame for the position East London found itself in today and there should be no more delays

"Let's act big like other cities and give out this contract We won't lose " Mr De Lange (snr) called for a division and Mr Armist, Mr Bezuidenhout, Mr Lipworth, Mr Lutzke, Mr Randall, Mr Stakemire, Mr Warner and Mrs Kemp all backed Mr Zulman's motion

Mr De Lange (snr and jun), Mr Snell, Mr Snodgrass, Mr Spring, Mr Yazbek and Mr Card were against — DDR

Amalinda area farmers are to pay full rates

EAST LONDON — Farmers in the Amalinda area will pay full rates in 12 months time.

This was decided at the City Council's monthly meeting last night after Councillor R L. de Lange moved that farmers be given 12 months grace to get their affairs in order

"I am in full sympathy with the bona fide farmer but we must realise the shoe is starting to pinch for the East London ratepayer

"It is not fair that while people in East London pay full rates, the farmer in Amalinda pays meagre rates and enjoys all the facilities of the town

"This cannot continue and it is time we start running council as a business organisation "

Councillor J. H Bezuidenhout appealed for the farmer to be granted another 12 months and warned the new rating would cause them hardship and force them into bankruptcy.

He said the topography of their properties did not allow them to sub-divide

Councillor I Zulman said it would be a bad reflection on the city if the farmers went bankrupt and they could not get rid of their properties

Councillor J. Yazbek said the matter had been shelved several times and it was time council had the courage of its convictions to spread the ratepayers' load equally.

Councillor B. Armist said it was time Amalinda farmers came to bear their share and they should be given a year more and no longer.

The Mayor, Mr Donald Card, said he knew the area because it was his ward and warned it was the wrong time to press those people for higher rates.

"Surely we can give them grace. We are not postponing a decision on the rate We are merely implementing the decision 12 months later " — DDR

Umtata police raid offices

UMTATA — Members of the Security Police visited the offices of Imvo Zabantsundu here yesterday and took specimens from the typewriters used in the office by reporters.

The home of the president of Transkei University's Student Representative Council, Mr Ezrah Mtsontshi, was also searched by members of the Security Police and he was taken to their offices for questioning — DDR

Share East London's infrastructure with Transkei and Ciskei

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Removal of all race laws except where residents object

Revolutionary

Free port area where manufacture, imports, exports are tax free

EL plan

Free trade zone proposed

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By BARRY STREEK

Full text of speech, page 11

EAST LONDON — A top Afrikaans businessman, Dr Martin van den Bergh, has proposed a revolutionary plan to turn East London into a non-racial international trade zone and the harbour into a free port.

The central theme to the plan is the sharing of East London's infrastructure, including the harbour, with Transkei and Ciskei.

Dr van den Bergh, who is President of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, has proposed the removal of all racial laws in the new international area, except in residential areas if the people living there want segregation

His plan will enable black people to buy property anywhere else in the zone, including businesses and industrial sites, and there will be no racial bar in any economic activity

Although he envisages that the international zone will fall under the jurisidiction of the South African Government, Dr van den Bergh, who is also a member of the Quail Commission of Inquiry into the possible independence of the Ciskei, stresses that the new zone will have to be made sufficiently attractive for both Transkei and Ciskei to want to share in the arrangement

He also believes that because of the nonracial status of the international zone, East London may be able to lure international capital into the area, which he says is one of the areas worst hit by the economic recession

All income benefits in the international zone would be shared between the three states involved

Dr van den Bergh, who made his controversial proposal in a speech to the local Afrikaanse Sakekamer, specifically rejects suggestions that East London should be incorporated into either the Ciskei or Transkei

He points out that if Transkei and Ciskei participate in the scheme the duplication of expensive infrastructural costs in the region could be avoided, although he said it was understandable that Transkei and Ciskei would want to create their own facilities

"The core of my proposal is that the restrictions in property ownership and the conducting of business along racial lines must be scrapped in this area," he said

As a result, black entrepeneurs would be able to conduct their businesses on exactly the same basis as white businessmen

Transkei and Ciskei would have representation on all local administrative bodies which affected infrastructure in the international zone.

"It is a fundamental principle that all three of the countries will share in the economic progress of the area," Dr van den Bergh said

Although he believed the creation of an international economic zone would be sufficient incentive for economic growth, he also believed East London should be turned into a free harbour

This free port would encompass the harbour area and an adjoining industrial area In the area all imports, exports and manufacture of goods would take place tax free and would only be taxed once they left the area

However, Dr van den Bergh ruled out any chance of East London actually living in the free port area getting tax-free cigarettes, liquor and petrol

At the end of his speech, he said his proposal may have sounded revolutionary and far-fetched, but it is extremely unlikely that a person in his position would merely have flown a kite without the assurance of some backing

He stressed in the speech that he was not talking on behalf of the AHI nor the Quail Commission and that he had no idea of what the South African Government's view on the issue would be, but for some time now there has been considerable speculation about the possible sharing of the harbour between the three countries

This is the first time someone in authority has spelled out an actual plan for sharing East London and it could well form the basis for formal negotiations between the three countries depending on their reaction to it

Dr Martin van den Bergh (left) is a Doctor of Economics. He is managing director of a Johannesburg financial institution and from 1963 to 1965 was chief economist in the Development Programme Office of the Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister He was also chief research officer in the Bureau for Economic Research at the University of Stellenbosch. He was born at Middelburg, Cape, and is married with three sons, and a daughter.

Noise law could strangle development

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EAST LONDON — Implementation here of laws governing development of land around airports could have massive repercussions for the future of the city.

According to a city engineer's report, implementation of the laws governing land in noise incidence zones around the airport could

Strangle the development of thousands of hectares of land — some of it prime land — in East London and its south-west environs Included in these areas are much of Haven Hills, Greenfields, Quigney and sections of Cove Rock,

Saddle the city council as the town planning authority with substantial claims for compensation for loss of development value in terms of the provision of the Townships Ordinance, and

Lead to a sporadic development pattern for East London with swathes of undeveloped land through the middle of the urban area in line with airport approaches

The report has been drawn up following negotiations between the Administrator and the city council about the development of the Amalinda commonage which has been declared a Coloured area

It will be presented to the Coloured Management Committee tonight

Just how much land is to be affected is to be decided through negotiations between the Department of Environmental Planning and Development and the planning division of the Cape Provincial Administration

This was confirmed here yesterday by the Cape Provincial planner, Mr Jan Meyer

He confirmed there were two sets of noise incidence contours affecting East London and implementation of the one would affect 3 000 ha while implementation of the other would affect about 5 500 ha

The 3 000 ha figure is based on calculations involving 135 flights a day at the East London airport while the 5 000 ha figure is based on 270 flights a day

Mr Meyer said "We are negotiating which contour to implement so I cannot tell you how many hectares of land will be affected"

Asked whether the rules would be strictly implemented, Mr Meyer said "Unfortunately yes"

Asked whether 135 flights a day was not too high for East London airport, Mr Meyer said the figure was based on future activity at the airport He could not say how far into the future.

The regional representative of the Department of Enviromental Planning and Development, Mr B. Barnard, was not available for comment and his deputy, Mr C Slabbert, refused to comment yesterday

The city engineers' department has asked the city council to take up the matter with the two departments to establish where the policies on noise incidence contours will be applied strictly here

According to the engineers' report, the secretary for environmental planning had sent the city council copies of the noise incidence contours for 135 flights at the East London airport and these had been considered to be the contours adopted by their department.

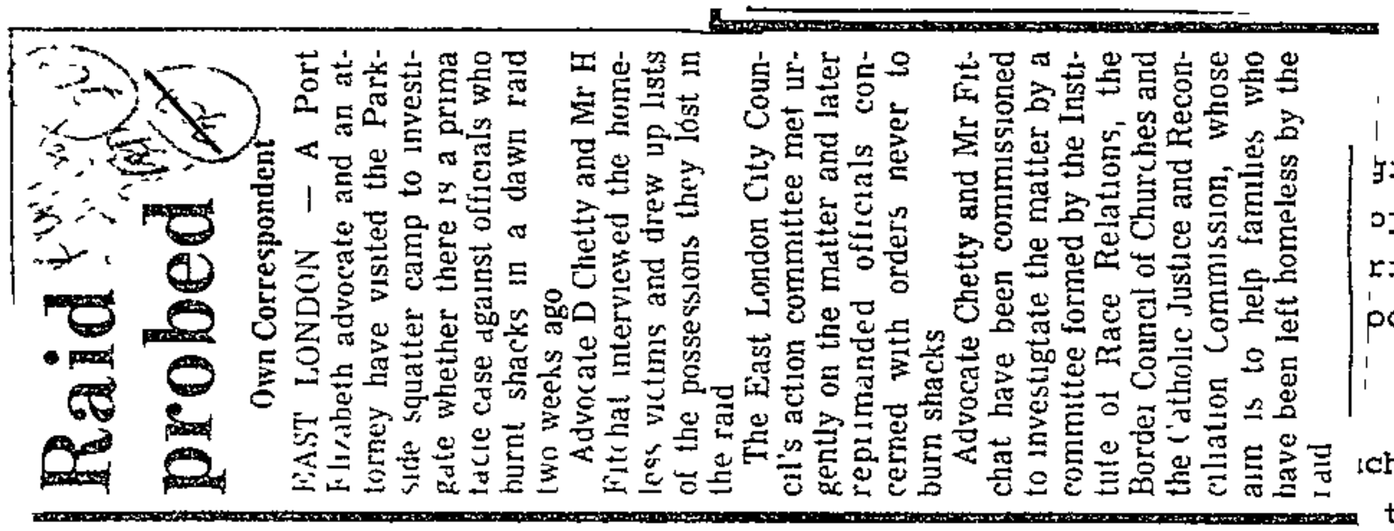
But according to correspondence from the regional representative of environmental planning, they were using contours derived from 270 flights a day The engineers' report stated the projections which had been used to derive the future air traffic movements through East London airport did not indicate 270 aircraft movements would be achieved in the foreseeable future and it was an overestimated traffic growth rate

The city councillor with portfolio of industrial development, Mr Joe Yazbek, said last night he had not seen the report and he doubted whether the state would go ahead with something like this that would affect East London adversely

"We will certainly contest it most vigorously and we'll investigate the idea of compensation for loss of development for something we have not been responsible for." — DDR

the cost of raising the necessary funds has to be taken into account. The funds themselves are already justified by comparison with the alternative methods of provision, but there are additional costs involved in raising them: interest on loans, or administrative and incentive costs of raising taxation. These are normally insignificant for any given project, but may affect the overall amounts available for the health budget.

Where the methods of providing a given service use the same kinds of resources in different proportions, the decision-making can be simplified by means of Linear Programming, though health service choices cannot usually be presented in the simplified way required by this method.


Raid probed

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON — A Port Elizabeth advocate and an attorney have visited the Parkside squatter camp to investigate whether there is a prima facie case against officials who burnt shacks in a dawn raid two weeks ago

Advocate D Chetty and Mr H Fitchat interviewed the homeless victims and drew up lists of the possessions they lost in the raid

The East London City Council's action committee met urgently on the matter and later reprimanded officials concerned with orders never to burn shacks

Advocate Chetty and Mr Fitchat have been commissioned to investigate the matter by a committee formed by the Institute of Race Relations, the Border Council of Churches and the Catholic Justice and Reconciliation Commission, whose aim is to help families who have been left homeless by the raid

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problem is not only to relate resources used to objective to relate the various objectives to each other.

There are various means of doing this; but all of them require that expenditure be accounted for by the ends it is expected to achieve.

2.1 Programme Budgeting

Programme budgeting, also known as budgeting by objectives, involves the presentation of expenditure data according to the objectives to which it is directed. Thus, projects to combat TB would be grouped together, geriatric problems, sanitation programmes, etc.

This is necessary:

(a) to know the cost of pursuing each objective;

(b) to group together activities with the same objectives which can be compared by cost-effectiveness analysis;

(c) to know the effectiveness of a given amount of money when spent on different objectives, so that choices can be formulated in terms of the alternatives we might afford - so many geriatric day care centres, so many child welfare clinics, etc.

Financial statistics are not traditionally arranged on this basis but in categories such as 'salaries', 'transport', 'medicines', etc. A separation, e.g. between expenditure on different disease groups or age groups cannot be made.

The grouping of expenditure into programmes is an art. Pole, an economist in the U.K. Department of Health, writes:

> "Programme structure should, in my view, be mainly determined by the decisions to the taking of which one wishes it to contribute... One might suggest that where decisions are primarily a matter of political or moral judgement - of determining basic priorities - one would want the activities to be compared to reside in different programmes - the mentally handicapped against the alcoholics; but where it is a more technical question of how particular objectives can best be achieved - drug therapy against behavioural therapy - one would want the activities to be compared to be within a particular programme. This distinction ties up with an economic jargon of slightly older vintage - that of cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness; and through that to the main stream of neoclassical welfare economics, which attempts to make a distinction between the choice of the composition of the basket of outputs and the choice of the set of resources from which each output is to be produced. The former is, in a broad sense, a question of tastes, values, or utilities; the latter is a question of techniques".

He adds:

> "In practice, it is not an easy matter to make a hard and fast distinction between technical matters and matters of values or utilities in the health services. From one point of view, the question whether to treat schizophrenics in hospital or in the community is a technical one. Which is the cheaper way to fulfil whatever are the society's requirements for the treatment of this group? But community care originally became fashionable as a good thing in itself. The practitioners are very apt to muddle the medical and economic arguments when it suits them, and the politicians and administrators equally so when it suits them, but the economist's concern is to keep them separate". [9]

Programme budgeting, then, entails the attempt at this separation, sorting out from the multiplicity of decisions those which can be made on the basis of administrative or economic, together with medical-technical criteria, and those in which the role of the public through political

Don't lose this chance

Political Correspondent BARRY STREEK reports

The plan proposed by Dr Martin van den Bergh for the future of the greater East London region could, with major adaptation, provide the base for a significant guide to the rest of South Africa about the future

However revolutionary it is in white terms, the Van den Bergh plan can only succeed, or be of any real worth, if it is acceptable to the majority of people in the Ciskei-Transkei-Border region.

For, as the Chief Minister of the Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe, has so explicitly argued, any plan that does not function on the basis of equal partnership, in the clear sense of the word, just will not work in practice

It is obvious that the majority of the people without the vote in the South African Parliament will not accept anything else, except as an interim measure

And this, surely, is the problem that is facing the whole of the Republic

In this area, the economic facts of life make the absolute necessity of a shared, negotiated future fairly obvious

But as in the case of Ian Smith's Rhodesia, the need for negotiation in white-ruled South Africa will become equally visible .

In a sense, the historic Turnhalle talks in South West Africa when the all-white National Party sat down with some of the representatives of the people of colour to try and work out a future together provided a guideline

In South Africa, however, the government has refused to start facing up to this reality It has consistently rejected the Progressive Federal Party policy of a national convention And it has equally consistently attacked anyone who has vaguely suggested that every adult South African is entitled to vote for the Parliament that governs him

This is all very well Just like Ian Smith found electoral convenience in saying that there would never be majority rule in his lifetime, so the National Party and others have won support by playing up white fears of black rule

Given the track record of most governments in independent Africa, these fears by whites are understandable, particularly as they perceive a threat to their relatively high living standards

But, however understandable, no minority-ruled country can survive in the long term on the basis of them No country can possibly have a secure future unless the political aspirations of the majority of people can be satisfied

That is, in essence, the critical and dominating question which has to be resolved in South Africa how can a solution be found in which those aspirations be satisfied without making it so perceptibly outrageous that whites will only give up their power and position if they are forced to do so, probably by the gun

Of course, the resolution of this situation can be delayed, in a manner resembling of white-ruled Rhodesia, until it is impossible for any real choice Even then the military situation has not yet been resolved

The far more sensible move would be to take the necessary steps now before it is too late and before the options become so limited that there is no choice

And, whatever its limitations, the Van den Bergh plan does provide at least a base for the greater East London area to take these moves, ahead of the rest of South Africa

Mr Robyn Hobbs, MPC, in his reaction, suggested the formation of a steering committee to discuss it As long as such a committee is not just a talking shop and provided it can have some muscle, Mr Hobbs' suggestion has considerable merit

What is absolutely essential — and Chief Sebe in his reaction underlined this — is that the future of the area is negotiated between the leaders of the people of the area

All the sensible suggestions of free ports and international trade zones, as well as the creation of open, joint central business and industrial districts, will mean very little if they are all subject to the control of one government, in Dr van den Bergh's case, the South African Government

It was suggested, for example, that Transkei and Ciskei should get representation on the harbour advisory board, but what on earth is the real benefit to Transkei and Ciskei of merely having representation on a committee which advises the South African Government

In his reaction, Mr Hendrik Coetzer, MP for King William's Town, suggested a method of shared control of the harbour which has merit, but his proposal was extremely limited in scope

The real issue is surely the future of the entire region not just the harbour Of course, it can be confined to the harbour at this stage and this may well be acceptable, for the time being, to Transkei and Ciskei, but it is not the answer.

The fight over the duplication of facilities in the East London and Mdantsane markets is surely but the start of things if they continue as they are

After all, the markets are a small part of the trading economy of the region What about the supermarkets, the shops and the restaurants, not to mention the hotels, if a complete segregation of the economies of the Ciskei, for example, and the Border area is instituted?

And if this does continue, the consumer spending patterns will determine the ultimate course of events, certainly to the detriment of the Border area

The only way out, in the end, is negotiation over the future of the area

And, although it is intimately involved, it is unlikely that the South African Government is going to take the initiative It has too much to lose in the Transvaal where it is already in trouble for being too verlig

The people of this area, whether they are in the Border area, or the Ciskei, or the Transkei, have to take the initiative

If they take that initiative and follow it through to its logical consequences, the region will have achieved what has not yet been possible in the rest of South Africa

If that chance is lost, the region may well have had its last possibility of setting the pace for the rest of South Africa

MP: planning body needed

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EAST LONDON — The Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on economics and finance, Mr Harry Schwarz, last night called for a body to be formed representative of all interests in East London to negotiate a plan for the future.

Mr Schwarz was speaking at the PFP's donor dinner at an East London hotel.

He said uncertainty was a deterrent to investment and progress

"There is no doubt that uncertainty has affected the future of East London and there is little doubt that the government must bear the major responsibility for it

"The attitudes and utterances of certain Nationalist MPs has certainly not contributed towards the establishment of certainty and understanding in this region," Mr Schwarz said.

He stated clearly the policy of independent homelands was the policy of the government and not the PFP

The present uncertainty could not arise if PFP policies were being implemented

As it was government policy he could readily understand the call of the Chief Minister of the Ciskei, Chief L L Sebe, that if the government had these policies it must fully implement them

The MP for King William's Town, Mr Hendrik Coetzer, could not accuse the Chief Minister of antagonising whites if all he asked for was the implementation of government policy

The key questions were: What is government policy? Will it be changed?

Mr Schwarz said government policy for East London as was presently stated meant East London remained white

This meant the plans for a multi-racial economic area could not be implemented

"If the Consolidation Committee's report results in a deviation by the Cabinet from the 1936 Land Act, then East London could — I do not say will — become a black area, but not a multiracial area, as it is not government policy to create such entities

"Despite Dr Martin van den Bergh's admitted political affiliation, despite his membership of the Quail Commission of inquiry into the desirability of independence for the Ciskei, his ideas do not represent government policy

"But despite this and despite the fact that his proposals are not accepted by the National Party or the Ciskei government and do not coincide with PFP policy — his speech remains significant," Mr Schwarz said

This was because, coming from a prominent Afrikaner businessman and an avowed Nationalist it accepted the concept that there could be multiracial areas in South Africa with the removal of race restrictions on the ownership of property

Mr Schwarz said this gave him hope there might well come a breakthrough in National Party thinking on the fundamental issue

"It must be realised that East London's — no less than South Africa's — problems will never be solved until the reality of joint decision-making, of true parternship without domination is recognised

Referring to two weeks he had recently spent with Chief Sebe on a tour of Europe, Mr Schwarz said he had got to know him well and he was convinced he was no enemy of the white people.

"He describes himself as a South African He believes in peaceful evolution, but feels strongly about the plight of his people.

"His people must not be hungry and must not be subject to hardship

"Can this be regarded as anti-white, or wrong, for any leader of the black people?" Mr Schwarz asked

He said he did not believe the problems of East London and its environs would be solved by bickering between politicians

He believed if certainty was to come to the area, the representatives of its people on an all-party basis should get together, debate the possible solutions, and having found what they believed to be the answer, negotiate with the other interested parties, including the acknowledged black leaders, and then present their plans to the public.

"Having obtained a mandate, then ask for implementation from the authorities

"This is the only way which not only certainty can come about, but certainty in an acceptable form," Mr Schwarz said

The truth was, he said, that East London like South Africa would come to realise it needed economic progress and political stability, and that could only come from certainty — DDR

regard to the executed portion of the contract he can avail himself of remedy (a) above, i.e. retain the defective merx and claim damages, and in regard to the executory portion of the contract avail himself of remedy (b)(ii) above, i.e. claim damages as the surrogate of prestation ....

Before dealing with the declaration and the exception, I must first deal with two further points of substantive law. Firstly it must be remembered that the damages referred to above are damages given to complete the prestation in contradistinction to damages flowing from and arising out of the breach itself. These latter damages can be claimed in addition to the above and in practice may sometimes conveniently be claimed in one lump sum together with the former". (p.330).

Earlier cases which may be referred to are Vorster Bros. v. Louw, 1910 T.P.D. 1099; Vivian v. Woodburn, 1910 T.P.D. 1285; National Butchery Co. v. African Merchants Ltd., 1907 D.C. 57; Salomon and Co. v. Stefani, 21 S.C. 515, and see also Grotius, 3.15.4.

It must be stressed that we must distinguish between a rejection of imperfect performance and a claim of a surrogate of performance, when the contract is not cancelled, on the one hand, and a rejection of the performance and cancellation of the contract, on the other hand. To revert to the judgment of Van Zyl, J. in the Radiotronics case, where we are dealing with the former alternative:

> "... there is no question of cancelling or repudiating the contract, but it is a case of repudiating a delivery which has already taken place as being a proper prestation in terms of the contract .... and claiming damages as surrogate of the thing promised.

East London rates to go up 4 per cent

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EAST LONDON — Rates will go up four per cent here next year — and a new sewerage tariff structure will mean a substantial increase in charges to the majority of consumers

Speaking on his R49 million budget at last night's special meeting of the East London City Council, the councillor in charge of finance, Cllr Ben Armist, announced a 20 per cent overall increase in sewerage tariffs, a five per cent increase in water tariffs and a R6 a year increase in refuse removal fees

But he said, "taking all the increases into consideration, the taxpayer will not be called upon to pay more than about eight and a half per cent and a half per cent compared to last year"

The adoption of a new sewerage tariff structure, which will mean an overall tariff increase of R117 000, followed the council's belief that the sewerage tariff, being a service charge, should be divorced from the valuation of buildings

"We feel that every citizen using this service must contribute equally All consumers will pay the same charges, depending of course on how many pans are in use on the property," said Cllr Armist

He explained if the new structure representing an increase in charges of 20 per cent had not been adopted, it would have meant a further three and a half per cent increase on the rate account

The running of the city next year will cost R39 863 841 — an increase of R2 775 475 on last year's figure

The cost of capital works and repairs had also increased by R2 488 600, bringing it to R10 058 190

Cllr Armist said next year's capital charges would be only R500 000 more than the figure for 1979 "Although R10 985 000 is a formidable amount, the capital charges for 1980 have been strictly controlled through severe cut-backs in capital expenditure during recent years," he said

The city council's income had not risen in the same proportion as its expenditure — hence the necessity to raise charges for services and rates next year

Cllr Armist said it had been expected that an easier budget would have been possible for 1980, but the inflation rate for various items, including the increased fuel price (R200 000) sales tax (R360 000) and staff expenses (R1,1 million) had affected nearly all items appearing in the estimates

He said some costs extracted from the budget called for special comment

Losses on council housing schemes continued to rise The nett loss on white schemes was R6 700, on Coloured schemes R13 000 and on Indian schemes R4 700

"Local authorities are unable to continue carrying losses on housing schemes and it is considered that the central government should take appropriate steps to alleviate the problem," said Cllr Armist

The Wilsonia market had not come up to expectation and despite the subsidy received, a loss of about R50 000 was anticipated, he said.

It was essential that ways and means be found to increase the turnover of the market and it might become necessary to increase the number of agents operating on the market, he said.

The loss on camping sites amounted to R30 000 and Cllr Armist recommended an investigation into inquiries which had been received from prospective entrepreneurs to lease the camping sites

The council's vehicles and plant had become increasingly expensive to maintain, and although the R1 million estimate for 1980 was largely attributable to fuel cost, consideration should be given to the comparative costs of hired cars and other services instead of outright purchase, Cllr Armist said

The consumption of water by Mdantsane had increased considerably and Cllr Armist said it might become necessary for the council to study implications of capital expenditure on the Bridle Drift dam as the council was becoming a regional water supplier

Design and planning costs were not all recoverable and became abortive costs. Many projects were concerned but not implemented Cllr Armist appealed to councillors to call for reports only when essential.

The fire brigade department had grown abnormally and was costing the municipality over R700 000 a year, Cllr Armist said

While the Provincial Administration was contemplating a subsidy, the fire department was, in the meantime, a considerable burden on the ratepayers The department's benefits such as uniforms and accommodation allowances should be investigated and compared to other centres, he said

Cllr Armist said he expected alteration of sewerage charges to cause much adverse comment from the ratepayers "I say this simply because the final amount collected in revenue will be a new distribution," he said

"Some ratepayers will pay less and some more Those having to pay more will not like it. If in the past you paid less, then you were being subsidised by others," Cllr Armist said stressing that the council had tried to be fair to all ratepayers

Another reason for adverse comment would be the five per cent increase in the water tariff, he said adding "In effect, those using R10 worth of water a month will only have to pay 50c extra "

He said the increase in refuse removal fees to R24 a year per occupied house had nothing to do with the council's new system of refuse collection.

"At R2 a month we are on a par with most other centres — and even below charges elsewhere," Cllr Armist said. — DDR

Armist plea, page 6.

Council 'no' to tighter control over servants

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Municipal Reporter

IN spite of pressure from three ratepayers' associations, the Cape Town City Council refused yesterday to tighten control over servants' rooms in Sea Point and other areas

It rejected slight extensions to the by-laws designed to control noise and other nuisances' suggested by the Sonnenberg Committee, which it set up earlier this year to investigate causes of trouble in the municipality.

These were that notice boards should be set up at blocks of flats listing the occupants of servants' rooms and their employers, and that employers must have duplicate keys to be given to the police on demand

The council also rejected a proposal by the former Mayor, Mr Ted Mauerberger, that it adopt stricter by-laws suggested by Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

These included a definition of illegal occupation of a servant's room between midnight and 6 am.

The matter — described by Mr I L Kendal as one of the most contentious before the council — was discussed for nearly three hours.

GALLERY

Representatives of ratepayers' associations were in the public gallery during the first hour of the debate

The council decided to maintain the status quo after two executive committee members, Mr Emile Riese and Mr A H Honikman said it was not its function to control servants' rooms

Other councillors said there were already too many regulations governing people's lives

Dr John Sonnenberg said his committee had considered the by-laws only because the Department of Community Development had set up a committee to implement the recommendations of the Fouche Committee on trouble in Sea Point

Dr Sonnenberg said the department's committee had drafted a set of 'Draconian' by-laws, which included the carrying of passes.

He feared these by-laws would be forced on the council if it did not pass any by-laws of its own.

SHORTAGE

Discussing the suggestion that the council adopt the by-laws drafted by Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association the chairman of the Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said there would be few sleep-in servants if it were not for the housing shortage

She said a room was sometimes the only place where a husband and his wife could live together Some women had children in their rooms

Mrs Stott said she would not seek to define 'occupation' in such a way that husbands and children would be breaking the city's by-laws by their presence

Mr Kendal said that the definition of occupation was an attempt to trap the council into accepting the provisions of the Group Areas Act

He said the police had sufficient powers to arrest anyone causing a disturbance

Mr Solm Yach said there was no need for further hurtful laws

Mr Riese said that several years ago the City Engineer Mr J G Brand, had recommended the provision of amenities in Sea Point to keep black and coloured people off the streets

But when the council tried to find sites for these, the people of Sea Point had opposed it.

He had no sympathy for them when they 'came crying to the council' now

He said it was far safer in Sea Point than in the central business district, some other suburbs or the coloured townships

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Ratepayer bodies hit at municipal hikes

EAST LONDON — Ratepayers associations here hit out at the rate and tariff increases announced by the City Council and called for "a municipality run on modern efficient business principles" yesterday

The chairman of the ratepayers association in Ward 9, Mr Andrew Jeans, said the four per cent rate increase and tariff increases for service charges "actually meant a ten per cent rate increase"

The tariff increases were being used to swing the budget into the favour of the "property barons" of the city, while bleeding the pockets of the poorer working class, said Mr Jeans

"Mr Armist (the finance committee chairman) did not take into his calculation that rental control was dropping away next year and that tariff increases would affect the poor the most

"A surcharge on toilet pans can only be detrimental to the community and must be scrapped immediately

"The poorer people who put backyard toilets freely to the use of black people because of inadequate facilities in the city, are going to pull out these toilets And what are the streets going to smell like," Mr Jeans said

If the non-productive municipality element was phased out, the tariff increases would not have been necessary, he said.

"What we need is a small efficient municipality staff and city councillors should run their multi-million business on modern efficient business principles "

Mr Jeans said he did not want to be derogatory about the council, but said tariff increases were going to cripple the man in the street

"The property barons can afford to carry these increases and it would be their Christian duty to fairly spread the burden," he said

Turning to the R50 000 loss anticipated on the Wilsonia market, Mr Jeans said "Did anybody expect anything else?"

All camping site projects should be handed to the private sector because they were bound to make a success of it, he said.

The chairman of the ratepayers association in Ward 2, Mr Robbie Roberts, said the way the city was managed presently was bound to result in annual rate and service charge increases

Mr Roberts said the executive of his association had forecast the Wilsonia market was an overambitious scheme started in a wrong area

"But city councillors went ahead and now plead a loss of R50 000 We now forecast that this loss will be nothing compared to future losses once the subsidy is removed," he said.

Action should be taken to prune the market staff and working area to present demand immediately, said Mr Roberts

Mr Roberts said the city's transport department had and was still being improved through the efforts of its new manager, but his assocation would welcome drastic cuts in the expenditure of that department.

"Bus fares are far too low and the service is being heavily subsidised to the tune of a half a million rand a year by the relatively small group of ratepayers in the city "

Mr Roberts said the increase in refuse removal fees was a typical example "of fees going up and service down."

He rejected the proposal to employ a supervisor to monitor the municipality work gangs. "Cannot we have worker supervisors, not more supervisors monitoring supervisors," said Mr Roberts.

"The municipal empire grows no less Rate increases do not even cover salaries and wages for many highly paid, but unproductive employees "

Mr Roberts said despite complaints, his executive had a high regard for the abilities of Mr Armist.

The chairman of the ratepayers association in Ward 8, Mr F. B Staal, said he could not comment on the increases as it had not been discussed by his association at that stage — DDR

Market verdict, page 6.

XIV CONGENITAL ANOMALIES

	W		A		C		B	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	1,57	0,76	0,60	1,03	1,24	0,79	0,89	0,74
1-4	0,05	0,04	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,02	0,04	0,05
5-24	0,01	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,02	0,00	0,00
25-44	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,00	0,00

XV CERTAIN CAUSES OF PERINATAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY

	W		A		C		B	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	12,46	9,07	16,92	11,55	29,22	24,78	23,16	22,23
1-4	0,02	0,02	0,02	0,02	0,02	0,04	0,04	0,00
5-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ALL	0,25	0,17	0,48	0,32	0,83	0,67	0,55	0,67
NO.	519	359	170	113	942	785	1143	1075

IX DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

	W		A		C		B	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	0,17	0,08	0,10	0,21	0,78	0,29	0,49	0,48
1-4	0,01	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,07	0,10	0,05	0,05
5-24	0,02	0,01	0,03	0,01	0,04	0,03	0,05	0,05
25-44	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0,41	0,19	0,23	0,22

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Cut in councils saved R5 - m

REDUCING the number of divisional councils in the Cape Province from 84 to 38 had saved the administration R5-million, which is to be redistributed to the remaining councils, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, told a Cape Chamber of Commerce lunch yesterday.

Detailing the Province's expenditure up to March next year — a total of R806,5-million — he said the cutback in subsidy from the Treasury to 77 percent meant that 'curbs on our expansion must continue to be applied.'

TOO LOW

'The subsidies are naturally too low, to enable us to do what people want us to do. Our very substantial capital requirements do not even form part of the subsidy system and are determined each year by the Treasury, and the amount available varies from year to year.

'We have therefore learnt to streamline our spending and to ensure that every possible cent of revenue is collected,' Mr Louw said

THE REVENUE

Provincial revenue came from totalisator tax — R10,65-million; entertainment tax (which will be abolished 'as soon as practically possible') — R1-million; licences — R45-million, and fees such as hospital services, valuation fees and examination fees — R38,2-million.

Mr Louw said there was a continual call on the Provincial budget for financial assistance.

'We are continually endeavouring to reduce expenditure without affecting the quality of our services and infrastructure,' Mr Louw said.

DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

	W		A		C		B	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-1	0,02	0,03	0,00	0,10	0,25	0,10	0,04	0,06
1-4	0,01	0,01	0,02	0,00	0,12	0,14	0,02	0,04
5-24	0,02	0,01	0,04	0,04	0,02	0,04	0,03	0,02
25-44	0,02	0,05	0,06	0,09	0,17	0,13	0,06	0,08
45-64	0,23	0,19	0,44	0,37	0,36	0,36	0,34	0,25
65+	1,25	1,09	1,07	1,83	1,57	1,10	0,73	0,56
ALL	0,13	0,15	0,11	0,12	0,15	0,14	0,10	0,08
NO.	276	303	38	42	169	165	203	130

City's rating system encourages the plot-sitter

CIVIC DIARY

By

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CAPE TOWN had better get with it or lose out This is the important message for the City Council in the budgets of the other municipalities in the Greater Cape Town area.

These budgets emphasized the swing towards rating systems in which most of the rates are levied on the land rather than on the buildings or other improvements.

The ratio generally preferred seems to be about three-to-one and the main reason for the move to tax the land rather than the buildings is to encourage development.

Mr Dennis Smit, town clerk of Durbanville, said his council made the change in this year's budget to stop speculation in the area. And with about 2 500 vacant plots in the relatively small municipality it is not difficult to understand why Durbanville wants to boost development.

Goodwood, Fish Hoek and Simonstown already use similar systems and Milnerton has loaded rates on land to such an extent that the municipality is verging on a site-rating system. And this year Fish Hoek increased the ratio slightly when only the rate on land was raised.

The problem this poses for Cape Town can be clearly seen in the fact that there are 13 296 empty plots in the municipal area according to the City Treasurer's recent rating report.

In Cape Town the ratio between rates on land and rates on improvements is the one-to-one or "flat" rating system. This means that it costs a speculator less to sit on plots in Cape Town than in most of the surrounding municipalities.

The effect of this is that we have a situation in Cape Town which could attract speculators while other municipalities attract genuine developers. So the speculator who owns plots in Cape Town and Durbanville will do his building in Durbanville (or sell to someone who does intend to build) and Cape Town will lose out once again.

Unless Cape Town changes its rating system soon to fall into line with its neighbours, it could be chasing away to other municipalities many of the people who might build homes on some of those 13 296 empty plots.

The whole rating system comes up for serious consideration in January next year when the council discusses the treasurer's report.

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PINELANDS achieved the dubious honour last week of overtaking Cape Town in the high-rates stakes.

Although the little municipality did not increase its general rate it introduced a health rate of 0,32 cents in the rand to boost the total rate to 2,2 cents in the rand.

The total rate in Cape Town is 2,17 cents in the rand and as the valuations for both municipalities are based on 1971 values, the comparison is valid.

The effect of the new health rate will be a rates hike of 17,02 percent for Pinelands ratepayers

Not so long ago Pinelands was regarded as one of the cheaper places to own a home, but all that has changed with a record series of rates increases. The last five increases have been (working backwards) 17,02 percent, 14 percent, 11 percent, 33 percent and 14 percent.

Cape Town has often been criticized for its high rates, but one can see where the money goes It is not quite so easy to see what Pinelanders get for their rates.

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IT is a little difficult to find a rational explanation for the Divisional Council's determination to build houses for whites with funds from the National Housing Commission when all the indications are that the houses are not needed

In Sun Valley the council insisted on building 160 maisonettes despite well-motivated objections And now it plans to build a pilot scheme of 25 houses at Melkbosstrand although only seven people have expressed interest in the homes despite a fair amount of publicity for the scheme

Surely the use of State funds for assisted housing is justified only when there is ample evidence of a shortage of housing, preferably in the form of a waiting list.

The idea of building homes because some members of the Divisional Council think there might be a demand for them in the future is nothing other than "spec building" The question is this — Is there any moral justification for using State housing funds for spec building?

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FOR the first time, the long exhibition hall in the new Civic Centre is being put to good use with an impressive health exhibition.

People in a position to know, rate it as one of the finest exhibitions of its kind and one of the best things to come out of Health Year. Much of the credit should go to Dr Alec Chaimowitz, the deputy MOH, who has been responsible for the organization.

The exhibition is a fine advertisement for many of the services provided by the municipality and the Province (ranging from clinics to clean water) and which we now take for granted.

It is a demonstration of how the battle was won against the diseases which once swept through cities.

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vides an indication of the age distribution of whites and coloureds. The changes in this distribution which occurred between 1941 and 1970 are, for the purposes of the present study, of relative unimportance.

The expectations of life for 'coloureds' and whites are presented in Fig. 6. Although data has been published for Africans[5], this is speculative and is not considered to be of sufficient reliability to warrant inclusion. Two different expectations of life have been included: (1) e_o - the expectation of life at birth, and (2) e_{45} - the expectation of life at 45 years of age. Characteristically women have a better expectation of life than men, and Fig. 6 indicates that this is so for both whites and 'coloureds'. In fact, so marked is this difference that at e_{45} 'coloured' females have a better expectation of life than white males. What is perhaps of some concern is that the gap between the expectation of life for males and females is widening. This trend is apparent in both the whites and the 'coloured' communities, although it is particularly marked in the latter for whom Male:Female deficit of 1,0 years in 1941 at e_o has become 6,9 years in 1970. For whites a deficit of 3,7 years in 1929 has increased to 7,0 years in 1970.

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CITY RATES ARE HIGHEST IN SA

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Cape Town City Councillor FRANK VAN DER VELDE, MPC, takes a hard look at the city's rating system, which compares unfavourably with other major South African centres.

WHEN a city has completed its annual budget, it is faced with an excess of expenditure over income which has to be recovered from the ratepayer. This can partially be achieved by increasing the tariffs on any number of its trading undertakings — electricity and water are the largest, and others include abattoir, ambulance, bathing and other amenities, garbage removal, fire services, halls, libraries, markets, orchestra, sewage disposal and traffic (parking and fines).

It is always borne in mind when setting the various tariffs that certain of the services can be used to a lesser or greater extent by the ratepayer, depending on his personal means. These services include electricity or water. Others which are essential are garbage or sewage removal.

Others again are amenities which, although not essential, are important for the wellbeing of the community, particularly the poor. These include library services and parks and swimming pools, which require to be subsidised.

Having taken the above into account, there still remains a shortfall which has to be recovered by some form of taxation The debate that is currently raging again, and has been the subject of innumerable reports, seminars and Government commissions over the years, is exactly how that taxation can be best spread over the community.

The table below based on 1978/79 figures, illustrates just how different are the approaches to the dilemma by five of the major centres in South Africa.

It can be seen that the rates payable per capita of population are far higher in Johannesburg than Cape Town (R107,50 and R56,54 respectively) But the glaring difference is that Johannesburg's residential ratepayers shoulder 26,9 percent of the burden, while Cape Town's residents have to bow under 57,6 percent

This is attributable to the following factors:

(1) Johannesburg municipal area (excluding satellite municipalities) has 85 000 residential out of a total of 165 000 rateable properties. Cape Town has as many as 64 000 residential out of 76 000 rateable properties

(2) Johannesburg uses a valuation based on the site alone, whereas Cape Town uses a flat rate or a rate based on valuation of site plan improvements Changing to pure site valuation would, inter alia, have the effect in Cape Town of decreasing the rates payable by residential ratepayers by approximately 12,2 percent and increasing the commercial and industrial sector by an average of 7,1 percent (from Treasurers' Report, 'Rating Review' 1979).

(3) Johannesburg in addition to the above, grants a rebate of 40 percent on houses and 18 percent on flats.

What would happen if this was done in Cape Town? Would it kill the golden goose? Would it inhibit industrial or commercial growth in an area lagging sadly behind the Reef?

I posed these questions to men of commerce and one of industry, and received the following answers respectively:

'I cannot recall having had one discussion on the topic of cost savings that included the rates.'

'The amount of extra capital required to be employed would be negligible.'

A further important factor to bear in mind is that, for a company, rates are tax deductible, but for individuals they are not Therefore, 48 percent of the rates paid by a company are in fact being paid by the Government.

The balance would be passed on to the consumer (not only the citizens of Cape Town) who always retain the principle of accepting or rejecting the article. He does not have this privilege in regard to the rates imposed.

Local Authority	Population	Total Rates Payable	Amount Payable by Residential Ratepayers	Amount Payable by Other Ratepayers	Percentage of total rates paid by Residential Ratepayers	Percentage rebate granted to residential ratepayers (taken into account Col 2)	
		Rm	Rm	Rm	%	% Houses	Flats
Johannesburg based '77	640000	68,8	18,5	50,3	26,9	40	18
Cape Town	810000	45,8	26,4	19,4	57,6	-	-
Durban		52,9	19,7	33,2	37,24	5	2½
Pretoria		24,7	13,4	11,3	54,2	15	-
Port Elizabeth		18,4	7,9	10,5	42,6	20	-

Drop property prices Snell urges council

EAST LONDON — The president of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr Jack Snell, yesterday urged the East London City Council to make more residential plots available — at a lower price if necessary — to boost the city's coffers

Speaking at a general meeting of the chamber, he said he was pleased more plots would soon be up for sale in Vincent Heights, but added: "If the ground is not sold I strongly urge the city council to reduce the upset prices to enable more homes to be built so we can have more ratepayers

"I understand there are many more plots available in Vincent Heights than will be sold within the next week or two

"Why can't the upset prices be reduced so that prospective home-owners can buy a plot from the municipality, particularly in these times of high transport and fuel costs?" he asked

"If every plot in Vincent Heights had a house on it the revenue to the city would be enormous.

"What's more, if Vincent Heights had been opened up years ago there would be far fewer East London people living in Beacon Bay and Gonubie now," he said

Other points to emerge from the meeting included

Mr George Orsmond, head of the chamber's transport portfolio, said the East London harbour had possibly set a world record by loading a ro-ro ship at the rate of 570 tons an hour

He added the chamber is to press for a direct East London-Johannesburg air link with an aircraft leaving Johannesburg at 5 p.m., arriving in East London at 6.20 and flying straight back to Johannesburg.

It was also hoped the present four times a week airfreight service would soon be increased to a daily airfreight flight.

Mr Nico Cloete, handling the municipal affairs portfolio in the absence of the secretary, Mr Jock Allison, who is in Johannesburg on business, said he understood the link road connecting Western Avenue with the East London-King William's Town freeway had now been given the go-ahead and hopefully work on the link road would start next year

He also appealed to the city council to put the maintenance of roads in the municipal area out to contract. "Give it to private enterprise," he said

Turning to the decision of Rhodes University to establish a branch in East London, Mr David Marks said the first enrolments for the B Comm course were expected early next year and the first course would start in January 1981

The chamber has applied to the Government for the course to be multi-racial If the Government says no to the application it will have to be for whites only as the course is to be run at the East London Technical College, an educational institution presently reserved for whites

But the chamber is confident the Government will consider their application sympathetically.

— Business Editor

JACK SNELL . . . sell more ground in Vincent Heights.

Two moves to ease Group Areas Act

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EAST LONDON — Two moves are underway here to ease strict application of the Group Areas Act

The city council is to be asked to support a move to house Indian teachers in the white municipal housing scheme at Panmure

The Coloured Management Committee has been asked to allow an Indian trader, Mr Ramesh Jeewa, to trade in a Coloured area

The management committee came out in support of the application at its monthly meeting last night after the chairman, Mr Dody Nash, moved that they grant permission to Mr Jeewa to open a general dealer's business in the Coloured area

But Parkside trader and newly elected member of the CMC, Mr Wally George, objected to the move and tried to move a motion opposing the application

However, the trader, who won the CMC by-election as an independent candidate, could not get a seconder.

The city council has been requested by the Indian Management Committee to back their application to house the Indian teachers in Panmure

The teachers are being brought from Durban to man the new East London High School in Braelyn Heights which falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Indian Affairs

Eleven teachers resigned from the school to return to Durban because they could not get suitable accommodation and with the school expanding next year with its first matric class, more teachers would be needed and the acute housing shortage would be aggravated

A member of the IMC, Mr Murgas Williams, confirmed 12 new teachers from Durban had indicated they would accept posts here on condition there was suitable housing.

"We have looked all around us and there is no suitable accommodation," Mr Williams said "We note there are a few vacant houses in Panmure and we don't see why this cannot be made available for the teachers"

They are now to ask the city council to back their plea for the Panmure houses but the final decision rests with the Department of Community Development. — DDR

Nash unhappy, page 13.

Free port the

Political Correspondent
— BARRY STREEK

EAST LONDON — In a wide-ranging speech on the future of East London, the President of Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Dr Martin van den Bergh, outlined a bold plan to the East London Afrikaanse Sakekamer to turn East London into an international economic zone with a free port.

In his speech, Dr van den Bergh, who is also a member of the Quail Commission of Inquiry into the possible independence of the Ciskei, said

From the variety of subjects on which I could possibly have talked tonight I have chosen a tricky one, namely.

The Future of East London.

The subject is indeed complex, but whether it makes us happy or not, it seems inevitable that during the next year, or the next few years, important political decisions will indeed be taken about the future of East London

It is not only the political future of your beautiful city which will possibly be affected, but very definitely also its economic and financial future .

Complex as the subject may be, I believe that all right - thinking South Africans ought to think through all the possible alternatives for themselves Naturally it is so that no one's future in South Africa will indeed be affected by these developments as the inhabitants of East London and the surrounding areas.

In the light of this I felt that my choice of subject would be for those of you who are here tonight of possibly more than academic interest.

With an eye on the delicate nature of the subject and in the interests of removing any possible misunderstanding I must say that at the outset that although I have special interest in East London in my capacity as President of the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut and as a member of the Ciskei Commission, I am not authorised, or indeed responsible, for giving an official view on the future of East London to you on behalf of either of these two bodies

Indeed, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut has not so far taken an official stand in this connection.

The Ciskei Commission, although it has heard much evidence and has made studies, has not as yet taken any decisions. They are likely to do so at the next meeting of the commission at the end of the first week of January

Further, I must emphasise that, whatever stand the Ciskei Commission takes, it will only be in the form of a recommendation to Chief Sebe and his government and it will always be possible for the government of the Ciskei to take its own decision, whether it is in agreement with the final decision of the Ciskei Commission or whether it differs from it

More than that I must stress that I do not know if the South African Government will approve of the proposal I will make tonight for the future of East London

My understanding is rather that the South African Government accepts that important developments and changes in this part of our country are busy taking place and they are willing to listen to any reasonable proposals made in connection with this evolutionary process

While in the rest of my argument I shall attempt to sketch to you one possible development concerning the future of East London which to my mind will represent a completely different package for all the inhabitants of this region, I would like to say that my ideas are not exclusively original which I have thought out

Bits and pieces of the picture which I shall put to you tonight have been put to me in a number of conversations although I cannot attribute my proposal in its totality to any one person or organisation

At the same time I want to emphasise that my proposal does not necessarily represent the only future development for this area which could work out in practice for the benefit of the inhabitants of this area.

I will mislead you if I do not immediately concede that there are conceivably a number of alternatives that can be considered

Further I must emphasise that the proposal which I am making in this connection will not necessarily be the stand that I will take when the Commission meets early in January to finalise their own conclusions and recommendations

I remain open for conviction on any new thoughts, arguments or facts which are brought to my attention in the interim period

As soon as the position of East London and its surrounding areas is considered, one is immediately impressed by the fact that although South Africa as a whole has had a number of years of recession and unsatisfactory economic growth, the problems caused by a break in economic growth, unemployment and unsatisfactory living standards are in this region far more serious than in the rest of the country

This situation brings one inevitably to the conclusion that, whatever role political considerations play in the future of East London and district, bread and butter considerations — which are important for the whole of South Africa — ought to be of fundamental concern in any actions taken in connection with the future of this area

The necessity in the future — to a greater degree than in the past — to provide for work opportunities, housing, food, education and other essential services for the people of all races in the area seems to be fundamental to me

Further, the region will have to be put in a position, following an acceptable permanent solution, to grow economically so that the population in the area can experience a real rise in living standards which will more or less keep them in step with the rest of South Africa and the Western world

This conclusion that economic growth must be stimulated within the area seems inevitable to me because the deliberate government policy is to prevent the departure of the people in the area (also the whites) in large numbers to establish themselves in the Witwatersrand metropolitan area or any other industrial area

In order to increase living standards as high as possible it automatically follows that capital investments (physical spending) which have already been made in this area must be effectively stimulated and that new capital investments must be made in those areas which will bring the highest job creation and production

New investment will be achieved as fast as possible if full use of capacity is achieved and any duplication of expensive infrastructure is minimised.

In the interests of maximum economic growth there are also today naturally a lack of the other facets of economic activity, but I believe the lack of investment funds for this area and the best use of capital investment are the most important

All of you are naturally aware of the considerable investment which has already been made in East London but many of these investments are not used, at present, to the fullest capacity

I refer particularly to the harbour, the railways, roads, power supply, market buildings, industrial areas and so on

On the other hand it is understandable that an independent black state like Transkei wants to have its own facilities and wants to receive the income from the use of these

The Ciskei Government has not yet decided whether it will also ask for independence If it does the same consideration will apply for the Ciskei as for the Transkei, whatever the precise form of their independence

Indeed, even if the present constitutional position of the Ciskei remains unchanged an increasing pressure for their own facilities can be expected

If we look at the total spending by government authorities so far in the Ciskei and Transkei of approximately R100 million and R400 million respectively then it appears that the creation of new infrastructure within these two areas will make substantial demands on the budgets of these two countries and can only be achieved in effe[illegible] over a number of [illegible]

answer — V

Further this area will necessarily border on the Republic, that is to say the corridor will in one way or another remain

The core of my proposal is rather that all restrictions on property ownership and the operation of business which exists on a racial basis must be scrapped in this area

Different residential areas for the different races can indeed remain if the inhabitants of the area want it, provided that facilities are made available for non-whites who are financially able to do so to live at the same standard as in the white area

In this area it will be open for any non-white to open a shop, to start a factory, to own property, and so on Job reservation and all other restrictions in the service and progress of non-whites must be totally scrapped Non-whites will therefore be able to operate as entrepreneurs on excatly the same basis as the whites

The area will actually remain under the jurisdiction of the government of the Republic of South Africa and it will be responsible for the maintenance of law and order

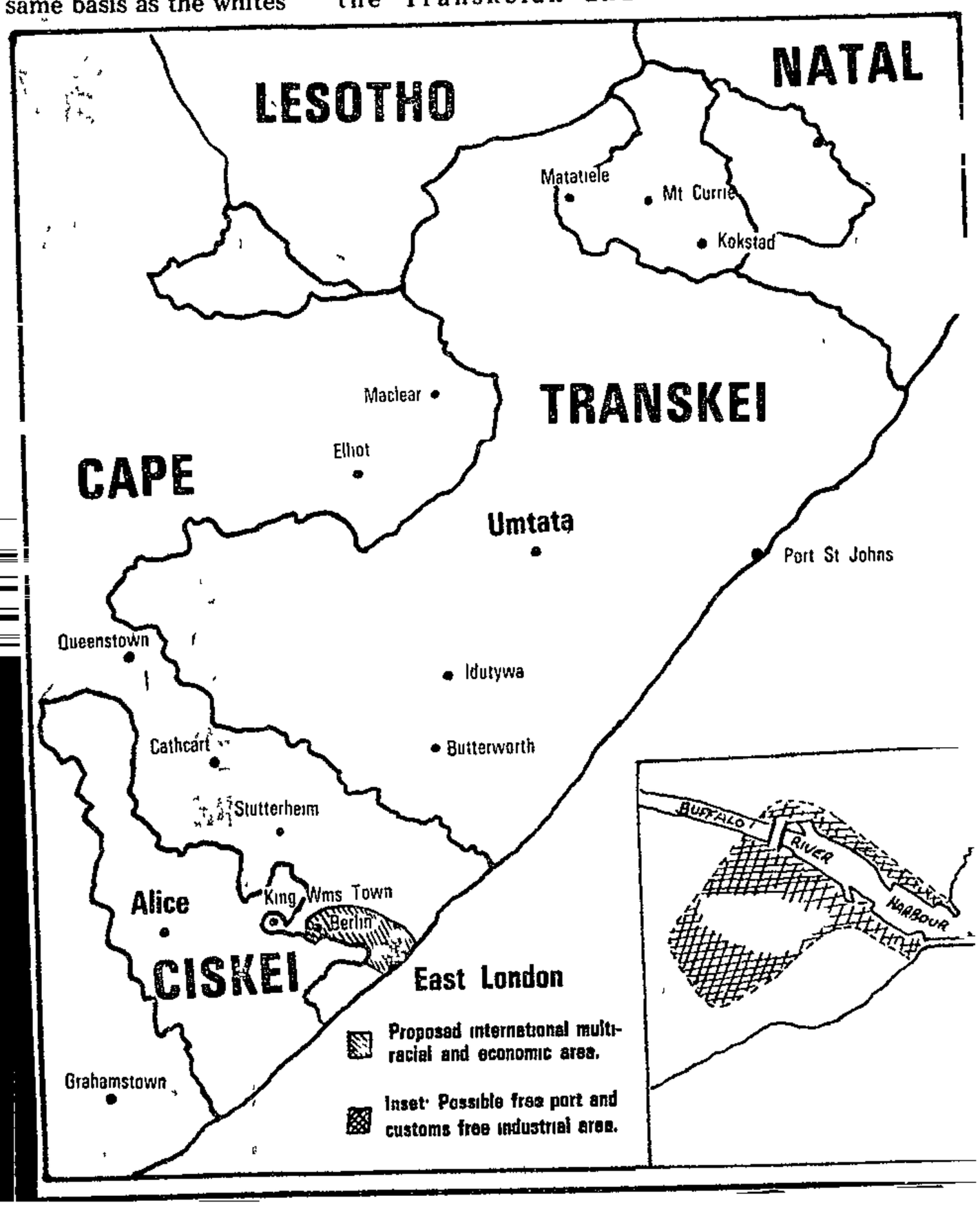
The registration of title deeds, bonds and so forth will be carried out by the Republic of South Africa and the inhabitants of the area will be registered as voters in their various national states, that is to say, South African citizens who live in the area will send representatives to the parliament of the Republic of South Africa, the Ciskeian citizens to the Ciskeian parliament and the Transkeian citizens to the Transkeian parliament

In what way all the inhabitants of this international area should have representation on local administrative bodies is not clear to me at present, but what is clear is that the Transkeian and Ciskeian governmen' ought to have represents tion on the local ad ministrative bodies wi affect the infrastructu investments such as, fo example, the harbour ad visory board

Insofar as the net in come derived from the us of these facilities it is ax iomatic that such inco (after provision fo depreciation and possible interest on loans for the creation of facilities) should also be shared between the three governments

I appreciate that this idea could create possible bookkeeping problems but hopefully such problems are not insur mountable and that it is a fundamental principle to the whole idea that all three of the countries con cerned will share in the economic progress of the area

The inhabitants of the area will naturally pay personal taxes in accor dance with their citizenship Company tax



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'es will be shared on one or other basis between the three governments (possibly in accordance with the citizenship of the shareholders) while all property owners will pay local taxes to the local authority

Not only will this proposal make the use of East London's facilities more attractive to Transkei and Ciskei, but international capital can quite possibly be lured to East London because it will be a multi-racial economic area

Although there will still be political control by the South African Government there will be no political discrimination on the basis of race and there will be shared economic control and absolutely equal opportunities in the economic sphere

The proposals are also in accord with the thought that the future South Africa will consist of different political states but in an integrated economy

Although it is my view that this proposal — if it were implemented — would already do much to give an economic stimulus to East London and district, I believe one must also make East London a free harbour.

By this I do not mean that the whole geographic area which encompasses the international economic area should also become a free harbour Mr van der Walt, the Secretary for Inland Revenue, would probably be totally opposed and in addition other South Africans will also be jealous if the inhabitants of East London district, for example, can smoke and drink without paying tax and on top of that get petrol without making a contribution to the treasury

It seems to me that a reasonable geographic area which includes an industrial area conveniently situated near the harbour together with the harbour area should be declared a free harbour.

Goods can be imported and manufactured within this area and then exported (to Southern Africa or the outside world) without paying tax Customs dues will only be imposed if goods leave the free harbour and move to the rest of the East London area (outside the free harbour) or elsewhere

It seems to me that no residential area ought to fall within this area and no person should be allowed to remain there on a permanent basis of any kind

It is an open question whether business undertakings, restaurants and the like ought to be allowed in the free harbour

It seems to me that provided there are not people resident in the free harbour area and that there is little (if any) final use of products in this area, the governments involved will lose little in customs dues The customs dues can naturally be paid in total to the South African Government and then shared with the independent homelands in terms of a customs agreement.

This proposal may sound revolutionary and far-fetched to many of you The facts of the situation are however that South Africa is currently busy living in an era of great change and these changes are already taking place

I myself would be much calmer and relaxed in my heart if I believed that it would be possible for South Africa to retain the status quo to which most of us were accustomed in the earlier parts of our lives in harmonious co-operation with all our races

Unfortunately, I am forced to the conclusion that in the way the world actually is this is not possible

The question before us is therefore what adjustments must be made in the future to achieve harmonious coexistence and ensure satisfactory and rising living standards for all race groups in Southern Africa.

The thoughts which I have put over to you tonight represent one possible development in this direction for East London and the neighbouring areas

It is possible that it is not acceptable to you or for the other inhabitants of these or for one or more of the three governments involved or that there will be certain practical problems of which I am not aware

If my address actually succeeds in stimulating further discussion of the problem among your own members and the others involved, I have achieved my aim — PC

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It must be specifically mentioned that the largest part of the figures mentioned are current expenditure and only a small portion is available for capital expenditure.

The construction of a smallish harbour with two mooring places will at today's prices cost about R150 million and a railway connection from there to the South African Railways system will cost between R250 and R500 million, regardless of the terrain and distance

It seems like plain common sense to work out a system which will make it possible for both Transkei and Ciskei to make better use of the facilities of East London and to make use of those funds which might otherwise have been used to duplicate existing infrastructure such as harbours and the like on other projects which will stimulate economic growth and living standards in the various areas

It is moreover highly doubtful if the inclusion of East London within the Republic with the incorporation of all South African laws on a political, economic, financial and social level within this area will present a situation attractive enough for the Transkei and Ciskei in regard to the use of East London's infrastructure on a permanent basis

I am aware of the view that has been expressed that East London and district should be incorporated into either the Ciskei or Transkei For reasons which I do not want to go into now, this step does not seem to be a good (or even possibly a practical) answer to the problem

This brings me to the view that the inclusion of East London and district in the Republic of South Africa with the creation of an international economic area in this geographic region would present a more ideal situation.

This geographic area will not include the existing corridor. The proposal will naturally not necessitate any adjustments in the borders of the Republic of South Africa on the one hand or the Ciskei and Transkei on the other, but it does indeed imply that East London as well as the harbour, railways, industrial areas, business districts and the major portion of the residential areas will remain in the Republic

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Concern that few trainees return

EAST LONDON — The East London Reorientation Committee has resolved to request the South African Defence Force to provide them with all the names of servicemen drawn from the area during recent intakes for military service.

This emerged from the committee's meeting, chaired by the Town Clerk, Mr J. J. Human, here yesterday.

The committee expressed concern that so few servicemen, according to computer sheets provided by the defence force, were returning to the area

A mere 26 soldiers had been listed to be returning to the area in January. But at least two soldiers, who were known to be returning to the area at that time, had not been listed in the sheet.

The committee found it a problem to function on the current system. Negotiations with private enterprise for employing returning soldiers were marred by the system

"What do you tell the employer holding 30 vacancies for soldiers when only five arrive," said one member.

The meeting decided that the Town Clerk would liaise with the chaplain who visits recruits annually at their schools to inform students of the committee's existence and to urge them to take advantage of the service offered.

It was also resolved to call a meeting of returning servicemen and to inform them of procedures if they needed the committee's employment or orientation services

The possibility was also discussed to address future intakes before they left for service.

Since its establishment in October last year, the committee had placed all servicemen seeking employment in suitable posts and it forecast no difficulties in placing the 15 or so soldiers who will be needing employment in January. — DDR

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Funds for housing 'critical'

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By TONY ROBINSON

THE Department of Community Development says there is a "critical shortage of funds for housing and the Divisional Council has been refused permission to go ahead with a pilot scheme of 273 houses in the Erica extension of Belhar

The shortage of funds will also affect a scheme planned for Ocean View

Mr M K Botha, the Divisional Council's engineer, said tenders had already been accepted but not formally approved for the schemes, "after we had been given an undertaking that R750 000 would be made available for each of these schemes '

The council was told by the Secreatry for Community Development, Mr Louis Fouche, in a letter dated December 4 that there were no funds for the Erica scheme "However, the urgent need for the execution of the scheme is appreciated and will be borne in mind should funds become available '

The 273 homes were to form a pilot project for a larger 5 500 house scheme

Mr Botha said the situation was becoming impossible for his housing department as it was clear that they could not rely on a steady flow of funds "We don't know from one day to the next what to do, ' he said

In June last year the Divisional Council was given a "surprise" allocation of R9,4 m which was available because other local authorities were not able to spend it

Now a new circular to local authorities, signed by Mr Fouche and dated November 26, said that because of the enormous claims that had to be met out of the State coffers "the Treasury could unfortunately not see its way clear to make further funds available for the provision of housing for any new schemes" for the present and in all probability for the next financial year

Mr Fouche said the department had done everything in its power to obtain additional funds

He asked local authorities to continue planning schemes and to submit then for approval so that funds can be allocated when they become available

"In view of a critical shortage of funds, representations of local authorities, no matter to whom they may be addressed, for more funds can unfortunately not be considered favourably and local authorities are kindly requested to abide by this notification which is really unavoidable

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City asks to be consulted on local govt

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THE City Council has told the Schlebusch Commission that it would like to be consulted if the commission deals with any proposals affecting local government

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said that, according to the published government notice on the commission, it was clear that there was no specific intention to change the form of local government

He said the executive committee felt that, as Cape Town had the largest population in the municipal area compared with any city in South Africa and had considerable experience in dealing with the coloured population, it would like to be consulted if there were proposals affecting local government

The committee was told that the United Municipal Executive, on which Cape Town is represented, believed that far-reaching constitutional proposals were imminent and that these would affect every level of government

According to the UME, the objectives appear to be "to extend the franchise rights and governmental participation to embrace coloured, Indian and possibly African citizens while ensuring the maintenance of standards and the continued progress and development"

It was inevitable that there would be more decentralization of power from Parliament downwards In larger urban areas, there could be metropolitan control of matters of a regional nature such as planning, housing, water supply, electric power, health and ambulance services, cemeteries and control of beaches

City and town councils might continue to control functions and facilities such as internal planning, building, parks, street lighting, local amenities and libraries

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EL industry talks in 1980

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EAST LONDON — The City Council is to meet the Minister of Industry, Commerce, and Consumer Affairs, Dr Schalk van der Merwe, next year to discuss additional incentives needed to attract industry to the area

This resolution was adopted following a last-minute decision by a major organisation in the Reef last week not to relocate to East London due to inadequate concessions

The organisation intended to start off in the city and it is believed that it would have acted as a catalyst for industry in the area It would have provided immediate employment for 300 blacks

Following the negative reply the council received last week, the Town Clerk, Mr J J. Human, and the industries portfolio holder, Mr J A. Yazbek, had an urgent meeting with the managing director of the organisation in Pretoria

"We had a very constructive meeting with the director. He answered all our questions quite frankly and agreed to accompany us should we decide to approach the Minister," Cllr Yazbek said reporting to the council

Mr Yazbek, who had considerable opposition from councillors to discuss the matter at open council, said he felt it was time that all councillors and the public should be aware that the council was hitting at a "brick wall" in its efforts to secure industry for the area

"We were shocked by this bombshell letter from the company after months of negotiations to get the people here," said Mr Yazbek

It emerged clearly from the meeting in Pretoria that current decentralisation incentives alone were inadequate to attract industry to the city, he said

They were made to understand by the director that the council needed a subsidy to counter the very high electricity and other tariffs

Industrialists also needed assistance with other expenses while relocating. This particular company would have lost R1 million due to a halt in production while relocating in East London

It was also important to note what was offered to industrialists and employees in the area where the industry was to be established

"We were told that the company would rather relocate at East London than Berlin," said Mr Yazbek

It was high time that all incentives granted to Berlin were granted to East London as well, he said

Firms should not only be compensated initially, but should have a form of continued support after establishment, said Mr Yazbek

The Decentralisation Board was hide-bound by the terms of statute. "They must rather be entitled to tailor the incentives to help the needs of the individual company," he said

He shared the views of his predecessors that the council could not compete with the Transkei Development Corporation, the Ciskei Development Corporation and others "Unless we have financial aid to match the resources of these corporations, we can forget it," he said

The director stressed the advantages of the East London port to industry, said Mr Yazbek

The company intended exporting through the harbour to the whole of Africa as the harbour, being not as busy as Saldanha Bay and Richards Bay, would have been the most suitable for the use of its business

The council was asked to submit a memorandum for the Minister's information and consideration prior to the meeting next year No date has been fixed yet

The vital aspects of the discussions will centre on additional industry incentives for East London and financial aid to off-set serious disadvantages of electricity and other tariffs — DDR

Housing cash crisis perplexes

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CIVIC DIARY

By

TONY ROBINSON

SUDDENLY there is a critical shortage of funds for housing and the Department of Community Development has had to tell the Divisional Council that it cannot go ahead with a pilot project of 273 houses at Belhar

The shock curtailment comes after the council had been assured that there would be money available for Belhar and Ocean View houses

And it comes at a time when the the economy is reported to be awash with funds, the gold price is breaking records, there is a real prospect of tax cuts and interest rates are lower than they have been for some years

So it is not difficult to understand why divisional councillors are baffled

They remember very well how 18 months ago the very same department was urging them to spend money on houses and R10 million was allocated to the council because the money was there and other local authorities had been unable to spend it

This was even seen as official encouragement to tackle schemes for which there was no real evidence of demand, like the scheme for whites in Sun Valley which produced 166 maisonettes the Divisional Council is battling to sell.

And both city and divisional councillors remember how the funds they had been promised were drastically cut back in 1976 That resulted in thousands of workers being paid off at Mitchells Plain

Now, housing funds are drying up again

What the Department of Community Development has succeeded in doing is to create conditions in which it is almost impossible to plan ahead with any degree of certainty It is made worse since the trend now is toward 5 000-house contracts which take a long time to get started and once started cannot easily be stopped

The stop-go method of finance, creates uncertainty, undermines good management and adds to the cost of schemes

At present the City Council is sitting with a massive problem in the shape of R1,8-million bill for extra costs on 700 houses in Westridge, Mitchells Plain This bill was largely the result of delays caused by the 1976 cut-back and so far the Department of Community Development has been able to do little to help the council

So one can understand the exasperation of divisional councillors and officials

The Department of Community Development runs little risk of being accused of good management.

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NOT all progress is visible to the naked eye but it is well worth highlighting one of the changes that the City Council has made during the decade now drawing to a close

In 1970 the City did not have a capital-estimates programme and budgets were planned from year to year

Now, thanks largely to agitation by Mrs Eulalie Stott, the council has a five-year capital-estimates programme which enables councillors to read at a glance the future commitments of the council.

The additional information and the way it is presented can only lead to better decisions and what could be more important?

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IT seems that the City Council has been affected by the motorcycling craze since some of its recent bike-buying is puzzling, to say the least

Recently the council bought a dozen 750 cm³ superbikes capable of speeds in excess of 200 km/h despite the fact that the speed limit does not exceed 60 km/h in the entire municipal area What's more, it chose bikes which each cost R90 more than the best offer they received

And now, after calling for tenders for ten "light town-road motorcycles", it has chosen street scramblers complete with knobbly tyres!

Anybody who knows anything about motorcycles could tell the City Council that a modern 500 cm³ or 550 cm³ motorcycle produces all the power a traffic officer is likely to need in City limits and there is no good reason to go for superbikes which cost about R500 more

There may have been a case for superbikes in the days before speed limits when some fast driving was done on roads like De Waal Drive, but no more

The other municipalities in the Peninsula use 500 cm³ or 550 cm3 machines. Some of them have stretches of freeway in their territory, yet they find the bikes perfectly adequate

When the council called for tenders for the "light town-road motorcycles" it specified that the engine capacity should not be less than 240 cm³ One firm offered three models (Hondas), a 185 cm³ road machine that has proved itself over and over again as a commercial-delivery machine, a 250 cm³ street scrambler and a sporty 400 cm³ road machine

The scrambler with its knobbly tyres costs R425 more than the proved commercial-delivery machine that was designed specifically for town use, but that is the machine chosen So, on the face of it, the council is spending an extra R4 250 to buy machines that are not really suitable for the job it appears to have in mind.

If the council did want street scramblers for some reason or other, it should have advertised for street scramblers so that all possible tenderers would have known what was wanted

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THE monthly meeting of the City Council takes place on Thursday at 10 am in the Podium Block of the Civic Centre.

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Big improvements shaping for Cape Town of the 80s

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council plans more parks and beach facilities, the start of work on a new hotel on the Electricity House site, and the opening of the railway line to Mitchell's Plain in 1980.

The City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, in a New Year statement of achievements by his department in the past year, announced plans for the coming one.

He disclosed that last year, for the first time, his department spent more than R100-million on capital works Just over 50 percent went on Mitchell's Plain, where 8 800 houses have been put up

'To look ahead to 1980, once again housing is expected to account for the bulk of capital expenditure,' Mr Brand said.

'More than R70-million will be spent on housing, most of it in Mitchell's Plain.

'With the opening of the rail line to Mitchell's Plain, scheduled for mid-year, and the opening of the several supermarkets and total civic environment to the town centre, scheduled for Christmas 1980, the attractiveness of Mitchell's Plain cannot but increase.

120 000 POPULATION

'A population of about 120 000 should be living in Mitchell's Plain by the end of the year.

'Amenities including three civic halls, three libraries, two polyclinics, sportsfields and schools will serve them'

Mr Brand says that his department will produce an up-dated 'city of the People' report dealing with the central city.

It will report on plans for open space and 'general beautification of the city'

PAVILION

Mr Brand's statement went on: 'Three projects in which my department is playing a key role and on which construction should commence in 1980, subject to successful negotiations and funding approvals, are the hotel on the Electricity House site, the Muizenberg Pavilion and the Athlone central business district improvement scheme.'

He said that 1980 'will see a stepping up in the on-going process of the provision of additional parks and playgrounds for the benefit of the citizens of Cape Town.

'At Vygekraal a new sports stadium, with change rooms and a covered grandstand, will be well advanced by the end of the year.

'A million rands has been earmarked for expenditure during 1980 on the further development of facilities at the Strandfontein coastal resort.

'Research is being undertaken by the National Research Institute for Oceanography on the best form of jetties, breakwaters and pools in order to form sheltered bathing areas.'

Elections postponed to 1981

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Argus 4/1/80

THE general elections for the Divisional Council of the Cape, which were to have been held in October last year, have been postponed until 1981.

Mr W R Vivier, secretary of the council, said last year's elections were postponed to this year and then to next year after proclamations were published by the Provincial Administration.

He said the general elections were usually held every five years but the life of the present Divisional Council had now been extended to seven years

AMALGAMATION

Mr P D de Wet, Director of Local Government in the Cape, said the elections were postponed after the amalgamation of certain divisional councils on January 1.

He said the elections for the amalgamated councils would be held in 1981. To create uniformity it was decided by the Provincial Administration to bring all the other councils into line and to hold the general elections at the same time.

the South African population from all causes of death. The proportional contribution of the seventeen major disease categories of the International Classification of Disease (8th revision) to the overall mortality of the various communities is summarised in Fig. 5. The whites show a typical 'developed' country spectrum of mortality with Infectious and Parasitic Diseases being of minor importance (2,0%) and Neoplasms (15,6%) and Diseases of the Circulatory system (50,5%) being of major importance. For urban Africans and 'coloureds', Infectious and Parasitic Diseases make an important contribution to the overall mortality (19,5% and 23,5% respectively), with diseases of the respiratory system and certain causes of perinatal mortality also being of importance. Within the category of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases, diarrhoeal diseases and tuberculosis are the most important causes of mortality. The 'coloureds' experience an interesting combination of 'developed' and 'underdeveloped' mortality with a high death rate from enteritis and diarrhoeal diseases in the young and circulatory diseases in later life. What is also of interest is the relatively large number of symptoms and ill-defined conditions, particularly in the African community (22,5%). This provides some indication of the provision and utilisation of medical services to Africans in the urban areas. In general, the Asians have a spectrum of mortality intermediate between the whites on the one hand and the 'coloureds' and Africans, on the other.

Mortality rates greater than 5/1 000 appear in italics in Table I. For all of these major causes of mortality, the Asian and 'coloured' mortality rates exceed those of the whites.

However, in this context, what requires emphasis is that by using the major disease classification a certain amount of detail is lost. For example, despite the fact that the overall rates for diseases of the circulatory system are comparable for whites, Asians and 'coloureds', within this broad category the mortality rates for specific diseases vary markedly. Table II provides the proportional contribution of the major circulatory diseases for the whites, Asians, 'coloureds' and Africans. Whilst Ischaemic Heart Disease is the major Circulatory Disease in the white and Asian communities, Cerebrovascular Diseases are the major cause of Circulatory Diseases in the 'coloured' and African communities.

Similarly, if the Accidents, Poisoning and Violence category is examined in greater detail, motor vehicle accidents are the major cause of mortality in whites, 'coloureds' and Asians, the second most important cause in the white community is suicide, whilst that for the 'coloureds' is homicide. For Africans, the latter is the main cause in this category.

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R200-m facelift for Groote Schuur

Property Editor

TREASURY approval for about R200-million is now awaited for a major redevelopment scheme for Groote Schuur Hospital, says the director of works of the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr R A Cunninghame.

A new building, which will occupy most of the land below Hospital Road down to the main road, will take eight to 10 years to build after a two year planning period

Mr Cunninghame said that, taking escalation into account, the cost of this major scheme would be more than R200 million

'The new section will be the culmination of a major renovation of the hospital Several contracts are underway or are to be offered for upgrading and modernisation of several departments in the existing hospital building

Most recent

'The most recent was for about R1-million for modernising the maternity block The tender was won by LTA Construction

'A joint committee of the Provincial Administration and the Treasury has for some time been examining requirements and norms for the improved complex Agreement has now been reached and we are now awaiting approval from the Treasury for the necessary funds

Green light

Mr Cunninghame said that a consortium of architechs consulting engineers and other experts had already made preliminary plans for submission to the Treasury

'However once we get the green light we can start planning in detail. It should take from 18 months to two years for this detailed planning'

The expectation for life at birth and other rates for infant mortality rate in this community. It is also noteworthy that Asian females have the worst expectation of life at birth for this community, which is in marked distinction from both males and females at e_0 and males at e_{45}. The fact that for the 65+ age group, Asian women have the highest mortality rates for respiratory, circulatory, digestive, genito-urinary and ill-defined causes of death (Table I) may contribute to this anomalous situation.

Fig. 7 summarises the percentage improvement in the expectation of life at birth subsequent to the total elimination of the mortality associated

R1,5m development for township at Graaff Reinet

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1/2/80 Ind Stuff

PORT ELIZABETH — The chairman of Graaff Reinet Community Council, Mr F Z T Mpepho, said the Department of Community Development had approved a loan of R1 5 m at an interest rate of one per cent for capital expenditure in the black township at Graaff Reinet

The government had decided to upgrade the township as a pilot scheme in the country instead of resiting people.

The upgrading is being planned by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research

Mr Mpepho said that half a million rands would be spent on building 100 sub-economic homes in a new extension Each home would have sewerage and be fenced

The new extension would also get electricity, water reticulation and stormwater drainage

The one million rands would be spent on upgrading the old township — reconstructing streets, installing electricity, improving stormwater drainage and laying sewerage

A contract has been awarded for R640 000 for the erection of two new higher primary schools and work is expected to start in the next two weeks Two additional schools of 12 classrooms each are planned for next year

"Things are really starting to move after years of delay," Mr Mphepho said

"The Community council, in collaboration with the residents of the township, are working to make this one of the modern townships with every convenience

"We will not be able to spend all this money this year but plan to use half of it and the other half next year

Mr Mphepho said that there was a big demand for land by those people wishing to erect their own homes.

The council has sent a memorandum to the Minister asking for 99 year lease for ground and lower interest rates on loan money for homes

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MORE POWER

Indaba Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH — Improvements coming in the black local government and education fronts were spelt out at ministerial level in Port Elizabeth.

The upgrading of community councils to municipalities was outlined by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G de V Morrison

Points made were that

1. Proposed municipalities would have greater powers than their white counterparts in that activities would include community, education and liaison with representatives of black states in South Africa

2 A great deal of training and education was foreseen for future administrative staff which would be needed at local government level to run future complete towns housing growing black communities in urban areas,

3. Many job opportunities would be created by the proposed municipalities. There were about 200 community councils.

Vast building programmes to provide new schools and training colleges and to extend present schools, were outlined by the Secretary for Education and Training, Mr Gideon Rousseau He said

Councils will become municipalities

1 The vast amount of R81 million would be spent on new state schools and technical institutes in the next three years

2 On township community schools R16 million was spent in the 1979-1980 financial year

3 In the next three financial years 33 secondary schools and 14 technical institutes would be built

4 In the Cape, R4 million would be spent this year to upgrade existing schools

5 Additions in the coming financial year to schools in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage would total R1 740 000

6 Three senior secondary schools each costing more than R1 million, would be built at Zwide, New Brighton and Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage Tender date for Zwide Senior Secondary school was January 1 next year

Mr Rousseau said the department spent R55 million on school text books last year The books would be replaced every four years

To upgrade teaching standards, colleges were instructed to give prefernce to applications from matriculants. Although standard 8 has entrance qualification for primary teachers' courses, the position might soon be reached where standard 10 would be the minimum entrance qualification.

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R2,5m for work at Makana's Kop this year

GRAHAMSTOWN — Capital works costing nearly R2,5 m are envisaged for Makana's Kop, Grahamstown, but the budget for the Community Council here for the 1980/81 financial year has been trimmed to R988 978

This was shown on the capital programme schedule approved by Grahamstown Community Council Most of the projects on the schedule are "repeats" from last year when proposed work was not done

Mr S P Naude, secretary of community councils urged councillors only to consider projects for which approval had been given and funds allocated

He said "I beg you to take a very conservative approach and only consider projects for the capital programme where it can be reasonably expected that they will be executed Otherwise peoples expectations are raised, only to be dashed"

No allocations have been made for works in townships other than Makana's Kop Mr Dennis Bush, Ecab regional manager, said this was because the Fingo Village was still frozen to all intents and purposes

Its freezing affected all the adjacent townships into which swathes of buffer strips might have to be cut if Fingo Village were to go to the Coloured people

Despite a sub-economic loan of R751 800 for building another 232 houses at Makana's Kop, people would have to pay a total rent of R28,75 a month for them, said Mr Billy Emslie, chief technical assistant of Ecab

Nearly R500 000 had been allocated to the infrastructure — services, streets, stormwater drainage, sewerage, street lights and water in the new area, but only R150 000 had been allocated for houses This would build about 40 houses

Mr Emslie said this was because Ecab planned to complete the streets and services in this financial year if funds were allocated

Mr Emslie told councillors that funds for the new area had been applied for in April last year, when the Ecab was told no funds were available

The Department of Community Development now insisted that the properties be upgraded with waterborne sewerage, inside bathroom and stormwater drainage This had raised costs from R386 000 to R716 000 He said "The final costs have been submitted We have been assured that funds will be allocated in the near future"

Mr Emslie said Ecab could go to tender immediately these were available The infrastructure could take about eight months to complete

On the question of occupiers for the new houses, Mr J Jamela, vice-chairman, asked who would occupy these houses He was told they were earmarked for 169 site holders in Fingo Village

When he (Mr Jamela) asked whether there was hope for more houses for Africans in Grahamstown, Mr Emslie said When we have built these 232 houses we will have occupied all available ground No more may be built unless we acquire more ground"

There is an estimated housing shortage of 4 000 houses

Mr Bush told councillors that the Ecab had applied to Dr P Koornhof, Minister of Co-operation and Development for more land

The balance of the budget, (R230 500), for which Ecab is still awaiting approval and fund allocation, goes towards improvements in the existing area in Makana's Kop This is the breakdown streets R150 000, stormwater drainage, R35 000, escalation costs R30 000, indirect costs, R12 000 and capital interest, R3 500

Mr Emslie said indirect costs included survey, engineering and architects fees and the provision of a clerk of works The new Makana's Kop sites had cost R20 each to survey

More references given in International Hospitals Federation *Information*.
See Section 6.
Addresses appended.

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EL assured on electricity cost

EAST LONDON — The latest increase in the price of coal will not influence East London's electricity tariffs

Commenting on the 11 per cent coal price increase announced last week, the regional manager of Escom, Mr E F Otten, said Escom's tariffs would not be affected

"East London gets all its electricity from Escom," he said yesterday

"Areas like Port Elizabeth, which get some of their power from their own power station, will have to adjust their tariffs however

Escom's power stations are powered by collieries situated as near as possible to their stations, he said, and Escom took out contracts to obtain all the coal from these mines

Because Escom had long-term contracts, Mr Otten said, the 11 per cent increase would not affect them

Asked if there was any tariff increase on the cards, Mr Otten said it would be impossible to make a statement

"One never knows quite what inflation is going to do," he said. —DDR

City traffic officers worst paid in the country

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 120 Cape Town traffic officers have petitioned the Town Clerk for salary increases, following a survey they carried out which showed that they were the worst-paid traffic officers in the country

The basic salary for a Cape Town traffic officer is R6 600 a year In Benoni in the Transvaal it is R9 928 a year

Among the other municipalities which pay higher salaries to traffic officers are Worcester R8 597, Paarl R7 100, Somerset West R7 758, and Goodwood R7 153

The chairman of the South African Association for Municipal Employees, Mr K Archer, said yesterday that his association had seen the petition and that it was investigating the City Council's salary grading

"Recently the council have been getting resignations from people in all positions and it is about time they realized that these people are leaving because they are not earning enough money," Mr Archer said

One of the members of the traffic department, a married man with three children said "It is absolutley impossible for me to come out on my salary I earn about R500 a month and after deductions I am left with next-to-nothing. The only way I manage to come out with the price of things constantly going up, is to work overtime"

The Town Clerk was not available for comment yesterday but his deputy, Mr S Evans, said that although he had not heard of the petition he would look into the matter

"I'm afraid I am in the dark about the whole issue but I do know that the council and the trade union are in the middle of talks about council salaries," Mr Evans said

TABLE II

	WHITE		ASIAN		COLOURED		BLACK	
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Hypertensive Diseases (400-404)	212 2.2%	389 4.9%	115 10.1%	127 15.8%	190 6.1%	276 8.8%	273 11.4%	212 11.0%
	5737 58.8%	3118 39.3%	537 47.3%	246 30.6%	845 27.1%	566 18.0%	148 6.2%	66 3.4%
	1587 16.3%	2181 27.5%	273 24.1%	239 29.7%	939 30.2%	1278 40.7%	772 32.3%	749 39.0%
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	485 24.6%	104 15.4%	42 12.6%	13 12.5%	84 3.9%	18 2.8%	76 4.1%	11 3.4%
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nd Violence	1973 100%	677 100%	333 100%	104 100%	2175 100%	652 100%	1868 100%	324 100%

f inflicted poisoning by motor vehicle exhaust gas" is a code used in South
appear in I.C.D. (8th revision). See Ref. 13.

Nash hits separate budgets

EAST LONDON — The Coloured chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Dody Nash, has hit out at the idea of separate budgets for different race groups in a city.

Speaking after a discussion on the 1980 Coloured budget for East London as allocated by city council, Mr Nash said the idea was "expensive and futile."

In the past, he said, there had been one city budget, but Province's ruling was there had to be separate budgets for whites, Coloureds and Indians.

"We are entirely against separate management and separate budgets," he said. "We have requested time and again to have the old system of one budget for the city."

"Otherwise, management committee members should be allowed to sit in at estimate meetings of council so we can fight for more money for the Coloured areas. And we can share the decisions of council."

His statement followed a number of queries from CMC members about the 1980 budget regarding the allocation of funds to projects in the Coloured areas. These queries to the city councillors attending the meeting included complaints that not enough money was being spent on roads in Parkside.

The city councillor with the finance portfolio, Mr Ben Armist, said he would welcome management committee members at estimate meetings, where it was decided how funds would be allocated for the following year.—DDR.

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Council to spend R½ m in spite of protest

By TONY ROBINSON

THE City Council's executive committee has decided to spend more than R500 000 on a new asphalt premix plant for its roads branch even though private enterprise has the equipment to supply all the asphalt the council needs

Tenders for the plant, which will run on expensive diesel oil or town gas, were accepted by the committee yesterday despite a protest from the Chamber of Industries

In a letter to the council, Mr J F Roos, director of the chamber, said the new plant would be creating additional capacity in a situation where a surplus capacity already existed

He pointed out that it was against government policy to engage in manufacturing where private enterprise was in a position to produce the necessary requirements. Competition between the public and private sector was not encouraged

In a report to the committee, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said the council could produce asphalt premix at a lower cost than private enterprise and this would lead to a considerable saving

He said that last year, the saving amounted to R145 000 He calculated that this year the council would save R287 000 by making its own premix and the saving over the next three years would be R862 800 This would more than pay for the new plant

Mr Brand said the quality of the product produced by the council was generally superior to that of premix bought on the local market If it bought the new plant the council would ensure that road construction was not disrupted because of delivery problems

The council would continue to buy about 30 percent of its requirements but he warned that as there was only one private source "the lack of competition" was likely to lead to substantial price increases if the council did not provide the competition.

Ten premix plants were offered to the council and Mr Brand recommended that the eighth lowest tender should be accepted — a R560 088 automatic plant offered by Conaph Equipment Services The cheaper offers were not accepted as they did not match the council's specifications

The successful tenderer had, after the closing of tenders, indicated that R92 081 could be saved by ammendments to the offer Mr Brand found this acceptable When the council's own costs were included the total cost of the plant would be R511 000

Two weeks to get out

Municipal Reporter

THE Churches Urban Planning Commission has been given two weeks by the City Council to stop using a house in Astley Street, Mowbray for business purposes

The house provides office accommodation for community and social work agencies

A year ago the commission applied to the council for permission to use the building as offices An inspection revealed that it was already being used as offices

The Deputy City Engineer, Mr C J Freeman, said there had been four written objections and one verbal one

The committee gave the commission four months to find new premises

At their meeting yesterday the committee was told that the unlawful use of the premises had not stopped

The Rev R D Adendorff replied for the commission He said the house was now owned by the Cape Churches Urban Trust and said no business was being conducted from the house

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Buses for all races

EAST LONDON — The municipal bus service yesterday became multi-racial

The permits and discs required by law arrived at the town clerk's office here recently and were handed to drivers and displayed on buses yesterday

Municipal buses are now allowed to convey all passengers of any race on all routes, regardless of times and numbers Previously there were numerous restrictions on black commuters, especially during peak hours

An application lodged to the Road Transportation Board in June 1977 was unsuccessful but after a meeting between board members and the town clerk, Mr J J. Human in November last year the application was finally approved — DDR

Busdriver Mr Leslie Kase points towards the triangular disc on a municipal bus which now enables all people to use the service at all times.

. . . and commuters laud the move

EAST LONDON — An East London man, Mr Gary Gravett, said yesterday an integrated bus service was long overdue

"It should have happened long ago. Little petty things like this shouldn't even exist," he said

Mrs J Ovenstone, of Southernwood, and a hairdresser, Belinda Thomson, expressed approval for the move

"We don't mind," said Mrs Ovenstone and Belinda. "They've got to come to town and do shopping like we have to — it wouldn't worry us one bit"

"I am very glad because we often get stranded during the rush hour when we are not allowed on the bus Some people even got sacked by their employers for arriving late for work at places like Nahoon," said Mr Sidwell Cana

Boyce Mbadlanyana said "It's a strain to catch bus to Frere Hospital and then another to Nahoon, just because we are not allowed to get Nahoon bus here in town. Things are coming right slowly"

MRS XASHIMBA . . . . it was selfish.

Mrs Jennifer Xashimba, of Mdantsane, said she appreciated the innovation "It's hard to get to the bus stop only to find that it is not your time for the bus Empty buses pass you, but you're not allowed to get on I think it was really a bit selfish" — DDR

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Council pay rise bid

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MUNICIPAL workers are expecting an answer soon to their call for a 25 percent pay rise Workers' Association officials say there could be a reply as early as this week.

The branch secretary of the South African Municipal Workers' Association, Mr D W Archer, is quoted in a daily newspaper as saying that their demands were based on the fast-rising cost of living and on their two increases last year.

The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, representing about 10 000 'coloured' workers, has joined the national body in calling for a 25 percent increase

Also pressing for increases are Cape Town's traffic policemen, who found that their salaries compared rather poorly with those of their colleagues in neighbouring municipalities. Their demands are being considered separately by the City Council

was appointed ... Council member ... the troubled community's ... for a full attairs — but its findings ... the town's have never been made public.

Then last month the PFP caucus in the Provincial Council moved in to take a look at the situation and immediately called for action

The MPC for Constantia, Mr Roger Hulley, will be moving a motion for an inquiry at the next sitting of the Provincial Council this week

'After I had visited the area on February 14 I came away even more worried than I had been when I had last gone there (in June last year),' he said

'People there are confused ... clerk Mr ... hands mysteriously ... of incompetent management left flow back ... clerk down, went with ... man, Inspec-

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City may postpone elections

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THE City Council's executive committee wants to ask the Administrator to postpone this year's municipal elections, scheduled for September 3, and extend the life of the present council.

In a recommendation that will be considered by the full council today, the committee says this step will enable the council to submit "a properly considered and motivated application for the redelimitation of wards."

But the executive committee does not want work on a new delimitation to start before the constitutional future of the country has been clarified.

Half of the council's 34 members are due for re-election in September, including four of the five members of the executive committee.

The redelimitation was suggested by Mr Emil Riese, the chairman of the amenities and health committee He asked the town clerk to report on the redelimitation of existing wards as well as the advisability of dividing the City into 34 or more wards with one councillor to each ward

In a report to the council the executive said it had investigated the matter in depth and "it has become abundantly clear that the present system of dividing the City into 17 electoral wards is unsatisfactory and has become unworkable."

The reason for this was that the City did not lend itself to division into 17 components of manageable and logical proportions. Some wards had as few as 1 500 voters while others had more than 9 000

In addition, some councillors had extensive wards which contained a number of ratepayers' associations while others had only one or no ratepayers' associations. This resulted in a complete disproportion of responsibility and burden of work amongst councillors

A further factor was the high cost of electioneering which made it almost impossible for candidates of modest means to fight an election "These factors are posing a threat to the free and democratic system of electing councillors to represent their community," the executive committee said

The committee pointed out that there would not be time to prepare a new roll for the redelimited wards before the September elections and in addition the Cape Town Municipal Administration Ordinance would have to be changed

There was also uncertainty about what form of representation black people would have in terms of the government's constitutional proposals and the Yeld Committee was investigating separate local authorities for coloured people. A further committee was investigating the role of management committees

For these reasons the executive committee was "strongly of the opinion" that time should be allowed for the constitutional position to be clarified before a new redelimitation of wards was attempted

A letter from

Last week's piece suggesting the East London City Council should move into the 20th century and get with it appropos full-time industrial officers selling East London to industrialists in the market place — and that means the Rand — obviously caused a few ripples in the City Hall corridors

Main reaction came from East London's Mayor, Mr Donald Card, who wrote me a very nice letter "pointing out a number of errors."

I am only too happy to set the record right and reproduce the Mayor's letter here in full. He says:

I am pleased to read that you, too, are interested in promoting East London, but it is my duty to point out a number of errors in your statement

Firstly, the initiative in forming the Greater East London Publicity Association was taken jointly by members of my council and certain hoteliers and this was backed by the City Council guaranteeing a grant of R30 000 per annum for two years — three times the amount given to the previous association.

I trust your article will inspire East London hoteliers to contribute substantial amounts

I have seen the Pietermaritzburg brochure (the subject of last week's article) and admit that it has merit for that area

But my council has produced attractive brochures providing the answers to all questions the prospective industrialist might ask

And this information was also readily available from our public relations and information section

We in East London have a product which has gone sour due to a number of reasons

1. Uncertainty as to the Government's intention as to the future of this area. This is further aggravated by statements made by black leaders and not contradicted by the Government

2 The high cost of electricity .

3 The distance from the main market and a lack of subsidies on incoming raw materials

4 The fragmentation of the economic structures in the Transkei, Ciskei and Border

For years East London's councillors have strived for an improved Border area and have attempted to work within the network of the Government's policy Thus the infrastructure at Berlin was established

Sympathy has always been forthcoming from Government sources, but very little else.

That this part of the country has problems cannot be denied and the fact that solutions are being sought is also known

It must be realised, however, that the Van den Berg Report, the Jan van Zyl statement, the Quail Commission's findings, the Greeff Commission on the consolidation of boundaries and a number of other reports have not made it easy to find solutions

We in East London are working for drastic improvements and are awaiting the final report from the University of Port Elizabeth so that our submissions will coincide with their recommendations

When finally we have the right product to sell, then we can produce brochures and look for a super salesman At present we do have staff who operate as in the case of Pietermaritzburg

We also have interested councillors who involve themselves whenever inquiries are made.

What is needed at present is confidence in the area and that Ciskei, Transkei and ourselves should seek a common strategy in order to eliminate the high unemployment problem we all face.

End of letter.

COMMENT: Our worthy Mayor does, indeed, make some telling points, notably that the council is footing the bill to pay the salary of the publicity director employed by the new Greater East London Publicity Association and one hopes hoteliers will heed his appeal that they pitch in a few bob, too.

I'd even go further and suggest it should be on a rand for rand basis because it is the hoteliers who will undoubtedly benefit most from increased tourism to this area though there will obviously be an overflow benefit, too, to other sectors, particularly commerce.

With a finely-tuned ear to the corridors of power I am aware East London's Mayor is doing a tremendous behind the scenes job in promoting East London's interests and there is much merit in the suggestion he makes in the last paragraph of his letter — that it's about time the Ciskei, Transkei and East London pooled their interests and fought on a common front.

Whatever political claptrap is trotted out it is an inescapable fact the three areas are inextricably linked economically and geographically.

And you don't need to read the UPE report to know that

I just hope the Mayor's faith in the final UPE report is justified

I fear too many people are seeing it as the panacea to all East London's ills

We all know the problems They have been identified a hundred times over

The report must have the solutions — solutions that will be accepted by the Government

We don't want another diagnosis We know the patient's sick and we know what he's suffering from

Bread battle

Very warm congratulations to Mr Eddie Wolf.

If you read the news columns last week you will know that Mr Wolf was inadvertently in the middle of a row over the delicious bread rolls he makes at his bakery

Mr R Birch threatened to withdraw his business if Mr Wolf continued to supply the same rolls to his competitor, Mr A Laureiro, because Mr Laureiro sold them for less than he did

But there is a much greater flow of customers through Mr Birch's shop who therefore presumably generate a much bigger cash flow too

Full credit to Mr Wolf that he decided to ignore Mr Birch's threat and carry on supplying the "little man," even though it meant he was losing a major customer in Mr Birch

It is difficult to understand Mr Birch's concept of free enterprise when he can wield the big stick because another shopkeeper is prepared to sell the same product for a lower mark-up, which, of course, means it is the consumer who benefits.

And full credit to Mr Wolf for his brave decision in a world where far too often there is far too much emphasis on the material.

Here at least is one case where principle has triumphed over materialism

Nashua record

Considering they pumped R100 000 into Saturday's South African

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Donald Card

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DAVID DENISON

Carlton Centre

Since 1976 the company has doubled its turnover every year and has now reached the stage where turnover exceeds R20 million

Much of that credit must go to Nashua's dynamic and enthusiastic marketing team — average age 32 — and Nashua's dynamic MD, Terry McLintock, who has steered Nashua into the big league with 35 per cent of the copier market

The Tarr touch

Further to the Great Maritzburg Industrial Brochure Debate — readers of this column will know I mentioned last week a letter from Maritzburg's Mayor, Mr Ashton Tarr, accompanied the excellent industrial brochure they have distributed around the country

Now I learn Mr Tarr is, in fact, a member of the famous Peddie Tarr clan, a clan which boasts five brothers and two sisters.

Lorimer, a former mayor of Peddie who now farms at Windy Ridge in the Grahamstown area after farming near Peddie for many years. He moved to Albany 18 months ago after being bought out at Peddie in the Ciskei consolidation scheme.

Next is Ashton or, to give him his family name, Jock, the man who's now Mayor of Maritzburg. A product of Dale College, he graduated from Onderstepoort as a vet, initially working as a government vet in Ixopo before going into private practice in Maritzburg.

Next is Mrs Alan Knott of Botha's Post outside Fort Beaufort and she is followed by Sam Tarr who now farms at Meadowlands in Estcourt after retiring as managing director of the Estcourt bacon factory at the end of last year

Number five is Clem Tarr, a tobacco farmer at Marandellas in Rhodesia and his widowed sister, Mrs Toots Smith, who is also in Marandellas.

And finally there's the baby of the family, Billy, the last of that branch of the Tarr family still farming in Peddie

Mr Billy Tarr's wife, Joy, is the Daily Dispatch correspondent in Peddie, a correspondent who has served this newspaper with distinction over the years

business opportunities "which lie ahead in South Africa"

He added "Undoubtedly one of the main challenges facing building societies during the next few years will be to maintain a high standard of customer service at an economic cost as we move more and more into the field of electronic funds transfers and face substantial increases in transaction volumes, without necessarily achieving a corresponding increase in funds administered

"It is vital that South African building societies should continue to strive for an improvement in the ratio of their management expenses to total assets and only the best utilisation of all resources will achieve this."

Not sure I understand Mr Watson's point about funds volumes not matching transaction volumes because what he didn't say is that building society liquidity at the moment is so strong they have more money than they know what to do with — one of the reasons why the bond interest rate was dropped half a per cent two weeks ago in order to stimulate increased borrowing

And with the economy picking up again I don't see that situation changing drastically in the immediate future

Mr Watson is going to retire in Port Elizabeth, but he will remain a member of the Perm's Johannesburg board.

SAA helpfulness

A pat on the back this morning for three SAA "girls" who work at the airline's terminal in town

I had a few hassles with a ticket last week and the three couldn't have been more cheerful, helpful and "unflappable" — I suppose the purists would say I should say phlegmatic — in sorting out my problem

Take a bow Sharlene Wood (whom I'm told is called Charlie by everybody who knows her), Laurette Haynes and Sonja van der Linde

Building brass

The East London Master Builders' and Allied Trades Association (what a mouthful!) held their annual meeting last week

Office-bearers for 1980 are Graham Dodd, president, John Heeger, vice-president, Brian Snell, treasurer

Members of the executive are Ramsay Mukheiber, Wally Heaton, Kenny Wilkinson (of running fame), Ron Christie (of ski-boating fame), Ken Faye and Brian Chitty

Nashua record

sporting showpiece, the Kyalami Grand Prix, I was pleased to read Nashua SA (Pty) sold a record number of copiers last month (February)

They bettered 400 despite heavy competition and promotional activity in the copier market.

Nashua's success in South Africa has been nothing short of phenomenal. The company was started on April 1, 1973 and operated from a suite of rooms at the

Not so permanent!

Mr Pat Watson, managing director of the Perm, was in East London recently to say cheerio to local directors, regional and branch management and business associates on the Border on the eve of his retirement as the Perm's joint chief executive

At a function to say "totsiens" to him he noted he was confident the Perm was geared to take advantage of the excellent

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Traffic officer dies after collision

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A CAPE TOWN traffic officer, Norman Anthony Riley, 20, has died in Groote Schuur Hospital after an accident in Rondebosch.

Constable Riley was a foot patrolman. He was injured in an accident during his lunchhour on Friday when his private motorcycle and a car collided in Main Road, Rondebosch.

He was treated at Woodstock Hospital for a fractured femur.

Later he was admitted to Groote Schuur's intensive care unit when complications set in and infection developed in his lungs.

ON BORDER

Constable Riley had returned from the border in December after serving in the Citizen Force for two years.

He was the younger son of Mr and Mrs D Riley of Columbus Road, Claremont.

Mr Harry Attwood, the traffic department's deputy manager, said Constable Riley was a keen traffic officer who was very well liked in the force.

The Traffic Department will provide a guard of honour at a memorial service being held for Constable Riley at the East Congregational Church, Claremont, at 4 pm on Friday.

Integrated councils 'dangerous'

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Municipal Reporter

THE suggestion that all races should serve on integrated city and town councils is 'extremely dangerous' and could lead to 'very ugly scenes as the different race groups, in a winner takes all situation, battle for the city's control.'

This suggestion — diametrically opposed to the view of Cape Town City Council — was made by the president of the United Municipal Executive of South Africa, Mr J W Maree, at the opening of its 49th annual meeting in Cape Town today.

The City Council has already told the Schlebusch Commission that it would like to submit a separate memorandum from that of the UME, and that it considers it essential that there should be one local authority for the city on which both coloured and white councillors should serve.

DEVOLUTIION

In his opening speech today Mr Maree said the UME had suggested the devolution of power and authority from the Central Government to municipalities, and the creation of independent autonomous municipalities for each race group.

'I notice that coloured and Indian leaders reject the idea of independent autonomous municipalities for each race group and that they advocate the formation of integrated multi-racial councils,' he continued.

'They see integrated multi-racial councils as a solution to all our problems at municipal level.

'I believe that such an approach is extremely dangerous and we should

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Ali was not available for comment — SAPA-AP

facility gaps between the races and to assist certain categories of people who

service to disc. The latest figures remain shocking," he said — DDR

previous ... was jailed for 12 months — DDR

women's liberation — DDC

Village Community Council resolved last month to

described as a caucus. — DDR

The great bread rolls debate

Chapter Two of the Great Bread Rolls Debate

The Mayor of East London, Mr Donald Card, finds himself in hot water often enough without any help from me — it will take him a long time, for instance, to live down his now famous remark in an off-guarded moment that "East London isn't a dying town, it's already dead."

However, he has now inadvertently been drawn into another controversy where he is completely blameless as a result of a piece I wrote last week.

I congratulated Mr Eddie Wolf because he elected to supply bread rolls from his Amalinda bakery to a small delicatessen rather than a much bigger buyer

The "big man", Mr R Birch, had reportedly threatened to cancel his order if Mr Wolf continued to supply the small man", Mr A Laureiro

As I understood the facts Mr Wolf elected to continue supplying Mr Laureiro

Because of the headlines on last week's piece, 'A letter from Donald Card', initially Mr Birch and Mr Laureiro thought it was Mr Card who was congratulating Mr Wolf on his stand, despite a line in the Card story indicating the end of Mr Card's letter.

So, to set the record straight and in fairness to Mr Card it has to be stated that I m the guy who congratulated Mr Wolf, not Mr Card

Last week's piece also brought a swift reaction from Mr Birch

In a letter to the Editor he said "As I have sold my delicatessen, Little Piccadilly, I have tried to keep a low profile in the bread roll controversy, but the article by David Denison has forced me to reply to my critics

"First of all, when Mr Wolf approached me to change from another bakery I did so on condition he would not supply anyone else in this area, a condition Mr Wolf accepted

"I later saw an advert in the Daily Dispatch by Michael's Delicatessen selling Wolfie's rolls at 30c for six — 3c less than the price Mr Wolf suggested to me.

"I phoned Mr Wolf to tell him that as he had gone back on his word to me I would no longer deal with him Mr Wolf then came to see me and offered me rolls at a much lower price so that I could "hammer" Michael's that weekend — so much for his wanting to help the underdog

"I told Mr Wolf I was not prepared to do that. He then agreed to stop supplying Michael's again. That was when the owner of Michael's Delicatessen spoke to a Dispatch reporter about Mr Wolf either not supplying him or parking around the corner to supply him

"Mr Wolf phoned me after the article appeared and said he intended to supply Michael's and would like to supply me as well I then told Mr Wolf I would no longer deal with him

"Once before when another bakery supplied me with their confectionery Mr Wolf told me he did not like it I told him I would run my business as I liked and he could run his business the way he liked

"If Mr Wolf does not like competition why should I?"

Commenting on Mr Birch's letter, Mr Wolf said "The points Mr Birch makes are not strictly accurate

"When I first approached Mr Birch to buy my rolls I did say I wouldn't supply anybody else in the area, but later on Michael's used to come to the bakery to buy rolls and I did not see how I could refuse to supply him

"I then told Mr Birch I was supplying Michael's

"I did not offer Mr Birch rolls so he could 'hammer' Michael's Because he bought in bulk what I did do was offer Mr Birch rolls at a special price so he could retain his same mark-up and still match Michael's price.

"I did agree to stop supplying Michael's because I got a lot of business from Mr Birch, but then when I thought about it I realised it was not right to refuse to supply Michael's and I told Mr Birch I would like to supply both shops

"Nor did I suggest Mr Birch should not buy from another bakery In fact, what I did suggest was that he buy my rolls and all his other pastries from the other bakery

"I was quite happy to split the business

"And, as for competition, I feel Mr Birch must learn to live with competition and not try and stamp it out in an unorthodox manner."

• Correspondence on the Great Bread Rolls Controversy is now closed — at least in this column.

Wells move

Dave White, weaned in the cut-throat world of retailing in Britain and the new managing director of Wells has flatly denied rumours the old established East London fashion store is closing down

He put it this way "I am flabbergasted by the number of people who think Wells is closing down

"Far from closing we are very much in business."

Much of the confusion in the minds of East Londoners probably arises from the fact Wells has recently undergone extensive alterations

To understand why it is necessary to go back into the history of the firm, founded by Mr Isaac Weil in 1935 and later established in premises on the corner of Oxford St and Stephenson St

The property is still owned by Mr Weil, though he sold the business in 1970 to a Johannesburg entrepreneur, Mr Aubrey Snider

Mr Snider had two leases on the property — one held by Mr Weil and the other by Oltstein's Furnishers which previously occupied adjacent premises to the original Wells

Mr White has now bought Wells from Mr Snider and renegotiated a lease with Oltsteins In terms of the lease he has to make good the wall broken down when Wells expanded in 1970

Net outcome is that Wells will continue trading at their traditional site, but not in the Stephenson St corner of the premises

To rationalise operations in the smaller premises Mr White has discontinued the children's and women's underwear and corsetry departments and moved a bigger than ever men's department to the first floor

Though overall floor space is reduced Wells' showroom area remains the same and they will continue to specialise with what Mr White calls their "biggie boutique", which caters for the bigger women in the 42 to 60 size range

Turnover topped R1 million last year, but Mr White says he will be quite happy with half that this year in the smaller premises.

Midas touch

A Port Alfred man with the Midas touch, Mr Cyril Burrows, has done more to provide housing in Port Alfred than most other individuals and his real estate activities are a reflection of the town's amazing growth in the past few years

Mr Burrows and his wife and family moved to Port Alfred 7½ years ago to escape the rat race in Johannesburg and to take advantage of the educational institutions in nearby Grahamstown.

He started as a property salesman and then bought a local estate agency which he has since sold.

He attributes the success which has crowned his undertakings to his catering for the pensioner and not the holidaymaker.

"This is a retired person's town", he says.

Mr Burrow's first venture into property development was the construction of Wesley Heights comprising 18 flats which were sold under sectional title for R330 000.

His next speculation was to buy Fountain Rocks View comprising eight two-roomed and two three-roomed maisonettes

in an insolvent estate from a building society for R350 000.

He has since sold those and has now started building another four on the same commanding position overlooking the West Beach at a cost of R83 000

Another six to be started in June will bring the value of the Fountain Rocks View complex up to R700 000

Another of Mr Burrows' undertakings is the rapidly developing West Beach township in which every site has a sea view Here he has erected ten houses and sold 80 stands in the past eight months at prices ranging from R7 000 to R15 000

Nowhere else in Port Alfred, except on the riverside, are plots sold for as much as R15 000.

"This indicates a significant change in the interest taken in Port Alfred in recent months," he says.

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Signs at toilets slammed

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the East London Coloured Management Committee, Mr J H Nash, yesterday criticised the East London City Council for "a ridiculous state of affairs which makes council laughable" over its insistence to keep discriminatory signs at certain public conveniences in the city.

He was commenting on a discussion at yesterday's meeting of the committee.

Mr Nash said: "In other words I can go and pay my water account at the Market Building but I can't use the toilet.

"I can pay my respects to people buried in the Cambridge cemetery but I am not allowed to use the toilet. We can share the conveniences at the city hall but not the conveniences at the Market Building.

"We should ask council in the interests of good race relations, to stop this crazy setup. They should learn to stop insulting us."

Mr Nash said officials of the city council who practised racialism should be removed from their jobs.

Another member of the committee, Mr J F Temmers, said the Coloured community wanted good relations between different race groups in order to reduce friction and to strive for a better South Africa. This could not be done by keeping discriminatory signs — DDR

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Angry reaction to rent move

EAST LONDON — The East London Coloured Management Committee yesterday reacted strongly to the city council's proposed increase in rentals in the economic and sub-economic areas

The council decided recently that in view of the R130 423 deficit on the housing account the rentals in all the housing schemes should be increased The increases, subject to the approval of the Department of Community Development, will be effective from June 1 this year The increase would be an average of R1 50 per unit a month for the Parkside area, R2 00 for Buffalo Flats and R1 50 for sub-economic houses in Coloured areas

The proposed increases would reduce the deficit to R110 924 for 1980 and was based on a programme intended to eliminate the deficit on the housing account over a period of five years

The chairman of the committee, Mr J H Nash, expressed his disapproval of the increases "We are struggling with an arrear rental structure at the moment It is most unwise to increase the rentals now and I can't see the need for it," he said.

The Director of Housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, said the reason for the increase was to try and reduce the deficit The rentals in all the council's housing schemes, including the Indian and white areas, were going to be increased. He said it was a matter of policy and not a matter of picking on Coloureds Four years ago there had also been an increase

The Councillor with the housing portfolio, Councillor R Snodgrass, said the arrears in the Indian and white areas were much lower than in the Coloured ones but for the purpose of the increase all the areas were treated equally

Mr Nash said if wage structures were equal he would agree with the opinions but they were not He said one could not compare the three areas because the Indian one was only about two years old and white earning power was much more than that Coloureds

The rest of the committee approved Mr Nash's sentiments and it was resolved to reject the increases and write to the Department of Community Development asking for the rentals to be subsidised — DDR

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New generator for City power

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's utilities and works committee yesterday accepted a R6 million tender for a new gas turbine generator that will give the City a more secure supply of electricity.

The plant, which can generate 50 MW within minutes, will act as an emergency reserve for the central area of the City and can also be used to supply peaking power.

Tenders ranged from more than R12-million down to just below R6-million for the Curtiss Wright plant, virtually a modified aircraft engine.

The City electrical engineer, Mr D C Palser, said the firm had offered to provide a further gas turbine plant at the same price immediately after the tendered plant had been installed. He said this would enable the council to close down the Table Bay power station, leading to a saving of R3,8 million.

However, Mr Palser felt it was more important to have a possible 200 MW of power available "on cold stand-by" from Table Bay than to have an extra 50 MW available instantly from an additional gas turbine. He was supported by the committee.

COUNCIL PLANS OPEN SPORT FOR ALL

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council will 'take immediate steps to open up all sports facilities to all races' as soon as it has been notified officially that it can do so, a spokesman told The Argus today.

The Minister of Sport, Mr Punt Janson, said in Parliament yesterday that municipalities were autonomous bodies and 'the use of municipal sports facilities in white group areas by members of other race groups is to be decided by the municipality concerned.'

The City Council's official policy is to allow all races to use all its facilities provided this does not conflict with the law.

Last year the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, wrote to the Department of Community Development asking for permission for the council to open all its facilities to all races.

No reply

The letter received an acknowledgement but so far the council has had no other answer

A spokesman said today: 'If Mr Janson has instructed his department that municipalities are now free to decide for themselves whether their sports facilities will be open to all races, presumably a letter is on its way to us now.

'We have not yet received any official notification, but we shall certainly take the necessary steps as soon as we do.'

Policy clear

'The council's policy is very clear on this matter.

'Once we get a letter from the Department of Sport, we shall have to make sure we have tied up everything correctly with other Government departments and the Province so that we are not transgressing the law and then we shall certainly take steps to open up all facilities.'

The spokesman said the City Council would have to obtain permission from the Provincial Administration, which was the seashore authority, before opening Sea Point swimming bath to all races.

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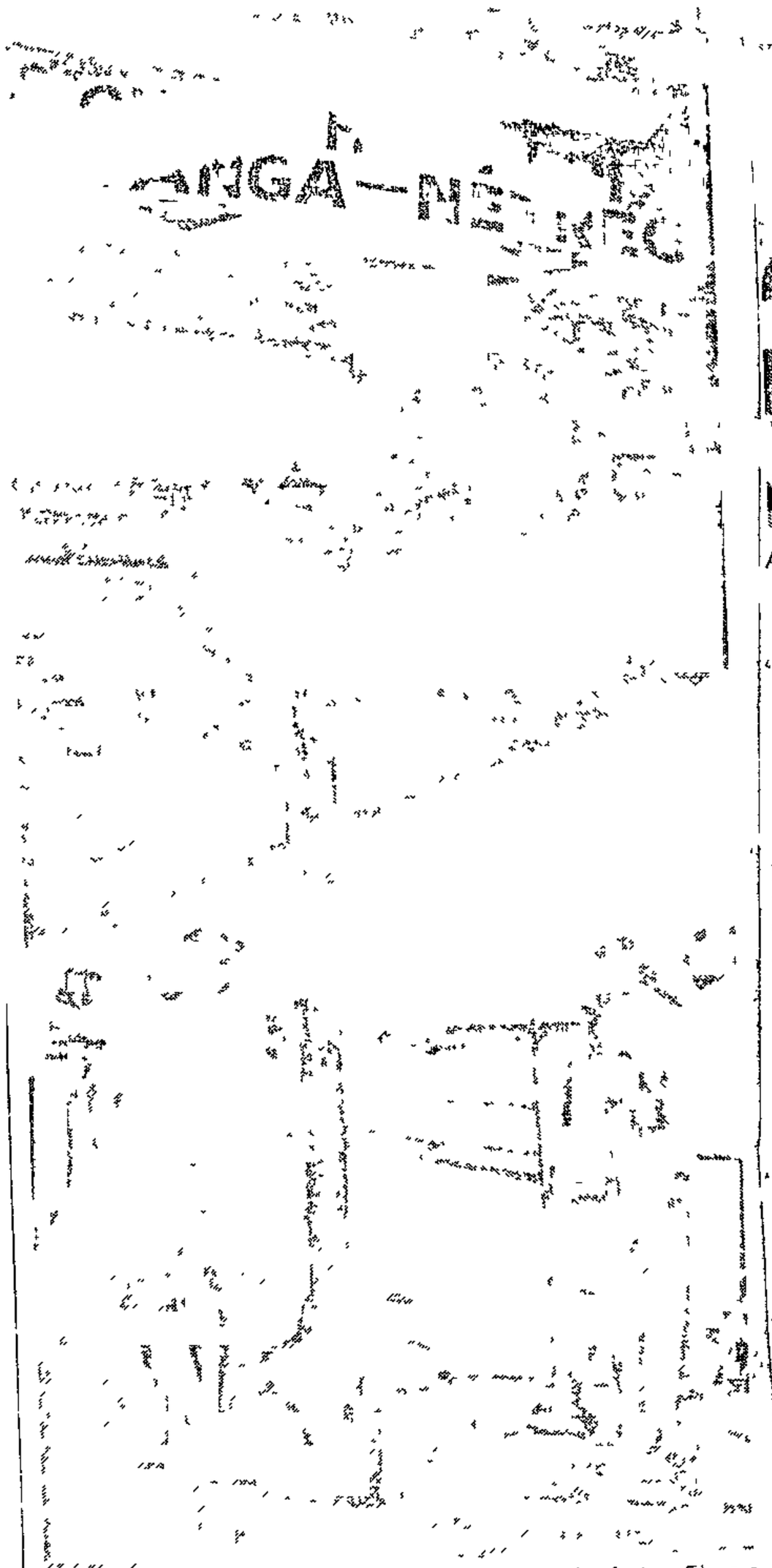
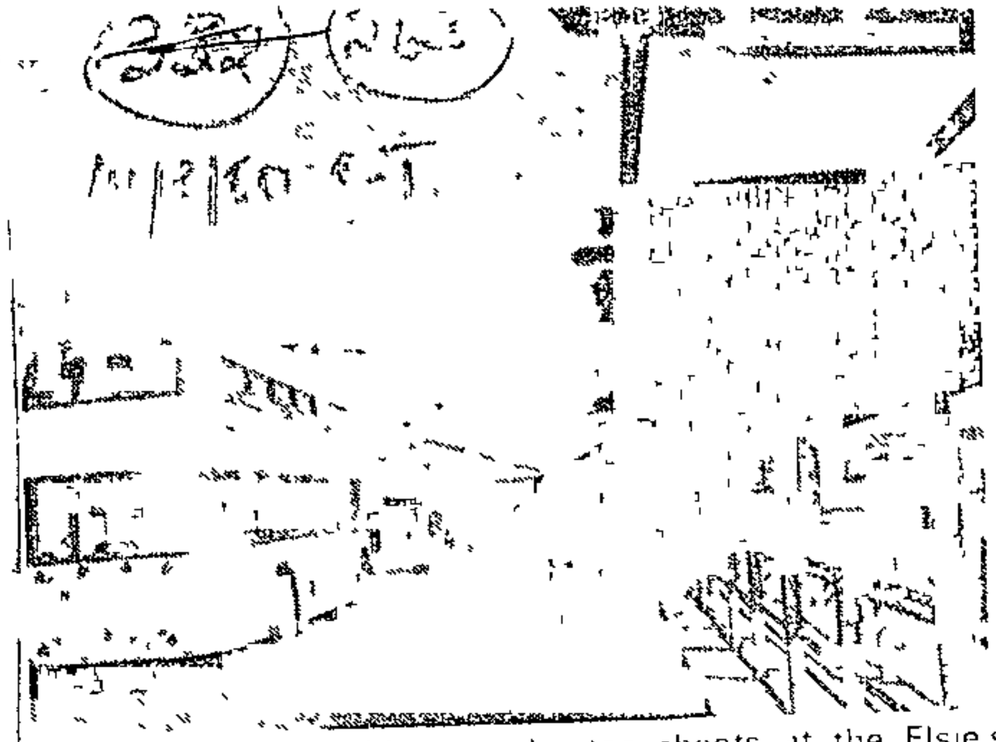
No Reply



The sun streams through gaps in the roof of the Elsie's River bus terminus while commuters wait for their buses



A rusty support holds up asbestos sheets at the Elsie's River terminus

Hot wait for bus passengers

Staff Reporter

PASSENGERS waiting for buses at the Elsie's River terminus must stand in the rain or swelter in the heat until their buses arrive as the roofs of the shelters are in poor condition

The terminus in Elsie's River has supports for shelters but sheets of the asbestos roof have been broken or blown away

Mr J Endale, an Elsie's River businessman, has complained to City Tramways and the Goodwood municipality but no action has been taken to repair the wrecked shelters

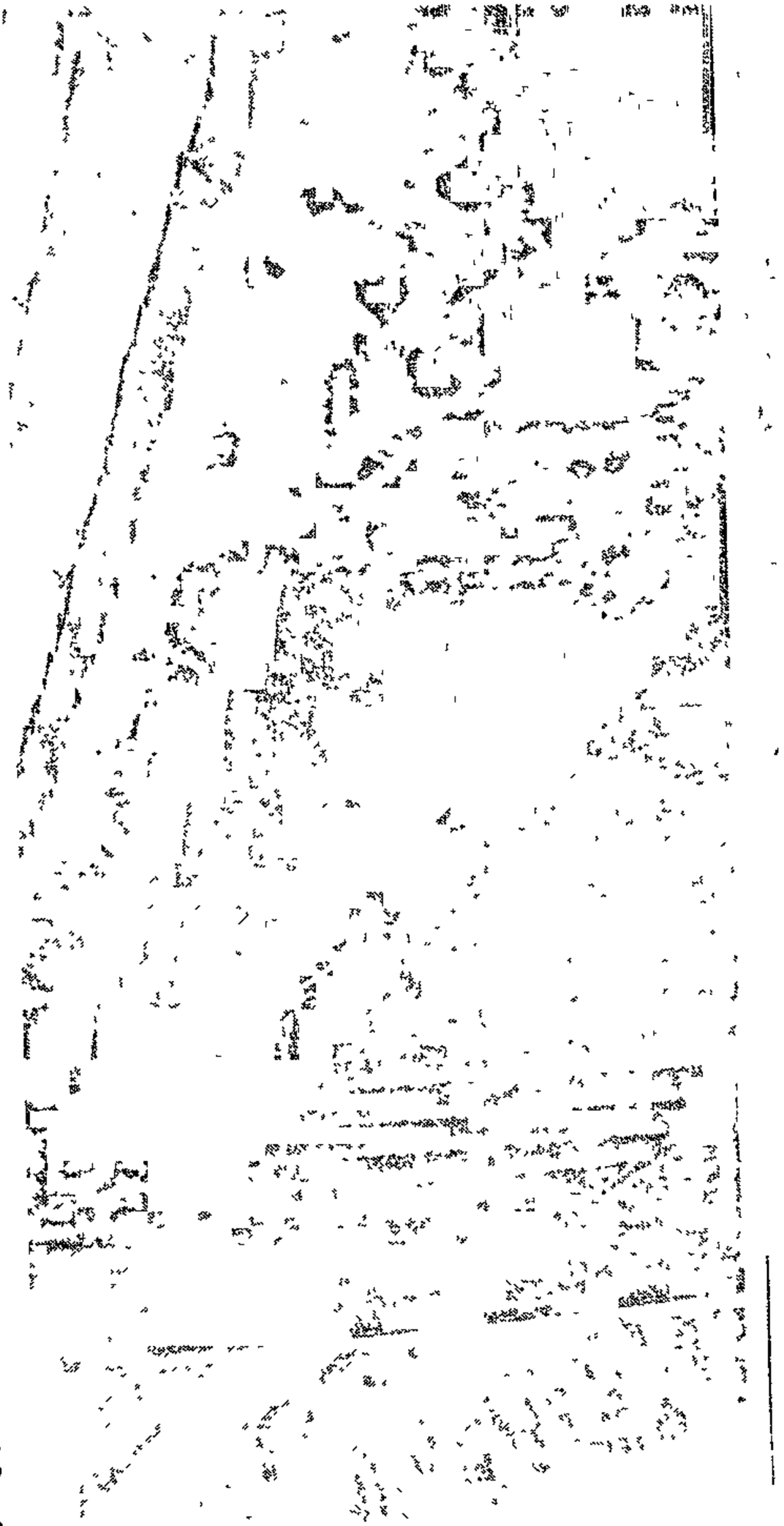
Mr Endale said there was no protection from the elements and, although it was a busy terminus, there were no toilet facilities

A City Tramways spokesman, Mr J Genade, said that the terminus was not the Tramways' responsibility and the company has complained to the Parow and Goodwood municipalities

Mr J R de Villiers, Goodwood's Town Clerk, said the terminus had not been inspected and that no complaints had been received in the past year

"The public are not slow to complain and we have had no reason to look at the terminus as we have had no complaints about it," he said

Mr De Villiers said the channels for complaint were always open and the municipality would only act on complaints received



A gap in the roof of a shelter at the Elsie's River bus terminus

Kaffraria council claims neglect

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DD 14/3/80

EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffraria is to invite MPCs in its area to talks on capital expenditure next month

This resolution was taken after several councillors expressed dissatisfaction with conditions at the council's monthly meeting yesterday

Cllr G. King said that after a recent tour of the Western Cape, he was convinced that the council's area was the Cinderella of the Cape Provincial Council.

He pointed out that since the amalgamation of divisional councils five years ago no more roads had been tarred in the Komga area

While stressing that R40 million was to be spent on a bridge over the Bloukrans River, Cllr King said "Why are we left out."

His views were echoed by Cllr M. Yazbek, who said he was convinced that the area was not being treated equally "We are between two black areas, at the other end of the world We are the first to be restricted and the last to receive benefits," he said

The chairman of the council, Cllr D C. Radue, agreed that in relation to other provinces, the Cape Province as a whole was a Cinderella.

"We must start trying to get a foot in the door to be in on the bandwagon when the government lets loose," said Cllr Radue adding that it appeared as though the government was moving towards increased capital expenditure — DDR

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COLOURED TO GET SHARES IN NEW STORE

THE coloured community is to be offered shares in the supermarket which Pick 'n Pay is building at Mitchell's Plain. This was announced in Cape Town by Pick 'n Pay's go-ahead chairman, Mr Raymond Ackerman.

By the Financial Editor

It will be Pick 'n Pay's second public offer of shares, the first being when the company obtained its Johannesburg Stock Exchange listing in the late 1960s

Mr Ackerman said full details of the share offer were not yet complete But he expected the company would have an ordinary issued shares capital of about R1 million, of which just over half would be subscribed by coloured people

The supermarket, now being built at Mitchell's Plain, is expected to start trading in November or December

It will have a floor area of 4 000 sq m, making it Pick 'n Pay's second biggest supermarket in the Peninsula Only the one at Kenilworth Centre is larger

Mr Ackerman said that shareholders should not have to wait too long before they received a dividend All Pick 'n Pay's stores had made profits within six months of their opening and the Mitchell's Plain store was expected to follow this pattern

It could aim to pay a 10 percent dividend

The share offer would be restricted to coloured people, with preference possibly given to Pick 'n Pay's coloured employees and to residents of Mitchell's Plain

Although the share would not be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange it was planned to create facilities for the shares to be easily bought and sold

Pick 'n Pay studie own manufacturin

PICK 'N PAY does not want to manufacture its own goods. But it will do so if its powers to negotiate with manufacturers are curbed, the company's chairman, Mr Raymond Ackerman, says.

The Government is inquiring into the negotiating practices of the big chains

Mr Ackerman said in an interview the board of Pick 'n Pay had decided to investigate what would be involved if the company decided to manufacture its own goods

Two senior ex- would visit the States in April in tion with this c and he would be out investigation Europe

Pick 'n Pay had over of R550- which was large to make its own ture an attractive sition, he said

'Stop gap increase' accepted

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Labour Reporter

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Dissatisfaction, but Council pay offer accepted

Staff Reporter

CAPE Town's black municipal workers have accepted a 12 percent wage rise offered by the City Council, but declared they would continue to press for more money

At a mass meeting yesterday about 1 500 members of the 11 000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association packed the City Hall to express their dissatisfaction with the City Council's offer In a statement released yesterday, the CTMWA said workers had accepted the increase, but only to alleviate the immediate plight of the worst-paid employees

The CTMWA said the workers would proceed with arbitration next year if negotations over higher wages broke down The municipal workers had originally demanded a 25 percent increase

'Living below the breadline'

The council had agreed to increase its contribution to the municipal pension fund and would ensure that no worker received an increase of less than 10 percent Holiday bonuses would also be increased, as would long service allowances

The CTMWA said increased costs of clothing, food, transport and rent meant that some workers were living below the breadline Wages had not kept pace with the cost of living

As a result of low wages, the wives and children of council workers were being driven on to the labour market to supplement family incomes The result of this was a decline in the educational, cultural and social level of municipal workers and their families, the CTMWA said

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STUD NO	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL		
STU13-9							
15036	H.A./LL.B.						15036
~~101834P~~	~~HACK~~	~~BRYAN CECIL~~	~~602101~~	~~PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW~~	~~ABS~~	~~4~~	~~101834P~~
1154740	HARPER	GREGORY MARK	602101	PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW	2- (67)	5	1154740
~~1143386~~	~~LAGONS~~	~~DENISE ELLEN~~		~~ROMAN DUTCH LAW I~~	~~1 (76)~~	~~4~~	~~1143386~~
1030696	LEALM			ROMAN LAW & JURISPRUDENCE I3	(53)	4	1030696
				~~ROMAN LAW & JURISPRUDENCE IUP~~	~~(56)~~	~~5~~	~~1003447~~
				ROMAN LAW & JURISPRUDENCE IUP	(50)	4	0944400
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Municipal election to go ahead

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council elections scheduled for September this year will take place after all

This became clear yesterday when the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said the Province had indicated that it would not be possible to amend the Cape Town Municipal Ordinance in time to affect the elections

Last month the City Council voted to ask the Administrator to postpone the elections and extend the life of the council until the constitutional future of the country had been clarified and there was a new delimitation of wards

But Mr Heugh said yesterday that in order to do this it would be necessary to amend the Cape Town Municipal Ordinance at the next session of the Provincial Council in a few months

He had discussed the matter with Mr P de Wet, Director of Local Government, and he had been told there was not enough time to change the ordinance

Mr Heugh said the City Council might change its mind on the issue as Mr Emil Riese, chairman of the Amenities and Health Committee, had submitted a motion to review and rescind the February decision

Mr Riese spoke in favour of the original motion in the council but had changed his mind after consulting his ratepayers Mr Heugh said Mr Riese's review and rescind motion was submitted last Friday

This week the ratepayers' association in Mr Riese's ward (Ward 17) wrote to the Director of Local Government asking him to reject the council's request for a postponement of the September elections

Mr Heugh said Mr Riese felt that in view of the feeling of his ratepayers, and because the matter had been decided by a split decision of the council, it would be unwise to proceed with it

A review and rescind motion requires the support of two-thirds of the council

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13020 BACHELOR OF ARTS YEAR : 2

STUD NO	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL			
133499H	PLAAIJIES	NANCY	141101	RELIGIOUS STUDIES I	1	1	133849N	14
140639U	PETERSEN	BERTRAND SYDNEY	102201 110201	AFRIKAANS EN NEDERLANDS II F AFRICAN HISTORY I F	3	1	140639U	16
133849N	PEARCE	CAREY SUSAN			(51)			
				INTENSIVE (SOT2-	(66)	1	133499H	20
				ABS				
				F	(36)	1	139271G	24
				APOLOGY II(PRE 2-	(60)	1	052892K	26
				HISTORY II 2-	(71)			
					(60)			
				3	(53)	1	121461Y	30
				3	(57)	1	133333C	32
				RE-1980) 3NX		1	153034C	34
				UDICS I F	(44)	1	137998Y	36
				I 3	(58)	1	134502F	38
				APOLOGY II(PRE 2- ABS	(63)	1	135878U	40
				INSIVE (XHOSA) F 2-	(67)	1	111532F	42
				RE-1980) 2-	(25)			44
					(60)			
					(61)			46
				ABS		3	121723H	48
				3	(52)	1	102168C	50

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13010 BACHELOR OF ARTS YEAR : 1 13010

STUD NO	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL			
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154508U	ACKERMAN	BARRY JOHN	004101	PSYCHOLOGY I	UP	(54)	1	154508U
			908101	GEOGRAPHY I	UP	(60)		
157349G	ADAMS	ZULEIGA	911101	MATHEMATICS I M102	F	(44)	1	157349G
			911102	MATHEMATICS IA	3	(50)		
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162594H	ARCHER	CLIVE ANTHONY	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	3NX		1	162594
1170467	ATKINSON	HENRY NICHOLAS	110101	CULTURAL HISTORY				
157724P	BADINGS	CRAIG REIN						
162809R	BAILEY	LINDA JEAN						
153940B	BARNARD	CAROLINE ALIS						
115210D	BARROWS	CLIVE CARL						
159729U	BAUMANN	SYLVIA MARITA						
155052K	BEGLEY	MARK DAVID						
138311N	BELL	LORELLE	117101	POLITICAL SCIENCE I	3	(52)	1	138311N
161780Y	BEVAN	KIM	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	3NX		1	161780Y
157700N	BORGSTROM	MICHAEL CLIFFORD	106104	ECONOMICS IB	UP	(53)	1	157700N
			110101	HISTORY I	F	(44)		
153399N	BOTHA	MARTIN FRANCIS CORNELIUS	117101	POLITICAL SCIENCE I	ABS		1	153399N
162250J	BOUWER	TIMOTHY JOHN	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	3NX		1	162250J
			911101	MATHEMATICS I M102	F	(42)		
			911102	MATHEMATICS IA	3	(50)		
150215C	BROWNE	IMOGEN ALETHEA	916103	ANIMAL BIOLOGY (HALF COURSEUP		(50)	1	150215C

Council's increases accepted

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN's white municipal workers yesterday accepted pay increases ranging from 10 to 15 percent, which were offered to them by the City Council.

At a mass meeting in the Civic Centre yesterday, between 1 600 and 2 000 municipal employees voted overwhelmingly to accept the council's offer, which ranged from a 10 percent increase for the highest paid employees to 15 percent for the lowest paid. Increases in holiday bonuses and municipal service allowances were also accepted.

Offer

The meeting was organized by the South African Association of Municipal Employees and was addressed by the president of SAAME, Mr A J Uys, who urged the employees to accept the council's offer.

Mr Uys submitted a proposal in which SAAME accepted the council's offer while expressing its disappointment at what it called "the council's policy of not paying competitive salaries".

It also expressed dissatisfaction at the council's decision to extend the binding period of the agreement between it and SAAME from 12 to 15 months.

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			911102	MATHEMATICS IA	3	(50)		
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		CLIVE ANTHONY	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	3NX		1	162594H
		HENRY NICHOLAS	118101	CULTURAL HISTORY OF W.E. I	ABS		1	117046Z
		CRAIG REIN	004101	PSYCHOLOGY I	UP	(53)	1	157724P
			103202	SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY I(PRE 1	UP	(54)		
			908101	GEOGRAPHY I	UP	(51)		
		LINDA JEAN	101103	AFR LANG INTENSIVE (XHOSA)	ABS		1	162809K
			502113	HISTORY OF ART I	ABS			
		CAROLINE ALISON JANE	106104	ECONOMICS IB	UP	(61)	1	153940B
		CLIVE CARL	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	F	(37)	7	115210D
			603202	ROMAN LAW & JURISPRUDENCE IF		(46)		
		SYLVIA MARITA	115102	FRENCH INTENSIVE	F	(36)	1	159729U
			116120	DRAMA I	UP	(50)		
		MARK DAVID	110101	HISTORY I	UP	(51)	1	155052K
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Council unable to carry housing burden alone

THE chairman of the Division al Council of the Cape, Mr I N G Hampshire said this week that local authorities, — the council specifically — could not alone carry the financial bur den of providing housing. Relief from other sources would have to be provided he said

Mr Hampshire was addressing a committee appointed by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn to investigate the financial difficulties facing local authorities charged with the provision of housing from National Housing Funds

The terms of reference of the committee are to investigate alleged operating losses suffered by local authorities as a result of the provision of housing and ancillary facilities and to advise the minister of ways to finance these losses

Mr Hampshire said the council was the third-biggest supplier of housing in the Republic and the second-biggest supplier of coloured housing and was busy with two of the biggest housing schemes in the country — the redevelopment of the Elsie's River area at an estimated cost of R84 m and the development of the Atlantis extension

New tenants' association to fight rent increases

Staff Reporter

FRUSTRATION at rent increases and overcrowded conditions in homes has culminated in the formation of the Duinefontein Tenants' Association by Manenberg residents

For years, residents have been complaining individually about the lack of pavements and the fact that two taps and two toilets situated in backyards have to be shared by four families, but there has been little response from the authorities

Now, with the establishment of a representative body, residents are confident that their grievances will not fall on deaf ears

Mrs Ellvera van Rensburg, chairman of the DTA, said a meeting was called three weeks ago and the result was the formation of the tenants' association More than 600 people attended and it was clear that grievances were not isolated

"The association was formed to discuss and act not only on housing problems, but also on social problems," she told the Cape Times yesterday

"People here have to pay up to R40 a month for a house with two rooms, a kitchen and dining room and no dividing doors There is no privacy"

The motivation for the formation of the DTA came from the director of Shawco in Manenberg, Mr Rushdi Magiet

With the help of students from the University of Cape Town and the University of the Western Cape, a six-month door-to-door survey was held

It was found that there was a need for a body representing the people of Duinefontein/Manenberg

At the first meeting, there was an outcry over rents and now the residents are sending a letter of protest to the Cape Town City Council The letter was signed by over 800 people in the area

Another grievance was that for the past 15 years, in spite of having their rents increased annually, the houses have not been painted

The city ucouncil's director of housing, Mr H Bloom, yesterday rejected both claims

He said shared toilets and taps serving rows of up to eight houses were characteristic of the "dual occupancy-type houses", which were the "cheapest of the cheap" houses built for poorer people

However, this type of house was restricted to Factreton, Bonteheuwel, Heideveld and Manenberg and was converted to a three-bedroomed house when people moved out He said there was a paint-programme operating on a rotational basis every four to five years

Manenberg's population was given by Mr Bloom as 36 000

2 724 foreign patients

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Science Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration treated 50 Russians among 2 724 foreign patients admitted to provincial hospitals last year according to the annual report of the Department of Health

Costs of foreign patient treatment amounted to R407 051, of which R1 229 was written off as bad debt

The majority of patients – 931 came from Bophuthatswana and 925 of these were treated in the Cape The remainder received treatment in the Free State Foreign patients came from Egypt, Ethiopia, Hungary Poland Rumania, Saudi Arabia, Tasmania, the United Arab Emirates, Zaire and Zambia

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10000 MISCELLANEOUS ARTS YEAR : N/A 10000

STUD NO	FIRST NAMES	COURSE DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL
152327Y VAN DER MERWE	BARBARA LOUISE	111101 MATHEMATICS I M102	F (37) 152327Y

* TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 1

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Academy fears students will be distracted

By LEON BEKKER

DOUBTS about the proposed Granger Bay development have been expressed by Mr Bob McClelland, chairman of the Merchant Navy Academy General Botha and deputy chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' Association

Mr McClelland said in an interview that the ratepayers' association was not in favour of the proposed development, announced on Tuesday by the Minister of Sport and National Education, Mr Piet Janson

Mr Janson's statement that the authorities at the academy were "not entirely happy" about the plan was "the understatement of the century", Mr McClelland said

The academy authorities are worried about three aspects of the proposals

- The planned yacht clubs, hotels and restaurants, which would be a "distraction" to students studying at the academy,
- The "unholy disturbance" which would be created by yachtsmen arriving after or leaving on international races and the adverse effect this would have on the studies of the students,
- The effects on the sea and the seafloor of the breakwaters which are to be built

Mr McClelland said he was aware that the CSIR had studied these aspects on a model, but he doubted whether a model could accurately approximate the actual conditions

The mole built at the Oceana Powerboat Club had caused silting up within a year or two rather than in the previous four or five year span

As deputy chairman of the ratepayers' association, Mr McClelland said he wondered who was going to foot the bill for the development

The figure of R15 m quoted by Mr Janson was likely to be closer to R40 m by the time the project was completed and he noted that Mr Janson had said that the city council was to "look into" the cost

"Does that mean that the city council is going to have to pay for it? That is absolutely out of the question," Mr McClelland said

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STU13-9 13100 PERFORMERS DIPLOMA IN SPEECH & DRAMA YEAR : N/A

STUD NO	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	COURSE	DESCRIPTION
162321L	STERN	JOCELYN NEILA	116113	PRACT SK I AFRIKAANS LUNER/ABS
			116117	PRACT ACT I AFRIKAANS LUNER/ABS

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 1

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Mixed reaction to harbour plan

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Chief Reporter

THE OFFICIAL go-ahead given to a scheme to build a new small-boat harbour in Granger Bay was welcomed yesterday by yacht club officials and power-boat interests, but many small-boat owners who had favoured the "Fagan plan" expressed misgivings about it.

Their misgivings were mainly about the cost and time factors and about public access to the facilities.

The Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Piet Janson, when he announced on Tuesday that the Granger Bay harbour plan would be started as soon as possible, was not able to say how the new harbour was to be financed. This would have to be gone into by Cape Town City Council.

The Fagan plan, so far as it featured a small-boat marina in Victoria Basin, had been rejected by the SAR and H but this did not rule out its conservation aspects, he said.

Mr Gawie Fagan, whose plan to re-establish the lost link between the City and its dockland and to create a public amenity in the oldest part of the harbour, captured public imagination and drew support from boat owners, said yesterday.

Boost

Firstly I am very happy that the minister has confirmed that attention will now be given to restoration of the historic harbour precincts, for if the buildings are preserved, future revitalization of the area is at least not precluded.

If in addition the yacht-building industry, amateur builders and possibly even dry boat storage, all of which are excluded by high costs from the new scheme, can be accommodated in the old harbour area, the industry can hope for the necessary boost and the old harbour area can be usefully integrated with the proposed Granger Bay development.

The Minister of Transport had promised to look into the possibility of opening the old harbour to the public at weekends, this would benefit the tourist trade, whereas the new luxury facilities in Granger Bay could hardly be regarded as a tourist attraction.

Minimal benefit

Nor could the Granger Bay scheme provide a waterfront

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14210 B.A./PERFORMERS DIP (SPEECH & DRAMA) YEAR : 1 14210

URNAME FIRST NAMES COURSE DESCRIPTION SYMBOL

DUMILS DrA A I ARS 152537J

JENNIFER SOLANGE FRENCH I F (45) 1 1523060

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 2 REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC)

Plan for better beach facilities

Municipal Reporter

THE executive committees of the Provincial Council and the City Council yesterday reached agreement on major aspects of plans to improve conditions on Cape Town's beaches.

After the talks the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said there was full agreement on two issues These were

- The need for the development of more open beach facilities on the False Bay coast and possibly on the Atlantic coast
- The need for a measure of control to ensure that the situation on the beaches did not become more chaotic

Mr Louw said developing new facilities on the False Bay coast was largely dependent on the money being made available by the government He estimated that R4,5m was needed, for which about R3 m was needed for Strandfontein

A further R0,5m might be needed for small resorts along this coast and the closing off of some beaches Another R0,5m might be needed for facilities on the Atlantic coast

Mr Louw said the question of subsidizing beach constables had also been discussed but no decisions had been made He said Cape Town wanted to employ 93 beach constables at a cost of between R900 000 and R1 m a year and had asked the province for a 50 percent subsidy

The Province wanted an assurance that the beach constables would be able to deal effectively with anti-social behaviour, particularly in view of recent complaints

There were also questions about what the beach constables would do in the winter and he had been told that they could be used to patrol parks and some of the coloured residential areas

Mr Louw said the priority aimed at in the talks was to take the pressure off beaches by developing more facilities and more beaches and to control anti-social behaviour

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13100 PERFORMERS DIPLOMA IN SPEECH & DRAMA YEAR : V/A

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REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC)

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Province may rule on servants

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By TONY ROBINSON

THE ADMINISTRATOR, Mr Gene Louw, has asked the City Council to reconsider a by-law — which has been described as draconian — to control the occupation of servants' rooms in the Sea Point area

He said that if the council failed to pass an acceptable by-law the Province would have to do so

The by-law, recommended by the Fouche Commission, is considered to be the toughest of the three so far considered and rejected by the City Council

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Louw said he had discussed the situation with the City Council's executive committee in frank talks which were conducted in a good spirit

Many illegal residents

There was a problem in the area and he had received many complaints According to the Fouche Commission, there should be 9 000 "legal" servants in Sea Point, but it was estimated that there were between 20 000 and 30 000 people living in servants' quarters.

The Minister of Community Development, Mr S J Marais Steyn, had now asked him to implement the Fouche Commission by-law

Mr Louw said that three sets of by-laws had been suggested to the council by the Fouche Commission, the City Council's Sonnenberg Commission and the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers All the by-laws had been rejected

He had told the council he would prefer them to pass the by-law, even in a revised form which was acceptable to the Province If they did not, the Province would do so and compel the City to implement it

To deal with any problem

Mr Louw said the City Council's executive committee asked for a short postponement to consider the matter He wanted the matter to be considered by the City Council at its monthly meeting next Thursday

In November last year Dr John Sonnenberg asked the council to pass the mild by-law recommended by his commission as it would enable the police to deal with any problems in servants' quarters

He warned councillors that if they did not do so a draconian by-law drawn up by the Department of Community Development would be forced on the council This by-law, with its permits and licences, would have the effect of a pass system for coloured servants

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13130 PERFORMERS DIPLOMA IN SPEECH & DRAMA YEAR : 3

STUD NO	SURNAME	FIRST NAMES	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	SYMBOL
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1000601	HOLG	HENRY CANNON	DRAMA III	ABS	

* TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS 1

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REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC)

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Cape Town scrapes home

By HAROLD FRIDJHON

CAPE TOWN managed to raise the R15-million it was seeking from the capital market — but only just.

Senbank, the Central Merchant Bank, announced yesterday that the two loans, one for 12 years and the other for 20 years, attracted applications for R15 900 000. Applicants will be advised shortly of their allotments.

The 20-year loan offered a coupon of 9,35% amounting to 9,44% all-in. The 12-year loan was pitched at 8,90%, all-in 9,02%.

When the terms of the loans were first announced comment in the market was that the long-term rate was very, very fine but the medium-term issue was attractive.

Senbank encountered difficulties in placing the stock because the gilt-edged market had been disturbed by the fall in the gold price which suggested that the days of excessive liquidity might be drawing to a close, foreshadowing the possibility of rates starting to harden.

In these circumstances, the long-term rate would appear to be unattractive.

The medium-term issue attracted R9-million, with the balance long, a result which is surprising. It would have been thought that there would have been a better response to the medium term.

Senbank told me that a feature of the issue was the large number of applications from private investors who applied for stock in units of R10 000, R20 000 and in a few instances of R30 000. This is a healthy sign.

If private investors start to take up gilt-edged to balance their portfolios, as is done abroad, it will lead to a much healthier gilt-edged market and a more representative secondary market.

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			~~114101~~	~~CULTURAL HIS~~				
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			110101					
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			916103					
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153621E	COUCHER	ROBERT GEORGE RENESON	004101					
~~138572X~~	~~COURTEJAY~~	~~COLETTE~~	~~107101~~					
153796V	DAVIS	CASSANDRA ELAINE	107101					
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			004101	PSYCHOLOGY I	F	(49)		
156415R	ERASMUS	ARNO JACQUES ERASMUS	601101	COMMERCIAL LAW A	F	(35)	1	156415R
			910106	STATISTICS IC(HALF CRSE)	F	(48)		
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161480X	FAFAK	GIULIETTA	107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-1980)	3NX		1	161480X
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			115103	ITALIAN INTENSIVE	UP	(54)		
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The Granger Bay harbour

BOAT-OWNERS will be generally delighted that at last a firm decision has been taken to provide a long-standing need in Cape Town — a safe and adequate harbour for small craft of all types The announcement by the minister of sport and recreation, Mr Punt Janson, that such a harbour will be built at Granger Bay was not unexpected, as a good deal of time and money has been spent on feasibility studies for such a project

But there are disquieting features about this plan, which we hope will receive a lot more attention and about which we hope clarifying statements will soon be made. The first of these is the effect the projected harbour will have on the South African Merchant Navy Academy, General Botha, at Granger Bay. This is one of South Africa's finest instructional institutions, well situated for its task of preparing young officers for the enormous responsibilities they will be called on to shoulder in maintaining this country's life-lines, along the sea-routes of the world If the interests of pleasure-boating are to be put before the pressing national need to train officers for the merchant service, and if the Granger Bay plan proves to be in any way harmful to the General Botha, whose chairman has expressed serious misgivings which must be noted, then the scheme announced by Mr Janson is a regrettable and a retrograde one

Then there is the question of how the small-boat harbour project, a scheme that could run to R40 million or more, is to be financed There has been no clarity on this aspect. Nor has there been clarity on the extent to which the general public, who with the boating fraternity will probably have to foot the bill, will have access to this amenity Public access, and the re-establishment of the lost link between Cape Town and its waterfront, were key features of the scheme projected by Mr Gawie Fagan, and while the small-boat harbour aspect of his plan has been rejected outright by the SAR and H, we trust that the conservation aspects of it will now be given full attention, as a possible adjunct to the Granger Bay scheme

After all these years of planning and speculation, let there be no further delay in providing Cape Town with an urgently needed small-boat facility But let us first make absolutely sure that other vital interests will not be harmed in the process, and that the public of Cape Town generally and not just the weekend boating enthusiasts will benefit from this amenity.

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				I	ABS		3		135987N
					ABS		1		110635F
				ISH I (PRE-1980)	3	(59)	1		132210G
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				KAANS EN NEDERLANDS II	ABS				
				DUTCH LAW I	ABS		7		137814K
				IC INTERNATIONAL LAW	3	(53)	1		110281W
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				AFR GOVT AND LAW I	3	(51)	1		130539Q
				LAW & JURISPRUDENCE I3		(52)			
				DUTCH LAW I	3	(56)			
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				AN LAW & JURISPRUDENCE IF		(49)	1		130116

Call on CMC men to resign

Daily Dispo 21/3/80

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EAST LONDON — A call has been made on the eight Coloured Management Committee members here to resign their seats on "this puppet body."

The call came from a former CMC chairman, Mr Peter Mopp, who resigned himself last year because he felt he could not achieve anything on the CMC

"With the CRC closing down at the end of the month the only logical conclusion is that the CMC — a glorified debating chamber — should close down "

Mr Mopp said the CMC position here had been aggravated by "absentee" members

The chairman, Mr Dody Nash, is in Cape Town most of the time where he is serving on the Rural Affairs Commission. Mr Albert Brown is furthering his studies at Dower Teachers' Training College in Port Elizabeth, Mr A Green has taken up a teaching post in Hertzog

"Even if the CMC could do a little, how do they hope to do so with these men out of town most of the time

"The authorities refer Coloureds with genuine grievances to the CMC members. But what can these people do when members are not in East London

"The time has come to stop playing games — at the taxpayers expense — and to give people a rightful say in municipal affairs

"And that can only be done when everybody sits around the horseshoe together as equals working in the best interests of all East Londoners'

Mr Nash, Mr Green and Mr Brown were not available for comment yesterday

But the vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr Corrie Alexander, said resigning was a matter of policy and would have to be discussed at their caucus meeting

He agreed the position with Mr Green and Mr Brown was far from ideal and they should resign

"But Mr Nash always attends our monthly meetings As for the work load, the rest of our members have been able to cope

"We will discuss the matter of resigning at the appropriate time," Mr Alexander said

The only CMC member not belonging to the Labour Party Mr Wally George, agreed the "absentee" members should resign

But he disagreed that the whole CMC should quit

The members not in East London are of no value to the community and cannot contribute to their well being, Mr George said "But we cannot all resign now because there is no alternative body that can take up the fight for the people in our townships " — DDR

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ANNE ALEXANDRA		115103	ITALIAN INTENSIVE
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MARIE		008101	PSYCHOLOGY I
		197101	ENGLISH I (PRE-198
MAY		110101	HISTORY I
SUSAN		108105	AFRIKAANS EN GESKIE
MARIETTA CAROLINE		107101	FRENCH I (PRE-19
		110101	FRENCH I
~~ANNE~~		~~105202~~	~~SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY~~
JEANETTE		908101	GEOGRAPHY I
		102103	AFRIKAANS EN NEDER
		008101	PSYCHOLOGY I
		102101	LATIN I
		~~107101~~	~~ENGLISH I (PRE-198~~
E NORAH		102101	AFRIKAANS
		908101	GEOGRAPHY I
J MOZUR		105103	GREEK & ROMAN LIT
ELR MARY		108103	ECONOMICS IA
ELR ANN		008101	PSYCHOLOGY I
		105202	SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOG
		~~011101~~	~~COMMERCIAL LAW A~~
DO EDWARD GREGORIO		115105	ITALIAN INTENSIVE
~~A MICHAEL~~		~~106107~~	~~ECONOMICS IA~~
A AGNES		107101	ENGLISH I (PRE-196
~~SA JANE~~		~~911101~~	~~MATHEMATICS I 1~~

'Breeding ground for terrorism'

Chief Reporter

MR CHRIS JOUBERT, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, said this week that flat-dwellers and others living in the Sea Point area did not seem to realize they were "sitting on a powder-keg" and that the area could become a breeding-ground for urban terrorism

Mr Joubert, a senior officer in the police reserve, was speaking at a symposium under the chairmanship of Mr S L Gross and arranged by the Lion's Head Rotary Club, on anti-social happenings in the Green and Sea Point area

He appealed to property owners and tenants in the area to accept more responsibility for the people working for them and said poor living quarters for employees were often breeding grounds for petty crime, which was increasing

"Some of these quarters are not fit for household pets" he said 'I know of a certain prestige block in Sea Point where the caretaker, a Zambian gentleman, lives under a staircase leading from a garage — with absolutely no ventilation

"I am not ashamed to say I did not report this case The gentleman in question implored me not to so because he would almost certainly lose his job if I did so"

Mr Joubert said the decline in the attractiveness of Sea Point to tourists could be largely attributed to the growth of petty crime An increasing number of visitors from up country and from overseas were being mugged in the area and attacks on defenceless people, including pensioners, were becoming alarming

While the Green and Sea Point area was not at present noted for serious crime there should be a greater public awareness that petty crime could soon lead to crime of a more serious nature

Better housing and more facilities needed

Better housing and more facilities for those working in the area a restructuring of the influx laws, better-lit workers' quarters and garages and greater acceptance of responsibility on the part of employers were some of the ways of dealing with root causes of petty crime in the area, Mr Joubert said

Professor R G Nairn, of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cape Town, said Sea Point's problems could not be seen in isolation and short-term remedies were not the answer

Measures such as more police, more laws and regulations, more control and more repression would have limited success, but would for the most part deal only with symptoms and would fail to get to the causes

Mr Sirk van Wyk, the Cape Town branch director of the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro), said Nicro, in co-operation with various state departments, was formulating a "community service orders project' for the Cape Town area

In this scheme the courts would be able to make an order requiring an offender to perform unpaid work in the community, usually at weekends, instead of being jailed

The emphasis would be on work considered to be constructive and helpful to the community

"It goes without saying that the petty offenders included in the project would be carefully selected," Mr Van Wyk said "Constant supervision and evaluation of the performance of an offender under such an order will also be provided"

155148P JERVIS JOSEPHINE ALEXANDRA

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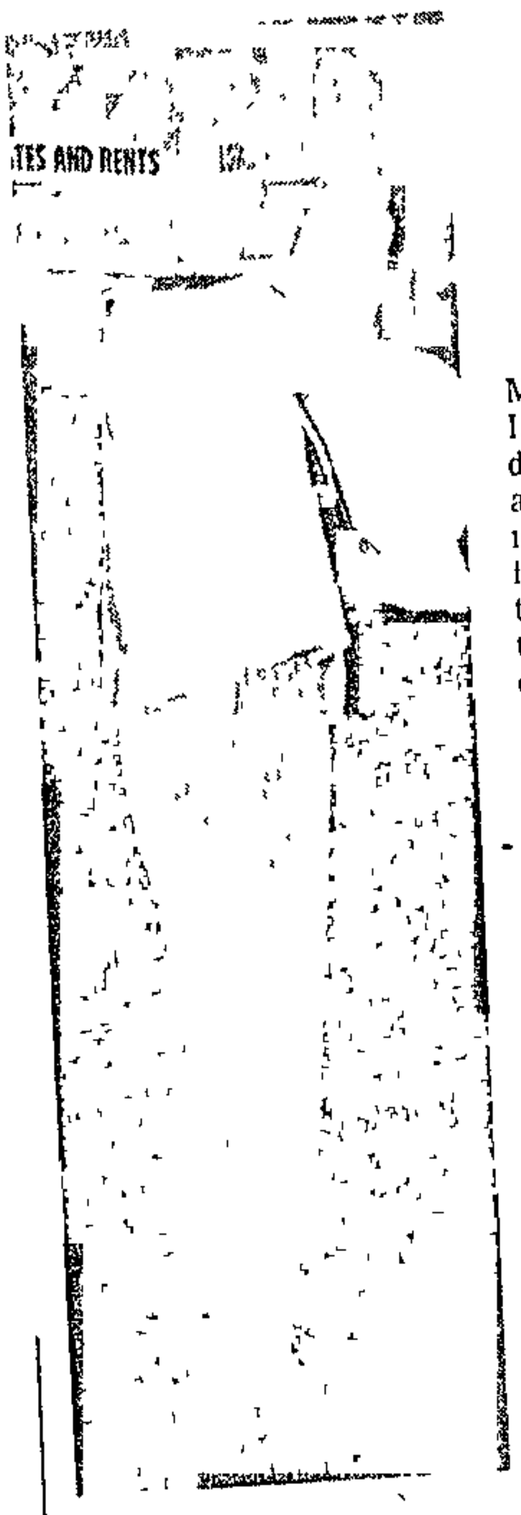
Residents go to valuation court



A Lotus River resident yesterday shouldered the weight of 1 200 objection forms as he followed other Belhar and Lotus River residents into the Cape Provincial Administration Buildings to present the objections to the proposed increase in valuations to the secretary of the valuation court

Staff Reporter

MORE than 1 000 Belhar and Lotus River residents yesterday joined hands in their fight against the proposed increase in valuations when deputations from the two areas presented their collective objections to the secretary of the valuation court

The 1 200 objection forms collected by the Belhar and Lotus River Ratepayers and Tenants Associations demanded that valuations be maintained at present level

The secretary of the court, Mr R van der Lith, has granted a week s extension to both associations to allow them to collect outstanding forms

Residents in these areas who would like to be represented at the court have been asked to contact their respective associations

Attached to each of the 1 200 objection forms was a circular listing the grounds upon which the residents oppose the proposed valuations

It was stressed that artificial scarcity created by ethnic Group Areas legislation has disproportionately increased cost of land and housing in these areas

Objections listed included a lack of adequate roads, poor street lighting the presence of a sewage farm in Lotus River and a refuse dump in Belhar causing flies and unpleasant smells lack of amenities such as parks postal services, libraries and civic centres

Belhar residents claimed that the area was approaching being a slum

"Some people are paying close to R800 rates in Belhar and will never be able to afford an increase," a spokesman for the Belhar deputation said yesterday

In response to this, the administrative officer of the valuation department, Mr J Nicholson, said that some people were paying such high rates in these areas because 50 percent of the residents did not always pay their rate accounts

The two deputations reacted strongly to this saying that it was grossly unfair for some residents to be over-taxed when it was the duty of Divisional Council to ensure that all residents paid rates

A spokesman for the Divisional Council yesterday denied that 50 percent of the residents were not paying rate accounts

"There are people who are not paying and this does affect the overall rating but it is incorrect to say that the percentage is as high as 50 percent" he said

The valuation court will sit on May 6

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UCT study of polluted water

ENOUGH water under the Mitchell's Plain area to service a city of several millions — but polluted and rapidly becoming useless — is just one aspect of the 'nature versus development' conflict now being documented by researchers at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Cape Town

'The water is already badly polluted with lead, sulphur dioxide and other noxious solids leached from the air by rain, and a very valuable natural asset will soon be lost to us if nothing is done,' Mr Maurice Toporowski, planning research assistant, said today

ONE ASPECT

'But this is just one aspect of a study we are now making of exactly how our natural environment is being affected by residential, industrial and commercial development in the Western Cape, and what we can do, through intelligent planning, to reduce undesirable effects on the natural setting,' he said

Mr Toporowski said the root cause of over-exploitation, pollution, destruction of irreplaceable habitats and the permanent loss of fauna and flora was inadequate knowledge of the natural environment

Mr Toporowski has discovered a serious lack of widespread and consistent rainfall figures for the Peninsula, Cape Flats, West Coast and the north-eastern areas, and has issued an appeal to all farmers, schools and other organisations operating rain gauges to contact him with their findings

He can be contacted at Cape Town 69 8531 extension 681, or 61-9991 after

City's coloured townships need a facelift — Brand

ARGUS 25/3/80

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council's coloured housing schemes were 'not places to be proud of' and something should be done to improve the quality of life there, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said today

He showed an invited audience an aerial picture of township houses set in straight lines on a landscape of bare earth after showing them pictures of modern flats and restored old houses in Singapore and Australian cities.

Mr Brand said that Cape Town could be made more beautiful with landscaping of vacant ground and the planting of more trees and shrubs.

He suggested that parking be free in the city centre on Saturdays to attract more people

Street musicians and fruit stalls could help to brighten the city centre and a free minibus service should attract more people.

Mr Brand suggested that tourism should be promoted and more job opportunities created, possibly with 'tax holidays' for people opening new hotels and businesses to make Cape Town a more affluent city.

These suggestions were made at the end of a lecture, illustrated with coloured slides, on a study tour of Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Port Lond Adelaide undertaken by Mr Brand and two senior members of his department last year.

HIGH DENSITY

He showed how an overcrowded Hong Kong was solving its housing problem by building tremendous complexes of high density flats — many of which were owner occupied.

The streets were colourful with advertising signs and there were crowded markets selling vegetables and fruit. "We seem to have lost the market atmosphere in Cape Town," commented Mr Brand

Although Singapore was also crowded, millions of trees and shrubs had been planted on pedestrian sidewalks and in spaces between flats. Bridges like the one between the railway station and the Golden Acre kept pedestrians away from traffic.

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			908101	GEOGRAPHY I	UP	(60)		
157349G	ADAMS	ZULEIGA	911101	MATHEMATICS I M102	F	(44)	1	157349G
			911102	MATHEMATICS IA	3	(50)		
155374K	ALLIE	FUAD	104101	ARCHAEOLOGY I	UP	(55)	1	155374K
153885R	ARGAS	MARIA JOAO CARDIGA	115101	FRENCH I	F	(39)	1	153885R
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			502113	HISTORY OF ART I	ABS			
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Hout Bay sewerage plan accepted

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THE Divisional Council today accepted a proposed sewage treatment plan in Hout Bay which will daily discharge about 25 cubic metres of effluent into the sea a few hundred metres from the bathing beach.

The sewage discharge will come from a proposed holiday flats and restaurant complex below Chapman's Peak Drive

The staff committee, as a matter of considerable urgency, recommended that the sewage treatment plan be accepted subject to the conditions and provisions laid down by the Council Engineer and the Medical Officer of Health

Some of the conditions are

Guarantees from the developer on the maintenance and the operation of the scheme on the bi-annual removal of sludge, and on the experience of the designer of the system

The plant must cope with the ultimate load

POLLUTION

Minimal chances of mechanical failure in shafts and motors

Daily supervision by a competent person.

If sewers become available this property would be connected up without delay.

The Department of Water Affairs told the council that unless there were visible evidence of pollution arising from the proposed scheme it would not concern itself with the matter because it did not fall within the ambit of the Water Act

Council's increases accepted

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN's white municipal workers yesterday accepted pay increases ranging from 10 to 15 percent, which were offered to them by the City Council.

At a mass meeting in the Civic Centre yesterday, between 1 600 and 2 000 municipal employees voted overwhelmingly to accept the council's offer, which ranged from a 10 percent increase for the highest paid employees to 15 percent for the lowest paid. Increases in holiday bonuses and municipal service allowances were also accepted.

Offer

The meeting was organized by the South African Association of Municipal Employees and was addressed by the president of SAAME, Mr A J Uys, who urged the employees to accept the council's offer.

Mr Uys submitted a proposal in which SAAME accepted the council's offer while expressing its disappointment at what it called "the council's policy of not paying competitive salaries".

It also expressed dissatisfaction at the council's decision to extend the binding period of the agreement between it and SAAME from 12 to 15 months.

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Council announce new rent hikes

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EAST LONDON — The City Council has announced widely-spread housing scheme rental increases which, if approved by the Department of Community Development, will come into effect on June 1

The increases are to affect rentals of sub-economic and economic homes in the Coloured, Indian and white housing schemes of the council.

In the Coloured areas the increases are expected to reduce the current housing deficit of about R130 000 to about R110 000 this year

The rentals of economic homes in Parkridge are to be increased by R1,50 a unit monthly and those in Buffalo Flats by R2 a unit monthly.

The rentals of sub-economic homes in the Coloured areas are to be increased by R1,50 a unit monthly

The housing deficit in the Indian areas is currently more than R15 000 and economic housing scheme rentals there are to be increased by between R1,40 and R2,10 a unit monthly

Rentals of sub-economic homes in the Indian areas will increase by R1 monthly.

The City Council resolved at its monthly meeting last night that Indian tenants earning less than R80 a month would be afforded a subsidy of R2 a month, a concession currently only applicable to whites and Coloureds

The council also resolved to review a previous decision to exclude Coloureds with a monthly income below R60 from the increases as well as Indians in the same income group living in sub-economic homes

In the white housing schemes, the rentals of economic homes at Garcia Flats are to be increased by an average of R2 per month

The rentals of sub-economic homes in white areas are to be increased by R1 a month — DDR

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Council raises staff pay, bonuses

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council has agreed to give its employees pay increases ranging from 15,2 percent for the lower-paid to 10,2 percent for the higher-paid, back-dated to January 1.

This is part of a package deal to which the two unions agreed and which was accepted at a meeting in committee yesterday.

In addition the council agreed to increases in pension fund contributions, long-service allowances and holiday bonuses.

The council will pay an extra half percent into the pension fund.

The maximum long-service allowance for more than 25 years' service will be increased for lower-paid employees from R84 to R168, and for higher-paid employees from R320 to R480.

REQUEST

The unions asked for a 13th cheque as a holiday bonus.

The council refused this, but agreed to raise holiday bonuses from a maximum R260 for a married man to a maximum R400, and to a maximum R200 for single people.

The Argus understands that the increases will cost about R7½-million a year.

Cape Town City Council pays its coloured and white employees equal rates for equal work.

Both the white union, the South African Association of Municipal Employees and the coloured Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association asked for 25 percent wage and salary increases across the board.

bear the main responsibility for effecting the needed rectifications.

The conclusions

The sessions stressed the necessity for creating a higher degree of sustained interest in the Western Cape economy and its potential by the private entrepreneur and that many of the problems requiring final solution at higher levels could be scaled down in complexity through preliminary consultation at local level by the affected parties; this will also tend to lessen the degree of emotionality often associated with issues relating to this region.

1.3.3 Closed meeting of Western Cape businessmen and other prominent local figures

All associations were requested to invite individuals of their choice who wished to have their views on the Western Cape economic growth potential recorded to a session that was called a "free discussion at a closed meeting" - the Press having been excluded. One hundred and twenty seven delegates attended the meeting which was held on 23 November 1978.

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Protest against rent increase

EAST LONDON — The Parkridge Rentpayers' Association has protested against the City Council's decision to increase housing-scheme rentals

The increases, if approved by the Department of Community Development, apply to the municipality's housing schemes for Coloureds, Indians and whites.

A member of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D. Alexander, said the Rentpayers' Association had asked him to bring the matter up at the next CMC meeting.

"The people feel the rental hike is untimely," he said yesterday.

"In the wake of the gold boom, where there is still a disparity as far as pensions and wages are concerned, we feel the government should subsidise these housing schemes through the municipality."

The increase for Parkridge residents will be R1,50 a month and is part of an attempt to reduce the current housing deficit of R130 000 in the Coloured area

The Coloured Management Committee objected to the council's proposed increases at their last meeting. — DDR.

Pay rises may stop 'brain drain'

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Municipal Reporter

PAY rises in the region of 10 percent which the City Council has awarded its staff may stop a 'brain drain' to private enterprise and other local authorities, a spokesman said today.

'We shall be able to judge the effect of the rises at the end of this month, from the number of letters of resignation we receive,' he said

The council has been concerned for months about the difficulty it has had in recruiting and keeping staff of all grades because its rates of pay were lower than those of private enterprise and other local authorities.

The chairman of the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees said recently that the council was training staff who left for better jobs as soon as they were qualified.

A WORRY

A spokesman said today: 'We have no figures to hand but we have had enough resignations to worry the council.

'The proportion varies according to different occupations We have had a certain proportion of resignations from people who could earn higher salaries elsewhere.'

He said it was impossible to tell what effect this had on the efficiency with which the municipality was run.

The new pay increases will probably cost the ratepayer an extra R7,5-million a year.

CRISIS LOOMS

The Argus Bureau in Port Elizabeth reports that staff turnover in the municipality trebled in the last six months and if the tendency continued it was heading for a serious crisis.

The Town Clerk, Mr Pik Botha confirmed that the local branch of the South African Associations of Municipal Employees (SAAME) had requested a 20 percent across-the-board increase.

A 20 percent pay rise would mean that the municipality would need an additional R4,5-m annually.

He said that during the lapse in the economy the municipality was flooded with applications, but during the recovery of the past six months — and with the new government pay rises — more and more people left for the private sector and for Government service.

He said the matter would be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on April 21.

Eight year dream realised

"I RICHARD MOGG . . . "a one stop comprehensive service centre for the aged."

EAST LONDON — The eight-year-old dream of an Old Timers' Centre for East London senior citizens will be realised in two months when building starts on the all-purpose R1,8 million complex in Berea

The brain child of Mrs Beryl Munnik and businessman Mr Richard Mogg who conceived the scheme in 1972, the centre will accommodate 132 senior citizens in 80 single and 26 double flats, and should be completed in about two years

"We've been bashing our heads against all sorts of red tape over the last eight years," said Mr Mogg, chairman of the centre's board of four

The Department of Community Development has authorised a loan of nearly R1,8 million for the complex payable over 40 years, and Mr Mogg said the board hoped to raise funds to meet the shortfall of R15 500 if the department did not grant it

The non-profit institution, sited on the corner of Chamberlain and Jarvis Roads, comprises 106 flats and a day centre where people over 50 will have access to medical care, a library, laundry and hairdressing facilities and a carpentry workshop

"We envisage it as a one-stop comprehensive service centre for the aged, a home substitute which can be visited daily," said Mr Mogg

The centre will also have a hall which will double up as a self-service dining room where residents and club members can buy an inexpensive, wholesome meal daily

People using the centre will be asked to become members — the centre can accommodate 300 members — at R3 a month

Members will be encouraged to pursue hobbies attend lectures, courses and films, supervised by a part-time social worker and an occupational therapist

More than 640 applicants have applied already to rent flats in the centre

Rentals have not been finalised, but are provisionally pegged at R60 for bachelor flats and R90 for double flats

Each flat has a sink, stove, fridge and a bath with shower Double flats are for married couples only, and women residents must be over 60 and men over 65 Most applicants are in their seventies

Last month, the Old Timers' Centre Board mailed questionnaires to 640 applicants to determine the maximum rental they could afford, and whether they would require domestic help or the services of a doctor or nurse

None of the respondents required medical services, and 91 per cent said they would need domestic help for two hours or less a day

Eighty per cent of applicants for bachelor flats said they were prepared to pay a monthly rental of R60 or more, while 77 per cent of applicants for double flats were prepared to pay at least R90

Six months before the building is completed, the board will employ a social worker who will scrutinise applications to determine whose need is greatest and make recommendations to the board

"The idea is that occupants will be able to live as independently as possible at the centre enjoying friendship, guidance and enrichment," said Mr Mogg — DDR

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Louw hits at homes rating system

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Staff Reporter

GEORGE — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has strongly condemned the municipal rating system which, he said, drove people out of their homes and communities and left others struggling under 'intolerably' high property rates and service charges

In defence of the ordinary man's right to a roof over his head at reasonable rates, Mr Louw said a new system spreading the burden across the whole community, and not just 'ratepayers' was needed

Opening the Cape Provincial Municipal Association annual congress here last night, the Administrator said the present system of financing municipalities was 'exhausted,' as was the ratepayers' ability to face continually rising rates and service charges

TENSION

Mr Louw said unless new sources of local revenue were made available to local authorities, there would be 'tension in the relationship between local authorities and the community, and the provision of necessary services would be detrimentally affected'

He looked forward to the release of the Browne Commission report which investigated additional income sources for local authorities, and said until then it was not known whether the report offered the Cape 'hope of urgently needed relief.'

The present system of property rates were 'not only tapped to exhaustion but in most cases overtapped,' he said.

Mr Louw described as 'a blow that hurt' the news that the Government grant to the Cape for 1980-81 would be between R40-million and R50-million less than that needed

Mr Louw said the Cape comprised 59 percent of the country — larger than the other three provinces together It was sparsely populated, and partly desert, with distances also leading to high administrative costs

Expended expenditure for 1980-81 was between R40-million and R50-million more than the subsidy provided in this year's national budget

'After drastic paring on our side, we are still about R22-million short.

'We are negotiating further with the Treasury and trust that further help will be obtained,' Mr Louw said

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New sources of income needed — Louw

15/4/80

GEORGE — Local authorities had exhausted their sources of income and new sources would have to be found if services were to be maintained, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday.

He was opening the 73 annual congress of the United Municipal Association here

In a hard-hitting speech he said property taxes had been exploited to the full and in many cases over exploited. The ability of ratepayers to pay the continual increases in rates and services charges was also exhausted

Mr Louw said unless there was a solution soon the situation would inevitably lead to differences and tension between local authorities and the communities they served

The report of the Browne Commission on municipal finances was expected to be released at any time but he did not know whether it would contain hope of the urgent relief needed in the Cape.

He assured local authorities that he understood their plight and he believed there was a serious need for a source of revenue other than property rates

Mr Louw said the situation was so serious it had forced municipalities into malpractices such as the levying of "inhumanly high service charges."

He asked where matters would end when people were being charged annual sewerage fees of R100 a lavatory pan in addition to their normal rates This could mean an extra charge of R300 a house.

Mr Louw asked whether it was ethically and morally right for councils to use their traffic police as a source of income and he said a prosecution mania was taking the place of traffic discipline

"Is the system right when a city property owner has to pay rates of more than R150 a month — even if it is for a good house — not to mention the pensioner "who during his lifetime made a respected contribution to the community and now in his old age, with his savings consumed by the cost of living, is forced out of his property and often out of his community?"

The sources of revenue under the present dispensation of local authorities were exhausted and he wondered how much longer property-owners would have to bear the full burden of financing community services Should there not be a more even distribution of the rate burden among all proper-ty occupiers, he asked

It was as clear as daylight that the Cape would have to have a very serious look at the whole question of financing local authorities if the Browne Commission did not bring relief, Mr Louw said. — DDC.

Home owners' 'big tax burden'

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From a Staff Reporter

GEORGE — Additional financial burdens on municipalities in the Cape, like sales tax, were increasing the financial burden on property owners whose rates were the base of municipal government, the president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, Dr T G Schlebusch, MPC, said last night.

Presenting his presidential report at the annual CPMA congress, Dr Schlebusch said to remain financially viable municipalities, instead of promoting home ownership, were forced to increase the financial burden on property owners.

'It appears that all we can look forward to in the future are communities of here today, gone tomorrow tenants,' he added.

HIGHER STATUS

Speaking about the future of municipal government, Dr Schlebusch said it was being said that municipalities should receive a higher status than merely suppliers of services. It was also said that healthy government rested on healthy local government.

'Yet when a conference was held to discuss salary structures at various government levels, and we knew that the salaries of municipal executives would be discussed, local government was barred.

He said he was also perturbed at the tremendous costs of supplying electricity to outlying ratepayers in many municipal areas.

The controversial question of a uniform Escom tariff has been investigated by a CPMA subcommittee.

Increases: Ratepayers must pay

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Staff Reporter

GEORGE — Pay increases awarded to municipal staff in Cape Town will have to come out of the pocket of the city's 70 000 ratepayers

This was said here today by Cape Town City Councillor, Mr P M Friedlander at the annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association

He said the erosion of local government autonomy, the problem of obtaining dedicated staff and that ratepayers were a municipality's only real source of income, meant a bleak future

Cape Town had a budget of R217-million for nearly a million people

'The poor old ratepayer All escalations in costs, all increases in salaries — he must carry all these obligations

'We must ask him for more, more, more, until he goes under,' Mr Friedlander added

The Mayor of Milnerton Mr J Gelb, said local authorities had reached a financial crisis situation

'It is no good going to the ratepayers anymore We must call a halt to escalating rate increases

Municipalities must find new sources of revenue, perhaps a share of sales tax We must get help,' Mr Gelb said

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Armist backs call for new source of income

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EAST LONDON — The call by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, for new sources of income for local authorities, was applauded by the city councillor in charge of finance, Mr Ben Armist, yesterday

Mr Armist said he agreed with Mr Louw that local authorities' basis of taxation was far too narrow if they were to maintain services

"I am very pleased that Mr Louw has come out with this We've had commission after commission and no tangible results," he said

The rate account had to subsidise "nearly everything" while 7,5 per cent of local authorities' ratable income, by law, had to be put in reserves — the consolidated loans fund.

Deploring this practice, Mr Armist said the East London City Council had to resort to rate increases again last year because it had a shortfall of R340 000 Meanwhile, council was compelled to allocate R400 000, which it could use, to the reserves

Mr Armist said if local authorities could get a small percentage of what was earned in sales tax in their areas, it would boost their incomes greatly

"A half a million on sales tax will help us a lot, he said

Mr Louw said at George this week property taxes had been exploited to the full and in many cases over exploited

The ability of ratepayers to pay the continual increases in rates and service charges was also exhausted and unless there was a solution soon the situation would inevitably lead to differences and tension between local authorities and the communities they serve, he said

Mr Louw said he wondered how much longer property owners would have to bear the full burden of financing community services

Meanwhile, the chief traffic officer in East London, Mr J Bosch, said the local traffic department could never be accused of "prosecution mania" or be seen as a revenue-producing agency

"If we wanted to cover our costs we'd make life so miserable for everybody, they would walk to work," he said while commenting on Mr Louw's question whether it was "ethically moral" for municipalities to use traffic police as a source of income

"This might apply to some councils, but not ours," Mr Bosch said

"We are not a revenue-producing department, and we don't try to be I feel we should rather warn people than prosecute, and this is shown by the figures we keep"

The department issued 1 228 official warnings in November last year and 33 378 in December

"Compare these to the number of prosecutions, and it becomes obvious we are not out to make money and there is definitely no prosecution mania going on," Mr Bosch said — DDR

Table 9–1. Catch of Fish on Board*

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3	24	+8	8	4	3388 + 24 = 4012
4	30	+6	7.5	2	3384 + 30 = 4014
5	34	+4	6.8	0	3380 + 34 = 4014
6	36	+2	6	−2	3376 + 36 = 4012
7	36	0	5.14	−4	3372 + 36 = 4008
8	32	−4	4	−8	3368 + 32 = 4000
9	27	−5	3	−9	3364 + 27 = 3991
10	21	−6	2.1	−10	3360 + 21 = 3981

Wisdom of 'racial' town bodies queried

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MUNCIPALITIES today questioned the wisdom and necessity of having separate coloured municipalities in the Cape

During a major two-hour debate punctuated by sharp clashes between delegates at the Cape Province Municipal Association's congress, many delegates said that apart from the obvious problems of finance and trained staff, the coloured people would not accept separate municipalities

DISAGREEMENT

Faced with a myriad of motions and amendments, the congress voted unanimously to refer the question of coloured municipalities to its executive for further consideration

The coloured municipal question arose from disagreements among delegates as to whether or not all municipalities in South Africa, through the United Municipal Executive, should put a uniform case to the Schlebusch Commission into a new political dispensation

Many municipalities — including Cape Town — want to reserve the right to make their own representations to the commission, mainly because of the Cape's large coloured population

During the debate, the Mayor of Wellington, Mr M C Malan, said 'The coloured people don't want their own municipalities, they want to serve on ours As far as I am concerned when their ratepayers pay one tenth of our total rates they can have a tenth representation on my council'

BIGGER VOTE

During an interjection by Mr S M Greeff, the MPC for Oudtshoorn, Mr Malan added 'And if the coloured people pay more than 50 percent of the rates in Oudtshoorn then they must have more than 50 percent representation on that town council'

The Mayor of Cradock, Mr J Z du Plessis, said it had not been established whether the coloured people wanted their own municipalities or would rather work together with white local authorities

'In any case, it would take a lifetime to train the necessary staff for separate municipalities — and we don't have a lifetime' he added

Louw lê vinger op lelike seer

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Van ANDRE KRITZINGER

KAAPSTAD

VERSKEIE munisipaliteite in Kaapland gebruik hul verkeersmagte as 'n bykomende inkomstebron om te voorkom dat munisipale belastingskoerse verhoog word, het mnr. Gene Louw, Administrateur van Kaapland, aan RAPPORT gesê.

Verskeie mense meen mnr. Louw het met sy stelling, wat hy by die 73ste jaarkongres van die Munisipale Vereniging van Kaapland op George gemaak het, sy vingers op 'n aspek gelê waarvoor hulle ook al lank keelvol is.

Volgens mnr. Louw het wanpraktyke in verskeie verkeersdepartemente ontstaan omdat verskeie verkeersbeamptes in die afgelope tyd 'n vervolgingsmanie ontwikkel het en verkeersdissipline afgeskeep word.

By navraag is die grootste besware wat RAPPORT ontvang het dat te veel munisipaliteite daarop ingestel is om hulle hoofsaaklik op wetstoepassing toe te spits. Voorbeelde is

* Snelheidstrikke word vroeg in die oggend en laat in die nag opgestel
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* Snelstrikke word veral aan die buitewyke van dorpe opgestel.
* Verkeersdepartemente is in sommige gevalle groter as wat nodig is, en
* In sommige gevalle word verskeie snelstrikke binne 'n kort afstand van mekaar gestel

Munisipaliteite wie se name vertroulik aan RAPPORT genoem is, is die van Brackenfell, Kraaifontein, Riviersonderend en Riversdal.

RAPPORT het ook uit 'n betroubare bron verneem dat die munisipaliteite van Brackenfell nie meer op die klein deel van die nasionale pad wat deur sy dorpsgebied loop, snelstrikke mag stel nie.

RAPPORT verneem dat die besluit van owerheidswee geneem is nadat klagtes ontvang was dat die munisipaliteit van Brackenfell te veel snelstrikke op dié deel van die nasionale pad gestel het.

RAPPORT het ook betroubaar verneem dat die munisipaliteit onlangs dringende vertoe tot die owerheid gerig het dat snelstrikke weer op die deel van die nasionale pad gestel mag word.

Mnr. B. P. Visser, stadsklerk, sê sy verkeersdepartement se inkomste vir die afgelope drie jaar was R101 000, R121 000 en R137 000, terwyl die uitgawes R97 000, R117 000 en R120 000 was Die departement se winste was die afgelope drie jaar dus R4 000, R4 000 en R17 000.

Brackenfell se verkeershoof, mnr. C P. Cornelissen, sê sy stadsraad het nog nooit opdrag gegee dat meer mense gevang moet word nie Sy departement het ses maande gelede opdrag gekry om nie meer snelstrikke op die nasionale pad te stel nie, omdat dit nie meer nodig sou wees nie, het mnr Cornelissen gesê.

Volgens mnr. Cornelissen is die maatreel tydelik. Hy ontken dat snelstrikke gereeld op dié deel van die pad gestel was Dit het net so ongeveer twee keer per maand gebeur het hy gesê.

Een van die min ander verkeersdepartemente in Kaapstad wat ook 'n wins getoon het, was dié van Kraaifontein Sy winste vir 1978 en 1979 was onderskeidelik R16 600 en R17 574. Volgens die stadsklerk mnr. Conradie, kan dit aan die twee oop poste in sy verkeersdepartement toegeskryf word

Mnr. Conradie bevestig dat die grootste gedeelte van sy departement se boete-inkomste uit snelstrikke verkry is. 'n Deel van die nasionale pad loop ook deur sy dorpsgebied. Maar, sê mnr. Conradie, geen voorkeur word aan spesifieke vangplekke gegee nie. Sy departement vang ook nie vroeg in die oggend of laat in die aand nie.

Mnr. Conradie sê sy verkeersdepartement se prioriteite is vir eers opvoeding, daarna padveiligheid en ten laaste wetstoepassing. Hy ontken dat sy verkeersbeamptes op 'n kommissiebasis werk

Mnr. Jan Thiart, Stadsklerk van Riversdal, sê sy verkeersdepartement is nie een van die sondebokke nie. Sy departement werk jaarliks teen 'n verlies van ongeveer R4 500.

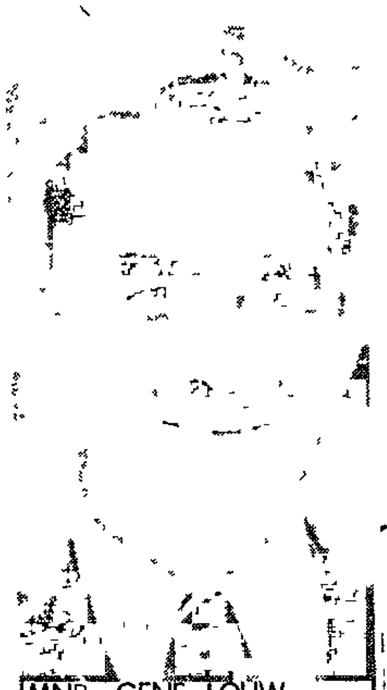
Mnr. Thiart sê sy verkeersafdeling werk ook nie op 'n kommissiegrondslag nie en word nie deur die stadsraad gedwing om mense te vang nie. Sy verkeersman se opdrag is om die dorp so veel as moontlik te patrolleer. Dit is net wanneer dit stil is dat snelstrikke op die nasionale pad, wat deur die dorp loop, gestel word, sê mnr Thiart.

Ook mnr P. J. Immelman, stadsklerk van Riviersonderend, ontken dat sy verkeersdepartement op 'n kommissiegrondslag werk. Mnr. Immelman sê snelstrikke word net op die nasionale pad wat deur die dorp loop, gestel. Die grootste deel van die verkeersdepartement se inkomste is uit snelstrikke.

Mnr. Gene Louw het aan RAPPORT gesê gevalle waar sekere munisipaliteite daarvan beskuldig word dat hulle met 'n winsbejag besig is, is 'n tyd gelede al onder sy aandag gebring.

Mnr. Louw beskou sulke optrede as oneties en onordelik.

Sy standpunt is, dat dit logies is dat snelstrikke gereeld in besige en gevaarlike dele van 'n dorpsgebied gestel word. Wat hom egter dronkslaan, is gereelde snelstrikke in gebiede waar die verkeer en die gevaar min is. Hy veroordeel ook verkeersbeamptes wat tussen bossies wegkruip.



MNR. GENE LOUW . . . wanpraktyke het ontstaan, sê hy

Mnr. Louw sê enige munisipaliteit moet boetes hef om sy uitgawes te dek. „Daar moet egter teen 'n winsbejag gewaak word. 'n Gesonder balans tussen die beperking van verkeersoortreding deur middel van vervolging van moedswillige motoriste en die toepassing van verkeershulp ten opsigte van die nie-moedswillige verbruiker is noodsaaklik," het mnr Louw gesê.

„Die hoofdoel van 'n verkeersdepartement," sê mnr. Louw, „moet nie wees om die perke van redelikheid te oorskry nie." Hierdeur, sê mnr Louw, „bepleit ek nie dat 'n verkeersdepartement vir 'n verlies moet begroot nie en ek het ook geen beswaar dat dit 'n verkeersdepartement se mikpunt is om ten opsigte van sy begroting gelykop te speel nie."

Probleme kan egter ontstaan as munisipaliteite sekere instandhoudings uitgawes teen verkeersinkomste debiteer, ten einde die oorskotinkomste bo die uitgawes van 'n verkeersdepartement te laat krimp.

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R45-m plan to beat smell

Environment Reporter

PASSENGERS arriving at D F Malan Airport will no longer be greeted by the stench of the Athlone sewage plant Long-suffering residents of Pinelands, Langa and nearby suburbs can breathe a sigh of relief because the bad smell will soon be a thing of the past.

This assurance about the smell, a source of annoyance and embarassment in Cape Town, was given today by the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand

In a written reply to questions about Athlone and the smell he outlined the city's R45 million master plan for sewage treatment

The smell, he said, emanated from the maturation ponds and the effluent discharged from the sewage plant into the Black River

Mr Brand said the increasing flow of sewage to the Athlone plant and increasing industrial effluent had overloaded the works and it had become impossible to produce an acceptable effluent

'To combat this nuisance the primary pond is being substantially enlarged and surface aerators are being installed to increase artificially the level of dissolved oxygen in the maturation ponds'

OBNOXIOUS GASES

In the long term it was planned to divert more domestic sewage to the new R22-million Cape Flats sewage scheme, pipe more industrial effluent to Athlone and spend R10-million on further improvements to the Athlone plant Work would start this year and finish in 1983

Tenders would be invited within three months for inlet works, and the building of an activated sludge system for Athlone should start next year

'This should not only reduce the production of obnoxious gases but should also promote bacterial action and so reduce the residual pollution load which the present works is unable to remove.'

'This activated sludge unit should not only improve the degree of pollution Removal but should also remove most of the plant nutrients associated with domestic wastes and so markedly improve conditions in the Black River, especially in summer

'Obnoxious odours should also be largely eliminated'

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Curb on mixed swimming to stay

Municipal Reporter

BEACHES and municipal swimming-pools may be used by all races for organized sports events, but the government "cannot contemplate" their use by all for recreational purposes

This was reported to the City Council yesterday by the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreimer He was speaking after the council's executive committee had discussed the issue with the Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Punt Janson, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn

The report, described as a secretarial note, was read at the special meeting of the council called to consider implementing City Council policy on opening all its public facilities to people of all races

Mr Kreimer told the council that the ministers said there was no conflict between the recent statement by Mr Janson and Mr Steyn's refusal to allow the council to open all its public facilities to people of all races

When Mr Janson said municipalities were autonomous bodies with full authority to decide on the use of their sporting facilities, he was referring to "organized sport under the control of a recognized sporting body only"

Mr Steyn said his department wanted to create a more relaxed atmosphere in South Africa with regard to the use of sporting amenities However experience had shown that "it was not possible to remove all controls as there had been many instances of severe confrontations and danger to persons and property at uncontrolled sporting events"

Mr Janson said he would consider applications from the owners of sporting facilities for an "open permit" sympathetically and 'subject only to considerations of public safety and good order'

"The ministers made it clear that the government could not contemplate the use of swimming pools purely for recreational purposes by all groups but there was no objection to the use of the swimming pools by all racial groups for organized events"

The question of beaches had been delegated to the administrator and the ministers said facilities such as bowling greens, tennis courts and municipal halls should be the subject of a motivated application for permanent exemption from the provisions of the Group Areas Act and each one would be decided on its merits

The council decided to ask the Town Clerk Mr H G Heugh, to prepare a list and report on all the council's public facilities so that the council could decide on which facilities to name in its application

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City Council given Observatory schools

THE Cape Town City Council has been given two schools by the the Provincial Administration and may use the buildings as a community centre

The schools are the old Observatory Junior Schools and they were given to the council in exchange for Jones Field, an informal play area in Mowbray

According to the City Council's information officer, Mr R Andrew, the two junior schools have been amalgamated and have moved to the old Observatory Girls' High School building in Wrensch Road

The girls' school has amalgamated with the Observatory Boys' High School to become the Rhodes Co-educational High School and has moved across the Liesbeeck River to the old Nassau High School buildings The Nassau school has merged with Groote Schuur High School in Newlands

The buildings which the City Council has taken over are two-storey stone buildings with a fairly new hall that can accommodate about 300 people

The council is forming an ad hoc committee to decide on the use of the buildings It has been suggested that the school classrooms could be used for pre-primary school children and for activities like chess, badminton, and bridge as well as art and macrame classes

Jones Field will remain open and it will be used as a sports field by schools in the Woodstock and Observatory areas It has been fenced and it will be supplied with changerooms

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Refuse removal decision

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council will be advised by its Executive Committee not to employ outside contractors to remove refuse

The council failed to reach a decision on this controversial matter at its last monthly meeting or at a second meeting the following week, when it was debated at length

The matter was referred back to the Executive Committee, which discussed it in the presence of other council members

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Hough, said "The committee went into the matter in depth and decided it would not be a good thing to fragment the refuse removal service by employing outside contractors in some parts of the Municipality and our own staff in others

"It will recommend to the council not to call for tenders from outside contractors"

Observatory may soon have a community centre with a hall to seat 300 people, and a pre-primary school

These are among uses which the council is considering for the three buildings which formerly housed the Observatory junior schools

The council has been given the buildings by the Provincial Administration in exchange for Jones Field — a former stretch of open ground which will now be provided with changing rooms and used as sports fields for schools in the Woodstock and Observatory areas

Cash aid sought for Cape

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Provincial Reporter

THE Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in an interview today he was still hopeful that further Treasury aid could be obtained to avoid either an increase in Provincial fees or a further cut in expenditure on necessary services.

Mr Louw said he could not introduce a Cape budget next month based on a R22-million deficit for 1980-81. He had therefore to cut capital expenditure, increase provincial fees or obtain the necessary relief from the Treasury.

'In the light of the already heavy financial burden on Cape ratepayers, one wants at all costs to prevent an increase in fees or too high an increase,' he said.

The Treasury subsidy to the Cape this year was between R40-million and R50-million less than the Provincial Administration's expected expenditure.

FURTHER PARING

He had asked all departments for a further paring of expenditure but he was still R22-million short of what was needed.

He had approached the Treasury for grants for projects and needs for the Cape.

The Cape budget had to be introduced in the Provincial Council on May 20 and had been discussed by the Executive Committee this week.

Mr Louw said he had to hear by Monday at the latest whether the Treasury would assist the Cape, in order to complete the budget for the council session.

INTERVIEW

Asked whether he thought the help would be given, Mr Louw replied that the four Administrators had asked for an interview with the Minister of Finance, Senator Owen Horwood, in the second half of the year, when he would have a clearer picture of State income for 1980-81.

Loans: Pretoria 'too stringent'

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Property Editor

THE majority of housebuilders in the Cape have now stopped almost entirely handling applications for 90 percent national housing loans because of the 'stringent and unyielding attitudes' of officials in Pretoria

This was stated last night by the chairman of the Homes of the 80s exhibition committee, Mr Mike Orpen who is also chairman of the Homebuilders' Association of the Cape The Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn opened the exhibition which is being held at Welgelegen, Parow

Mr Orpen said 'While we appreciate there must be control of these housing loans one would expect that there should not be an unreasonable exercising of their authority by insisting on petty things which could and do scare off builders and cause escalation of costs

LOCAL CONTROL?

'Perhaps control from Pretoria can be passed on to local people coping with conditions on the spot in Cape Town'

Most housebuilders have stopped almost entirely the handling of new applications of 90 percent national housing loans as well as reducing and perhaps stopping to deal with applicants who are civil servants with GC 69 loans'

EXHIBITION

Speaking on the exhibition Mr Orpen said that last year's exhibition showed homes costing from R16 000 to R28 000 The same homes would now cost between R20 000 to R33 000 due to escalation [illegible]

'If we wish to maintain a good standard of housing in the future and promote home ownership as far as possible to the advantage of all South Africans and everyone who has connections with the housing industry, we will have to reflect seriously on our responsibility to keep the cost of housing as low as possible

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Hout Bay warned on road: You'll have to pay

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Environment Reporter

IF the residents of Hout Bay want a new road as an alternative to rebuilding tree-lined Victoria Avenue as a highway they will have to pay for it themselves

The Divisional Council of the Cape's plan to rebuild Victoria Avenue as a highway has met strong opposition from residents through the Hout Bay and Llandudno Ratepayers' Association

When the item came up for discussion at today's meeting of the council the chairman, Mr Ivan Hampshire issued a statement spelling out the alternatives

He said if Hout Bay wanted an alternative route to Victoria Avenue to serve the ever-increasing traffic in the area it would cost R906 000 Each ratepayer would have to pay R8,75 for every R1 000 of the valuation of their properties

Victoria Avenue was a proclaimed road and 60 percent of the rebuilding costs would be borne by the province

It ran through a densely populated area carried heavy traffic and its condition was so bad it did not even comply with the safety standards of a township street.

If it were rebuilt it would cost the ratepayers R45 418 after the subsidy had been taken into account — 1,2 cents for every R1 000 of valuation

'Because the bypass road preferred by the association is not a proclaimed road it will not be subsidised'

'The entire cost of contruction will be a charge against the Hout Bay Local Area Special Rate Account and it will cost R600 000

'Victoria Road (the continuation of Victoria Avenue) will still have to be brought up to standard at a cost of R306 000 making a total of R906 000' Mr Hampshire said

City Council slams Escom tariff increase

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EAST LONDON — The 7,5 per cent increase in Border electricity tariffs recently announced by Escom was vehemently attacked by members of the East London City Council here last night.

The council is to request the government to receive a council deputation to discuss the effects the increase has on the industrial development of the Border area and the possibility of a government subsidy

It emerged from the council's monthly meeting last night that East London MPs had taken up the matter with the government shortly after the increases were announced, but with little success

The electricity tariff for East London is, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to be amended to provide for a 7,5 per cent surcharge from July 1

The city councillor in charge of finance, Mr Ben Armist, said last night he "reluctantly" moved the surcharge because it meant a further "drawback" for establishing industries in the area

Mr Armist said he understood Escom undertook its capital works on the income from electricity tariffs and that the Border undertaking of Escom had shown a "very handsome profit" during recent years

Although he did not begrudge Escom for planning for future requirements or providing sporting and other facilities for its employees, he felt it was unfair that "one generation should pay very much more" than it would be using, Mr Armist said.

Escom was a "quasi-government" undertaking and should "get its priorities right", said Mr Armist

The councillor with the industries portfolio, Mr Joe Yazbek, said the council had reached the "terrible stage" where it was "do or die"

The Border area had reached the stage where its electricity tariffs had become an incentive for "disinvestment" by industrialists, Mr Yazbek said

His views were echoed by Cllr Fred Stakemire who said the council's continuous representations to the government on electricity tariffs were a case of "gentle words" that drew "hard deeds"

The time was ripe for a more outspoken approach, said Mr Stakemire

The Mayor, Mr Donald Card, said the University of Port Elizabeth report on the industrial and economic future of the Border area, which is to be released soon, covered electricity tariffs and he was hopeful.

The council resolved last night to urge the Minister of Industries, Economics and Consumer Affairs and the Electricity Control Board that the system of adjusting tariffs by surcharges or discounts be abandoned and all tariff changes be structurally calculated for submission to the Electricity Control Board — DDR

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Open letter to PM by white schoolchildren

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 160 white schoolchildren from leading Cape Town schools have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha and the Minister of Coloured Affairs, Mr Marais Steyn, asking for equal education for all race groups

The pupils come from Rondebosch Boys' High School, Pinelands High School, Rustenburg Girls' High School, Groote Schuur High School and Westerford High School

"We, as white school children wish to show our concern for our fellow schoolchildren of all other races," the letter reads

The letter says they have "realized the whole injustice of the inferior black education system" and ask for "equal education for all race groups and for education to be administered under one educational system'

The letter lists facts and figures showing the disparity between educational facilities for black and white children

"We appeal to the government to make changes soon — before the frustrations of the black students changes to violence," the letter concludes

Council rejects refuse proposal

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THE Cape Town City Council yesterday rejected by 21 votes to nine the idea of using private contractors to collect refuse and sweep the streets in a small area of the City on a trial basis

The experiment, which would have taken place in Maitland, was originally suggested by the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, and it was approved by the council in July 1977

However, problems were encountered during the time it took to draw up the tender forms, and Mr Brand changed his mind The matter was before the full council for a decision last month but was referred back to the Executive Committee

The committee called a special meeting at which Mr Brand spoke and the executive committee recommended that the council should not go ahead with the experiment

Yesterday Mr Len Kendal, who originally proposed using private contractors, said he remained convinced that the council should go ahead with the experiment and warned that unless the council was prepared to explore the possibility of using private contractors the City would have to buy two more pulverizing plants and this would cost a fortune

Mr Peter Müller said the council should call for tenders but it did not have to accept them The exercise would give the council a chance to measure its own performance against the tender offers

He appealed to councillors to consider the issue in a businesslike way and not to prejudge it

Mr Herbert Hirsch said the council should get the result of the experiment and then consider the more long-term issues

Risk of failure

Dr Jack Jotfe said he was against the experiment in his ward because there was a risk of failure

Mr David Bloomberg said the issue had been thoroughly debated and a vote should be taken He was supported by the council but Mr A H Honikman insisted on speaking He accused Mr Hirsch and Mr Muller of being naive and said the experiment they wanted was designed to destroy the efficiency of the department

He was called to order several times when he attacked Mr Kendal and was accused of breaking a confidence on "in committee" discussions

He said commercial firms would be stupid if they did not undercut the price of the service until they had about 50 percent of the work The council paid far higher wages to its workers and those in favour of using private contractors were advocating the dismissal of hundreds of workers

Free refuse removal

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Municipal Reporter

A NEW scheme under which Cape Town City Council will remove garden refuse free of charge comes into operation today.

From now on, householders will no longer have to make an appointment for bulky garden refuse to be removed at a charge of R2,04 a cubic metre, after a visit from an official to estimate the cost.

Instead, regular free collections will be made once a week, probably on Wednesdays.

Householders will merely have to telephone their local cleansing depot — listed under Municipality of Cape Town, cleansing complaints and leave the waste bundled in quantities suitable for manhandling.

The bundles of bigger garden refuse should not be put on pavements but should be kept on private properties in places where they can be easily loaded on to refuse vehicles,' said the civic information officer, Mr Reuben Andrew.

'Small cuttings and leaves should, as in the past, be placed in garden refuse bags obtainable at supermarkets and put out on the second refuse-collection day of the week.

He explained that the old system had been changed because it was costly and time-consuming for the householder and council staff.

The two tips where householders used to be able to leave garden refuse, off Prince George Drive, Southfield and off Kromboom Parkway, Sybrand Park, have been closed to the public.

Mr Andrew said they were costly to operate and a nuisance to nearby residents.

200 white pupils express solidarity

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 white pupils from 16 Cape Town schools yesterday expressed solidarity with black pupils and elected a co-ordinating committee to organize "awareness programmes" at their schools.

The schools were Westerford High School, the Diocesan College, Rondebosch High School, South African College School (Sacs), Wynberg Girls' High School Cape Town High School, the German School, the Christian Brothers' College, Camps Bay High School, Sea Point Boys' High School, St Joseph's College, Groote Schuur High School, St Mary's, Herschel School, Rustenburg Girls' High School and Herzlia School

The pupils met at the University of Cape Town

Speakers said that most of the pupils at their schools were afraid that they would be victimized by the authorities or expelled if they attempted to boycott classes in sympathy with black pupils Others were 'apathetic", they said

One pupil was loudly cheered when she said "The fear of these pupils overcomes their consciences We must arrange speakers at the schools to make their consciences stronger than their fears "

Professor Paul Hare from the UCT Sociology Deparment, the president of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas), Mr Andrew Boraine, and a member of the *ad hoc* committee organizing the UCT alternative programme Mr Moeketsi Shai, addressed the meeting

Low wages

Professor Hare said that while two out of every 100 white schoolchildren went to university, only one out of every 2 000 black children did

Mr Shai said the low wages earned by the pupils' parents made it difficult for them to find money for the books which their children needed, or to pay for extra facilities

o It was reported from Durban last night that about 50 boycotting schoolchildren from Kwa Mashu and Chatsworth were arrested yesterday

Brigadier H H Mouton of Divisional Headquarters, Durban, said 48 pupils were arrested "They refused to disperse and were stoning police vehicles and passing cars," he said

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Clovelly road plan plea to SAR

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Municipal Reporter

WARD 17 Ratepayers and Civic Development Association has appealed to South African Railways to sell land parallel to the Muizenberg - Simonstown railway line to Cape Town City Council so that the main road to Clovelly can be widened

In a letter to the systems manager, Mr E W Kirsten, the association points out that traffic along the Main Road is growing

REFUSED

Council decided 40 years ago to widen the road, but the railways refused to sell the land

City councillor Mr Emil Riesc, recently pointed out that the problem was growing

The association's letter points out 'It has for many years been apparent that this road is no longer capable of coping safely and comfortably with the increasing volume of traffic which makes daily use of it'

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Group housing plan approved

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EAST LONDON — The City Council has given the nod for the establishment of the controversial group housing scheme proposed for Vincent here

But the application to rezone the site, 13 Vincent Place, for group housing, is still to to be approved by the Director of Local Government

The council voted in favour of the housing scheme at its action committee meeting this week after councilors had conducted an on site inspection

The proposed group housing scheme has drawn strong opposition from Vincent residents and they have petitioned the council in opposition to the plan in February

A petition signed by 40 residents of Vincent Place and lower Lake Street was presented to the town clerk in reply to an advertisement inviting objections to 13 Vincent Place for rezoning

Private objections were also lodged to the plan of East London builder, Mr Mike Wever, to construct 15 houses on the plot

Petitioners objected to the scheme because of increased traffic and loss of privacy — DDR

More land urged for coloured

Municipal Reporter

AT least another 6 000 ha of land in the Greater Cape Town area should be allocated for coloured housing, says the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand

He suggests that a new metropolitan housing authority be set up to take over the responsibility of providing coloured housing from individual municipalities, and that its new residential areas should be planned in conjunction with industrial development so that jobs should be near homes

These suggestions are contained in a report Land Use in Greater Cape Town, which Mr Brand prepared after the Cabinet accepted a report from the Department of Environmental Planning and Energy recommending that no further industrial land should be made available in the Greater Cape Town area and no industrial areas created at Mitchell's Plain

Mr Brand's report points out that the coloured population in the Peninsula alone is expected to grow from 858 000 now to 1 494 000 by the year 2000, and in the Greater Cape Town area extending to Wellington it is expected to reach 1 828 000 by the year 2000

The present coloured group areas in the municipal area will be developed almost to their full capacity by the time Mitchell's Plain is completed in 1982, and land zoned for industry is at present developed to about 80 percent of capacity

Mr Brand points out that, if coloured residential development in the municipality is restricted to the present group areas, 'during the next 20 years more than half a million coloured people with origins and roots in the Peninsula and vicinity will have to be provided with housing elsewhere'.

His report recommends. 'The Prime Minister should be urged to adopt a more flexible policy in allocating land for coloured residential areas.

BIGGER CHOICE

'At least 6 000 ha of land in Greater Cape Town should be proclaimed under the Group Areas Act for a further 300 000 coloured people and to permit of greater freedom of choice of residential area and life style'

He suggests that this should include land between Mitchell's Plain and Macassar and to the north of Milnerton, and that immediate steps should be taken to proclaim it a coloured group area.

'A programme of the new residential areas mentioned above should be phased to the industrial development of Greater Cape Town so that workers can be housed near industries as these grow, thus saving transport costs and energy,' his report continues

RAIL TRAVEL

'For example, land for coloured residential areas should be set aside northwards of Milnerton and be located near the future Cape Town-Atlantis railway to encourage rail travel

'For similar reasons, the Mitchell's Plain railway should be extended via Macassar to Eerste River to encourage the use of rail transport to the industrial areas of Blackheath and Kuils River'

Mr Brand suggests that some of the land already allocated for industry in the municipality is in the wrong place He thinks such areas should be deproclaimed and other land in more suitable areas zoned for industry

RELOCATION

As an example, he suggests that land owned by the council north of Boundary Road, Retreat, which is zoned for industry should be 'relocated in Mitchells Plain'

Discussing Government policy that all future expansion of industry in the Western Cape should be in the Atlantis Saldanha axis, Mr Brand says that the incentives offered to industrialists to establish factories at Atlantis are considerable and that this should 'stimulate the economy and the creation of jobs in the Western Cape region as a whole at a much faster rate than hitherto'

He fears, however, that the population may expand faster than the industries in the Cape Peninsula and Atlantis and Saldanha can absorb it, resulting in an 'overspill' who would have to be found jobs in other parts of the country

He suggests it would be better to follow the recommendations of the Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee in 1977

These included an interlinked system of growth points for industrial and residential development in the Greater Cape Town area in addition to Atlantis.

MASTER PLAN

Discussing the need for a metropolitan housing authority, Mr Brand says 'Future urban growth in the Western Cape will, to a large extent, take place in areas beyond the Cape Town municipal boundaries

'If future expansion of employment opportunities in Cape Town itself is going to be limited or restricted, then Cape Town's housing policies and construction programmes must be related to future growth on a metropolitan scale

'The complexities are such that the housing of the growing coloured population can no longer be related to piecemeal planning and ad hoc decisions

'Future programmes must be viewed at metropolitan level, on the basis of an acceptable master plan'

Proposal for six new municipalities

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CAPE TIMES 28/5/80

BY NEVILLE FRANSMAN

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7 coloured authorities proposed

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Provincial Staff

THE creation of seven independent coloured municipalities in the Peninsula, as part of a better deal for all residents of the Peninsula, has been proposed by Mr H J Kriel, National Party MPC for Parow

Speaking in the budget debate in the Cape Provincial Council yesterday, Mr Kriel asked the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to appoint a commission of inquiry to examine a proposed new framework to co-ordinate local government in the Peninsula area.

Mr Kriel proposed an 'umbrella' body, which he called the Peninsula mayoral council, on which all local authorities in the area would have equal representation

GREAT PROBLEMS

He said the Peninsula was faced with great problems, most of which involved an unequal tax burden on ratepayers in different areas of the Peninsula.

For example, Milnerton and Goodwood were not required to contribute to coloured housing, but Cape Town, Bellville and Parow had coloured populations whose housing had to be subsidised by their ratepayers, in addition to the subsidy which Cape Town had to pay the Cape Divisional Council for coloured housing in that area.

Urban renewal and new suburban extensions also had to be met by the ratepayers of some area of the Peninsula only Yet the Peninsula's problems affected all the residents of the region.

Lack of co-ordinated services, duplication of services, personnel, machinery and administration officers further increased costs, which had to be met by the ratepayer.

Mr Kriel said these problems could be solved As a first step he proposed the establishment of a mayoral council, comprising the mayors of all local authorities in the Peninsula, with responsibility for town planning, housing, health and fire services, sewerage, cemeteries and administration

He suggested municipal status for Elsies River 'including Ravensmead and Belhar), Matroosfontein (with Nooitgedacht and Lavistown), Kensington, Atlantis, Mitchell's Plain, Grassy Park (with Lotus River and Lavender Hill) and Athlone (with Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park and Kalksteenfontein).

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Big hike in newspaper

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Council move to open pools, halls, courts to all races

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Municipal Reporter

CARAVAN parks, swimming baths, municipal halls, bowling greens and tennis courts are included in a long list of municipal facilities which Cape Town City Council will formally apply to have opened to all races

The list — which includes Newlands and Long Street swimming baths for organised events, but not Sea Point swimming pool — was approved by the council at its monthly meeting yesterday

The list was compiled as a result of a meeting between the Minister of Community Development, Mr S J Marais Steyn, the Minister of Sport and Recreation Mr Piet Janson, and representatives of the council to discuss whether all facilities could be opened to all races

The council was told that individual applications could be submitted for each facility but that, although it would be permitted to open swimming baths for competition purposes, this would not be permitted for recreational purposes

The council agreed yesterday to apply to the Department of Community Development for the unrestricted use by all racial groups of the caravan park, holiday cabins and tent camping at Sandvlei and Strandfontein the nearly completed caravan park at Princess Vlei, Long Street turkish baths, Clifton Street, Spencer Road and Hout Street hot baths, De Waal, Sandown, Trafalgar and Queen's Parks for the holding of fetes and bazaars

The Good Hope Centre, halls at the Civic Centre, the City Hall, the Old Drill Hall, municipal halls at Camps Bay, Green and Sea Point, Maitland, Woodstock, Salt River, Mowbray, Lansdowne, Rondebosch, Claremont, Wynberg, Athlone, Bonteheuwel, Gleemoor, Hanover Park, Heathfield, Kensington, Lentegeur, Rocklands, Southfield and Westridge

It will apply to the Department of Sport and Recreation for the unrestricted use by all races of bowling greens at Green Point and Sandvlei, tennis courts at Green Point, Sandvlei, Bonteheuwel, and Kensington, Green Point common stadium and track, Athlone and the almost completed Vygekraal stadiums, Malta Park playing fields, changing rooms and club house playing fields at Cambridge Street, Woodstock, Green Point Common and Shelley Street and Rochester Road, Salt River

It will apply for the Newlands and Long Street swimming baths to be accepted as 'inter-club venues for an indefinite period' Mr J S Rabinowitz asked whether the Green Point bowling greens and tennis courts could be removed from the list because the area was so densely populated that they were needed for local people

But this suggestion was not supported, after Mrs Fulube Stott and Mr R M Friedlander pointed out that these facilities were already used by people from outside the area

Mr Friedlander said there were private bowling greens in the vicinity

Council's tenants to do own repairs

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TENANTS in the City Council's vast housing estates will in future be responsible for repairs to the inside of their houses

This represents a major change in City Council policy but brings the council into line with other municipalities, the Divisional Council and the private sector

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee, said the policy change had been caused by a serious shortage of funds for maintenance work At present the contributions to the repair fund were based on the original capital cost of homes and as many of them were old and had been built for between R500 and R1 000, the income was low and only essential repairs could be undertaken

Mr Norman Osburn said the council should accept that it had failed to carry out all the maintenance that was necessary and he believed tenants would accept the responsibility

Mr Bill Sceales said the people who lived in the houses were often those who did repair work on houses in the most expensive areas of the City and they were capable of helping themselves

To assist them, the council decided to provide essential materials at cost and also to allow tenants to advertise their services as tradesmen with discreet advertisements at their homes

The council already operates stores of essential equipment — from tap washers to door fittings — and essential materials will be sold from these stores where there is no shop in the area selling the required goods

Increases in rents deferred

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has taken urgent steps to postpone the rent increases which many of its tenants have been asked to pay.

This "wonderful news" was announced yesterday by Mrs Fulahe Stott, chairman of the council's housing committee. It followed a telegram from the Department of Community Development authorizing a deferment of the increases.

The secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr W R Vivier, said he had received a similar telegram.

The increases which have been deferred are those which follow the annual income survey. Rents for people earning less that R150 a month are based on finance charges of one percent while those for people earning between R150 and R250 a month are based on an interest rate of 3,5 percent.

People who earn between R250 and R540 have to pay rents based on interest rate of 9,25 percent. This means that people who receive increases often find themselves in a higher bracket and their rents rise sharply.

Investigation by housing commission

The effect is particularly marked when their monthly earnings rise above R250. This has led to bitter complaints and the National Housing Commission has been investigating the matter during the past few months.

In a statement yesterday Mrs Stott said: "It is my very great pleasure to announce that the Department of Community Development has advised that the rent increases due from June 1 for those council tenants whose incomes have increased through the R150 or R250 per month levels, may be deferred.

Tenants who have been asked to pay increases for this reason should therefore pay the rental which applied last month. If in doubt, tenants should discuss the matter with their housing office.

Mrs Stott said the biggest increases would have been applied in the new rental schemes of Lavender Hill and Valhalla Park.

Those tenants whose reduced incomes had resulted in decreased rentals being assessed should pay the reduced rental, she said.

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Browne Committee reports...

More non-white local bodies

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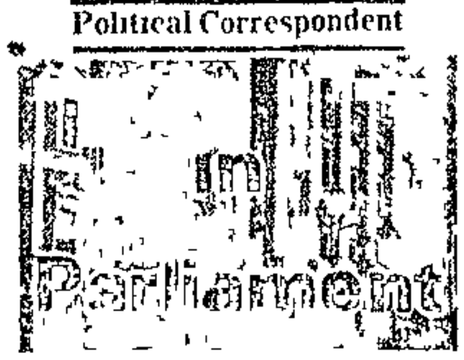

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The number of coloured and Indian local authorities in the Cape and Natal could increase from four to 300 in the next 10 years, the Browne Committee reported yesterday

The report of the committee which investigated local government financing, said there would have to be a tremendous amount of planning to finance and staff these new bodies The report was tabled here yesterday by the Minister of Finance, Senator Owen Horwood

The committee said it had not been asked to make findings on the desirability of separate local authorities for coloured and Indian areas, but had worked on the assumption that the government would accept the recommendations

'The establishment of local authorities for non-whites will obviously play an important role in the implementation of the government's constitutional proposals the report said

It recommended the establishment of joint service committees to arrange the provision of costly services such as water, sewerage and health jointly to white and none-white authorities

The committee recommended a system of continuous transfer payments from white local authorities to coloured and Asian authorities To finance their establishment, these should be based on the need of the new authorities less their ability to pay for the services being transferred to them

There were at present one coloured municipality in the Cape and three Indian municipalities in Natal On the basis it was contemplating, there could be 200 self-sufficient coloured authorities in the Cape and 60 Asian authorities in Natal on 1977/8 figures

'It is thus possible that by about 1990 there could be as many as 300 municipalities or municipal-type authorities for coloured and Asian people"

These authorities could have a total expenditure of R300 million annually, or R1 million each Nearly 9 400 new officials would be needed, and the commission recommended that white authorities launch a crash training programme for coloured and Asian staff

It also recommended the encouragement of home-ownership among coloured and Asian people to help provide sources of income for the new authorities in what would be a structural re-organization of the country's local authority system

2/6/80 ARGUS

Squatters allege ultimatum on shacks

(23)

SQUATTER families in the hills above Hout Bay harbour say they were today given a week by the Divisional Council to demolish their shacks or face prosecution

The alleged warning was issued in spite of an assurance by the Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn, in Parliament three weeks ago that no numbered and marked shacks would be demolished unless alternative accommodation was provided

The squatters were today also visited by officials from the Administration Board who offered train tickets to homelands to those living there illegally

A squatter said the officials had told them that if they did not accept the offer they would be arrested and charged with being in the Peninsula illegally

ASSURANCE

Extensions to numbered squatter shacks were demolished by Divisional Council workers three weeks ago, and the squatters were given an assurance that their numbered shacks would not be demolished

Squatters said Divisional Council officials warned them today that if they did not demolish their shacks by next week, bulldozers would be sent to demolish them.

They had also been told that the Divisional Council would in no way be responsible for their shacks and goods if this action were taken

A squatter, Mrs Connie Groothoom, said 27 men from the camp had been arrested by Administration Board officials last week, some for being in the area illegally and others for trespassing on private property

CHARGES

She said the contract workers had later been released Others would appear in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Wednesday and June 11 on charges of being in the area illegally

Administration Board officials could not be reached today for comment

Rent relief likely for subsidized council tenants

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CIVIC DIARY

By

TONY ROBINSON

IN MAY and June every year, City and Divisional council officials have to harden their hearts in order to implement the annual rent increases that follow the February income surveys

The increases are the result of subsidies falling away as incomes rise and in some cases the effects are unfortunate and even painful

Worst hit are the people whose incomes rise through the R250 a month barrier for this means that their rents rise sharply Where incomes are below R250 a month, rents are based on housing funds advanced at 3,5 percent interest, but once the incomes rise above R250 the rents have to be recalculated based on interest rates of 9,25 percent

So a man who had his pay increased from, say, R240 to R260 might find that his rent goes up by R25 a month and that he is worse off Inevitably this leads to a flood of complaints and the officials who have to deal with them are in a helpless position They have no alternative but to follow the regulations laid down by the government housing authorities

Now, suddenly, comes news that the system is to be changed and the increases that were to have come into effect this month may be deferred Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's Housing Committee, hailed this as "wonderful news"

The long-term implications are not clear but it is obvious that the situation is about to be improved Municipalities have complained bitterly about the big step in rents and the Department of Community Development has got the message

A special committee has been investigating the problem and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn, said recently that an improvement was on the cards

The solutions which have been advocated are the introduction of a new interest rate somewhere between 3,5 percent and 9,25 percent or rents based on a percentage of income It is possible that the National Housing Commission has one of these alternatives in mind

An intermediate interest rate of, say, six percent for people earning more than R250 and less than, say, R350 would help many tenants It would still leave troublesome steps for councils and tenants to negotiate, but they would be smaller and more manageable steps

But wherever it is necessary to draw a line, there will be fortunate people and hard-luck stories

Rents based on, say, a quarter of a tenant's monthly income will avoid these difficulties although problems are inevitable when the system is introduced

The National Housing Commission will meet soon to formulate a new policy and the indications are that tenants will have something to look foward to. The only decision made so far is to give local authorities permission to postpone the increases which were due to take effect this month

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THE Afrikaans version of the first volume of the long-awaited report of the Browne committee of inquiry into municipal finances has appeared at last but it will be some time before it comes into focus

In the first place it is an incomplete document and in the second the 150 000-word volume does not have the customary chapter of conclusions and recommendations, so a thorough study is necessary to grasp the essentials Nevertheless, some points have emerged clearly and with them a measure of disappointment

Mr Browne, the former Secretary for Finance, says he received strong pleas from provincial administrations, local authorities and other institutions for additional sources of revenue But his commission has rejected any idea of local taxes on personal incomes, turnovers, petrol or even for a share of car-licence revenue

According to the commission, this would not be in the best interest of the country at present

Another regular plea has been for full rates on State and railway properties but this, too, was rejected. Instead, the committee suggested a system of subsidies based on the income from general services This figure would be subject to a loading of 20 percent for Pretoria and 10 percent for the other provincial capitals

There are also recommendations that will be welcomed and among these is a suggestion that all fire brigades should receive a 40 percent subsidy There will also be some relief — if the report is accepted — for country towns dependent on their own diesel generators for electricity.

But it will take several days of study and debate to reach some kind of consensus on the implications of the various recommendations

3/6/86 ARGUS

Squatters allegations denied

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MR W R VIVIER, secretary of the Divisional Council of the Cape, said today that no squatters of numbered shacks in Hout Bay had been served with demolition notices

He said that 'for now and all time, the Divisional Council does not serve notices to squatters with numbered shacks' and allegations that they had received verbal notification were untrue

WEEK'S NOTICE

Mr Viviers was responding to allegations by Hout Bay squatters yesterday that they were visited by Divisional Council officials who gave them one week to demolish their shacks or face prosecution.

The squatters also alleged officials had told them that if they did not demolish their shacks by next week bulldozers would be sent to demolish them and officials would not be held responsible for damage to squatters' possessions

Mr Vivier confirmed, however, that owners of unnumbered shacks in Hout Bay had been issued with seven-day eviction notices He said he could not say how many squatters were affected

A social worker in the area said the unnumbered shacks constituted about 10 percent of Hout Bay's squatter population

PM may be asked to alter plan

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is considering asking the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, to reverse the effective ban on new residential areas for coloured people in the Peninsula, contained in a cabinet-approved development plan for the Western Cape.

The executive committee held a special meeting yesterday to discuss the recommendations of the council's own report on future land use in greater Cape Town, drawn up by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand

Mr Brand's proposals are opposed to those of the government and call for the urgent provision of more residential land for coloured people in Cape Town

Deputation

The committee has already recommended that the Brand report be accepted and that Mr Botha be requested to receive a deputation from the council to discuss its contents

The government plan, formulated by the Department of Environmental Planning and Energy as a general guide for the growth of the Western Cape's urban areas, was published in April after being adopted by the cabinet on the advice of the Prime Minister's Planning Advisory Council

Intended as a blueprint for public agencies and the private sector, the plan restricts the development of further industrial land in the Cape Town metropolitan area and proposes that no more coloured residential areas be established in the Peninsula except in already-proclaimed coloured group areas

West coast

It gives priority to development on the west coast between Cape Town and Saldanha with a deconcentration centre at Atlantis, the coloured "city" north of Melkbos

However the Brand report says the government's plan would lead to economic stagnation in greater Cape Town and that the policy of measuring the extent of residential land necessary for the coloured population by means of arithmetic should be replaced by one allowing for greater freedom of choice of residence and lifestyle and greater mobility

Group Areas Act

"Far more land should be set aside for the coloured community if the Group Areas Act is to be retained in its present form"

Mr Brand recommends that

- The Prime Minister be urged to adopt a more flexible policy in allocating land for coloured residential areas,
- At least 6 000 ha of land be made available in greater Cape Town to house a further 300 000 coloured people with the programme of new residential areas phased to industrial development so that workers can be housed near industries as they grow,
- The land between Mitchell's Plain and Macassar be developed for coloured residential purposes and the Mitchell's Plain railway extended via Macassar to Eerste River

He also recommends the establishment of a metropolitan authority to provide future state-funded housing

Traffic forces 'out of hand'

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Staff Reporter

THE right of certain local authorities to run their own traffic forces had got out of hand, Mr J H van der Vyver, NP Albany, told the Provincial Council yesterday

He paid tribute to the provincial traffic force, but said he would agree with the Administrator that there were certain local authorities that were misusing traffic regulations to make up shortages

Total income of the Dias Divisional Council from traffic offences in the 1979 financial year had been R369 096 The provincial force contributed about R93 000, while the force run by the Dias council brought in about R275 000

He agreed that municipalities should control traffic, but asked if it was necessary for divisional councils to have their own traffic forces when it was also a function of the province It was a duplication of services

Certain traffic forces were damaging race relations through actions taken He asked whether this could be allowed Certain municipalities were also misusing a right to lower speed limits in certain areas

Suggestions included that all traffic fines in country areas be put in a central fund that could be used to promote road safety, better choice and training of traffic officers, and altering section 166 of the traffic ordinance on speed limits so certain local authorities could not misuse it

PLAIN HOUSE PURCHASES A BLOW TO DISTRICT SIX

Argus 7/6/80

THE purchase of 600 houses in Mitchell's Plain by the Department of Community Development, to be let at low rentals, has been seen by District Six residents as a crippling blow in their fight to remain in the area.

It is believed the houses were bought from the City Council in an attempt to speed up the removals from District Six which has become the symbol of the coloured community's disgust at the application of the Group Areas Act.

The Secretary of the Department of Community Development, Mr Louis Fouche, confirmed the purchase of the houses in Mitchell's Plain but said it was not merely District Six people who would be moved into them.

SADNESS

"This will enable us to provide more alternative accommodation than before" he said.

But for Mrs Naz Ebrahim, chairman of the District Six Rent Residents and Ratepayers' Association it is the hardest blow ever to hit the community.

"For most of the Muslims it will be their last Ramadan in the place of their birth, the sadness in the community is so great," she said.

Mrs Ebrahim continues to wear a Save District Six button.

RESTORING

"Can you imagine what it is like for us when we drive along De Waal Drive and see what a fine job they are doing in restoring those houses only a stone's throw from our own, just because the tenant are white" she said.

More than 900 families have still to be moved to make way for the proposed campus for the Cape Technikon.

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Hout Bay swoop

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Squatters flee as board inspectors call

ANGLICAN lay minister Sister Ann Andrews summons notices to appear in court which were served on squatters in Hout Bay today

ADMINISTRATION BOARD inspectors t day issued notices to about 18 residents the squatter camp above Hout Bay harbou to appear in court on charges of bei illegally in the Peninsula

Resident said many people fled into the bush above the camp after the inspectors arrived in four vans about 9 am

Miss Madeline Markham said inspectors had 'promised to demolish all the shacks in the camp, at night if necessary

'How can they do that? Our husbands are at sea and we have no place to go,' she said

'We're suffering. We have children. What must we do?'

Mrs Cordelia Qayuh whose husband was served with a summons, said mothers had been warned that if they ran away their children would be taken

'Guilt' fines

A senior Administration Board inspector said the camp residents had been warned three times to apply for train tickets to the homelands

The people served with notices are due to appear in Langa Commissioner's Court on Wednesday. Admission of guilt fines of R30 or R55 are payable

Sister Ann Andrews, an Anglican lay preacher in Hout Bay, said about 10 husbands charged with harbouring their wives were due to appear in Wynberg Magistrate's Court on the same day

CMC decides to lift brake on activities

DAILY DISP 11/6/80 (263)

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee here will continue operating, it was decided at a meeting last night

The meeting was the first since members decided to suspend activities last month after an argument with members of the City Council

During the recess they had a meeting with the council's action committee at which points of disagreement were discussed and although no complete agreement was reached, the CMC decided to continue with its work

At the start of the meeting, the acting chairman, Mr D Alexander, said members had to decide on whether to rescind their motion to suspend activities or continue with the suspension

Mr J F Temmers said the fact that they had met with the action committee was proof of their intention to keep dialogue with the City Council

He pointed out, however, that although they would continue their work, the reasons that led to their move to suspend activities had not been sufficiently dealt with in their meeting with the action committee

"The points of difference were not discussed to our satisfaction," Mr Temmers said

"Our presence here should not be interpreted to mean we are happy It should rather be seen as proof of our good faith

"The meeting highlighted the differences between council and the management committee," he said

Councillor R P Snodgrass said agreement had been reached on three of the four points of disagreement

The Director of Housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, said council would in future furnish reasons for disagreeing with the CMC on any motion passed by the CMC and rejected by council

Mr Temmers said the real issue of the dissatisfaction of CMC members was that their resolutions which came before council were turned down

On the question of increased rentals on which the CMC had taken a strong stand, Mr Martinsen said the Department of Community Development had informed council there would be no increases in terms of the income survey being carried out

He said people had been informed there would be increases but this had since been changed — DDR

12/6/80

Council confident staff will not stay away

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IT will be business as usual for white commerce and industry in Cape Town on Monday but there are growing signs of support in the black community for a big stayaway to mark the anniversary of the start of unrest in South Africa in 1976.

Essential services are not expected to be affected and most factories, businesses and shops will open as usual

The City Council, which controls all the city's essential services, is confident that its workers will not stay away

LOYAL STAFF

The deputy city engineer, Mr C Freeman, said during the 1976 troubles there had been no absenteeism and 'we are expecting the same thing on Monday We have a loyal staff'

Both the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Chamber of Industries said their members would treat Monday and Tuesday as normal working days

PLANS

A spokesman for a major supermarket chain 'said contingency plans had been made in case of a stay-away and it would conduct business as usual.

A dairy spokesman said they were expecting all their workers to turn up If there was a stay away, it would be dealt with when it happened

Cape Town's major bakeries have not yet decided what they will do about deliveries on Monday and Tuesday. A decision would probably be made late tomorrow.

HEED CALL

However, indications are that many black and coloured businesses will heed the call for a shut-down on Monday and Tuesday.

The powerful Western Cape Traders' Association, representing 2 160 traders in the Western Cape, called on its members and all other black businessmen at an urgent meeting last night to respect the wishes of the community by closing.

The Gatesville Traders' Association, representing about 60 owners of the Rylands shopping complex, have also decided to close on June 16 and 17 'as a show of solidarity and mark of respect for those who lost their lives during the 1976 riots and the present school boycott'

Mr Thomas Mandla, president of the Western Province African Chamber of Commerce, said his association was still very uncommitted on the stay away appeal, but it would largely depend on individual black members whether they wanted to close or not

TRADE UNIONS

Officials of trade unions with large coloured and African memberships said members were aware of the call for a stay-away and were discussing it

Mr Norman Daniels, general secretary of the Textile Workers' Industrial Union, said many workers might stay at home out of fear of reprisals

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URBAN TRANSPORT ACT, 1977 (ACT 78 OF 1977)

PUBLICATION OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT PLAN

In terms of section 19 (1) of the Urban Transport Act, 1977 (Act 78 of 1977), it is hereby notified that the English text of the Initial Interim Transport Plan for Port Elizabeth was approved by the National Transport Commission at its meeting held on 30 November 1979

Copies of the Initial Interim Transport Plan for the Port Elizabeth Metropolitan Area are available for inspection, during normal office hours, at the offices of—

The Director of Urban Transport
Department of Transport
Pretoria

The Director of Roads
Cape Provincial Administration
Cape Town

The City Engineer
Port Elizabeth

Director-General Transport

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WET OP STEDELIKE VERVOER, 1977 (WET 78 VAN 1977)

PUBLIKASIE VAN METROPOLITAANSE VERVOERPLAN

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Stedelike Vervoer, 1977 (Wet 78 van 1977), word hierby bekendgemaak dat die Engelse teks van die Voorlopige Tussentydse Vervoerplan vir Port Elizabeth deur die Nasionale Vervoerkommissie goedgekeur is op sy vergadering gehou op 30 November 1979

Afskrifte van die Voorlopige Tussentydse Vervoerplan vir die Port Elizabethse Metropolitaanse Vervoergebied is gedurende normale kantoorure ter insae beskikbaar by die kantore van—

Die Direkteur van Stedelike Vervoer
Departement van Vervoer
Pretoria

Die Direkteur van Paaie
Kaapse Provinsiale Administrasie
Kaapstad

Die Stadsingenieur
Port Elizabeth

Direkteur-generaal Vervoer

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Council denies 'discrimination' charge

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Municipal Reporter

A SUGGESTION that Cape Town City Council has been 'very reluctant to abolish race discrimination' and now practises 'more glaring discrimination between coloured and African' was described as 'absolute nonsense' today by acting Town Clerk, Mr S Evans

Mr Evans said the Council was being taken to arbitration by the white South African Association of Municipal Employees because it had appointed coloured people to senior posts

He could not recall any applications having been received from Africans for senior posts

'But in any case,' he said, 'since the majority of the population of Cape Town is coloured and increasing numbers of coloured people are being well educated, surely the council has a duty to employ them rather than people from other parts of the country?'

The complaints of discrimination were made in a statement issued to The Argus by the coloured Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

It said 'For many years the city council has, both voluntarily and under State pressure, practised racial segregation, often combined with sex discrimination

Mr Evans said it had been the council's policy for years to award promotion first on the basis of merit and then of seniority

'There is no rule or practice that the top echelons are reserved for whites at all We have debtors, public health nurses, district housing managers and branch librarians who are not white'

Mr Evans also denied that the council discriminated on grounds of sex 'Our assistant director of housing is a woman,' he said

24/6/80 ARGUS

Hout Bay squatters 'out by Sunday'

THE action taken by the Divisional Council of the Cape against illegal squatters at Hout Bay was in terms of its policy 'which had been reconsidered and reiterated on a number of occasions,' according to the secretary of the council, Mr W R Vivier

The removal by the Western Cape Administration Board of the squatters and their shacks from the camp above Hout Bay harbour began yesterday The operation aims to clear 304 people by Sunday

In a 'progress report' on squatter control operations submitted to the Divisional Council's monthly meeting today, Mr Viviers said 235 of 6 271 'unauthorised shacks' had been demolished in areas around the Peninsula

NOTICES

All the shacks were new and occupied and notices were served on all the occupants Most of the demolished shacks were in Philadelphia where 75 were demolished

Seventy were demolished in Philippi 29 in Hout Bay and 27 in Kommetjie/Noordhoek

There were more than 9 000 fewer numbered shacks in May than there were in 1975, when the number was 13 716

Sixty-two had been demolished by the council and six by the owners of the shacks

Plan for Hout Bay development

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By BOB MOLLOY

FUTURE development of the Hout Bay beach area should be of a "low order" leaving the beachfront and the Disa River mouth undisturbed, according to recommendations put forward by the Divisional Council's Town Planning section.

In a conceptual development plan, tabled for council consideration last week, the Town Planning section noted that private developers requested planning permission for 42 single-storied housing units, eight maisonettes and a drive-in restaurant west of the river, plus an application for 44 housing units, a shopping complex and a private club on the east

The applications were refused, pending an overall development plan for the beachfront

Among other points for the east side, the plan recommends

- No east side development to be permitted in front of the existing dune, even if proposed development accords with zoning
- No development up to the edge of the river, banks to be kept open as public walkways
- No extension of the residential zone to the Princess Street boundary
- The land abutting Princess Street to be reserved as public open space for use as a picnic site, providing adequate control is exercised for protection of the Milkwood grove
- Maintenance of the amenity zoning behind the dune
- A shopping complex abutting Main Road and group cluster housing flanked by the complex and the river

Planners saw the site behind the dune as "an ideal opportunity for the development of a low-rise hotel — despite the fact that a view of the sea will be partly obliterated by the dune'

Undisturbed

"For the remainder of the beachfront area including the river and the area immediately behind and to the west of the hardened area — it is suggested that all these areas be left undisturbed with regard to any major development proposals," the report said

Recommendations for the west side were

- The site of the old Madeira Cafe to be used for the development of a small, low-key tearoom/cafe to meet the requirements of visitors and the Yacht Club
- Development of the hardened section as a picnic and recreation area, protected by a windbreak in the form of an artificially erected and stabilized dune
- Holiday chalets or some similar form of informal holiday accommodation to be permitted north of the proposed dune and west of the river
- The bulk of the existing dune area to be held in reserve for future use

Sewage

"While certain of the proposals would depend upon the success of the experimental project to create a dune, other proposals could be implemented right away — for example the development on the eastern bank of the river and the development of holiday chalets — assuming that no other requirements existed such as the problem of sewage disposal

"Strong (pedestrian) linkages between all the activities are advocated — particularly towards the beach and along the banks of the river Pedestrian movements over the dunes must not be allowed to continue and, if the experimental dune should prove a success, formal pathways would have to be provided," the report said

Nats reject coloured in Cape city councils

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Provincial Reporter

THE National Party in the Cape Provincial Council last month specifically rejected the concept of direct representation by coloured people on city councils, such as that proposed this week by Mr David Curry, president of the Management Committees Association.

Addressing the association's annual congress in Port Elizabeth, Mr Curry called for change in which blacks could play a meaningful part, including direct representation in city councils on a non-racial basis.

His speech came less than a month after a debate on the issue in the Cape Provincial Council, introduced by the Progressive Federal Party

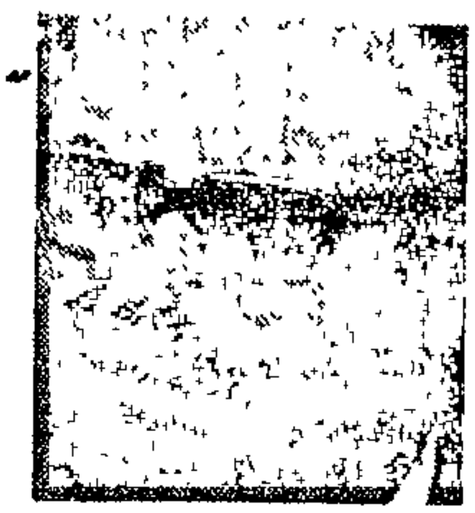
The PFP motion, which was rejected by Nationalist speakers, called for 'a non-racial franchise and system of representation' as essential to durable government, and called on the Provincial Executive Committee to take steps to introduce such a system in the Cape

Mr J W Kleynhans (NP, Algoa) proposed a National Party amendment 'reaffirming the principle that each population group should retain the right to decide on its own affairs' The motion further supported Government policy on the issue

The Nationalist motion was supported by the Then South African Party.'

Time for the debate expired, and no vote was taken

In other debates, similar exchanges took place between NP and PFP members. Mr Herbert Hirsch, leader of the Opposition



Mr David Curry

in the council, said the Cape would be a better place for all without the ideological structures of the National Party

Group Areas Act 'has broken families, ruined community life'

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — Delegates to the annual congress of the Association of Management Committees have sharply attacked the Group Areas Act which they said had broken families, ruined community life and led to untold suffering.

A motion calling on the Government to open all areas to all races and to restore to blacks all areas taken away from them in terms of the Group Areas Act is to be considered.

Mr W Christians, chairman of the Ravensmeade Management Committee, told the congress that group-areas-related grievances were high. In some instances this had led to recent incidents of stoning

'I, as a parent, am bitter about the situation,' he said 'Can you imagine the feelings of my children?'

While I have all to lose, the children have all to gain in their fight for a better deal,' he said

Mr Christians pleaded for more land to be made available for extension in Ravensmead, Cape Town, where people were being forced to move to outlying areas.

'I do not imply hereby that I am in favour of group areas,' he said

Another delegate, Mr Tony Schoeman, said it was a reality of the day that these areas were in fact group areas.

'We should no longer make excuses about not being in favour of group areas when we have to ask for more land,' he said.

'If we need land to house our people, ask for it'

Mr Arthur Stanley said land taken from blacks under the Group Areas Act should be returned to them

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Never before has Cape Town Council asked permission...

Municipal Reporter

FOR the first time the Cape Town City Council applied for permission to hold its monthly meeting last week because of the new ban imposed in terms of the Riotous Assemblies Act.

A member of the executive committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, deplored the fact that 'for the first time in 100 years,' it had been necessary to obtain official permission for the Council to meet.

But other local authorities including Simonstown, Milnerton and Bellville and the Divisional Council of the Cape thought the ban, which applies to 'gathering of a political nature', did not apply to them

They held their monthly meetings as usual without applying for permission.

A Cape Town Council official explained it had been decided to apply for permission because from the agenda, it appeared there may be political comment.

He said it would depend on the agenda for the next council meeting on July 31 whether it would be necessary to apply for permission or not

Town clerks of neighbouring municipalities said political matters were never discussed at their monthly meetings.

Mr J de Villiers, Town Clerk of Milnerton, said he was certain the director of local goverment, Mr P D de Wet, would have instructed local authorities to apply for permission to hold their meetings if it was necessary to obtain it.

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Plan to boost city criticised

Municipal Reporter

A SUGGESTION from the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Louis Kreiner, that the City Council spend R50 000 a year on promoting industry to provide jobs for the growing population has been criticised by a city councillor, Mr Tom Walters.

In a letter to the Executive Committee, Mr Walters said he could not understand why the council should become 'the leader and chief payer in efforts to promote the business and industrial community.'

RATEPAYERS

He said he thought it was up to businessmen and industrialists and not the ratepayers to promote the development of industry

But a fellow councillor, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said he thought the council should promote the development of more labour-intensive industry

The Acting Town Clerk, Mr Stanley Evans, said some other local authorities spent money on attracting industry.

And an official of the Bellville City Council said R50 000 might not be a great deal of money when compared with increased rates from new industrial development

First coloured firemen

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Staff Reporter

ELEVEN coloured firemen, the first in the Republic to complete the Junior Firemen's Examination, received diplomas yesterday and resumed duty — this time as fully-fledged junior firemen

At the ceremony at the Ottery training centre for traffic officers in Strandfontein Road, the chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape, Mr I N G Hampshire, who handed each fireman his diploma, said "I hope each of the firemen present today will take their studies further to the highest level possible, so that they will become eligible for higher promotion"

Junior Firemen C E Saunders, J J Davids, E Anthony, C C Wilson, H Adams, T J Bailey, R R Jacobs, B Bell, G Cleophas, B M Pietersen and L Oncke wrote the examinations last September.

They have been stationed at Ottery Fire Station for the past two years

When they joined the service they knew nothing about fire-fighting but for two years drilled, attended lectures and studied in their own time.

The examination they passed is the junior fireman's examination of the South African Fire Services Institute The institute offers further examinations — for senior firemen and graduates

Asked what attracted him to a fireman's career, Junior Fireman Clive Saunders, 23, of Athlone, said it was the "security"

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African Council idea accepted in E Cape

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — East Cape community councils have accepted by majority vote the idea of an African Advisory Council in spite of its widespread rejection by other black groups

At a meeting here yesterday between the chief regional commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr D Hitge, and community councils in his area of jurisdiction the proposal was discussed to test the councils attitude to it.

Although strong opposition to the proposal was expressed, a vote revealed that the majority favoured the idea

The government proposes to establish a President's Council comprising whites, coloured people and Asians, but excluding Africans

A separate black council will be established as an adjunct to the President's Council

The council will liaise with the President's Council and will be contacted for its suggestions on the constitutional development of the country

One of the "thorny issues" on the agenda of yesterday's meeting was the idea of a constellation of states through closer economic co-operation

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Rates accusation in city poll battle

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Municipal Reporter

HIGH rates are among the grievances of many Cape Town people who will be voting in the municipal elections on September 3.

And in his opening salvo in the election battle, Mr Gordon Olivier, a candidate in Ward 16, accuses sitting councillor Mr C C W Steyl of having opposed changes in the present rating system

But Mr Steyl said in an interview that he had advised the council to wait for the report of the Browne Commission on local government before deciding whether to make changes in the rating system only because he and other councillors had expected the report to make helpful suggestions about local government finance.

DISAPPOINTMENT

'We had been led to expect this,' he said, 'although in fact the report has proved a big disappointment with no such suggestions at all.'

In a statement, Mr Oliver said he was glad to read in The Argus on Thursday that Mr Steyl regarded Cape Town rates as an important issue.

'However, his present concern cannot be reconciled with his previous attitude and actions regarding the city's rates,' Mr Oliver went on.

'Early in 1978 a well-attended seminar was organised by two city councillors for the purpose of discussing alternative methods to our present rating system. Mr Steyl was invited to attend this seminar but did not do so.

REGRETTABLY

'Furthermore, in the May 1978 issue of News and Views, Mr Steyl writes on the subject of the rate burden: 'Taking all factors into consideration, I believe that Cape Town's present rating system is still the best for Cape Town'

'At a time when our rate system and alternatives were being fully discussed, Mr Steyl regrettedly chose to take a different stand to his present one.

'In January of this year at a special meeting of the council's executive committee, the subject was again raised and Mr Steyl's attitude remained unchanged'

Mr Steyl told The Argus that few councillors had attended the rating seminar organised by Mr Sol Kreiner and Mr Frank van der Velde in 1978.

At a meeting of the City Council Executive Committee in January to discuss rating, to which other council members had been invited, he had in fact suggested that 'the differential rating system should be spread in a different way to give more benefit to home owners and people with low incomes.'

Unhappy financial future for council

CAPE TIMES 29/7/80 (263)

By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE CITY COUNCIL faces an unhappy financial future Cuts in subsidies from the Provincial Administration mean that the City will have to look elsewhere for relief

The chief, if not only, source of income will be from ratepayers And much of the problem stems from the fact that the Provincial Administration has had to budget for R22 million less this year — a result of cutting back on the part of the central government

One of the major shocks has been the advice from the province that there has been a revision of the formula for the granting of subsidies to local authorities for public resorts

In terms of the Cape Town situation, this means that an extra R75 000 will have to be found to run the Strandfontein beach resort

The city's financial problems do not end there, as other provincial subsidies have also been reduced — for library services by R304 000, and for the Table Mountain and Silvermine reserves by R22 000

The City Council executive committee has decided to ask for a meeting with the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the committee to discuss the monetary headaches faced by Cape Town, particularly those caused by revision of the formula for subsidies to public resorts

No financial aid

However, said Mr W Bouwer, MEC in charge of local government yesterday, "we have just so much money and no more"

The message is, therefore, that there is little or no chance that financial aid from higher authority is forthcoming, and the Cape Town municipality will simply have to find other ways of footing its bills

In its 1980 estimates the Cape Town municipality had, for instance, anticipated a provincial grant of R100 620 for Strandfontein This was 25 percent of the net operating costs of the resort.

Now, under the new formula — based on 25 percent of capital charges on approved expenditure — Cape Town would receive only R25 965, a shortfall of R74 655, according to calculations by the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker

In a memorandum tabled at the city's exco meeting this week, Mr Watkins-Baker said that before the municipality had been advised that the subsidy formula would be revised, the council had agreed to additional works amounting to R625 000 in 1979 for coastal development and a further R1 304 670 in 1980 for a tidal pool and other amenities.

The loss of subsidy would result in a large increase in the burden to be met from rates

Mr Watkins-Baker added "Having regard to the encouragement given by the Provincial Administration for the provision of public resorts, the large unanticipated reduction in grant will have an adverse impact upon the council's present and future finances, and representations should be made for the immediate restoration of grants at their previous level"

Asked yesterday why a new formula to subsidize public resorts had to be found, Mr Bouwer said that the province could not continue financing projects which were being run at a loss while other resorts were economically viable

He was not accusing Cape Town of poor business management, but felt that Strandfontein could be operated on a more profitable basis Cape Town would still receive what it was entitled to, but there were demands from other local authorities which had also to be met

There were at least 10 other municipalities (such as Caledon, Cradock, Graaff Reinet, Barkley West and Kimberley) where public resort expenditure had to be frozen because funds were not available They had also to be aided

Mr Bouwer added that this year R630 000 was available from the province for resort subsidies — and the amount was already fully committed

New education director: A balanced background

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape's new Director of Education is a 60-year-old father of four who subscribes fully to the dictum of the famed Elizabethan schoolmaster, Roger Ascham, that a child's mind is a fire to be kindled rather than a vessel to be filled

And Mr Hugo Amos Lambrechts speaks from years of solid teaching experience, in the course of which he was headmaster of two of the country's most prominent Afrikaans schools

A Cape Town man by education as well as birth, 60-year-old Mr Lambrechts matriculated from Jan van Riebeeck School and attended the University of Cape Town, where he majored in English, Afrikaans-Nederlands and history, and obtained a BA degree in 1940

In 1941 he gained a senior teaching diploma with honours, and in 1949 a first-class MA honours in Afrikaans-Nederlands, also at UCT

"I'm not sorry I did it that way," Mr Lambrechts said in an interview after moving into his new office "Afrikaans-language school and English-language university — it gives a good balance to my educational background, I think"

Headmastership

Mr Lambrechts taught at Jan van Riebeeck and the high schools at Hopefield and Sutherland before taking on his first headmastership, that of the secondary school at Ugie From there he moved back to Cape Town to become the first head of the newly-established Hoerskool Ysterplaat in 1954, followed by Paarl Boys' High and Jan van Riebeeck

After a term as rector of the Teachers' Training College at Graaff-Reinet, he was posted to the head office of the province's education bureau in April 1970 He spent 2½ years as an inspector on the Rondebosch circuit till becoming an educational planner (humanities) in October 1973 One year later he was made chief educational planner and on July 1, 1978 Deputy Director of Education (Planning)

During 1966/67 he was chairman of the joint council of the South African Teachers' Association/Suid-Afrikaanse Onderwysunie

He is married (his wife Helena, formerly a Miss Jordaan, is the daughter of Jan van Riebeeck's first headmaster) and has four children ranging in age from 26 to 12

Mr Lambrechts's immediate plans are to carry on with the projects started by his predecessor, Dr P S Meyer These include

- The programmes for gifted children
- The outdoor education programme, "where we still have a lot of catching up to do"

Teachers' centres

- General expansion of teachers' centres, which consist of facilities provided by the province where teachers keep themselves up to date by means of in-service training arranged by themselves, a programme which is "especially important in view of the times in which we live"

At the moment there are centres in four of the province's big centres — Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London and Kimberley — but in a place like Cape Town, where the city has spread out in all directions, another centre catering for the more distant suburbs would be beneficial

- A music centre for the Peninsula, which has been approved in principle and will be put in hand when the money becomes available The centre, which will probably be built in Rondebosch, will provide various types of musical instruction — among other things tuition in instruments for which no provision could be made in certain schools It is Mr Lambrechts's hope that the music centre might lead to the formation of a children's orchestra, as has happened in Port Elizabeth

Computer studies — an increasingly popular field — has a strong supporter in Mr Lambrechts "At the moment this is a seventh subject available at some schools like SACS and Cape Town Technical High School, and we are appointing teachers to give part-time tuition, not only to children from their own schools but any who live in the neighbourhood We would like this to become one of the six subjects for children who have an aptitude for it"

Burdens

Mr Lambrechts does not agree with the suggestion that pupils should be set more compositions and essays than are required of them at present

He agrees that today's school-children write fewer compositions than they used to, but points out that thanks to larger classes, a weekly composition would impose undue burdens on the teachers concerned — and, in any case, the emphasis has changed

"Nowadays schools do much more setwork the emphasis is more on writing reports We must remember that there are other things than somewhat artificial essays So more attention is being paid to methods other than essays

"When dealing with prescribed works we still have the sort of questions which must be answered by composition-type paragraphs, but we are making greater use of contextual questions which require the pupil to read his text much more carefully, and in fact he can't answer the question properly if he doesn't know the whole work

"I find summaries and reports very important To me it is very important that a person should be able to write a good letter, which is something he'll be able to use in his daily life"

Mr Hugo Amos Lambrechts

The idea was to improve pupils' ability to communicate under all circumstances, and therefore there was also more emphasis placed on oral communication

This was particularly important, as South Africans still tended to be inarticulate

"You listen to some of these experts they interview on television", Mr Lambrechts says, "and they obviously know what they're talking about, but many of them simply can't pass their knowledge on to the listeners"

Practical communication was also the name of the game when it came to teaching African languages — Xhosa in most parts of the Cape, and Tswana in Kimberley and surrounding areas

The dead-language approach was out In Cape schools there was a strong "verbal emphasis" in teaching methods, with much use made of greetings and everyday conversation instead of learning by rote

Asked if it was true that the teaching profession was abandoning many of the innovations of past years and reverting to traditional concepts and methods, Mr Lambrechts replied that he did not think it was as simple as that

"In teaching there is action and reaction There are new views and reviews all the time But there are so many new methods, in teaching techniques and other things, that you can t just say you're going back to the three Rs and leave it at that"

He is not particularly worried about the introduction of television and its effect on South African children

"My personal observation tells me that the novelty has worn off Exactly how TV has affected children is something which needs a scientific study, but it would appear that it has several definite advantages It certainly increases their vocabularies and their science, nature and general knowledge I also think children learn to know their second language much better

"I feel a lot depends on conditions in the home If your children know you feel that other things shouldn't be neglected they'll follow your example

"It's our advantage that we don't have an all-day TV service Programme quality would probably suffer, as happened in other countries, and children would be much more inclined to sit in front of the TV whenever they could"

Bridgman resigns over coloured voting issue

Cape Times 30/7/80 (263) (81)

By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Civic Reporter

MR JOHN H M Bridgman, divisional councillor for Constantia Hout Bay, Llandudno and Tokai, yesterday resigned from the council because he found it increasingly embarrassing to serve on a body which precluded coloured people from voting and representation

Other reasons were that his duties as councillor had become "frustrating and that it was "inappropriate' that of the total of 18 000 people on the Divisional Council's voters' roll, 10 000 were in his Ward 10

He has been a councillor for six years

In a brief interview after yesterday's monthly council meeting, Mr Bridgman said the council, as presently constituted, was farcical '

So few people

In a hard-hitting address to the council earlier he said that ' at this time when so many of our ratepayers in the Cape Peninsula have no effective vote in local affairs, I find it personally increasingly embarrassing to continue serving on a body which is effectively responsible to so few people

He rejected the idea of politics being mixed with local government, but as the question of broadening the basis on which the council could represent the feelings of all its ratepayers was essentially of a political nature, he felt the correct step was to resign

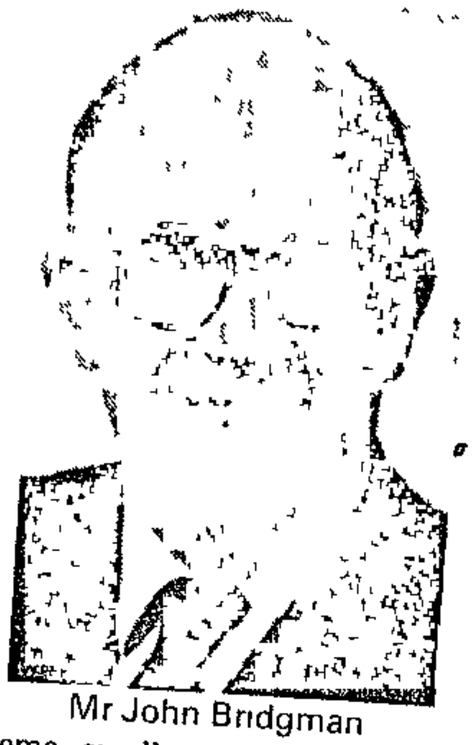
Local government, and the Divisional Council in particular, was concerned only with the quality of the daily lives of people, and most of them were members of the coloured community

Mr Bridgman added "In view of political factors beyond our control it has become increasingly difficult for us as white councillors to know and understand their problems

Living as we all do in one metropolitan area, we cannot help but stand or fall together In a very real sense, this council is a semi metropolitan body, and as such I believe it uniquely provides an existing vehicle through which we could understand and share with members of the coloured community the responsibility for uplifting the quality of their lives at a very basic level '

He believed that the Administrator Mr Gene Louw, was concerned with the effectiveness of the role the Divisional Council could play in giving all property owners in the Cape a more effective say in their affairs

He added "I can only hope that my resignation will play



Mr John Bridgman

some small part in bringing more forcibly to the attention of the authorities the urgent need for re-examining the entire basis under which the 15 divisional councillors of the Cape are elected, and for broadening the basis to include many of our ratepayers who at present have no effective representation even at this lowest level of personal participation in local affairs '

He had stressed to the Administrator that if the issue were not tackled urgently, it would become increasingly difficult to find businessmen of ability prepared to serve on the council for any length of time

He had called on the Administrator to ensure the Provincial Council re-examined "the effectiveness of this (Divisional) council as presently constituted '

'Inappropriate'

Mr Bridgman said a further reason for his resignation was that Hout Bay and Llandudno could soon be allowed by the Administrator to elect their own councillor It was inappropriate' that 10 000 out of 18 000 should come from one ward

He had found his duties for Ward 10 "frustrating and he believed his successor would find it equally so if the ward remained as presently delimited

He called on the council to find means of restructuring the present mode of operation so ratepayers associations could feel their views were more effectively considered by the council

Mr Bridgman's resignation from the Divisional Council takes effect at the October meeting of the council

He said he would in future devote more time to promoting the provision of multi purpose community centres for coloured people

Night bus users still have six weeks

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EAST LONDON — Bus users still have about six weeks before they will have to make alternative arrangements for getting home at night.

The city council's decision to cut the night-time buses has yet to be approved by the Road Transportation Board in Port Elizabeth, which will probably take at least four weeks

The city mechanical engineer, Mr C. K. Andreas, said the cuts would only be implemented about two weeks after the transportation board gave the go ahead.

All four routes operating after 6 pm will cease to operate once the cut-back becomes effective

Mr Andreas could not give figures to show how many people would be affected by the cut-back, but said a study of bus utilisation at night had shown it to be "disappointingly low"

Explaining the reason for the cut-back, Mr Andreas said the service was "grossly uneconomic" at present.

"A study we made of the service's efficiency proved that in some cases, expenditure exceeded income by more than 200 per cent."

The Action Committee recommended that fares be increased by up to 22 per cent and all services after 6 pm should stop.

The fare increase was rejected but the cut-back was approved

"Some months ago we cut back services after about 7 30 pm," Mr Andreas said.

"However, expenditure has rocketed since then. Our fuel bill alone is R150 000 higher than a year ago "

"The cut in services is nothing original — similar steps have been taken in cities such as Durban "

The four routes will affect people travelling to Vincent, Cambridge, Nahoon, Berea, Amalinda, West Bank and Collondale.

Mr Andreas did not think the municipality would have to lay off any drivers, but said his department was looking at the situation.

Meanwhile, staff at the city library are in a quandary about the termination of evening buses

The city librarian, Miss M van Deventer, said 40 per cent of the lending library staff used buses.

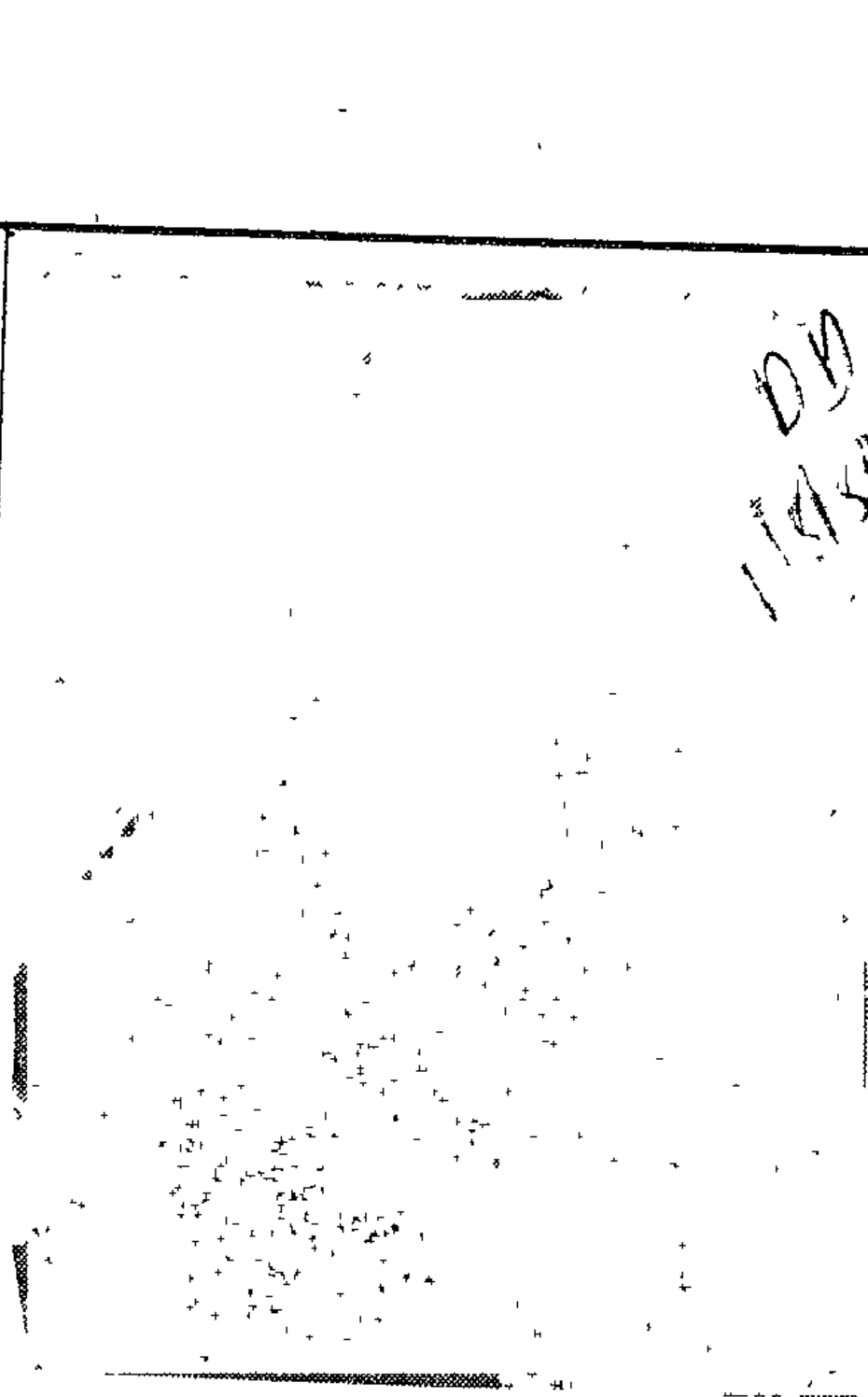
"The implication to the library could be serious," she said.

Durban's central library had to revise its hours of opening after night-time buses were stopped last year — DDR

6 die as quake rocks India

NEW DELHI — At least six people were killed and 13 were seriously injured when houses collapsed as a result of powerful earthquakes in Uttar Pradesh state. — SAPA-AP.

Campaign to stop council bus move



MR BOTHA

EAST LONDON — A West Bank man has started a one-man campaign against the council decision to stop buses running after 6 pm.

If the municipality went ahead with this plan a final resort would be to put the case to the government, Mr Franz Botha, a guard on the Railways, said yesterday

"It seems the council just couldn't care," Mr Botha said

"They are people who sit behind desks and push pens across paper

"How would they like to work 18 hours a day and then have to walk home?"

If buses were more regular and reliable they would not be losing R600 000 per year, and if they intended removing bus transport why had they bought new buses, asked Mr Botha

"These people expect us to vote for them in September It's time there were some changes in the council members The East London council is a dead loss," he said

There was dissatisfaction with the inadequate bus service to the West Bank and Collondale, while the majority of buses supplied the Moore Street, Cambridge and Nahoon areas

It would be preferable to increase bus fares slightly and at least have a 6 30 and 9 30 pm bus to take people from work and those needing transport to the hospital, Mr Botha said

As far as he knew there was no other city in South Africa without a night-time bus service — DDR.

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Nats plotting to oust Card me says

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EAST LONDON — The mayor, Mr Donald Card, has accused the National Party of using undercover tactics to try to oust him from his seat in the coming municipal elections

The man behind it all, he says, is former mayor Mr Robbie de Lange snr, who Mr Card claims is trying to get as much support as possible to make it easier for him to take over as mayor

Mr De Lange rejected the claims as "utter nonsense" and said Mr Card was looking for an excuse to justify being opposed during his first term as mayor

Mr Card said he had heard a number of rumours which, when put together, convinced him the National Party was operating "unofficially" to try to get certain people onto council

This followed the news that former municipal employee Mr Cliff Bintley had decided to stand in Ward 7, against Mr Card, after having previously announced that he would contest Ward 5

"I have heard it said that Mr Bintley was told not to contest Ward 5, as it would be a three-cornered fight with Mr Willem Morris and Mr John Orpen," Mr Card told the Daily Dispatch yesterday

"There are a number of strange incidents surrounding Mr Bintley's decision to stand against me"

Firstly, he believed Mr De Lange had been actively involved in recruiting some of his "supporters" to contest certain seats

"I overheard a conversation outside my office which made me start thinking about the involvement of party politics," he said

The conversation, allegedly between Mr De Lange and another councillor, Mr Neville Randall, concerned the recruitment of candidates to fight against some of the more liberal councillors

When he confronted Mr Randall, Mr Card said the councillor admitted that the discussion had centred around finding someone to oppose Mr Brian Snell in Ward 4

Mr Randall disputed this yesterday, saying "I was not party to that"

He said he was unaware of the discussion in the corridor and had not discussed the matter with Mr Card

Mr Card was adamant that he had spoken to Mr Randall and said he had the conversation on tape

Another incident which made him wonder at the extent of party involvement was the announcement of Mr Bintley's decision to oppose him

"Nominations closed at noon on July 29, yet less than an hour later SABC news announced that I would fight my seat against Mr Bintley," Mr Card said

"None of us could get hold of Mr Bintley to find out where he was standing, but the SABC knew about it And everybody knows the connections the SABC has 'with the National Party'"

Mr Bintley said the National Party had nothing to do with his decision

"It was a personal decision to change wards, and the National Party had nothing to do with it," he said

Mr Card believed the National Party was giving support to at least four candidates, including Mr Bintley, and all four were contesting "liberal" seats

He believed Mr H J Mountjoy had support against Mr Joe Yazbek, as did Mr Willem Morris against Mr John Orpen and Dr S. F Coetzee against Mr Brian Snell.

All three denied any National Party support yesterday and felt there was no place for politics in the city council

"It isn't a case of sour grapes, just that I am hurt to find that people should stoop so low — and especially a Freeman of the town (Mr De Lange)"

Mr De Lange laughed off suggestions that he was recruiting friends to get him onto the mayoral chair.

"I'm not concerned with what Mr Card says," Mr De Lange said.

"He has been running around telling people different versions of the set-up But as far as I am concerned, he's talking bloody nonsense when he talks about National Party involvement

Asked about the alleged conversation with Mr Randall outside Mr Card's office, Mr De Lange replied "He is always hearing stories

"With due respect, Mr Card is a typical investigator He investigates everything and everywhere.

"Mr Card was unopposed in the last election, and now he wants to go unopposed again," Mr De Lange said

He denied having recruited anybody to stand against any of the "liberal" candidates such as Mr Yazbek, and anyone who said so was "talking through the back of his hat"

"I find it all very amusing," Mr De Lange said

Election day is September 3 — DDR

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Chest may use council name file

Municipal Reporter

THE Community Chest may be the first and only organization to be allowed to use the computerised file of city council electricity consumers' names and addresses for fund-raising

Last month the Chest advised the council that it was finding it increasingly difficult to broaden its base of support chiefly because of the problem of reaching potential donors

The Chest asked the council to make available the computerised list to send appeals through the mail to certain selected areas Yesterday the council's Exco recommended that this request be granted

The City Treasurer reported that labels extracted from the computerised file could be supplied at a "reasonable" cost of R20 for 1 000 labels The Chest estimated that it would require about 60 000

In 1976 a similar request by the Chest was refused on the grounds that it was not council policy to allow access to the address file This has now been reversed because the Community Chest is an umbrella organization covering many welfare and charitable institutions

Exco stressed that in making use of the addresses, no form of advertising in the letters of appeal would be tolerated No other organization would be allowed access to the council address list

● Exco yesterday agreed to recommend to the full council that rewards be offered for the furnishing of information leading to arrest and conviction of people found guilty of malicious damage to council property

Insurance claims submitted in the past three years increased from 285 in 1978 to 437 up to the end of June The cost of claims just for this year is so far R115 360

The claims were in respect of broken windows and doors, electrical fittings, water cisterns, taps and defacing of walls — mainly in the council's letting schemes A reward of R200 may be offered in each case, Exco decided

Money needed for beach constables

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council will be going all out to recruit more men as beach constables and to train them in time for the coming summer season

However, the city is grappling with the problem of financing the extension of the beach constabulary scheme and another approach will be made to the provincial administration for a subsidy

Yesterday a letter from the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association was tabled at the council's Exco meeting

The association said that the increase in the beach constabulary was of primary importance whether a subsidy was granted or not "for the protection of all our citizens who use the beaches"

The association said that the issue had become a priority following the many arrests on beaches last summer It urged the council to increase rates to finance the scheme if the subsidy from the province is not forthcoming

The city council will try to recruit more men to supplement the present force of 44 This number was far short of the 93 proposed in the Sonnenberg Report At present 23 constables were needed at Strandfontein alone

● Exco also decided to seek an interview with the Minister of Finance to ask the government for a bigger general subsidy

During this interview the government will be informed that if it paid rates on its buildings, Cape Town would receive more than R9½ million At present the government subsidy, instead of rates, was only R1 478 701

Bus driver shortage: apartheid ditched

EAST LONDON — The City Council has approved the appointment of bus drivers conductors from all race groups to overcome the shortage of suitable white drivers

The Action Committee authorised the employment of men from all groups earlier this month, as a matter of urgency, with Clr C S A Lutzke dissenting

In another issue affecting municipal staff, the council agreed to increase the pay of apprentice motor mechanics, panel beaters and spray painters and plumbers to between R49,45 weekly (first year) and R123,64 (fourth year)

The increases follow a directive from the secretary of the Apprenticeship Committees, Department of Manpower Utilisation in connection with apprentices in the metal industry

The total cost for the remainder of the year will be R4 260 -- DDR

Cape can't pay higher rates—Louw

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Provincial Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration has told the Treasury politely, but bluntly, that the Cape's ratepayers cannot take continuing rates increases, and additional sources of revenue must be found for local councils.

In an interview yesterday, Mr Gene Louw, Administrator of the Cape said the Cape's ratepayers were already overburdened, and the recent Brown Commission report offered 'no solutions whatever'.

COMMENTS

Asked to comment on the Brown Commission report on the financing of local government, Mr Louw said the Cape Provincial Administration had drafted its comments, and these had been submitted to the Treasury.

When he took office as Administrator a year ago, Mr Louw expressed concern at increasing rates and taxes, and said he would do all he could to keep rates as low as possible.

He had hoped that some relief would be offered in recommendations of the Brown Commission, for without additional sources of revenue or other help, some local authorities might be compelled by rising costs to increase rates to intolerable levels.

Mr Louw said this was specifically true in the Cape, where vast distances compounded the costs of local authorities, particularly due to the sharp increase in fuel prices. Already some help had been given and more was sought for towns generating their own electricity.

The Brown Commission report was disappointing. It contains no solutions whatsoever,' Mr Louw said.

It offers no solutions or additional sources of income to local authorities, which means that the tax burden must become heavier.

PROPERTY VALUES

We have submitted our comments to the Treasury, which is considering the Brown Commission report. We now have to wait on a possible Government White Paper to see their reaction.

'Here in the Cape, because of vast distances and because of the lack of industrial development, our people are already overburdened with taxation,' Mr Louw said.

Defacing of posters condemned

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EAST LONDON — Councillors in tomorrow's municipal elections here have deplored the action of vandals who defaced posters by smudging them with ink

The posters belonged to Mr H J Mountjoy who is seeking election in Ward 6 — which covers parts of Vincent, Berea and Nahoon.

When Mr Mountjoy was phoned for comment yesterday, Mrs Mountjoy answered the phone and said her husband was away in Queenstown on business

She said her husband had left a message to say that should anybody or the Daily Dispatch phone, she should tell them he was not interested to comment or discuss the matter.

Mr Mountjoy's opponent in the election, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he had no knowledge of the ink incident and first read about it in a newspaper report

"I do not want to dabble in this type of thing because I am only interested in a good clean fight and politics should not enter into municipal affairs.

"I am quite sure the voters in Ward 6 are quite capable of deciding which candidate deserves their vote," Mr Yazbek said

Mr Robbie de Lange said every candidate had a democratic right to have his posters up

"I think it was just stupidity on the part of the people who did it What did they think they would achieve by it?" he asked

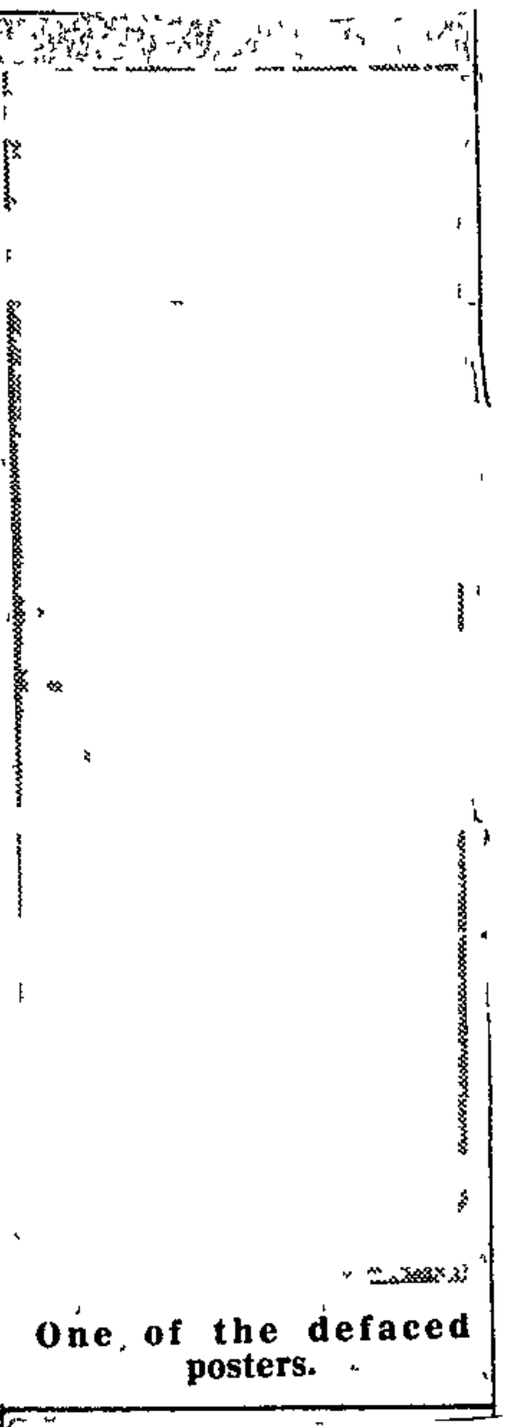
"This to me proves the mentality of the people who could do a thing like that," Mr De Lange said.

The mayor, Mr Donald Card, said he supposed it was done by someone who wanted to refer to Mr Mountjoy's past He said he saw the posters and in his opinion they were not badly defaced.

"It is just something one will have to put up with because even mine were pulled off but I cannot exactly say whether it was done by people or the wind," Mr Card said.

Beneath Mr Mountjoy's posters were photostat copies of a newspaper report about a court case in which he was one of the accused. He was acquitted.

The report refers to an incident at the St George's Road—Gately Street intersection in 1972 when ink thrown from a car spattered a placard and Mrs Shirley Smith who was a member of a Black Sash group protesting against the detention without trial of Father Cosmos Desmond. — DDR



One of the defaced posters.

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Cape asks for additional aid

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Staff Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday that he approached the Minister of Finance last week for additional financial aid for the Cape Province

Mr Louw was speaking at the official opening of Main Road 17 to Ganspan near Jan Kempdorp in the north-east Cape

He said the province had had to cut back expenditure on roads because of recession lasting more than five years

While the consumer price index for 1975 to 1979 increased by 55,3 percent, the funds of the province's department of roads increased by only 13,4 percent

The roads budget increased this year by only 3,6 percent This was too little Taking inflation into account, it could be seen that the province was slipping downhill

The Cape was bigger than all the other provinces together, with longer roads than any other Many roads were exposed to severe conditions

Few people realized that of 59 290 kilometres of main and divisional roads, 54 374 were gravel, and in many instances, "more sand than gravel" About 400 kilometres of main roads were untarred

The government was beginning to have a difficult economic period behind its back The province had co-operated fully in making necessary cuts

Mr Louw expressed confidence that the minister would thoroughly investigate the province's approach to him and that "more light" would be cast next year on the Cape's road construction and maintenance programme

Indian and Coloured vote could swing poll

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EAST LONDON — A total of 163 coloureds, Indians and Chinese are eligible to vote in Ward 3 in today's municipal elections

And last night the chairman of the dormant East London Indian Association, Mr Kemal Casoojee, urged these voters to vote for Mr Fred Stakemire who is opposing Mr I van der Merwe.

"It is a vote we must exercise to bring in Mr Stakemire who has an excellent record in civic affairs," Mr Casoojee said.

Ward three includes North End, Stoneydrift, Milner Estate, Belgravia and Chiselhurst and there is a total of 3 093 voters on the roll

In the 1978 election in the ward, Mr Rob Snodgrass beat Mr Ted Brassel in a 19 per cent poll — and it was said the Indian and coloured vote contributed to Mr Snodgrass' victory. — DDR

No wishing away unrest — Kreiner

CAPE TIMES 10/9/88

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE deep-seated problems leading to the recent unrest in Cape Town could not be wished away and great responsibility rested on the shoulders of the City to find solutions to them, Cape Town's Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, said yesterday

Reviewing the past year in an address during his installation for a second one-year term of office, Mr Kreiner expressed his condolences to those who lost family members in the unrest created by the school, bus and meat boycotts

Lives had been lost unnecessarily, he said

It was imperative that solutions should be found to the problems which gave rise to the unrest This did not lie only with City leaders and politicians but also with inhabitants of the City, who had to be willing to see each other's point of view

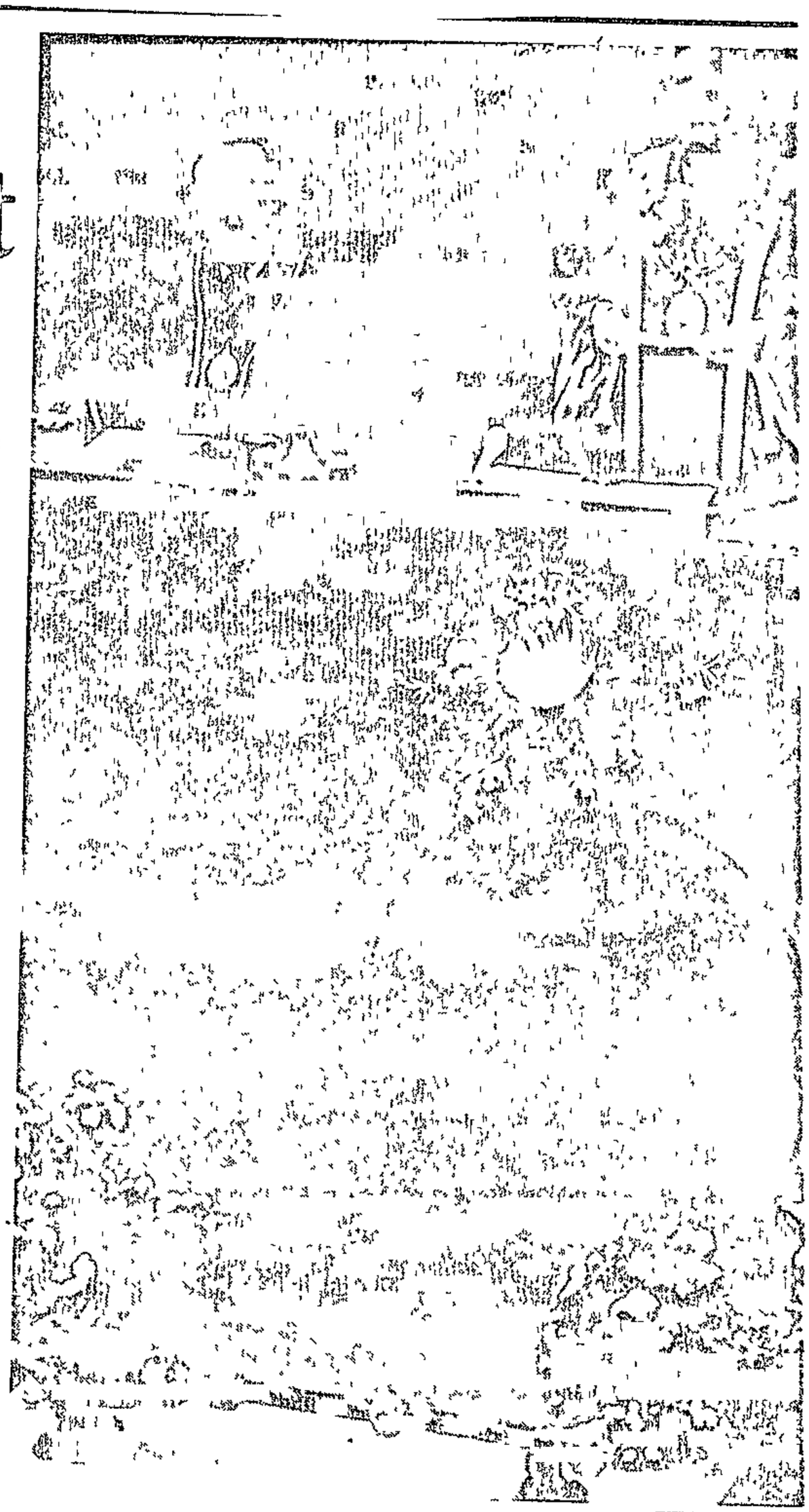
He appealed to everybody with grievances to approach him — whether they were schoolchildren, the bus company, representatives or committees If he could not offer solutions, he could act as arbitrator

He reported that he and the Deputy Mayor, Mr M J van Zyl, had had an interview with the Minister and the Director-General of Transport regarding the disruption caused by the continued bus boycott He was awaiting a reply to their representations

Mr Kreiner said the crime rate was cause for great concern This had been brought home to him personally in a painful manner He was referring to the slaying of his brother, Mr Arnold Kreiner in a Milnerton supermarket two weeks ago

Other points made by Mr Kreiner were

- The City's tourist industry was on the upswing, with Captour performing dynamic and reliable service
- Urban transport caused continuous anxiety, but the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Council had worked hard behind the scenes and it was hoped that the means could be found to implement proposals presented to the central and provincial governments



The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Louis Kreiner, right, and the Deputy Mayor, Mr M J (Kosie) van Zyl, were installed for a second one-year term during a statutory City Council meeting in the Foreshore Civic Centre yesterday The ceremony in the flower-bedecked council chamber was witnessed by city councillors, council officials, and a public audience of more than 200

Re: Term 3: Here it is suggested that a discount factor equal to (or slightly higher than) the interest rate on a comparable loan should be used for this term. This stream is riskier than the stream in Term 2 because the lessee requires to have a taxable income to get the cash flow.

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4.8 *Fission and Fusion*

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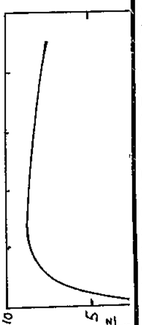

5. *Interactions and Measurements of Nuclear Radiations*

We consider only radiations (particles) having kinetic energies in the energy range (between ~ 0 1 MeV and a few × 10 MeV) typical of nuclear physics. The interactions of these radiations with matter are basic to many phenomena and to many aspects of nuclear technology. Examples are the detection of nuclear radiation, the design of radiation shielding and the assessment of radiation dose.

5.1 *Interaction of radiation with matter*

As a preliminary group of particles (radiations) we will

Findings on municipal financing criticized

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

ANOTHER salvo of criticism has been fired at the findings of the Browne Commission into local-authority financing

Yesterday's attack came from Cape Town's City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, who warned that the Browne recommendations could lead to a greater rate burden in Cape Town

He emphasized that an accurate assessment of the effect on Cape Town's finances was not possible because of the lack of clarity regarding some of the recommendations, but the prospect of financial relief for Capetonians was remote

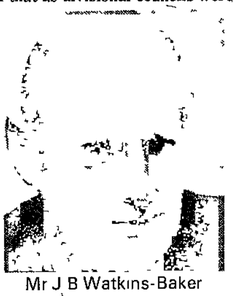
"Indeed," Mr Watkins-Baker said, "the ultimate result in say five years' time if all the (Browne) committee's recommendations were implemented could possibly mean an additional burden on rates"

He accused the commission of not realizing that rates were already too high and needed to be stabilized or reduced, and described the reasons given for some of the findings as unconvincing, unsubstantiated and arbitrary

The 147-page report contained more than 130 recommendations and consisted of three volumes, of which only the first had been published The remaining two volumes contained supporting annexures and statistics

Meanwhile, the Browne Commission has rejected pleas by local authorities for additional sources of income, such as full rates on State and Railways properties, and exemption from sales tax and customs and excise duties

In a report adopted by the Cape Town City Council's Exco yesterday, Mr Watkins-Baker said that as divisional councils were not covered by the commission, no account was taken of the fact that municipal ratepayers in the Cape Province had to carry the additional burden of divisional council rates


Mr J B Watkins-Baker

Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria had been specially classed as "metropolitan core" cities, but the commission had not given sufficient consideration to the vital contribution of these major cities to the country's economy It tended to ignore or explain away the additional costs and problems associated with a large community, and therefore apparently saw no need for relief

He was highly critical of the commission's finding that big metropolitan authorities, when compared with other authorities, had easier access to the capital market and a greater ability to accumulate internal funds

He felt this finding was unsubstantiated and gave the impression that the commission believed "big authorities spend more money because they can raise the necessary capital" A more likely explanation — that core cities had to spend more money because of the problems associated with large-scale intensive urbanization — was not touched on by the commission

In only one instance was the heavier burden for cities hinted at, and that was where the report agreed that services had to be supplied to undertakings whose employees lived outside the city

The commission had suggested that the United Municipal Executive (the body representing the provincial municipal associations) should co-ordinate local authority employees' salaries in "close co-operation" with the provincial administrations and the Public Service Commission

Mr Watkins-Baker felt the control already exercised over salaries of town clerks, and thus over all municipal personnel, had seriously affected the ability of local authorities to recruit and retain staff

The commission referred to the scarcity of staff but had no suggestions on how to alleviate this other than by appointing personnel managers, who were in scarce supply, and by training Further control of salaries was more likely to exacerbate the problem

The commission was not happy with the idea that local authorities should increase their ability to attract staff with competitive salaries, yet it acknowledged the existence of acute personnel problems

Allocation

The commission had proposed the allocation of expenditure to coloured, Indian and African population groups by way of "transfer payments" based on a formula of "need minus ability to pay" of these groups Transfer payment was a new concept and the full implications were not clear at present

However, to effect the transfer payments would mean an additional burden on Cape Town ratepayers

The City Treasurer pointed out that as far as Cape Town was concerned, it was not possible to isolate accurately all expenditure incurred in coloured management committee areas, in the Indian area of Rylands, or in Mitchells Plain

The development of Athlone, for example, had been part of the development of the City and many of its services were integrated with services in surrounding areas

Other aspects criticized by Mr Watkins-Baker was the proposal that the subsidy to the ambulance service should be reduced from 100 to 87,5 percent, which would mean a loss of R400 000 to the City

He pointed out that the ambulance service was not for the City alone but for the whole metropolitan region, and it was provided by the City as an agent of the provincial administration The present 100 percent refund was not a subsidy, but a reimbursement of costs incurred The reasons given (for reduction of the subsidy) were "arbitrary and unsubstantiated"

Another Browne proposal — that the present government subsidy of R1,75 million instead of full rates on State property be replaced by a subsidy of one percent of general services income, plus 10 percent extra for being a metropolitan core city — would mean a loss of R750 000 to Cape Town

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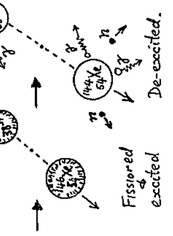

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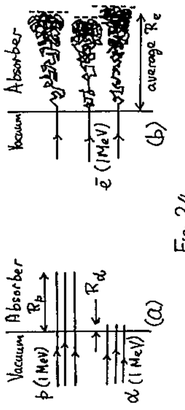

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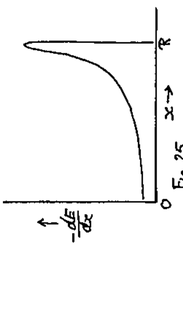

Fig 25

MSO workers get pay rise

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EAST LONDON — Workers of the Mdantsane Special Organisation have been put on the same salary scale as municipal workers doing similar work in East London following continued worker dissatisfaction.

The pay increases were announced in a letter from the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr G. de V Morrison, to the former MP for East London North, Mr John Malcomess

Dr Morrison revealed that wage staff were granted a ten per cent increase on January 1 and a regrade providing a 15 per cent increase on July 1

Salaried staff received a 7,5 per cent increase in January and an average 12,5 per cent more in July.

In addition, contract workers are now eligible for an extra month's leave at the end of their three-year contract

"It can further be reported that the dissatisfaction among the staff has abated and productivity has returned to normal," Dr Morrison wrote

"Liaison committees have been elected and the wage staff liaison committee has had several meetings."

Dr Morrison also announced that a further R2 million has been earmarked for the development of Mdantsane This is on top of the R4,5 million allocated for 1979-80 and the R5 million allocated for 1980-81

The first signs of trouble at MSO were in June last year when reports of a strike were denied by the chief commissioner of Co-operation and Development in the Eastern Cape, Mr D. Hitge.

Non-contract workers were working a three-day week and were reported to be dissatisfied that contract employees and senior officials had retained their full-time jobs and pay.

More than 400 workers were reported to have been laid off.

In April this year 700 workers employed to build houses downed tools after complaints about management's attitude.

General grievances were that workers were being badly treated and being fired or suspended for trivial reasons.

Mr Malcomess said the main problem at the MSO seemed to be that employees were regarded as temporary staff despite some having worked more than 17 years.

"This means to start with that they do not accumulate any pension benefits," Mr Malcomess said

"I think it is highly undesirable to find a government in 1980 which, by the subterfuge of calling people temporary employees' disposes of all responsibility for ultimate pension benefits"

"Also, because they were not civil servants they had no organisational means of fighting their case with the government. — DDR

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Council rift

AST LONDON — he East London ity council faces a urther political rift ollowing allegaions that the rogressive Federal arty has gained conol of the council nd placed party en in key posions.

The new controversy, ked off by a report in he Oosterlig newspaper Port Elizabeth, centres ound a meeting in the ffice of the mayor, Mr Card, before the ssed council meeting at hich committee hairmen were chosen.

Mr Card has instructed lawyers to demand an ology and a correction n the newspaper for a port in Wednesday's ition under the headline FP grip strengthened "

He has also briefed ncipal attorneys to investigate the possibility of a criminal offence having been committed by whoever supplied details of the closed council meeting to the newspaper.

The report suggested a rsonal dispute between Card and a former mayor, Mr Robbie de Lange, had "clearly echoed in the choosing of committee chairmen." Mr De Lange, who had served 35 years on counci, was not chosen as chairman of any of the council's committees.

The report said Mr Card had called a caucus

By IAN WYNNE
News Editor

meeting with some of the PFP councillors before the council meeting

It said it believed "moderate" councillors such as Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Neville Randall and Mrs Elsabe Kemp had been refused permission to enter the meeting by Mr Card

It said none of the three had been willing to comment on the refusal

Mr Card confirmed yesterday he had called a meeting of 10 councillors before the full council meeting

"I called it because I felt there had been such a split in council over the election issue that it was essential to get some councillors together and consolidate I asked 10 councillors I knew were not involved with Robbie de Lange," he said

He wanted them to work in the interests of East London and form a core of councillors willing to continue with the running of the city and who would put political disputes aside

"Committees were discussed A number of us felt we could not work with Mr De Lange as a committee head after he had openly opposed us all along the line," Mr Card said

Politics had not been discussed and it had been made clear before the meeting it would not be political, he said.

The entire council, with the exception of Mr De Lange snr, Mr Robbie de Lange jnr, Mrs Kemp, Mr Bezuidenhout, Mr Willem Morris and Mr Randall were present

"Others would have been welcome and I refused nobody permission to come in," Mr Card said

He said he had not invited Mrs Kemp to attend because she had telephoned three other councillors and asked them to stand against him as mayor

This was denied by Mrs Kemp yesterday

She and Mr Randall, however, confirmed they were not refused entry to the meeting, though both saw the mayor was busy as the light outside his office was on They did not seek entry to the meeting

Mr Randall said he had never been approached by the Oosterlig Mr Bezuidenhout could not be reached for comment

In a joint statement yesterday two PFP members on the council disputed the allegations in the Oosterlig report

"There are only seven PFP members on council. The balance of the councillors (nine) who form the majority are either uncommitted or supporters of either the New Republic Party or the National Party," they said

They said the report was "factually incorrect and distorted "

The report claimed Mr De Lange had been nominated as chairman of some of the committees, but lost each vote "thanks to the PFP majority "

It said important committees now headed by the PFP element were the action committee (Mr Spring), the works committee (Mr Tony Recsei), the finance committee (Mr Lipworth), the market and library committee (Mr Stakemire) and the industrial development committee (Mr Yazbek).

Mr Spring and Mr Lipworth said it was a gross distortion to suggest the mayor could influence the election of committee chairmen "These heads are nominated from the floor and elected by popular vote," they said.

Both Mrs Kemp and Mr Randall "who can by no stretch of the imagination be considered as PFP members" had been elected as committee chairmen, they said.

Mr Recsei disputed the allegation he was a member of the PFP and a further allegation that he had been elected to council by PFP support

"I am not a member of any political party and never have been," he said.

He denied standing for council on a PFP ticket. "A number of councillors had been asking me for some years to stand for council as they felt I could be of assistance on the industrial side," he said. — DDR

De Lange brought politics to city affairs say colleagues

EAST LONDON — The former Mayor of East London, Mr Robbie De Lange, had actively brought politics into council affairs in 1974 by writing to the then Prime Minister, promising to use his influence as mayor to further the policy of the government, two city councillors claimed yesterday.

Mr Errol Spring and Mr Ian Lipworth handed to the Daily Dispatch a copy of a personal letter to Mr B J Vorster from Mr De Lange in which he told Mr Vorster he had been elected for another term of office despite expectations that Mr Joe Yazbek would be elected mayor with Mr Fred Stakemire as his deputy by a council in which the "progressive element" was in the majority

He said Mr Yazbek and Mr Stakemire were both "ultra-progressive".

Mr De Lange told Mr Vorster "strangely enough" some of the progressive element had voted for him and he had been elected by 11 votes to five

After notifying Mr Vorster his son, Robert jnr, had also been elected to council, Mr De Lange said "I will further assure you that I will give personal leadership within the council in the execution of your policy and that of the government"

Mr Spring and Mr Lipworth said in a joint statement yesterday "This hardly reflects the actions of a man who proposed politics should be kept out of council and who accuses the PFP of being guilty of the very attitude he has seen fit to adopt in the past "

Mr De Lange last night dismissed their allegations as "petty and childish "

"What is wrong with my letter? I would write it again," he said

It was time councillors got on with the business of running the city as the present attitude adopted by some of the councillors was making East London the laughing stock of the country, he said

"It is the first time in 35 years on council I have found personal documents being removed from council files and being used for political propaganda It is a shocking state of affairs "To use such documents shows the immaturity of these people in public life," he said — DDR

PERSOONLIK

13 September 1974.

Die Eerste Minister,
Sy Edele J.J. Vorster,
Parlementsgebou,
Waalstraat,
KAAPSTAD.

Geagte Eerste Minister,

Ten eerste wil ek my innige dank en waardering aan u oordra vir alles wat u die afgelope twee jaar gedurende my ampstermyn vir ons in Oos-Londen mee gehelp het.

Dit is vir my 'n besondere voorreg om u in kennis te kan stel dat ek vir 'n verdere termyn herkies is. Soos u tereg weet is die Progressiewe-element die meerderheid in dieRaad, en die gedagte was dat hulle sou oorneem deur die Onderburgemeester - mnr. Yazbek as Burgemeester - en mnr. Stakemire as Onderburgemeester te kies - altwee ultra-progressief.

Ek was toe genader deur ander lede van die Raad om my weer verkiesbaar te stel. Eers was ek baie huiwerig omrede u sal verstaan dat dit 'n temelike veeleisende taak is, maar in die geval is die saak vir my groter dan die persoon. Eienaardig genoeg, daar is van die Progressiewe lede wat ook vir my gestem het en ek is met 11 teen 5 stemme herkies.

Dit is ook met trotsheid dat ek u kan meedeel dat my oudste seun Robert, ook nou tot die Raad gekies is, en dit nogal in die Wyk wat ek verteenwoordig. Dit is nou pa en seun in een Wyk, en hy het ook die saak met toegewydheid aangepak, en ek voel oortuig dat hy 'n aanwins sal wees.

Ek wil u verder verseker dat ek in die Raad persoonlike leiding sal gee ten uitvoering van u en die Regering se beleid.

Alle krag en goeie wense word u vir die toekoms toegewens.

Vriendelike groete.

die uwe,

ROBBIE L. de LANGE V.R.
BURGEMEESTER

Ambulance chief 'needs more men'

CAPE TIMES 26/4/80 (263)

By STEPHEN WROTTESLEY

CAPE TOWN'S ambulance chief, Mr Basil Warner, yesterday criticized the doctors' tarriff increase of November last year, saying he believed it had resulted in a workload that had severely drained the resources of the ambulance services

He also criticized the Provincial Administration for not giving him more men and equipment to handle the workload, which had grown by 10 percent last year and which he expected to have grown by more than 10 percent this year

Mr Warner said he tried to provide a "reasonable service", but this was difficult with the forced use of staff on overtime to try to maintain the service

The Provincial Administration pays 100 percent of the service's costs but it is managed by the City Council It trains personnel from throughout the Cape and its ambulances are often seconded to municipalities that are short-staffed

Mr Warner said the service handled 100 000 calls in 1978 and this had increased in 1979 to 110 000 He expected this year's figure to be about 125 000 calls

Without additional staff and additional vehicles, he could not cope with the increase, he said

The doctors' increase in their tarriffs last year had resulted in an increased workload for the ambulance service People now went to hospitals instead of going to doctors They used ambulances to take them to hospital

Complaints

Doctors increased their fees in November last year by 52 percent, amid wide-ranging complaints

Mr Warner said he had 181 drivers, but that at any time of the year 15 of these were on leave At the moment a further 15 were doing army training

It was only in times of war that members of the ambulance service were classified key services and in peace-time, they still had to perform military duties

From the remaining personnel, he tried to provide a service of 18 ambulances on any one shift, but this was difficult even using men working overtime

Mr Warner, who has been ambulance chief since October last year said that as soon as he had seen the dramatic increase, he had gone the the Provincial Aministration to request more staff and more vehicles

He had been told to do what he could to maintain the service, but that he could have no more men

He said he believed that to maintain a reasonable service he would like to have an ambulance at the scene of a call within 10 minutes, but in some cases it was only possible to have one there in 30 minutes

He said he had told his men he did not want any call refused and thereby have a patient die on his hands

'If I have done anything wrong I will answer for it later 'I will convey the people first," he said

Fees

He said that while people had to pay R12 to be taken to hospital, it was mainly only private patients who ended up paying This was because ambulance fees for people transported to provincial hospitals were incorporated in their hospital fees

The bills were later gauged according to the patient's abil-

District Six — 'a spirit scattered'

Staff Reporter

DISTRICT SIX had not been 'just a playground for skollies and criminals', and its destruction was a blow to Cape Town Mr George Manuel, author and journalist, said yesterday

Speaking at a lunch-hour meeting of the Institute of Citizenship, Mr Manuel an authority on District Six, said the Cape Flats could never replace the area as a home for the coloured people, whose "spirit has been scattered with them

The media, particularly newspapers, had been responsible for entrenching public notions about District Six as a "hell's kitchen", by playing up incidents that occurred there during the "silly season"

"I remember District Six as a thriving, throbbing, cosmopolitan area where Jews, coloureds, Indians and Malays lived cheek by jowl in peace and harmony," Mr Manuel said

It was a place where people really lived life to the full There were no race riots or racial tensions, yet District Six was given a reputation as being an anti-social place

"The people I remember were known for their Samaritan characteristics always willing to help one another out But then sympathetic characters were lost through being uprooted and scattered over the Cape Flats and their feeling of belonging has been greatly reduced "

Mr Manuel said District Six's reputation had grown largely from that part of the area known as Wells Square, a densely populated part where people got up to "all sorts of fun and games

"This later became known as hell's kitchen and a police station was set up in the centre of the square "

But the district's notorious gangs, said Mr Manuel ran an amateurish operation compared with the gangs in American cities and even with today's gangs on the Cape Flats The District Six gangs were mostly concerned with waging war against rival gangs, and not against the community as a whole as was happening today

Cape Town lost much of its character and charm in the destruction of District Six — a character and charm that can never really be replaced, even if the former residents of District Six were to move back into the area tomorrow," he said

'Mixed' move is bogged down

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Cape Town's attempts to have a range of leisure and sports facilities opened to all races, or at least for mixed inter-club events, has become bogged down somewhere in Pretoria.

The City Council's applications, which affects sports facilities throughout the Peninsula from Green Point to Athlone, was made on June 24. There has been no response.

"We started negotiations for open sports facilities more than a year ago and we have got no further," said the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh.

The latest applications were the result of a top-level meeting between council representatives, the Minister of Sport and Recreation, Mr Janson, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Marais Steyn, which took place in Cape Town in May last year.

At the meeting the council was instructed to make a separate application for each facility. A list was drawn and accepted by a meeting of the council on May 30.

Senior officials of the two Government departments concerned were not available for comment.

City rates likely to be slashed by 20 pc

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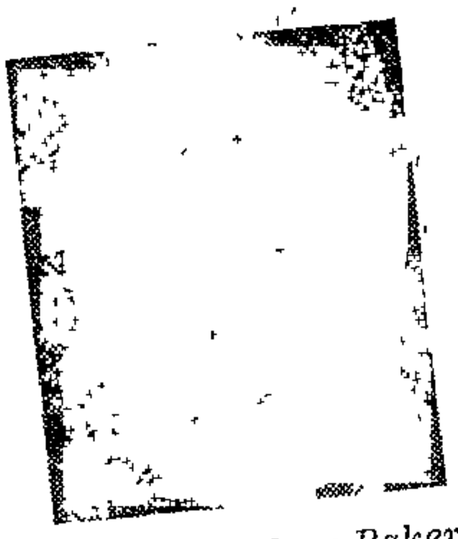
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S residential ratepayers could have their rates slashed by 20 percent next year if the council agrees to a recommendation of its Executive Committee at a special meeting next week.

The executive has recommended that the council impose a differential rating system granting the owners of residential property a 20 percent rates rebate

At the same time the executive has also recommended improved rates rebates for pensioners

The executive has turned down requests for historic buildings and national monuments to be granted a rates rebate but has left the door open for further negotiatons on this question



Mr J B Watkins-Baker

The executive has also made it clear that the owners of vacant and underdeveloped land will, sometime in the future, be faced with higher rates than those imposed at present

The executive has also recommended that at this stage the council remain with its 'flat rate' rating system but that as soon as suitably qualified people are available the City Treasurer, Mr J. B Watkins-Baker investigates other methods of rating

State payment

They have also turned down a request from the Hotel and Accommodation Association of the Cape for non-licensed hotels to be treated as private residential property for purpose of rates

The executive's report makes it clear that the council is determined that the State should foot the bill for the preservation of historic buildings and monuments and if any form of rates relief is granted, the State should make up the difference

Although the differential rating system is likely to increase the rates burden of commerce and industry — it will probably mean higher prices — the additional rates burden on commerce and industry will then be spread among a much larger percentage of Cape Town's population

The rebate granted to pensioners has been increased to 30 percent for those with an income of R200 or less, 20 percent for R300 or less and 10 percent for the maximum of R400 or less

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Rates ?

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The present set of far reaching recommendations arises out of the rating review report drawn up by Mr Watkins-Baker in which he outlined all the rating options open to the council

The executive's decision to go ahead with a revised rates system stems from the final outcome of the report of Browne Committee which investigated local authority finance and offered little if anything in the way of alternative sources of revenue for local authorities

In the rating review report, Mr Watkins-Baker pointed out that if the 20 percent differential rating system has been introduced in 1979 the actual rate reduction to residential property owners would have been 13,7 percent while the increase to be met by all other ratepayers would have been 7 8 percent

'Although these figures will change from year to year, the difference is unlikely to be material,' Mr Watkins-Baker added

The council's special meeting to consider the recommendations will take place on Thursday.

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Bonteheuwel

'Packed like sardines... and no space to breathe'

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'WE are young people under 20 years of age living in Bonteheuwel, which means we live day and night with the skollie problem and we say the City Council is making matters worse by their present policy.

'(1) We call on the council to stop the "infill" scheme now

'Perhaps some of your readers don't know what the council is doing with this scheme. Imagine a family of 6, 10, 12 people living in a standard council house of two or three rooms plus kitchen, with tiny front gardens and backyards where small kids can play. You've been living there for up to 20 years ever since Group Areas kicked you out of town, or Mowbray or Claremont

ONE DAY

'One day a man from the council tells you a maisonette will be built in your backyard For strangers. And that's that. The kids must play in the street, there are not enough washing lines, no space to fix the car, etc

'If you're lucky the people transplanted into your yard will be decent neighbours but you're all packed like sardines.

NO SPACE

'Kids hang around on street corners because there is no space to breathe and too much tension at home. They're sick of being pushed around and so they pick on other people If the newcomers are bad types, things will be worse

'The council appeals to our sympathy for poor squatters and says its cheaper to build in our yards as water, electricity, etc are already laid on, than to build in a new area.

SOCIAL COST

'But we say — don't just count the money, count the social cost Bonteheuwel is overpopulated already, the place is exploding Stop squeezing people in here

'And when we look at the Good Hope Centre or the new Civic Centre, we can't believe you can't fund the money.

Forget about infill and build sportsfields and playgrounds. By the way, this would help create jobs too, thus helping the skollie problem.

THE PLAIN

'(2) Stop forcing people to move to Mitchell's Plain Let them choose. As soon as your income goes above the council's maximum, you have to leave Bonteheuwel and rent or buy in the Plain True, we are a "sub economic" area and there are people on the waiting list. We're sorry for them but it's crazy for the council to break up this struggling community

'Some families have been there for 20 years They didn't want to leave their homes to come here but they're settled now Over the years this mix-up of people from so many so-called "white" areas (as well as some who came by choice) has started becoming a community Why force a family to move yet again because their income has gone up Maybe just above the limit?'

NEED THEM

'Some of them are community leaders If they feel they belong here and are brave enough to stay, let them, We need them

'(3) Let people buy their houses in Bonteheuwel if they want to

'Surely the council can work out some home ownership scheme here? Then you'll see people improving the place when they feel they've got a stake in it. Isn't it time this stopped feeling like a transit camp' and got the chance of becoming a rooted community?

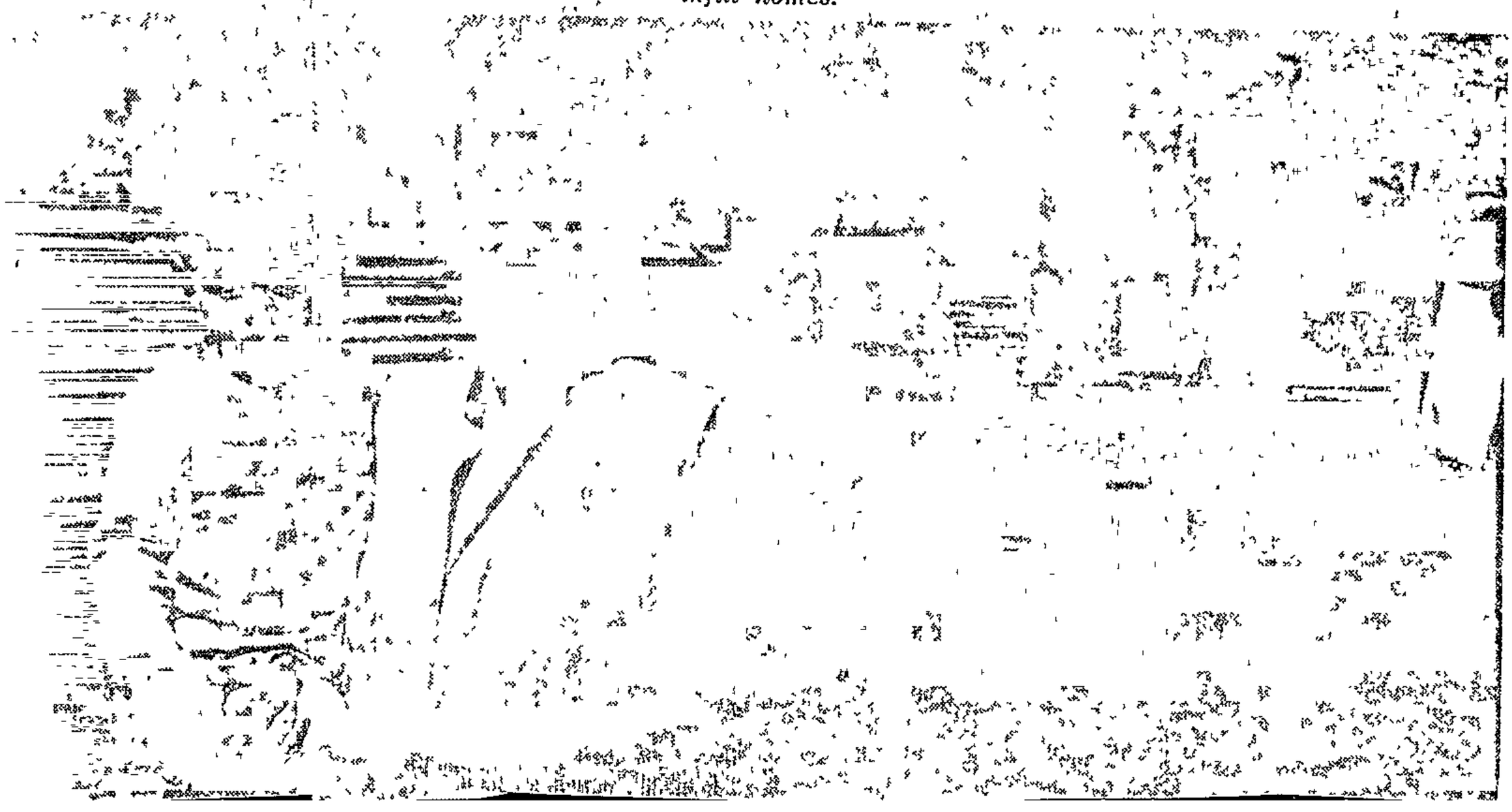
NO VOTE

'We don't have the vote in City Council or any other elections but we're citizens of Cape Town born and bred, and our problems are yours

'Of course we don't say the council alone can cure the skollie problem — our whole society must be cured first. But it's time the council stopped making the problem worse.'

Infill dilemma:

RECENTLY completed infill maisonette built on the vacant corner of a block of houses as is the policy with all the new infill homes.



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Scheme provides desperately needed housing, says Stott

THE City Council's two in-fill schemes in Bonteheuwel had provided desperately needed accommodation for people who did not wish to move out of the township, and they had been wanted by many space-starved people, the chairman of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said in her reply to the pupils

In commenting, she said while she understood the complaints, she wished to point out that some of their statements were not correct.

The original infill scheme, although built quite close to the two homes in front of each maisonette block, were screened with walls and the houses were left with some side space and a smaller backyard The frontyard remained the same.

ENOUGH SPACE

'There is in fact no reason why children should be playing in the streets and there is enough space left in the back gardens for wash lines and other essentials'

In the original in-fill schemes all the maisonettes were given to families already living in Bonteheuwel

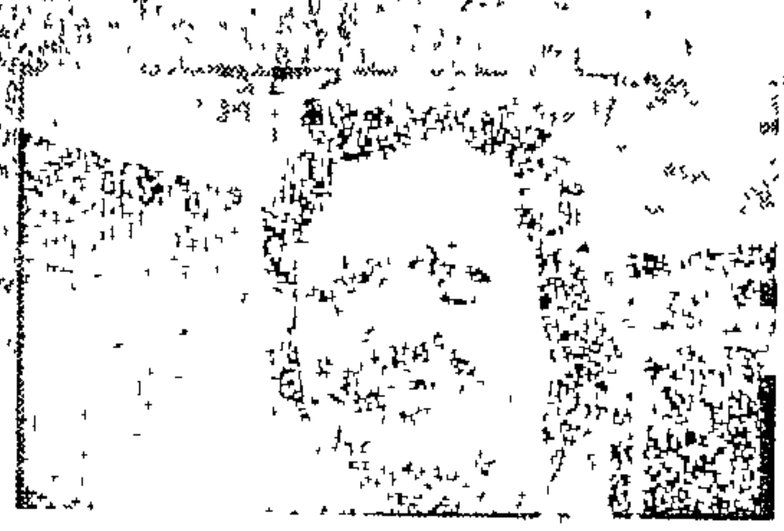
In the new scheme it was true that the Government requested the council to make some of the new Bonteheuwel maisonettes available to squatter families from other areas, but the council was continually negotiating and it did appear as if most of the homes would go to people on the council's waiting list for bigger houses.

The new infill maisonettes which were built this year were not sited at the back of the existing homes as in the old scheme. They were built at the corners of certain existing blocks of houses on ground not used by people living in the area

IMPROVEMENTS

'I must also point out that it was, and still is, council policy that no infill maisonettes is built on land on which tenants have made any significant improvements such as a car-port or a substantial garden.'

She said a sample survey had been undertaken before the schemes were started to get the opinion of affected tenants.



MRS EULALIE STOTT — More important than a certain amount of inconvenience

'In most cases getting a home for a son or daughter or another relation living with them in a small, overcrowded home, was more important than a certain amount of inconvenience and less garden space'

Although when people reached an income level of R650 a month, the maximum for subsidised housing, they had to give up their homes, this happened to about five percent of the residents of Bonteheuwel

'It would be very unfair to allow them to remain when poor families are crying out for cheap housing in the older housing schemes,' Mrs Stott said

Commenting on the sale of houses in Bonteheuwel, she said it would be unfair to sell low-rental accommodation before the housing backlog had been made up

'This cheap accommodation cannot be replaced at today's prices,' she said

NEW POLICY

But, the Government's new policy on housing and rentals, the effects of which were still being worked out, could bring a change in present policy.

The council had, as an experiment, asked the Government to allow it to sell some of the houses in Heideveld, also an infill area.

R11-m spent on Elsies slum properties

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Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape has spent more than R11-m on acquiring slum properties in Elsies River in order to demolish them and to upgrade the area

In his annual report the council's secretary, Mr W R Vivier, says that it has so far bought 2 497 properties at a cost of R11 380 054 and is negotiating to buy another 86.

It has had to rehouse 8 839 families from shacks which have been demolished

Elsies River was one of the worst slums in the country when the Divisional Council took it over from Goodwood Town Council 10 years ago and started a massive rebuilding programme which includes schools, clinics and other amenities as well as housing

NEW HOUSING

A Divisional Council official told The Argus that families displaced when their slum homes were demolished were either put into new housing in Elsies River or into temporary accommodation there

'One of our problems is that there were people there with incomes so low they could not afford to rent even the cheapest sub-economic houses,' he said, 'and had to be offered accommodation in a transit camp'

Mr Vivier says in his report that the council will soon have to consider whether to apply for most of Elsies River to remain a 'frozen' area — which means that property there cannot be sold without first offering it to the council or the Department of Community Development — or whether to let the order lapse next year

He says that some of the slum properties bought by the council 'contained as many as 15 shacks a plot' Many of these shacks contained more than one family

ROADS

Mr Vivier's report says that 8 839 families the council has rehoused were living in a total of 6 606 shacks

He says that in addition to replacing the shacks with 'neat brick-built houses' the council has also provided roads, storm-water drainage sewerage and water

He says the council has cleared all but one of the 27 school sites in Elsies River of squatters Two primary schools have been built and tenders will be called for soon for the construction of another three schools

'During the past year Eureka, Riverton and Connaught Estates have been cleared of shacks and a start has been made with the clearance of Salberau Estate,' his report continues

'The Snake Park squatter camp in Belhar was also cleared and the families rehoused in Elsies River A total of 92 families are still resident in the Malawian Camp'

Mr Vivier's report shows that there are still 2 502 authorised numbered shacks in other parts of the division, whose occupants are waiting to be rehoused by the council

Call to weed out municipal idlers

DAILY DISP 30/1/80 (263)

EAST LONDON — It is time the non-productive element in municipal staff was chopped out.

Addressing the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association's annual meeting at Crewe Primary School last night, the chairman, Mr Andrew Jeans, said it seemed councillors were powerless to act against this unproductive element which was slowly destroying the city

"Even the four per cent increase in rates does not cover the wage bill of the municipality's non-productive empire," he said.

Mr Jeans suggested engaging an outside body to analyse the problem

"I am unhappy with the whole situation," said the the Mayor, Mr Donald Card

"Our heads of departments are in control, and at times I feel we must trim down council employees How to prove our case, I don't know Consultants cost money "

The lack of waterborne sewage in many parts of Amalinda and Haven Hills and Dawn and Summerpride where residents pay fees for a service they do not receive was an important issue, said Mr Jeans

One Summerpride ratepayer suggested a reduction in the R3,75 paid to have sewage emptied.

"There will be a tremendous increase in rates next year," said Mr Card

"The actual cost to the Health Department to remove sewage is a lot more than R3,75. Council is already subsidising people in that area

"It's a case of balancing the budget When we tried to reduce costs by cutting down on buses, everybody screamed

"State Health said unless we start now on a sewerage scheme which will involve R34 million, they'd refuse us permission to let any more sewage into the sea," said Mr Card

"At this stage we cannot get a main line from a place like Summerpride to where a sewerage scheme is situated

"The estimate, not yet passed, for 1981, allots R30 000 for sewerage schemes," said Mr Card

Councillor J H Bezuidenhout added that R30 000 would not build sewerage pipes for 300 metres

The authorities still refused to establish a new school in the area, although Crewe Primary was full to capacity, said Mr Jeans.

"With the forthcoming expansion of our city, where will our children go?" he asked

It would be impossible to have a five stream school as there was no way further additions to the building could be made

Protracted negotiations for a new school had met with little success. The chairman said the matter would have to be taken to the Provincial Council by the executive — DDR

TENANTS UNDER PRESSURE

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Alan Cooper, Property Editor

TENANTS in some blocks of flats in Cape Town are coming under greater pressure to pay higher rents with the possibility of having their flats converted to sectional title.

At the end of last month, tenants in a block of flats in Rondebosch received letters from agents informing them of increases in rents from December. Rents were being increased to provide a reasonable income in relation to the value of the accommodation

The agents added that the owner of the flats had felt at the present that he wanted to give tenants security of tenure by not considering selling the flats

They added that, to ensure that the lessor would not be tempted to sell the building, adequate income must be forthcoming reasonably to justify the decision not to sell individual flat units.

Rents would be increased in comparison with rents in nearby flats, they added

Commented Mr Joe Abel, head of SA Permanent Trust, one of the largest administrators of property in the Cape 'If a landlord wants to increase rents he should not try to justify it by talking about sectional title.

'Income from such investments should be based on the price of that property and consequent increases in maintenance.

'If the possibility of sectional title hangs over tenants' heads in this way the best thing they can do is to try to obtain medium-term leases to protect themselves,' commented Mr Don Kennedy, executive director of the SA Property Owners' Association

'These leases should have built-in increases of rents as a safeguard both for owner and tenant The key to this unfortunate situation is the length of the lease

'But it is written on the wall that this sort of thing is going to happen — that landlords who are tempted by sectional title will increase rents to try to obtain revenue comparable with the sale of their flats

'There is a need in instances of this kind for the owners and tenants to come together to discuss the situation and agree on increases that will satisfy both parties

'Until there is more rented accommodation on the market, however, the present shortage of flats will worsen and tenants will find themselves in similar situations,' he added.

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Council urged to drop minimum water charge

EAST LONDON — Is the minimum charge for water presently paid by East Londoners to be abolished following the stiffer water curbs announced this week?

A Daily Dspatch reader, Mr Stan le Roux, said yesterday he believed the City Council ought to reduce the minimum charge which is around R7 a month for the first 42 kilolitres used.

Mr Le Roux said under the new restrictions it was almost impossible for householders to use that much water. He had used only nine kilolitres during the past month. He felt householders ought to be charged for the amount of water actually used Since this was of necessity so much lower than the minimum stipulated, the minimum charge ought to be dropped.

Officials at the City Treasurer's department agreed Mr Le Roux "had a point".

One municipal official pointed out when the council introduced very restrictive conditions in previous years, "when people were limited to about 35 litres a person a day", the minimum charge had been dropped.

"I imagine that is what they will do when the restrictions reach that stage, but I am not sure if they would do that sort of thing now," he said.

The Town Clerk, Mr J J Human, said Mr Le Roux should write to the municipality so it could look into his query.

The city council's chairman of the works portfolio, Mr Tony Recsei, said he had instructed the council's works department to prepare a plan of action.

"I have asked them to liaise with other centres to find out what measures have been found to be most effective," he said.

"You must realise the municipality budgets in advance. If water consumption goes down there are still debits such as capital charges and employees' wages to be met. This is why nobody wants to comment — they realise you cannot just scrap a minimum charge and lose money. You would have to make the money somewhere else We are having continual meetings on this one. The minimum tariff is one of the angles to be discussed. We will look at it carefully." — DDR

MINUTES OF BURSARY MEETING HELD IN CAPE

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There has been no success with attempting organisations, rather than companies.

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Go-ahead for smokery at Kalk Bay

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's town planning committee yesterday gave the go-ahead to the establishment of a fish smokery at Kalk Bay harbour — subject to the approval of the administrator.

The decision comes in the face of opposition from several quarters, including residents of the Clovelly/Kalk Bay/St James area and the False Bay Conservation Society.

Their opposition has been based on the grounds that Kalk Bay was not an industrial area, property values would be depressed by the stench from the factory and no guarantee could be given that offensive fumes would not be emitted

They added that for years the people of Cape Town had been promised that the False Bay coast would be developed as a tourist and holiday area, smoked fish could be supplied from many existing sources, and the "Hout Bay desecration which started with a small factory" would be repeated.

It was argued further that, in spite of assurances that the smokery would be under strict municipal surveillance, the council had in the past been unable to impose its own laws concerning derelict buildings, littering or dogs on beaches.

The City Council said that it had granted interviews to representative bodies in the Kalk Bay area, and the town planning committee had carefully considered the views expressed. The council said that the town planning committee had decided to grant permission for the smokery to be established and "had regard to the following facts":

- The Medical Officer of Health would be able to control the limited size of the smokery operation envisaged by the applicant (Harbour Fish Market Pty Ltd).
- No fish-meal processing would take place and obnoxious odours would not be allowed.
- The smokery would be similar in size to that found in other fish shops throughout the municipal area, and control and monitoring would be on an on-going basis.
- The smokery had the approval of local fisherman and it would be to their benefit The applicant was both a fisherman and a resident in Kalk Bay.

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Sea Point keys law defaulters face jail and fine

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Provincial Reporter

BOTH employers and servants who contravene the 'keys' ordinance when it is enforced in Sea Point and Green Point will face a maximum penalty of R200 or six months' jail — or both

And for a 'continuing offence' relating to unauthorised use of servants' quarters or unauthorised visitors, the employer and employee may be fined R5 (or five days) for each day the offence continues

This is the penalty laid down in the municipal ordinance and which will apply to Section 183, the new 'keys' law, when it is enforced in Sea Point, Green Point or any other municipal area

Section 183, approved by the Cape Provincial Council last month, is not yet law. But it is expected to be enforced before Christmas if the legal procedures for its enforcement are not delayed

It must still receive the assent of the State President, after which the Administrator must proclaim it in the Cape Provincial Gazette

GOOD RULE

Once the law has been proclaimed the Administrator may, even on the same day, issue a separate proclamation enforcing Section 183 in Green Point and Sea Point (Ward 1, Ward 2 and possibly Ward 3 of the Cape Town Municipality).

Section 183 will only apply in any municipal area or in any ward 'if the Administrator is of the opinion that the application of such provisions is necessary for the good rule and government of such area, ward or wards for the convenience, safety or comfort of the inhabitants of such area, ward or wards.'

He must, in the proclamation, name the areas on which Clause 183 will apply and set a date for then enforcement.

When Section 183 has been enforced, no employer of a domestic servant may allow any visitors or other 'unauthorised persons' to be physically present in the servant quarters between midnight and 8 am

REGISTER

He must keep a register of all 'authorised' servants, their names and reference book numers and the date from which they were authorised to occupy the quarters.

The employer or person in charge of the premises may also not be absent from home between midnight and 8 am, as he must at all times keep 'on such premises' the register and duplicate keys and make them available to 'any police officer or any employee of the council.'

R290m City budget will push up rates

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN city councillors will be asked to pass a budget of more than R290 million at a special meeting tomorrow.

This is the amount required to run the city in 1981 and of this more than R68,5m will have to come from the pockets of ratepayers and government subsidies

Up to yesterday no official word could be obtained on what the increase would be for ratepayers, with unofficial predictions ranging from 15 to 20 percent

The R68,5m required from the rate fund is R11m more than last year's figure of R57,5m and represents a rate increase of almost 20 percent However, this burden will be eased by the 20 percent rebate for homeowners recently passed by the City Council

The other side of the coin is that owners of commercial and industrial properties will have to foot a bigger rates bill to offset the rebate granted to residential ratepayers and extended rebates to elderly people with incomes of less than R400 a month

Briefly, the 1981 budget figures released by the City Council are expenditure R290 376 270, less income from abattoir, amenities, electricity, halls, water supply, etc R218 635 190, leaving a shortfall of R71 741 080, less surplus brought forward from 1980 of R3 188 180, leaving just over R68,5m to be covered by rates and contributions from the government in lieu of rates on state property

Meanwhile, commerce and industry have complained bitterly about the greater rate burden they will be expected to carry, and from several quarters in the business world the view has been expounded that the City Council had granted rebates to homeowners simply to dissipate criticism of its past extravagance

By the same token, only a minority — the business sector — would express dissatisfaction, while the majority — homeowners — would take up a more sympathetic stance towards the City Council

The Chamber of Commerce recently charged that the council was acting contrary to "progressive town councils the world over which did everything possible to attract industry by keeping rates down and offering meaningful incentives to commerce and industry to locate in their areas"

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Rates up 15 pc

By CYNTHIA BRODIE

EAST LONDON — The City Council last night approved sharp increases in rates, sewerage and electricity tariffs and housing rentals for the coming year.

In an effort to balance the council's 1981 budget — in the red to the tune of more than R1 million — rates are to go up by about 15 per cent, sewerage tariffs by 12,5 per cent, electricity charges by about 2,4 per cent, and there is to be a general increase in municipal housing rentals

These increases were announced by the councillor in charge of finance, Mr Ian Lipworth, in his R55 million budget speech at a special council meeting last night.

He pointed out although the official South African inflation rate over the last four years totalled 50,4 per cent, the increase in East London's rates for the same period amounted to only 22,5 per cent

He compared rates increases which had been imposed in five other cities and said he knew that comparisons were odious but it was "a measure of comfort" to see East London compared favourably with the other cities

The table showed in 1980 - 1981, Johannesburg's rates increased by 18,19 per cent, East London's by 19 per cent, Pretoria's by 23 2 per cent, Pietermaritzburg's by 26 per cent, and Durban's by 32 per cent

During his speech, Mr Lipworth made the point that the salaries of municipal staff would rise by R1,6 million in 1981, following an application this year by the South African Association of Municipal Employees to an arbitration court, which the municipality settled out of court. To cut expenses in this area, he proposed that a subcommittee be set up to investigate the staff situation — "not as a witchhunt, but as an organisation and method study "

Mr Lipworth said the draft estimates of income and expenditure for [illegible] received from the various municipal departments, showed an excess of expenditure over income of R1 430 000 In addition, the city's accumulated surplus would be wiped out by the end of this year. To alleviate this position, he proposed to provide R360 000 from 1981 income for transfer to General Reserves

He said "The reserves of the city should be in the order of R1 million, and I strongly recommend to council and to any future finance committees that steps be taken to rebuild our reserves to that figure "

Mr Lipworth said rates for 1981 should really have been increased by 17,5 per cent — "because our reserves should not be below R500 000 To go into the New Year with reserves under R500 000 we feel is risky R360 000 is an absolute minimum "

He said there had been a deficit of about R484 000 in the municipal budget for 1979, which resulted in the accumulated surplus dropping from R1 232 009 as at December 31, 1978, to about R862

When it was drawn up, the 1980 budget was expected to show a deficit of some R251 000, which was to be funded from the reserves of about R862 000, Mr Lipworth said

This would have left a surplus of about R611 000, which last year's finance committee thought was adequate.

However, two unforeseen events had occurred.

During the year there was a massive increase in the costs of chemicals used to purify East London's water supply — resulting from the adverse rainfall situation.

And staff salaries had been increased following the South African Association of Municipal Employees' application to an arbitration court

"The actual cost of these two items amounts to just on R1 million and as a result it is anticipated that at the end of this year, our reserves will in effect be wiped out," said Mr Lipworth

He said it was impossible, at the time of the preparation of the 1980 budget, to foresee these increases.

During the year, an attempt had been made to correct the position regarding the Waterworks Account by increasing the water tariff, but this was "too late to counterbalance the excess expenditure," said Mr Lipworth

He added the Administrator had given permission to reduce the annual contribution from revenue to the Consolidated Capital Development and Loans Fund, and the amount saved — R160 000 — was being transferred to the General Reserve This left an amount of R200 000 to be obtained from rates for transfer to the General Reserve

Mr Lipworth said the city's total estimated expenditure for 1981 was R55 263 000, the capital and repairs fund amounting to R9 958 000, and operating expenditure to R45 305 000

He said the draft estimates of income and expenditure for the coming year received from various municipal departments initially showed an excess of expenditure over income of R1 922 000 This included the cost of regrading staff salaries which, projected over 1981, would amount to R1,6 million

After hours spent in examining all items of expenditure the deficit was reduced to R1 430 000 This amount, and the provision for a surplus of R360 000, together totalling R1 790 000, was to be raised by increasing rates which would yield an income of R1 042 000, by increasing sewerage tariffs yielding R166 000, by increasing electricity charges yielding R482 000, and by imposing a general increase in housing rentals which would bring in another R100 000

"To achieve the required rate income, totalling R7 916 000, the following budgetary rates (based on a 12 to 1 ratio) will have to be levied in 1981 General (on site valuation) 7,44 cents in the rand, (on improvements valuation) 0,62 cents in the rand — yielding some R7 852 000," Mr Lipworth said

It was also expected R10 599 would be raised from Berlin (flat rates), and R53 663 from interim valuations

Turning to ways of limiting expenditure, he said "in pursuance of the sound policy laid down by his predecessor, Mr B Armist," capital expenditure had been contained within the redemption amount of municipal loans and no outside loans had been raised The increase over 1980 was minimal

Regarding staff, he said the regrading of salaries amounted to 22 per cent — "substantially higher than both the inflation rate and the increase in general expenses " He hoped the setting up of an on-going committee to investigate the situation would result in an improvement in production.

He proposed the finance committee should continue to hold regular meetings with the Treasury at least every month to monitor the city's financial performance Steps would have to be taken to ensure that inter-departmental services were charged at the same rate as quoted by outside firms "If work can be done by outside firms at lower costs, these costs will have to apply I am fully aware of the repercussions . . " Mr Lipworth said.

He also advocated a tightening-up of travelling expenses incurred by councillors and municipal staff — DDR

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Support for higher rates

EAST LONDON — No councillor is ever happy to see an increase in rates but the City Council could no longer continue eroding its reserves which were becoming dangerously low, Councillor R P Snodgrass said yesterday

In a written statement he gave his views on the budget announced by the councillor in charge of finance, Mr Ian Lipworth, on Wednesday night.

Referring to the 15 per cent increase in rates, he said "The increase was largely beyond our control, but Mr Lipworth has taken the problem by the horns and adopted a policy which will be of future benefit to the city, putting us on a sound financial footing."

He congratulated Mr Lipworth on his excellent presentation of the budget.

He quoted a letter from the council's auditors in which the auditors stated "Whilst we appreciate that council are reluctant to increase rates on an annual basis we respectfully point out that we are involved in an inflationary economy at the present time with an official inflation rate in excess of 12 per cent. It seems clear therefore that council will have to ensure that its finances are operated on sound principles.

"We respectfully submit these must include balancing the annual budget and building up revenue accumulated surpluses to provide against unbudgeted and unforeseen revenue expenditure related to factors beyond council's control" — DDR

Ratepayers' costly m

City Desk

by Peter Goosen

YOU HAVE seen all those quaint old cartoons where the ardent suitor requests the young woman's hand in marriage and the stern father asks if the young man can keep his daughter in a manner to which she is accustomed

Well, if you make the suitor the ratepayers of Cape Town, the daughter the city itself, and the father, the City Council, the answer is definitely not.

No matter how you dress it or disguise it the fact remains that the ratepayers of Cape Town are fast getting to the stage where they cannot afford Cape Town.

The city relies on ratepayers for most of its funds and, differential rating systems or not, that R53-million can come from one place and one place only, the ratepayer's pocket.

Why are we in this state you ask? Because the ratepayers — although they are certainly not the only ones responsible — want too much too soon

Let's forget about those obvious extravagances like City Park and the Good Hope Centre Let's even forget for the moment the Civic Centre and look at where the money goes

Despite the fact that Cape Town is a coastal city with some of the most beautiful beaches in the world — and beach facilities are expensive — the city also has 14 major swimming pools

Forget the cost of building the pools,

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arriage of convenience

although that is high enough, the maintenance comes to R1 504 500 a year — three percent of the money paid in rates

Libraries are essential in any community and are one of the most important facilities the City Council provides.

But do we really have to have 39 permanent and four mobile libraries? Johannesburg has 35 and Durban only nine.

It costs R60 000 a year to run a branch library and R2 639 760 to run the lot for one year.

Let's take a look at something we all take for granted, the city's cleansing services. The operating costs have risen from R7 677 880 in 1977 to about R12-million next year.

To keep the traffic moving safely in Cape Town next year will cost R11-million in road building. The maintenance of existing roads, pavements and so on is another R4-million.

Despite the fact that Cape Town motorists are likely to help the rate situation considerably by paying more than R1-million in traffic fines next year the cost of running the Traffic Department is going to be R3 209 885

As Mr Bill Peters, chairman of the Council's Executive Committee, said in his budget speech. 'It cannot be emphasised too strongly that the capital charges arising out of the building of say a civic hall, library, swimming bath or park, usually form only a relatively small part of the total additional costs that arise from the provision of the amenity concerned'

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THE trouble, you know, with white elephants is that they just won't go away They get whiter or more elephantine, depending on your point of view

The 100 or more working drawings used to build the Good Hope Centre have now been delivered to the council.

They are essential because without them you would never be able to find pipes, ducts and other things buried within its enormous walls and floors.

Housing the plans in special cabinets after they have been transferred to microfilm will cost R6 000.

Divisional Council budget up by R7-m

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Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape has budgeted to spend more than R52-million in the coming year, compared with over R45-million in the present year

This will mean an increase of 12 percent to be raised from rates

The chairman of the council's Finance Committee, Mr I N G Hampshire, said today that the council had ended the year with a surplus equivalent to a five percent increase in the rates

MISLEADING

A straight comparison between this year's general and health rates and those for 1981 would be misleading, because the Divisional Council's area has been revalued

But the council will have to raise R15 560 461 from the general rate, R988 443 from the health rate and R6 099 010 from the local rate

It will have R30 198 041 from other sources

Its main expenditure will be R38-m on housing — R22-m in Atlantis, R6-m in Belhar, R4-m in Ocean View and R5,5-m in Elsies River

A RESULT

Mr Hampshire said that, as a result of revaluation, the total valuation of the division's rural area had increased by 105 percent.

This would mean that the general rate in rural areas would have to be reduced from 0 778c in the R1 to 0,380c in the R1.

But to meet the higher expenditure this rate has been increased by 12 percent and would be 0,426c in the R1.

A health rate of 0,156c in the R1 would be needed to raise the same amount as the current health rate of 0,319c in the R1.

But because of costs the new health rate would have to be increased to 0,168c in the R1

THIS YEAR

The general rate to be levied by the Divisional Council in Cape Town is 0,372c in the R1 compared with 0,332c in the R1 this year

In Bellville the Divisional Council's rate will be 0,248c in the R1; in Durbanville 0,256c; in Milnerton 0 259c, in Goodwood 0,300c, in Parow 0,356c, in Pinelands 0,365c, in Fish Hoek 0,476c and in Simon's Town, where there has been a revaluation, 0 253c

In the Divisional Council's subsidised local areas the total rate for each area will be Belhar 1 967c in the R1, Elsie's River, 2 313, Grassy Park, 2,321c, Matroosfontein, 1,136c, Nooitgedacht, 2,290c Ocean View, 2,746c

LOCAL AREAS

In the seaside local areas the total rate will be Bloubergstrand, 1,930c in the R1, Hout Bay, 1,448c, Kommetjie, 1,484c, Melkbosstrand, 2,026.

In the other local areas the total rate will be Boquinar, 2,266c in the R, Constantia, 1,633, Epping Garden Village, 3,004c, Hout Bay Harbour, 5,013c, Mandalay, 1,944c, Ottery East, 1,364c, Philadelphia 2,304c; Scarborough, 1,054c, Sun Valley, 2,393c, Wetton, 1,654c, Philippi, 1,214c, Zeekoevlei, 1 034c, Atlantis Industrial, 1,940c and Atlantis Residential, 2,484c

ATLANTIS

The new local are rates will be ATtlantis Industrial, 1,346c in the R1, Atlantis Residential, 1,890c, Belhar, 1,373c, Bloubergstrand 1,336c, Boquinar, 1,672, Constantia, 1039c, Elsie's River, 1,719c Epping Garden Village, 2,410c, Grassy Park, 1,727c, Hout Bay, 0,854c, Hout Bay Harbour, 4,419cc, Kommetjie, 0,890c, Mandalay, 1,350c, Matroosfontein, 1,542c, Melkbosstrand, 1,432c, Nooitgedacht, 1,696c, Ocean View, 2,152c, Ottery East, 0,770c, Philadelphia, 1,710, Philippi, 0,620c, Scarborough, 0,460c Sun Valley, 1,799c, Wetton, 1,010c and Zeekoevlei 0,440c

Divisional Council increases rates

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Divisional Council yesterday increased its general rate by 12 percent and its health rate by 7,69 percent with the passing of its combined revenue and capital budget of R109,6m for 1981

However, the Divisional Council also imposes a "local area" rate for local services — except in areas such as Noordhoek and the farmland of Philippi and Koeberg where municipal services are not provided

The additional "local" rate in 24 areas — among others Ocean View, Bloubergstrand, Constantia, Hout Bay and Atlantis — varies from more than four cents to below one cent in the rand

This has resulted in the total rate account (comprising general, health and local levy) for a small minority being increased by as much as 77 percent while at the other end of the scale the total effective increase will be only 1,17 percent

In rural areas where no municipal services are provided only a general and health rate is imposed, and this has been increased by 10,82 percent for 1981

In addition, there are nine municipalities, including Cape Town, which contribute to divisional council rates. This levy has been increased by 12 percent and Cape Town's ratepayers, for instance, will in 1981 contribute 0,372 cents instead of the current 0,332 cents in the rand to the divisional council's coffers

But there is a bonus for city ratepayers, since any rebates granted by a municipality automatically apply to the divisional council general rate — and Cape Town last week agreed to a 20 percent rebate for homeowning ratepayers and further discounts for the elderly

Delivering his budget speech yesterday, the divisional council's finance committee chairman, Mr Ivan Hampshire said that the operating (revenue) expenditure for next year would be R52 845 955 (R45,4m this year) and the capital expenditure R56 817 084 (R38m this year)

- The new rate-in-the-rand for municipal ratepayers contributing to divisional council rates, with the current figure in brackets, will be Bellville 0,248 cents (0,221), Durbanville 0,256 (0,229), Milnerton 0,259 (0,231), Goodwood 0,300 (0,268), Parow 0,356 (0,318), Pinelands 0,365 (0,326), Fish Hoek 0,476 (0,425), Simon's Town 0,253 (0,332)

- The effective overall **percentage** increases for divisional council local areas, which takes into account the additional local area rate, will be as follows

Subsidised local areas Belhar, Elsies River, Grassy Park, Matroosfontein, Nooitgedacht and Ocean View just more than 10 percent

Seaside local areas Bloubergstrand 3,10, Hout Bay 4,17, Kommetjie 13,80 and Melkbosstrand 27,18 percent

Other local areas Boquinar (short for Borcherds Quarry Industrial Area) 77,31 percent — here there are only 40 industrial ratepaters, Constantia 5,90, Epping Garden Village 39,98, Hout Bay Harbour 1,17, Mandalay 10,27, Ottery East 4,44, Philadelphia 2,58, Philippi 10,67, Scarborough 9,68, Sun Valley 17,94, Wetton 27,04, Zeekoevlei 5,94, Atlantis industrial 3,08, and Atlantis residential 10,2 percent

Council asked to disband sports board

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EAST LONDON — The East London Coloured Management Committee yesterday called on the City Council to dissolve the Sports Field Board as it was defunct and had not met for months

The committee also asked Council to start afresh on a new constitution to govern the body.

The decision was taken after various members of the CMC and municipal officials had traced the problems facing the proper functioning of the board

When the matter came up for discussion, Mr W. J George said the secretary should not put the issue on the CMC s agenda in future

"What do we do if a code approaches us for assistance" Mr A V Green, asked

The chairman, Mr D Alexander, said any improvements on any sports fields in coloured areas had to be sanctioned by the CMC

"And if we leave this out of the minutes, who is going to sanction such improvements?" he asked

The housing director, Mr K Martinsen, asked if there was any way for Council to say the board was not functioning, destroy it and start all over again

Mr R Phillips said he was a member of the board and numerous attempts had been made to no avail to get the chairman, Mr B P Phillips, to call meetings "He has told us he is going to call meetings but has not done so The chairman is retarding progress

"We thought he would be wise to call a meeting now that other codes like soccer are dormant. Then he would get his rugby rights and probably have his men elected He might even get the cricket people to join in," Mr Phillips said

Mr Alexander suggested that the City Council write to each sports code asking for a rental of R1,50 and say if the codes do not pay they will not be allowed to use the field.

It was agreed that Council be asked to disband the board

A decision that the City Council erect a R90 000 wall around the Buffalo Flats playing fields, taken at an earlier CMC meeting, was withdrawn after Council had refused to accept the suggestion because of the cost of the project

It was agreed that the cheaper fence, costing R42 000 be erected — DDR

KEY TO COSTING TUTORIALS

Code	Details	No. of Tuts
CA	Cash budgets	4
CB	Capital budgeting	8
CC	Contract costing	2
CL	Linear programming	5
CM	Marginal costing	7
CP		
CS		
CX		

2 seek say on beach facilities

EAST LONDON — Two members of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr A. V Green and Mrs L B George, yesterday volunteered to serve on the East London Beach Development Committee

The offer followed a lengthy discussion and agreement on two members of the committee to serve

Earlier the chairman of the CMC, Mr D Alexander, asked who the committee should approach when they wanted to raise the question of facilities on beaches

He said the City Council said it had no say on the matter and the CMC had no representation on the existing committee, a state body.

Mr Temmers said the CMC wanted to see non-racialism spread along the beach front and the only way this could be done was for the committee to be represented on the body making decisions on the matter — DDR

Abstaining from vote queried

EAST LONDON — Should members of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) abstain from voting after taking part in discussions on specific issues?

This question came up at a CMC meeting here last night after the vice-chairman, Mr J Temmers, had said he had asked at the CMC's last meeting that his abstention during the voting on a decision about a tender, be noted.

It was explained that in City Council meetings, councillors who participated in discussions could not recuse themselves from voting.

If they chose to abstain, they should do so at the beginning of the discussion of the issue

It was decided that the matter be discussed at a special meeting of the CMC on December 11. — DDR

KEY TO COSTING TUTORIALS

Code	Details	No. of Tuts
CA	Cash budgets	4
CB	Capital budgeting	8
CC	Contract costing	2
CL	Linear programming	5
CM	Marginal costing	7
CP	Probability	4
CS	Standard costing	8
CX	Miscellaneous	9

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Request by CMC called a joke

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EAST LONDON — The decision by the East London Coloured Management Committee (CMC) to ask the East London City Council to dissolve the Sports Fields Board drew sharp reaction from the board's chairman, Mr B P. Phillips, yesterday.

"It must be the joke of the year for the CMC to call on the City Council to dissolve the Sports Field Board which is by itself an autonomous body with its own constitution," Mr Phillips said.

He added that the CMC would do well to heed the call by the community to disband instead of engaging in petty things

"They know that the people regard their body as a farce but they continue to serve on it

"Instead of discussing matters of interest relating to the benefit of the community these members are prepared to waste time every month discussing the Sports Field Board."

Mr Phillips said it was "absolute nonsense" to say the board was not functioning.

"The Parks Department can bear me out because they receive regular correspondence from the board about matters pertaining to sports amenities in our area."

He had already conveyed to the CMC the fact that their codes are affiliated to the South African Council of Sport (Sacos) and will have nothing to do with ethnic groups like the CMC

"Neither will any of our codes participate in discussions with the CMC and put ourselves in danger of being expelled by our various boards and unions affiliated to Sacos."

Mr Phillips said the CMC had decided three weeks ago not to interfere with the Sports Field Board but now they wanted to dictate terms to the board

He said a meeting would be called soon when certain matters being handled by the board will have been finalised.

He said Mr R. Phillips, of the CMC was a member of the board.

"Why has he not prevailed with me to call meetings if he was so concerned about the matter?" he asked. — DDR.

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"Are conditions not bad enough already?"

The cruel key law

Domestic workers won't be allowed visitors — not even a baby — after midnight

By TONY SPENCER-SMITH

THE notorious "key law" — described as a "chamber of horrors" this week by Cape Provincial Councillor Ken Andrew — could come into force in Cape Town's teeming Green Point and Sea Point suburbs before Christmas.

Passed at the last Provincial Council session, the ordinance awaits only the State President's signature and gazetting before becoming law.

It is undoubtedly a draconian piece of legislation, in even South Africa's repressive legislative history, and will bring hardship not only to domestic workers but also their employers.

It will force all employers of maids to keep a register of their servants and keep a key to their servant's quarters.

Young sons and daughters are at school in Transkei or Ciskei they won't be able to come and spend a few days with them during holidays.

"Are the conditions under which these people have to live not bad enough already without this as well?"

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It will force all employers of maids to keep a register of their servants and keep a key to their servant's quarters available for the police or city council employees at all times of the day and night.

Mr Andrew said that in terms of the "key law"

o A domestic worker will not be allowed a single visitor to her quarters from midnight to 8am — be he husband, baby or close friend

o The police and any council employee — from streetsweeper up — will be able to demand a key to the servant's quarters from an employer at any time of the day or night

o An employer who is out after midnight and has not appointed a "babysitter" for the servant's quarter key — if the servant is at home — will face heavy fines and even jail Ironically, the "babysitter" can be the servant herself.

Turfed out

o Many old people and others will be deprived of their servants and large numbers of domestic workers will have to be turfed out of work and the only homes they have

o Employers will have to continually check to see their servants are alone

Ostensibly the law is intended to fight lawlessness in these crowded areas — but Mr Andrew, who is the PFP's parliamentary candidate in the Gardens constituency — said this week it would not help at all and he believed it was politically motivated

Both suburbs are opposition territory, with PFP provincial councillors and MPs.

Mr Andrew said "It is in the interests of certain Nationalists in the area to create as much rightwing paranoia as possible for the sake of their party"

He said the law was absolutely iniquitous, a piece of inhuman legislative rubbish

"The domestic workers in the area are normal human beings who live in their rooms the whole year

"Now they will not even be able to have their babies with them If their husbands work late they'll never see them. If their

"Are the conditions under which these people have to live not bad enough already without this as well'"

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husbands

Asked about domestic workers who would not be able to see their husbands and family, he said control would be impossible if exceptions were made

"If you start with exceptions, where will it end' How did one get the situation in these areas in the first place'"

Mr Andrew said that in terms of the legislation, only domestic workers in the full-time employ of one employer would be able to occupy the servant's quarters

'But many of those living in the area do charring work for a number of different employers

"Now if the authorities nab some people on that basis and impose severe penalties, a lot of people will get rid of their chars

'In many cases this will be old people who need domestic workers on a part time basis to help with the heavier domestic chores."

He said that as the legislation did not require supervisors of blocks of flats to have a list of all servants living there, it was easy to envisage cases where police wanted to investigate a certain servant's room but did not know to which flat the room was attached

R200 fine

"So now they'll start coming to big blocks of flats at 3 in the morning and banging on flat doors, waking up people, to ask if the particular servant's room belongs to them"

In terms of the legislation, both employers, and their servants face R200 fines, six months jail or both.

In the case of a "continuous offence", the employer and employee may be fined R4 or (five days) for each day the offence continues

The Administrator of the Cape will be able to apply the law if he wishes, in any other area besides Green Point and Sea Point.

Rent help proposed

EAST LONDON — City councillors here last night discussed behind closed doors a proposal to grant relief to coloured or Indian tenants living in municipal houses who had difficulty paying their rents

It was proposed any shortfall should be made up from the housing rental deficit allowed for in the 1981 budget up to a maximum of R10 000

The proposal follows the general increases in municipal housing rentals which are to come into effect from next month, and which were announced by the councillor in charge of finance, Mr Ian Lipworth, when he presented the municipal budget for 1981 last month.

When the motion regarding possible relief for "hardship cases" came up for discussion last night, the councillor who holds the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, moved the matter should be discussed in committee, and this was agreed by the meeting

The motion then discussed behind closed doors stated the proposed rental increases had been accepted in toto by the Coloured and Indian Management Committees

The Coloured Management Committee had resolved, however, where there were individual cases of hardship or where there were schemes that proved problematical and the tenants concerned were adversely affected, the right was reserved to come back to the council to discuss the matter further with a view to obtaining relief for such persons or in respect of such scheme

It was recommended Mrs Kemp and Mr Lipworth, in consultation with the Coloured Management Committee or the Indian Management Committee as the case may be, be authorised to deal with cases of hardship and that relief be granted where considered necessary in specific housing schemes, and be funded ex housing rental deficit allowed for in the 1981 budget up to a maximum of R10 000

It was also recommended that if necessary any problem discovered be reported to the council's action committee in the new year

It took councillors ten minutes to agree to 16 motions at the meeting last night There was no public discussion on any of the motions Council then went into committee (closed session) on a variety of matters — DDR

Rent protest meeting tomorrow

EAST LONDON — A rent hike protest meeting will be held tomorrow night in the Parkside Civic Centre and not on Thursday as reported earlier

This was confirmed here yesterday by the convenor, Mr Peter Mopp

Mr Mopp said he was forced to switch the meeting to tomorrow night because of a booking mix-up with the hall

Mr Mopp said he would deal with comments by the director of housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, about relief measures for low income families and possible ways these families could cut down expenses

"I have had an offer from Mr Martinsen to come and discuss serious cases with him Although I see merit in this, there is still a principle involved and I see untold misery for low income families

"This is what must be corrected and not only dealing with really bad individual cases

"I don't want to even try to imagine how the rent backlog is going to increase It is already over R100 000"

Meanwhile a former CMC member and Parkside businessman Mr F N Barlow has come out in support of the meeting and has urged other businessmen to support it

"It is our Christian duty to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves," the former Federal Party member said

About 90 per cent of the coloured community live in municipal housing schemes so that the majority of them are affected

"And when the community are affected by such steep rent rises, their buying power is affected — and this will affect businesses"

Mr Barlow said white business houses would not be immune to the ripple effect

"It is therefore vital that everybody supports this meeting," Mr Barlow said — DDR

R43 000 festive switch-on

EAST LONDON — Santa Claus ho ho-hoing his merry way around East London this Christmas will be lit up to the tune of R43 000 worth of festive lights — R39 000 more than the usual seasonal allocation

During past Christmases the tight financial climate has made the provision of special lights a touch-and-go affair, although in the end East London has never experienced an unlit Christmas

"Previously we have had very little special illumination" said the city electrical engineer, Mr K Robson

"Because of the substantially increased mid-year allocation the Christmas lights will include animated features interspersed at various intervals among the other lights There will also be coloured streamers

"I can't say I've seen a specific theme running through the illuminations but I've noticed marine creatures, and elephants and I should imagine other animals

"Essentially it will appeal to children"

The lights being put up at the moment will be switched on around December 15 and remain on through January. They will illuminate Oxford, Fleet and Currie Streets and the Esplanade — DDR

Cosmonauts get ready to land

MOSCOW — The three Soviet cosmonauts launched into space on November 27 are preparing to return to earth, the Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday

The agency said cosmonauts Leonid Kizim, Oleg Makarov, 47, and Gennadi Strekalov, 41, were in good health — SAPA

Inevitable jump in municipal rates

Own Correspondent

The pay rises promised public servants will almost certainly mean higher rates and tariffs for householders throughout South Africa next year.

They will have to dip even deeper into their pockets than this year to pay for similar increases for about 260 000 white and black council workers.

This could cost ratepayers millions of rands in property assessment rates and higher charges for essential services.

In Pretoria a council spokesman said today the city and other local authorities would have no choice but to adjust salaries upward.

Mr At Niewoudt, president of the South African Association of Municipal Employees, said 'Senator Horwood's promised pay hikes will come into effect in April. The average could be as high as 12 to 15 percent — the same as the current inflation rate.

"Local authorities stand to lose many of their key staff members unless they can match the new Government salaries."

TABLE 4: (continued)

(c) Employment as a proportion of 15-64 and of women 15-59, 1960 and 1970

1960	Males 15-64 employed	% Females employed
Metropolitan	1 156 589	90,3	40,6
Urban	664 276	80,7	16,8
Rural	357 [illegible]	91,7	23,1
Homelands	[illegible]	95,?	16,8
TOTAL	3 626 [illegible] 079 171	86,9	26,6

1970			
Metropolitan	1 414 079	[illegible] 971	74,4	56,4
Urban	678 759	[illegible] 412	80,7	51,4
Rural	1 099 [illegible]	802 [illegible]	74,3	51,4
Homelands	1 306 2[illegible]	[illegible] 508	72,?	14,5
TOTAL	4 498 30[illegible]	[illegible] 972 [illegible] 214	74,2	34,2

Council silent on rent relief

EAST LONDON — Spokesmen for the City Council yesterday refused to say if any decision was taken during a discussion behind closed doors on Monday night, on possible rent relief in 1981 for Indian and coloured tenants living in municipal houses

The councillor who holds the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said yesterday she was not prepared to comment on the discussion which was held in committee

The town clerk, Mr J J Human, also refused to comment referring the reporter to Mrs Kemp.

A motion regarding possible relief for "hardship cases" following an increase in rents in 1981 was on the agenda for open discussion at the monthly meeting on Monday night But Mrs Kemp moved the matter should be discussed in closed session

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Corrie Alexander, has cancelled his scheduled meeting on the rent increases in Parkridge and has asked all residents to attend Mr Peter Mopp's meeting at the Parkside Civic Centre tonight.

"The rent increases are common grievances and we must show unity in fighting it," Mr Alexander said "It is vital that everybody attends tonight's meeting" — DDR

Beach constables gear up for trouble

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — As visitors arrive from the Transvaal, the Cape Town City Council is still training its latest batch of beach constables.

Council officials are confident the force of 54 constables and ten officers will prevent trouble on Atlantic beaches this summer

Mr Chris Joubert, a ratepayers association chairman who is a police reservist helping to train beach constables, said the new turnstiles, at some beaches were already proving useful

People who tried to go on to the beaches while under the influence of liquor were questioned at the turnstiles

"Without the turnstiles they would be able to go on to beaches and spoil the day for others," he said

Bathing amenities manager Mr J S Kloppers said as the constable force is not up to the maximum strength of 93 approved by council, it would concentrate mainly on Sea Point and Muizenberg areas But he hoped to have 10 men at the new tidal pool at Strandfontein.

Mr Kloppers said men could be sent to other beach areas in case of trouble.

Constables will be issued with firearms when they go on patrols considered hazardous, or after dark, but will not carry them at other times.

On normal daytime patrols they will be armed only with handcuffs, batons, and radios

The South African police will have a mobile station and will help municipal police in emergencies.

Mr Kloppers said beach constables would be watching for anti-social behaviour, drunkenness and dagga smoking and would also enforce municipal regulations.

Under the Act, labour control boards have been appointed: these have supervised the abolition of the labour tenant system and have also made determinations regulating individual farmers to reduce the size of their labour force. This Act is also the Act under which 'homeland consolidation' takes place. 'Badly situated' African owned land has been expropriated - Africans owning at least 20 morgen (17 hectares) have been entitled to a similar area of land in trust areas; those with less have received cash compensation. Removals of labour tenants and squatters and people from 'black spots' under the homeland consolidation programme have been very extensive in the 1960's and 1970's. Table 6 demonstrates this for the 1970's.

TABLE 6: REMOVALS FROM WHITE AREAS, 1970 to 1979

	Labour tenant/ squatter removals
D	88 945
T	681
T	8 615
T	5 822
T	2 511
T	15 127
T	22 112
T	52 660
T	51 915
T	56 561
T	304 949

Source: Partition and Development to Part1 the 1980 session.

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Petition forces King council to call meeting

DD 13/12/80

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Pressure is being intensified here and in Berlin towards the holding of a referendum among white residents on the proposals of the Van der Walt Commission

The commission has proposed that both King William's Town and Berlin be incorporated into an independent Ciskei

The Borough Council here has called a public meeting on Monday night to discuss the proposal, and Berlin residents have formed an action committee to press for a referendum of ratepayers to demonstrate their feelings on the proposal

The council called the meeting after a successful petition by an "action committee" under the chairmanship of the local Herstigte Nasionale Party leader, Mr Brian Nel

The petition, which was signed by 26 enrolled municipal voters, called on the council to convene the meeting

If a motion is passed at the meeting calling for a municipal poll on the commission's proposal, the council will be bound to hold the referendum

The Town Clerk, Mr Henry Hutten, said yesterday that only those whose names appear on the 1980 municipal voters roll would participate in the proceedings

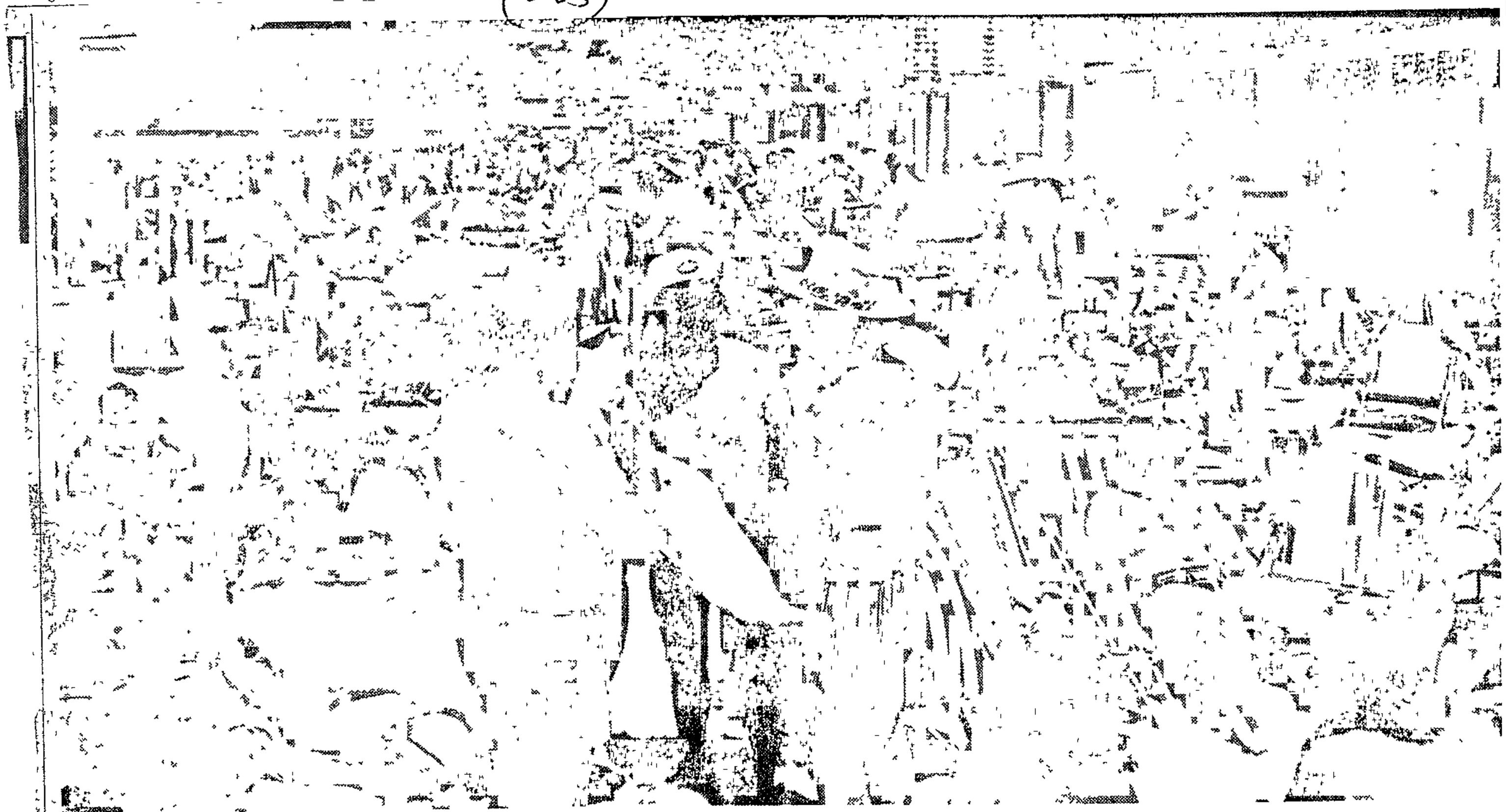
Even if the motion is not passed if nine or more enrolled municipal voters immediately insist on the poll, the council will still be bound to hold it

Mr Nel says he wants the poll held, and the results known, before the Van der Walt Commission sits here on January 19 and 20 next year to take evidence

The Berlin committee was elected at a meeting on Thursday The chairman of the meeting, Mr H F Werner, said yesterday it was well attended and most expressed strong views against incorporation

The committee members are Mr Werner, Mr P de Villiers, Mr N Krull, Mrs Joy Breetzke and Mr J A Coetzee

"In addition to the five members the committee has the right to co opt further members to do whatever is deemed advisable or necessary and to hold a referendum if the Government and the East London Municipality fail to do so before the Van der Walt Commission's visit in January, Mr Werner said -- DDR



BEACH CONSTABLES are kept busy at popular Muizenberg beaches during the height of summer

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AXE FOR THE BEACH BULLY

13/12/80 (263)

By ANNAMIA VAN DEN HEEVER

THE Peninsula's much-maligned beach constables are being schooled in public relations — so beachgoers can expect a friendlier reception.

This is the assurance given by Mr Chris Joubert, who is one of the training officers

The constables have in previous years come under fire for the rough manner in which some handled minor offenders on beaches

Mr Joubert, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, said the public relations training of beach constables had been intensified this year

'They are definitely better equipped to deal with the public,' Mr Joubert said

He said the constables were encouraged not to summarily arrest minor offenders, such as people who play ball games when it was not allowed, but to give them 'pocket book warnings' first

DETERRENT

He said names were taken down in the constables' pocket books and the offenders were asked to sign them 'The offender has no criminal record after such a warning This is a very good deterrent and makes the warning official,' he said

A seven-year-old boy was reportedly 'arrested' by a beach constable last summer for playing with a ball in an area where games were banned Mr Joubert said 'It is action like this that we are trying to get out of them now We encourage them to act with diplomacy, to treat each offence according to its seriousness'

Mr Joubert said the public often received only a one-sided view of an offence

'It was reported a child had been left unattended at the beach while his mother had been arrested and taken to the police station The child had in fact been left in the care of his uncle, who had been on the beach at the time' Mr Joubert said

WARNING

Mr J S Kloppers, the City Council bathing amenities manager, warned that beach constables would keep a strict eye on alcohol consumption and dagga smoking on beaches

'You will not believe what people get up to on beaches,' he said

He mentioned bad langauge, harassment of other bathers, indecent assaults and nudity as examples of bad behaviour, with which constables were called upon to cope

Most of these offences were related to alcohol consumption or dagga smoking,

'We want to eradicate it from our beaches Beach constables will be very strict with people who come to beaches under the influence, or with either of alcohol or dagga in their possession'

Mr Kloppers said applicants for positions as beach constables had to be good swimmers between the ages of 18 and 30 who were physically fit and in possession of a junior certificate (Std 8) or equivalent

He admitted that the Std 8 qualification was too low, but said matriculants were not interested in the work 'We just can't get them,' he said

Mr Kloppers said he would like to see the present three-month training period of the constables extended 'At the moment it is a crash course,' he said

About two-thirds of the new group to start patrolling beaches on Monday comprises coloured men.

Mr Kloppers foresaw no problems for coloured constables patrolling white beaches

The men are armed on 'problem' beaches such as Maiden's Cove and Sunrise Beach, and when they patrol at night

They are instruted to call the police if anyone they appehend proves difficult

Mr Kloppers urged the public to inform the council of any complaints they might have against beach constables 'We want to know about them so that we can investigate them and act if necessary,' he said

ONE of the Peninsula's patrolled beaches, Saunders Rock, packed with sun seekers

Key law: Body to investigate complaints

Chief Reporter

AN "OMBUDSMAN COMMITTEE" comprising a justice of the peace and two executive members of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents Association has been set up to investigate any complaints of abuse of the controversial "key law" which is expected to come into effect next month

Legislation aimed at control of domestic servants, mainly in the Green and Sea Point area, was passed by the Provincial Council last month Section 183 of the Municipal Ordinance was amended with the object of limiting occupation of servants' quarters

The amending legislation also requires employers in flats or houses to keep a register of their domestic servants and a duplicate key to their quarters, which police or municipal inspectors may demand between midnight and 8 am

The ratepayers' body is now sending a circular document to property owners in the area on "what needs to be done" This states that

- You must acquire a register — a small exercise book Insert all your domestic particulars such as the full names of every authorized person who is a servant, identity number, reference book, passbook or any official document affording proof of identity, the date from which such authorized person is entitled to occupy such servants' quarters, and if the servant is under contract, the relative dates of contract,
- Be in possession of a duplicate key of 'your' servant's quarters,
- When on holiday and your property is unoccupied, Section 183 does not apply and you cannot be prosecuted,
- If on holiday and you have left your servant in charge of the property, give him/her authority over the key and the register Obviously, the servant will have to be trustworthy If a complaint should be lodged, the law will apply to the owner as well unless, in terms of the amended ordinance, the owner "did not take part in such contravention" or "could not have prevented such contravention"

Good race relationships

The ratepayers' association circular adds "If you leave your domestic servant in charge of young children when you are out, it is not necessary to come back at 12 pm because you will have entrusted your servant with the key and register,

"Obviously, if a complaint is lodged, the employer and employee shall be held responsible For the sake of good race and employer-employee relationships, inform your servant that fears of harassment are unfounded and that you as his or her employer will be in complete control of key and register "

The circular says that the police will act only on complaints and that complainants must identify themselves to the police and become involved "Fears of vindictive neighbours and domestics can thus be erased '

The ratepayers' body adds an appeal to owners who have not already improved their servants' quarters to provide better lighting, more baths and toilets and a community room, and to paint and repair servants' rooms and to make them generally more hygienic

"Do not let out rooms to unauthorized persons — you are liable to a fine if you do And employ a reputable watchman in smaller blocks of flats or a superviser for larger blocks, with authority to act in your absence "

- The circular says that an ombudsman committee has been set up to investigate any complaints, and it invites people requiring further information on how the "key law" will operate to write to the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, PO Box 229, Sea Point, or ☎ 44 3052 during business hours

Key law 'Police will act only on complaints'

ASSURANCES have been given by Sea Point police chief Major D de Wet, and the MEC in charge of local government Mr Willem Bouwer, that police will ask for keys to Sea Point servants' rooms only if a complaint has been lodged

This was said by the chairman of Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Mr Chris Joubert, in an interview today

He said his association had prepared a circular letter aimed at calming residents' fears It would be distributed this week

The circular explains what particulars about servants should be entered in an exercise book used as a register and says While on holiday and your property being unoccupied, the Section 183 does not apply and you cannot be prosecuted

'If on holiday and you have left your servant in charge of the property, give him/her the authority of the key and the register Obviously he/she will have to be trustworthy

'If a complaint should be lodged the law will apply to the owner as well, unless, in Section 3B the owner did not take part in such contravention (could not have prevented such contravention)

VISITS

Mr Joubert said that, though the Provincial Ordinance would give 'any council employee the right to demand a key to a servant's room any time it was clear that Cape Town City Council would never authorise any employee to demand the key

Mr Joubert, a police reservist said there was no need for decent domestic to worry about visiting each other for a cup of tea late on Christmas night

There is no question of police using the powers given in the new ordinance when it is promulgated, for raids They will ask for the key only if there is a complaint about the premises'

The circular letter says 'All complainants must identify themselves to the police and become involved'

Thus fears of vindictive neighbours and domestics could be eased

Peaceful day at 'control' beaches

Municipal Reporter

THE experiment with turnstiles at Sea Point and Camps Bay beaches with municipal constables patrolling the seaside got off to a good start yesterday

Mr Chris Joubert, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' Association, who is a police reservist said he toured Glen, Sunset and Queens beaches and found the public co-operating excellently Several people who were not white were on the beaches but there were no racial problems

Because the weather deteriorated towards midday, crowds were not as large as on the same day last year but it was still evident that the beach constable/turnstile system was a big step forward in countering anti-social behaviour, he said

Psychology

The prognosis of many people, including city councillors that the turnstiles would have a "psychological" impact on visitors to the beaches, had been vindicated Turnstile entry, with beach constables at the point of entry and also on the beaches themselves, made the public control- and security-conscious

• Following controversy over mixed bathing, overcrowding and criminal and anti-social behaviour the Cape Town City Council decided in September to erect turnstiles and fences at Sea Point and Camps Bay beaches

The costs

The City's bathing-amenities manager reported then that the cost of erecting turnstiles and notices informing the public about restrictions on tents, dogs and ball games at Sunset and Queens Beaches had been estimated at R3 000 and the maintenance costs R300 for 1980 and R800 for 1981

The Glen Beach cost would be R9 100 and maintenance R500 for 1980 and R1 400 for 1981

Servants blame employers for key law

Staff Reporter

DOMESTIC servants in the areas affected by the controversial key law — Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard from Camps Bay to Green Point — blame their "masters and madams" and not the government for the invasion of their privacy

And many "shocked and disgusted" workers say they would rather commute or find other jobs than submit to the workings of the new law

However, moving would not be a solution to those workers who come from country areas, said Miss Maggie Oewies, chairman of the Domestic Workers' Union which has held several mass-meetings since the law was first proposed

The measure — adopted after pressure from the Green Point and Sea Point Ratepayers' Association and based on the recommendations of a commission of inquiry headed by the Secretary for Community Development, Mr Louis Fouche, and leading municipal officials — forbids live-in servants to entertain visitors between midnight and 8 am

Several city councillors also reacted to the Administrator's proclamation in the Cape Provincial Gazette They said they deplored the enforcement of the new key law in their areas, specially the timing of the proclamation

Both Mr Herbert Hirsch and Dr John Sonnenberg councillors for Green Point and Sea Point, said the proclamation of the key ordinance applicable in wards 1, 2, and 3, displayed "remarkable insensitivity" and "lack of goodwill" on the eve of the festive season

The law also compels employers to keep a register of servants and to keep duplicate keys to servants' quarters which have to be presented on demand to police or municipal officials

The key ordinance was made applicable and enforceable as of yesterday

The city councillor for Camps Bay and Clifton, Mr Ronald Stephen, said the extension of the law into his area came as a "bombshell"

The area did not have the same problem as Green Point and Sea Point he said The law would be difficult to apply and would not be a solution, he added

Ward 3's councillor, Mr Bill Peters said the law was what the people wanted, adding that he was a member of the ratepayers' association which had voted for it

Both these points suggest that the African labour force is less fully proletarianised (to use a convenient Marxian term) than it now is: this is the fundamental weakness in the Kantorian position. This is not to say that there are not empirical problems about activity rates. These will be further discussed below.

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The Cape Times

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The key law

THE socalled "key law" is, amid a generally more relaxed racial climate, a disgraceful piece of legislation. Operative from yesterday, it is totally out of character with the utterances of a government pledged to eliminate hurtful discrimination from South Africa's statute books What, indeed, could be more hurtful, or humiliating, or insulting, than a measure that not only legally entitles an employer or a policeman to burst unannounced into an employee's bedroom in the small hours of the morning but, on the grounds of suspicion that the occupant may be entertaining another person, albeit a husband or a child, obliges the employer or policeman to do so? The police force's public assurance that they would implement the law as humanely as possible is accepted The law, after all, was not of their making But victims of it will not be judged by intentions but by the law itself, as written And in spite of its harsh invasion of a law-abiding employee's privacy, there is no guarantee that it will help to make the streets of Sea Point and its environs any safer

Police appeal to employers

Chief Reporter

BRIGADIER G J Odendaal, District Commandant of Police, Cape Town, said in a reference to the key law which came into operation yesterday that he wished to appeal to property owners "to exercise this responsibility that has been placed on them"

He also gave an assurance that the police had no intention of "rushing about from building to building in the middle of the night to demand keys and registers"

In a statement to the Cape Times Brigadier Odendaal said

"The police do not make the law, they only enforce the law, which naturally is the duty the public expects of them

"In enforcing any law, we always try to act as humanely as possible The law is necessary to protect each individual's rights, and any person contravening the law must expect legal action

"Having said this, I can add that the police will not rush from building to building in the middle of the night to demand keys and registers We concentrate on the more important task of protecting lives and property, and of serving the public generally

"We do not see this (the key law) as strengthening the hand of the police but rather as the placing of a greater responsibility on the property owner to keep his premises free of undesirable elements who are an annoyance to the whole community

"And I appeal to property owners to exercise this respsonsibility that has been placed on them"

Mr Chris Joubert, chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, which has distributed a circular to property owners in the area on "what needs to be done", said the key law was in no way aimed at getting rid of "our decent employees in this area'

"In fact we appeal to them to come to us with their problems and to help to apply this new measure in such a way that it will be of ultimate benefit to the community as a whole"

Mr Joubert said the key law, although it had only come into operation yesterday, was already having the effect of ridding the Green and Sea Point area of some of the "bad elements" that had been living there

'They have already got the message, and the psychological effect of this law has been such that we have noticed that a number of undesirables have moved out of the quarters they have been occupying in this area"

○ Mr Joubert said he intended appealing to the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer to have "a bit of obviously bad phrasing" rectified in Section 183 — the key law — of the recently amended Municipal Ordinance

"This phrase as it stands reads ' or any employee of the Cape Town City Council to demand key or register '

"This should of course read 'any *authorized* employee'

"Statements that are being made in the meantime to the effect that even council dustmen could abuse this law are ludicrous '

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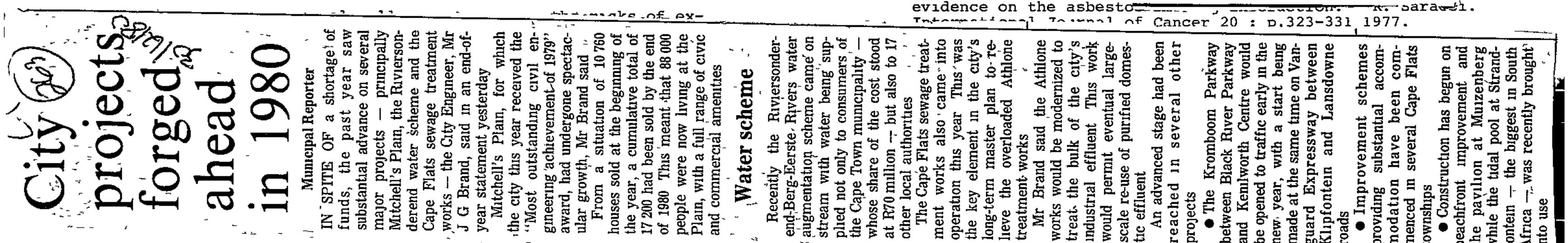
INTRODUCTION

Exactly how dangerous is asbestos to human health? Whether at the level of industry, the State, trade union organisations, academic institutions, civic bodies or interested individuals, many arguments are heard.

There is clearly a double question involved here. What precisely are the vested interests that are brought to bear when taking up any point of view?

Naturally one would expect industry to be biased in favour of playing down the dangers involved and of being most conservative in setting, often expensive, processes for protection of workers in motion. Likewise one would expect trade union and civic bodies



City projects forged ahead in 1980

Municipal Reporter

IN SPITE OF a shortage of funds, the past year saw substantial advance on several major projects — principally Mitchell's Plain, the Riviersonderend water scheme and the Cape Flats sewage treatment works — the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said in an end-of-year statement yesterday

Mitchell's Plain, for which the city this year received the "Most outstanding civil engineering achievement of 1979" award, had undergone spectacular growth, Mr Brand said

From a situation of 10 760 houses sold at the beginning of the year, a cumulative total of 17 200 had been sold by the end of 1980 This meant that 88 000 people were now living at the Plain, with a full range of civic and commercial amenities

Water scheme

Recently the Riviersonderend-Berg-Eerste Rivers water augmentation scheme came on stream with water being supplied not only to consumers of the Cape Town municipality — whose share of the cost stood at R70 million — but also to 17 other local authorities

The Cape Flats sewage treatment works also came into operation this year This was the key element in the city's long-term master plan to relieve the overloaded Athlone treatment works

Mr Brand said the Athlone works would be modernized to treat the bulk of the city's industrial effluent This work would permit eventual large-scale re-use of purified domestic effluent

An advanced stage had been reached in several other projects

- The Kromboom Parkway between Black River Parkway and Kenilworth Centre would be opened to traffic early in the new year, with a start being made at the same time on Vanguard Expressway between Klipfontein and Lansdowne roads
- Improvement schemes providing substantial accommodation have been commenced in several Cape Flats townships
- Construction has begun on beachfront improvement and the pavilion at Muizenberg while the tidal pool at Strandfontein — the biggest in South Africa — was recently brought into use

- With increased heavy human usage of Table Mountain, reconstruction of deteriorated paths had become necessary One of the most popular routes leading from the Pipe Track up Blinkwater Ravine had been rebuilt along its entire two-kilometre length

Mr Brand added that "pleasing" progress was being made with plans for the greening and pedestrianization of the city centre

Total capital and operating expenditure in the city engineer's department exceeded R200m in the past year, compared to R171m in 1979

Essentially there is a state of industrial dispute in society. There is also generally an explicit acknowledgement of this division in most advanced industrial societies, which is enshrined in the law and various state structures. If then asbestos has been established as a carcinogen (a cancer-causing substance), the problem that immediately springs to mind is who is to take the decisions with regard to protection against the effects of this substance in a divided society?

One might think that those directly involved by virtue of their exposure should take the weighty decision, particularly when a notable feature of the whole asbestos controversy has been

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464 teachers quit in Cape over pay

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Education Reporter

FOUR hundred-and-sixty-four teachers in the Cape have resigned this year to pursue more financially lucrative careers outside the profession, according to statistics released by the Department of Education

The Cape has not been as badly hit as the Transvaal, where, this year, teachers have been resigning at a rate of 21 a day

But in 1979 and 1980 the Cape lost 253 male teachers alone

According to principals, there are already schools in Cape Town where high school posts have been advertised without receiving a single application

STANDARD 7 SNUB

In a profession flooded by women, male teachers particularly are becoming increasingly disillusioned 'When the take-home packet of a Post Office worker, 22 years of age and with a Standard 7 pass, is higher than a teacher's, one can hardly blame them,' a principal of a large Cape Town high school said

He said a teacher on his staff with an honours degree was earning less than his wife who worked in a bank and had no qualifications whatsoever

'It is very sad to see men of 40 and 45 with families having to go out and mark papers to earn extra money It is difficult for them to change at this stage but more and more are thinking of it if the situation does not improve,' the headmaster said

WORST EVER

In the Transvaal, where a total of 4 000 teachers — mostly male — have resigned in 1980, enrolment figures at both English-medium and Afrikaans - medium teacher training colleges are the worst they have ever been.

Applications at the five major colleges are down by at least 40 percent and as a result 13 members of the lecturing staff at the Johannesburg College of Education have been retrenched

Mr Peter Mundell, president of the Transvaal Teachers' Association, said Senator Owen Horwood's dampening statement last month that teachers would have to wait until the New Year for salary increases announcements did irreparable damage to recruitment drives.

'If we had had some promise of better salary scales we would have been able to sell these to matriculants,' he said

HOPE

Educationists school principals and teachers alike are now looking to the 2 200-page Venter Report as a partial solution to the teacher crisis

The report, from a study under the chairmanship of Dr Roux Venter, contains a comparative study of teachers' status, salaries and conditions of service with other professions

It is to be handed to the Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, in mid-January.

Dr Viljoen has promised that the recommendations, once reviewed, will be tabled in Parliament and taken into account when deciding teachers' salaries next year

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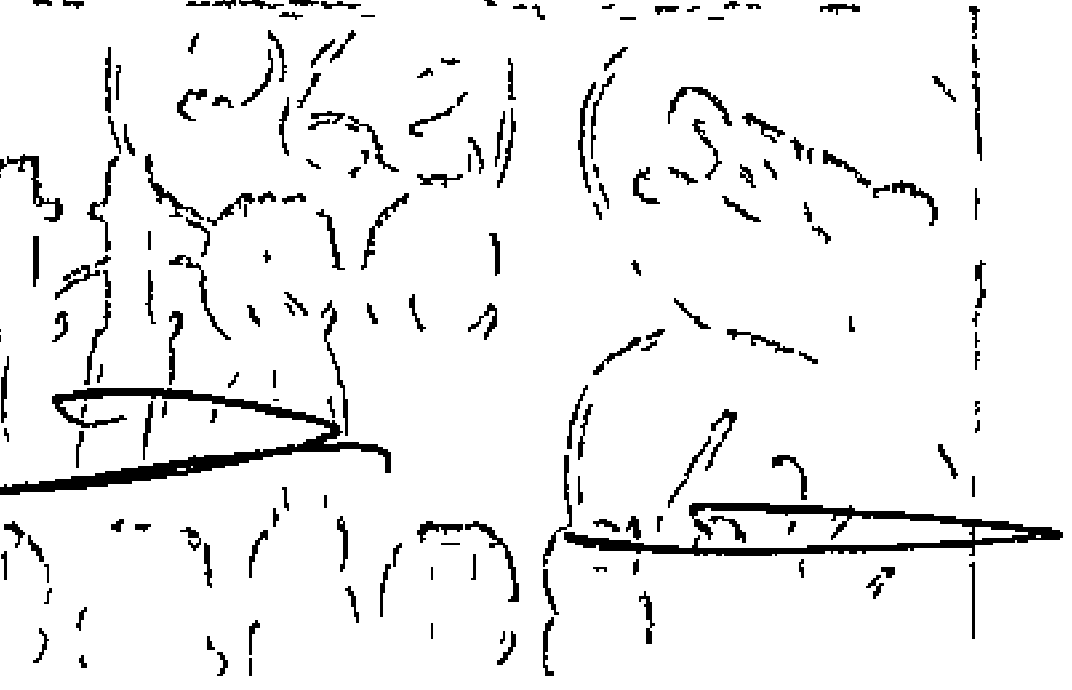

Coloured committee rejects rent increase

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee [illegible] resolved to reject the increase in rent which became effective from January 1.

In addition the committee [illegible] should be consulted in matters of this [illegible] and that there should be a [illegible] committee to [illegible] rental [illegible].

This followed after Mr A. V. Green said the public [illegible] committee members as sell-outs.

He said the committee had [illegible] rent would [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible].

The vice-chairman, Mr J. F. Thomas, [illegible] committee [illegible] the impression [illegible] would [illegible] look [illegible] increase [illegible].

"Our committee [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] should not affect [illegible].

It was debatable whether the [illegible] had been [illegible] and councillors had [illegible] to increase the rent.

"When notices were sent out the people should have [illegible] and that it [illegible] higher."

Mr W. [illegible] said the committee [illegible]

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Relations committee slated

DD 14/1/81

EAST LONDON — The East London Relations Committee came under a scathing attack at a meeting of the Coloured Management Committee here last night.

This followed an item on the [illegible] a member, Mr [illegible] C[illegible], questioned the committee's [illegible].

Mr C[illegible] said he could not see how this committee could be a worthy one since it was government-created. He said it was the very government which was voted into power by whites only and which decided the future of the black community, that was pushing such committees down the throats of people who had no say in the country.

He was of the opinion that the committee could only be worth anything if the government abolished all its policies which caused race friction.

Supporting him, Mr [illegible] said he could not see how his committee could help in bettering relations between white and other [illegible] as long as the [illegible] and black communities [illegible].

He was confident that these committees were to [illegible].

Mr [illegible] motion that [illegible] member [illegible] condemn the Relations Committee was [illegible] members [illegible] [illegible] those [illegible] coloured [illegible] [illegible].

In reply, Councillor M[illegible] F[illegible] said it was a [illegible] [illegible] to establish relations committees. She said 14[illegible] of these committees had been formed in 19[illegible]9. She had been serving on the local committee for two years.

Mrs Fenn said the objectives of the committee were to endeavour through regular discussions and representations to eliminate local points of friction and problems which hampered good relations between white [illegible] [illegible].

She said it was a [illegible] constituted body and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Mrs Fenn said the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] said the local chief [illegible] [illegible].

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He said the breakdown off
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South African counterparts did not inspire confidence

"Despite the large financial grants and loans obtained from South Africa, Transkei must continuously go cap in hand for further funds to our government," Mr Stanford said

Ciskei did not have half the potential Transkei had "and if Transkei cannot balance its budget and looks as though it never will be able to do so what chance has the Ciskei got?"

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The UWP picket line outside the King William's Town Town Hall where the Van der Welt Commission heard evidence from the public yesterday.

Plan to share divided King

[illegible] as a deeds office in King William's Town with a land registration system similar to that used elsewhere in South Africa

In Transkei this is not the case and any interference with the [illegible] and registration system would prove fatal from the security of [illegible] point of view

He said any [illegible] interference in the area [illegible] of the deeds office would have an adverse effect on the whole economy

Mr Stanford said King William's Town should be allowed to operate on the lines of the Ciskei to encourage more enterprise [illegible] a growth state

[illegible] another representative from [illegible] said [illegible] would be made a [illegible] for cities

He suggested the establishment of a property zone [illegible] the [illegible] and Ciskei as a better solution than the minister of the interior [illegible] the homeland government

[illegible] be encouraged to [illegible] capital on the tourists [illegible] King William's Town and again [illegible] the situation in 1981," he said

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — A proposal has been made for the handing over of all areas west of King William's Town [illegible] to the Ciskei

[illegible] evidence yesterday [illegible] to the commission [illegible] property owner and farmer, and the commission which heard further evidence on its proposals that a proclamation handing over the town could be carried on the statute book there [illegible] property zone and the [illegible] town would [illegible] residents

Eventually [illegible] are necessary the [illegible] would be incorporated into the Ciskei and South Africa, with [illegible] to the [illegible] areas and [illegible] the [illegible] groups," Mr Steyl said

He said the coloureds and Indians could then [illegible] in the part which would fall under South Africa

"The central business and industrial areas would then be declared co-prosperity project zones where all the various racial groups would be able to conduct business freely, own property and live and where this freedom would be guaranteed by both governments," he said

He suggested that land falling to the west of the Buffalo River be given to the Ciskei while land on the eastern side of the river remain in South Africa

In essence, the part of the town which would remain in South Africa would be [illegible] the end from the junction of road from Kei Road to the King William's Town municipal boundary, moving north-wards from that point along the municipal boundary until the point where it crosses the Buffalo River, and the river itself forming the boundary which would be connected to the municipal boundary on the north

Mr Steyl's proposed industrial area would stretch from the King Farming factory, going round the South African Broadcasting Corporation studios and then proceeding to Mzamba on the tarred road

He said the area would be constitutionally guaranteed by both governments as a neutral business and industrial area where any person irrespective of colour of skin, whether being a Ciskeian or South African, can run a business freely, own property and live

He mentioned that taxes collected in the area, apart from ordinary municipal taxes for services rendered, could be given to the Ciskei to improve the living standards in the black state

Mr Steyl said he did not foresee any problems arising from the sharing of King William's Town, as the two races had been sharing the town for the past 20 years without any confrontation

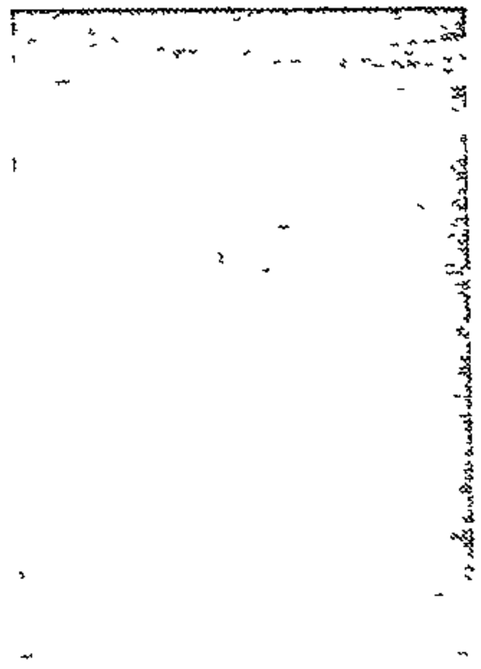
He said, however, it was necessary to allow the whites, coloureds and Indians to live in the town without any impediments, and their security being an issue, therefore allowing them to have their own schools, residential areas, municipal services and police

He said that Berlin, an existing residential area, could be sectioned off for the settlement of black families

The area was small and many of the houses there already belonged to the South African Government, which would make the cost of buying out owners there less than R5 million

Mr Steyl said the land west of the Buffalo River was appropriate for the establishment of a residential area and the land surface was also conducive to the establishment of state buildings

He said Ginsberg location also fell on the west side of the river



Mr Bob Steyl gives evidence.

Mr Steyl said the peace and understanding which had prevailed in King William's Town for 120 years had been disturbed when the Van der Walt Commission recommendations were made public. Following publication of the recommendations a number of white families had moved to leave the area

"If King William's Town was incorporated into the Ciskei, between 60 and 80 per cent of the whites in the area would leave to go and settle in places like East London and Stutterheim," he said

Remarks made by Ciskei's Chief Minister, Chief L L Sebe, regarding local residents' rights to conduct a referendum had not helped to reassure residents about their future

"The coloureds have been moved thrice in the past 25 years from their residential areas and when they have now just settled down in Breidbach the prospect of a further removal is facing them," he said

Indians had never been provided with a residential area in the town "and now that plans are afoot to establish a township for them there is a proposal for the incorporation of the town into the Ciskei, which is frustrating such a move"

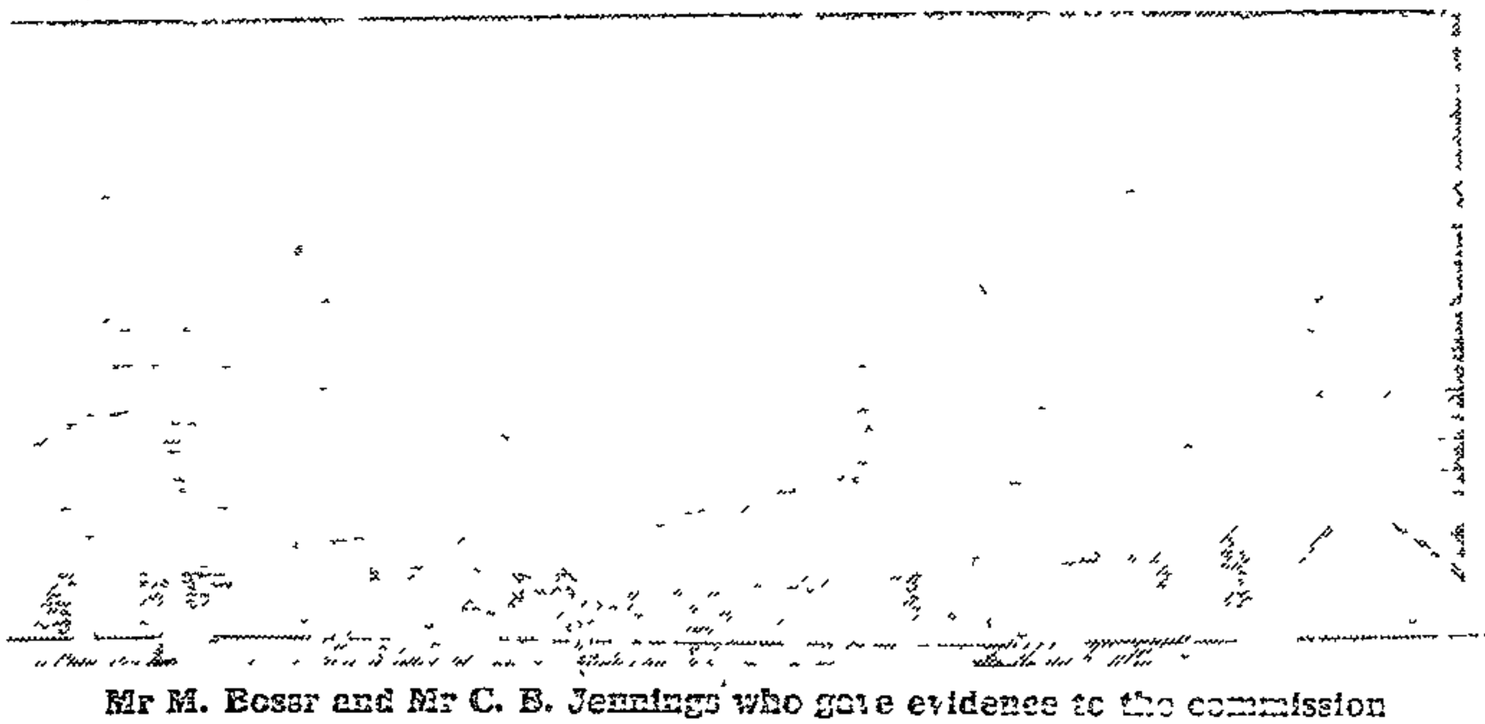
He wondered if property owners would be paid out in full in the event of the town being handed over to the Ciskei and the owners wanting to sell

"I cannot understand a government which will go out of its way to spend millions of rands to buy out properties only to create unproductive areas," Mr Steyl said after arguing the handover would result in depreciation of property values

Mr Mike Bossr, chairman of the Breidbach Coloured Management Committee said incorporation into the Ciskei would result in a lot of hardship and suffering for the coloured community, who had always been a law abiding people

He assured the commission, however, coloureds were not against the Ciskei and its people

"They are our friends but we want to maintain our identity and we want to remain in the Republic of South Africa without having to be uprooted from where we are now"



Mr M. Bossr and Mr C. B. Jennings who gave evidence to the commission

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No ill-feeling towards Ciskei says mayor

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The opposition by local residents to the incorporation of King William's Town into the Ciskei was not motivated by ill feeling towards Ciskeians, their leaders or the Ciskei Government, the Van der Walt Commission was told here yesterday.

The incorporation of the town and other areas of land in the Border has been recommended by the commission as part of further consolidation of the Ciskei.

The Mayor of King William's Town, Mr Eric Weyer, told the commission yesterday: "It is regrettable that I, my council and residents of King William's Town have been criticised by persons in responsible positions for expressing our views through the ballot box in regard to your commission's proposals affecting the town."

Mr Weyer was referring to statements made by, among others, Chief Minister L L Sebe, who said the referendum held in the town was "naked racism".

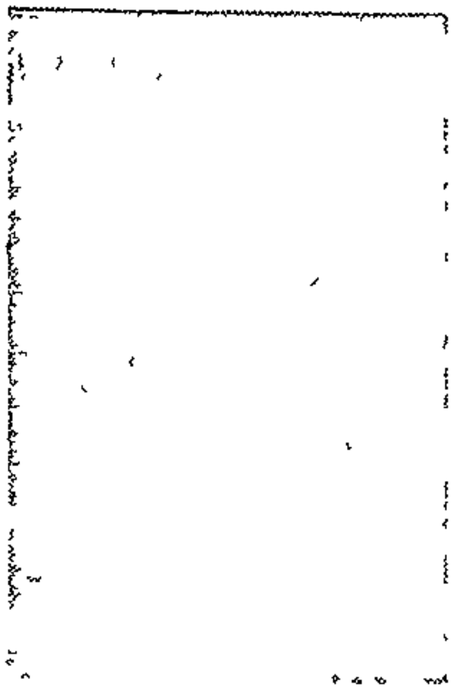
The planned incorporation of the town was rejected in the referendum by 1 612 out of 1 742 persons who voted, only 100 supported the move.

Mr Weyer said the opposition to the proposed incorporation was not as a result of any animosity by residents towards Ciskei, but because they wanted the town to remain within the boundaries of South Africa.

Mr Bob Stanford, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, told the commission the incorporation issue was handled insensitively.

He said statements made by "leading Ciskei personalities" had given the impression that certain promises had been given by the South African Government that the handover would be carried through.

"Both whites and Coloureds have rejected the incorporation as they are satisfied the conditions of incorporation as



Mr Eric Weyer, the mayor of King William's Town, giving evidence before the commission.

envisaged by the state — as leaked to the press — and as stated by Mr Van der Walt at the meeting with the commission on November 12 last year, cannot result in an economy which will benefit all race groups," he said.

"The population groups feel the authorities have been very high handed in the handling of this very delicate issue, and that their vested interests, rights and hopes do apparently do not mean very much to the authorities."

Mr Stanford gave a number of reasons which he said weighed heavily against incorporation of King William's Town into the Ciskei, using Transkei as an example to determine what kind of future could be expected in an independent Ciskei.

He said when Transkei became independent there was an influx of people in industry and commerce, but this has dried up and over the last three years there has been virtually no development whatever.

Towns and villages in Transkei had, in some cases, deteriorated into filthy dumps whereas before they were often clean and pleasant to live in.

"There is mass unemployment all over Transkei and anyone who can speak the language and who visits Transkei is

Annex land to Ciskei plea

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Property owners in the Braunschweig area including the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Sienna, and the committee of St Peter's Lutheran Church, submitted memoranda yesterday to the Van der Walt commission for the annexation of their land to the Ciskei.

A spokesman for the parties, Mr Mickey Webb and all concerned had tried in the past to sell their properties but had encountered problems.

Mr Webb said about 80 per cent of the 2 000 ha of land owned by the residents in the area consisted of the "most desirable arable land anywhere in South Africa".

He said there had been assaults, attacks and even murders of innocent people in the area.

"It is submitted the owners are in a unique position in that the [illegible] very valuable properties which are good revenue producing lands but which are not readily saleable as prospective white purchasers fear black reprisals and black buyers cannot get authority to acquire the farms."

He said while the owners were ready to sell, their had conditions they wanted satisfied first.

They wanted realistic prices for their properties and replacement of such land and also wished the government would consider the disruption and income reduction and loss of income through ceasing farming operations and moving to other areas in South Africa.

The other conditions were:

- That a consultant valuator acting on behalf of the property owners be authorised to evaluate the properties in liaison with the government-appointed valuators, who should evaluate all the properties simultaneously.
- That all offers be submitted to all owners together at the same time.
- That all properties be taken over at the same time on a predetermined date.
- That any person or company renting land and conducting bona fide farming operations in the area and producing cash crops which may lose their right, should be compensated.

Pine farmers: we will be hit

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — Acceptance of the Van der Walt proposals for the further consolidation of the Ciskei would detrimentally affect the pineapple industry in the Kidd's Beach area, representatives of the industry told the commission here yesterday.

Mr H Van der Walt and his team were hearing evidence on the commission's proposals which would see a portion of Kidd's Beach being incorporated into the Ciskei.

Mr K Bell, of Silverdale Farms, said a portion of that land was under the Ciskei terms of the commission's proposals and because the farm operated as a single unit the exclusion of one unit from the property as a whole affected the economic viability of the land.

Mr Bell said [illegible] improve the [illegible] the property in the farms was [illegible] the steel farms.

Mr Ashton Chubb, of Colondale, said his company would be unable to continue pineapple farming if portions of land in the area were incorporated into the Ciskei. He said people working in the area would then be unemployed "and the area is fairly highly populated".

However, if his organisation were to continue operating in the area, then there would have to be patrollable international boundaries.

Mr Chubb said to save the industry it might be necessary, perhaps, to lease farms back to the bought-out farmers so that they could run the industry in the Ciskei.

"I am pretty sure we can get co-operation from the Ciskei government to run the industry in this area," he said.

Another spokesman for the industry, Mr B T Purdon, chairman of the Pineapple Growers' Association, said the turnover in the Peddie district where pineapple farms had been handed over to the Ciskei, had dropped "as we predicted it would".

He said the position of the industry had to be clarified as Langeberg was also affected.

Mr A St Leonard, secretary of the East London Western Districts Farmers Association said property owners would [illegible] legally [illegible] and damage to fences around the farms.

He suggested horizontal [illegible] boundaries [illegible] be consolidated as farm fences "will not be acceptable as boundaries".

Mr S [illegible] suggested boundaries with double fences and which would have to be patrolled by the South African police.

Mr N H Stone and Mr A J Marco opposed the consolidation plans, pointing out they were involved in holiday resorts.

If there was going to be a change regarding jurisdiction of the area then the South African Government should make available to them other facilities elsewhere in South Africa which would compensate for their loss in the Kidd's Beach - Kayser's Beach area, they said.

Evidence heard in camera

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — At least two people yesterday gave evidence in camera to the Van der Walt Commission considering its consolidation proposals for the Ciskei.

Local whites have expressed reluctance to give evidence since it was announced the proceedings would be public.

Some of those who did not wish to give evidence in public said they feared reprisals from the Ciskei.

Government if King William's Town was handed over to the homeland in terms of the Van der Walt recommendations.

The commission will hear further evidence today.

Mr H. J. D. van der Walt, second from right, and the members of his commission from left, Mr J. J. S. Weideman, Mr J. W. Greef, and Mr V. A. Volker, hear evidence in King William's Town.

Beaches matter for Province — ex-Mayor

Divisional Council Reporter

A FORMER Mayor of Simon's Town, Mr Gordon Wilson who is standing for re-election to the Town Council, believes that political decisions' about the beaches should be left to the Provincial Council

Mr Wilson told The Argus in an interview that he thought the Town Council should not make any representations to the Provincial Administration about the beaches

He said his reason for this was that the council should not be involved in politics

Local government in the Cape has a long tradition of non-involvement in politics he said

RESIGNED

Mr Wilson resigned from the Council in November because of a majority decision to apply to the Provincial Administration for two tidal pools to be rezoned so that coloured people could use them

This decision was taken after the opinion of nearby residents had been canvassed, and a majority had replied that they were against the pools being opened to all races

Having got a 94 percent vote the council then flew in the face of the democratically expressed views of the constituents who had elected them,' said Mr Wilson

CANVASSING

He said he was opposed to the council canvassing residents for their views, since this was a matter for the provincial authorities and not for the Town Council, and he was opposed to the council making any representations to the provincial authorities on the matter

I am not opposed to change as long as the change is decided on by the right authority

I as a good subject, must accept it and be bound by the right authority'

Mr Wilson and the other two candidates in the by-election on February 6, caused by his resignation, will explain their views at a public meeting in Simon's Town on January 29

The other candidates, Commodore Peter Selk and another former Mayor Mr Arthur Edwards said they would not comment on the beach issue at this stage

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Cape Provincial Institute of Architects' Prize
For the best student in :-

Sixth Year

P F Dunckley

David Haddon Prize
For the best student of Architecture (or Quantity Surveying) in the subject of Professional Practice.

D H Pryce Lewis

Helen Gardner Travel Prize
for a student who has satisfactorily completed 1st, 2nd and 3rd major courses.

P A Rapoport

Molly Gohl Memorial Prize
For the best woman student in third year.

Miss C Tredgold

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For the best student of Architecture (or Quantity Surveying) in the subject of Professional Practice.

D H Pryce Lewis

Osbourn Prize
For the best work in fourth year.

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General J B M Hertzog Prize
For the best final year student.

R A van Rosenveld.

John Perry Prize
For the best work in third year.

R A van Rosenveld.

King industrialists object

Reports by CHARLES MQANDULA

KING WILLIAMS TOWN — The van der Walt proposals for the further consolidation of the Ciskei were revolutionary, it was submitted here yesterday on the last day of the commission's hearing of further evidence on its recommendations

The recommendations, among others, suggest King Williams Town be incorporated into the Ciskei

Mr B A Radue who represented the ad hoc committee of representatives of industries in the King Williams Town municipal area said it was the stated policy of the South African Government and of several leaders of the black national states that South Africa's future should be achieved by evolution and not by revolution

"We believe, however, your proposals are revolutionary and that it would only be acceptable to achieve your goals by evolution," Mr Radue told the commission

He claimed local industrialists formed the economic backbone of the area, which organised industry, including employment to about 10 000 people

Some of the industries proposed ranged in age from a few years to just before the turn of the century

"We take from the knowledge that each of us is economically stable in his own right, has a solid base of reserves and under present conditions would continue to operate, develop and provide additional employment for the long term future," said Mr Radue

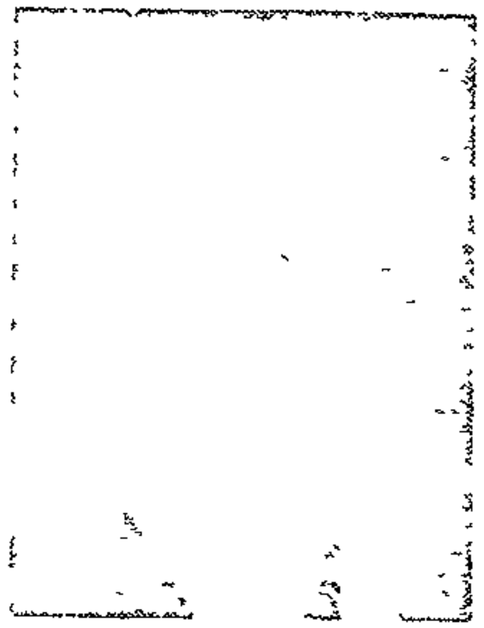
The commission's proposals created uncertainty and it was highly desirable to hand over an area of road, made economically viable to the developing black national states, it still provided no answer to the question of the future of industrialists under the new circumstances

"Due to our complete lack of knowledge of the implications, the uncertainty which your proposals have created and the uncertainty with which we have to face the future we find your present proposals unacceptable," Mr Radue said

He endorsed, as an alternative, suggestions already submitted on the protection of decentralised core in the area

Mr Radue also suggested the repeal of the group areas act in King Williams Town to allow for the natural process of development which could provide for each man to rise according to proven

Each individual should have the opportunity of having the benefit of his choosing and if any member of any particular race group has the financial ability to purchase a dwelling at normal market prices and wishes to live within the bounds of control of the authority under which that particular dwelling falls, then he must be free to do so



MR B A RADUE

The South African Government was also challenged to give a clear and unequivocal assurance to whites in the white corridor regarding the future of the area

Mr Pat Rogers, a spokesman for the Kei Road Farmers' Association, said his group, together with the farmers associations of Dontsa and Bolo, were opposed to the purchase of additional land in the white corridor

He said any further incursion into the territory would bring about a landslide lack of confidence in the area

"It is no use throwing around opinions, submitting memoranda and appointing commissions of inquiry. What we need is an unequivocal statement from the government regarding the future of the white corridor," he said

Kubusie farmers ask for expropriation of properties

KING WILLIAMS TOWN — Farmers in the upper Kubusie wanted the South African Government to expropriate their properties for the further consolidation of the Ciskei, the van der Walt commission was told here yesterday

The chairman of the area's farmers' committee, Mr N McMaster, said the farmers' greatest problem was the squatters in the area

He told the commission about 60 farmers wanted to move out of the area where farming had come to a standstill because of the thousands of squatters located within this area "

As early as 1943 government-appointed commissions had pointed to the squatter problem in the Border area, which they said was a "severe threat to good farming and management"

Mr McMaster said "At that particular time there were 4 175 squatters in the Stutterheim area, half of them being in the Kubusie "

According to estimates last year the number of squatters had risen to 22 000

Mr McMaster said the area was divided into white farms, some black-owned properties and properties allegedly belonging to mission stations.

Of the white owned properties only about 25 per cent of the farmers are attempting to make a living off their land while the remainder of the farms are unoccupied or use the owner commute to work in towns or wherever a living can be made he said

The unoccupied farms afforded ideal protection for squatter settlements while the black owned properties were hopelessly overcrowded

In some cases dozens of families are living on a mere few hectares of land and the result of this situation is that theft, trespassing and harassment are growing to alarming proportions "

Mr McMaster said because of the "spiralling dog menace" sheep farming had almost entirely disappeared while poultry farming was "something of the past"

He suggested the commission should either recommend the complete removal of squatters from the area to re-establish confidence there so that farms could have a realistic market value or to expropriate the whole area, which was partially surrounded by the Ciskei

The ratio of blacks to whites in the area was about 22 000 to 500

Two farmers who told the commission they wanted to move out were Mr J A Hoffmann and Mr N V Haynes

Both men commented on the Sandile Monument, which is in their area, and the other graves of Chief Sandile's warriors, which were on their farms

Mr Hoffmann said sooner or later blacks would move onto his farm checking which grave was of which warrior

"[illegible] the Sandile [illegible] dynamite [illegible] could explode soon

Meetings are held at that grave by blacks in their thousands and inflammatory speeches are made there which work up the crowds to a frenzy of anti-white aggression," said Mr Haynes

It was common knowledge there were agitators among the blacks and mob violence at times was the order of the day, which would endanger lives in the area

One of the undertakings of the confederal proposals by the Ciskei Government was that no one should suffer disadvantage arising from geographical boundaries

"These proposals will place us at a disadvantage," he said

Plea to keep forests under SA control

KING WILLIAMS TOWN — His knowledge of the Xhosa people and South Africa's indigenous trees made him believe there could never be harmony between the two, Mr H G Schwarz told the Van der Walt Commission here yesterday

Mr Schwarz, who said he was a property owner, taxpayer and a South African citizen with family roots stretching from 1658, was opposing the incorporation into the Ciskei of the Prince Evelyn Valley, Cwenqwe Isidenge and Hogsback areas

The area together with other tracts of land on the Border, has been recommended for excision from South Africa and incorporation into the Ciskei by the commission

Mr Schwarz said the argument that the Xhosas would conserve the indigenous trees on the Amatolas was wishful thinking

I know the Xhosas and the indigenous trees in this country and I must tell you there has never been harmony between the two," he said

Mr Schwarz said he was not a racist and had always gone out of his way to defend the rights of the underdog

More often than not the underdogs were the blacks "and I have on many occasions spoken out in their defence "

He felt, however, as a result of the Van der Walt proposals the trees would be the underdogs and I felt I must at least speak in defence of [illegible] against the excision of the Ciskei

Mr Schwarz said as an old established resident of King William's Town he wanted to return to the town. It would be difficult for him to accept uprooting and resettling elsewhere

He said he had supported the national party [illegible] and [illegible] by white life

"[illegible] that I should see the high stage of my area forms my authority, has been destroyed by the government I have served," he said

Mr Schwarz, who said it was not time for him to talk about personal disappointment but talk about injury to the defenceless forests said the proposed incorporation did not make sense at all

The greater part of the Amatola forest was handed over to the Ciskei around 1970 The area since then had been telling the tragic story of indiscriminate destruction "

"There is, therefore no doubt that the standard applied by white afforestation officers regarding sale of indigenous tree types is different from that used by black officers," he said

He quoted a case where green trees had been felled and sold which was contrary to afforestation practice in South Africa

The value of the Amatola forests could not be interpreted in financial terms The forest was a priceless heritage " which must at all costs be preserved for as long as we live '

The Farmers' Associations of Kei Road, Dutywa and Idutywa also opposed the incorporation into the Ciskei of the piece of land north of Frankfort which comprises Cazelia, Mlala, Creek and Kashula Ridge

The associations said in a joint memorandum "We strongly recommend this land should be retained by South Africa for the purpose of afforestation to which it is ideally suited "

Mr Pat Rogers, of Kei Road, who was a spokesman for the associations, said if the area was used as suggested by the associations it would bring a situation of stability

That, he said, would arise from the provision of work for the many blacks who would be resettled at Frankfort

"This is a simple matter which requires intelligent planning for the good of the neighbouring Ciskei," he said

HNP leader expects V d Walt prosecution

EAST LONDON — The leader of the King William's Town branch of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, Mr Brian Nel, expects legal action to be taken against him

Mr Nel says he expects the Van der Walt Commission to prosecute him for being in possession of a secret document, allegedly written by the Commission

Details of the document may not be published as publication may result in prosecution under the Commissions Act

Mr Nel said yesterday that the only action the Van der Walt Commission can take is to prosecute him.

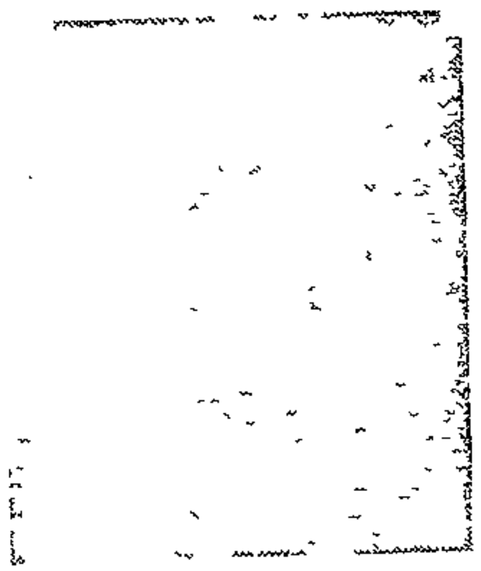
He was responding to a statement by the Chairman of the Commission, Mr Hennie van der Walt, in King William's Town on Monday that the Commission could not "leave the matter here "

Mr Van der Walt made the statement to Mr Nel when Mr Nel produced the document Mr Van der Walt was visibly shaken when the document was produced

"What else can he do?" Mr Nel said, "the only thing he can do is hand the matter over to the police "

Mr Nel said he was not worried about being prosecuted

"I have nothing to hide



MR NEL

and the whole story will come out in court I can't give the name of my source because I don't know who sent the document to me I get lots of anonymous mail — I don't know who sends it "

Mr Nel said he could not understand how the Van der Walt Commission could come to an agreement and then take further evidence

"How can they agree on the incorporation of King William's Town into Ciskei and then come to King William's Town into take evidence? They are obviously prejudiced "

Mr Nel also rejected a statement by Mr Hendrik Coetzee MP for King William's Town, that Mr Coetzee would fight the proposed incorporation of King William's Town into Ciskei

I don't believe him I believe he was deliberately using the excuse that he could not give evidence to the Commission to get off the hook How do we know what he is going to say and do in caucus? — DDR

Development body meets on Berlin

EAST LONDON — The proposed inclusion of Berlin into Ciskei will be discussed by the East London Development Committee tomorrow night.

The City Council and representatives of the Chamber of Industries, Chamber of Commerce and Handelsinstituut will discuss the Van der Walt Commission proposal on Berlin

After the discussions, the Mayor, Mr Donald Card, will call a special City council meeting to hammer out the council's response to the Commission proposal — DDR

EDITORIAL OPINION

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Half in, half out?

One of the people who gave evidence before the Van der Walt Commission in King William's Town outlined an interesting coprosperity plan for the town as an alternative to having it totally incorporated into the Ciskei

Because of its geographic situation at the edge of one of the proposed boundary lines between the Ciskei and the South African-administered so called "white corridor" the idea of "sharing" the town is at least physically feasible.

But whether it would be politically practical is another matter

Mr L Steyl, who made the suggestion, argued that the various races had been sharing King William's Town for 140 years without confrontation That is not strictly accurate All that races other than whites have really shared in King have been the streets and access to the shops

They have never had any share in the administration of the town. Nor have they enjoyed the right to share the town's social, cultural, residential and recreational facilities It is, indeed, in acknowledgment of this that Mr Steyl has now proposed full equality for blacks in the central business and industrial areas of the town and separate civic rights in specific parts of the town that could be set aside for black residence

This would be a good idea if considered for every town and city in South Africa Economic sharing in the CBDs of all major cities could be one of the sensible moves away from apartheid that South Africa could make

In fact, the mind boggles that white trading privilege in the cities is allowed to be retained when the majority of the people who spend money in the CBDs are not white

King William's Town no longer, however, falls into the category of being an ordinary South African town It is more than ever today a "border" town and most of its recent progress and development has been influenced by the political happenings involving the Zwelitsha-based Ciskei Government

Zwelitsha is as much a part of King as Duncan Village is part of East London King is also as much involved in moves towards Ciskeian independence as was Umtata in the case of Transkei

Therefore we are convinced King cannot divorce itself from what is happening in the Ciskei It can never stay out of the developments

The choice is to go in wholly or virtually to split the town down the middle, as Mr Steyl proposes

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King body explains why Transkei cited

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The Kaffrarian Chamber of Commerce said yesterday it had been compelled to use Transkei as an example when giving evidence to the Van der Walt Commission this week to underline its economic fears for King William's Town.

The chamber was reacting to Transkei's acting prime minister, Chief George Ndabankulu's attack on Mr R D Stanford who gave evidence to the commission on behalf of the chamber.

Chief Ndabankulu referred to Mr Stanford's description of the economic situation in Transkei as "irresponsible" and "downright prejudiced."

In a statement, the chamber said yesterday it felt the financial development of Transkei and its limited sources of income, were responsible for the negative aspects of their memorandum to the commission.

"At all costs we do not want this to happen to the Ciskei and King William's Town."

It was the chamber's objective to get the best possible deal for both black and white in the area. It believed that their plan for a co-prosperity zone would genuinely work in the interests of all population groups, far more than if the town were incorporated into the Ciskei.

"In substantiation of our case we were naturally compelled to draw on the closest independent national state, which is Transkei, and to point out to the commission what we believe to be certain negative aspects of the development that has occurred in that state.

"No racialism of any kind was meant in our memorandum."

The chamber said it was a non-political body concerned only with the economic development of the King William's Town area 'and this is why examples were taken from Transkei.

"It is our chamber's view that with its limited resources, Transkei has, in many ways, achieved remarkable progress."

The chamber said it wished to point out that Mr Stanford had been presenting evidence on behalf of the chamber and not in his private capacity.

An angry response also came from the chairman of the Transkei Chamber of Industries, Mr Robert Fowlds who said yesterday:

"Transkei has nothing to do with whether King is incorporated, and parallels cannot be drawn."

He said while conditions in smaller Transkeian towns might have deteriorated since independence, this did not apply to Butterworth and Umtata with which King William's Town should be compared.

"I was deputy mayor of Butterworth for the first two years after independence.

"Butterworth cannot be such an awful place if there are three times as many whites living there now than there were before independence.

"Mr Stanford says there has been virtually no development in Transkei over the last three years.

"This is not true, between 1977 and 1979, there was almost no decentralised development in the whole of Southern Africa in accordance with the South African Government's policy. Not only Transkei, but all independent states and homelands suffered."

Meanwhile the East London Municipality, commerce and industry have drawn up a response to the commission's proposal that Berlin be included in the Ciskei.

Yesterday the East London Development Committee decided on its response which will be presented to the Commission when it sits in East London.

The date when the commission will sit in East London to hear evidence regarding Berlin is not yet known.

The Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Handelsinstituut and the city council still have to draft separate replies to the commission's proposals. — HDR

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City Council to investigate crime

Municipal Reporter

AN ad hoc committee which will investigate and report on the combating of crime in the municipal area has been appointed by the Cape Town City Council.

The appointment of the committee is the result of a motion proposed last year by Mr David Bloomberg that Cape Town form a full-time civic constabulary for crime prevention

The committee will be headed by Mr Bloomberg and its members were appointed after a lengthy debate at yesterday's monthly council meeting.

The members are the Deputy Mayor, Mr M J van Zyl, the chairman of the council's executive, Mr Bill Peters, Mr R M Friedlander, Mr John Muir and Mrs Eulalie Stott

The committee will examine the efficacy and present deployment of law enforcement personnel who form part of the municipality's approved establishment and to consider whether their respective functions constitute a necessary top priority rating in the present circumstances.

Argus 30/1/81 (263)

Move to widen rates rebates

Argus 30/1/81 (263) (124)

Municipal Reporter

A MOVE to include the owners and occupiers of flats and terrace houses among those ratepayers who receive a 20 percent rates rebate got off the ground at yesterday's meeting of the Cape Town City Council

The council passed a motion introduced by Mr R F Hurly that the executive committee investigate widening the scope of the rebate to include flats and terrace houses

During the debate Mr Hurly said that when the council passed the 20 percent rebate last year it was a matter of urgency and there had been little time to propose amendments

Council objects to limit on facilities

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council made it clear yesterday that it is not satisfied with the Department of Education's 'string attached' permission to open Cape Town facilities to all races

After months of negotiation and requests for permission, the department has given permission for the majority of the City Council's sports amenities to be used on a multiracial basis for 'inter club' sports meetings

The department has added verbally that multiracial sport would be allowed 'as long as it was on a competitive basis'

The council yesterday passed a recommendation that 'further representation be made to the department for the unrestricted use by all racial groups of the facilities in question'

NOT NEW

The council also decided yesterday to ask its amenities and health committee to consider setting aside times for training sessions at the Newlands and Long Street swimming baths for clubs of all race groups

The public would be able to use the baths during these periods if they wished to do so.

During yesterday's council debate Mr Frank van der Velde said the council had in fact been given nothing new and should not accept anything but unrestricted use of sports facilities by all race groups

Ward Two councillor Mr J S Rabinowitz said the effect of the council's move would be to create 'the sort of thing that happened at Sea Point beaches this summer.'

He asked that his vote be recorded against the recommendation

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Don't give King away — Coetzer

THE ASSEMBLY — A Nationalist MP yesterday publicly criticised two key recommendations of the Van der Walt Commission's proposal for the consolidation of the Ciskei

The MP, Mr Hendrik Coetzer of King William's Town, rejected the commission's proposal to transfer King William's Town to the Ciskei and the plan to change the Ciskeian boundary in the Hogsback area

Speaking in the no-confidence debate, Mr Coetzer said "I personally feel it will be a mistake to incorporate King into the Ciskei as proposed by the commission "

He added that the proposal to make the Kliplaat River the boundary between the Ciskei and South Africa was "with due respect to the member in front of me" — Mr Johan Greeff, MP for Aliwal North and a member of the commission — "the most stupid proposal I have heard "

Mr Coetzer spoke after the newly elected New Republic Party MP for East London North, Mr Harland Bell, also criticised the commission's proposals

Mr Bell said he could not understand why the Kliplaat River should be the boundary when the existing border, a watershed, was perfectly adequate

"It does not provide a better boundary as the escarpment boundary now existing, which is a natural border.

"It is situated in a snow hazard area During the winter farmers are constantly on the alert to protect stock

"The Ciskeian farmer will not voluntarily inhabit this area

"It cannot be said that its addition will create an economic benefit to the Ciskei and appears to be solely an attempt to add more ground to the Ciskei "

After quoting various government officials who had written that Hogsback would not go black, Mr Bell said "how can the people have confidence in such government?"

He said no one was consulted in King William's Town about the possible transfer of the town and "I cannot but lead to the conclusion that the government has little concern for people when it implements its ideology

"I want to put a question to the government Was this done as a bait to Chief Minister Sebe to encourage his people to take independence?"

The deputy minister of development, Mr Greyling Wentzel "No it was not "

In his speech, Mr Coetzer accused both Mr Bell and Mr Vause Raw, the NRP leader, of exploiting the King William's Town situation for party political gain

But it should be realised the town invoked considerable sentiment among both white and black people

Mr Coetzer urged people to realise that race relations were at stake.

Mr Coetzer said he had drafted a compromise proposal, which he did not disclose, and he hoped that this would provide a solution — PC

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Upswing in housing demand delays bonds

EAST LONDON — The property pendulum in the city is swinging into a period where demand for housing is outstripping building society loan quotas

This is the assessment of a number of estate agents randomly surveyed

All the agents said they did not experience any problems from building societies except there was now a longer delay in gaining approval on bond applications

One agent said that for many years the property market in East London had been "flat" and that more money had gone into the building societies than into property

"Then suddenly there was more money around and people started investing in property and the local property market went crazy," he said

"Building societies had a surplus of cash and were even actively encouraging people to buy property"

The agent said that the surplus of cash had soon disappeared but the demand for property has continued unabated

"I haven't had any cases of building societies not being able to provide the finance, it is just a question of having to wait a bit longer"

Another agent said so far he had experienced no trouble in getting money from the building societies "There is just a longer delay, that's all"

A third estate agent said that provided building societies were approached with a good proposition, there was no problem at all

A fourth agent said there was a tighter money situation in the property market, but put it down to national and international financial trends

He said building societies were still giving out money for property but were being more careful in anticipation of money shortages — DDR

Council attacked for 'racial bursaries'

C. Herald 7/2/81 (263)

CAPE TOWN City Council has come under attack for offering scholarships on a racial basis to first-year students at the University of Cape Town.

Six bursaries are offered, one for a 'coloured', one for a 'European' and four for 'all races.'

One is a War Memorial Scholarship worth R200 a year for a 'coloured' student. The others are a Municipal University Scholarship (R500 a year) for a 'European' student, a Saul Albow Scholarship (R375 a year) and three Duke of York Scholarships (R500 a year each).

LIBERALISM

Mr Vincent Farrell, chairman of the Teachers' Action Committee (TAC), said racial bursaries did not fit in with the City Council's so-called liberalism and non-racialism'

'Black students should refuse these bursaries to show they are not interested in racial handouts,' he said

A spokeswoman for the City Council said the bursaries were made from trust funds with certain laid-down conditions.'

Asked why she used outdated racial terms like 'Europeans', she said she was merely following the example of previous years.

'These terms have always been used,' she said.

For application forms and details, phone 210-2708 or call in office hours at the committee secretariat's offices on the fifth floor of the Foreshore Civic Centre's podium block and ask for Miss K Eilbeck.

Applications close on February 26.

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Nurses moonlight to boost incomes

CT 9/2/81 (263)

By MARILYN ELLIOTT

SEVERAL nurses in Cape Town who work for provincial hospitals are having to work at steakhouses, restaurants and with private cosmetic firms during their off-duty hours, to boost their incomes

A Cape Times survey showed that nurses are spending their spare hours at many of the City's steakhouses because they are fed up with what they call "pitiful salaries" in the Provincial service At one establishment, 20 student nurses have applied for night jobs in the past six months

One second-year student nurse who sells cosmetics part-time said "I clear R 168 after deductions, which includes board and lodging I find it difficult to make ends meet, so I boost my income by doing this selling job But I would never mention it to anyone at the hospital because I'd probably be sacked It's against the rules

Many of my friends have to resort to doing menial jobs to make sure they will earn enough to live on The authorities are trying to keep the seriousness of the situation a secret They do not seem to realize how serious the matter is, she said

Resignations

The nurse said Groote Schuur had received many resignations in the past few months and that nowadays when resignations were tendered, the head matron did not even ask why

"She knows it's because we can't make do The government and all those responsible have got their heads stuck in the sand Unless they do something soon they will be faced with a catastrophic situation," the nurse said

Mr Jules Hayman, proprietor of one steakhouse, said "Nurses are excellent waitresses They are efficient and instinctively know what the customer needs At the moment, I have none in my employ It's a pity because in the past they have shown themselves to be superlative workers"

Mr Hayman said he felt sorry for the nurses, because many went straight to the steakhouse after an eight-hour shift at the hospital and then worked until midnight to earn extra cash

At several other steakhouses, owners confirmed that they had employed nurses in the past

According to a provincial ordinance all employees of the Hospital Services are not allowed to work elsewhere without the approval of the Administrator

One steakhouse owner said he had stopped employing nurses because he was being "hassled" by senior staff at the hospital

Our correspondent in Port Elizabeth reports that nurses are so popular as waitresses that owners have started advertising for their services

'Perfect'

Ron Franklin one restaurant owner said They are a good proposition for both the restaurant and myself They are used to being diplomatic and attentive to patients with all sorts of temperaments and for diners, they are perfect

Mr Franklin said he was unaware of moonlighting restrictions and still stands by his conviction that nurses are best for his business

A spokesman from the SA Nursing Council said yesterday that the issue had not come to the attention of the council, but that even if it had, it was a matter between employer (the Cape Provincial Administration) and employee and not for the council to comment or act upon

The Director of Hospital Services Dr R L M Kotze said yesterday that he was not aware of nurses working extra hours in other establishments

Not even my matrons or senior staff know about it otherwise I would know about it I would say it was highly undesirable that our nurses do extra work elsewhere when they are in our full employ If I receive evidence that this is occurring I will look into it' he said

Cape needs R107,5 m for its budget

(263)

C 10/2/81

By NEVILLE FRANSMAN

THE Cape Provincial Administration will need R107,5 million more than was budgeted for last year to balance its books when its financial year ends on March 31 this year This means that the annual provincial budget will for the first time exceed R1 000m

This became known yesterday when the order paper for the short "mini-budget" session of the Provincial Council was published The session will start on Tuesday, February 24, and continue till Thursday, February 26

In his budget speech in May last year, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, announced that the province would need to spend an estimated R908 753m during the 1980/81 fiscal year This already meant a shortfall of more than R22m, as income was estimated to be only R886,5m

On February 24, however, he will give notice of an additional appropriation draft ordinance to condone extra expenditure amounting to R107 559 000

No details were available yesterday on why this record additional amount was needed, but escalation of costs and inflation were seen by observers as being the major factors responsible

No oficial confirmation could be obtained on whether the possibility of pay increases for teachers, doctors and nurses had any link with the additional figure

Extra amounts asked for in previous early-year mini-budget sessions were far below the R107,5m figure to be sanctioned as a formality during the coming session Last year it was R48,5m, and in the four preceding years R25m, R14m, R39m and R32m

Besides the additional appropriation, the administrator will also table a part appropriation draft ordinance giving the province the go-ahead to spend R600m in the new year (1981/82), starting on April 1 This is in effect a "tide-over" amount to see the province through till the July-August session of the council, when the main budget is tabled

The administrator's mini-budget speech — to be delivered on February 25 — is being awaited with interest, as he frequently warned during the past financial year that if the central government could not see its way clear to increase its subsidy to the province substantially, and if the province could not find extra money from its own sources, he would have no alternative but to increase the burden of the taxpayer

This could mean an increase in fees for motor vehicle licences, hospitals and other taxes over which the province has control The main source of revenue for the province was the central government subsidy, which was nearly 79 percent of provincial income in 1980

The administrator announced last year that "the (state) subsidy formula will be revised and the expectation is that this revision will mean more funds for the coffers of the Cape"

Commenting on the mini-budget figures for the coming session, Mr Ken Andrew, MPC for Pinelands and official opposition spokesman on financial affairs in the Provincial Council, said yesterday that it was time the central government appreciated the financial plight of the Cape Province and its local authorities

ARGUS 4/2/81

Row over factory noise

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to cross swords with one of the city's biggest furniture factories over excessive noise

According to a petition signed by 55 residents of Pinelands, the Firstark factory in Ndabeni is excessively noisy to the extent that it is a public nuisance

The council has been inundated with complaints about the noise from residents living close to the factory which abuts Old Mill Road in Ndabeni

Houses in Gousblom Road, Pinelands are separated from the factory by a belt of gum trees which also forms the boundary between Cape Town and Pinelands

According to a report by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, the council's own noise readings confirmed that the noise from the factory's sawdust extracting fan was excessive

The factory, said Mr Heugh, had made token efforts to improve matters but the management's attitude was that the complaints were exaggerated and the factory was being victimised

But the council's findings were that the volume of noise was far in excess of the permissible level prescribed in the SA Bureau of Standards code of practice

The council has been told that unless it takes steps it is liable to be faced with legal action to compel it to implement its nuisance by-laws

The council in turn has taken legal opinion and the executive is satisfied that this case does constitute a public nuisance

The council's attorneys have been advised to take the necessary steps against the factory

Council plans control of restaurants

Argus (263) 13/2/81

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council plans to tighten its control over restaurants, fish shops and bottle stores in Cape Town.

It will ask the Provincial Administration to amend the Town Planning Scheme so in future businesses of this type will have to have the council's consent before they can be established.

One of the reasons for this is that the council was virtually powerless to prevent the establishment of three restaurants at the intersection of Kildare Road and Main Street in Newlands, an area which has inadequate streets and little parking to cope with the traffic they generated.

In terms of the amendment, a "restaurant" will be an establishment that seats more than 30 people. If it is smaller, it will not have to apply for consent.

The council's executive has also recommended some measures which the Utilities and Works Committee could take to improve the traffic situation at the Kildare Road/Main Street intersection.

These include levelling and surfacing the land, reserved for a new link between Main Street and Kildare Road for use as parking and to restrict parking in Main Street between Kildare Road and Wheelan Street.

Taxpayers save an apartheid town from going bust

S. Times 15/2/81

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Sunday Times Reporter

TAXPAYERS are being called on to spend hundreds of thousands of rands to save the only coloured town council in South Africa from bankruptcy

The Cape Provincial Administration sees nothing unusual about the sustained subsidy programme for Pacaltsdorp

However, several residents of the seven-year-old municipality near George complain that it is chronically unviable and no more than a forgotten shopwindow of apartheid

The council's deficit last year paid by the province amounted to R106 000 The estimated deficit for this year is just under R88 000

Mayor Hans Saaiman concedes that deficits of this order will continue for many years before his council will succeed in balancing its books

Wages

The Cape MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer said "There is nothing unusual about this We help out many councils, some get more and some get less"

Mr Bouwer said Pacaltsdorp's financial problems were entirely the fault of grandiose schemes, such as electricity and sewerage projects which were launched by a previous town clerk of the town

The fact is that the majority of Pacaltsdorp's 16 000-plus residents are without electricity many of them because they choose to stick to wood fires rather than face bills they cannot afford

There are approximately 10 people to a house and of the 1 627 houses in Pacaltsdorp 476 are sub-economic units, many with only two rooms

The single largest item contributing to this year's budgeted deficit of R87 994,76c is the town's wage and salary bill of R58 945

Last year an action committee headed by several teachers agitated for the dismantling of the costly apparatus and amalgamation with George

One of the former members contacted this week said the committee had since abandoned its futile struggle

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Reprieve for independent voices

CT 16/2/81 (263)

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

IT APPEARS that good sense is prevailing It also seems as if fears expressed in this column last year about the possible loss of independence by local bodies because of interference from "higher up" have been partly allayed

One of the bodies to which I referred was the Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee (Metplan), known before 1974 as the Joint Town Planning Committee This is a body comprising representatives of 19 municipalities and divisional councils in the Greater Cape Town area

It studies town-planning from a metropolitan point of view and submits proposals to the provincial government, with the most important objective being to co-ordinate planning actions of local authorities involved

Metplan, 41 years old this year, has a full-time directorate and receives a small subsidy from the province, with the rest of the costs shared by the 19 members

Its independence was threatened when the province's director of local government advised last year that Metplan was to be absorbed by the Provincial Administration, with the provincial auditor ruling that Metplan was not autonomous and had spent its money "illegally"

Recently the Administrator had talks with Metplan at which he indicated that the province had no intention to force the body into the Provincial Administration, and if it (Metplan) so wished, it could retain its independence

This is certainly good sense prevailing We need bodies of independent thought We don't need too much "government" And we need bodies which can make their voices heard on local affairs without those serving on them being inhibited because they may not be echoing the master's voice

There's a bonus in the barney which followed the threat to Metplan The Cape Town City Council has offered accommodation to this body in its town-planning section in the Civic Centre

Good thinking Let's make maximum use of the oodles of space available in our huge, expensive Civic Centre

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A highlight planned for the Cape Town Festival is a week-long circus on the Grand Parade, with performances from April 18 to 25 The issue came up in the City Council's Exco meeting a few days ago and the nod was given to Captour to go ahead with its bright new idea

Criticism of past festivals has focused on the fact that not enough people were being attracted to the City centre because of dullness of the activities offered A circus on the Grand Parade for the first time is intended to help counter this downfall of the past

Asked about loss of toll parking fees during the week of performances, a City Council spokesman explained that a rental would be paid to the council and that a "small profit" was expected

Captour, of course, will have to comply with conditions laid down by, for instance, the City Engineer's Department and the Medical Officer of Health as regards special toilets, caring of animals, extra water points and the like

Permission to use the Grand Parade in this unique manner will also have to be obtained from the National Monuments' Commission

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Councillors Mrs Agnes Beyer and Mrs Eulalie Stott will complete 20 years' service as councillors at the end of this month and plans are being made for a special ceremony at which the title of "alderman" will be conferred on them by the Mayor

Mr Dick Friedlander will also have completed 20 years' service at the same time, but he, of course, is already an alderman by virtue of having been a Mayor of Cape Town

All three will also be attending the congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association in Port Elizabeth in May (not April, as previously announced) where they will receive long-service certificates from the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

So we'll soon have two women as alder*men* Asked how they felt about the term, both Mrs Stott and Mrs Beyer said they couldn't visualize being called alderwomen or alderpersons They are quite happy being referred to as Alderman Mrs So-and-so

Oh well, a rose need not lose its fragrance because of a name,

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Differential rating and sectional title deals have been causing a great deal of anguish and in an effort to bring some light into the darkness a seminar on these subjects will be held in the Foreshore Civic Centre (Lecture Theatre, 2nd floor) on Wednesday, February 25 at 8 pm

Specially invited to speak on this occasion is Mr J McCulloch, chief valuer of the Johannesburg City Council He is a world authority on rating systems, having given talks on the subject overseas

Local authority officials and members of the public are invited to attend To reserve a seat ring ☎210-3600 The meeting will be chaired by the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker.

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Argus 20/2/81 (263)

Heugh hits at 'loudmouth' critics

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council and its officials spent more time and energy helping the underprivileged and distressed people of the city than all the 'loudmouths' who were so quick to condemn the council's actions

This was said today by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, commenting on a report in which a member of the District Six Advice Office accused the council's housing committee of being unsympathetic to the plight of the homeless and of being 'unapproachable' and 'remote'.

The attack on the council was made by an advocate, Mr Lawrence Nowosenetz, a member of the advice office who is leaving Cape Town for Pretoria

He said at a farewell supper last night that District Six families were so unsympathetically treated by the housing committee that the office was forced to advise them to sit on the pavement to receive the committee's attention.

Mr Heugh said that never in its history had the council turned people out of any kind of home without first offering them the option of alternative accommodation

'In fact, these days, people are offered at least two alternatives before they are moved,' Mr Heugh said

'LOUDMOUTHS'

'I have been Town Clerk for more than 20 years and I can say that the council and its officials certainly spent more time and energy helping the underprivileged and distressed people than all the loudmouths who had been so quick to condemn the council.

The council had a waiting list of about 20 000 families Some had been on it for more than 20 years and they were often just as distressed as people in District Six who may have been turned out of their homes

'We have a duty to the people on this list to give them a home and we work through it chronologically. We have also in extreme cases supplied homes to people not on the waiting list

'We believe that our people are just as distressed as those referred to by Mr Nowosenetz who appear to be more spectacularly distressed.'

The chairman of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, was not available for comment.

CHEMICAL
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A H Dabrowski

Third Year (Silver Medal)
C L E Swartz

Fourth Year (Gold Medal)
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Malan Prize for the most improved First Year Chemical Engineering Student
W Strickland

A Institution of Chemical Engineer's Silver Medal
or the best performance in roject, design and practical urses over the 4-year rriculum.
M Salmon

T A Construction Prize
r the final year Civil gineering student submitting e best thesis.
P Mitchell

A Federation of Civil gineering Contractors' Prize
r the best final year design owing constructional merit.
N Hvidsten

A Institution of Civil gineers Student Chapter ize
r the best written report bmitted in C E 214, design
C Watt

Left high and dry by water project

Staff Reporter

A MAJOR reconstruction project in Bishop Laws to rebuild all the roads and lay new curbs and sewerage and water system is responsible for the periodic interruption of the area water supply according to a Citizens Housing League official

The deputy general manager (works) of the League, which is responsible for maintenance in the area Mr J L Viljoen said it would take another year to complete the project which was costing R3½ million rand

On Thursday evening two angry Bishop Laws residents telephoned the Cape Times to complain that their water supply had been cut off since early afternoon

Mr Viljoen said yesterday that a pipe had burst about 4 pm on Thursday and workers had struggled for several hours to repair it

Mr Viljoen conceded that this had happened often in the past year although to his knowledge it had not happened during the past four months

The reason was that they were busy with a major reconstruction project in the area which would provide new sewerage system and rebuild all the roads

He said it was quite possible that no-one answered the emergency number given as the owner of the phone had died and the telephone had not yet been able to get a telephone

However Mr Viljoen said he had now made his own number available for emergency

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Exco seeks backing for all-race lido

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

I HAVE the feeling that the Peninsula is poised for another verligte-verkrampte beach battle, and it could be that the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, will have his Solomon's wisdom severely tested

Cape Town City Council's Exco has just decided that an urgent interview be sought with the Administrator to reopen discussions on the question of providing a lido, or pleasure-beach, on the Atlantic coast near Milnerton

The idea was mooted way back in 1966, but the Milnerton municipality, which controls the land in question, was opposed to it

The issue has now become more complicated. In 1966 the idea was to build a lido for "coloured" people. Now the City Council wants to construct an "undemarcated" or all-race resort

The position has been made more difficult as the Department of Agricultural Credit and Land Tenure is presently negotiating with Milnerton for a piece of land of approximately 3,5 hectares for offices and research laboratories for the Sea Fisheries Institute.

The City Council believes that if the government acquires the land in question, the only remaining stretch of beach on the Atlantic seaboard which could be developed as a lido for the public of Cape Town would be lost.

Readers may want to know why I emphasized the aspect of "the Administrator's wisdom of Solomon". Simple The Administrator himself, as pointed out by the City Council, has acknowledged the fact that the Peninsula's beach areas can no longer cope with peak demand

The Administrator will have a big say in the decision whether to allow the verligte plan of a multi-racial lido to go ahead, or whether verkrampte thirst should be satiated

For those interested in a snatch of history, it can be recalled that the original City Council plan was to build a lido which would have included a 50 by 25-metre swimming pool, change-rooms for 2 000 men and 1 500 women, a children's paddling pool, a sunbathing area and a parking area for 600 cars

At that stage the idea was to serve the 200 000 coloured population of Schotsche Kloof, District Six, Woodstock, Kensington, Factreton and the northern suburbs

Besides the Milnerton municipality itself not being keen on the idea, the ratepayers' association has also raised strong objections For them there must be little comfort in the fact that the people of Manenberg and Bishop Lavis had a ball on Camps Bay and Sea Point beaches this summer.

The people from Camps Bay and Bishops Court seemed to have taken it in their stride

What will the Administrator decide?

THE City Council is faced with a serious dilemma — to curtail library hours or find an extra quarter-million rands.

This issue has been tossed to and fro between the Amenities and Health Committee and the City librarian. A few days ago it came before Exco — which referred it back to Amenities and Health for further investigation.

It all started last year when the City librarian was requested to effect savings amounting to R500 000 on this year's draft estimates of income and expenditure At a meeting last October it was decided to reduce the book vote by R250 000 and that ways and means be investigated (by the City librarian) to save a further R250 000 on general expenses.

The librarian subsequently informed the Amenities and Health Committee that there was no way of cutting down on general expenses, the only alternative being savings on salaries and wages. This would be done by freezing all posts which become vacant this year (with the proviso that the number of vacant posts does not exceed 40)

But the freezing would lead to drastic curtailment of library hours to enable remaining staff to work at more than one library. In recommending the reduced hours as the only means of saving, the City librarian pointed out that it would probably lead to such discontent among the public that many would discontinue patronizing the service

Said the City librarian: "I foresee so much harm done to the library service that it may take years to recover"

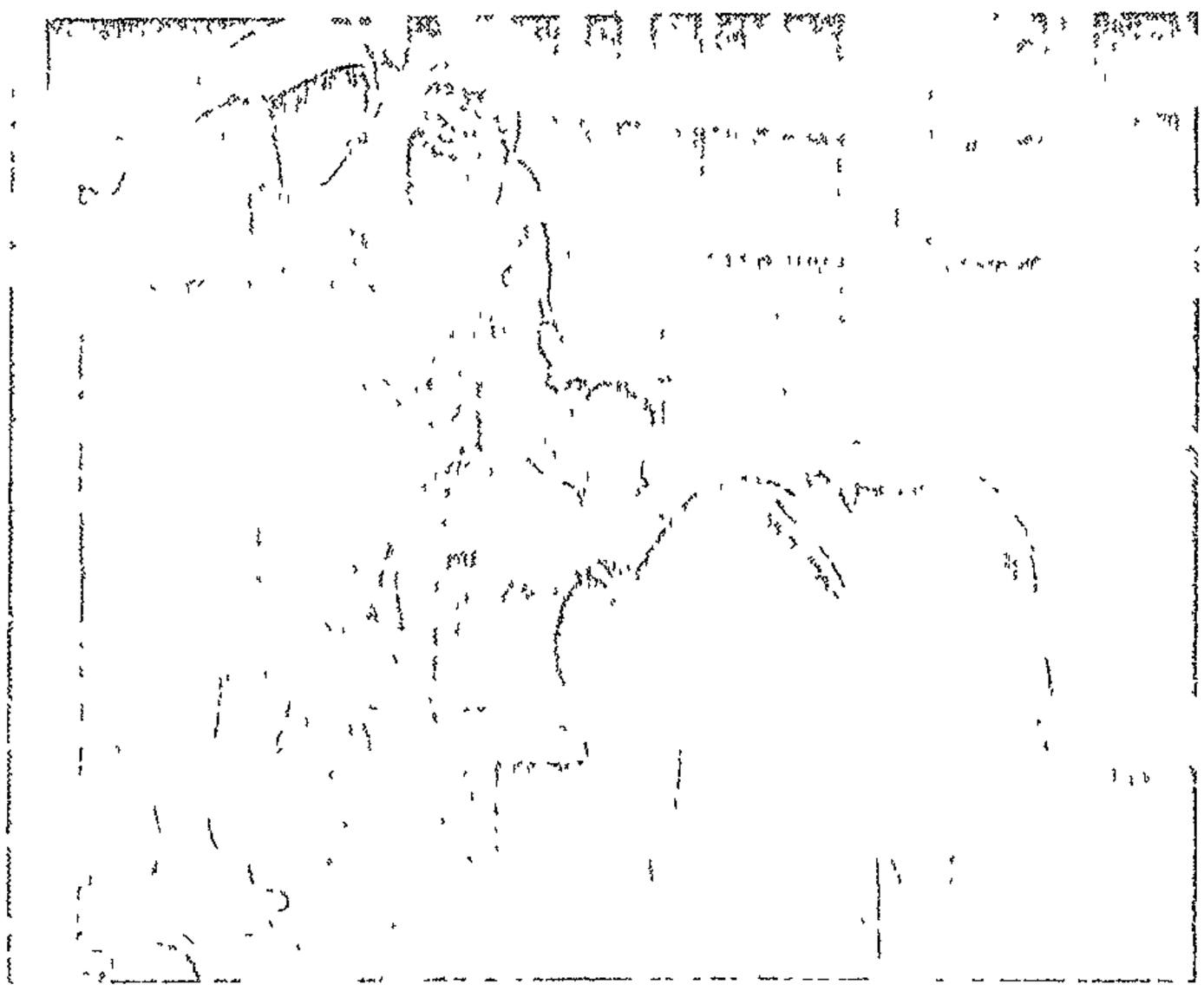
Examples of new hours recommended were 37½ weekly for the central library as against the existing 53½, Athlone library down to 10½ hours weekly as against the present 25½, and Camps Bay down to 16½ hours from the present 39½. For the suburban libraries it would mean opening on only three days a week.

The Amenities and Health Committee decided not to sanction the curtailment as it believed that it would be doing the community a disservice, lead to an outcry from the public, result in a most unsatisfactory service being provided, do much harm to a service regarded as one of the best in the Republic, cause a fall-off in the number of readers, and cause dissatisfaction among staff who would have to do a lot of travelling between libraries

The committee also asked Exco to find the extra R250 000 (supplemental funds) to maintain the service at its present level and suggested that the Administrator be approached to make representations to the central government for a waiver of the 15 percent import duty surcharge on books purchased by the municipality and also for a waiver of the four percent sales tax on books bought in the Republic

Exco members, of course, just do not know where to find that extra quarter-million They have now bought time by referring the issue back to Amenities and Health "for further investigation".

100 families without water and electricity



THE water main from which about 100 families have been getting their water for the past four days. Mrs Sadie Abrahams turns on the main tap as Mrs J White and Mrs Maureen Arendse direct the water into the pot. By early today the water and electricity supply to the flats had not been restored.

FOR the past four days about 100 Bloemhof Flats families, many of them elderly and many with young children and babies, have been using water they scoop out of a rusty and dirty water main.

The families have been without water and electric supply to their homes since early on Friday.

Early today after many frantic calls to the City Council's water supply department and the Department of Community Development that their toilets and drains were choked — they were still without water.

When an Argus team arrived at the flats in Constitution Street, Cape Town, disputed tenants were carting buckets of water from the main to their flats, further up the steps.

A crowd quickly gathered to describe their harrowing experiences of being without water or power for four days.

Mrs J White, one of the tenants, who is being treated by the Groote Schuur Hospital because of a heart ailment, said her nerves were 'on'. She was going to see her doctor today because she couldn't take it any more.

She said the water supply was cut off on Friday after a vandal had ripped off some of the copper pipes.

The water leaked into the ceiling and into her home, cutting off the electricity supply. Mrs White said for two days her flat was damp and on Friday she had to sleep on damp blankets.

A woman stood on her third floor balcony and said unpleasant things about the 'group' (the Department of Community Development). 'You tell them to come and fix my water right away or I am going to fix them,' she said.

The tenants said during the time the electricity was off they had used gas and paraffin stoves.

COUNCIL VIEW

A spokesman for the City Council's water supply department said it was no longer their responsibility to service the Bloemhof Flats.

Since the Department of Community Development took over the [illegible] now had to be serviced by a private contractor.

Mr Jan Walter, regional director of the department, said today he had instructed his men to have the water and electricity fixed by not later than today.

He said vandals were stripping the flats of the copper pipes almost every second day and this was the reason why the water supply had been disrupted in the few weeks.

He said he could not comment at this stage about the four day delay in repairing the water and electricity supply.

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Council snub was a mistake—claim

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KENSINGTON Management Committee has suspended its operations because they say the City Council won't meet them or give them information — but the Council says it's all a misunderstanding.

Committee chairman, Mr G Carelse, said 'We have stopped our activities until we get a satisfactory reply from the Council, who denied us the right to meet their officials

In addition, instructions seem to have been issued that the Management Committee should not get any information regarding Kensington from the City Council'

Another official of the Management Committee felt that the Council does not fully approve of the Committee He said that if the Committee was not entitled to information regarding its work, it might as well top functioning

But assistant Town Clerk Mr G P Holmeyr described the issue as being the result of an administrative misunderstanding

He said that the management committee had asked a junior Council official for information about Kensington

The junior official, he said, was not entitled to release such information

ADJOURNED

Mr Holmeyr added that the committee had in fact adjourned a meeting with the council halfway through

'We are looking into the matter' he said He added that the Council would reply to a letter of complaint written by the Committee

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Folly of ambulance crew apartheid

THE folly of apartheid ideology has once more been highlighted this time by the staff crisis in the ambulance service run by the Cape Town municipality and financed almost entirely by the Provincial Administration

It has been disclosed by Mr J M Wilby, deputy chief of the service that 87 ambulance crew-members are needed to bring the personnel up to its full strength of 271 This means that a vital and literally life-saving section of the public service is understaffed by a whopping 32 percent

This is a frightening situation which should never have arisen — but for the policy of apartheid one of whose tenets is job reservation on the basis of colour

Of the establishment of 271 by law 44 are allowed to be black This was a concession granted by the government a few years ago on condition that the 44 be employed mainly in their own areas Now application has been made to the Department of Manpower Utilization for permission to employ 30 additional blacks as vehicle crew staff

In disclosing this Mr Wilby made a highly significant statement He said no problem was anticipated filling black vacancies because 'in the past whenever one has occurred we have been stamped with applications The mind boggles at the implication of this statement

The mind boggles even more because Mr Wilby also said earlier that although [illegible] vacancies had been advertised only nine applications were received — four of which had to be rejected on medical grounds

Does it not follow logically that if job reservation were scrapped entirely the [illegible] staff crisis? When, oh when will this country ever learn?

Please note that the municipality of Cape Town is not to blame — not this time anyway

I spoke to the Town Clerk Mr H [illegible] Heugh the other day He assured me that the City Council's outlook was a non-racial one but it had to operate within the parameters of present central government legislation

I pressed him on the question of ambulance [illegible] people [illegible] crew came across a white accident victim [illegible] other way — and vice versa. Q[illegible] saving lives is an act [illegible] considerations

What Mr Heugh said is rather comforting [illegible] providing the crew [illegible] there is no staff crisis

[illegible] some background, there is this little snag: The Cape Peninsula Local Authorities Ambulance Service — that's the official name — is run by Cape Town on an agency basis for the Provincial Administration in terms of the Health Act It serves the whole of the Peninsula and adjacent areas up to Malmesbury in the north

A provincial grant covers whatever shortfall there is in operating expenditure Last year the total cost was R3 2 million Cape Town collected R50 000 in fees and the province gave the other R3 150 000

Money does not seem to be the problem Now can we get on with the job of scrapping apartheid?

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READERS may recall the past week's skirmish involving the Cape Times architectural correspondent and the Town Clerk's department over the issue of the central library being moved from Wale Street to the City Hall

Our correspondent argued that although the fact of the move had been known for some time details of the actual resettlement — that is, what precisely the new layout in the City Hall would be — had been dealt with secretively by the City Council

The Town Clerk Mr Heugh hit back rather sharply and slammed the allegation of secrecy describing it as "entirely without foundation"

Both sides of the argument have been thoroughly ventilated in this newspaper and I do not wish to bore readers with a rehash But new points have been made on either side

Our correspondent says the Cape Provincial Institute of Architects advised the council two years ago to plan the move with the greatest care and to appoint an architect experienced in the restoration of historic buildings to advise it on how best to adapt this very important building to its new proposed use

It appears to our correspondent that this advice was ignored

A spokesman for the council on the other hand felt that great care had been taken to ensure that the character of the City Hall was not despoiled and he reiterated that there was no secrecy about it all

This is an argument which could continue for a long time and well what else can one say at this stage? It is somewhat difficult in this case to arbitrate in the style of King Solomon

However, some good must have come out of this controversy — a restatement of the principle that a bureaucracy such as the City Council should always go all-out to ensure that it is never laid open to the charge that ratepayers are kept in the dark on issues about which they have a right to know

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

Plain petition on due date for power bills

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Staff Reporter

NEARLY 6 000 Mitchell's Plain residents have signed a petition to the City Council to get the due dates for the payment of their electricity accounts changed

But a spokesman for the City Treasurer's department said the due date could not be changed to earlier in the month because different areas had to pay their accounts at different times, to spread the workload for council staff

A spokesman for the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC), formed from representatives of three Mitchell's Plain residents' associations, said a survey of residents in the Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, area in October last year showed that 61 percent of residents there paid their electricity account after it was due

This meant a 10 percent surcharge was added to their bills

"The due date for most people falls in the third week of the month," he explained "This is extremely inconvenient for people because most of them are paid at the end of the month By then, their account is already overdue so they have to pay the account as well as the 10 percent surcharge "

Surcharge

Furthermore, residents were "doubly penalized" if they failed to pay for two months because their electricity was then cut off When they wanted it reconnected, they had to pay the account, the 10 percent surcharge, the R6,90 reconnection fee and a R20 deposit

"People in Mitchell's Plain already have a big enough financial burden to bear without adding this to it," he commented

The EPC is surveying a sample of 400 residents throughout Mitchell's Plain to find out how many support the campaign to get the due date changed, how many pay their accounts after the due date because they cannot pay when their accounts fall due and how many have had their electricity cut in the past six months because they did not pay

The City Treasurer's department said the council's housing committee had recommended last year that the possibility be considered of the due date for Mitchell's Plain electricity accounts being changed to fall due at the month end

Date changed

His department had reported it could not agree to this because to allow more consumers to pay at the beginning of each month would "considerably increase the workload at an already congested period"

"If the data-processing branch was required to bill an additional 150 000 electricity accounts during this already busy period, it would mean that the computer would have to operate for 24 hours per day for at least seven full days and extra staff and equipment would almost certainly be required," said the report

The spokesman said consumers always received the account at least 10 days before it had to be paid "They should keep enough money from the month before to pay their accounts "

He said residents' electricity supply was only cut off when they had been in arrears for three or four months They then had to pay the R6,90 reconnection fee and R20 deposit

"If their electricity is repeatedly cut off, the deposit is increased by R20 every month until it is equivalent to two months' accounts This is so that if a consumer is a particularly bad payer and runs up big accounts, we at least have some security if he should flit without paying "

Argus 12/3/81

Private computer plea on Plain light accounts

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THE people of Mitchell's Plain could get their electricity accounts earlier in the month if the council hired a private computer firm to deal with the area's work load, according to a spokesman for the residents

According to spokesmen for the residents of Mitchell's Plain, residents paid about R20 000 in surcharges, reconnection fees and deposits last year — mainly because the accounts are distributed so late and most of them are paid monthly

Mr Chris Stevens, head of the Westridge/Portlands Residents' Association, said the association had already offered to pay an additional fee should the City Council subcontract a private firm like IBM to deal with Mitchell's Plain accounts'

He was commenting on a report that 6 000 residents in the area had signed a petition to have the electricity due dates changed

The petition is being circulated by the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) which is representative of the six different sections of the Plain

A spokesman for the committee said a survey had shown that most of the residents paid their electricity accounts after they were due — normally about the 20th of every month

Because most people were paid at the end of every month, they were forced to pay the 10 percent surcharge for a late payment

The spokesman said, arrears would often mount up resulting in the supply being cut off

This meant a further R6,90 reconnecting fee and a R20 deposit to be paid to the council

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Reprieve on light account payments

Divisional Council Reporter

LOTUS RIVER residents who received their electricity accounts from the Divisional Council of the Cape only a few days before payment was due have been given an extension of time until the end of the month

This was decided yesterday when angry tenants invaded the Divisional Council offices to protest

A spokesman for the council said there had been trouble with the computer, which had caused a delay in sending out the accounts

And it appeared that, although they had been posted on March 4, some had taken until the beginning of last week to reach the tenants Payment was due on March 13

In the circumstances we have given the people in this particular area until March 31 to pay,' he said.

'We would have decided this on the strength of a telephone call, there was no need for the people to come here'

Account deadline angers residents

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Staff Reporter

THE DIVISIONAL Council extended the due dates for the payment of Lotus River electricity accounts from March 13 to March 31 after angry tenants marched into the council's offices yesterday

The bus load of Lotus River and Grassy Park tenants — mainly women, some with babies in their arms — arrived at the council's headquarters to protest against receiving their accounts only two or three days before they were due to be paid on March 13

"It is impossible for our people to pay at such short notice," a spokesman for the Lotus River and Grassy Park Residents Association, to which the tenants belong, told Divisional Council officials

"Most of us received our accounts on Tuesday and Wednesday and some even on Thursday and we were expected to pay on Friday " he said

"Pensioners and those of us who receive disability grants just do not have the money and will have to suffer our lights being cut," he said

As he spoke his sentiments were echoed in a horus of comments from those crowded into the reception room at the council's offices

"We want an extension We have no money How can we live like this? What are you trying to do to us?" people said

When the anger subsided, the principal accountant of the Treasurer s Department, Mr J G Gittins, assured the people that he would grant them an extension

"You can take my word for it that you can ignore the due date and pay on March 31," he said

"I admit that it is our error Normally tenants are given 14 days to pay their accounts The Christmas holidays have left us in arrears The computers have not processed all the accounts he said

Mr Gittins also assured residents he would formally inform their association of the extension in writing and that no resident need fear their current being cut off

Some residents holding high their accounts, then crowded around Mr Gittins and tried to explain individual problems Accounts showed that payments due ranged from R14 to nearly R20

He took their names and said he would try to solve the problems

Lotus River and Grassy Park tenants pour into the Divisional Council head office yesterday to protest again their electricity accounts

Council drops lease scheme

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Staff Reporter

THE City Council's Housing Committee yesterday agreed that new lease agreements, which will make occupiers responsible for most of the maintenance of council dwellings, should apply only to new tenants or those who transfer from one council unit to another

The decision came after the Housing Committee met a deputation from four affected areas, jointly represented by the Bokmakierie Bridgetown, Silvertown, Kewtown (BBSK) Residents' Association, yesterday morning

The deputation told the council that tenants in the area would refuse to pay for the maintenance of houses which they felt had been neglected by the City Council for years

Close to 40 000 families in 18 housing estates would have been affected had the council gone ahead with the implementation of the new lease agreement

In a memorandum presented to yesterday's housing committee meeting, the association demanded that the council drop the proposed new lease and retain the old

Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said last night that the council was glad that the association had come to come to give its views on the matter

"They made it clear that there was just no way people could afford the high costs of maintenance We decided not to apply the new lease agreement to existing tenants and to make representation to the National Housing Commisssion to find a solution to the problem

"We told the deputation the alternatives were to do nothing, to go on asking the government to increase the contribution of tenants to the maintenance reserve funds (which would mean a rent increase), to ask tenants to do their own maintenance as is done under all other housing authorities or to continue inadequate maintenance '

She added that for the past three years, the council had been doing only what was known as "essential" maintenance But the income from maintenance charges could not keep pace with rising costs of material and labour

Yesterday's decision is a reversal of a decision taken in May last year that new and existing tenants be made responsible for internal maintenance and some items of external maintenance

The residents' deputation was the culmination of mounting pressure from residents' associations in other Cape Flats townships including Factreton, Manenberg and Hanover Park

In the memorandum presented to the committee yesterday, the BBSK Residents' Association explained that a fee for maintenance had been included in the rent for the last 40 years since houses were first built in these areas

They accused the council of having effected very few repairs which led to deteriorating conditions

' It is our right to live in decent homes We therefore request that the money allocated to the council be used for the benefit of all and not on the construction and maintenance of buildings such as the Cape Town Civic Centre and the Good Hope Centre '

Grievances listed in the association's memorandum related to ceilings which had become mouldy and subsequently rotted due to water seepage through the gaps between age-worn skirting boards cracked walls through which water seeped causing dampness and low quality doors incapable of withstanding weathering with door frames and skirting boards needing repair

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Council drops home-repair plan

CAPE TOWN City Council's Housing Committee is to drop the proposed home maintenance lease scheme, the committee chairman Mrs Eulalie Stott, said today

It will, however, apply to new tenants or those transferred from one council home to another

The scheme would have meant that all tenants were responsible for the care and repair of council homes

Mrs Stott said the council believed the lease agreement would not work

40 YEARS

The council had maintained its homes for 40 years Tenants felt this was a council responsibility, and their attitude could not be expected to change

A feeling that they would not be able to maintain their homes had been confirmed at a meeting with the Bokmakierie, Bridgetown, Silvertown and Kew Town Residents' Association (BBSK)

Mrs Stott said the lease would apply to new tenants or those transferred from one home to another

'STUCK'

'The Housing Committee is now again stuck with having far too little money to maintain the homes correctly

'The residents' association was invited by the committee because it was hoped they could offer a solution'

Although no solution had been worked out, she was glad the committee had had an opportunity to meet the association.

She said asking the Government for a loan would mean increased rents, and this residents could not afford

The committee decision comes after the BSSK and the Kensington/Factreton Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association had said they would refuse to pay the maintenance cost, or sign the lease if it were introduced

Tenants will continue to pay a small percentage of their rents towards a maintenance fund and the council will take care of repairs.

In terms of the new lease, tenants would have paid for interior painting, plumbing, leaking taps, wastepipes, cracked cisterns, light bulbs and fuses, and damaged doors and windows

Kraaifontein told to pay 10 pc levy to meet rates debt

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Provincial Reporter

KRAAIFONTEIN'S municipal rates have not kept pace with rising inflation and service costs, and the Administrator and the Provincial Executive Committee have decided that a 10 percent rate levy must be imposed this year to wipe out the backlog.

This was announced in a Press statement last night by Mr W Bouwer, MEC in charge of local government, after the decision to impose a 10 percent levy this year had been reconsidered by the Provincial Executive Committee at Kraaifontein's request.

Mr Bouwer said he and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, saw a deputation from Kraaifontein Municipality

'The Administrator undertook to go into the matter again in depth The Executive Committee, after re-consideration, resolved that the 10 percent rate levy should, in fact, be imposed'

Mr Bouwer dealing with Kraaifontein's finances since 1975, said the present accumulated surplus of R549 000 had been made possible by financial assistance of R942 744 from the Cape Provincial Administration

At the same time outstanding rates and service charges at December 31 1979 amounted to R826 455, and would probably be even higher for the end of 1980 Some arrear accounts dated back to the 1960s, and substantial amounts might have to be written off as irrecoverable

Mr Bouwer added 'The position is that during recent years Kraaifontein Municipality has not levied adequate rates to keep pace with the high costs of services rendered and to make provision for inflation'

During the years 1978-80, for example, there was a rates increase of only four percent in spite of the inflation rate in those years

The Argus files show that by comparison with the four percent increase in rates in Kraaifontein in 1979, the increases were 12,99 percent in Bellville, 11,88 percent in Parow, 10,18 percent in Simon's Town and 9,5 percent in Goodwood

Province insists on rates increase

Municipal Reporter

THE Provincial Administration has decided on the extraordinary step of forcing a municipality, in this case Kraaifontein to increase its rates so its debts can be paid

The municipality has now been ordered to levy a special rate of ten percent for 1981 to wipe out a deficit of R108 885

The plight of Kraaifontein came under the spotlight at the end of 1975 when financial statements showed an accumulated deficit of R475 000 This was turned into a surplus by 1979 — but largely because of provincial aid to the tune of nearly R950 000 since 1975

Mr W Bouwer, MEC in charge of local government said yesterday that during recent years the Kraaifontein municipality had not levied adequate rates to keep pace with the high cost of services and inflation From 1977 to 1980 there had been a rate increase of only four percent

At the end of 1978 the outstanding rates and service charges of the municipality stood at more than R750 000 and this rose to over R800 000 by the end of 1979

He said some of the municipality's arrear accounts dated as far back as the 60s "and it must therefore be accepted that substantial amounts will eventually have to be written off as irrecoverable"

In spite of this Kraaifontein's mayor led a deputation to the Administrator Mr Gene Louw, last week to plead for the withdrawal of the instruction to levy the special rate of ten percent The deputation said it would make special efforts to recover at least R200 000 of the accumulated debt

The Administrator said that if the debt was wiped out, the municipality would have to levy a rate considerably higher than ten percent next year Mr Louw added that recovering R200 000 would only balance the budget for 1981, with no provision made for certain unavoidable expenses such as salary increases

Besides this, essential capital expenditure would have to be incurred from 1982 and this would add to the financial burden

The Administrator and his Executive had reconsidered the matter but decided that the ten percent special rate levy for 1981 should be imposed

WRECKERS AT WORK — AND

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THE CITY PAYS

VANDALISM of homes in Cape Flats townships is costing Cape Town City Council hundreds of thousands of rands a year.

And in some areas building contractors are paying gangs protection money, said housing committee chairman Mrs Eulalie Stott.

Last year the council lost R514 000, with Mitchell's Plain accounting for almost half — R242 000 on broken windows, stolen building material and damage to homes

In Kalksteenfontein and Valhalla Park R23 000 was lost, in Kewtown, Bridgetown and Silvertown R13 980, in Bonteheuwel R41 000, in Factreton R1 890, in Parkwood Estate R5 400, in Hanover Park R72 940, in Heideveld R22 910, in Manenberg and Duinefontein R67 210 and on Retreat R23 960.

Infill

The figures exclude damage in playgrounds.

At least one major construction firm, LTA Contg, is believed to be having second thoughts about building infill homes

Civic leaders said the infill homes in Bonteheuwel, Manenberg and Heideveld had suffered more because of opposition to the schemes But LTA's manager, Mr Ron Samways, and managing director Mr Brian Melhuish refused to comment

'We won't touch those infill schemes again,' Mr Samways said

Assistant town clerk, Mr G R Hofmeyr would only say LTA had discussed its problems with council and Mrs Stott denied that vandalism of infill homes had anything to do with opposition to the schemes

Astonished

An engineering firm which unloaded two big pump and motor units for the Mitchell's Plain swimming pool came back the next day to find one had disappeared

Part of the unit was found later in a bush.

Mrs Stott said she was astonished to hear that a firm had paid gangs in Belhar protection money

She had also heard a firm had paid gangs last year to protect their building operations in Valhalla Park.

In a scheme for the very poor in Kalksteenfontein, built from private enterprise money, between R10 000 and R14 000 was lost on only 50 vacant houses

Mrs Stott said most of the cases were children up to mischief.

'Recently I saw three groups of children building a castle with grass they had dug up from a playground in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain

'I spoke to them, but they didn't think they were doing anything wrong. I hid and followed them home and found they came from respectable families,' said Mrs Stott.

'Their father wanted to beat them I told him that would solve nothing. Someone should go with the children next time to the park to control and supervise them.

'I think it's nothing to do with social conditions under which people live in townships. It's an international problem. I saw in a lily-white town in England, something like Pinelands, the most appalling cases of vandalism'

Have-nots

Miss Linda Christiansen, director of the Cape Town branch of Nicro, said she agreed vandalism was a universal problem But people were social beings and their behaviour was tied up with social conditions

Vandalism, she said, had a lot to do with boredom, frustration, aggressiveness and the playing-out of anti-authority attitudes.

'It's a case of the "have-nots" feeling why should they respect what belongs to the "haves."'

Cape Town in vital search for water

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By BOB MOLLOY

THE City of Cape Town is approaching the crunch point in the search for new water catchment areas and may soon be forced to recycle waste water, drain underground water from the sand-beds of the Cape Flats, dam the scenic Silvermine stream near Fish Hoek and wipe out hundreds of square kilometres of irreplaceable fynbos in the Palmiet River valley

These are the possibilities mentioned in the latest municipal bulletin which points out that the City's share of the controversial Palmiet River water scheme is expected to be about R100-million and will meet Cape Town's ever-expanding water needs for only 12 years

The City's allocation from the scheme, beginning about 1988, will probably be 130 000 megalitres and will meet consumption only until the year 2 000

The Palmiet River, which runs through a prime fynbos area and discharges into the sea between Betty's Bay and Kleinmond, is expected to be the focus of a major tussle between conservationists and State water authorities in the 1980s

The State's present proposal is that the river should be dammed a bare few kilometres up from the mouth, a plan which would wipe out hundreds of square kilometres of irreplaceable fynbos Environmentalists have urged consideration of an alternative site farther up the river valley which would do less harm to the flora

A municipal scheme for the use of Palmiet water was put forward in the mid-60s and turned down by the State in favour of the Voelvlei Dam The Cape Town municipal plan pointed out that as the Palmiet was surrounded by mountains, use of the valley as a catchment area would involve a supply tunnel

The aim was to drive an 11-kilometre tunnel from the Palmiet Dam under the mountains to a point just east of Gordon's Bay, where the Steenbras pumped-storage scheme was situated The municipality planned to build a water purification plant at the outlet of the tunnel to treat the brown Palmiet water

Shorter tunnel

An alternative State scheme would provide a shorter tunnel and incorporate a hydro-electric pumped-storage system operated in conjunction with Escom Water would be pumped from the main dam to a higher reservoir from where it could gravitate to Cape Town's upper dam at Steenbras, recouping energy on the way through the City's hydro-electric scheme

Cost of the council's pipelines and other works if the State approves the Palmiet scheme is expected to be about R100-million

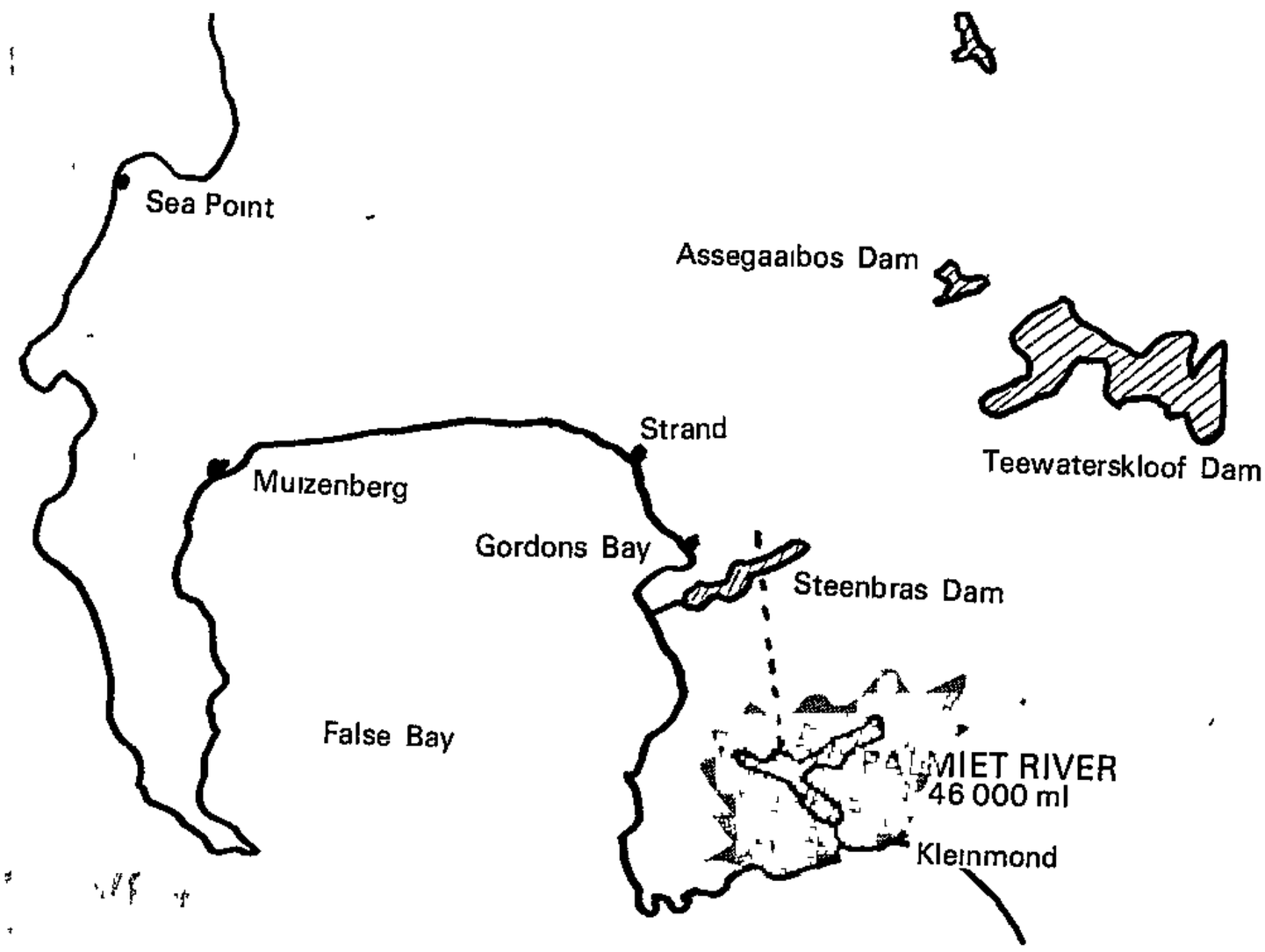
Augmentation

The present major water augmentation scheme is the Riviersonderend/Berg/Eerste River or RSE system for which the City will pay R70-million or about 60 percent of the cost It would meet Cape Town's water needs only until 1988

In addition to these sources, the council is considering the recycling of purified waste water and the withdrawal of water from sand-beds underlying the Cape Flats

Also under consideration is a scheme to dam the Silvermine Stream near Fish Hoek, a source which is expected to yield about 6 000 megalitres a year

Above: The estuary at the mouth of Palmiet River which enters the sea between Betty's Bay and Kleinmond A proposed State water-catchment scheme envisages a dam a few kilometres from the mouth of the river **Below:** The shaded area shows the approximate area affected by the proposed Palmiet Dam



3. Expenditure.

In this section only current expenditure will be analysed, as comprehensive data on capital expenditure is more difficult to assemble and the inclusion of investment expenditures in any one year's expenditure can lead to a distorted picture because of the lumpiness of capital expenditures and because their effect is to generate a stream of [illegible] in future years. At the same time, current expenditures

Granger Bay plan strongly attacked

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Chief Reporter

A MULTI-MILLION rand scheme to develop a small-boat harbour, with substantial landside amenities at Granger Bay came under strong attack last night at a lively meeting of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

The succession of speakers, including city councillors and members of the Somerset Hospital Board, said they favoured development of a small-boat harbour as such, but were strongly against the creation of a "mini-city" on its shores

The discussion, which lasted two hours, followed a slide presentation of the scheme by members of the Granger Bay project planning committee

Dr John Sonnenberg, one of the ward representatives for the area and also a member of the hospital board, said the proposed landside development would "radically alter" the whole environment of the historic Somerset Hospital, and create serious problems for both its staff and its patients

Mr S L Gross, former MPC for Green Point and a member of the executive of the ratepayers' body, said "This is one part of Cape Town that must not be violated We should make it known that we feel the landside development aspect of the scheme is against the public interest"

Mrs Joan Kantey, a member of the City Council, said she had followed the small-boat harbour issue for many years

What she found particularly objectionable about it was that although municipal officials had been involved in the planning of the Granger Bay scheme from an early stage, members of the council, including ward representatives of the Green and Sea Point area had only recently been able to discuss the scheme openly

The scheme had for a long time been veiled in secrecy, she said

"We are not prepared to give the scheme approval till we can tell ratepayers precisely what it is going to cost," she said

for each additional $1000 of per capita GNP[11] Data drawn toget[illegible]

decade later for 16 countries yielded similar results, but in addition this study showed that increases in health expenditure per capita between countries were positively associated with the share of government

(10) V.R. Fuchs "The Output of the Health Industry", in Health Economics, ed. M.H. Cooper and A.J. Culyer, Penguin, 1973, pp 141 and 142

(11) B. Abel-Smith, An International Study of Health Expenditure, op cit pp. 40-44.

consumption expenditure in total consumption, and negatively associated with the degree of income inequality[12].

Total expenditure in the case of South Africa is shown in Table 4. In 1959/60 health expenditures accounted for 4,2 per cent of GNP, but although GNP grew continuously during the 1960's, the proportion allocated to health services had dropped to 3,8 per cent in 1969/70, and had dropped even further to 3,6 per cent by the mid-1970's When the 1959/60 proportion is contrasted with Abel-Smith's data for 17 countries at a similar time, the South African percentage was relatively large, and was intermediate between the United Kingdom and France[13]. If South African expenditure had followed the average trend (as indicated by Abel-Smith's cross-section data) the proportion of GNP allocated to health services would have risen by 1974/75 to approximately 5,4 per cent of GNP, as opposed to the actual 3,6 per cent.

The level of public health expenditure may be a better indicator of the quality and quantity of health care available to the typical individual in poor countries, where private health services are available to a relatively small proportion of the population. Abel-Smith's data shows, for a sample of 25 countries, that the proportion of public health expenditure in the GNP varied between 4,3 per cent and 0,5 per cent[14]. Even in 1960 this proportion was lower in South Africa's case than for some countries with lower per capita incomes.

Despite the fall in the proportion of health expenditures in GNP it

(12) E. Kleiman's study cited in A.L. Sorkin, Health Economics in Developing Countries, Lexington, 1976, pp 108 and 109.

(13) B. Abel-Smith, An International Study of Health Expenditure, p. 41.

(14) ibid, p. 43.

Residents reject mini-city

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GREEN and Sea Point residents made it clear, at a lively meeting last night, that they do not want a 'mini-city' with hotels, flats and restaurants built at Granger Bay.

Speakers who said they had no objection to a small boat harbour but did not want a huge development with parking for more than 1 000 cars were applauded.

The only speaker in support of the development, Mr Ralf Pinto, who suggested it would upgrade Sea Point, was heckled and advised to 'remove yourself' and 'go home.'

A STUDY

Architect Mr Louis Karol explained to the annual meeting of Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association that the development proposals prepared by his firm were merely 'a feasibility study.'

He said they were designed to show the maximum use that could be obtained from the land, and the maximum amount of money that could be obtained from it to offset the cost of building the small boat harbour.

Mr Karol said detailed planning would commence only if the scheme were approved 'by the Cabinet or the Minister, or whoever decides.'

HOSPITALS

Among those who expressed misgivings about the scheme were Dr John Sonnenberg, PFP candidate for the Provincial Council in Green Point, and Mr Chris Joubert, the National Party candidate in Sea Point.

Dr Sonnenberg said he was speaking on behalf of the Somerset Hospital and City Hospital, both of which would be affected by a huge development on their doorsteps.

He said the hospitals were situated in 'a vital and sensitive area' and would have a vital part to play in any emergency.

ENVIRONMENT

He believed their environment would be radically altered by a huge development at Granger Bay and the resulting traffic

The development might also overload the controversial new sewage outlet to be built at Mouille Point and increase any risk of infection from this.

More liquor outlets in the new development would aggravate social problems. It was known, from experience overseas, that marinas attracted undesirables and the new development might lead to increased crime in the area.

Dr Sonnenberg said the hospital board would welcome a small boat harbour at Granger Bay

'But it objects to the development of a mini-city on the doorstep of a hospital which is providing an essential service to the community,' he said.

(News by A d'Angelo, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

Dr John Sonnenberg

Details of Granger Bay plan 'held back'

STAFF of Cape Town City Engineer's department have been involved in planning the proposed development at Granger Bay since 1978 although details were given to the City Council only last November, on green paper.

This was disclosed at last night's meeting of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association.

Mr W Coetzee, a research engineer on the Granger Bay Planning Committee, said that the Department of Fisheries had originally planned only a small boat harbour with the necessary parking and other facilities

'PUBLIC BENEFIT'

But, he said, officials of the City Engineer's Department had suggested there was 'a need for the public to benefit from this fine stretch of coastline.'

In 1978 the City Engineer's Department became involved in the preparation of the feasibility study and were consulted throughout.

Querying this, Mr Chris Joubert, retiring chairman of the association, asked how it was that details had been kept from members although there were six city councillors for the Sea Point area?

A city councillor, Mrs Joan Kantey, said that although City Council officials had worked on the plan no details had been given to the council before November because it was 'confidential until the plan was given to the Minister'

Mrs Kantey said the details had been made public now only because councillors had refused to make any decision on it until they had the opportunity to discuss it with their ratepayers.

Viljoen gives assurance on Granger Bay scheme

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Chief Reporter

THE Minister of National Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, has given an assurance that a final decision will not be taken on the proposed Granger Bay small-boat harbour scheme till Cape Town City Council and the Cape Metropolitan Planning Authority have been consulted about it

Mr Ted Mauerberger, president of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, told a meeting of the association this week that a letter had been received from the minister containing this assurance

The final plan for the Granger Bay scheme was placed before Dr Viljoen recently, by the project planning committee Last month Cape Town City Council gave this plan cautious approval but decided to seek clarification of much of the detail, and to hear the views of the ratepayers' body

Fears of and objections to a "mini-city" arising on the shores of Granger Bay were expressed at a meeting of the ratepayers' association on Monday night

Mr Louis Karol, an architectural consultant in the project who spoke at the meeting, explained that there was nothing hard and fast about the landside aspect of the scheme that had been presented to Dr Viljoen for consideration

"This is a graphic presentation of what Granger Bay could look like with a certain amount of landside development," he said

"The whole idea of the landside development is to defray the costs of construction of the harbour, and the report we have put before the minister is to show the maximum limits of development in the space available."

Mr Karol said the value of creating a unique environment, with public access to more than 1km of promenade and easy access to the centre of Cape Town, should not be underestimated

After a slide presentation during which aspects of the scheme were explained or referred to by Mr Karol and by members of the project planning committee, a series of speakers attacked the landside development aspect of the scheme

No objections were raised to the siting of a small-boat harbour at Granger Bay, only to the "mini-city" on its shores that forms part of the graphic presentation submitted to the minister

Objections to the scheme, most of which came from the Somerset Hospital board, included

- The noise and crowd factors,
- Sewage disposal and "increased pollution levels",
- Greatly increased traffic flow in the vicinity of Somerset Hospital,
- Probable attraction of "undesirable elements" to such an area,
- Liquor outlets in what was now "a relatively peaceful area"

One of the speakers, Mr Peter Humphries, said a national maritime museum had been mooted for the Granger Bay area and that the idea should still receive serious consideration "As for five-star hotels, blocks of flats and shopping complexes — that's for the birds"

Mr Tom Walters, a member of Cape Town City Council and chairman of the Port Welfare Committee, said the committee had been trying for eight years to acquire a piece of land in the harbour area for the establishment of a centre for visiting seamen — "a place such as one will find in all civilized parts of the world

"The SAR says there is no ground available — yet all of a sudden we are told this area at Granger Bay is to be made available for yachtsmen, and for all this other development we have been told about"

- The only speaker from the audience in support of the Granger Bay scheme, Mr Ralf Pinto, said Sea Point at present was in a slummy state that "we should all be ashamed of", and that a scheme such as that presented by the Granger Bay project planning committee would "add tone to this area"

through particular groups centred around institutions, for example, schools, churches, and clinics).

Chiefs and headmen can have a central role in making or breaking projects. In the Ipoti creche project a lot depended on an elected committee having control over (and being seen to have control over) the development of the project. However the chief, who supported the project, verbally anyway, made some autonomous decisions about how the committee would be constituted and who the acting head-man was to be. This antagonised the sub-headmen so much that they did not hold the sub-elections in their areas, whereas before most of them had been practically assisting the project.

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Links with committee CDC denied

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THE Grassy Park Carni-val organisers have strongly denied having any links with either the Coloured Development Corporation or the local Management Committee which they feel is not recognised or respected by the residents. In a Press statement they also denied that they operated under a veil of secrecy. All their documents were open to interested parties. 'We wish for unity and co-operation from all other organisations in the area,' the statement said

It does seem that these men who were trained at Fort Cox are better and more active than extension officers in other reserves. Obviously the quality of their work varies from man to man. A good extension officer can have a very widespread effect in an area, whereas some do nothing. I would see the variations in success of the various communal gardens as mainly due to the different extension officers.

People talk about the one time policy of house to house visits by extension officers as very successful. However

there is a shortage[I] of extension officers so they can no longer operate on this level.

APPENDIX 2.

PEASANT CO-OPERATION, CONSCIOUSNESS AND SOLIDARITY.

Benno Galjart

In many developing countries, peasant (service) co-operatives are induced by governments, local authorities or other local leaders, without due regard to the fact that everything depends on the degree of incorporation of a rural community, on who will be willing to co-operate, and to what ends. For this reason, the co-operatives often fail. If they do not, governments are likely to have unrealistic expectations regarding their effects.

The promoters see the co-operative not only as an excellent way in which to stimulate local agricultural development but often expect, implicitly, that everyone will benefit. However, the history of all successful service co-operatives shows that they benefit the somewhat richer, somewhat larger, more innovative and more educated peasants rather than the others, and that they cannot prevent the increase of socio-economic differentiation.

The rise and fall of induced co-operatives can be sketched in ideal typical form (cf. Galjart, 1975b):

a) A local government official or some other prominent person who is certain of the utility of a co-operative, talks about it with local peasant-farmers. If these show interest, he looks for informal leaders whose task it becomes to convince others to participate in setting-up an association.

(I) This shortage and also the lack of adequately trained personnel has been cited since the Tomlinson Commission. For references see Neil Alcock "Thoughts on Kwa-Zulu's agricultural future (Roneod) p.9 + 10. See also The Kwa-Zulu Government Service Select Committee on Land Tenure Interim Report 1975.

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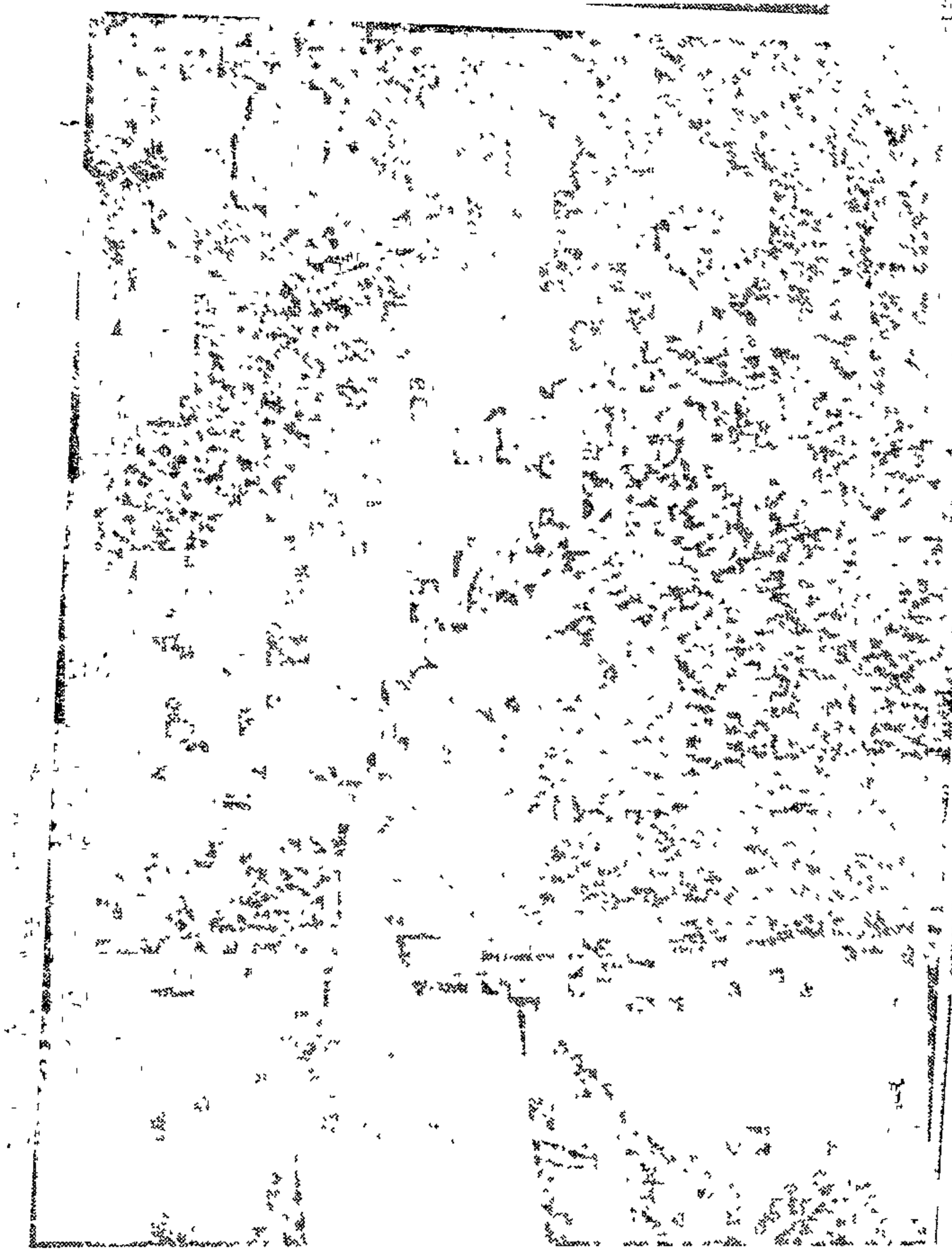

● THE children of Kew Town have nowhere else to play — so they mess around in the murky water. Their parents live in fear of them falling ill.

So far, 'nothing has been done...'

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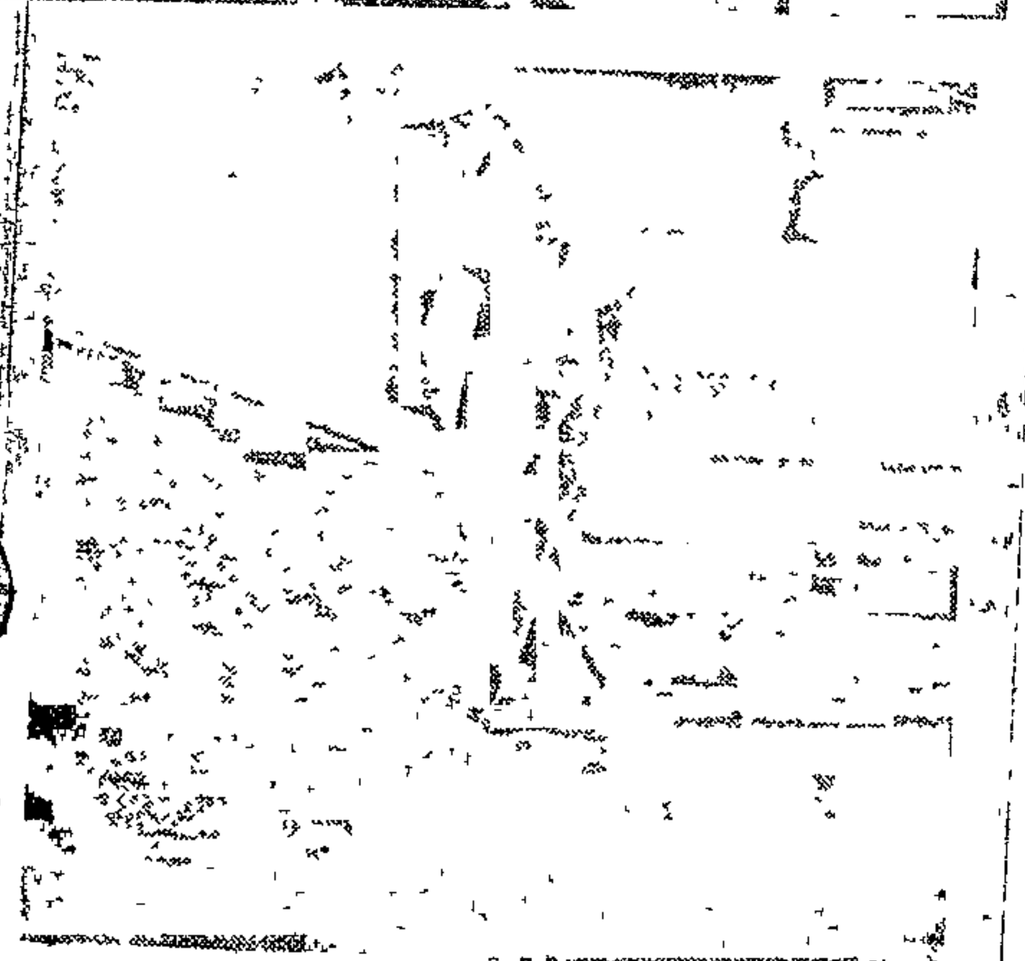
while residents have become used to stairs filled with dirty water caused by broken guttering and drain pipes inside and outside the Kew Town Flats

and I became sick many times,' he said

We have three small children who play outside in the water and it is dangerous for them,' he said

promises to clear away filthy water from the surrounds of the Kew Town flats and to repair its sources — broken water-pipes and gutters — the area remains a soggy health hazard. RYLAND FISHER investigated the the appalling conditions there. Pictures are by ANTHONY DOMAN.



● 'I HAVE to do this because I want to keep the area clean' Mr Micheal Hendricks sweeps away water and dirt from the broken drainpipes.

Mrs Emily Arendse, 65 of Block five, said the water had been lying in pools for years

'The City Council have promised to clear up the water, but so far nothing has been done,' she said pointing to water gushing out of a broken waterpipe to form a puddle on the ground

TAP

'Everytime somebody opens a tap, it means that more water comes out of these pipes to form even bigger pools

'This is unhealthy especially for children,' she said

Mrs Arendse has four grandchildren who play in the courtyard of the flats every day

'They have nowhere else to play and I fear they may get ill after playing in the water,' she said

Mrs Arendse feels the City Council does not want to clear up the water

If we were white, they would not have treated us this way' she said

'ALWAYS'

Mr Micheal Hendricks who was sweeping away water coming from broken drains when Cape Herald visited the flats, said he has been living in Kew Town for 25 years and 'the water has always been like this'

'I used to play in the water when I was small

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Council to fill Tidal Pool

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THE City Council intends improving conditions at the hazardous Strandfontein tidal pool.

This was announced last week by the City Council head of bathing amenities, Mr J S Kloppers. He was reacting to last week's Cape Herald report on the hazards awaiting swimmers at the pool.

"The council intends seeing that the uneven rock outcrops in and around the pool are levelled. We want to fill the holes with sand to have a smooth bottom," Mr Kloppers said.

Mr Kloppers said that it would cost millions of rands to have a concrete bottom built into the pool.

He said that at the moment the Council is not prepared for such a contract. Mr Kloppers said that the conditions at the pool should be viewed against the effects of the open sea on the pool.

"The water erodes the sand and that causes the rocky bed to be exposed. The problem, as therefore the filling of the bed with sand sufficient to prevent the rocky outcrops from becoming exposed," he said.

Mr Kloppers said that his department would do their best to prevent the problems from recurring.

Repairs: 'Struggle not over'

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ALTHOUGH the Bokmakierie, Bridgetown, Silvertown and Kew Town Residents' Association (BBSK) won a major victory in persuading the City Council to withdraw a new repair lease, the struggle for proper maintenance is 'not yet over.'

Residents at the BBSK meeting heard this last week

After a delegation from BBSK told the council's Housing Committee last week that tenants would not be able to pay for their own maintenance, Committee chairman Mrs Eulalie Stott announced that the proposed lease would not affect old tenants

When it came into effect, it would however still affect new tenants and those being transferred to new houses.

It was decided that because neither the Council nor the tenants could pay for maintenance the Government would be in the best position to do so

In terms of the present lease the City Council is supposed to see to the maintenance of their houses The Council claimed that they did not have enough funds to do repairs properly

The Council said they had four choices

- They could put up the rents This was refused by the Government
- They could use rates money
- They could continue doing inadequate maintenance
- They could let tenants pay for their own maintenance

SLUM

BBSK told the City Council that if they let tenants pay for their own repairs, the standard of living of the tenants would drop and the areas would degenerate into a slum

They pointed out that

- More than half the tenants in the four areas earned less than R250 a month,
- Most tenants could only afford the basic necessities
- Most tenants were pensioners earning about R60 a month,
- Because of the poor service done by the Council many tenants were forced to do maintenance themselves

PAYING BACK

The City Council said they would consider paying back individuals who did their own maintenance where wilful damage had not been done

They also agreed to make available to BBSK debits of maintenance expenditure accounts after the delegation expressed amazement at the high maintenance expenditure

EMOTIONAL

At an emotional mass meeting on Thursday residents said the 'struggle for proper maintenance is not yet over 'In fact it is only beginning now '

Residents said they would insist that the Council do their repairs properly

The delegation who had gone to see the Council were applauded

It was mentioned that most of the repairs that needed to be done to the houses were because of age deterioration and not because of wilful damage

An example quoted was Bokmakierie, where faulty wiring had caused several houses to burn down

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where everybody and everything was interacting, interrelated and inter-dependent. The individual, the family and the group were completely immersed in, and integrated into the creation in its totality. One could call such a society theo-centric, because the pivot of everything is the creator and the Creative Principle In such a society then, it necessity that all activity and consci both of the individual and of the grou ritual or ceremonial connotation and c

What is seldom recognised is the ext White South Africans, too, are immerse philosophy. Bodenstein (1976) also de "enlightenment" which he calls a "com dichotomy between materia between man and society, or between the individual and society

founded in Cape Town in 1913. We were founder members of the WFMH in 1948. Nevertheless, mental health services provided mainly custodial care until 1963. Since 1960 and subsequently, commissions of inquiry were appointed, which brought about a new era in mental health in South Africa. The introduction

of Health for the period 1964 - 1976 available mental health personnel for the same period, is reflected in Table I-II and Graph I of the annexure to this paper. Not withstanding a population increase of 36,6%, there was an absolute decrease in admissions of 26,9% for this period. This decrease can be attributed to the expansion of the outpatients services to the extent of 833,9% for the period 1966-1976.

The shortsightedness in early planning of Mental Health Services led to a belated start in the training

Fury over fire engine 'delay'

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GRASSY PARK residents are angry because, they claim, a Divisional Council fire brigade — stationed about seven kilometres away — took 40 minutes to respond to a call to a fire which claimed the life of a man and destroyed a house and its contents last week.

● THE charred remains of the house which was completely destroyed by a fire which also claimed the life of a man last week. The fire is now the centre of a dispute between Grassy Park residents and the Divisional Council.

Spokesmen for the executive of the Grassy Park Civic Association who are conducting an investigation into what they have described as 'the inefficiency of the fire service' claim that it is the second incident of its kind in recent weeks

They also allege that the delays in the fire brigade's response time is caused by the fact that although it is manned mainly by black staff, a senior white fire officer, who is not present at the fire station at night, has to be called from home before the brigade can go out.

Mr C H Mocke, assistant secretary of the Divisional Council, has confirmed this arrangement but said that the white senior officer lived nearby and was informed immediately after [illegible] was rec[illegible]

Mrs Rich has asked 'Before leaving the fire station shouldn't they know exactly where the fire hydrant is?'

An executive member of the civic association said that a similar incident took place in Fifth Avenue, Grassy Park, approximately a month ago

In this incident it is alleged that the fire brigade was alerted at 5 pm and that they only arrived an hour later They found a fire hydrant immediately but when they coupled their hoses they discovered that there was no water coming from it

CALLED

Shortly after 1 am on Tuesday March 17 a fire broke out in the home of Mr Joseph Baartman in Fourth Avenue, Grassy Park

According to sworn statements in the possession of the association, two neighbours, Miss S Abrahams and Mrs F Rich both called the fire brigade between 1 15 and 1 20 am

'They eventually arrived at approximately 2 am and wasted precious minutes driving up and down past the burning house looking for a fire hydrant' Mrs Rich said

OFFICIAL

However Mr Mocke claims that the official records of the Divisional Council's Ottery fire station reflect that the first call was only received at 1 40 am

In her statement Miss S Abrahams said 'My sister phoned again at approximately 1 35 am and the person at the station said that the firemen were on their way'

Residents also claim that their houses were endangered because of the delay

Taximen in feud with council

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Staff Reporter

TAXI DRIVERS who have been operating a service between Atlantis and Killarney, in Milnerton, for two years are battling with Milnerton Municipality which they say is threatening their livelihood

A spokesman for the 10 drivers, Mr David Matthews, said last week that the municipality had informed them recently that if they were caught collecting passengers from Killarney they would either be prosecuted or fined R30

Mr Matthews said that when the taxi drivers first started in late 1979 the bus service between Atlantis and Killarney was "very bad"

"We were and still are operating a much-needed service for the people who live in Atlantis " The bus service was still not satisfying the passenger demand

Municipality

The drivers had had no problems with the municipality until last December when one was arrested for collecting passengers in Killarney

"Ever since then we have been hassled by the municipality Every one of us has been fined at least once," he said

"They are trying to deprive us of our livelihood We have to run our homes, families, cars "

He said the municipality did not interfere with the service from Atlantis to Killarney, but the drivers needed the return trip to make their job viable

The Milnerton town clerk, Mr J S de Villiers, denied that the municipality was trying to stop the taxi service altogether

Only taxis carrying licences were allowed to take passengers out of Milnerton and because of the lack of space additional taxis were refused licences

"We cannot allow more taxis than the number for which parking space is available, there is only space for so many vehicles and no more," he said

There was no doubt the taxis provided a neccessary service but they were working in a confined, restricted area where buses also operated

The bus terminus was an "evil" and, although it was considered temporary, it should not have been there at all

No permission

"The bus terminus in Killarney is something that just happened as a result of habitual use, no permission was asked from the municipality to have it there," he said

The municipality had lodged an appeal with the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board to move the bus stop

Milnerton's chief traffic officer, Mr D J Fourie, said only three taxis had licences to stand at the Killarney taxi rank and wait for passengers There were many more taxis which had licences to operate but did not have a licence from the Milnerton Municipality to collect passengers from Milnerton

He said the presence of the bus terminus had been forced on the council which had had no say in the matter Buses were supposed to use the stop temporarily but it had developed into "a sort of permanent interchange"

"The only time we will get rid of it is when the railway line to Atlantis is completed Then the terminus will be moved to somewhere in Montagu Gardens industrial area and I suppose the taxis will also be moved there," he said

Asked if those taxi operators now without licences would possibly be accommodated at the new site, Mr Fourie said "That depends on the council "

He said that if taxi drivers had a licence to operate in the Milnerton municipal area and operated "within the scope of the law", they would have no problems with the municipality and the municipality would have no problems with them

Municipality crackdown 'hits taxis'

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TAXI DRIVERS operating on the Atlantis-Killarney run claim they are being forced out of business by a Milnerton Municipality crackdown on taxis picking up passengers in the area.

Drivers based in Atlantis have been threatened with prosecution if they pick up passengers at the Killarney bus terminus the changeover point for people travelling between the West Coast and Cape Town

The Milnerton Municipality, in whose area the terminus falls, says it's only enforcing the law

Only taxis licensed for Milnerton can ferry passengers from the terminus area, while those from Atlantis can offload people there but not pick up any, meaning they have to make the return trip empty

Milnerton says it has no room for more taxis

PROBLEMS

But even the Milnerton or Killarney taxis say they are having problems

Killarney-based Mr David Matthews said the taxi rank at the terminus was too far away from the bus stop and that people wouldn't take the trouble to walk there

On investigation, the taxi rank (with place for four taxis) proved to be about 100 m from the bus stop

'Even so,' said Mr Matthews, owner of one of the dozen taxis running from Killarney to Atlantis 'we're being booked for 'plying for hire' although we can pick up passengers within a five kilometre radius of the rank'

He said that people were now too scared to use the taxis with the result that business was poor

'On a good day you make maybe R50,' he said 'But usually it could be R20 or R30'

However, bus company inspectors stationed nearby disputed this, saying that the taxis were kept busy and made 'a fortune'

● A Cape Herald team spent 1½ hours watching the terminus and during peak hour on Wednesday morning and during that time only one taxi, Atlantis-registered, stopped there

BUS STOP

Passengers were offloaded a short distance beyond the bus stop and a group of people waiting there climbed in The taxi then continued in the direction of Cape Town

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Recommendations not accepted by council

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THE Grassy Park Management Committee went into recess last week after certain of their recommendations to the Council had been ignored

The dispute came about when a request was made concerning a site allocated to an amusement centre. The Management Committee had suggested several reasons against the use of that site — Market Square

Earlier their recommendation that the site between Third Avenue and Perth Road should not be used was accepted

The Management Committee feel that their powers of recommendation as set out by [illegible] the Provincial Administration ordinance are being violated and demand a public statement on whether they are still valid

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

No 805 16 April 1981

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REGULATIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF THE CAPE TOWN MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND —BLACK EMPLOYEES OF ADMINISTRATION BOARDS TRANSFERRED TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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I, George de Villiers Morrison, Deputy Minister of Co-operation, acting on behalf and by direction of the Minister of Co-operation and Development, by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 6 (1A) (d) of the Community Councils Act, 1977 (Act 125 of 1977), and with the concurrence of the management of the Cape Town Municipal Pension Fund hereby make the following regulations

1 Any Black in the service of a community council who, immediately prior to his transfer thither from the service of an administration board in terms of section 6 (1A) (a) of the Community Councils Act, 1977 (Act 125 of 1977), by virtue of an election exercised by him in terms of section 10 (8) of the Black Affairs Administration Act, 1971 (Act 45 of 1971), was a member of the Cape Town Municipal Pension Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund), registered in terms of section 4 (4) of the Pension Funds Act, 1956 (Act 24 of 1956)—

(a) shall be deemed to remain a member of the Fund, without a break in his service,

(b) shall be subject to the law, regulations and rules governing the Fund, and

(c) shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law contained, not be entitled to the payment of any benefit from the Fund by virtue of his transfer in so far as his transfer involves the termination of his service with the administration board concerned

2 Any person referred to in regulation 1 who has been discharged by reason of the redundancy of his post shall for the purposes of the law, regulations and rules governing the Fund, be deemed to have been discharged by the local authority concerned and he shall be paid from the Fund the appropriate benefit prescribed by or under the law, regulations or rules governing the Fund in respect of a member thereof who is discharged on the grounds of redundancy

3 After the Fund has paid out the appropriate benefit as contemplated by regulation 2, the Fund shall recover from the community council concerned—

(a) where the benefit concerned is or includes any annuity, the full amount of each payment in respect of such annuity with effect from the date of such person's retirement up to the date on which he attains the age at which he is required in terms of the law,

GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTEMENT VAN SAMEWERKING EN ONTWIKKELING

No 805 16 April 1

REGULASIES BETREFFENDE LIDMAATSKA VAN DIE KAAPSTADSE MUNISIPALE PE SIOENFONDS — SWART WERKNEMERS VA ADMINISTRASIERADE OORGEPLAAS N GEMEENSKAPSRADE

Ek, George de Villiers Morrison Adjunk-minis van Samewerking, vaardig hierby, namens en in opd van die Minister van Samewerking en Ontwikkel kragtens die bevoegdheid hom verleen by artikel (1A) (d) van die Wet op Gemeenskapsrade 1977 (W 125 van 1977), en met die instemming van die bes van die Kaapstadse Munisipale Pensioenfonds die v gende regulasies uit

1 'n Swarte in diens van 'n gemeenskapsraad onmiddellik voor sy oorplasing daarheen vanaf diens van 'n administrasieraad ingevolge artikel 6 (1 (a) van die Wet op Gemeenskapsrade, 1977 (Wet van 1977), uit hoofde van 'n keuse deur hom ingev artikel 10 (8) van die Wet op die Administrasie Swart Sake, 1971 (Wet 45 van 1971) uitgeoefen lid was van die Kaapstadse Munisipale Pensioenfo (hierna die Fonds genoem), geregistreer kragtens a 4 (4) van die Wet op Pensioenfondse, 1956 (Wet van 1956)—

(a) word geag sonder onderbreking in sy 'n lid van die Fonds te bly,

(b) is onderworpe aan die wet regulasies en r wat die Fonds beheer, en

(c) is, ondanks andersluidende wetsbepalings geregtig op die betaling van 'n voordeel uit die F uit hoofde van sy oorplasing nie, vir sover sy plasing met die beeindiging van sy diens by betrokke administrasieraad gepaard gaan

2 'n Persoon bedoel in regulasie 1, wat afgedan weens die oortolligheid van sy pos, word vir die eindes van die wet, regulasies en reels wat die F beheer, geag deur die betrokke plaaslike owerheid gedank te gewees het en aan hom word uit die F die toepaslike voordeel betaal wat by of kragtens wet, regulasies of reels wat die Fonds beheer ber baar is ten opsigte van 'n lid daarvan wat weens tolligheid afgedank word

3 Nadat die Fonds die toepaslike voordeel be in regulasie 2, betaal het, moet die Fonds op betrokke gemeenskapsraad—

(a) waar die betrokke voordeel 'n jaargeld insluit, die volle bedrag van elke betaling ten van die jaargeld verhaal met ingang van die van so iemand se uitdienstreding tot op die waarop hy die leeftyd bereik waarop hy

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regulations or rules governing the Fund to retire from the service of the community council concerned or up to the date of his death, whichever date is the earlier,

(b) where any annuity referred to in paragraph (a) remains payable in terms of that law or those regulations or rules after the date on which such person is so required to retire, the amount (if any) by which every payment in respect of such annuity exceeds the amount which would have been payable in terms of that law or those regulations or rules had such person, on the date on which he actually retired, attained the age at which he would be so required to retire,

(c) where the benefit concerned is or includes any gratuity, the full amount of such gratuity or any portion thereof as an actuary designated by the Fund may, at the expense of the community council, determine, with due regard to the ratio which such person's period of service with the administration board concerned bears to his period of service with the community council

4 No amount which in terms of the law, regulations or rules governing the Fund may be recovered from a local authority or administration board shall, in any case to which these regulations apply, be recoverable from a local authority or administration board in respect of the retirement of any person on the grounds of redundancy.

G DE V MORRISON, Deputy Minister of Co-operation

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(c) waar die betrokke voordeel 'n gratifikasie is of insluit, die volle bedrag van sodanige gratifikasie of 'n deel daarvan, verhaal, soos 'n aktuaris deur die Fonds aangewys, op koste van die gemeenskapsraad bepaal, met inagneming van die verhouding waarin so iemand se dienstermyn by die betrokke administrasieraad tot sy dienstermyn by die gemeenskapsraad staan

4 Geen bedrag wat ingevolge die wet, regulasies of reels wat die Fonds beheer, op 'n plaaslike owerheid of administrasieraad verhaal kan word, is in 'n geval waarop hierdie regulasies van toepassing is, ten opsigte van die uitdienstreding van iemand op grond van oortolligheid, op 'n plaaslike owerheid of 'n administrasieraad verhaalbaar nie

G DE V MORRISON, Adjunk-minister van Samewerking

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Standing up to the bureaucratic bulldozer

CIVIC DIARY
By NEVILLE FRANSMAN

PEOPLE had a right to protest Such protesters were not necessarily members of a hysterical lobby. They had a fundamental right to make representations about any issue concerned with planning and no-one was immune to comment from the private sector — not even the Provincial Administration nor the central government.

These thoughts were expressed recently by a Cape Town city councillor, thoughts which once more stirred the nagging fear that the wishes of local authorities and "local people" are taking a back seat to the bureaucratic bulldozer driven by higher authority

The city councillor referred to above, Mrs Joan Kantey, was commenting on the new Environment Conservation Bill which would give wide powers to the Minister of Water Affairs, Forestry and Environmental Conservation.

The Bill provides the minister with the power to issue directions regarding the management and development of land situated in a "natural area".

A natural area is defined as "an area that could be utilized in the interests of and for the benefit and enjoyment of the public in general and for the reproduction, protection or preservation of wild animal life, wild vegetation or objects of geological, ethnological, historical or other scientific interest"

The Bill also lays down that every owner or occupier of land situated within a natural area shall be bound by the provisions of the minister's directions.

In addition, the minister may make regulations to assign functions to either a provincial administration or a local authority The minister may declare these regulations to be applicable with or without amendments to an area of jurisdiction of any local authority or to any defined area

If a local authority incurs expenditure in connection with performance of the functions assigned to it by the minister, the decision rested with him whether to reimburse the local authority concerned.

It was not surprising that the Cape Town City Council voted unanimously at its last meeting that the minister should be requested that before he issues directions as contemplated in the Bill, he should be required to give notice of his intention and to invite comments and objections.

The council also requested that the proposed Act should provide a local authority with the right to apply for a refund of expenditure incurred in terms of ministerial directives.

Mrs Kantey must have echoed the thoughts of not only city councillors, but of many "local people" when she said: "The power of local authorities has been eroded enough. Why should the minister take all the decisions when local authorities are vitally involved?"

Some readers will recall that last month the outgoing president of the United Municipal Executive, Mr P R Nel, stated with great emphasis that he felt personally seriously concerned "because it would appear that local government is being disregarded more and more in the role which it has to fulfil in the government structure"

Meanwhile, misgivings have been expressed about the ability of the Cape Town City Council to make its voice heard strongly enough There are many people who feel that the City Council is not putting up a "tough enough" stand, and that it backs down too easily when confronted by the big stick.

I see problems in quantifying this theory, but the man in the street, the ordinary ratepayer, does not have such a big problem in believing what he wishes to on the basis of recent events.

The City Council objected vehemently to the Groote Schuur Estate official housing development It called for an interview with the Prime Minister to discuss the issue.

It received a rebuff when he replied that he was always willing to meet the Mayor and deputations of the council in connection with matters of importance, but in this case the correct way in the first instance would be to approach the Minister of Community Development and State Auxiliary Services, Mr S F Kotze

I asked a senior council spokesman whether there were plans to continue the protest in the light of the Prime Minister's reply In a despairing tone the spokesman told me that the council believed it to be futile to speak to Mr Kotze and would just not bother

One can appreciate the despair of this council spokesman, but many people in Cape Town feel that the City Council shut up too easily and too soon If it had requested an interview with the Prime Minister, it (the City Council) must have had something to say.

The council should have said it to Mr Kotze, and said it strongly, the feeling goes.

As things stand now, the City Council of Cape Town has accepted that the issue must be dropped and no more need to be said

What a pity

It was not possible to distinguish between qualified in-training and assistant nurses in the statistics. Without these distinctions, no valuable assessment of the real expansion of nursing care can be made. (8)

V. FINANCES 1919-1976

The money set aside for mental health in state budgets has increased from £310 379.00 in 1919 to R38 092 793.00 in 1976.

GRAPH 8
MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
1919 - 1976
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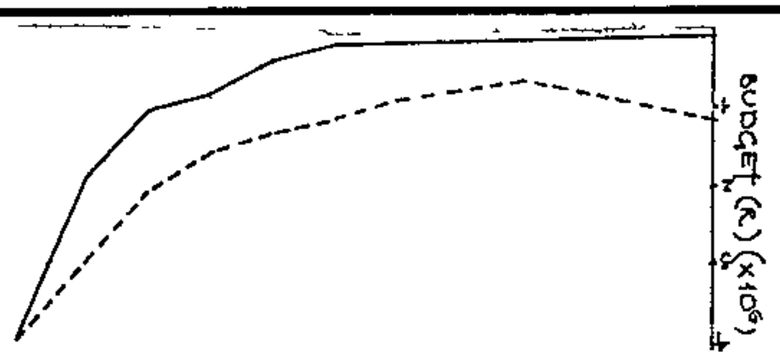

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There is no necessary connection, of course, between quality of care and level of educational training of the nursing staff, especially in custodial institutions The evidence from Sutth Mitchell, where nurse-aides in training take major responsibility for the overall welfare of patients under their charge, suggest that people with a low formal standard of education are able to deliver a high quality service to mental patients.

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Civil defence centre 'best in country'

Staff Reporter

THE City Council's civil defence communications centre in the podium block of the Civic Centre is like a ploughshare which can be beaten into a sword at the first intimation of a natural or man-made disaster — all one has to do is press the right button

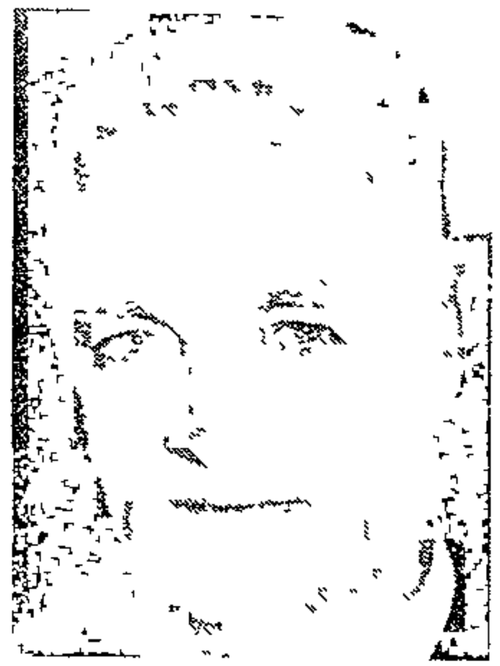
In normal times the communications centre — described by the municipal civil defence officer, Major Rod Douglas, as "the best in the country", is used to co-ordinate the activities of the City Council's far-flung departments and workers

But if any disaster strikes the Mother City, the big map-hung room with its microphones and cubicles will become the nerve-centre of all local operations designed to save lives, protect property and maintain essential services for the 1½-million people who live in Cape Town and its environs

"This means that although we spent a lot equipping this centre it is not 'dead' money," Major Douglas said yesterday at a press conference designed to let ratepayers know exactly what they are getting for their civil defence rands

"It's being used all day It's ticking over all the time, ready to go into overdrive if any emergency takes place"

And if disaster were to overtake the centre itself — which is part of a completely self-contained complex with an independent power supply — there is a less elaborate alternative centre, backed up by a custom-built mobile command centre which was thoroughly tested in the field at the Laingsburg disaster



Mr H G Heugh

The communications centre is the most visible part of a detailed civil defence organization which equips Cape Town to handle anything from a train crash or a wrecked tanker to a nuclear emergency at Koeberg

The organization, which is headed by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, has been growing since the government decided in 1977 to decentralize civil defence and place it under provincial control

As the organization stands now, the City Council is continuously linked with the municipal fire brigade, the ambulance service, the Metro rescue centre at Tygerberg Hospital, the South African Defence Force, the South African Police, the Provincial Administration and the civil defence bodies of 18 neighbouring local authorities stretching from Gordon's Bay to Milnerton

According to Mr Heugh, the Council's emergency forces "can be mustered at a disaster site within a very short while and built up to not less than 600 men within two hours if necessary"

In addition it has set up 165 medical aid and first-aid posts strategically placed throughout the municipal area — many of them in pharmacies and doctors' surgeries

Because a major disaster such as a flood would probably not be confined to the jurisdictional area of any one local authority, Mr Heugh was recently asked to become civil defence chief of the entire Peninsula region in such a case, and it has been decided to expand the Civic Centre's store of emergency supplies and equipment, with each local authority contributing towards the cost

Flood blow for PE ratepayers

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Ratepayers might have to dig deep into their pockets as they are to foot the city's flood repair bill of almost R4-million

The only damage covered by insurance was to the Churchill Pipeline at Van Staden's River mouth — providing the city's water supply — where repairs are expected to cost about R1-million, of which the city's water supply

The total cost of flood damage to the city amounted to an estimated R3 214 350, said the town clerk, Mr P K Botha

Damage to roads amounted to over R1-million and for other services from R112 000 for gas installation to R750 000 to water mains Damage to the Baakens River Valley is estimated at R150 000

"The cost of repairs will definitely result in overspending on the city council's 1981 budget and the bulk of this shortfall will have to be met by increased rates and tariffs or less expenditure by the council," said Mr Botha

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Fig. 5 (b)

PROPORTIONAL MORTALITY

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Row over buying of Hartleyvale

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CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

THE PURCHASE of Hartleyvale Stadium by the Cape Town City Council for R300 000 — money which in the eyes of many has been made available in a style similar to a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat — has caused a great deal of consternation and displeasure among the people who were removed from the voters' roll several years ago.

It should indeed be superfluous to define precisely who these people are. Let it suffice to state that, according to the Population Registration Act, they are not white.

But these people believe they have been done an injustice by the City Council. Their distress is aggravated by the fact that the council not only found R300 000 from "supplemental" sources (that is, funds not estimated for previously) but will also conjure up from somewhere an additional and almost immediate R200 000 for repairs and renovations to Hartleyvale

Maintenance of the stadium and interest and redemption annually will amount to about R150 000.

Mr John Reddy, chairman of the Western Province Football Board, which controls thousands of players on the Cape Flats, did not mince words.

He said: "I consider it disgraceful that the council can suddenly find money to buy Hartleyvale, yet it never has any or very little for our needs"

He added that little development had taken place at the Athlone Stadium and now the council had added insult to injury by issuing a directive that clubs had to pay R3 for every match they played on council grounds.

Many of these grounds, such as those in Kensington, Heideveld, Manenberg and Hanover Park, were not walled in and no gate fees could be collected. An instruction had gone out to all units of the board to refuse to pay the fee of R3 a match, Mr Reddy said.

Mr Noortjie Khan, chairman of the Western Province Rugby Union, said despairingly "We had been moved out of the centre of Cape Town and have been suffering ever since. We have been battling to develop our own grounds at Vygekraal to replace what we had at Green Point Track, which can now be reached only at great cost by our players. With the City Council not helping much, I suppose we will just have to go on suffering."

Mr Hassan Howa, president of the Western Province Cricket Board, said scathingly: "In finding half-a-million for Hartleyvale while telling us this side of the colour line repeatedly that funds are not available when we ask for help is disgraceful. This smacks of racialism."

All three spoke of potholed fields, lack of ablution and toilet blocks, poor playing surfaces and damage caused to fields by pedestrians using short-cuts. It was also pointed out that the Vygekraal Stadium now being developed by the City Council fell far short of requirements.

I conveyed the displeasure of these sports leaders to the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh

He said the council had agonized for many months over the Hartleyvale issue, but eventually had to come to the conclusion that the ground had to be saved. If the council had not stepped in, Hartleyvale as the main soccer venue would have disappeared

Mr Heugh added that the council had spent "millions" in the townships. He pointed out further that the council, when establishing sports amenities, did so for all the people of the municipality on a non-racial basis and expressed regret that permits were required to use certain amenities — as in the case of Green Point Stadium and as would be the case with Hartleyvale, which is in a white Group Area.

Right, there we have it. One can well understand the City Council's stance that the Hartleyvale complex as a sports venue could not be lost. On the other hand, Mr Reddy, Mr Khan and Mr Howa — representing thousands upon thousands of junior and senior sportsmen who are not white — are not exactly talking through their necks Something has to be done — but soon

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Anti-social behaviour by tenants in municipal housing schemes will soon come under close scrutiny by a special sub-committee of the Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee.

A spokesman for the council said at the weekend that there was a regular flow of complaints about shebeening and dagga-peddling from people in the townships. These activities, including the use of some council houses as the headquarters for criminal gangs, were causing great distress to law-abiding citizens.

Now the council intends reviewing its attitude and policy towards tenants guilty of anti-social activities. Up to now the council had been very lenient and it was loathe to evict people.

The special sub-committee investigating the issue will be headed by city councillor Mr Clive Keegan, who said that it was hoped to gather as much information and evidence as possible from ratepayers' and residents' associations and individuals. He appealed to everyone who could help to contact the Town Clerk's office (Mr Hofmeyer at ☎ 210-2101) or to write to the Town Clerk, Civic Centre, 12 Hertzog Boulevard, Cape Town, 8001.

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not lived to see

Mr Ian Jacobs, who is involved with 2 small-
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Group 1 " (63)

Carl Widstrand states that in Tanzania some of the most successful Ujamaa villages are those where the Ujamaa involved pre-viously worked as farm labourers on European settlements. "The reasons given here have been that the economic European farmers, they see the economic asset in addition to the social area, have clearly, that the workers today are experience of situation created, and that they are able to exercise better control because of their joint experience of exploitation " (64)

In Uhlsba, the people from I met were in community agriculture, were a group of men from Kwa they said that people should pool their fields to form in large blocks as it was through the Korporasies are big fields that the Boere were strong. Furthermore, as Jon Stuurman pointed out, it is rarely returned migrants who work hard on community projects like creches and clinics and who see the business potential in the formelands.

The change in consciousness and aspirations resulting from people's experience of exploitation and/or more advanced methods of production, is a crucial beginning in the development of a new

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Township applications taken over by Province

Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPALITIES and Divisional Councils throughout the Cape Province have been informed by the Provincial Administration's Director of Local Government Mr P D de Wet, that applications to establish townships should in future be submitted directly to him and not to local authorities as at present

They were also told that the advertising of township applications will be left to the discretion of the Director of Local Government This replaces a former Townships Ordinance clause that all applications for townships of more than 40 plots (erven) must be advertised

In his circular to local authorities Mr De Wet explained that applying directly to the Provincial Administration was to obtain uniformity in all four provinces

Explaining the changes in policy, Mr De Wet said 'As a result of recommendations arising out of the report of the Fouche Commission the Minister of Community Development and State Auxiliary Services has in terms of the Co-ordination of Housing Matters Act, taken certain enforcable decisions which now have to be implemented "

He pointed out that although the discretion to advertise would rest with the Director of Local Government, local authorities would when an application was referred to them for comment, be informed about the advertising implications

Mr Rupert Hurly MPC for Claremont has sharply criticized the new measures

He felt that inroads were being made into the ' authority of local authorities and said that the local bodies should retain the right to have the first look at applications to establish townships as they understood local conditions so much better

He added "In any application there may well be room for give-and-take negotiation between say the municipality and the land developer or owner Such negotiation can be carried out much more easily at local level '

Mr Hurly predicted greater delays in processing of applications The new system meant that an applicant from a distant part in the province would have to apply to the Provincial Administration in Cape Town which in turn may want the comments of the local authority concerned after which the application would be returned to the province

"This is a back-to-front operation," he said

"I believe that the system whereby applications for development of townships must be advertised should be retained and not left to official discretion, especially when ecologically sensitive areas are involved There is the danger of undesirable development being authorized against the wishes of the local authority or local population, Mr Hurly said

example, women who had left a settlers of employers, were keen to they did not like their conditions that they wid see up a ering co-operative are were conditions Other women, however, earn more for their time through the co-op who had not been involved in the creches factory had been closed the idea at all. After a leather's factory had been closed down, ex-workers and wives of ex-workers etc decided to start producing some leather goods co-operatively. (Before the factory

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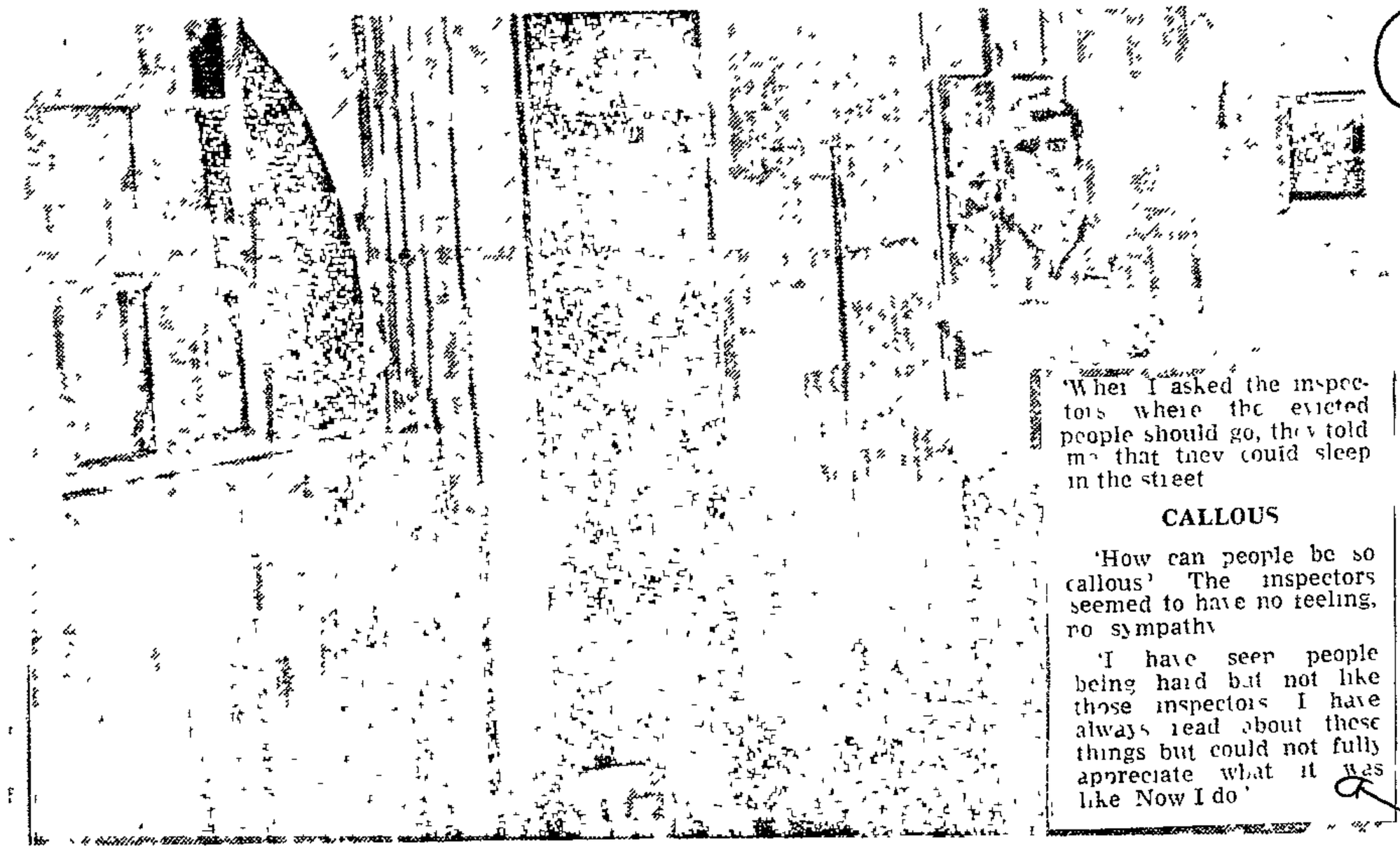

● MR ABDULLAH MOOKERY outside one of the dwellings the Cape Town City Council has ordered him to demolish.

A WELCOME ESTATE shopkeeper has been ordered to demolish two dwellings in his backyard and to 'pitch the occupants out on the street'.

'But I will not How can the Council expect me to be so heartless,' asked Mr Abdul Mookerey of 77 Third Street in Welcome Estate

His problems started on Wednesday, April 22, when inspectors of the Squatter Control Department of the Cape Town City Council delivered a notice to him

It stated that the 27-year-old structures were unauthorised because of a change of occupancy In terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act Mr Mookery was ordered to demolish the wood and iron dwellings before May 6

An official at the Squatter Control Department — who asked not to be named because he was not allowed to talk to the Press — said two of three families living in the two shacks were ordered to leave because they had occupied the dwellings only from March 1980

Because of the change of occupancy on that date the law had to be enforced, he said

Mr Mookery, however denies that the families had moved in at that time

'They have been living here for almost eight years,' he said

One of the occupants threatened with eviction, Mrs Yvonne Philander also denied she had moved in during March 1980

ALL WRONG

'I have been living here for almost eight years The council has got it all wrong The people who were living with me moved out in March 1980,' she said.

The official also said Mr Mookery had charged the families R25 rent a month Mr Mookery and Mrs Philander denied this

Mr Mookery said

'When I asked the inspectors where the evicted people should go, they told me that they could sleep in the street

CALLOUS

'How can people be so callous' The inspectors seemed to have no feeling, no sympathy

'I have seen people being hard but not like those inspectors I have always read about these things but could not fully appreciate what it was like Now I do'

What's the best way to improve Athlone?

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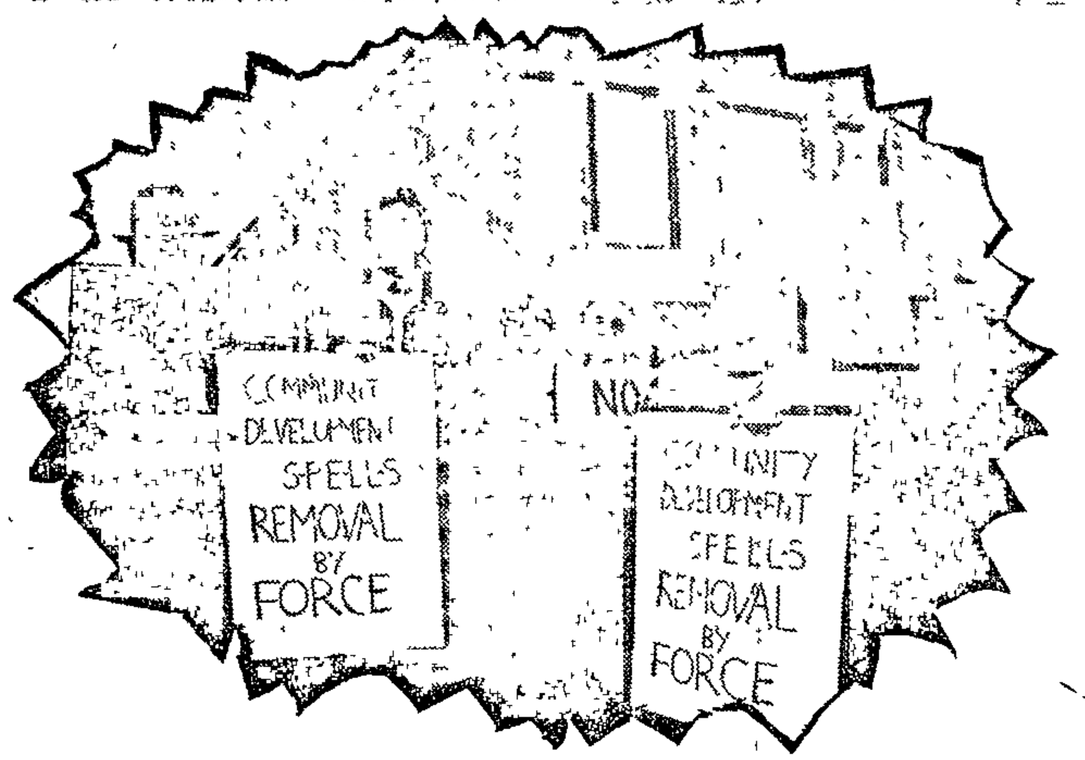


FLASHBACK: Residents put up posters to show their displeasure at having to move out.

Redevelopment plan stirs hornet's nest

By Anthony Doman

THE planned redevelopment of Athlone's central business district has stirred up a hornet's nest which has already led to widespread bitterness.

In their final stages are plans (in the pipeline for at least 10 years) to turn Athlone from an over-populated under-developed commercial disaster into a totally revamped, revitalised business centre

A noble idea For years Athlone's businessmen — and their customers — have struggled against clogged narrow access roads, crime, zoning restrictions and hopelessly inadequate parking facilities

Yet for all its drawbacks Athlone still attracts shoppers A Saturday morning there is like Saturday morning nowhere else, with throngs of shoppers and the air filled with hustle and bustle and the cries of the ever-present hawkers.

POTENTIAL

But there is potential for development As it stands at present, Athlone's central business district hasn't grown to keep pace with the needs of its shopping population

The problem then comes up How best to develop Athlone?

Various studies have been undertaken on the area with a view to using the existing facilities to best advantage, and where necessary making changes around the fringes of the central area to stimulate further development

A glossy publication issued by the Cape Town City Engineer's Department in 1979 (Athlone — A reassessment of schemes relating to the Athlone City sub-centre) puts forward detailed proposals

Central to the proposals is a major drawcard — a 'magnet' — which will provide users of the area facilities which they are unable to obtain unless they travel to such other centres as Claremont or Cape Town

WIDENED

Naturally access would have to be improved, roads widened and so on

will not stop at the present border (as indicated on the accompanying map) and will in fact gobble up another chunk of Athlone in line with the extension of Jan Smuts Drive stretching down to Carrington Avenue. This could involve about 150 families losing their homes

Naturally residents are violently upset A few examples illustrate their extreme anger (apart from the fact that they are where they want to be and obviously don't want to move just so that some businessman can make money more easily)

- One family moved into their newly-built house a few months ago
- Another family is still busy completing their new house after moving in at the end of last year
- Yet another resident has completed one floor of his double - storeyed house

All of them now have to sell their property to the Department of Community Development

'Why did the City Council pass my building plans at all?' asked one

'I've poured all my time and money into my house only to have to sell it to a Government Department for a shopping centre I don't want'

Who DID want it, then, and why did the Department go ahead and expropriate when there were other ways out — ways which were put to a State Committee investigating the redevelopment?

As stated earlier on in this article, there is no doubt that Athlone COULD be improved It MUST be improved, if businesses are to be allowed to flourish and shoppers allowed the variety and freedom of choice they are allowed at other larger centres

That deals with who wanted it. Why the Department acted as it did is something only they can answer but it seems to be traceable to the fact that if they are to pump finance into such a development they are legally bound to have a stake in the deal

In other words, they can't finance anything on anybody else's property, only on their own

Which is cold comfort to those who now have to sell up

They're angry — very angry And they're looking for subjects on which to vent their anger In particular, they're accusing businessmen of disregarding the interests of the community and instead only being on the lookout for a fast buck

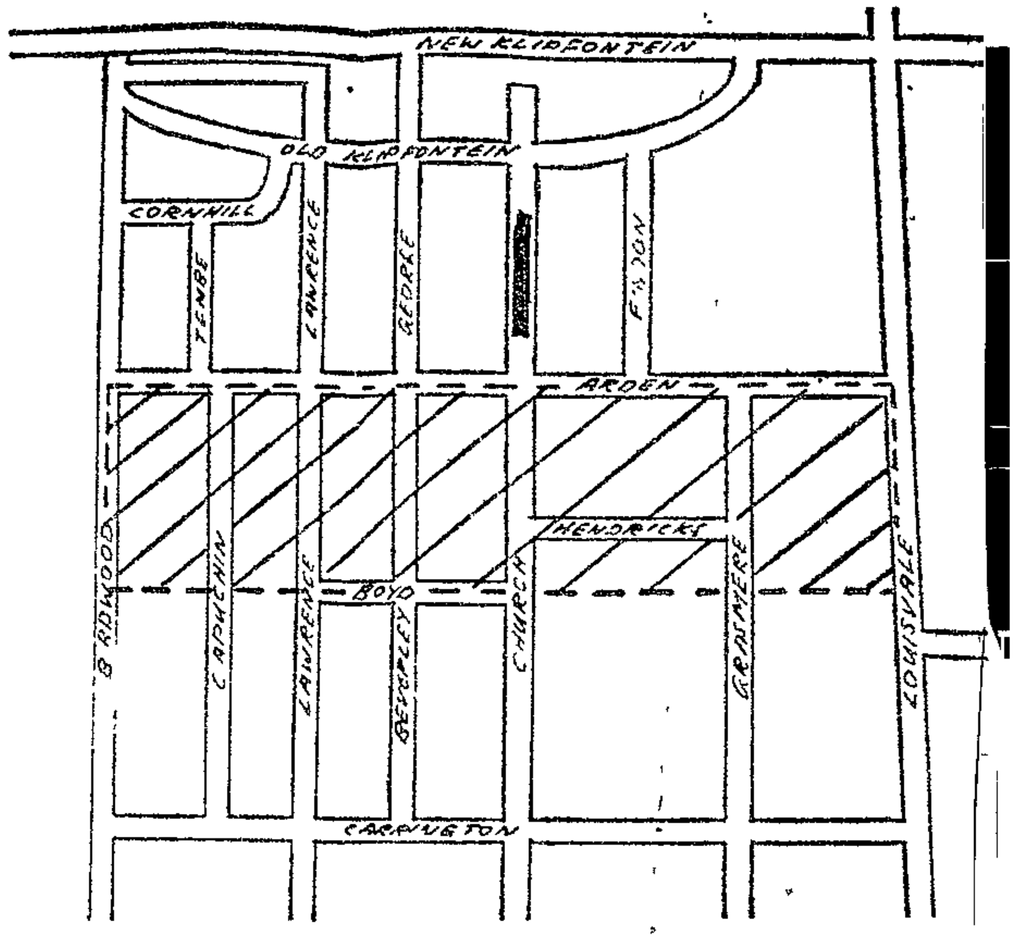
The businessmen, in their turn, have reiterated that development is all very well, but not at the expense of the very people who patronise their establishments

Placards have sprung up in the area 'Community Development spells removal by force' says one 'This is not a slum' says another

They hold regular meetings They have even consulted senior counsel

They are not going to give up their hard-won property just like that.

As one of them said 'When the time comes, they will be well prepared. So will we'



● THE site of Athlone's proposed redevelopment. The central business district is bounded by New Klipfontein Road in the north, Louisvale Road (Jan Smuts Drive extension) in the east, Birdwood Street in the west and Aden Avenue in the south. The area marked by diagonal lines is planned to be taken over by the Department of Community Development for redevelopment into a major shopping centre and suitable parking An access road will be built along the line of Boyd Avenue, at the bottom of the redeveloped section.

Removals unnecessary — traders

THE Athlone Business and Professional Association says that in spite of claims to the contrary, all along the line they opposed the authorities' redevelopment scheme and they have now called for planned mass removals to be cancelled

They decided at an urgent meeting last Thursday to demand that expropriation of properties be cancelled and that the freezing of the affected area be lifted immediately.

They also dissociated themselves from any expropriations and instead came out firmly in support of residents' refusals to move.

They explained that they had not been consulted about a City Council reassessment of schemes for the area, and in fact had later rejected proposals contained in the Council report

No development should take place without the prior consultation and approval of both traders and property owners, they had said at the time

The Association had also commissioned the Urban Problems Research Unit (UPRU) of the University of Cape Town to prepare an alternative plan

A detailed statement from the Association explains that in 1979 the Department of Community Development froze all development in the area in terms of the Community Development Act 3 of 1966 They later declared the area an urban renewal area The statement continues

'The department also set up a State Committee consisting of the Provincial Administration, Department of Community Development, Department of Justice, Department of Posts and Telecommunications, South African Railways, the Coloured Development Corporation, the Athlone Management Committee the City Council and the Western Cape Traders' Association

The Athlone Business and Professional Association was not represented on the State Committee but worked with a technical sub-committee, set up by the State Committee, in order to get the alternative plan drawn up by UPRU approved

'The Association opposed both initial development schemes, and since then it has been our stand to oppose expropriations for any purposes whatsoever except for the development of roads.

RIDER

'But there was one important rider (and this can be borne out by a written council minute) Affected property owners and the Association should be consulted before the implementation of any road closures or other similar redevelopments

'The Magnet (the regional shopping complex) is the crux of the problems the people are experiencing at the moment and minutes of the technical sub-committee's meetings are available to bear out the strong stand we took against the Magnet

'At the time we publicly inferred that there was some type of collusion taking place because part of the land on which the Magnet would be developed was owned by the Coloured Development Corporation'

'The association asked instead for the affected area to be declared a business area with flat rights (and a waiver for parking — as opposed to the usual system where parking must be provided for flats) and be allowed to develop by free enterprise and free market forces

The statement concludes: 'The association was at no time aware that the property owners had been served with expropriation notices and became aware of the situation only after reports had appeared in the newspapers

'We wish to state categorically that we want nothing to do with plans by the Department of Community Development to expropriate land in the area'

would have to be provided too

There's the rub In order to achieve the necessary space for redevelopment land now owned privately would have to be taken over To the north, Klipfontein Road provides a barrier to development To the east the extension of Jan Smuts Drive, and to the west, the railway line, also stand in the way The only way out, then is to go south — and that is where the problems arise

About 30 homes are standing 'in the way of development', as it were. (see map)

Now one solution could have been to rezone the area occupied by those houses for commercial use instead of as residential If this had been done and the free market system allowed to take its course (the free market system supposedly being a cornerstone of the authorities' attitude) businessmen could have bought over property there for development — or the residents could have stayed if they wanted

What has happened now Is that the Department of Community Development has simply stepped in and expropriated the land. In [illegible]

Pay for your own repairs

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— Council tenants told

ALL 'new' tenants of Cape Town City Council flats and houses are going to have to pay for all internal repairs to their homes, in spite of their protests.

This affects all people moving into a council house for the first time, as well as those who transfer from one council house to another

It was announced in the council's brand new newsletter Housing News, distributed to all council tennants with their monthly rent accounts

The new lease will come into effect from May 1 but the council would still be responsible for external repairs. Existing City Council tenants would not be affected by the new lease

More than 33 000 families — including 22 000 on the waiting list and 11 000 awaiting transfer to bigger houses — will be affected

In terms of the new lease agreement, the tenants would have to pay for all interior painting and decorating, plumbing and leaking taps, wastepipes, cracked cisterns, light bulbs and fuses, damaged and broken doors and windows

There will be a council repair service for essential work for tenants. Payment will be in advance and all materials will be at the owners' cost Where materials are available from the council, they will be sold to the tenant at cost price.

The council was recently forced to drop the repair lease for 'old' tenants after angry community reaction to the lease

NOT ENOUGH

Council claimed they could not afford to repair the houses because there were not enough funds available Residents pay two-and-a-half percent of their rents towards maintenance

At a meeting called to discuss this problem, a delegation from the 'Bokmakierie, Bridgetown, Silvertown and Kew Town (BBSK) Residents' Association told the Council's Housing Committee that the new lease would be an added burden for the already hardpressed tenants

Residents at a BBSK meeting heard that although the lease would not apply to old tenants, the 'struggle for maintenance' was not yet over

In a statement, the Kensington and Factreton Ratepayers and Tenants' Association said families on the waiting list and those being transferred should not be victimised

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Call for new housing strategy

MRS EULALIE STOTT, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, has called for an urgent review into the plight of hundreds of low-income people who are battling to rent 'reasonably priced' homes or flats.

Her call follows a recent plea by the PFP's chief spokesman on housing, Mr Colin Eglin, for an investigation into the growing accommodation crisis in cities and immediate action to initiate a new housing strategy

Mrs Stott said today that the dropping of rent control and the introduction of Sectional Title was forcing the prices of homes and flats outside the reach of lower-income people

She said she was not calling for the reintroduction of the 'old' rent control, but rather a new well-administered rent control which would still allow for a reasonable return for landlords

Mrs Stott said however, that the housing crisis of low income homes for whites was nowhere near the critical crisis which coloured people have been subjected to for the past 20 years

She said if things were not checked and corrected the situation might get much worse.

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Athlone crowd ejects 'informer'

ANGRY Athlone residents last night ejected from their meeting a man they believed to be an informer.

They searched his briefcase and found a detailed report on the meeting and on the people present.

The meeting, at Athlone Civic Centre, was called by the Gleemoor Cape Flats Association to protest about the rezoning of the area from residential to business. It was attended by about 500 people.

About 15 minutes before the meeting ended it jolted to a halt when one of the residents told the crowd that the man who was 'sympathetically' addressing them was an informer.

Tempers flared and several people were stopped from assaulting the man.

After his briefcase had been searched he was escorted from the meeting.

The man, who refused to give his name, then walked outside the centre ground, and joined policemen and a man in plain clothes in a car parked next to a police van.

At the end of the meeting he again entered the building with four policemen and the plain clothes man.

He pointed out several people, left and again got into the car, which drove off only after everybody had left the civic centre grounds.

Before the meeting was interrupted it was resolved that the residents should demand that the rezoning should be withdrawn 'immediately and unconditionally'.

It was also demanded that the expropriation orders should be withdrawn.

The residents, in their resolution, also rejected the Department of Community Development, the Group Areas Act and the State.

The meeting refused to allow the chairman of the Western Cape Traders' Association, Mr Dawood Khan, to address it because of his association's 'vested interest' in the rezoning.

BUILDING LAWS PLAN 'A DISASTER'

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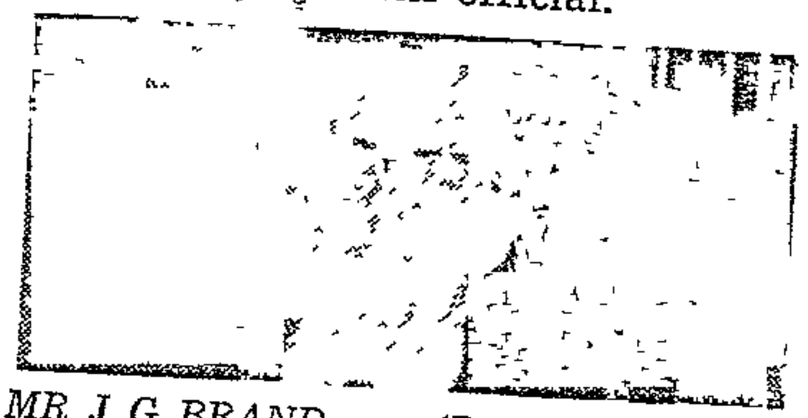
By Peter Goosen, Municipal Reporter

PROPOSED building regulations would be 'disastrous' to the building industry and prospective home-owners throughout the country, says a top Cape Town City Council official.

City Engineer Mr J G Brand has condemned the South African Bureau of Standards draft regulations as 'outrageous, highly objectionable and seriously defective'

Mr Brand, in 102 pages of objections, says the regulations in their present form would have 'grave consequences' and lead to a sharp rise in building costs and lengthy delays in the approval of plans.

He adds that if the defective regulations were promulgated, the results of the defects would be magnified on a huge scale by being applied to every building in every town and city in the country.



MR J G BRAND . . . 'Proposals are outrageous.'

Complex

Mr Brand says that although the SABS took six years to draw up the regulations, interested parties were given only four months to study the lengthy and highly complex document.

It was also to be regretted that the views of the regional committees

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Building proposals

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be built to minimum standards'

The overall size of the room would be 12 cubic metres which was only fractionally in excess of the figure laid down by the Slums Act

'Two common sources of obscurity (but by no means the only ones) are the absence of essential definitions and the vagueness of many of the definitions themselves

'Some regulations are totally incomprehensible and many are so vague or contradictory as to be impossible to administer

'The regulations relating to artificial ventilation and air-conditioning betray a total lack of understanding of this subject,' Mr Brand said

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experts who had been appointed to give advice to the SABS were virtually ignored

He described some of the defects in the regulations as excessively onerous, and consequently inflationary, and others as sub-standard or missing.

'Unaware'

'Some of the regulations are so outrageous that one is led to speculate that the draftsman was unaware of their implications rather than that they resulted from a deliberate decision'

Under the heading of 'excessively onerous,' Mr Brand says the regulations lay down that any retaining wall more than one metre high has to be designed by a structural engineer.

Lighting requirements were so complex that lights for a normal house would require calculation by a qualified lighting engineer

Garage

The regulations contain the following provisions:

- Prohibition of a parking garage in a building from communicating in any way with the rest of the building. 'One would have to go outside and into the building through another entrance.
- Prohibition of a restaurant or a dance hall in a hotel from communicating with the rest of the hotel
- Every house to have two fire extinguishers.
- All swimming pools and their fences to be altered to comply with the new regulations.
- All pools to have notices on artificial respiration and a lifeline.
- All buildings, except houses, but including small shops and flats, to have an electricity power supply independent of the mains.

Bedrooms

Among omissions listed by Mr Brand is the absence of any requirement that external boundary walls be presentable in appearance and inadequate control over the erection of timber-framed buildings

One of the most serious omissions, according to Mr Brand is that the new regulations allow for the building of a bedroom of five square metres and only 1,5 metres wide.

'This could give rise to slum conditions especially in the case of servants rooms which are likely to

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Traders back Athlone residents

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ATHLONE traders have rejected the expropriation of properties to make way for extensions to the business area and have come out firmly in support of the residents' fight against the threatened removals

The Department of Community Development last month issued notices to about 150 families giving them 60 days to sell their properties most of which had previously been frozen

They are in the area bordered by Aden Avenue, Louisvale Street, Boyd Avenue and the railway line

In a statement issued after a meeting last night, the traders' official body, the Athlone Business and Professional Association, called for the expropriations to be cancelled and the freezing of the area to be lifted

'MAGNET'

The association said the crux of the problem was the development of a 'magnet' supermarket complex in the area bordered by Aden, Church, Hendricks and Grasmere streets

It is said it had opposed the magnet development when first mooted in 1979 and at one stage had even been asked to leave a top-level meeting with the authorities because of their opposition to the scheme

'It has always been our stand and will always be our stand that we are against expropriations except for purposes of extending roads which we consider natural development.

'As for the area between Aden and Boyd avenues, we asked for it to be zoned a business area and to allow for the free enterprise and market forces to take their course in determining the development'

The Western Cape Traders' Association has denied claims that it was party to a plan to expropriate land in Athlone

'We give our full support to the right of the affected people to remain in the area,' the traders said

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New house for granny

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ACCOMMODATION problems are over for sickly Hanover Park granny, Mrs Clara Daniels, 14, who was evicted from her home and had to spend 12 days in a pavement tent.

She has been granted another Cape Town City Council house — this time in Valhalla Park.

Mrs Daniels, her four daughters and two grandchildren, moved to their new home on Wednesday.

She was evicted after being declared an illegal tenant by the council.

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Survey: R400 000 for overdue bills

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Staff Reporter

THE City Council collects nearly R400 000 from Mitchells Plain residents who fail to pay their electricity accounts on time according to a survey conducted in the area

But a City Council spokesman estimated that the maximum council could collect in arrears for the year in Mitchells Plain was R120 000

The survey was done with the help of trained researchers by the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) an ad hoc body formed last year from Mitchells Plain civic associations

It indicated that the majority of the 400 households surveyed in the random sample wanted the due date to be changed from the middle of the month to the 7th of the month

The EPC will discuss these findings with residents at a mass meeting in the area on Thursday night after which a memorandum listing the demands of residents will be submitted to council

As many as 42 percent of those surveyed were late with payments because their accounts fell due on inconvenient dates when many had no money

The EPC says the amount the council receives from overdue payments could be much higher now because the survey was done in December last year when there were fewer households The overdue amounts the households paid ranged from R1 62 to R2 64 which gave an average overdue payment of R1 95 on an average electricity bill of R19 03

By multiplying the average overdue amount paid by the number of residents who paid late the survey arrived at the total the council received a year on overdue payments

A spokesman for the City Treasurer's Department yesterday disagreed with the survey findings He estimated that the maximum the council could collect in arrears for the year in Mitchells Plain was R120 000 He based this on the amount collected in arrears for the area in April, which was R10 000

He also said that the due date of 1 000 people in Mitchells Plain fell on the 13th of the month, giving them the opportunity to pay at the beginning of the month In spite of this, fewer than 50 percent of the residents in this category paid on time

He did not believe that changing the due date to the 7th of the month would necessarily help residents because they would then have to pay their rent or housing loans and electricity accounts on the same day

Divorcees 'overpay tax'

THOUSANDS of divorced people pay too much income tax according to a Cape Town tax consultancy

If you are the main supporter of the children it is possible to get yourself taxed at rates as they apply to married persons said the managing director of the firm Mr Terry Bubb in a press statement

These rates are much more favourable than the rates applicable to single persons We have cases where a divorced person is the main supporter of the children but has been taxed at a single person's rate by mistake for years

Once the application went through they become eligible for a refund

Mr Bubb also emphasized the need to get the tax return in before May 19

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Cash threat to fire services

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — If a deadlock between the Port Elizabeth City Council and the East Cape Administration Board is not resolved, the city's black townships will soon have to do without essential fire fighting services.

The townships will be without a fire service if the City Council goes ahead with a recommendation from its utilities committee that the fire service be withdrawn unless ECAB help finance it

At a Press conference, ECAB's chief director, Mr Louis Koch, said the board would not provide a service as suggested by the council's chief fire officer, Mr Brian Estment.

TARIFF

Instead, the council should increase its fire fighting tariff to offset the greater risk of damage to fire engines and equipment

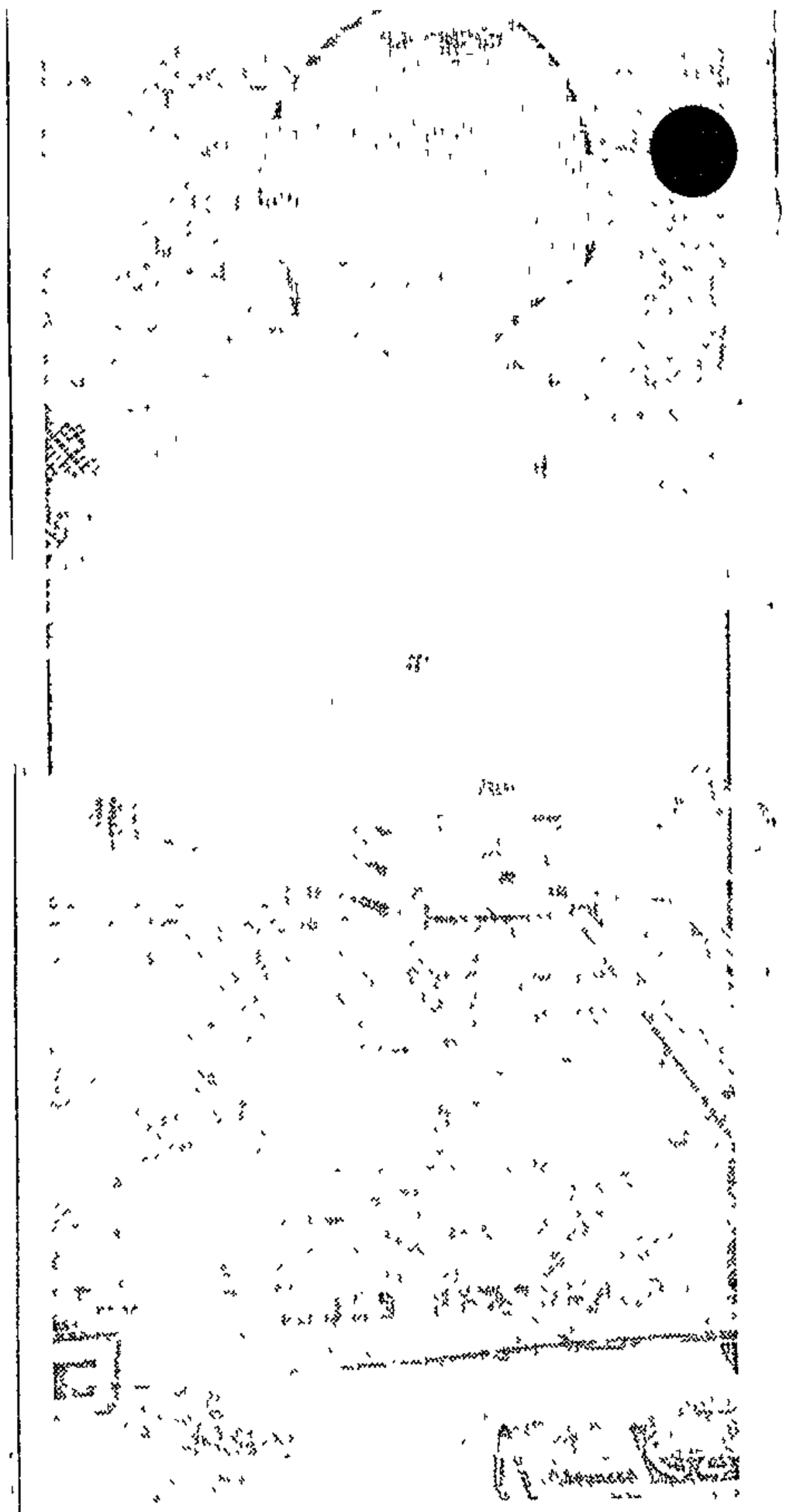
Mr Koch said it was 'unfortunate' that the council had chosen to handle such 'a delicate matter' in the way it had

He said public statements made by Mr Estment — that firemen were subject to 'verbal and physical abuse' from township residents — would not improve the attitude of residents to the Fire Department

He said the board had refused to provide its own fire service as

- There was an existing fire service on the periphery of the township
- Fire fighting was a highly specialised service and it would cost at least R250 000 for the board to set up its own service
- The frequency of fires in the townships did not warrant duplication of existing services.

'When is it dangerous and when is it not?. It seems the fire department want a blank cheque from the board and are using the example of abuse as blackmail,' he said



TOWN PLANNER Mrs Liz Brown.

Two more pull out of 'crazy' Athlone zone plan

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TWO young town planners — a married couple who spent four years researching alternative plans for the rezoning of the Athlone business district — have joined a growing list of people who have dissociated

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themselves from the final plan for the area.

Mrs Liz Brown and her husband Mike, whose work makes up a large section of the final report, have rejected the plan because 'we never had in our minds, when planning the re-zoning, that 150 families would lose their homes'

The Department of Community Development plan for Athlone, which has already met fierce opposition, includes the 'freezing' of the area for 10 years, the re-zoning of a section and the expropriation of 150 residential sites

Mr Brown spent four years working on the project while employed by the City Council and his wife worked both for the council and the Urban Problems Research Unit (UPRU) at the University of Cape Town

SIMPLE

Speaking from her Clifton home, Mrs Brown said the solution to Athlone's development did not require expropriation.

'It was so simple, all it really required was a two-page report.'

She said development in Athlone should be allowed to 'go its natural course' that businesses should be allowed to bid for the residential sites and that the area should be given a general spring-clean.

'Then nobody would lose their homes and everybody would be happy,' Mrs Brown said.

'However when the Department of Community Development came into the picture, everything started to go crazy.'

GOOD FAITH

'They started to treat the project like another District Six. They spoke of slum clearance and urban renewal and before anybody knew it, the plans were through.'

Mrs Brown said if she and her husband had been allowed to set up office in Athlone to consult the businessmen and the residents with the view to brightening Athlone, there would have no problems.

She said: 'We did the work in good faith for the people, but it doesn't look like it will end up that way.'

Most of the residents in the part that has been re-zoned from a residential area to a business district will lose their homes to make way for a parking zone

Already the residents have resolved to fight the expropriation and they have received the backing of two traders' associations, who have also rejected the plans

Part of the area will be used for a largeshopping complex and it is believed that many large chain stores have already been approached

City replies to row on due dates

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Municipal Reporter

IT WOULD not be possible to change the due date for Mitchells Plain electricity accounts without increasing considerably the workload of municipal staff and equipment at an already congested time of the month, according to a report by the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker

Attention was drawn to the report yesterday by Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City's Housing Committee, against a background of rising dissatisfaction among Mitchells Plain residents who are accusing the council of extracting money from them unfairly because their accounts constantly became overdue as a result of payment dates being inconvenient

Report

In his report the City Treasurer explained that Cape Town had about 185 000 electricity consumers The general consumers — that is, other than municipal and government undertakings — were divided into eight groups, each with a different due date to spread the municipal workload

Mitchells Plain with almost 17 000 consumers, fell into group six for which the due date was about the 22nd or 23rd of the month

With further housing development in Mitchells Plain, it was intended in due course to allocate the new dwellings to group five (due date 20/21) or split between group five and four and (due date 16/18)

If Mitchells Plain were brought into groups one, two and three (due date ranging from 3rd to 13th of the month) the workload in this billing cycle would be considerably increased at an already congested period

Computer

During this congested period the council s computer already had to cope with processing 3 800 pensions more than 5 000 monthly salaries more than 11 500 weekly wage packets and nearly 120 000 accounts for rates, rentals, housing repayments, assisted wiring (due on 7th) and electricity (groups one and two due from 3rd to 10th)

Mr Watkins-Baker said that queries about consumption, arrears and adjustments were usually made in the week before the due date and very often on the due date or preceding day

Even at present, he said, with queries being fairly evenly spread throughout the month, accounts staff were hard put to handle the volume as quickly and efficiently as might be expected

If all accounts were sent out simultaneously, the position would become untenable, with considerable consumer frustration and annoyance, if the vast majority of queries had to be dealt within a period of ten days up to and including the 7th day of the month

Queues

A common due date would also affect cash offices seriously where long queues and delays would occur during a short peak period while the staff and equipment would be under-utilized for the rest of the month

The City Treasurer said it would be possible to interchange groups of consumers so that those at present enjoying a more convenient due date were moved into a less convenient slot But then there would be strong opposition from those who were moved to a less convenient date

There was also scope for moving selected groups of consumers from one billing group to another without disturbing the due dates of other consumers, but this could only be done to a fairly limited extent and after full investigation into the meter-reading implications and the likely effect on cash-receiving facilities

Mr Watkins-Baker added "Should the residents of Mitchells Plain be given preferential treatment in regard to their due dates for electricity it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to deny the same facility to electricity consumers in all other areas of supply, with the consequent difficulties and wasted costs referred to above

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Power bills demand

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Staff Reporter

MORE THAN 300 Mitchells Plain residents last night demanded that the City Council change the "inconvenient due date" for payment of their electricity accounts to the 7th of each month

The demand was made in a resolution adopted at a meeting in the Lentegeur Civic Centre Residents also resolved that the council be approached to discuss the changing of due dates

The meeting was called by the Electricity Petition Committee, formed from civic associations in Mitchells Plain, to discuss a survey carried out by the committee in January The survey established that the City Council collected nearly R400 000 over a year in arrears penalties from Mitchells Plain residents unable to pay their accounts on the due date in the middle of the month

The resolution said the people of Mitchells Plain had "never asked to come here"

"Mitchells Plain was forced on us — and for it we are paying a high price So many of us are being asked to choose between a plate of food or a roof over our heads "

The motion said residents had no hand in the building of Mitchells Plain and did not ask to be home-owners

"By calling us home-owners, you forced us to pay these high rents, high rates, high water and electricity accounts By forcing us to pay so much money, you had put so much fear in us of losing our houses "

● A speaker from the floor who proposed that residents ask the President s Council and the Minister of Internal Affairs to intercede with the City Council was booed

Electricity: Protesters plan march

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MITCHELL'S PLAIN residents decided at a public meeting last night to march on the City Council's offices next week in protest at electricity accounts with mid-monthly due dates.

In spite of the live TV coverage of the FA Soccer Cup final replay, about 500 attended the meeting at the Lentegeur civic centre.

It followed a survey by the Mitchell's Plain's Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) which allegedly showed that almost R400 000 a year was paid in interest on overdue accounts, and that 93 percent of people wanted due dates changed to the 7th of each month.

Another said: 'We mustn't go to council on Monday. If we stay out of work on that day, our bosses will say we are 'babalaas' from the weekend.'

The meeting decided to hire buses to take people to the Foreshore on Wednesday and then to march on the council's offices.

An EPC member, Mr May Prins, said that 93 percent of people wanted the due date to change to the 7th. He asked who the council was to say it shouldn't.

Mr Trevor Oostenwyk said those present were not making impossible demands or asking for preferential treatment.

'We're only asking to be treated fairly,' he said.

DISPUTED

The City Council disputed the findings, saying that between R120 000 to R180 000 a year was collected and that its workload would make it very difficult to change the date.

Angry speakers from the floor and the platform last night levelled accusations of 'money-makers', 'thieves' and 'cheats' at the council.

The meeting adopted a draft memorandum demanding that the council change the due date.

Then those present refused to allow the meeting to be closed and insisted on discussing 'hoe almal van ons na council moet gaan' (How we are all going to the council.)

A suggestion that the 'proper channels', especially the President's Council be used were drowned in boos.

A speaker said from the floor: 'If we go to the President's Council or the City Council, they'll only give us cake and tea.'

LOSSES

Another said: 'Talk about the President's Council should be saved vir die agterkamer' (for the backroom).

One said: 'Last month I paid my lights on the 14th, now they want me to pay on the 19th. Where must I get money that time of the month? I can't write out cheques, I don't know what a cheque looks like.'

A student said people throughout the Peninsula should be asked to switch off lights and use candles for two hours at night.

Another speaker suggested that people refuse to pay their light bills if the council threw their memorandum in the bin.

C. Herald 16/5/81

Strong support for due date change

THE campaign by Mitchells Plain residents to have the electricity due date changed to the seventh of each month, has received strong support from community organisations, trade unions and other organisations

The organisations were surprised at the findings of a survey done by the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) which showed that the Cape Town City Council collects nearly R400 000 a year from Mitchells Plain residents who cannot meet the electricity due date which is around the third week of the month

However, a spokesman for the City Treasurer said they actually collected R150 000 a year

He said it 'will not be impossible to change the electricity due date, but it will be an added burden for people who already have loan repayments and rates to pay around the first week of the month'

The General Workers' Union has criticised the Council's 'unconcerned attitude towards the demands of the Mitchells Plain residents'

The 10 000 strong Municipal Workers Union said they fully support the demand of the Mitchells Plain residents as it affects some of their members

Mr Barnett Ntsodo, spokesman for the Guguletu Residents' Association said that the people of Mitchells Plain have 'stood up and we will support them totally

Call to waive rules to beat housing crisis

RDM 19/5/81

(263) (194)

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Building regulations and town planning requirements 'designed essentially for middle class whites' should be overlooked or waived and a Third World solution applied to the acute housing shortage in South Africa

That is one of the findings of a Cape Divisional Council subcommittee in evidence prepared for the committee of inquiry into alternative methods of housing procurement for the lower-income groups

The inquiry was set up by the Minister of Community Development and State Auxilary Services, Mr Pen Kotze

It is investigating alternatives such as DIY building schemes, site-and-service schemes, core housing and "controlled" squatting

The divisional council subcommittee said it believed "self-build" low-income schemes could not 'afford the niceties" of building regulations and town planning requirements

The controls needed were a matter of commonsense and based on a free choice of fireproof materials structural stability and basic health requirements

In a report to the full divisional council, which still has to sanction the recommendations the sub-committee said 'the normal First World requirements regarding space about buildings, setbacks from the road boundary and possibly, height restrictions will have to be waived or overlooked"

In addition, it proposed permitting and encouraging the establishment of cottage industries such as home watch-repairing and food manufacture and sale

Facilitating the provision of unconventional housing required secure tenure, a serviced site, and assistance to build according to plans prepared by some form of authority

An unconventional scheme was usually a 'self-build' scheme, and this could only work where serviced sites were available at reasonable cost

As home ownership was an important stabilising factor in society, the ownership of self-build houses should be transferred to the person who had undertaken to develop the site

The sub-committee felt it was impractical for local authorities to finance these schemes, because of their long-term nature, making it impossible for local authorities to supervise and administer loans granted on such a basis

The most feasible procedure seemed to be for organisations such as the Urban Foundation Grassroots Build a Better Society Shelter and Cafda to grant such loans and administer them

Arrangements could be made for these organisations to draw funds from a national pool created by the Government

'Extreme hardship' for low paid

Argus 20/5/81 (263)

PORT ELIZABETH — Anomalies in the formula used to calculate the income based rental for economic houses had led to extreme hardship for people in the R150 to R220 a month income group, the chairman of the Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said here yesterday

She told the congress that 'a householder earning less than R150 a month paid R25 a month in rent But, a householder earning only a few more rands a month had to pay R57 to R60 a month

Mrs Stott was in favour of a Grahamstown motion that the Government introduce a sliding scale to adjust rentals according to income.

Business leaders back new jobs bid

Argus 20/5/81 (263)

Consumer Reporter

LEADERS of business and commerce today emphasised the need for an organisation to attract more industry to the Cape Town area to create more jobs for the growing population

The executive committee of Cape Town City Council decided yesterday to back a suggestion by the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, that the council should take the lead in forming such an organisation to prevent large-scale unemployment in the future.

The matter will be discussed by the full council on Tuesday

Mr Jack Roos, director of the Cape Chamber of Industries, said similar organisations had already been formed to bring work to depressed areas in Scotland and the United States, and had proved their worth

'We have just had a trade mission in Cape Town from the Scottish Council for Development and Industry,' he said

'The function of this Scottish council is very much the same as this Wesgro (Association for the Promotion of the Western Cape's Economic Growth), envisaged by the Mayor

'O Jobs for Western Cape — Page 16.

Stormy city protest by Plain residents

At a stormy meeting at which county policemen and a police photographer were evicted about 200 angry Mitchell's Plain people, many of them carrying babies, today demanded that the electricity due date for the area be changed.

The acting Town Clerk, Mr Stanley Evans, addressed the residents in the lecture hall at the New Civic Centre where they had marched after arriving in three buses from Mitchell's Plain.

The residents gave the City Council until June 3 to change the due date from the middle of the month to the 7th or else they would take the matter to the broader community.

They also demanded that the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, give them council's answer at a public meeting in Mitchell's Plain on June 3 when the deadline expires.

BANNERS

Earlier, the residents marched in small groups to the Civic Centre. They gathered in the cash hall where they unfolded banners and placards saying, 'Mitchell's Plain, a goldmine for council', 'A thief who steals R20 not R10 is still a thief', 'Green Point Bakoven city not Mitchell's Plain' and 'Overdue is causing starvation'.

They were asked to go to the lecture hall where Mr Evans would give them a hearing.

'We want Heugh, we want Heugh', the people chanted as Mr Evans was told to leave the hall while they decided if they would speak to him.

The people agreed to speak to Mr Evans after being told Mr Heugh was in Port Elizabeth and the Mayor and deputy Mayor were not in.

POLICE

At this stage a man interrupted and accused Mr Evans of inviting the security police.

He denied this as people booed and spontaneously chanted 'go, go, go'. Security police in the gallery and at the door moved away.

'We've come here in peace and we're here for peace, but the city council police is here to see who is instigating. There are no instigators, a woman said.

Another man said: 'We're tired of being ignored. We want a decision signed by your ...'

Mr Evans said he was a civil official and could not decide for council. He promised to hand the petition to the chairman of the Executive, Mr W Peter, immediately.

Policeman poses as Argus photographer

A POLICE photographer who claimed to work for the Argus was expelled from a meeting today between a delegation from Mitchell's Plain and the acting Town Clerk, Mr Stanley Evans.

The delegation was protesting about the due dates for paying electricity accounts.

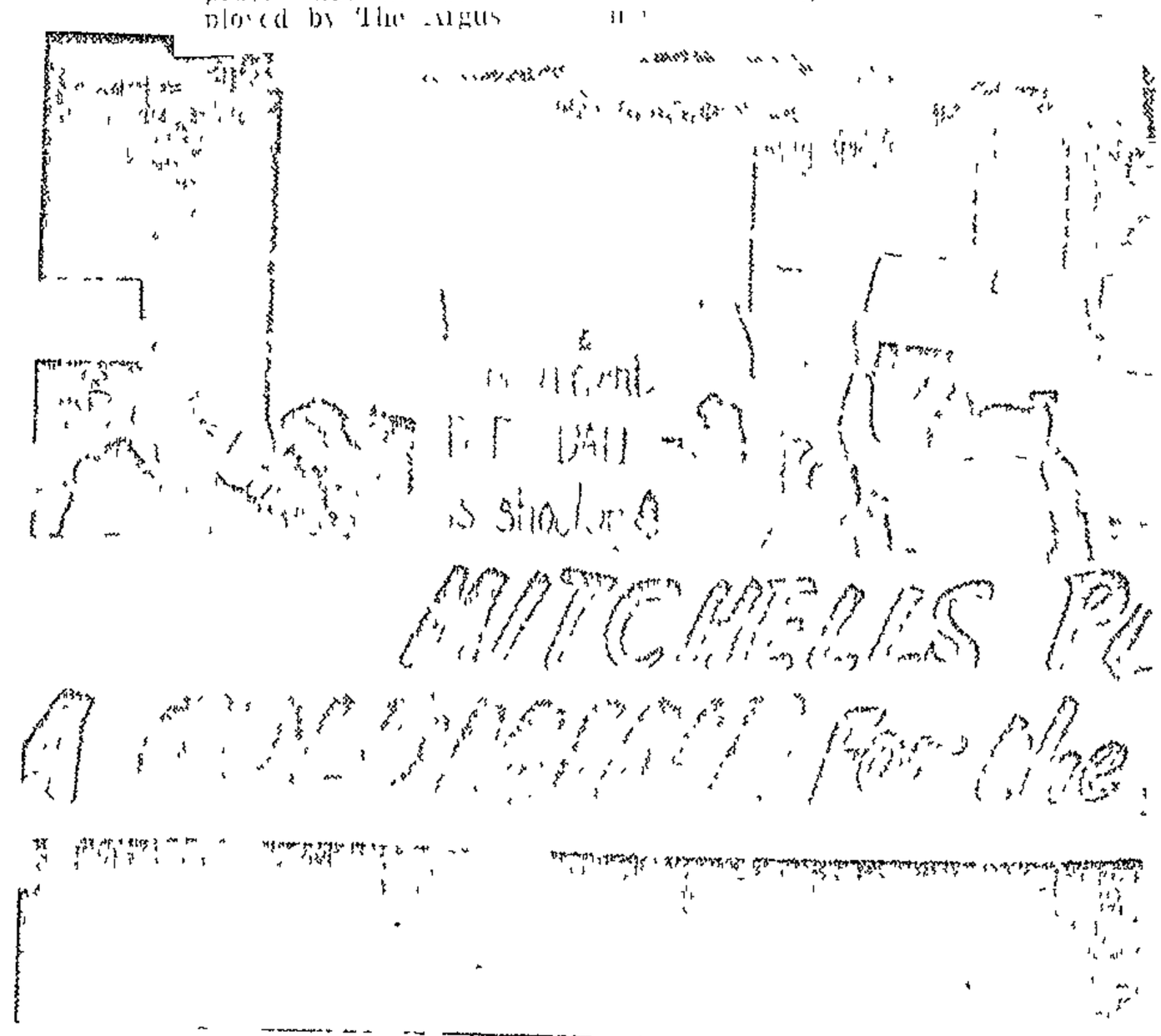
Members of the group challenged the photographer, a tall man with dark hair dressed in a black leather jacket, to prove that he was employed by The Argus.

When he could not, he was told to leave the meeting.

The man is not known at The Argus but has been seen with security policemen at the Supreme Court.

After the meeting he was seen talking to a policeman outside the New Civic Centre.

Earlier members of the delegation had interrupted their meeting and accused the Acting Town Clerk of inviting the security police. They demanded that the police leave before continuing the meeting.



MITCHELLS PLAIN residents with banners and placards, demonstrate the electricity due date

A rule snags Cape aid plan

21/5/81

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Red tape is preventing the wealthy of Constantia from helping the poor of Elsies River

Late last year the Constantia Property Owners' Association decided unanimously that the ratepayers of the area should offer to pay — through the local area rate levied by the Cape Divisional Council — the running costs of two community centres in coloured areas

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The offer of R16 000 a year could however not be taken up, the divisional council secretary Mr W R Viviers has now said in a report to the council's Finance Committee, because of Section 74 (b) of Ordinance 18 of 1976 which stipulated that 'the council shall defray the expenditure incurred on or in connection with a local area only from the revenue derived from that area'

In other words, the local area rates may only by law be spent in the area where it was collected

If the council wished to change the law representations would have to be made to the Provincial Administration, but such a proposal may not be favoured by other local areas or other divisional councils

Even if the proposal could be implemented lawfully, the Constantia Property Owners' Association could not commit the ratepayers of Constantia in any way Mr Viviers said there was no proof that every ratepayer was a member of the association

He pointed out that a subsidy, once started, would have to continue and if the association's members subsequently had a change of heart, difficulties could arise

If Constantia was incorporated in the Cape Town municipal area, the subsidy would fall away

Red tape prevents rich helping poor

CT 21/5/81 (263)

Divisional Council Reporter

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The council could however subsidize losses in any local area from its general rate account and the subsidy to coloured areas from this account was already nearly R1 7 million for 1981

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Meanwhile the divisional council's treasurer reported that the annual costs of community centres varied but that even in the case of a minor hall the costs would be far in excess of the association's estimate of R8 000

The running costs of a community centre in Elsie's River, to be built for R150 000, would be R12 400 the treasurer said

CT 21/5/81

Angry Plain residents march on council offices

Staff Reporter

MORE than 200 angry Mitchell's Plain residents closely surrounded by security policemen marched into the City Council offices yesterday and demanded that their electricity due date be changed

They gave the City Council till June 2 to change the date from the middle of the month to the seventh of each month or else they would take the matter to the "broader community

They also demanded that the Town Clerk Mr H G Heugh give them the council's answer at a public meeting in Mitchell's Plain on June 2 when the deadline expires

When the three busloads of residents arrived, they filed silently into the cash hall at the Civic Centre, where they displayed banners and placards saying 'Mitchells Plain a goldmine for the council' 'A thief who admits to stealing R20 and not R40 is still a thief' and 'Why must our children starve' These were later confronted when security policemen boarded the buses as residents travelled home

They were asked to go to a lecture hall where they refused to speak to the acting Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans and asked for the Town Clerk Mr Heugh

"We want Heugh! We want Heugh!" the residents chanted

Dr Evans was asked to leave the hall while they decided whether they would speak to him

The residents agreed to speak to him after they were told that Mr Heugh was away in Port Elizabeth and both the mayor and deputy-mayor were not in

They told him they had come to hand over a petition signed by 7 500 people who supported the demand that the due date be changed

At that stage, the residents became aware of security policemen standing in the gallery

They accused Dr Evans of calling in the policemen and spontaneously the mass chanted 'Go! Go! Go! Go!' until they moved away from the door and out of the gallery

"We have come here in peace and we are here for peace but the security police are here to see who are the instigators There are no instigators," a resident said

There were emotional outbursts when the meeting was later interrupted by a man who entered the hall and identified himself as an Argus photographer

The Argus reporter and photographer already at the meeting could not identify the man whom residents believed to be a policeman The man was forced to leave

Dr Evans then said that newspaper photographers had to leave but residents would not allow this

"We know who they are They are not from the police," some residents shouted

Dr Evans told the residents that he would convey their feelings to the executive of the City Council He said that, as an official, he could not decide for the council

As the people filed out of the lecture hall they each handed Dr Evans a copy of a memorandum of their demands adopted at a mass meeting in Mitchell's Plain last week

Refuse removals inefficient — claim

Argus 22/5/81 (263)

Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH. — Cape municipalities are angry about remarks made by a private refuse removal company which has accused them of running inefficient refuse removal services and disguising the financial losses

A letter from Waste-Tech Limited was sent to the chairman of the Standing Advisory Council and to the United Municipal Executive who passed it on to the Cape Province Municipal Association

The letter also accused municipalities of harassment and of using their powers to exclude competition. 'The local authority has a higher cost structure usually accompanied by higher overheads and a degree of inefficiency, with the result that the local authority seeks to protect itself and drives out the competitive operations of private enterprise,' the letter said.

'With few exceptions, municipalities are less effecient and operate on a more costly basis than private enterprise'

At the CPMA congress yesterday, the Town Clerk of Kimberley, Mr A Pienaar, said the accusations should not go unchallenged as they questioned the integrity of local authorities

Mr Dick Friedlander said Cape Town, for instance, ran an efficient R11 m a year refuse removal service and saw no reason why it should be handed over to private enterprise

'In spite of the strikers, boycotts and unrest that hit private enterprise in Cape Town last year, the municipality's refuse removal staff kept the service going'

The CPMA decided that it's executive committee would make the association's displeasure known regarding the allegations

GOLD CHAIN OF OFFICE

Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH — Cape municipalities will be asked to contribute towards the cost of an R11 000 gold plated chain of office which is to be made in honour of the Cape Province Municipal Association's 75th anniversary next year

The CPMA decided yesterday to leave it optional to municipalities whether to make a donation

Bigger municipalities, however, would be expected to make larger contributions than smaller ones

At present, CPMA presidents wear a medallion on a broad blue and white ribbon

New proposals studied

Argus 22/5/81 (263)

Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH — The new constitutional dispensations and their effect on local government in the Cape are to be investigated by a committee of the Cape Province Municipal Association which will formulate proposals to put to the President's Council

The committee is expected to try to sort out the uncertainty of the effect the constitutional proposals will have on municipalities and especially the future of coloured management committees and their role in local government

The committee members include Cape Town's Mr Dick Friedlander and Fish Hoek's Mr R W A Yeld

Assomac now has observer status

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Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The issue of representation for all races on municipal voters' rolls was raised again yesterday when the Cape Province Municipal Association agreed to allow the Association of Management Committees (Assomac) observer status at its annual congress

It rejected a call that Assomac representatives be allowed to address the congress on matters that concerned them

Mr J W Kleynhans, immediate past president of the CPMA, told the congress at its last session yesterday that the issue was not what Assomac had to say

"It's that they must be allowed to come to congress to learn, to see how we do things, and to carry this knowledge to their members," he said

The issue was sparked by a letter from Assomac asking if the CPMA could give consideration to a resolution from its last congress that Assomac seek affiliation to the CPMA in the same way that the Association of Divisional Councils was represented

The letter was discussed by the CPMA executive on Monday, where it was revealed that the CPMA constitution would have to be amended to allow Assomac membership status

The executive was also told there was a growing tendency among management committees to use their annual congress to discuss matters of a political nature, and that the question of local government matters seemed to receive little attention

The executive recommended to congress that Assomac be granted observer status, the extent of this representation being determined by the executive

Mr Kleynhans told the congress yesterday that the CPMA could not, at this stage, contemplate altering the constitution

One member of the executive, Mr G J van Wyk, told congress that the CPMA "has no reason to be scared of one or two coloureds and Indians"

"If they get observer status, and have to sit here listening to the congress discuss matters that concern them, and they are not permitted to comment, it can only lead to greater frustration," he said

Mr R M Friedlander, a Cape Town city councillor, said it would be of tremendous benefit to the congress to hear management committees' point of view on matters affecting them

His fellow-councillor, Mrs E D Stott, who raised the issue of coloured and Indian representation on town councils earlier in the congress, said when a delegation from a town came to the CPMA congress, it should represent all the people of that town, not a management committee or a white city council

500 AT MEETING HIT AT DUE DATE

C. Herald 23/5/81 (263)

By RYLAND FISHER

ANGER at forced home-ownership and the general problems in Mitchells Plain characterised a mass meeting in the Lentegeur Civic Centre last week, called to discuss the changing of the electricity due date.

About 500 residents resolved unanimously to take a memorandum to the Cape Town City Council offices in a bid to have the due date changed to the seventh of each month

At the moment, the due date is around the third week of each month, at a time when most people do not have money as they only get paid at the end of the month.

The residents decided to call on the broader public to show solidarity by not using their lights and burning candles if the City Council refuse their demand

Memorandum

A memorandum detailing the problems of the people of Mitchells Plain, condemning the Council's attitude towards the people and demanding a change of due date, was unanimously accepted by a show of hands and shouts of approval from the residents

Opening the meeting, which was called by the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC), the chairman, Mr Marcus Solomon, said the people had come together to show the Council 'so far and no further'

After a prayer, Anglican priest, the Rev Carl Groepe, said the money the Council used to spend 'lavishly on the Good Hope Centre and the Civic Centre' came from 'pinching the wage packets of those who could least afford it'

Members of the EPC gave a brief history of the organisation and why they decided to tackle the electricity problem.

The EPC was formed from splinter groups from the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents Association (Compra) after there was disatisfaction with Compra's dealings with businessmen in the area.

Militant members of the audience said the due date suited the Council because they made a profit of R400 000 from it This was the finding of a survey done by the EPC.

The Council have, however, said that they made 'only R150 000 a year'

This was wildly appauded by the audience

Forced

At question time residents said they did not live in Mitchells Plain because they wanted to, but because they were forced to.

'We cannot afford to be home owners, but because we were hard-up and had no other alternative we were forced to buy houses in Mitchells Plain,' a resident said

A speaker who said that the residents should use the 'proper channels' like the President's Council or the Department of Internal Affairs, was booed by the audience

A list of organisations who expressed their support for the electricity campaign was read out at the meeting

Members of other organisations also expressed their support at the meeting

A student spoke about the recent rents boycott in Durban where more than 60 000 people had a solidarity candle-burning night in defiance of the City Council

It was accepted that, if the Council refuse the residents' demands, the same could be done here

STATE MAY PAY RATES ON PROPERTIES

Q63 Argus 23/5/81

MUNICIPALITIES in the Cape are feeling the financial pinch to such an extent that the Government might have to come to their rescue.

By PETER GOOSEN

The 40 motions considered at this weeks annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association in Port Elizabeth — the CPMA's biggest congress — mirrored the anguish of local authorities faced with soaring costs and only one major source of income, ratepayers

But in his address to the congress president Mr James Kleynhans hinted that the Government might consider paying rates on its property to bolster local authority finances.

R941-M

Government property in Cape Town alone is worth R941-million and rates on this could put the city in a much healthier financial position

Mr Kleynhans said 'It is my sincere belief that the Minister of Finance might consider rates of Government property And this might happen much sooner than we think'

But said delegates, the Browne Committee on municipal finance had sat for five years and another committee was now deliberating its findings.

REPRESENTED

However, said Mr Kleynhans, at least municipalities were represented on the committee

This is in contrast to the Browne Committee which had no local authority representatives

The conservative CPMA has decided to grant the coloured Association of Management Committee observer status at CPMA congresses

After a long debate, first by the CPMA executive and then by the congress, the motion was passed It left the door open a crack for some form of coloured representation on the all-white body

'NO GOOD'

'But it is no good just giving them observer status and expecting them to sit silently when matters of vital importance to them are being discussed,' said Mr G van Wyk of Kraaifontein

Cape Town's Mr Dick Friedlander told the congress that if the CPMA had to change its constitution to give the coloured people CPMA representation it should go ahead and do it

CT 25/5/81

Athlone Mancom denies claims

Staff Reporter

ALLEGATIONS that the Athlone and District Management Committee was party to a decision to force Athlone residents to vacate their properties in favour of a supermarket which the State wished to develop were ludicrous, the chairman of the management committee said this week

In a letter to the Cape Times Mr J T Peters said he felt it was imperative to dispel the allegations

He referred to a May 15 press report which said the plan to extend the Athlone business area — which would force nearly 150 families to sell their properties — was fully approved by the Town Planning Committee the State Committee and the Athlone and District Management Committee in August last year

Debate

The report said the approvals had been confirmed by the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand who said the proposals had been debated in considerable detail with the representatives of interested bodies

Mr Peters said the management committee had first seen the proposals for the development of the Athlone City subcentre in May, 1979 Later in May the proposals were discussed with the management committee and the presence of the supermarket was discussed in detail

Supermarket

Reservations regarding the presence of the supermarket were expressed at the meeting, but the council hastened to point to the advantages of a supermarket in the business area As a result of the meeting, the overall proposals had been accepted Mr Peters said

He said the committee never proposed, nor was wholly in favour of a supermarket in Athlone The committee s concentration and emphasis was on improvements to parking and the road system in the area

Mr Peters said he felt it was "grossly unfair to now try to label the committee"

Shock rent rise for Lavis poor

Argus 26/11/80

Divisional Council Reporter

TENANTS of the Citizen's Housing League in Bishop Lavis — mostly poor families in sub-economic housing — will be faced with rent increases of at least 72 percent this year to pay for the upgrading of the estate

And there may be a further increase of from R2 to R5 a month on top of this to pay for 'unexpected, exceptional' increases in service charges by the city council unless the league can borrow R310 000 over 40 years at an interest rate of one percent a year

The Divisional Council of the Cape heard this at its monthly meeting today when it was advised by the secretary, Mr W R Vivier, to support the league's application to the Department of Community Development for the loan

EXPLANATION

Mr Vivier's report explains that because of improvements and increased rates and services charges 'the rental for the average tenant in Bishop Lavis will in any event increase in 1981 from approximately R15,85 per unit per month to R27,22'

Mr Vivier said the Citizen's Housing League felt this would already cause 'appreciable hardship for a large section of the tenants'

He said the increase in service charges by the city council for sewerage, from R12 000 in 1978 to an estimated R148 500 this year, meant that 'provision must be made now for a further contribution of R310 000 from the tenants of Bishop Lavis'

Mr Vivier explained that if this money had to be borrowed on the open market at current rates it would mean an additional rent increase of from R2 to R5 a month from tenants'.

But if a loan could be obtained from the Department of Community Development the average additional increase for tenants would be only 17c a month

Exco considers petition on power accounts

CT 26/5/81

Municipal Reporter

NO statement was issued after a special lunch hour meeting of the Cape Town City Council Exco yesterday to discuss a petition by residents of Mitchells Plain to have the due date of their electricity accounts moved to the end of the month.

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, when asked whether Exco had reached any decision about the petition said through his secretary: Exco had an informal meeting and no statement is to be issued.

Mr Heugh's reticence is being seen as an indication that the city council finds itself in a dilemma over what has become an emotive issue in Mitchells Plain where residents have threatened they would refuse to pay their electricity accounts if their demand for a change of due date was not met.

This could lead to large scale disconnection and prosecution for non payment involving the council in possibly thousands of court actions.

On the other hand the City Treasurer has already pointed out that if the Mitchells Plain demand was acceded to, it would be impossible to deny similar requests from other "billing groups" who received their accounts for payment on inconvenient dates.

He said that the council's equipment and staff could not handle all electricity accounts at the end of the month, therefore due dates were staggered throughout the month.

Last week more than 200 angry Mitchells Plain residents marched into the Foreshore civic centre to hand over their petition.

They were addressed by the Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, who told them that their issue could only be considered by the council and that he personally could not make any decision.

Police

The crowd refused to speak when they discovered that members of the police were present. The police left the meeting when called upon to do so.

In their petition, the Mitchells Plain people asked that the council change their electricity account due dates from the middle to the seventh of the month by June 3.

They also demanded that the Town Clerk should assure them of the change by the June 3 deadline.

Council 'no' to Plain residents

CT 27/5/81 (863)

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council would be unable to meet a demand by residents of Mitchells Plain -- that they be given the assurance by June 3 that their electricity account due dates be changed from the middle to the end of the month -- the Town Clerk Mr H G Heugh said yesterday

This demand was made in a petition handed to the deputy Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans, when more than 200 Mitchells Plain residents demonstrated at the Foreshore Civic Centre last week

However it became clear during an interview with Mr Heugh yesterday that the council viewed public dissatisfaction with 'inconvenient' due dates for electricity accounts in a serious light

Special meeting

Mr Heugh announced that the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, is to call a special meeting of the council to discuss the issue

The announcement came minutes after he had emerged from a meeting in committee -- press and public excluded -- of the full council during which the Mitchells Plain demand was discussed

Mr Heugh said that although it would be impossible to meet the residents' demand, the council was doing everything in its power to find an equitable solution which would not wreck the stability of the city's electricity undertaking

He said the council had the greatest measure of sympathy with all people who did not only have difficulty paying electricity accounts but daily had to battle finding enough money to buy food

He pointed out that a surcharge on overdue accounts had been in operation since 1926 This had been introduced not as a revenue producing factor but as an incentive to consumers to pay in good time to bring down electricity costs for all The surcharge measure could not be wiped out overnight

'Not pig-headed'

He said the council was "not being bloody-minded or pig headed" but it would have severe problems if electricity accounts for the city's 185 000 consumers were to be processed at the same time For this reason due dates were staggered throughout the month

Long before the Mitchells Plain "demo" the idea of a consolidated account -- for electricity, water and rates together -- had been mooted Following yesterday's in-committee discussion, during which various suggestions were made, the City Treasurer was asked to make a further report, which would be discussed at a special council meeting to be called by the mayor in the near future Mr Heugh said

Wesgro may get R50 000 from City

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CT 27/8/81

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council yesterday agreed to contribute R50 000 towards the formation of Wesgro — the Association for the Promotion of the Western Cape's Economic Growth — on condition that financial support be obtained from surrounding local authorities (R80 000) and commerce and industry (R50 000)

In the only dissenting vote, the Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said a qualified person on the City Engineer's staff could rather be appointed to advise industrialists who wished to establish themselves in the Western Cape

Mrs Bronnie Harding believed industrialists had been attracted to Atlantis as they were well served with information on that area, while entrepreneurs were discouraged from coming to Cape Town by lack of data and stringent building and other regulations

Mrs Joan Kantey said Wesgro faced ideological constraints on labour and housing

Mr Emil Riese, chairman of the Health and Amenities Committee, said Atlantis and Mitchells Plain had been thrust on the Western Cape by the government and industry had gone to Atlantis because "it is the nearest thing to border industry with tax and other concessions"

CT 1/6/81 (263)

Wesgro faces political hurdles

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

THE Cape Town City Council has given its approval to the establishment of Wesgro — the Association for the Promotion of the Western Cape's Economic Growth — by voting a sum of R50 000, on condition that a similar amount is contributed by commerce and industry, and another R80 000 from surrounding local authorities, including the Cape Divisional Council

One is reluctant to pour cold wter on a bright new idea, and the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, and a collegue, Councillor Peter Muller are to be congratulated for conceiving it, but I foresee some almost insurmountable hurdles in the way of Wesgro's achieving its aim as set out in its title

But let's be logical and start at the beginning

The chief architect (no pun intended) of Wesgro, Mr Kreiner, strikes me as one who might record an anti-National Party vote in a General Election

But since part of our democratic system is the secret ballot, I obviously don't know and it would be impertinence and an invasion of his personal privacy were I to ask him his political affiliations

The point made is that if Mr Kreiner is anti-Nat, he would also be opposed to the government's "spatial development plan" for the Western Cape

This plan, among others envisages Atlantis being the focal point for industrial growth in this locality

Mitchells Plain would remain a dormitory area where people would only sleep, with no work opportunities — and that no more residential land, for coloured occupation, should be permitted in the Peninsula

These planning concepts cannot be considered conducive to economic growth

To illustrate this, the City Council itself — one recalls the then City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, preparing his thesis on "Land use in Greater Cape Town — as well as the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and various academics and economists have made the point repeatedly that such schemes are not conducive to achieving the desired objective

It follows that if ideological constraints on labour movement and housing remain, Wesgro's intentions are destined to fail — and it will be a case of R50 000 from the ratepayers' pockets going down the proverbial drain (if cliche can be forgiven in this context

Now it is to be hoped that Mr Kreiner whose profession requires him to be cool and calculating, has already foreseen this

If he has, and if he intends playing an active role in Wesgro, he must accept that he will have to speak out against government ideology for the Western Cape

I am afraid Mr Kreiner has not done enough of this Of course, he may argue that as Mayor of the City he does not wish to

Indeed, as Mayor he should not become involved in "politics" Unfortunately whether Mr Kreiner likes it or not he has become embroiled in "politics" because of his choice to "father" Wesgro

This is therefore one of the hurdles facing the new body It cannot function in a vacuum, nor can it extol the economic virtues of the Western Cape and disregard political ideology which militates against economic progress

And the man to say so is the Mayor of Cape Town Councillor Kreiner

Will he do so? Or will he choose to continue selling South Africa in general and the Western Cape in particular to a country like Taiwan while remaining silent about government policies which fly directly in the face of economic development?

Another problem for Wesgro is that in its proposed constitution it will comprize strange bed fellows — another headache for Mr Kreiner — as he still has to sell the Wesgro idea to other local authorities

I do not think I am wrong when I put forward the theory that most smaller municipalities around Cape Town, and the Cape Divisional Council, see nothing wrong in the national government's 'spatial development plan' — or, for that matter, in anything the government does

The Divisional Council, in fact HAS to believe in the plan because it is the agency which has taken on the task of ensuring that Atlantis succeeds

If one accepts that Wesgro is duty bound to expose ideological folly — as argued in what has been written so far — it is difficult to imagine these smaller municipalities joining forces, shoulder-to-shoulder with Cape Town, to fight Pretoria

On the other hand, if most local authorities in the Western Cape do not co-operate, Wesgro might as well call it a day to use 'civileze' English

So Mr Kreiner I respectfully reiterate Wesgro is a bright new idea the proverbial breath of fresh air, and you should nurture it I do not want to be called the cup-bearer of cold water But truly one believes you will be faced with incredible obstacles on your way

And you will have to take a much stronger "political stance because most of the problems stem from political factors

May I end by asking, again respectfully Are you up to it?

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Council limits electricity surcharge

By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has abolished the 10 percent surcharge on all electricity accounts of R30 and less paid after due date — provided the accounts are paid within 30 days after the due date

The council decided on the new measure which takes effect on July 1 after a specially-called secret meeting yesterday

The good news for thousands in the lower-income brackets was accompanied by a warning that "consumers who exploit the elimination of the surcharge by delaying payment of their accounts for a month or more will have their supply disconnected without further notice and will be charged a fee for the disconnection".

A spokesman for the council said that reconnection of a supply was costly for the consumer and "immediate" reconnection after payment of arrears could not be assured This was interpreted to mean that a disconnected consumer could be without electricity for days

The new council resolution means that many more thousands of consumers than hitherto will be in a position to pay their accounts at the end of the month

The decision to scrap the extra levy on overdue accounts of R30 and under has come after the system had been in operation for 55 years and follows hard on the heels of a "demonstration" by 200 Mitchells Plain residents at the Foreshore Civic Centre last month where they demanded that their electricity account due dates be changed from the middle to the end of the month

They complained that they were constantly out of pocket and that the steeply-rising cost of living had made it impossible to budget for mid-month payment.

A council spokesman yesterday emphasized that the council's decision to introduce the one-month grace period in respect of R30-and-less accounts was not as result of the Mitchells Plain representations, although these had again focussed attention on the financial hardship suffered by poorer sections of the community, both white and black who could not budget properly because of their hand-to-mouth existence.

In its recommendation to scrap the surcharge, the council's Exco said the suggestion that the due date for all accounts should fall over the month-end was untenable

Cape Town had 185 000 consumers and it was essential that the reading of meters, processing of accounts, their posting and the handing of queries be spread over the month and due dates staggered — otherwise there would be chaos at cash offices and in the council's accounts department, which would not be able to handle the overwhelming workload

Exco reported that in the interests of the stability of the Electricity Fund and of all consumers, it could not contemplate the abolition of the 10 percent surcharge altogether (that is, also for accounts over R30) However, Exco was completely sympathetic to the difficulties of the poorer sections of the community

In an interview late yesterday after the new council decision had become known, the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, said that 28 percent, or 50 000 accounts, became overdue during April this year

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tuberculosis are rounds; but assessing a newly developed [illegible] may require the attention of a qualified doctor. The disease profile of patients to each of Day Hospitals should be analysed by a clinician before any decision to employ nurse physicians is made. The role of the nurses in the Day Hospital should not be underestimated, even though they do not make any final diagnosis or prescribe medicines. They are able to relieve the official or doctor considerably by performing the preliminary tasks, taking case histories, changing dressings and administering injections. They are able to treat a large number of returning patients. However, it might be possible for nurses to direct patients either to a nurse physician or a doctor for diagnosis and prescription depending on the type of ailment. Nurse physicians are an expensive substitute for nurses and so can only be seen as a substitute for doctors. While the employment of these nurse physicians may allow the capacity of the Day Hospitals to be increased in terms of staff at a lower cost than the employment of more doctors, the problem of too few consulting rooms remains.

Given the original intentions of the Day Hospitals - not only to provide a service in the community but also to relieve pressure on outpatient departments, nurse physicians cannot replace doctors altogether except for the supervisory doctor, unless referrals to outpatient departments are to increase.

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had previously referred to a doctor. If the conclusion is that the Day Hospitals [illegible] of doctors, nurse [illegible] treatment [illegible] applicable [illegible] use of nurse [illegible] decentralised [illegible] simpler [illegible] sensitive, [illegible] doctors. [illegible] discussed [illegible] sessed [illegible] disease [illegible] for [illegible] last [illegible] sixteen Day Hospitals are currently operating at capacity. It may be due to Day Care or iatrogenic introgenesis or a variety of other factors. It is not clear whether longer queues at the Day Hospitals would reduce the 'need' for professional treatment, or whether fees should be raised to limit the number of patients. This is essentially an ethical question.

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Post Focus

Food prices in PE are up by 28% since last May

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Post Price Check

— By —
SUSAN STEAD

AN Evening Post price check has found that the total cost of 20 items chosen at random has risen a staggering 27,8% in the past year

The 20 items chosen for the first expanded Post price check in May last year were again checked in May this year The cost of the 20-item basket had risen from R16,05 last year to R20,51

The basket consisted of white sugar, cake flour, sugar beans breakfast oats, cooking oil, loose tea, corned meat, powdered milk smooth apricot jam, potates, margarine, fresh milk topside mince, fish cakes, large eggs, chicken stock cubes, vegetable soup, tomato sauce, frozen peas and washing powder

All the particular items chosen in May last year were not available at all the stores in May this year, so an average price for each item was worked out when assessing the difference in price over a year

In May last year the following stores in the Western Suburbs were visited the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket at Hunter's Retreat, the Checkers and OK supermarkets in Linton Grange the Grand Bazaars and Pick 'n Pay supermarkets in Newton Park and the Checkers Hypermarket at Greenacres

The OK Superstore was included with these six stores in the May, 1981, check It opened only in the second half of last year

The average price of only one item dropped between May last year and May this year — that of apricot jam (Koo, 450g) Last year the average price was 48c and this year 46c

The most striking increase in the average price of one particular item is that for topside mince The cost for 0,928kg of mince rose from R2,02 to R3,75 — 85,6%

Corned meat (a 300g tin of Bull Brand meat), also showed a large increase but at 40,9% it was not as dramatic as the rise for fresh meat The price rose from 66c to 93c

This was the second highest percentage increase

Of the 19 items that showed a price increase, the smallest percentage was for a packet of loose tea (Joko, 250g) — 7%, from R1,14 to R1,22 This was the only one of the increases that was a single figure increase

Oil products and milk all showed double figure increases The price of cooking oil (Solo, 750ml) rose 12,5%, from 96c to R1,08 and margarine (Rama, 250g) 27,3%, from 33c to 42c

The fresh milk price (for a litre pack) rose 10,8%, from 37c to 41c But powdered milk (Farmer's Pride, 500g) showed a greater increase — 16,5% — from R1,33 to R1,55 (The fresh milk price rose by another 6c a litre on June 1)

The third biggest increase over the year was 38,5%, for a 500g packet of Lion sugar beans, used by many as a meat substitute

The price rose from 52c to 72c

The table shows the average price of the 20 items in May last year in May this year and the percentage price increase (and in the case of the jam, the decrease) The prices do not include sales tax

	Average price May 1980	Average price May 1981	Percentage increase/decrease
White sugar (Huletts, 2,5kg)	R1,01	R1 17	15 8
Cake flour (Snowflake 1kg)	47c	54c	14,9
Sugar beans (Lion 500g)	52c	72c	38,5
Breakfast oats (Jungle 1kg)	67c	74c	10 4
Cooking oil (Solo 750ml)	96c	R1 08	12 5
Tea (Joko 250g loose)	R1 14	R1 22	7
Corned meat (Bull Brand 300g)	66c	93c	40 9
Milk powder (Farmer s Pride 500g)	R1 33	R1 55	16 5
Smooth apricot jam (Koo 450g)	48c	46c	-4 3
Potatoes (3kg)	R1 23	R1,65	34 1
Margarine (Rama 250g)	33c	42c	27 3
Fresh milk (1l)	37c	41c	10 8
Topside mince (0 928kg)	R2 02	R3 75	85 6
Fish cakes (I&J Savoury 400g)	67c	85c	26,8
Eggs (1 dozen large)	72c	84c	16 7
Chicken stock cubes (Knorr 24g)	11c	13c	18,2
Spring vegetable soup (Unox, 405g)	56c	65c	16 1
Tomato sauce (Koo 375ml)	56c	66c	17 9
Frozen peas (Table Top 500g)	R1 06	R1 33	25 5
Washing powder (Surf 1kg)	R1 18	R1,41	19 5
Total price (without tax)	R16,05	R20,51	27,8

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'Big three' come out best

PORT ELIZABETH'S three big stores — the superstore and the two hypermarkets — top the Evening Post price check for May They were found to be the cheapest stores to shop in for the 20-item price check basket

The Checkers Hypermarket at Greenacres came out the cheapest store for the second month running The OK Superstore was the second cheapest outlet in May and the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket at Hunters Retreat the third cheapest

For the check, seven chain store food outlets were visited in the western suburbs Apart from the "big stores", they were the Pick 'n Pay and Grand Bazaars supermarkets in Newton Park and the OK and Checkers supermarkets in Linton Grange

In the April check, in which the OK Superstore was also in second place the Walmer stores as well as the "big stores" were visited

For the May check 20 items of household toileteries, tinned goods, biscuits, dairy products and general groceries were chosen The identical items were included at each outlet

For the 20-item basket the total cost (excluding tax) at the Checkers Hypermarket was R17 36 and at the OK Superstore R17 66

At the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket, the third cheapest outlet, the basket cost R17 80 (also without tax)

Of the supermarkets the OK in Linton Grange was the cheapest — in fourth place overall — with a cost of R18,10 (without tax)

The most expensive market was found to be Checkers in Linton Grange, where the basket cost R18,66 The second most expensive was the Pick 'n Pay supermarket in Newton Park — R18,40 (without tax)

At Grand Bazaars the 20 items were the third most expensive, at R18,27

The difference between the costs at the most expensive outlet and at the cheapest, between Checkers Hypermarket and its sister store in Linton Grange, was 7,5% In money terms this was R1 30

This percentage difference is the lowest since the January check when outlets in the Northern Suburbs, as well as the hypermarkets and the superstore were visited In that month the difference was 7,2%

Since then the difference between the highest and lowest cost of the price check basket has risen to 10,2% (in February), then to 10,3% (in March) and to 12,1% (in April)

When the price check was last taken in the western suburbs, in March, the OK Superstore was found to be the cheapest store for the 20 items chosen The Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket was the second cheapest and the Checkers Hypermarket sixth on the list

The OK supermarket was then, too, the cheapest of the supermarkets and Checkers supermarket the most expensive of all of the outlets

In May, the biggest difference in the prices of an individual item is for a one kilogram packet of Surf washing powder It cost R1,56 (without tax) — its most expensive — at Pick 'n Pay in Newton Park — and its cheapest, R1,26 at the OK Superstore

The prices at the other stores were R1,39 (Grand Bazaars, OK in Linton Grange and the Pick 'n Pay Hypermarket), R1,44 (Checkers Hypermarket) and R1 47 (Checkers in Linton Grange)

All prices in the price check table exclude general sales tax

Given inferior material, say squatters

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VRYGROND squatters claim that the Cape Town City Council gave them 'inferior material' to rebuild their shacks after they had been demolished because of rent arrears.

Instead of getting back their old corrugated iron sheets, the families who have been affected say that they are given sheets that are 'unusable'.

And, they say, in most cases it is never enough

as is taken away by the bailiffs when the shacks are demolished.

The squatters' headache started when they fell in arrears with the R6,9 a month rents. If the arrears total more than R90 may the council order, that the shack be demolished.

The council squatter control department takes away the materials used to build shacks and impounds them.

Only when at least a third of the arrears have been repaid will the building materials be returned and the squatters be allowed to rebuild their homes.

PAUPERS

That is the way it is supposed to be. But, say the squatters, things don't always happen that way.

One of the families who say that they have received a bad deal from the squatter control people is Mrs Joan Solomons and her children.

Her husband is away and she has to care for her daughter, daughter-in-law and little children.

At the moment the only income comes from the paltry wages of her daughter-in-law, who cleans from time to time. Before they knew it, they were up

to their eyes in rent arrears, to the tune of R6,9 and their home was bulldozed down over the years.

The people at St Stephens Squatter Centre gave us the third of the amount we needed to get our building materials back, Mr Solomons said.

What was returned was a lot of rubbish to us. We were only given back half of what was taken away and some of the corrugated sheets were in a worse condition than those taken away.

GOOD CONDITION

'I don't think those materials returned to us are our at all. Our materials were in a good condition.

They broke down the place while some of us were still inside. The furniture was thrown around and we had to rescue whatever we could, Mrs Solomons said.

'The eight men who did the job did not care how they treat about it. Did not care our feelings and they broke our windows in the process. They did not even bother to return the land.'

TINY SPACE

Home for them now is a tiny confined space into which three beds are squeezed. They have to prepare their meals outside over an open fire.

[illegible] old hole was nearly burnt [illegible] fell in.

Community worker Mrs E Mason said that the family's health has deteriorated since the eviction. Almost everyone in the family has been treated for a bronchial complaint.

'The council can see that they have no income and that they are in need of a home. Yet they disregard the people's feelings,' Mrs Mason said.

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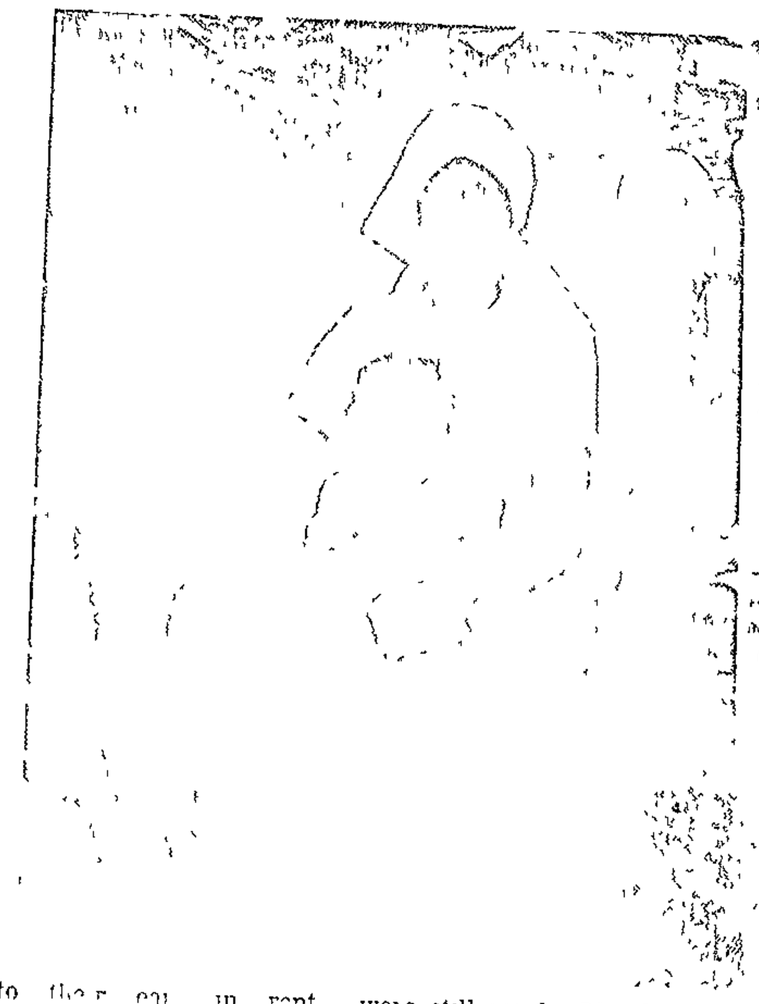

O THE Solomons family in front of the tiny shack they had to put up with their own material for after they were evicted. With Mrs Solomons in the shack (from left to right) Mavis, Michelle, Kathleen, Irene and Derrick (clearer).

EXTRA TIME ON LIGHT BILL

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CAPE TOWN'S electricity users have been given an extra month in which to pay their accounts — if the account is for less than R30 — and the Mitchell's Plain residents who marched on the city hall two weeks ago claim this as a victory for them.

In effect, the City Council decided at a special meeting this week that people who have electricity accounts of less than R30 to pay will be given one month after the due date in which to pay without their having to pay the 10 percent extra

Thus, if the electricity account due date is July 10, the user will have until August 10 to pay, without penalty.

If the account is not paid by August 10, the supply will be cut and a reconnection fee of R26 will fall due

EFFECTIVE DATE

The new system comes into effect on July 1

Mitchells Plain Electricity Committee (EPC), which led the protest against the due date surcharge system, called upon the City Council to meet their demands by June 3

The council has said that the dropping of the surcharge was not because of the Mitchells Plain demands, but because 'for some time the City Council has been investigating ways of helping the poorer community'

The EPC says the council's announcement is no accident

'The unified action of the people of Mitchells Plain has clearly forced the council to make the decisions they have now announced,' said a statement by the committee

SINCE 1926

'Only recently, the council issued a statement declaring that the penalty has been tradition since 1926

'Has it taken them so long to recognise the hardships to which our people are subjected, not only at Mitchells Plain but throughout the Peninsula?'

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(18) From Table A2 and South African Statistics 1974. [54]

Improved security urged for PE power

Municipal Reporter

SECURITY measures at Port Elizabeth's major substations are likely to be stepped up as a result of the sabotage of a substation in Durban recently

The City Electrical Engineer, Mr C E Adams, in a report before the Port Elizabeth City Council's Utilities Committee later today, has recommended that additional security measures be applied to major substations to ensure the continuous flow of electricity to the city

Mr Adams recommends that R150 000 be provided in the draft capital programme to be spent over three years

Mr Adams, in substantiating his recommendation, says that "as a result of the perpetration of acts of sabotage by subversive elements" which caused disruption of electricity services on a large scale, it was considered "essential" to apply additional security measures to prevent or minimise the effect of such acts

"The measures proposed would include the installation of sophisticated systems designed to prevent unauthorised entry, and to alert departmental staff or security authorities to the presence of intruders"

In another report the Chief Fire Officer, Mr G B Estment, has recommended that provincial authority be obtained to incur additional expenditure — estimated at R275 a month — for security guards to protect ambulances and equipment once the new ambulance station is completed

Another report before the committee has indicated that the Electricity Control Board did not intend to force the takeover of rural electrification schemes by Escom and that Escom had no intention of intitiating the takeover

It was feared that the board regarded Escom as the ultimate responsibility for rural electrictrification, but the board has ensured that any local authority which properly manages a rural network need have no fear of the board insisting on an Escom takeover of the network

City power bill move statesmanlike

THE Cape Town City Council has abolished the 10 percent surcharge and reduced the fixed accounts of R50 and under from July 1. From [illegible] — and [illegible] be pretty expensive and it may take days before [illegible] stored to defaulting consumers.

This decision was taken at the day-long and [illegible] (adjourned) secret meeting of the council. A council spokesman emphasising affirmed that the special [illegible] the concession was granted had [illegible] by residents of Mitchell's Plain (culminating in their [illegible] at the Foreshore Civic Centre last month).

The Mitchell's Plain people responsible rather smugly told all and sundry that if they had not [illegible] council would not have granted the concession and that the council would not have moved on the [illegible] dates of payment (middle of the month) affected [illegible] low-income brackets. The [illegible] — [illegible] find it totally [illegible] budget [illegible] mouth [illegible].

One fact [illegible] that the Mitchell's Plain [illegible] South African Government's concession [illegible] in this country.

The caller elaborated on his article [illegible] Hovas and Ham and Harris (Hel[illegible] Federal Town of the Zululand) had not done their b[illegible] would still have been pl[illegible] and Caledon.

Be that as it may, the Cape Town City Council has moved statesmanlike more to [illegible] and to [illegible]. The council [illegible] emphasised that it had been looking at its [illegible] bill for a long time, adding that it had the greatest sympathy for the poorer sections of the community.

But the council also made [illegible] that the due date for electricity accounts for every one of the 185 000 consumers in Cape Town could not be set for the end of the month (when everybody has money) as the council's staff, cash office, computer, equipment and [illegible] would [illegible] to handle the load.

[illegible] that the council had [illegible] Mitchell's Plain [illegible] probably [illegible] the people [illegible].

The [illegible] depend [illegible] not have [illegible] fear of [illegible] — particularly the people of Mitchell's Plain.

The [illegible] that the [illegible] able. The [illegible] the Cape Town City Council [illegible] that their [illegible] and that they will be reasonable [illegible].

And this means [illegible] council to accept [illegible] — and especially the thousands [illegible] that people in the townships would grab onto any and every issue to display frustration and political dissent.

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANKMAN

SOME frightening figures have been produced by the Urban Problems Research Unit of the University of Cape Town on the housing problems which face this country.

In a recent statement UPRU said it has been estimated that between 1[illegible] and 2000 [illegible] 857 000 units would have to be built for that section of the population which was unable to provide its own housing needs — that is, for those families earning less than R[illegible] 000 a year — to clear the existing backlog and to provide for natural population increases.

This meant an annual rate of housing production of 1[illegible] 000 units between 1[illegible] and 2000. If this figure was compared with the number actually completed by the public sector during the [illegible] 000 units, the state was producing at [illegible] 68 percent of annual requirements.

It meant that the [illegible] annual rate of housing production would have to be [illegible] if the housing problem in South Africa was to be solved.

For the State [illegible] of the housing needs of the low-income group up to the year 2000 would cost an estimated R[illegible] million or R[illegible] million a year — and this figure represented the cost of [illegible] only.

[illegible] of providing [illegible] the [illegible] up to R[illegible] million [illegible].

If compared with the amount allocated for state-aided housing in 1980 of a budget of R[illegible] million, it meant that that budget would have to increase from its present level of [illegible] percent to nearly 14 percent to remove the backlog and accommodate natural increase.

UPRU concluded that the housing backlog, increase and increasing and at such a concert start on the production of completed units but to relate to the standards the system was in effect satisfying the more [illegible] as opposed to the key needs of the poor.

What this all about was [illegible] Simple. The Urban Problems Research Unit will be telling this to the government committee of inquiry into alternative methods of housing procurement for the [illegible] income group and it (UPRU) will argue that self-help, self-help site-and-service schemes would go a long way to solve [illegible] effective housing crisis.

Talks on PE fire service soon

Municipal Reporter

TALKS between Port Elizabeth City councillors, officials and East Cape Administration Board representatives on the withdrawal of Port Elizabeth's municipal fire fighting services from black town [illegible] will take place soon.

Mr J W Steenhuisen, chairman of the council's Utilities Committee said after yesterday's committee meeting that the Town Clerk, Mr P J Pathy, would be asked to arrange a meeting between the various representatives.

Last month the City Council agreed to a meeting after the Chief Executive, Mr Ronald [illegible], had proposed that the council [illegible] the board help [illegible] the [illegible] unless the board helped [illegible].

Mr Pathy will be asked to arrange a joint meeting between a sub-committee of the board's executive, officials and the council's [illegible] on the matter. Can [illegible] be ironed out, said Mr Steenhuisen.

Mr Steenhuisen and Mr A [illegible] Able will probably be the council representatives when the meeting is held next week.

The committee also decided yesterday that the City Electrical Engineer, Mr C E Adams, should be given authority to provide added security measures at Port Elizabeth major electricity sub-stations following acts of sabotage in various cities.

An amount of R150 000 for the protection of these installations will be placed on the draft capital budget for 1982/83.

Compra demands say in council

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Staff Reporter

THE Mitchells Plain Ratepayers Association appealed to the Cape Town City Council last night for direct representation in local goverment which they said was their democratic birthright.

In a statement to the City Council the chairman of the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents Association (Compra), Mr J E Petersen said Compra wished to refer to a motion which was adopted at a public meeting attended by over 1 500 residents in November 1979.

The motion called for direct representation in local government, rejection and opposition to any imposed management committee system from without or any other form of local government in which local residents do not have a full say.

He said Compra was resolved to immediately discontinue this form of lower level participation.

He said Compra demanded that representatives from Mitchells Plain address, deliberate and discuss immediate ways and means with the full council to make non-racial decision making the principle in this Mother City of ours.

Last night a city councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott, said that she and two other councillors Mr Clive Keegan and Mr Manfred Muller, were a sub-committee of the City Council's Housing Committee who had been meeting for some time with the association.

She said her committeee supported the statement made by the association.

Kriel: Plain plea should go to PC

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Municipal Reporter

THE people of Mitchells Plain should make their pleas for direct representation in local government to the President's Council, and not to the Cape Town City Council, the new provincial MEC for Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel, said this week

He was reacting to a statement issued by Compra (Combined Mitchell s Plain Residents' Association) after a meeting with members of the City council s housing committee on Monday night

Mr Kriel said "My view is that the government has appointed a special body the President s Council to investigate a new constitutional setup for this country The people of Mitchells Plain would be wise to make their representations to the President s Council rather than to the city council

The Compra chairman Mr James Petersen said on Monday night that his organization rejected the (coloured) management committee system and any other form of local government in which local residents did not have a full say

Compra secretary Mr Eddie Kar reacted quickly to Mr Kriel s advice He said that Compra "had reservations" about the President s Council and had intentions to make "original and creative contributions to future constitutional modelling through the Cape Town City Council and the media Compra rejected outright the present idea of separate municipalities based on ethnic divisions

The hard reality, he said, was that people of colour once were on the common municipal voters' roll, and this worked well

Durban

Meanwhile a spokesman for the Durban City Council explained this week that coloured and Indian residents, although they did not have the municipal vote, had been represented on his council for the past three years

One member from each of the three Indian local affairs committees and the one coloured LA committee attended meetings of the standing committees of the city council and the four chairmen of the LAC s were present at the bimonthly full council meetings Although they could not vote they took full part in the discussions

The Durban and Maritzburg councils had made this arrangement in terms of their rules of order drawn up by the councils and approved by the Administrator of Natal

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Rates increase may be higher

Municipal Reporter

THE City Treasurer, Mr J B. Watkins-Baker, has warned the council's heads of departments that if they do not cut back on proposed capital expenditure for 1982, the City will not be able to realize its aim of keeping the rates increase for 1983 down to 7,5 percent

In his budget speech last year, the Exco chairman, Mr Bill Peters, indicated that a 7,5 percent rate increase had also been projected for 1982

In a report this week Mr Watkins-Baker gave details of the proposed capital outlay for 1982 It originally stood at R69,5-million but this had to be reduced by more than R7-million if the City wished to keep the burden on its ratepayers as low as possible, he said

Costs

Elaborating on the need to prune expenditure, a spokesman for the City treasurer's department explained this week that spiralling costs of running existing services, salary and wage demands and finance charges always militated against keeping rate increases down

● Property owners who pay their rates in one annual lump sum have been reminded that they have till the end of this month to pay without penalty The rates became due on January 1, but a grace period of six months is allowed

Payments made after June 30 are subject to an interest charge of 11 percent a year for each month or part of a month that the payments are late

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to women but farmers are finding it even more difficult to
get the quality of labour they want. This has led many

Council blamed over PE transport

By SANDRA PRATT

THE general manager of PE Transport, Mr [illegible], has accused local authorities of abdicating their responsibility in providing much-needed transport facilities to Port Elizabeth's black areas.

"They are laying responsibility for the short term funding of these facilities in the lap of the Government and the provincial authorities," Mr Coetzer said.

The lack of facilities at bus stops and to minibus taxis to "crawl to and after work" and, during peak periods, "frustration to incitement to violence", he said.

There was a lack of information signs, queue rails and shelters at passenger loading points and bus stops. The terminus at Johnson Road, Zwide, was petrified and did not have street lights or passenger facilities of any kind.

Mr Coetzer was commenting on complaints by black commuters of chaos on many bus routes.

The City Council's representative on the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board (MTAB), Mr [illegible], said that to place local authorities of abdicating their responsibility was "nonsense".

The Department of Transport and the Provincial Administration was responsible for funding 100% of the approved projects, local authorities just implement the plans.

"Local government forms a negligible portion of the cost. It will impose an additional financial burden on the ratepayers," Mr Hammond said.

Mr Hammond said the "absolutely ridiculous" situation prevailed in which a local authority which applied for funds last year still did not know whether they had been approved.

Last year Port Elizabeth applied for R1 294 000 in aid.

Because the Government operated on a financial year which ended in March and municipal and local authorities operated on a calendar year, there was a "time lag" which resulted in local authorities having to wait for approval.

Mr Hammond said PE Transport and the East Cape Administration Board (ECAB) could put forward an urgent application for the provision of facilities at Johnson Road.

A spokesman for the City Engineer's Department said the system of obtaining funds in terms of the Urban Transport Act was "incredibly laborious and complicated".

"We are still trying to find ways to streamline the system," he said.

The problem with, for example, Johnson Road is that ECAB pays the money but can't get it spent enough to match the priorities of the urban transport planning [illegible].

A spokesman for ECAB's Mr Lewis said that Johnson Road as a "short term" was out of context and not included in the final list for the area.

Any development work there would therefore be temporary, which the Administration board could not allow.

He said that roadside bus demarcation could be the responsibility of the bus company.

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Allowance raise for councillors

Municipal Reporter

THE personal allowance of the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, has been increased by more than R3 000 to R12 840 a year The Deputy Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, will automatically receive one-quarter of the mayor's allowance

These increments, and others for Exco members and ordinary councillors, will be retrospective to April 1 this year Before this date the mayor received R9 600 a year

Other new annual allowances, with the old amounts in brackets, are as follows Chairman of Exco R9 828 (R6 600), deputy chairman of Exco R9 372 (R6 000), ordinary Exco members R8 928 (R5 500) In addition the monthly allowance for all councillors goes up from R200 to R372

Three weeks ago, at a meeting closed to the press, the council heard that it had been brought to the Town Clerk's attention that allowances paid to the mayor, deputy mayor and councillors of Cape Town compared badly with those paid in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban

The council also heard that earlier, in a report on the municipal system in Cape Town, Dr W J Slater had said that councillors who had to face contested elections had considerable expenses and it was in the City's interest that there should be more contested elections

As public personages, councillors were exposed to appeals for contributions to school funds, welfare societies and the like

Expenses were also incurred in attending meetings and travelling in the City

Dr Slater had added "MPs and MPCs are paid substantial allowances and I cannot see why one should be squeamish about remunerating in a minor way councillors of a large city"

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has approved the increases

Mayors support return to mixed voters' rolls

By VIRGIL GONCALVES

THERE is growing support for the return of coloureds and Indians to the municipal voters' roll

Several mayors said today they were in favour of the suggestion, which would be discussed at a meeting of the Cape Provincial Municipal Association (CPMA) in Cape Town next month

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Graham Young, who will attend the meeting, declined to comment on the matter in view of the coming discussions, but the Deputy Mayor, Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, welcomed the call

"I believe that direct representation is the future trend and see it as a healthy development"

Earlier this week, the Mayor of East London, Mr Donald Card, was reported to have said that he was in full agreement that coloureds and Indians should return to the East London municipal roll, from which they had been removed in October, 1971

He said the Government was awaiting recommendations from the President's Council and he felt that coloureds and Indians could be back on the municipal voters' roll within six months

The Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Mr M J van Zyl, said the council had favoured this policy for some time and would welcome moves in this direction

During the recent CPMA congress in Port Elizabeth, another Cape Town councillor, Mrs E D Stott, called for the reinstatement of coloureds and Indians on the roll

"If it is not allowed — in equity, justice and reasonableness — to have all the ratepayers returned to the common roll, we will never have civic peace in our cities," Mrs Stott told the congress

The Mayor of Durban, Mrs Sybil Hotz, said the Durban City Council had decided "a long time ago" to get its officials to explore every possibility of direct representation for coloureds and Indians

Mr A Ward Able, chairman of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Policy and Resources Committee, said that if the policy was changed, it would be "a very good step in the right direction"

However, not all Port Elizabeth city councillors were in agreement

Mr Danie Dorfling said he believed in equal but separate representation with coloured and Indian management committees administering their own affairs

Mr Ben Olivier said the coloured and Indian ratepayers were served better by their own committees and because they were doing "a splendid job", the status quo should be maintained

Mr Raman Bhana, chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee, said management committees had served their purpose and representatives were qualified enough to sit around the horseshoe

Minister may be asked to abolish system

Municipal Reporter

REPRESENTATIONS should be made to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, to abolish the management committee system — which has been a "dismal failure" — and restore coloureds and Indians to the common voters' roll

This is one of the motions, submitted by the Ocean View Management Committee, which will be discussed at the eighth annual congress of the Association of Management Committees in Bellville from June 29 to July 2

The committee says it is "common knowledge" that all local authorities are "very reluctant" to co-operate with their respective management committees

The committee considers that the coloured and Indian people could be better represented Mr Heunis should abolish the system of management committees as it has proved to be a "dismal failure"

The East London Management Committee will propose that management committee members serve on committees of municipal councils and that members should have full voting powers

Two other motions — by the Wittebome/Wynberg committee and the Grahamstown committee — are also likely to be debated at length

The Wittebome/Wynberg committee has urged that the Government be asked, as a matter of extreme urgency, to overcome the housing crisis by making funds available to all local authorities so that communities can become stable

Grahamstown says that as there has not been much improvement in the unemployment situation in the city, another strong appeal should be made to the Government to devise an economic dispensation that will ensure employment for all the people of the city

City staff shortage is 'critical'

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE MUNICIPALITY of Cape Town is battling with a critical staff shortage with 3 500 vacancies in all departments, while in the first five months of this year 1 428 people resigned from the City Council's service

The resignation figure excludes terminations due to retirements and is 55 percent up on last year's January to-May total, when 922 people resigned

The council has 17 999 established posts in the departments of City Engineer, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Health and Electricity At the end of May 14 500 of these posts were filled leaving 3 499 vacant

A survey has shown that most people who leave the council's employ are unhappy with pay, many are attracted by higher salaries in business while a number have moved simply to collect their pensions in anticipation of the government's "compulsory preservation of pension rights" legislation

Sitting

Meanwhile, the council will soon be involved in a Conciliation Board sitting to face wage demands by the 10 000 strong Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) which represents coloured and a small number of African employees

The CTMWA expressed deep dissatisfaction with increases granted at the beginning of the year and asked for a minimum of R60 a week The council's minimum was raised from R29 44 to R37,44 a week in January

If negotiations between the council and the CTMWA break down, and a possible subsequent Industrial Court does not rule to the satisfaction of the workers, it is predicted that the City's staff problem may be greatly aggravated particularly in the labourer section

The Deputy Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans said yesterday The council generally allows for empty posts throughout the year but the problems of obtaining or losing staff are not peculiar to Cape Town Throughout the country there are similar problems

All levels

Dr Evans said that although Cape Town's resignation figure was up on last year's at all levels, he would not describe it as "mass resignation"

"All over the country at local government level there is a draw-off to the private sector" he said

The secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association Mr J H Einstzen said he regarded the staff situation as "critical" He would not comment further in view of the coming Conciliation Board sitting

Mr D W Archer, secretary of the 4 200 strong Cape Town branch of the (white) South African Association of Municipal Employees said "If the council paid competitive salaries we would get the staff"

The City Treasurer Mr J B Watkins Baker provided the following figures on the City's annual salary bill 1978 R58 4 million 1979 R64 9-million 1980 R80 2-million and estimated for this year R89 million

Because of the large number of vacancies there would be a saving on this year's salary bill

MEC to probe street names

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The Port Elizabeth City Council had created an undesirable situation by allowing two streets in Port Elizabeth's Bethelsdorp Extension 10 to be named after Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko, Mr H Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, said yesterday.

Mr Kriel said he would investigate the matter and demand a full explanation from the council as to how and why the street names were passed.

Asked if the names would be changed in the light of the investigation's findings, Mr Kriel said: "No comment."

He added: "We will decide what action to take — if any need be taken — once the Port Elizabeth council has justified its move."

Although the street name signs had been only recently erected, the Management Committee's recommendation of the street names had been approved by the Works and Traffic Committee and the city Town Planning Department in July 1978.

At the time the Works and Traffic Committee also approved Amandla as a street name for Bethelsdorp.

Mandela, a former leader of the banned African National Congress and has been jailed on Robben Island since 1964. Steve Biko, a black consciousness leader, died in detention in 1977.

Street names: Nats to act

By CHRIS OLCKERS
Chief Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee and some members of the City Council are heading for a confrontation over the naming of streets in Port Elizabeth in honour of Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko.

Mandela is a former leader of the banned African National Congress and has been in jail on Robben Island since 1964. Biko, a black consciousness leader, died in police detention in 1977.

Two Nationalist city councillors today admitted that they did not object to the naming of the streets when the decision was made in September 1978 because they "wanted to keep the peace".

But in view of the objections that have since been raised the councillors, Mr Danie Dorfling and Mr Ben Olivier, will now make attempts to have the decision reversed.

Both councillors were present at the council meeting in September 1978 when the proposals for the street names in Bethelsdorp Extention 10 were approved.

Another National Party councillor present at the meeting, Mr Frikkie Kotze, refused to comment today.

The Nationalist councillors have been accused by a former city councillor, Dr Stompie Botha, of being afraid to voice their opposition because they wanted to avoid a confrontation with the Coloured Management Committee.

Mr Dorfling said today he would seek a meeting with the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, next week to discuss the issue.

"I was not in favour of the decision but for the sake of peace I remained silent. The naming of streets goes against the grain and I find the names offensive.

"I will discuss the matter with Mr Botha this week and [illegible] to have the decision revoked."

Mr Olivier said he would support Mr Dorfling, but appealed "to the sense of proportion of the Coloured Management Committee to revoke the decision of their own accord".

He said: "The CMC members are mature enough to make their own decisions. They belong to an autonomous body and exercised their democratic right in this matter.

"They were entitled to choose whatever names they wished to. But in view of the fact that so many people object to the names they should now reverse the decision."

The vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr W Dietrich, said they were not aware of any objections "from the people who matter".

"The people to consider are those who live in the area. When the names were proposed in 1978 no member of the coloured community complained," he said.

"As far as I am concerned the naming of streets after Steve Biko and Nelson Mandela is nothing else but a part of contempory history.

"[illegible] to object. In 1978 they kept quiet. I find it strange that they wanted to keep quiet for the sake of peace and to avoid a confrontation. What is happening now could mean that we are heading for a clash."

Meanwhile Mr H Kriel, the MPC in charge of local government, said in Cape Town yesterday the Provincial Council wanted to know why the Port Elizabeth City Council allowed the streets to be named after Mandela and Biko.

Mr Kriel said he had written to the Port Elizabeth City Council asking for an explanation after discussing the matter with the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Asked if this meant that he was against the street names used, Mr Kriel replied: "Yes it does." The naming of the streets had created an undesirable situation, he added.

Councillors were scared, says Dr Stompie Botha

Chief Reporter

A FORMER Port Elizabeth city councillor said today that Nationalist councillors had been too afraid of a confrontation to oppose the naming of streets in honour of Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko.

Dr Stompie Botha, who was chairman of the City Council's Works and Traffic Committee which approved the naming of the streets in September, 1978, said he welcomed the top-level investigation ordered this week by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Dr Botha was the only councillor who opposed the naming of the streets. He said the names would offend a large section of the population and should not have been allowed.

"The Nationalist councillors were too scared of a confrontation with the Coloured Management Committee," he said today.

The Nationalist councillors then were Mr James Kleynhans, Mr Danie Dorfling, Mr Frikkie Kotze, Mr Boet Erasmus, Mr Koos Nel, Mr Tiekie van Wyk and Mr Ben Olivier.

Dr Botha opposed the names for the streets, but failed to get a seconder for his motion.

"By agreeing to name the streets in honour of these people the CMC identified themselves with the aims of the organisations. The ANC wants to overthrow the established order through violent means.

"I have some sympathy for the political aspirations of black people, but I oppose these names," he said.

The street signs were recently erected in the coloured suburb, Bethelsdorp Extention 10.

○ When the initial decision on the names was taken by the council's Works and Traffic Committee the committee also approved the name of Amandla (Power) Street in the same township. The names were recommended by the CMC, agreed to by the City's Town Planning Department and approved by the Works and Traffic Committee.

A road by any other name?

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NELSON Mandela has popped up in Port Elizabeth — though in name only — and the Cape Provincial Council wants to know why.

Two streets in Port Elizabeth's Bethelsdorp Extension 10 have been named after two controversial black heroes — Nelson Mandela, on Robben Island for life, and the late Mr Steve Biko. Mandela has been on Robben Island since 1964. Mr Biko died in detention in 1977.

The MEC in charge of local government, Mr H Kriel, said the council wanted to know why the Port Elizabeth City Council agreed to the naming of the two streets.

Mr Kriel said he was against the names of the streets because they had created a situation which was undesirable.

Asked what, if any, action would be taken, Mr Kriel said this would be decided when the city council had replied to his letter.

The administrator was not available for comment yesterday.

Dias plan for 10% increase in pay

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Municipal Reporter

THE Dias Divisional Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee has recommended a general salary increase of 10% from next month

In a report for the council meeting tomorrow, the secretary, Mr N W Anderson, says that the council's grading schemes were delayed after two amalgamations in 1978 and 1981

When a salary increase of 7,5% was introduced in January this year, the council decided that before another increase in salaries, a job evaluation be undertaken, says Mr Anderson

A meeting between a council sub-committee, the Cape Province Local Authorities Employers' Association and the South African Association of Municipal Employees was held in May

Among aspects agreed on were that the council had reached the stage where additional departments were desirable, a standard grading scheme should be introduced and, based on the consumer price index and taking into account the increase in Janaury, a general increase of 10% from July should be acceptable

The council will also decide on a recommendation that the number of cultivation tunnels in the Theescombe area be restricted, despite a petition

The council will also decide on recommendations that

- A report on Cape coastal development — including the use of estuaries, dunes and rocky coasts — be adopted and submitted to the Nature Reserves Advisory Board,
- It support any proposals for a provincial subsidy on minor roads, and
- The Loerie Dam, the area immediately surrounding it and the Loerie River Outspan be proclaimed a nature reserve

PE streets: PFP, MEC in dispute

Staff Reporter

THE naming of two Port Elizabeth streets after the convicted leader of the banned African National Congress Nelson Mandela and the black conscious leader Steve Biko who died in detention in 1977 has caused a furore between the Progressive Federal Party and the newly appointed Provincial MEC for Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel.

The PFP provincial caucus yesterday accused Mr Kriel of arrogant and insensitive interference into the affairs of local government in his questioning of the naming of two streets in the coloured township of Bethelsdorp in Port Elizabeth after Mandela and Biko.

Reacting to the criticism Mr Kriel said: "The PFP must get off my back."

Following a meeting of the PFP Cape Provincial Council at the weekend Mr Herbert Hirsch, leader of the Official Opposition in the Provincial Council, said yesterday: "The council has expressed deep concern at the recent example of perfectly arrogant and insensitive interference into the affairs of local government displayed by the still to be elected MEC for Local Government, Mr Hernus Kriel."

In Port Elizabeth last month Mr Kriel criticized the PFP's stated intention to fight municipal elections on a party political basis.

Following on his remarks at the Cape Province Municipal Association conference at Port Elizabeth he had now interfered in a parochial matter as the naming of streets in Port Elizabeth, Mr Hirsch said.

Local community

"The local community concerned had unanimously approved the name of the streets in Bethelsdorp, he said. This decision was subsequently endorsed by the Port Elizabeth City Council with one dissenting vote. It appeared that the name did not meet with the approval of Mr Kriel in spite of support from local residents."

The PFP would have expected that Mr Kriel, a former chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape, would have been more sympathetic to the democratically-expressed opinion of the third tier of government, Mr Hirsch said.

Speaking from his home in Paarl yesterday, Mr Kriel said: "I am the Member for Local Government by the Administrator, not directly to be appointed as such on the first day of the Provincial Council session on July 28," he said. "I really have no further comment on the issue. I am waiting on Port Elizabeth to give me enough for more details and I cannot see what is arrogant about that. The PFP must get off my back."

PE Junior Council to vote on race issue

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Junior City Council is expected to decide, at a meeting tomorrow whether to take the controversial step and go multiracial

The issue was first raised a few months ago after a successful move by the Cape Town Junior City Council to become multiracial

At a subsequent meeting, two Port Elizabeth junior councillors, representing Holy Rosary Convent resigned on the grounds that the matter was being taken out of the hands of the council by "higher authorities"

Now a final decision is expected tomorrow evening, when a proposal will be made that 'all non-white high schools in Port Elizabeth be invited to become members of the Junior City Council

Other items on the agenda include a discussion on civil defence, suggestions for additional school subjects which councillors feel would more adequately prepare them for their careers and a proposal that Port Elizabeth should be split up into several municipalities

There is also a proposal that the Port Elizabeth Municipality should investigate the possibility of reintroducing electrically-driven public transport

The meeting will be at Grey High School at 7.30pm

The hospital at district level, whether government or mission, has the best equipped and staffed facilities for at least a medical officer or at [illegible] clinical officer, an [illegible] operating theatre, fully equipped with laboratory. It may serve a population of up to 150 000 people, and the staff should play the roles in ensuring that all aspects of health care are provided in the hospital and throughout the district. There is a community health nursing sister who is responsible for rural assistant at district level who work under the Provincial Health Department but [illegible] closely with the district hospital staff. It is [illegible] that all rural clinics use a prepared treatment regimens, immunization schedules, [illegible] etc., and that they care record cards for each clinic [illegible] patients.

At village level, the Rhodesian Ministry of Health has recently trained village health workers who are able to provide basic health facilities for the families of villagers, especially in the communities far away from clinics. The village health workers are local people who are given a six months training course in many aspects of community health before returning to their villages where they work closely with the visiting community health sister, the health assistant, and the staff at the nearest rural clinic. This simplified diagram does not show the staff engaged in [illegible] or the mobile teams which run the vaccination and spraying facilities, nor does it reflect the contributions made by voluntary organisations and other Government departments.

Councillors Angry in favour 'Compra vote' plea

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Municipal Reporter

THE plea by the Combined Ratepayers Witchell's Plain Ratepayers Association for the coloured people to be put back on the municipal voters' roll found favour with the majority of city councillors at a special meeting between Compra and the council's Executive Committee yesterday.

Councillors I spoke to today said members invited to yesterday's meeting were sympathetic towards Compra's request.

One described the meeting as "reasoned and reasonable".

The council's executive decided after the meeting to hold a further meeting to consider what action should be taken as soon as it had received Compra's request in writing.

TREATED

The council recently repeated its request to the Government to have the coloured people put back on the voters' role — which is official council policy.

Councillors were told that the whole question of representation on local government was being dealt with by the Prime Minister. Council and the City Councils requested should be referred to that body. This was done.

The council will have to decide either to go the long way round through official channels or defy the Province and the Government and go ahead with the ordinance.

Many councillors would be hesitant to take this path because of the council's heavy financial reliance on the Government and the Province.

○ Coloured bid to get back on voters' roll — Page 2

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significant number of people would opt out in favour of a different scheme, or choose not to purchase medical insurance at all. Otherwise, why is it compulsory?

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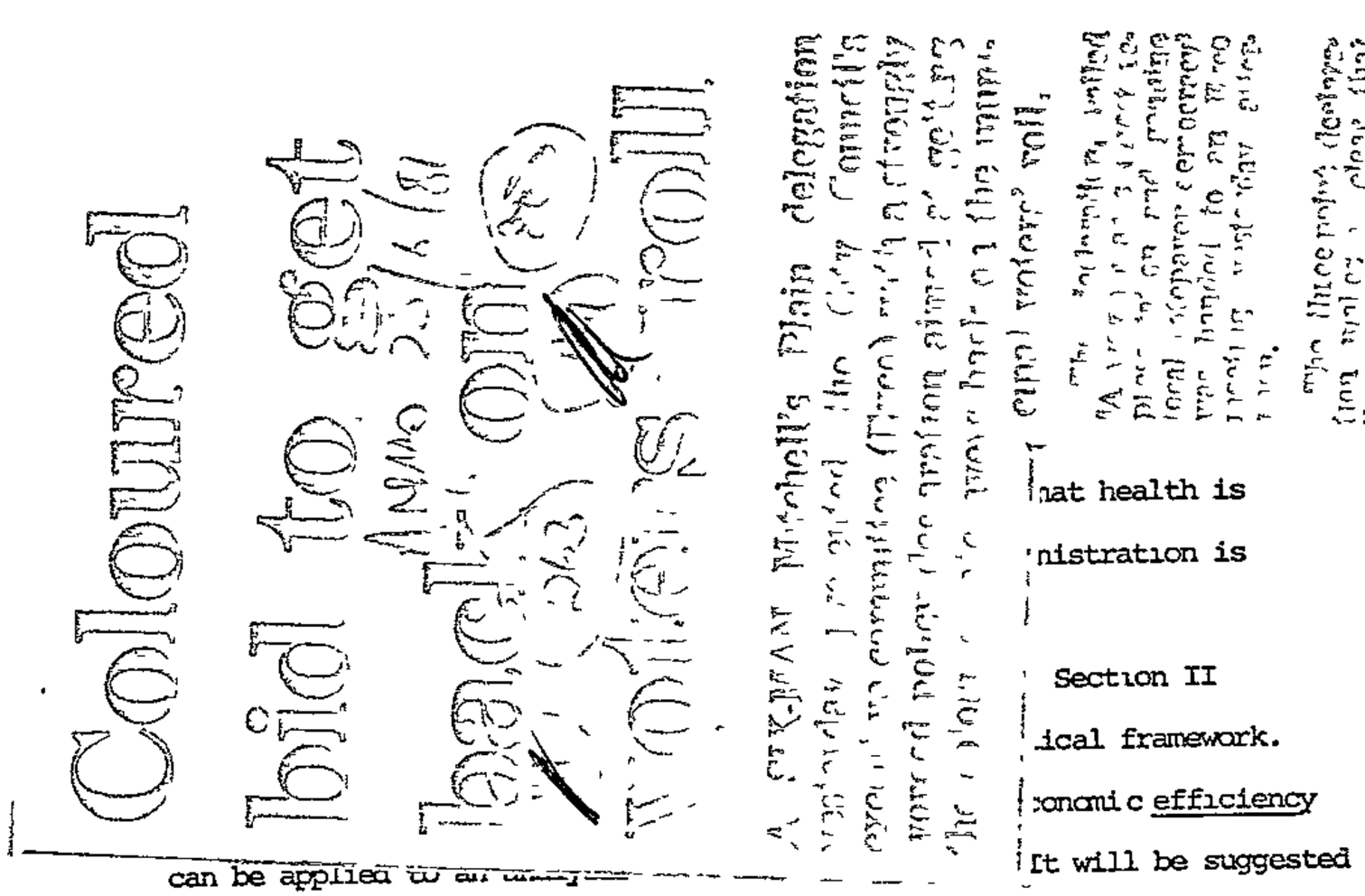

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II. Health - a public good?

It is often argued that health is a unique commodity and as such requires special attention. Insofar as every commodity is unique

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(a) Efficiency

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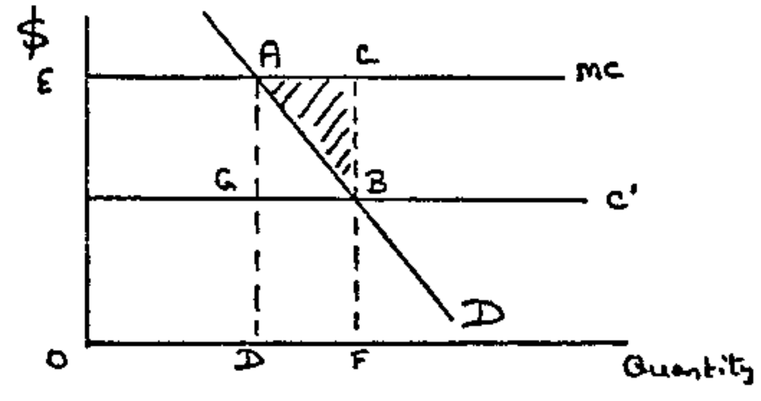
The problem of efficiency can be conveniently summarized in the accompanying diagram



We assume that the demand schedule of the individual for medical services is downward sloping. For simplicity we assume constant returns to scale. Under a free market situation medical services will be consumed up to point A. If services were provided at below their actual cost - say at a price of C' - inefficiency would result. This can be quite precisely defined. Under the subsidy scheme the patient purchases an extra DF of resources at a cost of ACFD. He pays DGBF for

Compra, Exco discuss strategy

Municipal Reporter

A SEVEN-MAN delegation from Compra (the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents Association) met the Cape Town City Council Exco at a special meeting yesterday to discuss strategies to have the coloured people returned to the common municipal voters roll.

Compra called on the council to establish a "ways and-means" committee comprising respresentatives of the City Council and ratepayers' and residents associations within two weeks.

They suggested that this committee report within two months on concrete steps towards pulling people who were not white into the civic decision making process.

Yesterday's special meeting to which all council members had been invited was attended by 13 councillors.

The Compra delegation, led by its chairman Mr James Petersen and secretary, Mr Eddie Kaufeld Exco in a prepared statement that the issue at stake was not the autonomy of Mitchells Plain but "the autonomy of Cape Town as a whole of which Mitchells Plain is and chooses to be an integral and inalienable part.

The statement — "A way towards direct representation and equal local rate paying democracy — described the removal of coloured people from the voters' roll as "one of the most dismal tragic and disgraceful episodes in our civic history".

The statement continued "We call on all councillors to confidently commence in spirit and fact a live working *de facto* model of joint decision making representation in the various standing committees and full council.

"We believe a determined by peaceful will can be found and respected. We oppose any defeatism based on legal technicalities. We call on the province and State not to interfere and obstruct.

○ Compra will hold a public meeting in the Westridge Civic Centre, Mitchells Plain, next Monday to report back on the issue.

Top city officials in row on PC

A CONFIDENTIAL report based on an overseas trip paid for by Cape Town City Council was handed to the President's Council before any of council members had a chance to see it.

This is the latest development in the furore that has erupted following the disclosure that the City Council's top three officials gave secret evidence to the Presidents Council last week advocating that Greater Cape Town should be divided into separate white and coloured municipalities.

Such a move would conflict with the city council's declared policy that coloured people should be restored to the common voters roll and have direct representation on the council.

The three officials — the Town Clerk, Mr H G [illegible]

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through the City Engineer, Mr I G Brand, and the Treasurer, Mr T B Watkins-Baker — will be carpeted for their action at a special meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday to which all councillors have been invited.

In answer to criticism that they exposed themselves to charges of favouring a dual system in Cape Town into separate white and coloured municipalities, the officials, with all the [illegible] operations and not [illegible] to their official capacity when the [illegible] evidence to a committee of the Presidents Council on June 17, The Argus understands.

But members, including Mr Herbert Hirsch, say they did not think the council's senior officials could have private opinions on a local government matter. They would have been speaking in their official capacities and should therefore have cleared their evidence with the council's Executive Committee.

Mr Brand and Mr Watkins-Baker were not available for comment today and Mr Hirsch has left for a holiday.

City councillor Mr Tom Wa[illegible] has called for the dismissal of the council's Executive Committee on the ground that it clearly does not enjoy the confidence of a majority of the three.

A detailed confidential report of the evidence given by the three officials was issued to council members last night.

So was a summary of a 13-volume report prepared by the three officials after a visit to Canada and the United Kingdom last year. The summary was signed by Mr Brand and the council had no previous chance to study it or the earlier volumes of the report.

Councillors interviewed today said they had not yet had a chance to study the report or details of the evidence given by the officials which was in any case on confidential Green Paper.

'SHORT NOTICE'

The Argus understands that the officials were asked at short notice to give evidence to a committee of the Presidents Council on June 17 because officials of the Durban and Port Elizabeth city councils were giving evidence that day.

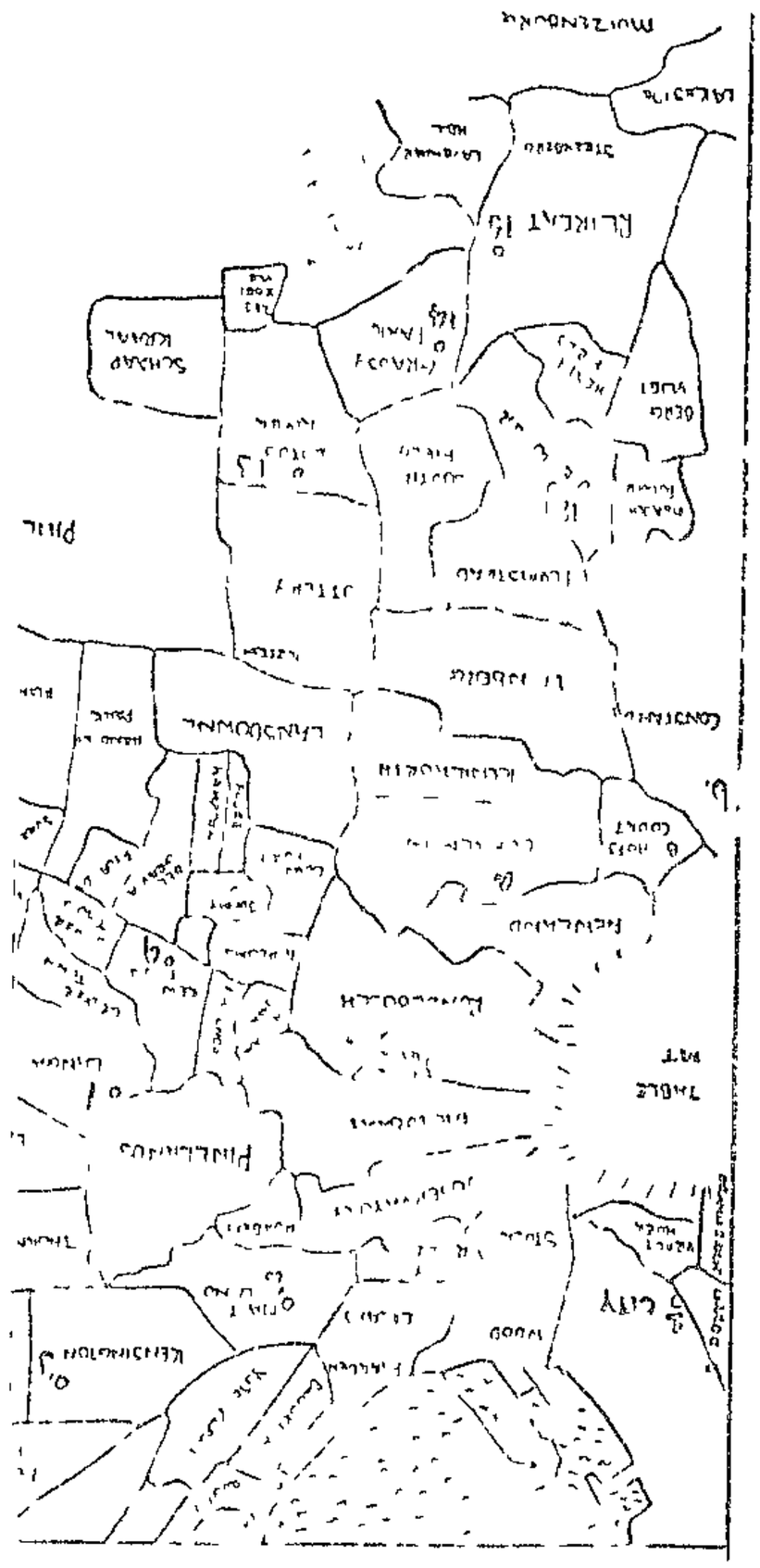
The officials from Durban went with Mr Hirsch, Mr Brand and Mr Watkins-Baker on a trip to Canada and the United Kingdom last year to study town planning, of large metropolitan authorities.

Mr Brand took a signed copy of his summary of a report based on the trip not yet presented to Cape Town City Council and gave it to the President's Council Committee.

SERVICES

It is mainly concerned with things like sewerage services, said a member of the city council executive today that about one-tenth of it is taken up with local government reorganisation and could be interpreted as meaning that there should be separate coloured and white municipalities.

○ Separate local areas rejected — Page 4.



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Separate local areas rejected

By Hugh Roberton

THE Association of Management Committees, which represents virtually all coloured groups involved in local government, has rejected proposals by senior officials of the Cape Town City Council that coloured areas of the city be made into separate municipalities

Instead the association is demanding equal and direct representation for all races on existing town and city councils throughout the country

In the case of Cape Town, spokesmen for the association's executive insist, there should not only be a common municipal voters' roll for whites and coloured residents but for blacks, too

The president of the Association of Management Committees of the Cape, Mr David Curry, who is also national chairman of the Labour Party, the largest political movement in the coloured community, pointed out today that his organisation had taken its stand as long ago as 1978.

At its congress that year, the association had unanimously approved a resolution maintaining that 'direct representation, which includes the right to vote and be voted for, for all South Africans irrespective of race or colour, is the only means by which local government can be administered,' Mr Curry said

SENIOR

Three of Cape Town's most senior municipal officials — the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker and the City Engineer, Mr J G Bland — called for the creation of separate municipalities in areas like Athlone and Mitchell's Plain when they gave evidence behind closed doors to a committee of the President's Council earlier this month

Their views directly contradict those of the City Council which has repeatedly made clear its belief that coloured residents, who lost their municipal franchise in 1972, should be returned to the municipal voters' roll

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Thus there appears to be no solution to the problem of shadow prices, which themselves are difficult to calculate. Where has considerable emphasis been placed that owing to the problems associated with subjective measurement, the use of market prices where these exist may be more subjective. However, in the health sector, there are no markets. Use of costs incurred in public hospitals in the treatment of illness for example, may be very poor reflectors of the true cost of resources. There appears to be however, no practical alternative.

In the case of the direct costs of treatment, much cost information is collected by hospitals and clinics but for an economic point of view, this is done arbitrarily. This cost information is arranged on an input basis describing expenditure under categories such as medical pay, pharmaceuticals, dressings, catering, laundry, X rays, Planning and evaluation would be facilitated if costs were accumulated by areas of responsibility, or by types of treatment, although the allocation of overheads presents some difficulty. Throughout data are also collected number of admissions, average length of stay, number of outpatient attendances (with varying definitions of attendance - rarely head counts) number of beds occupied. From this the average cost per inpatient is calculated. However this is a misleading figure as quality of care going to a patient varies according to the nature and seriousness of a disease. For example, the average cost over all in-patients for operating theatres is assigned to all patients regardless whether they are in medical or surgical wards. Feldstein has indicated some of the variables which need to be taken into account when calculating the average cost - hospital size, casemix, quality of care provided, extent of teaching activities. Furthermore, average cost is not a useful measure for evaluation. What is needed is marginal cost - which is very difficult to calculate from available statistics. On the subject of marginal cost Feldstein points out that if the long run marginal cost is less than the average cost per case, then admission rates and intensity of use might be substantially higher (if doctors and administrators appreciated this and they generally look at average cost.) (10) Objective indirect costs can be determined by collecting information through surveys - finding out the time spent waiting at hospital, the time off work due to ill-health and the time and expense involved in travelling to hospital

There has been much discussion on the correct way to evaluate the economic loss resulting from time taken off work due to ill-health, Mushkin distinguishes between death, disability - the loss of working time/.....

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Botha denies PE is in a shaky financial position

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES
Municipal Reporter

THE Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr P K Botha, reacted strongly last night to suggestions by a former Mayor, Mr Neville Cohen, and a city councillor, Mr Frikkie Kotze, that the city was in a shaky financial position

Referring to over-expenditure on some votes during 1980, Mr Cohen said the financial position of the city was taken "glibly" in some quarters

He said that according to letters included in the April agenda, the Director of Local Government had criticised the council audit

He was perturbed by the amounts overspent and said that money which was not used on some votes should be set aside to alleviate any rate increase

"This council is big business — probably the biggest in Port Elizabeth — and if it does not harness financial control and the City Treasurer is not given the necessary support by councillors and officials, I don't know what we will come to," he said

Mr Cohen predicted a rate increase of more than 20% if more effort was not made to stop overspending

He was supported by Mr Kotze, who said the Town Clerk was the "managing director" of the city and should look into the problem areas

He had confidence in the officials but felt councillors should also take a keener interest in the city's finances

In response, Mr Botha said the criticism of the city's financial standing was "unfair" and "unwarranted"

He said everything was being done to keep the city's finances within the planned budget and the letters from the Director of Local Government were directed at no specific municipality and were critical of 1978 audits

He said the public would be given the wrong impression and he appealed to the Press to set the record straight

Mr A Ward Able, chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, said he hoped people would not think that "we are in a bad way because the opposite is true"

There was no question of finances being taken "glibly" and although money had been overspent on some votes, the overall spending was well within the provisions and "very much in control"

Port Elizabeth's financial control systems had attracted attention throughout South Africa and other municipalities were coming to the city to learn about them, he said

This quotation stands as a caveat to all who work in the general field of economics and in particular to these who study the role of labour and labour allocation in economic development. Modern economic methods far from becoming more humanistic as a result of Marx's strictures have developed the art of analysing human behaviour without reference to the human beings concerned to a high level of sophistication. The methods used in this paper are no exception but I would ask all who read it to recall that every labourer who is reallocated either voluntarily or arbitrarily by the state or by his landlord incurs some personal sacrifices which may not be adequately compensated and that under

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"The stoical calm with which the political economist contemplates the most shameless violation of the 'sacred right of property' and the perpetuation of the crudest acts of violence against persons (when these things are essential to establish the foundation of the capitalist method of production) can be studied for instance in the person of Sir F.M. Eden, philanthropist though he be and tory to boot. The whole series of thefts, outrages and tribulations that accompanied the forcible expropriation of the people in the period that lasted from the end of the fifteenth century to the end of the eighteenth led him only to the comforting conclusion: 'The due proportion between arable land and pasture had to be established' Marx [21] P.806

Tabel 15 Uiteensetting op die arbeidstekort

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5 Persentasie boere in groep wat georganise vermaak aanbied		24,4
6 Gemiddelde afstand vanaf naaste dorp of stad	Km.	18,4	19,8
7 Gemiddelde belegging in arbeidsbehuising per permanente volwasse manlike arbeider	R	656	746
8 Weeklikse loon per gereelde arbeider	R	11,14	10,50

Met die Tabel onder beskouing is dit met die eerste oogopslag duidelik dat daar nie 'n ernstige arbeidstekort in die ondersoek gebied was nie.

Verder kan afgelei word, veral as daar gekyk word na die sosiale faktore (1 tot 3), dat arbeiders van boere wat nie tekorte ondervind het nie, effens beter byvoordele geniet.

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Council calling for memoranda on local govt

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CAPE TOWN — The President's Council has called for recommendations on the extension of regional and local management committees

The secretary to the council, Mr J S Bauermeister, said in a statement last night that written memoranda should be submitted by July 31

In the statement, Mr Bauermeister said the State President had asked the council to advise him on the:

- First and second interim reports of the Yeld committee of inquiry into the establishment of independent local authorities in coloured areas,
- Report of the Slatter committee of inquiry into the establishment of independent local authorities in the Indian group areas,
- Report of the Browne committee of inquiry into the finances of local authorities in South Africa,
- Report of the Fouche subcommittee of inquiry concerning the promotion of private property ownership among coloureds and Indians, and
- Final report of the work committee under the chairmanship of Dr T G Schlebusch, MPC, that inquired into the powers, duties and functions of management committees

Mr Bauermeister said the Browne committee had accepted as a general objective for the arrangements and measures which it proposed that vigorous local authorities should be established and developed that would best serve the socio-economic development of the country

He added "The basic requirements for the development of a sound system of local government must be observed in so far as the democratic principle is applied at the local level, recognition is accorded as far as possible to the autonomy of local authorities and local initiative and ingenuity are encouraged to serve the best interests of the local community."

Memoranda should be submitted as soon as possible but not later than July 31 to the Secretary, Committee for Economic Affairs, PO Box 3601, Cape Town 8000. — Sapa

Vandals deface names on PE street boards

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES and SANDRA SMITH

PORT ELIZABETH'S controversial street nameboards, including Nelson Mandela Street and Amandla Street, in Bethelsdorp have been defaced — allegedly by supporters of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos)

The acts — which include the breaking of nameboards and repainting of Sacos names over those of other black leaders — have been described by the Port Elizabeth Coloured Management Committee (CMC) chairman, Mr Laurence Erasmus, as "vandalism of the worst order"

But executive members of Sacos in Durban and Port Elizabeth today denied any knowledge of, or responsibility for, the defacing

Weekend Post received a telephone call early today by a man purporting to be a "staunch supporter" of Sacos, a non-racial sporting body

He said Sacos did not support the CMC — which had, in 1978, suggested that names of streets in Bethelsdorp Extension 10 be named after various black leaders, including Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko

He said the CMC had named the streets after great leaders like Nelson Mandela" merely to gain some sort of credibility in the eyes of their community

"However, we still view the CMC as Government puppets and have decided to name these streets after Sacos members," he said

A Weekend Post reporter and photographer went to the suburb and found one of the Nelson Mandela Street nameboards had been obscured and another "renamed" Morgan Naidoo

Mr Naidoo recently replaced Mr Hassan Howa as president of Sacos

A board named Norman Middleton Street was broken at both edges and another, with the name Amandla Street, was repainted and the name A P Uren written twice in white paint

Mr Uren is chairman of the Eastern Province branch of Sacos

A surprised Mr Uren said today he knew nothing about the matter

"It's a ridiculous, silly thing to do and I'm sure Sacos has got nothing to do with it," he said

He saw the defacing as "a stupid exercise"

The general secretary of Sacos, Mr M N Pather, said from Durban today the defacing was the work of people "who want to have a little fun with the names of people linked with Sacos"

He said defacing the names of streets, particularly those which had recently had a lot of publicity, was viewed with concern

Mr Pather said it was unlikely the matter would be taken any further by Sacos

Mr Erasmus said if people wanted to change the names there were legal ways of doing so

He said he had no respect for anonymous telephone callers but he felt sure Sacos was not responsible for the acts of vandalism"

He was not concerned about the references to CMC credibility because he knew his standing in the community

Mr Ben Olivier, a Port Elizabeth City Councillor who said last week that attempts should be made to have the names changed in view of the number of objections, said today the police should have been telephoned because damage had been done to municipal property He declined to comment on the "renaming" of the streets

Major G P van Rooyen police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said today that the matter would be investigated if a complaint was received

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Resignation call on top City officials

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S city councillors will be urged on Monday to vote for the resignation of the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, and the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, following their giving evidence to the President's Council (PC) without the knowledge of the council.

This call to be made by city councillor Mr Clive Keegan, follows a report that three top officials — Mr Brand, Mr Heugh and the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker — appeared before the PC in their "private capacities" and had engaged in a question-and-answer session with the PC's Economic Affairs Committee which has now called for representations on local government with particular reference to autonomy for coloured and Indian areas

The chairman of the Cape Town City Council's Exco, Mr Bill Peters, yesterday confirmed that the officials had had discussions with the President's Council on Wednesday, June 17

Meanwhile, the Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said in a letter to the

Mr Clive Keegan

Cape Times yesterday that the Cape Times had been incorrect in associating Mr Heugh and Mr Watkins-Baker with a report drawn up by Mr Brand's department to the effect that separate municipalities for coloured areas should be established

The Cape Times has learned that Mr Brand's report also discussed alternative municipal franchise systems and that he made firm recommendations on this issue

Mr Keegan, the councillor for Ward 15 (Wynberg/Kenilworth), said yesterday "I am calling for the resignation of Mr Brand and Mr Heugh on Monday (at a special meeting of the full council) Their going to the President's Council without the knowledge of elected councillors is a betrayal of the pledge we have made to work for the restoration of disfranchised people to the common municipal voters' roll

"It is not the function of paid officials of the city to play ducks and drakes with policy they are bound to implement I will call for their resignation, but I do this more in pain than with satisfaction because I know that both Mr Heugh and Mr Brand have served our city with distinction and devotion

"However, I believe this council now stands so compromised that no other course of action is open to us," Mr Keegan said

The chairman of the city council's Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott said she had always believed that for the Cape Town City Council to advocate a metropolitan system with incorporation of so-called black areas as separate municipalities would give the impression that the city council was backing down on its long-established policy that the people who pay the piper should have the vote to call the tune

"By that I mean that owners and occupiers of property who make a contribution to the rates fund should have the right to be on the common voters' roll

● Dr Evans' letter to the editor, page 6

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Betrayal row rocks council...

EXCO, OFFICIALS FACE AXE OVER SEPARATE MUNICIPALITIES PLAN

QUOTE **We've been made bloody fools of. Here we are busy negotiating with the disenfranchised and the officials sit mum and grinning in the corner saying nothing about their actions. I will call on my fellow councillors to vote for their resignation at tomorrow's meeting. — Cape Town city councillor Clive Keegan.**

CAPE Town's City Engineer, Jan Brand, the Town Clerk, Granger Heugh and the council's executive committee could face the chop tomorrow.

By TONY SPENCER-SMITH

City councillors are furious that a confidential draft report by Mr Brand, in which he recommends a metropolitan service system for Greater Cape Town based on separate coloured and Indian municipalities, was handed over to the President's Council on June 17.

The move — one of the biggest scandals to hit the council — has sent shock coloured community and is threatening to further polarise the people of Cape Town.

The report is clearly marked as confidential in large red letters across the cover and had not even been commented on by the heads of other council departments, let alone been considered by the council.

The idea of Cape Town's "non-white" areas becoming separate municipalities is totally against council policy.

It emerged this week that on June 17 three top council officials — Mr Brand, Mr Heugh and the City Treasurer, Mr J.B. Watkins - Baker, unbeknown to city councillors or even exco, attended an informal meeting of the economic affairs committee of the President's Council, and answered questions put to them.

At the end of the meeting, a copy of Mr Brand's report was handed to the chairman of the committee, Dr Schlak van der Merwe.

Councillor Tom Walters said he was "shocked and furious" about the whole affair, and could well introduce a motion calling for exco's resignation tomorrow, on the grounds that it had lost control over its senior officials.

And Councillor Clive Keegan said the move was "an absolute scandal, an act of the most crass betrayal."

A particularly embarrassing aspect for the council is that, at an open exco meeting on Monday, with the Combined Mitchell's Plain Residents' Association (Compra), it had supported that body in its drive for coloured ratepayers to be put back on the common voters' roll

Mr Eddie Kai, secretary of Compra, said yesterday the action of the officials was "near-clandestine bureaucratic neo-baasskap."

"Mr Heugh and Mr Brand were present at Monday's meeting, at which not one voice was raised against our campaign for the restoration of our democratic birthright — and there was not a peep from them about what they had done just five days previously

"It was at an exco meeting after we had left that this whole thing was flushed out — I think as a result of the pressure we were bringing to bear for the franchise

"We were in any case about to launch a city-wide civil rights rally campaign, with the first public meeting tomorrow night in Mitchell's Plain.

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(10) V.R. Fuchs "The Output of the Health Industry", in He ed. M.H. Cooper and A.J. Culyer, Penguin, 1973, pp 14

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troversial report was leaked to the **Sunday Tribune** this week.

Ironically, Mr Brand himself, in his forewored, writes: "The report is at this stage a confidential draft document, for restricted circulation."

It was sent to councillors this week only after the scandal blew up

It envisages that areas like Athlone, Kensington and Mitchell's Plain will each become separate muncipalities.

It says that such a move by the central govenment would be a "golden opportunity" for rationalising the provision of services in Greater Cape Town along the lines the report recommends.

And it has a lengthy section discussing how the proposed metropolitan council should be elected to as to ensure white voting control

It recommends that representation should be on the basis of the total value of all rateable property in each separate municipality.

It states that if representation on the Greater Cape Town metropolitan council vas proportional to population, coloureds and Indians would outnumber whites 2 to 1, whereas, if the recommended system were adopted, "the ratio would improve to almost four to one in white favour."

Asked to comment on this section of the report, Mr Walters said it was "diabolical in its cold calculation."

"The whole thing is a disaster from the point view of the confidence w had in these chaps

"It has always been council policy that coloureds should be restored to the common roll"

Mr Keegan said: "We've been made bloody fools of

"Here we are busy negotiating with the disenfranchised and the officials sit mum and grinning in the corner saying nothing about their actions

"I will call on my fellow councillors to vote for the resignation of Mr Heugh and Mr Brand at tomorrow's meeting."

Mr Heugh is overseas and could not be contacted for comment Mr Brand said through his secretary he had no comment to make at this stage.

No 'Prog-minded' bias on Council—reply

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THE blame for unsatisfactory race relations rests squarely on the 'shoulders of the National Party Government' and not with the Cape Town City Council, according to a councillor.

Mr Herbert Hirsch was replying to allegations made this week by the MPC for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans

Mr Kleynhans accused the Cape Town Council of deliberately confusing relations with coloured people just to harm the Government, and in the process, neglected coloured interests

He said the council was 'Prog-minded' and did not want to recognise Government institutions like management committees

Mr Hirsch said that as a former councillor and president of the Cape Province Municipal Association, Mr Kleynhans should be 'more cognisant of the crying need for optimum autonomy for local authorities'

He said official council policy reflected the 'overwhelming majority' of ratepayers — white and coloured — who believe all ratepayers should be on the municipal voters' roll, irrespective of colour.

'If the Government kept its nose out of the council's affairs, relations with coloured ratepayers would be normal as with all ratepayers,' he said.

'As long as the Government enforces taxation without representation, there will be deep smouldering discontent. The coloured management committee system is but one aspect of an abortive policy.

'I believe Mr Kleynhans knows this in his heart of hearts, but is just making political mischief,' said Mr Hirsch

'DREADFUL'

Another councillor, Mr Leon Markovitz, said he would like to invite Mr Kleynhans to attend housing committee meetings to see 'the dreadful situation housing for the coloured community is in This is a function of the Government, the function of the council is simply to administer its policy'

Mr Markovitz denied Mr Kleinhans's claim that the council is 'Prog-minded'

'I have been on the council since September, but under no circumstances is there any political bias'

He said that because the Deputy Mayor, Mr Michiel van Zyl — 'my belief is that he is a Nationalist' — is likely to become Mayor in September, proves Mr Kleynhans's claim is 'nonsense'

Councillor I L Kendal questioned the basis of Mr Kleynhans's statement

'We are trying to be realistic and do a job to the best of our ability We certainly have no intention of sabotaging Government authority'

As far as the Council's 'Prog-mindedness' is concerned, he said: 'There are a number of enlightened thinkers on the council but the Progs certainly are not the majority'

Another councillor, Dr Jack Joffe, agreed. 'No way is it Prog. We have always looked at the deeper levels, like human rights Of course, some are liberal, some are extreme, but debates are always held on the merit of the issue at a civic level'

Dr Joffe said it was wrong to say the council was trying to antagonise the Government 'Our declared policy is to have all races back on a common roll. We recognise management councils, we have always had them in on discussions within the ambit of the ordinance as far as we are allowed'

Mr Eddie Kai, secretary of the Combined Mitchell's Plain Residents' Association (Compra), said people like Mr Kleynhans should examine whether white councillors or persons outside the situation are confusing relations

He said those who believe 'blacks cannot think for themselves' are mistaken. 'I think Mr Kleynhans must be introduced to the realities of the '80s

Management committees because of their 'ridiculously low' percentage polls, have no credibility, he said.

the poorest people in a form they can easily assimilate.

At Ipoti however advertisement was directed specifically at the very poor and mothers of malnourished children. It happened that poor people then recruited their equally poor neighbours and there was particularly good initial response from an extremely poor area where people from white farms had put up their shacks. This new initiative amongst the very poor the previously existing Zenzele group (which mainly as a chat club) had never actually got the gardens now these old members have plots too.

1.4 One woman whom I spoke to at Umthi said that she garden because she was too poor. She said that she h fields, no stock and had given her children to relativ has no source of income in the rural areas she migrate earn money. She was endorsed out so came back, but s she is perpetually on the point of migrancy, and so fe to join the garden. This may point to the fact that be a supplementary source of income to those who have security.

2.1 While it seems the case that under the normal ci more educated people respond first to projects, it se the poor do get involved, they use the gardens most.

2.2 At Abalimi (the only place where I could get re type of information) I found that in 1976, the year th 20 people with fields joined and 19 people without fields joined. Since then only 8 people with fields have joined whereas 26 people without fields have joined.

2.3 The extension officer of Abalimi says that it is people without fields who work the hardest. In Abalimi people have from 1-11 plots depending on how many they can cultivate. There are 4 people who have more that 5 plots, of these 3 have no fields. Of the 10 top people in the garden (in terms of production) 8 have no fields.

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2.4 In Umhlaba and Ipoti too, a high proportion of the people who have the best plots have no fields although in both these places it is difficult to make generalisations because they are so new.

3. Initially I tried to assess on a comparative scale between gardens in different areas whether there are variations in response according to the conditions in the area. That is, whether more use is made of gardens in areas where the [illegible] made available through them (nearby water,

Councillor wants heads of 3 officials

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Own Correspondent

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Dr Evans said "The report referred to had been prepared in the department of the city engineer (Mr Brand) and had not been considered or agreed to by the Town Clerk or city treasurer, and any association of them with the recommendations — as you have sought to do in your report — is quite erroneous."

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the extension officer at Abalimi supports the garden, whereas the original 90 members had officer at Umthi (who took over just after the o joined) was not initially interested, probably goes a long way towards explaining why the one garden has succeeded and the other has not.

4.4 CONCLUSION

Let me note here that in Umhlaba at least, it appears that of all the communal gardens begun, more have failed completely than exist at the moment. It seems that unless advertising is directed specifically at the very poor, richer people get involved first. One can attribute this to the fact that generally all professional and business people are involved in any

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settlement schemes has varied from £I 553 to £2 290".
Quoted from J.B. McI. Daniel op. cit. p.645.

46. G. Huizer writing of a project in El Salvador in I955. "Community Development, Land Reform and Political Participation" in "Peasants and Peasant Societies" ed. by T. Shanin, Penguin I976 p.390.

47. Michael Lipton op. cit. pg.30I.

48. Max Klayman ("The moshav in Israel" pg.52 & 59) describes the success of the "Zionist, socialist, European pioneers" who set up the first moshav (OVDIM) and the failure of the unmotivated immigrants who were settled in moshav OLIM by the government. I. Haissman writing of the "Village Corporation" a new tenure system in Mexico, says the main problem is overcoming the peasants' initial lack of confidence and making them believe the project is theirs. p.I8.

49. Edmund Wilson "To the Finland Station" Fontana I974 p.III.

50. People writing on Chinese success with their medical programmes or agricultural development have said that these achievements have been dependent on the motivation and involvement inspired by the new social system and that one cannot regard them as programmes to be emulated in another context.
For medicine: "Health Care in China: An Introduction" China Health Care Study Group. E.H. Paterson & Susan B. Rifkin: Geneva Christian Medical Commission I974 p.I23-I27.
For agriculture etc.: "China: the quality of life" W. Burchett & R. Alley Penguin I976.

5I. This often happens with communal gardens: people from other areas see the benefits of the gardens and then request the same facilities for their area. Often these new gardens function better than the externally initiated ones. In Diebe pilot project area of Kwa-Zulu, people in the adjacent area of Ndebela are more keen on sewing and clinic projects than those at Diebe. (Discussion with Community Development Officers Wed. I5 March I978).

52. My study is of course very cursory and detailed study may show other associations. I had originally aimed to assess the success of projects in terms of the "Nature of the Community" in the area. That is Geographical - isolated or village near town? etc.
Size of area project aims to cover?
Internal communication?
Strong traditional authority structure?
Existence of other organisations with particularly strong membership?

Coloureds want system scrapped

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A motion calling for the scrapping of the management committee system and the restoration of coloureds to the municipal common voters' role has been tabled for consideration at the eighth annual congress of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), which begins in Belville today

The president of Assomac, Mr David Curry, said yesterday that the Government had taken "no meaningful steps" with regard to local government as it affected the coloured people and that the issue had now become serious

There was a general feeling among Assomac members, he said, that the time had come "to take a clear stand" on the question of the abolition of the management committee system and to decide whether a "new strategy" — aimed at returning coloureds to the common voters' role from which they were removed in 1971 — should be adopted

The motion calls on the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, to abolish the system "without delay as it has proved to be a dismal failure"

The system should be scrapped because

- Local authorities are reluctant to co-operate with their respective management committees,
- The committees have no decision-making powers and are nothing more than advisory bodies,
- They cause dissatisfaction among the people who were given no say in their introduction

Introduced in 1963, the system, was referred to by a senior Cape Town management committee member last year as "constitutional wreckage alongside a road which could be leading us all to tragedy"

The attendance of city and town council meetings by management committee members will also come under discussion at the congress

This is felt to be desirable as it would give management committees the opportunity of making their views known on issues affecting them

Furthermore delegates will consider approaching the Administrator with a request that the Local Authorities Ordinance be amended to prevent councils adopting resolutions which affect areas under the jurisdiction of management committees, without consulting the committees beforehand

Society amorphous or strongly split by conflicting groups?
Integrated/much resettlement of new-comers?
More or less traditional in terms of agricultural practice, consumption habits etc.

(which Wits SAVS started) and so later a big meeting was called which 400 people attended. IOO of these signed their names under categories of voluntary assistance. However basically the situation remains that while 30-40 people are involved

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Report on city crime ready in three weeks

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THE Bloomberg Committee set up by the Cape Town City Council to investigate the need for forming a municipal police force to protect residents against violent crime has almost completed its work

Its chairman, Mr David Bloomberg, told The Argus the committee's report was almost complete and should be ready in about three weeks

The committee was formed after Mr Bloomberg told the council that crimes of violence were increasing and that the city centre was not safe.

He said the council had a duty to protect its citizens and suggested that a municipal police force be formed

His committee has heard evidence from many people, including residents in the coloured townships.

Committee to set out City policy

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN

THREE top officials of Cape Town — City Engineer Mr J G Brand, City Treasurer Mr J B Watkins-Baker and Town Clerk Mr H G Heugh — came in for severe criticism yesterday from city councillors for having talks with the President's Council without knowledge of the City Council or its Executive Committee (Exco).

At a three-hour emergency Exco meeting to which all city councillors had been invited, and which ended shortly before 6pm yesterday, 18 city councillors (two against) decided to appoint a five-member committee to "formulate (Cape Town's) precise policy in respect of the franchise for the municipality of Cape Town"

This committee of five which will be named at today's ordinary monthly meeting of the city council, would have to consult "with all persons necessary" for it to reach a conclusion and would have to report to the full city council as a matter of urgency

The city council resolution continued "The council expresses its great distress, embarrassment and disapproval that a copy of a confidential draft report on metro services was made available to the chairman of a working group of members of the President's Council and requires that this never happens again

View not reflected

"Council further wishes to emphasize that the draft report (by City Engineer Mr Brand) does not reflect the views of the council"

This motion was moved by Mr David Bloomberg, a former mayor, and seconded by Mrs Eulalie Stott, Cape Town's housing committee chairman

Yesterday's Exco-called special city council meeting was a sequel to a visit by the three top officials to the Economic Affairs Committee of the PC on June 17 for a question-and-answer session.

When news of the visit leaked out, a furore erupted as it was felt that opinions regarding voting arrangements which were based on the concept of separate municipalities in the Cape Town metro area were expressed

At this get-together a copy of a secret report on metro services — which also discussed franchise systems and which was seen to be counter to Cape Town's stated policy of a common voters' roll — was handed to the PC

Dr Stan Evans, Cape Town's Deputy Town Clerk, yesterday pointed out that the chairman of the PC's Economic Affairs Committee, Dr Denis Worrall, had written to the council to outline how it had come about that the three city officials were invited They were asked to give "factual information" to the PC Dr Worrall had also pointed out that this was not "evidence" and that the city council would still be asked to testify before the PC on local government changes

Thrown out

It was established that motions by Mr Tom Walters (calling for the resignation of Exco for not being able to control top officials) and by Mr Clive Keegan (calling for the resignation of two of the officials — Mr Brand and Mr Heugh) were ruled out of order

Also thrown out was a motion by another councillor asking that a committee of five councillors, two members of Compra (Combined Mitchells Plain Residents' Association) and two ex-councillors be formed to investigate franchise proposals for the city

With Mr Heugh in Europe on holiday, only Mr Brand and Mr Watkins-Baker attended yesterday's emergency city council meeting With Mayor Mr Louis Kreiner also overseas, the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl

● The draft report by Mr Brand (a copy of which was handed to the PC) is still an official Cape Town city council secret document

1. See for example Prest and Turvey p.683
   Mishan (1975) Ch.2
   UNIDO Ch. 1
2. See for example Fein p.210
   Layard (introduction)
   Pole (1968) p.192
   Newton pp.235-6
   Culyer p.66
3. See Dasgupta and Pearce: for a full coverage of the theoretical aspects of cost benefit analysis: also Graaff (1975) Baumol, and the original articles by Hicks, Kaldor, Scitovsky, Arrow and Fisher. Krutilla also gives a clear account of the welfare aspects of cost benefit analysis.
4. See Prest and Turvey
5. Packer p.247
6. Illich
7. See Arrow "The welfare Economics of Medical Care" and Culyer " Is Medical care different in Cooper and Culyer.
8. Krutilla p.231
9. Creese p.80
10. Feldstein p.136
11. Mushkin p.138
12. Culyer p.70
13. Williams p. (1974(P.197
14. Creese p.89
15. Culyer p.1
16. UNIDO p.241
17. Introduction to G.H. Peters "Cost Benefit Analysis and Public Expenditure" IEA 1968.
18. Graaff (1975) P.243
19. Fein pp.200-201
20. Dasgupta and Pearce p.21
21. Comment by A.G. Hines "On the reaapraisal of Keynesian Economics" (1971) pp.24-25
22. Prest and Turvey p.731.

3. <u>The health centre concept</u>.

(3.1) <u>The aims of the Day Hospitals</u>

The Day Hospitals were established with the following

1. <u>Decentralisation of outpatient services</u> - bringing medical and nursing care to the indigent group of patients in their own areas.
2. <u>Reduction in transportation costs</u> - <u>to reduce the</u>

Assomac focus on representation

Staff Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES from management committees throughout the Cape began arriving at the Holiday Inn in Bellville yesterday for the eighth annual congress of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac) which begins today with an address by the Leader of the Opposition, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert

There was a general feeling among the arriving delegates that the prime issue of the next three days would be the matter of direct representation for coloured people at local level

'Everything hangs on this,' was the common view

But, as one delegate admitted, 'this has been an issue every year since 1976 and still we've got no nearer our goal'

'Now we must start taking of a new strategy,' he said

He agreed that one alternative was for people to refuse to serve on the management committees, but the question is Do we abandon our only means of making ourselves heard, even if it has not been a very effective means'?

A number of the ad hoc committee, which comprises representatives from each of the four provinces and which met with Assomac's executive committee yesterday to deal with administrative matters relating to the congress, blamed the United Municipal Executive for the lack of progress made so far on the issue of direct representation

"They are the main stumbling block, not the government"

He suggested that a decision to request a meeting with the Prime Minister — 'an approachable man" — might emerge from the congress

The director general of the Department of Community Development, Mr Louis Fourie, will deliver a paper on housing at the congress tomorrow

in hospital.

7. To provide more facilities for general practioners to work in hospitals thereby halting and reversing the trend of ousting them. In essence, the Day Hospitals would provide a general practioner service for the indigent who could not afford a private GP.

The decentralisation is aimed to encourage patients to attend the Day Hospital in their own area, enabling an emphasis on the community rather than on illness, although as long as Day Hospitals provide only curative care, they remain a disease service rather than a health service.

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Top officials carpeted for PC contact

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CAPE TOWN City Council rapped its three top officials sharply over the knuckles yesterday because a confidential report conflicting with the council's own views was released to the Presidents Council

It dissociated itself from the report, the contents of which are still secret but which, it is understood, suggest different types of franchise and could be interpreted as recommending separate coloured and white municipalities

And it decided to form a committee, at its monthly meeting today, to formulate an exact definition of the council's policy on the municipal franchise

Strict secrecy was observed during a three-hour meeting yesterday afternoon at which the council discussed the fact that the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, and the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, had spoken to a committee of the Presidents Council without first obtaining permission to do so

PRESS BARRED

It also discussed the fact that Mr Brand had handed a confidential report, not yet considered by the council, to the Presidents Council

The Press and public were excluded from the meeting and the only officials allowed in were Mr Brand, Mr Watkins-Baker and the acting Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans.

Mr Heugh is overseas on holiday and may be unaware of the trouble that has blown up since his appearance before a committee of the President's Council on June 17.

The Argus understands that Mr David Bloomberg and Mrs Eulalie Stott suggested that the Press should be admitted to the meeting, but a majority of the 24 councillors present were against this

DISTRESS

After the meeting Dr Evans read a resolution passed by the council which stated 'The council expresses its great distress, embarrassment and disapproval that a copy of a confidential draft report on metropolitan services was made available to the chairman of a working group of members of the President's Council and requires that this never occurs again.

'The council further wishes to emphasise that the draft report does not reflect the views of the council.'

Dr Evans said that, probably because of this fact, the council had decided not to make the report public.

The council will also appoint a committee of five members, at today's meeting, to define its policy over the municipal franchise

URGENCY

The resolution states that this committee will be formed 'to formulate council's precise policy in respect of the franchise for the municipality of Cape Town'

This committee, the resolution goes on, 'will consult with all persons necessary for it to reach its conclusion.'

The committee will 'report back to the council as a matter of urgency'

Mr H G Heugh

Mr J G Brand

Mr J B Watkins-Baker

Debate wanted on divisional council's fate

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES

THE Dias Divisional Council's vice-chairman, Mr D C Howard, today called for a public debate on the issue of merging divisional councils and the Cape Provincial Administration

Mr Howard was reacting to a suggestion by Mr Colin Trow, vice-chairman of the Dias Ratepayers' Executive Committee, to merge divisional councils as they were "an unnecessary, burdensome relic of the past" which should be eliminated

The suggestion has been rejected by several councillors, the chairman and vice-chairman of the council

Mr Howard, the vice-chairman, said nobody in the country received any services without paying for them While it was true that other provinces did not pay divisional council rates they did pay rates to peri-urban and smallholdings boards and health commissions

"In some case these are higher than divisional council rates," he said.

If divisional councils were eliminated he wondered whether there would be adequate administering of health, roads and other services from Cape Town

Mr L E Kohler, the council's chairman, said the Province controlled divisional councils directly but administering local affairs from Cape Town was not a practical suggestion

He welcomed the Central Executive of Port Elizabeth Ratepayers' Association's keenness to form a sub-committee to consider the proposals "so the facts of this matter will come out"

Besides Mr R G Flanagan, who yesterday said he supported the merger, only one of the eight councillors interviewed today — three declined to comment — agreed with of the suggestion

URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

QUANTITY SURVEYING (Continued)

Bell-John Prize
For the best all-round student in any year of study.
P C Key

The Committee of the Western Cape Chapter of Quantity Surveyors' Prize
For the student obtaining the highest marks in Professional Practice.
P R Swift

LTA Prizes
For the best student in each of the courses of Building Economics I, II and III in the third, fourth & fifth years respectively.

I : N D G Sessions

II : A R Low Keen

III: No award

Divco will develop Indian area

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THE new Indian suburb between Zeekoevlei and Grassy Park now being expropriated will be partly developed by the Divisional Council of the Cape.

The area, which was declared an Indian residential area in April, falls partly under the jurisdiction of the Divisional Council while the remainder is the City Council's responsibility.

At yesterday's meeting of the Divisional Council members decided to let the Department of Community Development know that they were willing to develop the land under their jurisdiction.

The department has suggested that the Divisional Council provide services on the erven so that Indian people could build their own homes there.

Divisional council system 'antiquated'

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Ratepayers' tax burden 'subsidises vested interests

LOCAL administration in the Cape Province is in disorder and ratepayers are subsidising 'vested interest and sentiment' by having to pay for the antiquated divisional council system.

'Divisional councils should be scrapped, since they are an unnecessary tax burden, affecting every ratepayer,' Mr Colin Trow, Port Elizabeth businessman and vice-chairman of the Dias Ratepayers' Association, says.

Mr Trow, in Cape Town on business, has been prominent in the attempts to have divisional councils abolished and claims the support of individuals and institutions throughout the Cape Province.

"If the Prime Minister is serious about wanting to rationalise the administration of this country, then he should lead the fight against the divisional councils,' Mr Trow said in an interview.

Duplicated

He said divisional councils duplicated provincial functions, and the taxpayer had to subsidise this duplication.

'Why can we not merge these two duplicate administrations — provincial and divisional councils — as is done in any successful business merger, in the economic interest of the ratepayer?' he asked.

Divisional councils, Mr Trow said, existed in the Cape only and the three-tier systems in the other provinces — central government, provincial and municipal — made it clear that there was no need for divisional councils

'The system is totally inefficient, with two councils — a municipality and a divisional council — operating in the same area . . . two sets of offices, two workshops, two sets of employees — two of everything,

Speed traps

Motorists, he said, would often drive through three sets of speed traps within a few kilometres

'The first, in a provincial council area, manned by provincial officers; the second, in a divisional council area, manned by divisional council officers, and the third, in a municipal area, manned by municipal officers.

'There are provincial hospitals but divisional council clinics, and there are cases — as in the controversial "health levy" we pay in our rates and taxes — where divisional councils interfere with central government issues.

Waste

'All of this requires duplication, and is a waste.

'There are no divisional council duties which cannot be taken over by the province and outside the Cape this has been done'.

Some years ago the Borckenhagen Commission recommended that the divisional councils be retained because, among other things, they had 'deep roots in the history of the Cape,' provided 'a stimulus for the development of democratic institutions,' and because the Cape Province was greater in area than the other provinces.

'What's wrong with democracy in the other provinces because they didn't have divisional councils to stimulate their institutions?' Mr Trow said

Sentiment

'And why must the ratepayer pay to preserve the sentiment and vested interests of "deep roots in the history of the Cape?"

'Must Natal have only two tiers of government because it is much smaller than the other provinces?'

If divisional councils were scrapped, Mr Trow said, rates and taxes would drop because the present costly duplication would be removed

'No cheaper method available'

THE chairman of the Cape Divisional Council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, has defended the role of divisional councils as an effective form of local authority.

He was reacting to a statement by Mr Colin Trow, vice-chairman of the Dias Ratepayers' Association, that divisional councils were an unnecessary burden on ratepayers.

Mr Louw said he could not see how any other system of local authority in rural areas could work as effectively.

100 YEARS

The argument about whether divisional councils should be abolished went back 'possibly 100 years'

If there had been any validity in the arguments against, people would by now have changed this form of local authority.

'One has to ask oneself two questions. Is the service necessary? If you say No, then naturally it must be abolished But if you say Yes, the next question is Can it be rendered more cheaply?

INQUIRIES

'When one looks at all the commissions of inquiry during the past decade, the answer is that it cannot be rendered on a cheaper basis.'

Mr Rothman said someone had to provide the services now offered by divisional councils.

The Government and Provincial Council could not take them over with their present resources; they would have to expand to take over the duties and staff.

'If the divisional councils do not offer these services, someone else would have to It is a dozen of the one and 12 of the other'

He did not regard divisional councils as a burden — 'people are simply paying for the services.'

'There are certain things where one can merge services, but there is an optimum size for any local authority, and after that it gets out of hand'

Divisional councils did their work on a parochial basis, which was superior to a system where the Provincial Council handled local government from their offices in Wale Street.

OTHER FORMS

Asked to comment on Mr Trow's argument that other provinces managed without divisional councils, Mr Rothman said 'The other provinces do have other forms of rural authorities, which is the some thing, just under another name.'

Examples were the peri-urban health boards and water boards in the Transvaal

The Cape Divisional Council was a metropolitan local authority which provided services for areas that could not survive with municipalities of their own.

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More housing funds urged

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Staff Reporter

THE Association of Management Committees is to ask the Minister of Finance to allocate more money for housing

The decision to seek an interview with Mr Owen Horwood was taken by the executive committee of Assomac yesterday, after the director-general of the Department of Community Development, Mr Louis Fouche, had disclosed that housing projects to the tune of R545 million were being kept in cold storage because of a lack of funds

Since approved by the National Housing Commission — in some cases two years ago, the estimated cost of these projects has risen by more than R100 million from an original R404 million

Speaking to delegates at the annual congress of Assomac in Bellville, Mr Fouche said an additional R150 million — over and above the amount at present available — would be needed to maintain the required tempo of housing provision for the lower-income groups

Mr Fouche issued a stern reminder to local authorities that the department expected them to "inform and involve the management committees completely" in community development projects

Management committee members were well informed on the needs of their communities, he said, and that knowledge should be used to the full when planning for community development

He also emphasized that management committees must be given the opportunity to comment on rent increases proposed by local authorities

The Department of Community Development had laid this down as a condition and in future the National Housing Commission would refuse to consider applications for rent increases unless they were accompanied by the comments of the relevant management committees

The president of Assomac, Mr David Curry, called Mr Fouche's address "informative"

Mixed feelings over move to auction council houses

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN

THE sooner council houses in Port Elizabeth's Central area were sold, the better, Mr Terry Herbst, a member of the City Council's Administration and General Purposes Committee, said today

Mr Herbst was commenting on the committee's recommendation yesterday to allow the houses to be auctioned, rather than to allow them to be bought by the existing tenants

"Council properties have always been sold by public auction," said Mr Herbst

The houses were in a bad state of repair and should be sold to people prepared to spend money on them

"The tenants are living in subsidised accommodation Any repairs to the properties are a drain on the city's coffers," he said

A public auction was an "open, above-board way of selling property

Mr I L Krige, chairman of the committee, agreed

"We sympathise with some of the tenants who have done something to improve their homes but if they can afford to spend money on renovations they should be able to put in a fair bid," he said

One resident, Mr C M Marais of 15 Glen Street, has already spent R8 000 on improving his property and was prepared to buy it for R18 500 The upset price is R15 000

He declined to comment on the committee's recommendation But another resident in the same street was very "upset" by the decision

She said she had had lived in the house for four years and had spent R4 000 on repairs to the property Among other improvements, she had installed new doors, a geyser and toilet cistern

She was divorced and would not "stand a chance" of buying the property if it were auctioned

A privately-owned house in a "shocking state in the same area had fetched R33 000 recently, she said

'MEND OUR HOMES' 'LEA TO COUNCIL

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NDREDS of Bonteheu- residents, protesting what they claim is ct of their rented s have united under Bonteheuwel Civic ation to press the y Council to repair homes

In terms of their leases, Council is responsible maintenance and re- s

In a drive to get support om other residents, ousands of pamphlets been issued, a special sletter called Bonte- iwel News published, al meetings in dif- nt sections have been held, and most of the 7 000 dwellings have been covered in a door-to-door publicity drive

The campaign is the biggest launched on the Cape Flats since the Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) successfully fought for the Mitchell's Plain electricity due date to be brought forward

On Sunday, the campaign reaches its peak with a mass meeting in the Bonteheuwel Civic Centre

The Civic body began with a survey of 200 families It found that the crime rate and the lack of maintenance of homes were the most burning issues

The civic body's chairman, Mr Mark Abrahams, said residents complained bitterly at the area meetings they held about council's reluctance to repair their homes

Many said council officials told them they should repair their own homes although council dropped plans earlier this year to get tenants to do so, Mr Abrahams said

City Council very much wants to repair damaged homes It also realises that lack of maintenance is affecting the quality of life, but it has no money to do so.

This sums up the reaction of Assistant Town Clerk Mr G R Hofmeyr to criticism that council is neglecting Bonteheuwel

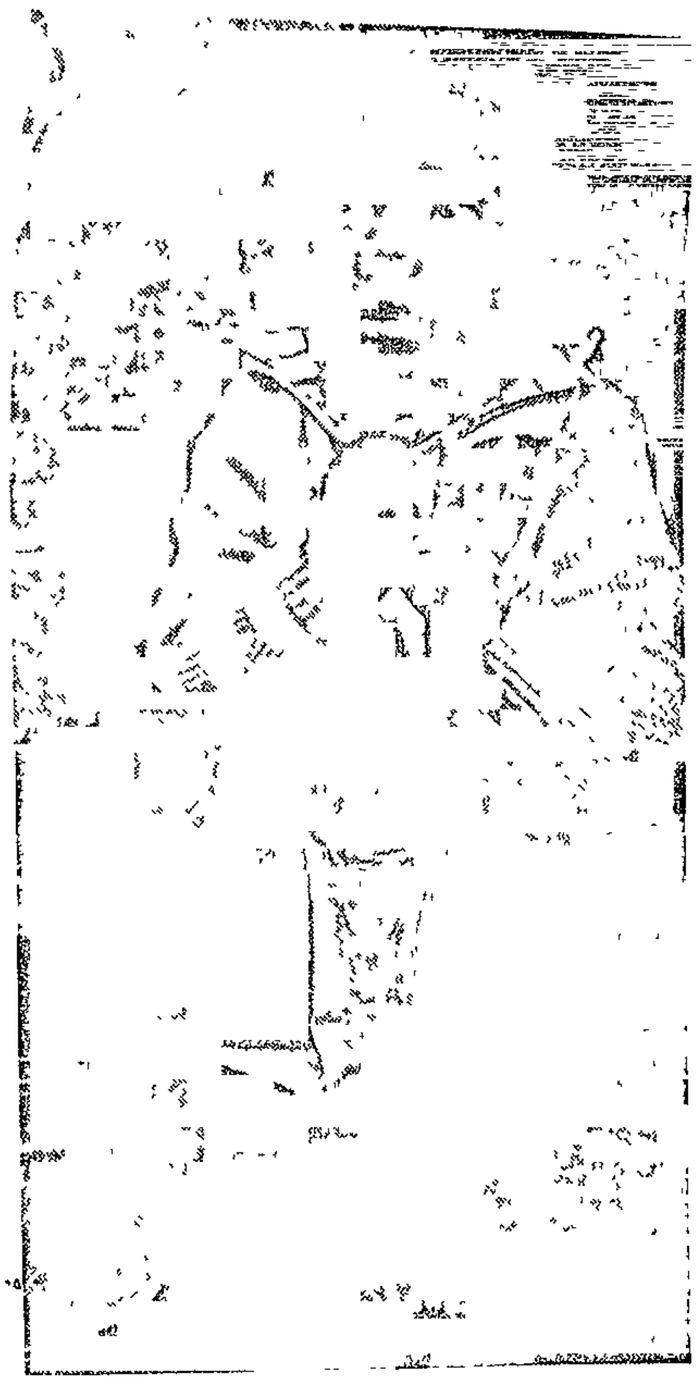
He said council admitted it had not been able to do the desired repairs

But the money in the maintenance fund was limited and last year extra funds had to be obtained from the rates fund for repairs

At this stage the council could only undertake urgent and essential repairs and at the same time they were looking for an acceptable solution to the problem

He said the council had tried to introduce a new lease to allow tenants to pay for repairs This had been scrapped after objections had been raised

Mr Hofmeyr said in terms of the present leases there was no obligation on tenants to do repairs Being the owners of the property, it was council's responsibility if they wanted their homes properly maintained



HOLES in the front doors are a common sight in Netreg Children like Michael Petersen, aged 2, who have nowhere to play, amuse themselves by trying to 'plaster' the holes with sand, stones and water.

Netreg—the 'hellhole' of the Flats

ON the Cape Flats, Netreg Bonteheuwel is derogatorily known as 'Kreefgat' and after a tour of the rea, it's not difficult to see why.

With most of the old homes' fences and front doors broken, the place looks like a concrete slum and is far from being 'just right' as the name implies

One resident described it as the 'hell-hole of Bonteheuwel' while another said it was the 'lowest of the low'

The controversial 'infill scheme' maisonettes, built in backyards or on open spaces in the area, stand out with their facebrick finish and vibracrete walls, like palaces in the squalor

ABJECT POVERTY

But in most cases, there's little difference between the interiors of the maisonettes and the old dwellings They are furnished with bare essentials and it's obvious the families in both live in abject poverty

Many front-doors abut adding to the drab dormitory-like appearance of the area Most roofs are covered in moss and none of the homes has gutters

The few gardens that can be seen are overgrown, and the unpaved sidewalks are mired with puddles of water

Most front-doors are made of hardboard but these are almost invariably broken, offering little protection against intrusive gangs

Some homes even have gaping holes in the walls as is the case with Mrs Marta Slabbert's house in Oleander Street

She said she found a hole in the wall when she moved into her home in November Last week she went for the seventh time, to the council's housing office to complain

She said she had tried to use cardboard and the back of a wardrobe to cut the cold draught entering their bedroom, but it was useless

WASTE OF TIME

About five years ago, when Mrs Yvonne Benjamin moved into her home in Netreg Road, the front door, made of hardboard had two or three holes in it

Today the holes are still there and Mrs Benjamin has given up Going to complain is a 'waste of time, she says

Recently, the council officials unexpectedly arrived to find out what needed repairs Mrs Benjamin claims this was because they had heard that newspapers were looking at the area

Nothing, however, has yet been done

THE framework of vandalised swings in children's playgrounds have become crossbars for dangerous 'gymnastic' displays Jerome Mahlou and, left and Daniel Ramers, right, help Daniel Diedericks on to the bar for his 'act'.

Toilet fault 'sent boy to hospital'

JEROME ABRAHAMS, aged 3, spent almost two months in hospital recently. Health inspectors found he had contracted a disease from a blocked toilet pan which had overflowed

The house where Jerome lives with his grandparents was one of several visited by The Argus after complaints that the bad state of their homes had affected their health

Most of the others said that cracked walls, leaking roofs and broken windows had made their homes damp and draughty thus aggravating chest and bronchial illnesses

Mrs Gertie Abrahams said she told the council immediately the toilet got blocked, but had had to wait four days before they came to repair it

IN BACKYARD

'By the time they came the toilet had overflowed into the backyard We tried to keep the child away from the mess, but we couldn't watch him all the time,' she said

'He suddenly became very sick and we rushed him to Red Cross Hospital where they kept him for two months

'When it comes to paying your rent you dare not be late

'Recently I was R3.70 short but they refused to accept my rent I had to plead with neighbours and friends to help'

'My husband gets a R62 grant from which we have to pay R33 70 for rent and still have to pay for other things like food.'

MRS MARTA SLABBERT shows the size of a gaping hole in her home which she claims was there in November last year when she moved in

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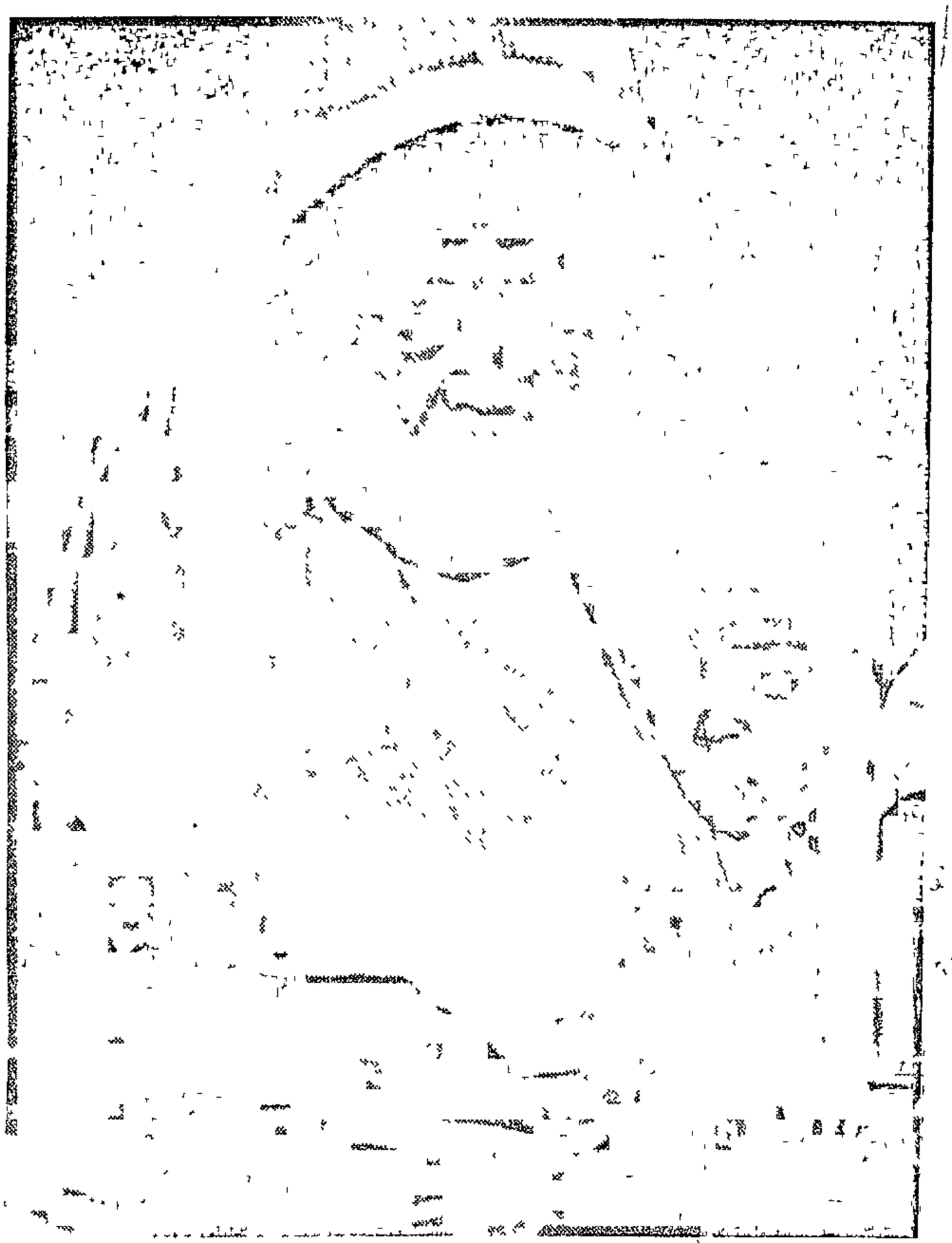

FOR many years Mrs Sybil Vaughn, above, saved for the day when she would get a house with electricity But when she finally moved to Netreg last month, it was a big disappointment The only power plug in her Mulberry Road home doesn't work

Divco system: 100-year-old row revived

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

A CONTROVERSY which has simmered for more than a century — whether divisional councils are justified, particularly in large city areas — has again come under the spotlight and may be raised at the next session of the Provincial Council

This week a Port Elizabeth civic leader, Mr Colin Trow, vice-chairman of the Diaz Ratepayers' Association, attacked the divco system as "antiquated" and "an unnecessary tax burden" He was referring to the fact that ratepayers in municipal areas also had to pay rates to divisional councils

He said the divco system was totally inefficient, with two councils — municipal and divisional — governing in the same area The duplication of services was subsidized by the taxpayer Divco functions in rural areas could be taken over by the provincial administration

Dr John Sonnenberg, a Cape Town city councillor and a Progressive Federal Party spokesman in the Provincial Council on local government, said yesterday that more than two-thirds of the Cape Divco's income came from the ratepayers of Cape Town

'Mystified'

"This is disproportionately large and the ratepayers receive very little in return It is simply a means of keeping the divco viable and on the go Then there are divisional councillors who are elected in municipal wards, the purpose of which mystifies me"

In the Greater Cape Town area there were 13 local government bodies — the municipalities of Cape Town, Bellville, Durbanville, Fish Hoek, Goodwood, Kraaifontein, Kuils River, Milnerton, Parow, Pinelands, Simonstown, Brackenfell and the Cape Divisional Council

He could not see why these municipalities could not share the administration of services at present undertaken by the Divisional Council in the Greater Cape Town area Cape Town, in any case, provided the major services (water, electricity) for divco areas in the Peninsula

So, for instance, a divco "local area" such as Belhar could be incorporated in Bellville Municipality, Grassy Park and Constantia could fall under Cape Town, Ocean View under Fish Hoek and Scarborough under Simon's Town

Cape Point Nature Reserve could be administered by a body similar to the Table Mountain Preservation Board and be accountable to, say, Simon's Town

Another city and provincial councillor, Mr Frank van der Velde, echoed these sentiments "I agree that the divco system in large municipal areas should be revised, because local authorities such as Cape Town and Bellville could take over services In rural areas, however, there must be a separate local authority — call it a divisional council if you like, or a peri-urban board (as in the Transvaal) or a services board (as in Natal)"

The main function of divisional councils — road-building and maintenance — could perhaps be handed to private enterprise

He said the question whether the divco system should continue in its present form might well be raised at the next Provincial Council session

The chairman of the Cape Divisional Council, Mr Lourens Rothman, said it was proposed more than a 100 years ago at a conference of the Cape Province Municipal Association in Kimberley that the divco system be abolished The proposal was heavily defeated Since then the debate had continued

TWO TOP MEN SPEAK OUT ON THE FUTURE

Talks on 'sham' change are 'out'

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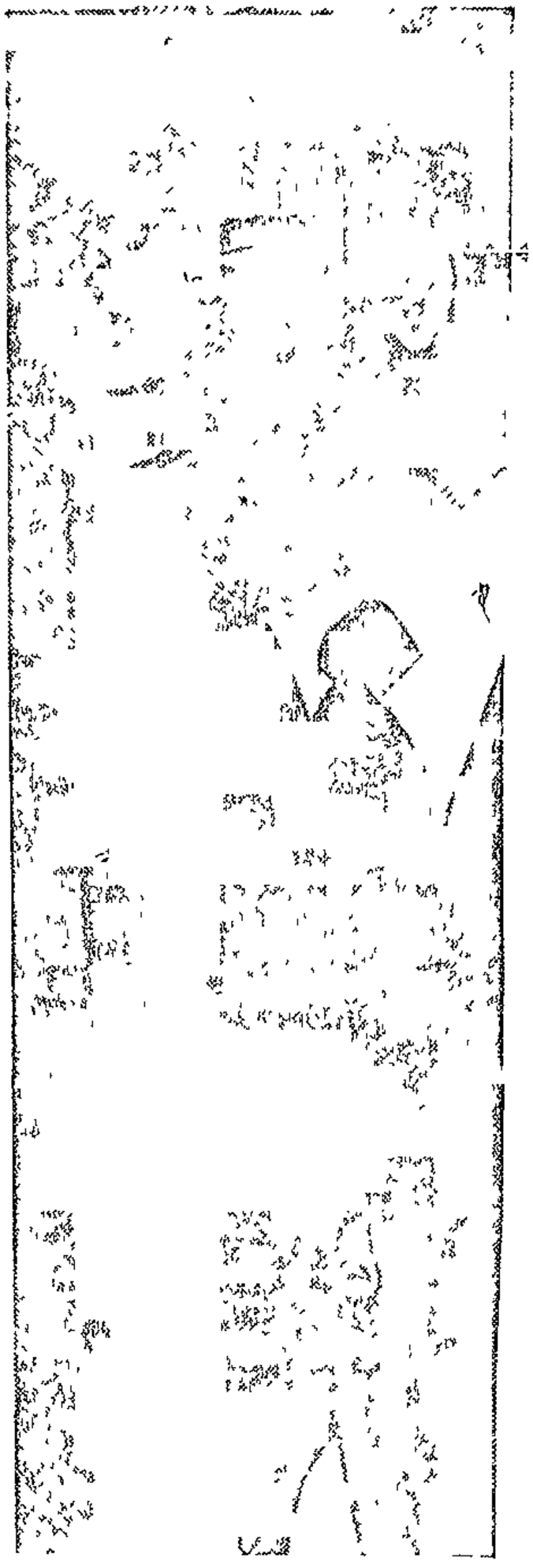

Mr David Curry

THE municipal franchise is a right which is highly valued by the coloured people

When local government was established in South Africa in Cape Town in 1836, the coloured people received the right, as citizens, and not on the basis of colour

The participation in local government, although not to our satisfaction, nevertheless led to good relations between the people and the city of Cape Town

Municipal franchise is highly prized

When the policy of apartheid was implemented in 1948, it became evident that we would be put on a separate political road in local government The loss of the municipal franchise and the establishment of the management committee system led to a serious conflict situation, and the deterioration of race relations

Basically, our people want a non-racial franchise They want the right to vote and to be voted for They want to vote for councillors, not 'coloured' councillors Even the word 'coloured' is unacceptable to many of us

Apartheid is so hated within the community that some of our own people refuse to accept the stratified society demands people with skills

The fact that we haven't avenues, many of political expression, but of decision-making and of carrying out those decisions, has led to the situation in which we will constantly have conflicts, protests and confrontation in our society

The protest about electricity penalty tariffs in the new municipal centre in Cape Town is a case in point Our people feel that the powers-that-be respond only to protest and confrontation Negotiation, to them, does not work

A CAPE TOWN City Council committee is sitting down to formulate a clear policy on the red-hot political issue of a franchise for 'coloured' people Here Mr David Curry, chairman of the Association of Management Committees — set up by the Government as coloured 'local authorities' — sets out a demand for full political rights

QUOTE

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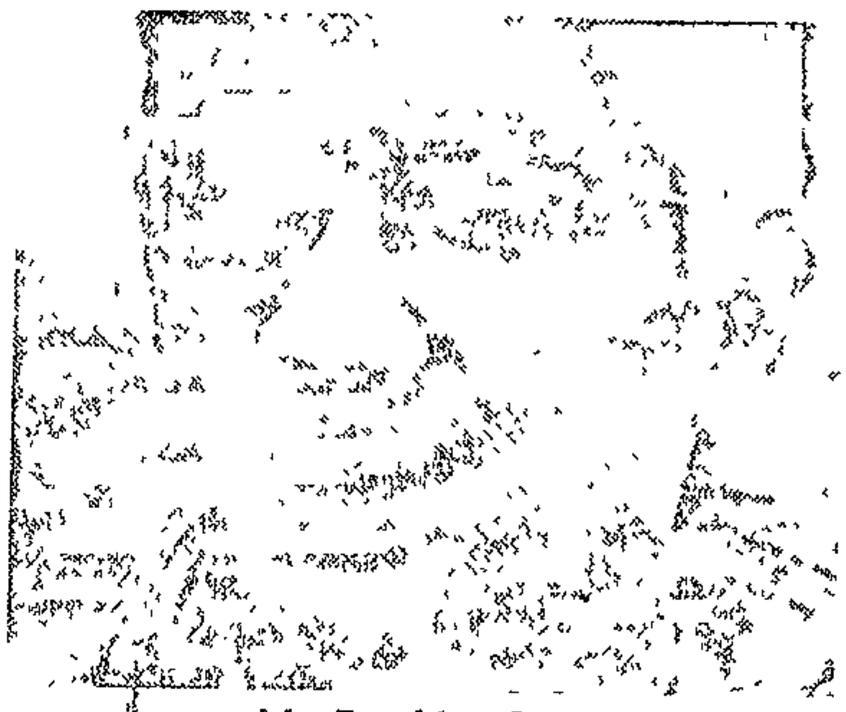
OF THE COLOURED PEOPLE

What was once pain has been replaced by rage



Mr Franklin Sonn

EXTRACTS from a speech this week by Mr Franklin Sonn, President of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, at the body's annual conference in Cape Town

THERE comes a time in the history of many communities that virtually the whole spectrum of emotional experiences vie for precedence in the hearts and minds of people

At times it may reach such proportions that it may even become difficult to discern between compassion and revulsion, between fear and rage, between optimism and anxiety and hopelessness and anger Such a time is now

We have done little to deserve the treatment that has been meted out to us

We still believe in the correctness of authority and order, for we are a God-fearing people Hence, we feel the deep grief when we know that for all our courage, calibre and sophistication, we have been relegated to little more than minors in the country of our birth

PRIDE

Perhaps, we do not mind so much knowing this ourselves but we deeply mind that our children do and apparently desire to do something about it

We are no different to our children We are one with them What they feel, we feel, what they are, we are

We want to feel that our lives have real meaning, that the earth on which we stand is our own We do not only want to belong, but we want to feel that we belong We want to experience the surging emotion of pride in our fatherland

We want to respond to the call of our country We want to render to it the right to lay the highest claim on our lives, but only in return for safety, security, freedom and equal complete and full participation in the affairs of our nation

I have a sense that we have reached the point in our history that we will no longer countenance being pushed away We can stand it no more that our basic rights and civil liberties are dished out to newcomers from in some cases, the back streets of Europe, while we are relegated to the role of bystanders and helpless onlookers

The wounds that were inflicted when we were forcibly moved from our homes and schools to the wasteland of our towns and cities have become numb Where there once was pain there now is rage

We are deeply distraught by the blind anger of our young We notice with distress how they at times play havoc with their futures and inflict personal harm on themselves in an effort to give vent to frustration and rage We are at times relegated helpless spectators as they turn on themselves

VIOLENCE

Is it not true that these

with passion that apartheid will die without taking our country and its people along with it

I have no doubt that the general mood of the black community is, understandably, much more pronounced in the student community It remains our responsibility as adults, community leaders, but more especially as true South Africans to tue-

forces will grow in vi-
ity and [illegible] until they find satisfaction We as a body of teachers deeply desire that they be satisfied with the least measure of violence, conflict and loss of life

We feel that the more violence occurs the more lives that are lost, the deeper the resentment will grow and we will see the real beginnings of the vicious circle of death and recrimination

Thomas Huxley once said that the tragedy of science is a beautiful theory killed by an ugly fact The theory of apartheid, beautiful or otherwise, must be killed by the fact that the majority of people in South Africa will never accept the status and position inherent in the terrible ideology

NEWCOMERS

Social [illegible] are however not natural sciences. Social theories like apartheid often refuse to die until failure and disaster overtake their practical application

We, who love this land and we who abhor apartheid, we who love the people of this country and resent the designs and systems often applied to humiliate and degrade us, must use our power of faith We must believe lessly and courageously work towards the resolution of the underlying sickness in our society

We are faced with the challenge of getting the young back into the human family as a working part of the system or the establishment The price for this, I imagine, will have to be a different or changed establishment

TOUCHSTONE

While urging constructive and real changes to the temporal structures of the day, we must firmly believe that change in South Africa must come But we and our youth must not destroy the values that must form the touchstone of our new society Change must always be for the better

The children of South Africa must come to know and love each other as brothers and sisters in our schools, otherwise they will almost certainly meet as strangers and enemies in the trenches on our borders and in the streets of our cities

Unless the Government and the architects of a new education system in South Africa understand this and incorporate the principle in the system, we will have to live with the results of our stupidity in our lifetime and pay the high price of misery

tegy of fighting within the system to obtain the municipal franchise once more

Frustration

Our people have no effective say in the government of South Africa Even moderate leaders who are prepared to negotiate on constitutional change cannot bring back the fruits of negotiation Because they cannot obtain the necessary housing and amenities related to housing, frustration has led to actions of protest within the community

The protest movement of our youth at our schools and colleges must be seen in this context Because their elders are unable to deliver the political goods, the youth in our community have decided to do it their way

We want our children to be educated We want them to write exams and to become professional people because we know that our highly industria-

Whites want us only that we [illegible] consulted on the affairs in the community

The days of advisory bodies are gone Our people want effective participation in local government

To us it is strange that immigrants who are not even South African citizens can enjoy the benefits of a municipal system while we who are born South Africans, seem to be nomads We have to travel from place to place looking for a home

We know South Africa's history We are prepared seriously to negotiate change We will not discuss sham change

The onus rests on the whites of Cape Town to remedy the situation so that meaningful change can take place in South Africa

We will never rest until we have our full rights as citizens We will always be ready to assist in finding a true solution.

Cinderella Maitland

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Report: Tim O'Hagan
Pictures: Les Hammond

MR PIET WIESE . trying to keep the skollies out

MAITLAND, the Cinderella suburb of Cape Town, has gone down on its knees to the authorities to save it from dying.

And this week the suburb's anguished leaders called on its own residents to halt the decay that has established Maitland as 'the suburb of shame.'

Eroded by time and neglect and confronted by the march of industrialisation, many parts of Maitland are literally falling apart

Once-respectable areas have been tarnished by rampant prostitution, alcoholism and vagrancy.

EMPTY HOUSES

And while Cape Town experiences an acute shortage of accommodation, houses in Maitland stand empty — vaulted up by sheets of corrugated iron to keep out the homeless and to conceal the filth inside

Mr Gielie Pentz, a member of the Maitland Ratepayers' Association for 40 years, has lived there for 80 years.

'We used to have pride in our area This has been replaced by shame,' he said 'Neglected houses are about to tumble doewn because their owners won't repair them.'

The problems started, said Mr Pentz, when Maitland Town Council lost its independence and amalgamated with Cape Town City Council.

'When that happened, the suburb started falling apart, and a lack of civic interest took over.'

The state of the suburb is deteriorating fast, said Mr Hendrikus Bernardo, chairman of Maitland High School, who has written to the Town Clerk, Mr H G Hough, for help.

'We can't sell our properties,' said Mr Bernardo, who is also a elder with the Dutch Reformed Church. 'Look at the mess around us'

LEAVING

'People are leaving Maitland because of its bad reputation and we are struggling to fill our four schools every year.'

Church memberships are diving and Mr Bernardo's own congregation has dwindled from 2 500 to 500 in a short time

'I doubt if the synagogue can boast of even 10 members now,' said Mr Bernardo.' This suburb needs a facelift — but it seems to me as if the authorities are resigned to let it be ravaged by industrialisation.'

Mr Bernardo said he approached the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, for help, in the company of the MP for Maitland, Mr Kent Durr

'He said he knew of the conditions in Maitland, but could not spend anything on the whites here'

Miss Mary Olsen, divisional councillor for Maitland, said illegal industries in areas zoned for housing were part of the problem

'Some people are running businesses in their backyards.'

MICE, RATS

A man has been running a factory in his back garden a few houses from Miss Olsen and the garden has accumulated rubbish in the past few years

Other houses nearby are vacant and infested with mice and rats

A number of houses which The Argus visited were strewn with rubbish and filth Corrugated iron windows had been broken down by vagrants and vandals, fires had been made on the floor inside and human excrement littered the rooms

RIPPED OUT

In one house, the bath and toilet had been ripped out by 'overnighters' and removed In another house piles of rubbish spilled over into the house next door

Mrs Johanna Erasmus, whose home flanks another unoccupied one with broken floorboards, windows and an open door, said she did not feel safe because of vagrants

'They smashed the windows and live in there sometimes We have had to phone the police. Our main fear is that of fire breaking out in the empty house'

Mr Piet Wiese is repairing a house that has burnt-out fires on the floor, flaking walls and debris in the backyard.

'Skollies stole the bath, the toilet and the plumbing,' he said. 'When we put something up to keep them out, they just break it down'

Mrs Esme James, whose family moved to Maitland three years ago, bought her house for R7 000.

'When I arrived there were cobwebs hanging from the roof,' she said. 'But I fixed the house up, painted it and made it look nice.'

However, said Mrs James, there were people who were neglecting their houses letting them go to rack and ruin.

'It makes me mad,' she said. 'People must be more civic minded here to make our suburb clean'

Mr Johan Bester, a pensioner and former civic leader, said residents had grown ashamed of the council's lack of interest in the welfare and residential growth of Maitland

BOTTLE STORES

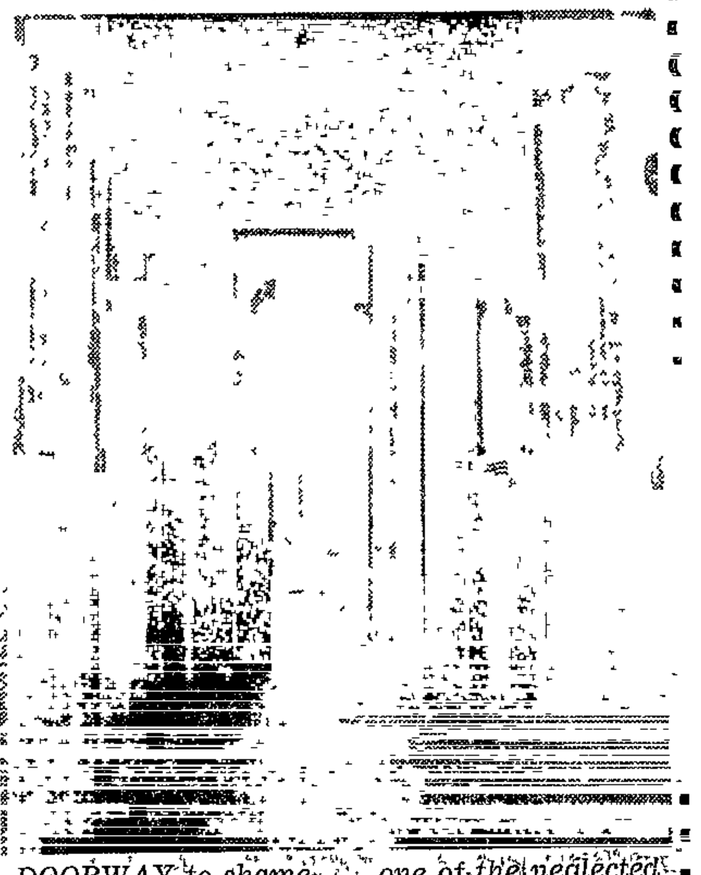
'Apart from that, we are being gobbled up by industrialisation Our only cinema, the Grand, is now the premises for an engineering business.

'Our sports clubs have gone and the people are leaving Can you blame them when in the space of 1½ kilometress, there are five bottle stores'

All the people we spoke to agreed that the future of Maitland looked bleak

But the tragedy said Miss Olsen, is that if Maitland falls entirely to indsutry, 'then authorities will neglect yet another township, which will be industrialised'

MR HENDRIKUS BERNARDO shows how industry has crept up to the spot where a row of houses once stood



DOORWAY to shame . . one of the neglected corridors in Maitland

'Not reasonable to expect all repairs on rates'

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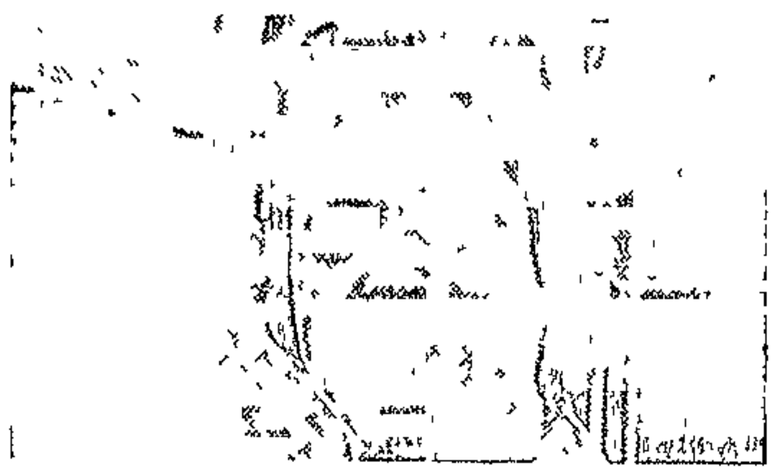
MANY people in Cape Town City Council's older estates are paying less than R30 a month for a house, Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee, said today.

She said it would not be reasonable to expect city ratepayers, many of whom were on small incomes and had high maintenance costs for their own homes, to pay more for repairs to these houses as a matter of council policy.

But Mrs Stott said she was sure the council would be 'delighted' to discuss this grave problem with the committee of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (CAHAC).



Mrs Eulalie Stott

MEETING

Mrs Stott was answering statements made at a mass meeting organised by CAHAC in Bonteheuwel yesterday to discuss complaints from tenants that their homes were being neglected.

It was suggested at the meeting that the council was 'wasting' money on the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, the Good Hope Centre, Hartleyvale and the Republic Festival, instead of spending it on housing repairs.

TOO LITTLE

Mrs Stott said that in fact R532 685 had been used from the rates fund for essential repairs last year, since the maintenance portion of rents had been too little to cover it.

Mrs Stott went on: 'The council is aware of, and greatly regrets, that it has not been able to do more than essential repairs to houses in the estates for some time.

'However, it is not reasonable to expect the rates account to pay for the maintenance of all council properties any more than it would be reasonable to expect the rates account to pay for repairs to any other privately occupied properties.'

OLDER

The problem in the housing estates was that the homes were older than in many other areas, she said.

'Unlike other municipalities we have not required tenants to pay for their own maintenance.

'In spite of requests to the Government, going back a number of years, we have not been allowed to include in the rental sufficient money to enable adequate maintenance to be done.

'For example, for many years we were allowed only to charge 1¼ percent on the initial capital cost of the building!'

This, Mrs Stott explained, meant that the maintenance portion of the rent of a house costing R600 to build was only R9 a year.

Council tenants want free repairs

MORE than 1 500 people from Cape Flats areas decided at a lively meeting in Bonteheuwel yesterday to unite in an effort to get the City Council to maintain their homes.

The meeting was disrupted when a man suspected of being a police informer was evicted. Women and youths punched and kicked him and he was pursued until he escaped in a passing bus.

The meeting, called by the Bonteheuwel Civic Association, rejected a council plan to introduce a lease for new tenants which would make them responsible for maintenance.

REJECTED

The council's standpoint that it had no money to maintain homes was rejected as a 'lie' and the meeting called for a change in the way in which funds were allocated.

A speaker said the council had wasted millions on the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra, the Republic Day Festival celebrations and Hartleyvale stadium.

'They can find R1,5 million to maintain the Good Hope Centre. Why can't they find money to maintain our homes?'

'They can get away with it because we haven't got the right to vote them out of office. Some of us have been paying rent for 20 to 30 years. I ask you, what has the council done with the money?'

Civic bodies from Steenberg, Lavender Hill, Hanover Park, Manenberg, Factreton, Mitchell's Plain, Clarke's Estate, Lotus River and Grassy Park — all members of the newly formed Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), which will spearhead the campaign — brought in supporters by bus.

LIGHTS

A speaker said some people should not think they were not affected because they were not asked to sign leases or did not need repairs.

All the people, he said, were oppressed and they suffered the same problems.

Another said: 'They will cut our lights if we refuse to repair our own homes, because the new lease allows for this.

'We are already paying for maintenance in our rents. Why should we pay twice by repairing our own homes?'

'Council neglects tenants' homes'

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Own Correspondent

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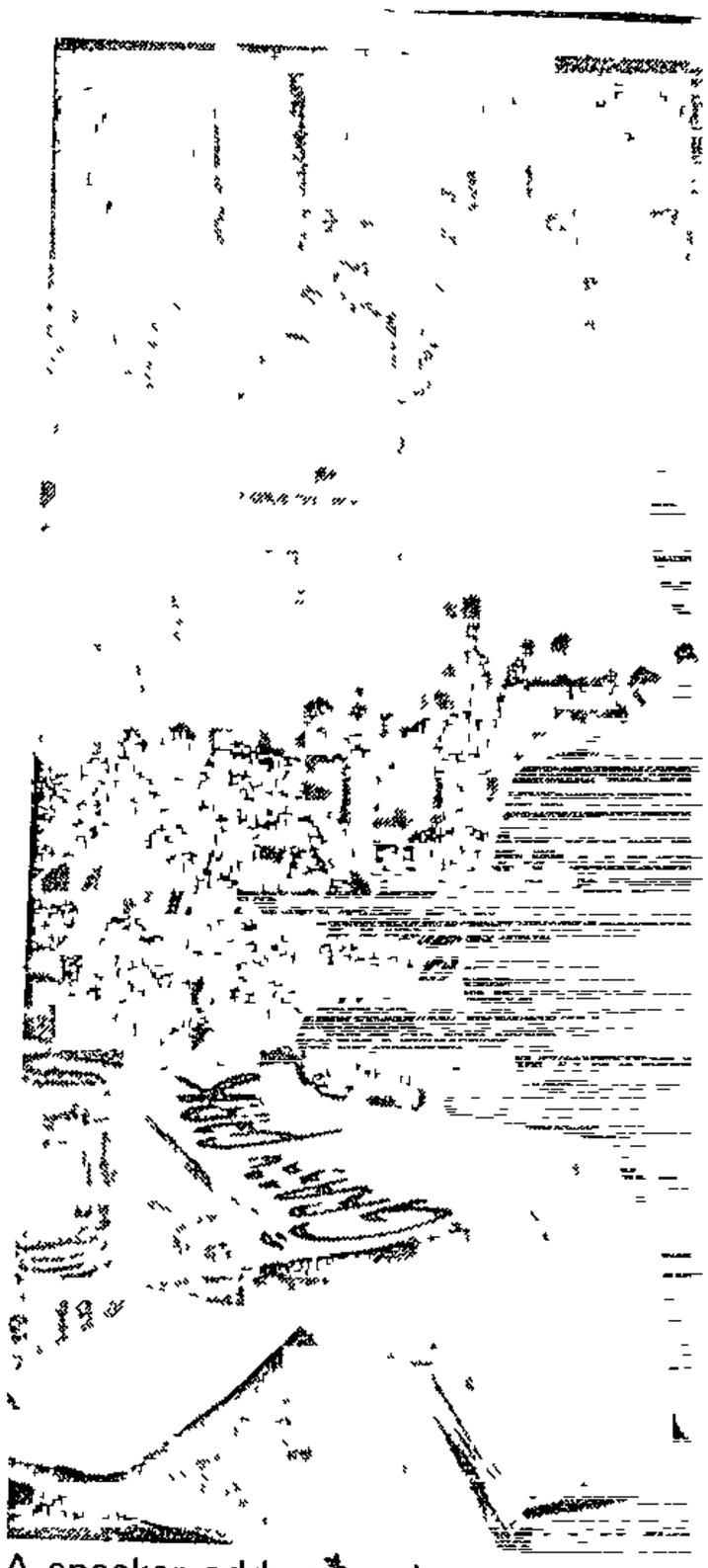

A speaker addresses the crowd of mc attended a mass meeting in the Bont

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Divco system: Rethink

CIVIC DIARY

By

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IS there any logic in divisional councils having a say in the administration of big metropolitan areas such as the Cape Peninsula and Port Elizabeth? This is the question raging anew, a century after it was first proposed at a municipal conference in Kimberley that the divco system should be abolished

The proposal was heavily defeated, but the controversy lingered on, and erupted again a few days ago when Mr Colin Trow, vice-chairman of the Dias Ratepayers' Association in Port Elizabeth called for a takeover of divco functions by the provincial administration

He described the divco system as an unnecessary burden on ratepayers who were forced to pay rates not only to their municipalities, but also to their divisional councils, which in the big city areas were duplicating services

Mr Trow's beefing about the divco holy cow is certainly of interest to the Greater Cape Town area, where the anomolous situation prevails of a Cape Divisional Council controlling pockets of the Peninsula which should logically be administered by either the Cape Town City Council or one of the 11 smaller municipalities such as Bellville, Simon's Town or Goodwood

For the record, it may be worthwhile naming the Greater Cape Town areas which are under "illogical" divco control

They are Belhar, Blouberg-strand, Boquinar (that's the Borcherds Quarry industrial area), Constantia, Elsies River, Epping Garden Village, Grassy Park, Hout Bay, Kommetjie, Mandalay, Matroosfontein, Melkbosstrand, Nooitgedacht, Ocean View, Ottery East, Philadelphia, Philippi, Scarborough, Sun Valley, Wetton and Zeekoevlei

Looking at this list, is there anyone who can explain why for instance Philippi cannot be incorporated into the Cape Town municipality while Mitchells Plain is, why Sun Valley and Ocean View could not go to Fish Hoek, Belhar to Bellville, Scarborough to Simon's Town and Melkbosstrand to Milnerton?

Makes you think, doesn't it?

Divisional councils were established in 1855 and were intended to bring a measure of local government to rural areas The divco system replaced the *landdrost* and *heemraden* It is only the Cape Province which has divcos, but to provide for rural services in the Transvaal the Peri-Urban Areas Board and in Natal the Services Board were established

The defenders of the divco system are thus arguing that if divcos were abolished, the services would still have to continue — and these services would still have to be paid for Paying rates to the divisional council would fall away with abolition of the system However, if the Province had to pay, it would have to get its money from the central government, which in turn would increase the taxpayer's burden

The divco protagonists also argue that to abolish a system of elected local government and to transfer its functions to the Province is also bad in principle because it would lead to an encroachment on local government autonomy

It is pointed out further that the Cape Divisional Council provides housing for more than 40 percent of the people working in the Cape Town municipal area and feel strongly that the ratepayers of Cape Town have a duty to contribute to their housing and general wellbeing

As regards the Cape Point nature reserve and seaside resorts like Oudekraal, also under divco control, the argument is that they are used not only by divco residents, but also those from municipal areas

These are the reasons for municipal ratepayers also paying rates to the divisional council

The purely rural divco is concerned mainly with road-building and maintenance, with the provision of health services coming second In these two fields there is no doubt some justification for the existence of a rural local authority

Which brings me back to the historical background given earlier in this column — that divisional councils were established to bring a measure of local government to *rural* areas

Now, the areas where Sun Valley or Philippi are established today may have been very rural in 1855 when these places were a week's ox-wagon trek away from Cape Town proper But that was in 1855 Today there is little doubt in my mind that in 1981 a divco administration in areas closely linked to and interwoven with urban municipalities has become an anachronism

Cape Town municipality in any case provides the major services — water and electricity — to the divco areas in the Peninsula It could not be all that difficult to transfer other duplicated services (like firefighting, traffic control and housing — the last-named for which the central government pays anyway) to neighbouring munincipalities

Meanwhile, let's take another look at what our Port Elizabeth man, Mr Colin Trow, had to say, and particularly what he had to say about the Borckenhagen Commission which investigated the divco system a few years ago

The commission said the system had deep roots in the history of the Cape Mr Trow interpreted this to mean Keep on paying up, you ratepayers, to preserve sentiment

The commission The system provides a stimulus for the development of democratic institutions Mr T On the contrary — a positively dictatorial attitude has emerged

Be that as it may, the commission also recommended — and this was accepted by the government — that the divco system should be retained, with the reservation that "modifications should be introduced which may be necessary from time to time"

Methinks the time for modification has arrived

Government buildings 'bleed' PE of R3,4 million in lost rates

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Municipal Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH was being "bled" of a massive R4,8-million each year — an amount equal to about 20% of the city's total rates revenue — according to the City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom

Mr Strydom said the largest single revenue loss of about R3,4 million a year was due to the many Government properties in the city which were not subject to rates

While the city was losing almost R5 million a year, this was nowhere near the sum lost in Johannesburg where, according to the city's Management Committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer, almost R100 million of the R549 million budget was drained off this year

"We are being held at gunpoint by the Province and the State," Mr Oberholzer said

Mr Strydom said R875 000 given to the city's health services was another drain on funds General sales tax took R300 000 on council property purchases while a water research levy took R96 000 A tax on fuel used by the council took R78 000 and civil defence cost R35 000

Mr Strydom said a "marginal sum" was being spent when taking into account man-hours lost and administration, which included applying the Sectional Titles Act and the processing of traffic summonses

Asked whether the "missing" income could have any effect on the rates account, Mr Strydom said it represented about 20% of the rates for this year

"The income from rates amounts to R25-million annually and if the abolition of rates was required, what was needed was an alternative source of revenue like a payroll tax"

Mr Strydom said this meant that everybody earning money in the city would make a meaningful contribution to the city's coffers

Asked whether most people did not pay rates indirectly, Mr Strydom said not eveybody contributed on a similar basis although they might take home the same paycheck every month

Mr Strydom said if the rates increase this year were equated with the country's 15% inflation, the figure could not be termed an increase but merely an adjustment for the erosion in money value

Mr Strydom would not be drawn into any prediction on the increase affecting Port Elizabeth homeowners which is expected to be announced around October

Housing upkeep: City funds low

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is encountering serious problems finding funds for the maintenance of housing units in coloured areas

This became clear yesterday in interviews with council officials and the chairman of the council's Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, who disclosed that the position had become so bad last year that more than R500 000 had to be obtained from the general rates account just for "essential" maintenance

They were reacting to demands made at a mass meeting attended by nearly 2 000 people in Bonteheuwel on Sunday The meeting, called by Cahac (Cape Areas Housing Action Committee), rejected the council's stand that it had no money, rejected the lease plan for new council tenants which would make them responsible for most maintenance to their dwellings, and accused the council of "wasting money on projects such as the Cape Town Symphony Orchestra and the Good hope Centre"

'Essential'

A spokesman for the Town Clerk's department said R1 840 205 was needed in 1981 just for "immediately essential maintenance" Of this R58 530 was the 1979 credit balance in the Maintenance Reserve Fund (MRF) — to which tenants contributed as part of their monthly rentals — and R1 248 990 was paid in during the year by tenants

This left a deficit of R532 685, which had to be charged to the general rate fund

"The City Council has a severe problem in just doing the absolutely necessary work"

Mrs Stott said "The council regrets that for a number of years it has had only sufficient funds for 'essential' maintenance This is a grave problem and one for which we have so far not been able to find a satisfactory solution

Rents

'Houses were built in such a way to keep rents as low as possible and the quality of materials for front doors, for instance, was lower than in privately-owned homes This was one of the factors which enabled the council to charge as little as R14 for a two-bedroomed house and little more than R20 a month for most of the council's 30 000 houses

"Anyone who understands the cost of maintaining property will realize that it is virtually impossible to do maintenance for as low as R30 a year (the average being contributed to the MRF annually by a single tenant)"

As to Cahac's accusation that the council was "wasting" money on the City's orchestra, Mrs Stott said "There will always be many people who do not agree with some of the expenditure of the City, and I do not believe the mammoth cost of renewing all council housing would be accepted by most ratepayers either"

Alternatives

Alternatives were for the council to do the repairs and charge the tenants more, to raise a fresh loan from the government, to increase rentals by a small amount so that the MRF could be strengthened, to sell the housing units, or finally — and as a drastic measure — to demolish homes which needed repair and make a new start

All of these would mean higher rentals which tenants would not be able to afford

"It is always helpful to discuss problems with well intentioned people, and I would be delighted if Cahac would get in touch with the City council and arrange for an interview at their convenience," Mrs Stott said

Local govt: Question of domination

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

MOST of the existing local authorities in the Greater Cape Town (GCT) area would probably not accept a municipal voting system which would result in domination by "non-whites" of local government now or in the near future, according to the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand

This is one of the conclusions regarding the municipal franchise reached by Mr Brand in a report entitled "A proposal for organizational reform of local government services provision in Greater Cape Town"

A furore erupted two weeks ago when it became known that this report had been presented to the President's Council without the knowledge of the full City Council or its Exco

Subsequently points gleaned from the report, marked "confidential draft", appeared in the Sunday Tribune and the Burger

Not policy

Several councillors were particularly infuriated because they felt the report called for separate municipalities for coloured areas — a concept directly counter to stated City Council policy of a return of coloured people to the common municipal voters' roll

The report proposed a GCT Metropolitan Council which would be the umbrella body to rationalize services such as electricity, ambulance, fire-fighting, civil defence, health, housing, primary roads, water and sewerage

It was suggested that the metro council should consist of representatives from 46 "lower tier" local authorities, with the present Cape Town municipality broken up into Cape Town, Athlone, Kensington, Wynberg/Wittebome, Rylands and Mitchells Plain

Other coloured separate authorities suggested are for Scottsville (Kraaifontein), Ravensmead (Parow), Cloetesville (Stellenbosch) and the Cape Divisional Council areas of Atlantis, Elsie's River, Grassy Park, Matroosfontein, Ocean View, Cravenby and Belhar

Mr Brand calculated that if representation on the GCT metro body were proportional to population of all age groups, coloured and Indian people would outnumber whites by two to one If the present Cape Town municipal and (coloured) management committee voters' roll were combined in a common roll, the ratio between whites and coloured/Indian would be equal

All properties

On the other hand, if the metro councillors were elected on the basis of rates on residential properties, whites would be in the majority by two to one

A fourth alternative was to base voting power on ratable valuations of ALL properties (including commercial properties) — which would result in white dominance by four to one

The report then continues "Most of the existing local authority councils in Greater Cape Town would probably not be prepared to accept a basis for voting power which would result in domination by non-whites of local government now or in the near future

"Hence it is recommended that voting weights be accorded to groups of lower-tier local authority representatives in proportion to valuations on rateable property of all types, once these valuations have been brought to a uniform basis"

The report urged the creation of a metropolitan services authority before the establishment of a metropolitan "government" and that the provision of services at present rendered by existing local authorities be taken over by the metro body

SILENCE ON REPAIRS ISSUE

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By Ciel Reynierse

A RESIDENTS' committee, which is threatening a head on collision with City Council housing authorities has gone mum on its intentions

At a spirited meeting in Bonteheuwel last weekend — so spirited that a suspected police informer was bodily evicted by angry tenants — about 1 500 people decided unanimously to refuse to pay for repairs to their homes

The Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), the convening body, has since then refused to say what action it intends taking

Weekend Argus twice asked Mr Wilfred Rhodes chairman to comment but he refused, saying he did not have licence' to do so

'I have spoken to the committee and we feel that for the present it is better not to comment,' he said

The controversy concerns the council's new maintenance lease which affects all new tenants and those on the transfer list—although old tenants claim they have also paid for repairs in the past

According to Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee, the lease applies only to new tenants, and if old tenants claim otherwise, they are 'deliberately misinterpreting it'

'Although we have not found a solution to the problem and although we think for each tenant to do his own maintenance is the cheapest way, we have deliberately not taken a decision to do this.

'We recognise, although some are quite comfortable, the majority are struggling with the never-ending increase in the cost of living,' she said

Mrs Stott said the committee hoped for a grant to help cover repairs

She said the committee had not been approached by Cahac and added 'We would be very glad if they would

Saame accused of job bias towards blacks

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN

UNDER the spotlight of Port Elizabeth Municipality's staff crisis, allegations have been made that the white municipal trade union, Saame, is blocking the hiring of blacks

According to the municipality's personnel manager, Mr M J Shand, the staff overall was 20% under complement and town planning operated on only half staff

Mr Shand said all jobs in the municipality were open to members of all race groups, but this contention has been queried by several officials

One, who asked not to be named, said the hiring of blacks for certain positions was being blocked by the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame)

Another informant said a recent proposal to employ coloured meter readers was opposed by Saame who opted for white women instead

Approached today, Saame's chairman, Mr J A Howcraft, described the job of meter reader as a "traditional white area job"

He said Saame was against the municipality taking on blacks at low salaries at the cost of white employees

"We have co-operated with the council in opening certain postions to blacks but not at the cost of our members We have to protect the white municipal staff," he said.

Where whites could not be found to fill the positions, then Saame had no objection to blacks being taken on, he said.

Mr Terry Herbst, a city councillor, said Mr Howcraft's statement about protecting whites was "most revealing" and was in "direct conflict with the council's declared policy that race plays no part in selection"

He believed the interests of Port Elizabeth would be well served if an urgent meeting between the council and Saame was called to thrash out "this ridiculous situation".

The deputy chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr W J Dietrich, said that in theory blacks were supposed to be able to apply for any job in the municipality but "they know they will encounter difficulties when they do so"

He cited the example of the Fire Department where no accommodation was available for blacks.

"It is time that white organisations like Saame stopped trying to prevent the inevitable A fifth of the population of South Africa cannot carry on providing essential services — the only answer to unemployment is to provide a large pool of experts by training blacks and having all jobs open to them," he said

The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr R Bhana, said the efficient running of the city was the top priority.

His committee was aware that Saame were the "chief instigators" behind the blocking of black appointments

The chairman of the council's Policy and Resources Committee, Mr A Ward Able, said the council had a good working relationship with Saame

"Provided we satiafy them that we cannot get sufficient white staff, then they have no objection to our employing blacks," he said

The municipality was not a haven for whites wanting "sheltered employment", he said

Mr Ben Olivier, a councillor, said he was sure no adequately-qualified blacks were available to apply for positions such as town planner or land surveyor

An 'instant solution' on housing

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Staff Reporter

SITE and service schemes are the only instant solution to Cape Town's immense waiting list for housing and the overcrowding in existing council estates, says Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Cape Town City Council's housing committee.

The council had decided years ago that there should be site and service schemes where people could build their own pondoks under supervision and with water, sewerage and refuse removal services.

But, Mrs Stott said the Government had prevented them from going ahead

INVESTIGATION

Site and service schemes have been recommended by the Divisional Council of the Cape to a Government commission investigating alternative methods of low-cost housing.

And the city council's Medical Officer of Health, Dr R J Coogan, said in his annual report that site and service schemes should be given 'urgent priority'

Mrs Stott emphasised that if such schemes were allowed the council would continue to build houses for the 18 058 families still on its waiting list

But, she said overcrowding of homes in the coloured townships, which tenants were often obliged to share with grown-up children and their families, was one of the greatest causes of social emotional and health problems.

She thought the lack of sufficient housing was unquestionably the greatest source of hardship in the city and probably a major reason for crime.

'Because of the difficulty of building enough houses fast enough, tens of thousands of people are living in over-crowded conditions, making life intolerable for many families,' she said.

ACCEPTABLE

'In these circumstances, site and service schemes, provided they were properly controlled and with adequate water supplies, sewerage and refuse removal, would be an acceptable solution for some people

'On the other hand, many others would not want to live in the sort of accommodation sometimes associated with site and service schemes'

Mrs Stott said the areas chosen for site and service schemes should be levelled so that fetid pools of water did not develop and should be organised so that the pondoks would not be built 'one on top of another'

'The homes should have an adequate amount of light and ventilation and should conform with minimum height and habitable room standards'

She regarded site and service schemes not only as 'the only solution to our housing problem, they are the only instant solution'

A council official said the number on the council's waiting list had dropped from 20 000 last year to 18 058

But the official said this was not necessarily a true reflection of the position.

Cut in state housing funds

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Staff Reporter

BOTH the City Council and Divisional Council of the Cape have been hard hit by massive state cuts in allocations for housing development for the financial year ending on March 31, 1982

A delegation from the City Council is due to meet the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, and the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze, to discuss a shortfall of nearly R30 million in the council's housing budget

The City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, said yesterday the council had been shortchanged by about R77 562 870 by the Department of Community Development and State Auxiliary Services on its original application of R118 198 850 for housing development After the council had revised and limited its obligations, it still faced a shortfall of R29 539 974

Obligations

The acting secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr C H Mocke, said his council was "in the same position", but would only be able to tell the extent of its shortfall after investigations by its treasurer

The Department of Community Development s cutback in funds is expected to seriously affect the City Council's housing budget The council already has several contract obligations, which now require payments far in excess of the R40 635 980 allocation One of these is a contract for the provision of 11 440 homes east of the railway line at Mitchells Plain

In addition the council has several other moral commitments", mainly for the provision of community facilities and upgrading of housing on the Cape Flats The council had applied for a total of R19 750 080 for these projects, but the funds were not allocated The schemes include R3 500 000 for 700 houses on the Athlone golf course, R1 400 000 for 216 homes in Rylands Extension 5, R8 097 190 for the upgrading of housing in Lavender Hill, Hanover Park, Bokmakierie, Kewtown and Kensington, R4 500 000 for services in Strandfontein and R630 000 for community halls at Mitchells Plain

Confidential

The Assistant Town Clerk (Housing), Mr G R Hofmeyer, said yesterday the council had intended to keep the cutback in allocation confidential until it had met the Ministers of Finance and Community Development to discuss the matter

"If the council is nearly R30 million short on contracts already entered into, then there are obviously material problems But the council has resolved to meet with the appropriate cabinet ministers and discuss ways of overcoming this problem"

Slowed down

Mr Hofmeyer said the council had faced a similar, smaller shortfall in allocations for housing last year, but the Department of Community Development later made additional money available while the council also applied bridging funds The council had faced a "fairly serious" cash shortfall in 1976, when contracts had to be slowed down and the size of housing units reduced

A member of the Urban Problems Research Unit at the University of Cape Town, Mr Paul Andrew, said the cash cuts made "alternative strategies" in the provision of housing necessary He called for a system whereby the state provided housing infrastructure which could be completed and upgraded by communities and individuals as funds became available

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Tenants warned: pay rents or be locked out

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee last night decided that tenants who failed to pay their arrear housing rentals after being given seven days' notice would in future be locked out of their houses

The CMC chairman Mr D Alexander, said this measure would be far better than evicting tenants or handing them over to the city council's attorneys immediately

Mr Alexander said he 'did not like' seeing people thrown out of their houses but those who failed to pay their arrears after receiving written notice needed a "lesson"

He said tenants could not go on thinking that the CMC would "protect" them

"We are here to protect the rights of our people but we are also here to see they do right and do not accumulate massive arrears"

Mr J L Segers said he supported Mr Alexander and added that people should realise they had to pay rents

"If people have difficulty they must come to us and we will take up the matter, that's what we're here for"

Mr A V Green said that when the houses were locked the welfare authorities should be contacted so that children living in the house could be cared for

"The children are not responsible for the rentals, therefore they should not be made to suffer," he said

Mr Alexander said tenants should bear this in mind, "because any man who loved his children would not like to see them without a roof over their heads"

Mr Alexander appealed to the council not to allow tenants to accumulate massive arrears, but to take action after the first month

This, he said, would not make it easier for the man who was locked out, but it would protect him from getting into more trouble

The CMC recommended that section 65 B of the Housing Act 1966 (No 4 of 1966) be adopted for a trial period of six months

The essence of the Act is that if any tenant fails to pay his rent by the due date he will be given seven days' notice by letter, which will either be delivered personally, handed to an adult in the house or nailed to the front door

If by the end of the seven days the arrear rent was still not paid an "officer" could "take possession" of the house by locking it

In conclusion, Mr Alexander said the procedure caused far less upheaval in a family and did not involve the tenants in any additional expenditure. — DDR

Council rejects call for monthly meter readings

EAST LONDON — A call by the Coloured Management Committee for meter readings to be done on a monthly basis was rejected by the East London municipal treasury department spokesman, Mr H D Falkenberg, last night

A CMC member, Mr J F Temmers, said he had received a number of complaints about the "high" third monthly payment when meters were read

"Tenants suddenly find themselves confronted with an enormous lights and water bill during the third month and have to battle to pay it

"This would not be the case if meters were read monthly" he said

Mr Falkenberg said it was not necessary to read meters monthly

"If tenants pay their averages regularly then there will be no problem during the reading month The averages are updated regularly by the treasury computer and people should meet these payments to avoid a large account during the third month"

Mr Falkenberg said that the whole of East London was read three-monthly and this was the most efficient way to do it, adding that there was "just no case" for reverting to monthly readings

The CMC chairman, Mr D Alexander, then asked if it was not possible for tenants to pay their lights and water accounts at the Parkside Housing Office where they paid their rents

He said money was hard to come by, particularly for pensioners, and it was costly to travel into town to pay the bill at the treasury department

Mr Falkenberg then said that it would not be wise to have everyone paying their accounts at Parkside because this would cause problems for the small staff there

The matter was referred back — DDR

Parkside wickets plan

EAST LONDON — The possibility of laying a turf wicket at Parkside was "being investigated", the director of Parks and Amenities, Mr J R Odell, told the Coloured Management Committee at their monthly meeting last night

Mr Odell said the cost of the wicket, and the costs of watering, mowing, fertilising and rolling were factors which had to be taken into consideration

Mr Odell was replying to CMC member Mr W George who asked if it was possible to lay a turf wicket at Parkside

Mr George raised the question following a recommendation by Parks and Amenities that the department would in future buy cricket mats to cover the gravel wickets and that the charge per season for each wicket should be increased from R110 to R120

The recommendations followed a letter to the department from the East London Cricket Union requesting that consideration be given to regarding the mat as part of the playing surface, and not part of the equipment

All sports are required to provide their own equipment such as posts and nets, however, because of the high cost of cricket mats for the five gravel wickets, a reduced charge was applied to the EL Cricket Union

Last year the cricket body bought three mats costing R271 each

Mr Odell said if his department bought the mats in future and charged the cricketers R10 more it would be far more advantageous for the union — DDR

Township change: CMC indifferent

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee last night adopted an "indifferent" stand to an application by the council to the Department of Community Development to proclaim the Charles Lloyd township extension as a coloured group area

Mr J F Temmers moved the committee take an "indifferent" stand to the application and accepted it "merely as information"

He said the CMC had not been consulted on the matter but had been "told" about it

CMC chairman, Mr D Alexander, said he was "sick and tired" of people deciding for the coloured people instead of consulting with them

Earlier start for meetings

EAST LONDON — Ordinary meetings of the Coloured Management Committee will in future start at 3 30 pm, the committee decided last night

The meetings will still be held on the second Tuesday of every month DDR

5 seats: CMC nominations invited

EAST LONDON — The returning officer for the election of members of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr J J Human, has invited nominations for candidates to stand for election

four members of the present committee, Mrs L B George, Mr W J George, Mr E D Klassen and Mrs J L Segers will expire this year

A further vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr R E Phillips will also be filled at this election

Nomination papers, together with a R10 deposit per nomination, must be handed in to Mr Human not later than 12 pm on July 31

Nominations of candidates will be declared at his office on August 14 at 12 pm — DDR

Govt presence in Dist 6 could cost City R¼m

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Municipal Reporter

THE Municipality of Cape Town stands to lose R250 000 annually in rates if large areas of District Six are to be used for government buildings such as the Technikon and housing for State-employed officials

This was because the government did not pay rates to local authorities like other property owners, but instead paid an amount "in lieu of rates" This was much less than the income which could be derived if government properties (such as the Houses of Parliament, police stations and SA Railways ground) were assessed in the same way as privately-owned sites and buildings

Now the city council's Exco has decided to approach the Department of Community Development for a better deal in the sharing of costs for the provision of services

At present the city council is footing 40 percent of the bill through a loan from the Community Development Board (an arm of the Department of Community Development) while the board pays the other 60 percent

The city treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker, yesterday reported to Exco that Cape Town had been led to expect a fairly high standard of residential development with a substantial rate potential

However, Mr Watkins-Baker added, the "intrusion" of a large area of non-rated property such as the Technikon and the use of land for flats for government personnel would inevitably change the situation

The Technikon site would occupy about 22 percent of the total area of District Six and there would thus be a substantial reduction in the potential rate income

He recalled that the city engineer estimated in 1979 that the Technikon would be exempt from rates to the value of R206 000 At current levels the rate loss to the city would be in the region of R250 000 a year

Exco decided yesterday to ask the Community Development Board to share the cost of roads, stormwater drainage pedestrian walkways and paved parking areas on a ratio of board 70/city council 30 percent, instead of the present 60/40 percent arrangement

b) Healthiness of Life

Morbidity is a more dense phenomenon and can only properly be assessed by surveys. Some classification is needed into degrees of morbidity and perhaps also into the length of disability involved to distinguish chronic from acute conditions. Some examples are.

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Bus demos threaten rent strike

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ABOUT 70 residents from Lotus River and Grassy Park occupied the cash office of the Divisional Council Building today, demanding protection from the chilly winter weather when they wait for buses

Carrying umbrellas and posters saying: 'We want bus shelters' and 'We queue in the rain,' the group handed in a 2 200-signature petition calling for the immediate building of bus shelters in the two areas.

After presenting the petition to assistant secretary Mr D Craythorne, there were shouts of 'We'll be back' as the petitioners filed out of the building and up Wale Street to a waiting bus.

RENT STRIKE

Mr A J Fick, representative of the Lotus River and Grassy Park Residents' Association, said residents in the two areas would go on a rent strike if the council did not reply within a week to the demand for bus shelters

'The people using this terminus have no facilities whatsoever,' the association's secretary, Mrs N Gabriel, said in a covering letter to the council's secretary.

'There are no seats or shelters and commuters are exposed to the elements, causing them ill health during the winter months.

'This in turn causes loss of income'

She said the Buck Road terminus served a large number of commuters from Lotus River, Strandfontein, Mitchell's Plain, Hanover Park and Plumstead

POOR SERVICE

'It is also extensively used by residents of a nearby old age home We feel that it is imperative that conditions at the terminus be made more favourable for our senior citizens.

'Commuters pay high fares and are receiving very poor service in return,' Mrs Gabriel said

The association has also asked that plans for bus shelters be referred to it before building starts

'The Buck Road terminus must be given priority, but overall shelters at all bus-stops must be provided,' the letter said.

Mr Craythorne told the crowd that he would see to it that the petition was put before the Divisional Council

'I can't and I won't negotiate with a crowd,' he said.

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Maitland 'not the backwater of city'

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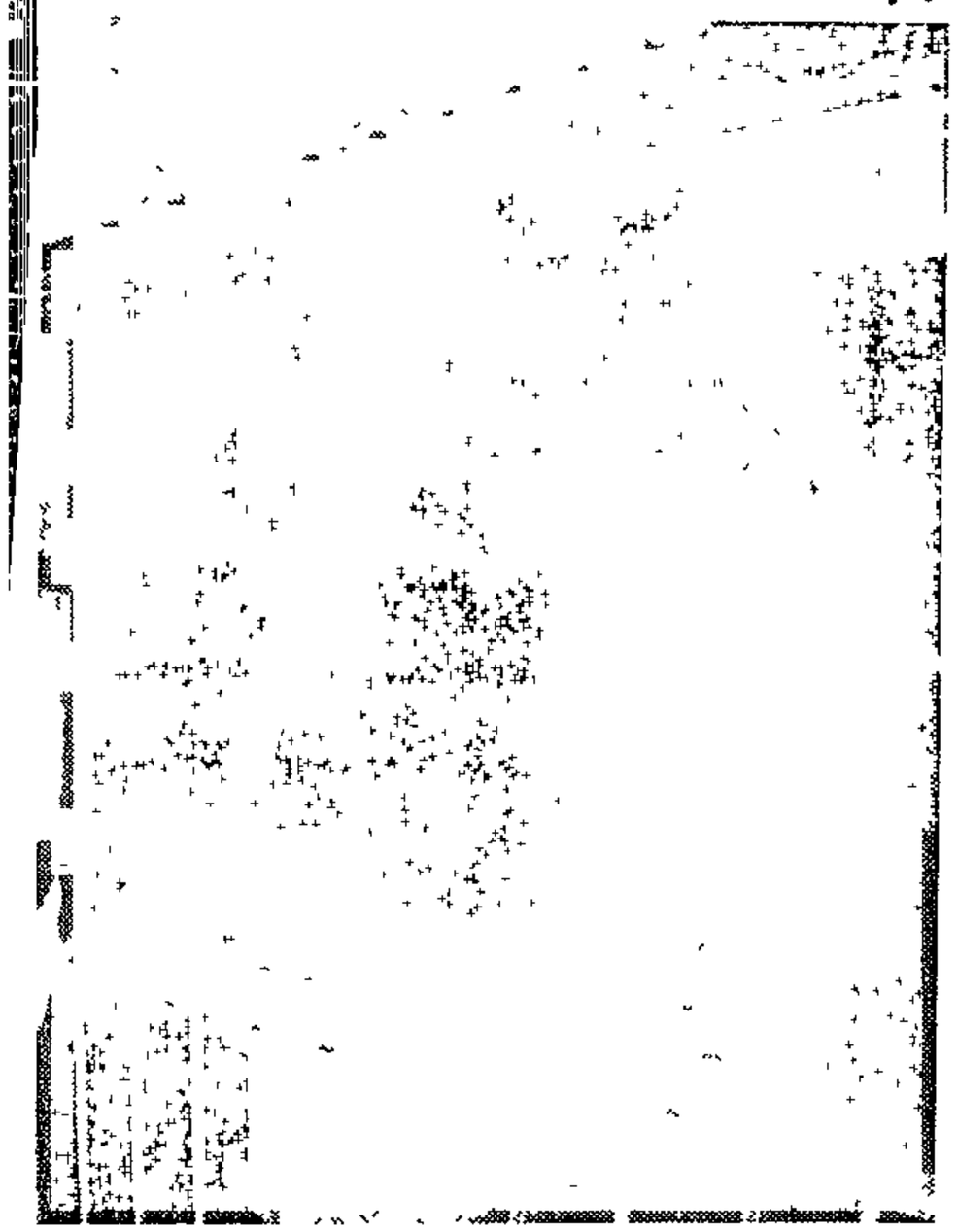


MR J H LOOTS and Mrs E Loots are proud of their beautifully maintained old Maitland home in Langham Street. 'We've lived in Maitland almost 18 years and we're very happy here,' says Mrs Loots

THE battle between industrialists and residents in Maitland — waged for more than 20 years in the absence of a firm town planning policy in the area — is one step closer to being resolved.

Next month the City Council's town planning committee wil come up with its final draft proposal for the future zoning of the area.

The new scheme will have to resolve the conflict between those who want the residential character of the area maintained and the business community which wants to exploit it for its easy access to transport through the harbour and railway yards.

EMOTIONS

While Maitland's future hangs in the balance, emotions of residents are mixed, and often heated.

The Argus published complaints last week from residents who felt the area was dying from neglect and industrialisation. They complained of dwindling school populations, decaying properties and amenities, and an increase in vagrancy, alcoholsim and prostitution.

But a deputation of public representatives has denied the 'Cinderella Maitland' picture and say residents should stop badmouthing' their neighbourhood.

BRIGHTER SIDE

The two city councillors for the area, Dr Jack Joffe and Mr Tony Powell, the area's MPC, Mr Frik van Deventer, and Mr N J Basson, chairman of the Maitland Municipal Voters' Association, approached The Argus to put across the brighter side of Maitland.

'Maitland is not falling apart and it is not the situation that rats and mice are going to take over,' Dr Joffe said.

'There has been an upgrading of schools and clinics in the area and there are houses and flats here that could stand anywhere in Cape Town. We are not the backwater of the city.'

Dr Joffee was born and educated in Maitland, he lives and practises there, and has developed residential properties and a banking site in the suburb.

Maitland, designated a 'decaying area' by the City Council in 1978, was given status as a formal rehabilitation area last year under the Community Development Act.

Since then, low cost financing has been available for the improvement of properties and Dr Joffe said there 'is no excuse for people who are not doing up their properties.'

COMPLAINTS

Dr Joffe pointed out that the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, had found that the number of properties in 'good' condition in the area had increased from 13,3 percent in 1968 to 22,8 percent in 1978 and that the overall percentage of good and fair buildings was 86,8 percent.

'The people who complained are talking about the ugly sisters of the Cinderella story. We want to show you the true Cinderella, getting ready for the ball,' Dr Joffe said.

The same report of the City Engineer also shows that the number of buildings in poor condition in Maitland had increased from 3,7 percent in 1968 to 13,2 percent in 1978.

BUILDINGS

'The absence of any clear trends in the condition of buildings in the area is a rather unusual situation, and would tend to indicate uncertainty in the minds of property owners over the future of the area,' Mr Brand said in his report.

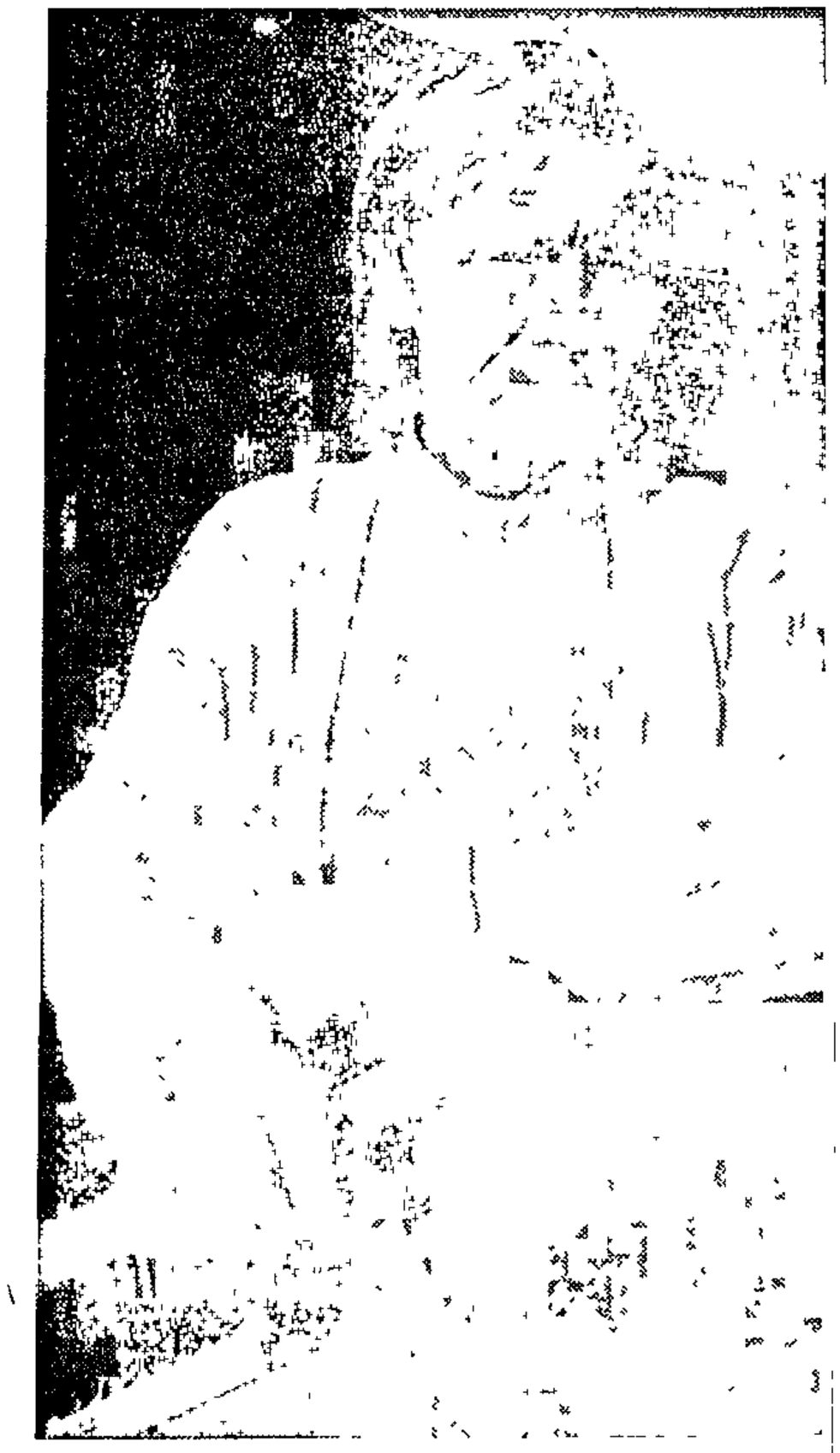
'Residents who perceived the area as being 'doomed' as a residential area would let their properties deteriorate, as perhaps would owners of commercial properties who see a commercial future for the area being denied.

'The more optimistic sector, or perhaps simply those who can afford to, have made a discernible effort to improve the existing stock — a very small proportion of the buildings in 'good' condition are in fact new buildings.'

4 PROPOSALS

Mr Brand has put forward four proposals for the area — ranging from a 'rounding off' of commercial areas to contain the transition to entirely commercial use.

Whichever the City Council finally adopts — in consultation with orga-



MR PIET WIESE fights a constant battle against vandals who hamper the repairs he is making to one of Maitland's more run-down properties

And although the City Engineer in his report favoured commercial use of Maitland, Dr Joffe and Mr Powell are confident

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Mdaka denies suspension

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EAST LONDON — Duncan Village Community Councillor, Miss Mabel Mdaka denied last night that she had been dismissed

She was reacting to a statement by her chairman, Mr T T Matuntuta, who yesterday said he had temporarily suspended her following a public statement by her in the Community Centre which contradicted what he had said

Mr Matuntuta said her suspension was temporary until such time that Miss Mdaka presented her case to a full council meeting

He said her suspension was in terms of Regulation 107, Act 125 of 1977

In a written statement under the heading "unopposed motions by the chairman", Mr Matuntuta suggested that Miss Mdaka be censured and severely reprimanded or even suspended for suggesting at the mass meeting held on Sunday, June 28 that she was unaware that he and the deputy chairman, Mr D D Makatala, had met Dr George Morrison, the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, in Port Elizabeth she had been advised on two occasions before the meeting date

The motion further reads "That Councillor Mdaka brought the Community Council into a bad light with the people of Duncan Village by her

MISS MDAKA

allegations and statements

"Councillor Mdaka caused the people to lose faith in the Community Council and secondly the council had lost credibility with Dr Morrison as the press reports arising out of the meeting held by the residents would lead Dr Morrison to believe that the whole council was behind her recommendations that all avenues open to the residents should be exploited even if they had to go to the Supreme Court, to maintain their rights to remain in Duncan Village," the motion said

Mr Matuntuta said Miss Mdaka was well aware that he and the deputy chairman had been to Port Elizabeth to meet the minister

Mr Matuntuta recommended Miss Mdaka be reprimanded for discussing, in the name of the council, a motion which should only possibly have been discussed in her private capacity as a resident of Duncan Village

Commenting, Miss Mdaka said when the meeting was held in the Community Centre, Mr Matuntuta arrived two hours late

"In his opening remarks he said we councillors were being defeated as Dr Morrison had told them Duncan Village would not be retained

"Mrs F T Mangala, one of the other councillors had then replied to his remark saying he was making a mistake to say we were being defeated," she said

"I then said we knew nothing about him going to Port Elizabeth, about the retention of Duncan Village and that he had only told us about it on his return

"We only knew Mr Matuntuta and Mr Makatala had gone to Port Elizabeth to attend an 'Information" meeting but that the discussion about Duncan Village's retention was not on that agenda,' she said

Told about her suspension as alleged by Mr Matuntuta, Miss Mdaka denied it

'I know nothing of being suspended Although Mr Matuntuta motivated that I be suspended he received no support from the other councillors and the meeting was closed even before the agenda or his motion was dealt with," Miss Mdaka said

Another councillor, Mr Edison Makeba, said as far as he knew nobody was suspended at their meeting held yesterday

"The meeting was adjourned by Mr Matuntuta because we opposed the suspension issue of Cllr Mdaka more especially of us being involved in a struggle to retain Duncan Village," Mr Makeba said

Two other councillors, Mrs F T Mangala and Mr S M Bukani, said it was nonsense to say any of the councillors had been suspended "No decision was taken to suspend Miss Mdaka as we would certainly have known about it as we were present at the meeting, they said — DDR

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Bus shelters demand

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 70 Lotus River and Grassy Park residents gathered in the cash office of the Divisional Council building in Cape Town yesterday to accompany a petition demanding that bus shelters be built at the Buck Road Terminus in Lotus River

Brandishing posters and umbrellas, the residents said they had no protection from the wind and rainy winter conditions while waiting for buses in the area

The petition, signed by 2 200 people, was a result of a survey conducted by the Grassy Park/Lotus River Residents' Association and demanded that bus shelters be built immediately

The press was barred from entering the cash office and told that "the building is private property"

The crowd presented the petition to an assistant secretary, Mr D Craythorne, who shouted above the noise that he was not prepared to negotiate with a crowd but that he would hand the petition to members of the Divisional Council and the matter would be investigated

One petitioner was heard shouting above the grumbling crowd "There are so many problems in Grassy Park and other areas and if the Divisional Council does not come out to sort them out, then Grassy Park and other areas will bring them to the Divisional Council in town '

Mr Craythorne asked the crowd to disperse and they left the building waving posters and opened umbrellas

A representative of the Lotus River and Grassy Park Association, Mr A J Fick, yesterday said residents might refuse to pay their rent if conditions were not improved in the area

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Homes decision soon?

THE Cape Town City Council may take a final decision on the pilot selling schemes in Heideveld and Hanover Park at its next monthly meeting.

Mr G Hofmeyer assistant Town Clerk (housing) said this week the housing committee would discuss the matter at their next meeting and then refer it to the Executive Committee and the full council session

'It would have been discussed at last week's housing committee meeting, but, as required by law, we had to wait on recommendations by the local management committee,' Mr Hofmeyer said. 'These were not received in time for the meeting'

In 1979 the council decided in principle to sell 220 houses in Heideveld and 105 in Hanover Park to the tenants

The Department of Community Development instructed that the houses be sold at the municipal land value plus the 'depreciated replacement cost of the building'

In a survey after the plan was announced many residents said they would like to buy their homes from the council

Council tenants' Rent row livid over evictions

Left to carry her furniture back ...

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A HANOVER PARK woman, accused of being in arrears with her rent, was evicted by a team of City Council workers and later forced to carry her own furniture back into her house after clerks at the local housing office found 'the computer had made a mistake'.

Mrs Shirley Rhyneveldt, of 25 Atholl Walk, Hanover Park, said a team of eight Council workers came to her house at about 8.15 on Wednesday morning and started carrying her furniture out of the house

'I never received a notice that I was going to be evicted When I asked the man in charge of the eviction squad why they were carrying out my furniture, he said it was because I was in arrears with my rent,' Mrs Rhyneveldt said

'I told him I was not, but he refused even to see my papers, saying he had orders from the office'

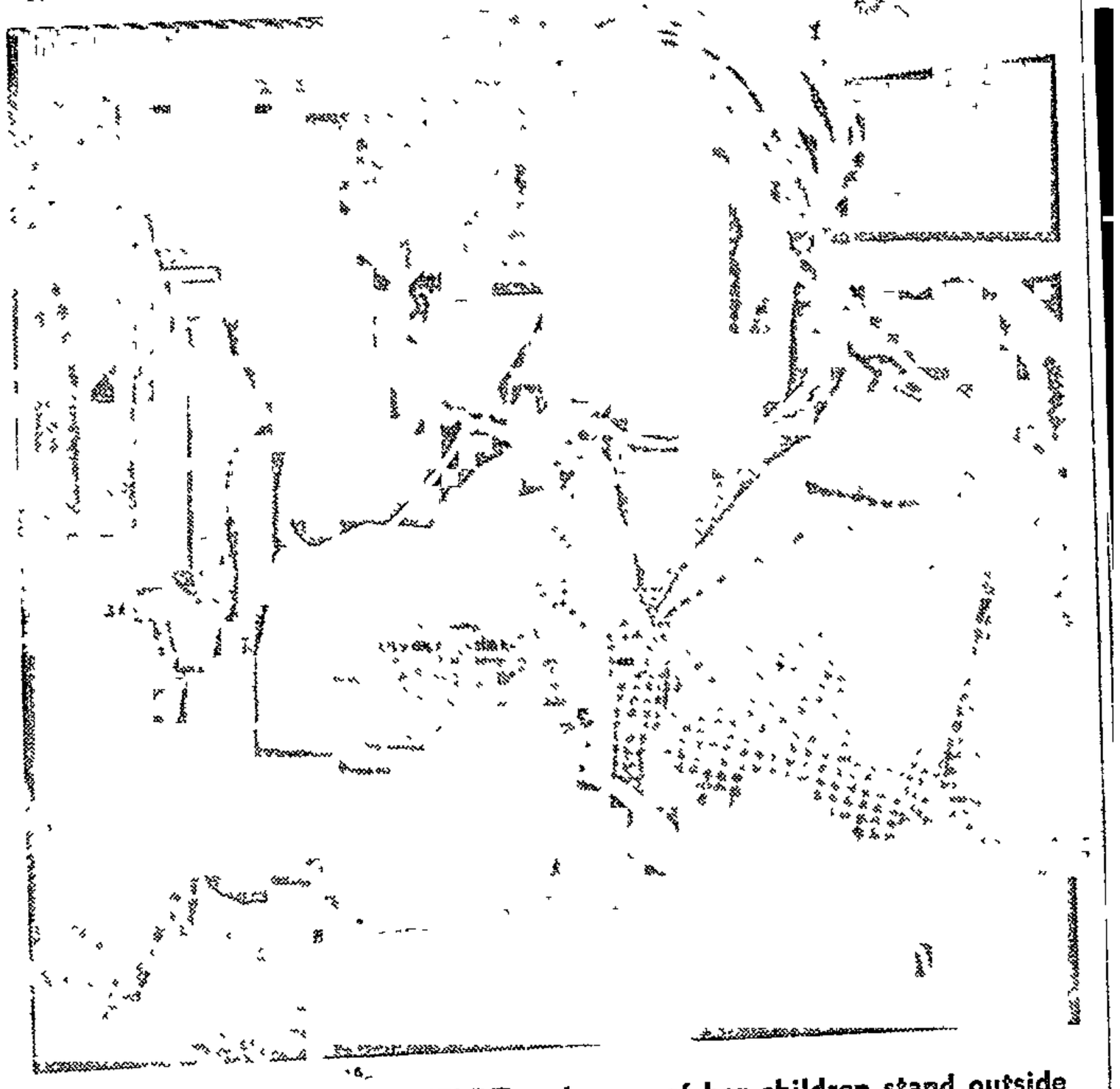
Mrs Rhyneveldt went to the housing office and was told the eviction was carried out because she had not paid her rent for June However, she had papers proving that she did in actual fact pay for June

'I had to pay only for July It was only one day after the due date, and nobody ever pays on the due date When I paid I was given back the key to my house and told to carry the furniture back into the house all by myself.

TEAM

'They could send a full team to carry out my furniture Why could they not carry it back again? How could they expect me and my small children to carry the furniture?' she asked Her husband was at work when the incident happened.

A female clerk at the Hanover Park housing office said on Wednesday there had been a mistake on Mrs Rhyneveldt's June rent account, but had been 'sorted out' She said it was not the Council's duty to help people move back after they were evicted.



MRS SHIRLEY RHYNEVELDT and some of her children stand outside her house after her furniture was carried out by Council workers last Wednesday.

Official admits 'slip-up'

WIDOWED mother of three Mrs Klara Klaasen had to abandon her plans for a family picnic when she was evicted from her Divisional Council home in Matroosfontein on Wednesday — but it was all a ghastly mistake.

Supposedly five months behind with her house repayments, she was in fact right up to date.

'I was looking forward to our day out,' she said 'Now I'm not going to waste time arguing My lawyer can do the arguing in court for me. I want compensation for all this trouble'

A Council Housing official, who did not wanted to be named, said there had been a 'slip-up'

Mrs Klaasen, widowed in April when her bus driver husband was gunned down in his bus, was on her way to her in-laws in Darling when Divisional Council workmen arrived to empty her house in the home-ownership scheme in Matroosfontein

Despite protests from her teenage daughter Marian, who had remained behind, the men went to work and in no time all the family's belongings were piled up outside

'When we arrived in Darling Marian had already telephoned my mother-in-law with the news so we simply turned around and came right back,' Mrs Klaasen said.

How, I thought, could I possibly have been kicked out when just the week before I had laid out almost R300 in repayments, rates, water and electricity?'

She marched into the Council's Matroosfontein offices brandishing her receipts and officials had to admit their boob — but they wouldn't carry her belongings back inside.

So the family had to do it themselves — and to add to her anger a number of items seemed to have been damaged

'Just look at this cupboard,' Mrs Klaasen said pointing to scratches and marks on a seven-month-old bedroom suite costing, she said, R1 200

'New' tenant—after 19 years in flat

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AFTER 19 years of living in one council flat in Bonteheuwel, Mrs Ruth Solomon suddenly became a 'new' tenant recently — and like all new tenants she now has to see to her flat's maintenance herself.

How did this odd situation come about?

Mrs Solomon's husband died earlier this year, and she took over the lease of the flat in Ironwood Road, which has been in his name

So now she's a new tenant, and has to comply with a new City Council ruling which transfers the responsibility for maintenance from the council to all new tenants and transfers

'It's ridiculous,' Mrs Solomon said I'm having to pay for defects which have been caused by old age and the poor building standards of the flat'

She was also told to pay a month's rent as deposit for her 'new' home

'I've been living here all these years Why should I still pay a deposit as if I'm moving into a new house?

'I don't know how I am going to manage to pay for repairs I already have difficulty in paying the rent now that my husband is dead,' she said

She said that although she would now have to pay for her own repairs, her rent remained the same

DOOR

Mrs Solomon said she had complained about a damaged door for more than a year, but it had never been repaired

'Now that I've signed the new lease, I would have to repair it myself I think this is unfair,' she said

● A City Council official said widows were allowed to stick to the old lease when they took over the tenancy of the house

'Mrs Solomon's signing of the new lease is probably due to some misunderstanding,' he said

He said Mrs Solomon would have to approach the local housing office again and 'sort out the matter'

COUNCIL SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAYS LOUD AND CLEAR:

CAPE TOWN City Council is saying it clearly: We want the city's coloured and Indian citizens back on the municipal voters' roll.

And it will not endorse suggestions of separate or satellite local authorities as second-best municipal systems for coloured communities.

RESTORE VOTING RIGHTS TO CITIZENS

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Argus 18/7/81

By KEVIN JACOBS

Rejecting Government doctrine which took from the coloured people a right they once held, a policy-making council committee is setting out beyond doubt its call for restoration of municipal voting rights.

The special committee — put together in the heat of a policy row late last month — this week put the final touches to a policy formulation intended to dissolve any scepticism of its endorsement of municipal voting rights for coloured and Indian people.

And, almost in chorus, the council's stand was boosted by a separate stand by a leading Stellenbosch University academic who went even further, calling for a common voters' roll for whites, coloureds and Indians

Former Mayor Mr David Bloomberg headed the five-member committee set up two weeks ago to 'formulate council's precise policy in respect of the franchise for the municipality of Cape Town'

THE ROW

That mandate was given in the wake of a row over some senior council officials' implied support for separate municipalities during unpublicised interviews with the President's Council.

The policy statement finalised this week will be handed to the city council's Executive Committee early next week, in the hope that it will be formally endorsed by the full council later this month

A council source said this week that it 'will be in accordance with what has been loosely stated in the past,' only this time the council's policy 'will be very, very clearly stated in precise terms'

Council officials say the President's Council may invite the city council to spell out its views on local government franchise

'There has been imprecise language, used in the past,' the source said 'But if the City Council is going to the President's Council to tell them what their position is it must be told in precise language.

'Up to now people have just talked about restoring to the common roll the people who were disenfranchised But a lot has happened since then'

The city council's common-roll policy is focused specifically on municipal franchise, because said one councillor 'We can't tell the Government what to do — although I wish we could'

However, calls for a political voters' roll shared by whites, coloureds and Indians were strengthened this week by Professor Willie Esterhuyse, head of the philosophy department at Stellenbosch University'

He told the Afrikaanse Studentebond (ASB) congress in Johannesburg that a common roll was the best solution for future constitutional development in South Africa

Each regional committee was responsible for its own environs as regards cleanliness, social relations, housing and health problems. An ad hoc subcommittee of BABS called Bethal Aid was formed with a view to helping older citizens with their particular problems. Part of this programme was a weekly meeting or a get-together for handwork or other activities. This group also used to help with crippled or disabled persons.

would note name and address of recipient together with any comments which would include information about health problems that family would like to know about as well as type of booklet they would like to receive. Auxiliary would note any major health problem in the home eg. presence of mentally retarded child, senile parents or

Ratepayers told of big municipal cost increases

E. Post 21/7/81.

Post Reporter

RATEPAYERS tended to forget that the municipality provided many services, a Port Elizabeth city councillor, Mr Peter Sullivan, said last night

He was reporting back at the annual meeting of the Ward 3 Civic Association

Many ratepayers complained that while their rates went up regularly, all they received in return was a refuse collection once a week, he said

It was impossible to keep rates any lower when one considered some of the annual payments that the municipality made for services that benefited all

Cleansing cost R2,85 million a year, sewage disposal R5,5 million, traffic control R600 000, health, which included free clinics, TB and maternity services, R1 million, libraries R566 000, beaches and seaside attractions R500 000, and roads and street works R4,6 million

He said the council now operated on a sound three-year capital programme

"We live within the framework of the budget, which is not conducted on a stop/go basis No stone has been left unturned in order to keep control and to contain expenses," Mr Sullivan said

An increase in rates was inevitable Not only would the municipality have to pay for flood repairs, but the soaring inflation rate also had to be taken into account

Some of the main commodities and materials used by the municipality had been affected

Over the last five years the consumer price index had risen by 81%, petrol by 127%, electricity purchases by 173%, railage by 99%, cement by 110%, coal by 108%, timber by 119%, fuel oil by 310% and even a basic item like stone for road building had risen by 103%, he said

Strong opinions were expressed at the meeting in favour of the idea of having dogs on leashes and it was decided to raise the matter with the Central Executive of the Ratepayers' Asssociation

Mr M Chappel was elected chairman and Mrs C Smuts vice-chairman while Mr P Libbrecht will begin his ninth year as the secretary-/treasurer of the Ward 3 Civic Association

Council body recommends open franchise

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

ANYONE who owns or occupies property in the municipal area of Cape Town should be allowed to vote in City Council elections, or be eligible to become councillors, regardless of colour

This was the firm recommendation yesterday of the Bloomberg Committee, established by the council three weeks ago to formulate Cape Town's precise policy in respect of the municipal franchise

The committee, chaired by a former mayor, Mr David Bloomberg, was formed in the wake of a row over talks between the President's Council and three top City officials — the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, and the City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker

Mr Brand had handed to the President's Council a written report on rationalization of services for the Greater Cape Town area The officials came in for severe criticism because neither the City Council nor its Exco had been informed

The report also discussed alternative franchise proposals for Cape Town, on the assumption that separate municipalities would be established for coloured areas such as Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Cloetesville (Stellenbosch)

This concept was criticized as contrary to stated City Council policy

The Bloomberg Committee (whose members were councillors Mr I L Kendal, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr John Muir and Mr Norman Osburn) recommended that the law which specifies that only parliamentary voters — whites — could vote in municipal elections be repealed, even if in Cape Town only

The committee said in its report "It is the clear democratic right of all persons who contribute to the prosperity and progress of the City through their ownership or occupation of immovable property to an equal opportunity to participate in its local government by way of the right to enrolment as voters of this city and election as councillors without discrimination

"To this end, the requirement that voters and councillors must qualify as parliamentary voters should be made inapplicable in its municipal area

"Council is furthermore implacably opposed to any fragmentation of its municipal area by the creation of separate local authorities for different categories of citizens and to the continuation of the management committee (mancom) system within its area of jurisdiction

"Council accordingly will continue to strive, for so long as may be necessary, on every appropriate occasion for the acceptance of these principles as the only basis for the local government of Cape Town"

The Bloomberg Committee recommended that all tenants in council housing schemes, and their spouses, be allowed to vote, and described voting rights for management committees as "meaningless"

It said "The right of all citizens of Cape Town, without any racial discrimination, to participate in local government has existed and been exercized for over a century

"The legislative changes to the franchise introduced in 1971 thus deprived a substantial section of of the community of rights which were regarded as entrenched and which formed a cornerstone on which our city prospered throughout its history"

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Transport - Goods	-	0,073
Repairs and Maintenance	0,017	0,073
Services	0,077	0,28
Miscellaneous	0,005	0,011
sub-TOTAL	0,205	0,852
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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S white municipal employees are to hold an unprecedented 'open' meeting at which they will threaten to work to rule and stop all overtime unless they get an immediate 20 percent pay rise

The City Council, already facing a crippling staff shortage, is negotiating a wage and salary agreement with the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME).

But many SAAME members, angry and dissatisfied with municipal pay and service conditions, have drawn up a petition for a special meeting on Tuesday, the day before the scheduled annual meeting of SAAME.

Petition

The petition was apparently signed by far more than the 100 members required by the constitution

The petitioners have asked for the meeting to be open and for invitations to go to the council's Executive Committee, councillors and the Press.

The chairman of SAAME in Cape Town, Mr A J Uys, confirmed today that the committee had met on Tuesday and decided to accede to the petitioners' request for an open meeting

Staff views

'We want the executive and councillors to hear the views of the staff.

'Members feel that their salaries and wages are far lower than those in the private sector and that their working conditions are below those of other local authorities,' Mr Uys said

He said the staff were 'in high dudgeon' and bitterly dissatisfied.

'I think the councillors are in for a shock when they see just how many staff members attend this meeting and support the demands,' he added.

Negotiation

The 20 percent increase which the SAAME members have asked for is believed to be slightly above what is being negotiated with the council.

The demand from the members is for an interim 20 percent increase on August 1 until the council 'satisfactorily revises the present grading schedule'

They also want the increase in the 'A' scales for white collar workers to be as high as the increase in the 'F' artisan scales

Unless the demands are met, the members will call at the meeting for 'work to rule' and no overtime until the council agrees to the meeting's request.

'We said the council is unwillingness to adjust the outpatient cost at the Day hospitals is less than is is the cost in each input category except , higher than at Woodstock and Somerset West

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Cape blacks appeal to Koornhof

Star 23/7/81

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CAPE TOWN — The Cape Town Community Council, the body recognised by the Government as being representative of the city's black community, has asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Koornhof, to scrap the coloured labour preference policy and introduce a new deal for blacks in the western Cape

The council, elected by residents of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, also wants a moratorium on pass arrests and deportations and the legalising of thousands of blacks who, although they have jobs, are living and working in the area illegally

A meeting is to be held with Dr Koornhof tomorrow to hear his answers to the "new deal" proposals, which gave the backing of a wide spectrum of white groups including labour and economics experts at Stellenbosch University, the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and the Government's own National Manpower Commission

The chairman of the Cape Town Community Council, Mr E B Lubelwana said in an interview today that his organisation had appealed to Dr Koornhof to abandon the coloured labour preference policy, which reserved a large number of jobs for coloured workers only

RESENTMENT

"This has become a source of great resentment in the black community," he said "It is plain and simple job reservation which cannot be justified on any basis It is at the root of much of our communal tension"

Mr Lubelwana said his council had also asked Dr Koornhof to grant 99-year leasehold rights to blacks in the Cape Town area along the same lines as had been granted to blacks on the Witwatersrand and elsewhere

"We would also like to see an end to pass arrests and deportations

"This could be done by granting us the same moratorium as was granted to blacks elsewhere in the country in 1979 when those working illegally were given a reprieve and allowed to legalise their presence in those areas

"The Western Cape was excluded at that time because it was, and still is, Government policy to regard blacks in our area as 'temporary sojourners' If the 'illegals' could legalise their status here, many of our problems would be solved"

TROUBLE

Mr Lubelwana warned that the present wave of pass arrests in the Cape Town area could not continue without "very serious trouble"

"It should be obvious to all concerned that people do not go through what those who have been arrested in the past week have gone through just for the fun of it

"Believe me, if they had a choice these people would not face arrest and deportation in a cold, wet winter"

Members of the community council pointed out today that all leading coloured spokesmen and the largest political movement in the coloured community, the Labour Party, had also called for an end to the coloured labour preference policy.

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Move to open loca govt voters' rolls

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES

COLOUREDS and Indians may be returned to municipal voters' rolls.

This move, described as a "major breakthrough" and "most welcome" by prominent civic and parliamentary leaders, could be realised if a recommendation by the executive of Cape Provincial Municipal Association (CPMA) yesterday is implemented

The recommendation is in sharp contrast to an initial recommendation by the United Municipal Executive (UME) which supported the system of original councils or autonomous local authorities for the various groups

The president of the CPMA, Dr T G Schlebusch, said the executive met in Mossel Bay yesterday to consider a memorandum submitted by a sub-committee of the association which had looked into direct representation on councils

"It was felt anybody who pays municipal rates should be entitled to be directly represented on council," said Dr Schlebusch

The executive had taken into consideration the feelings of the Association of Management Committees (AMC) which generally felt the system of management committees did not work and was unacceptable to coloureds and Indians

Dr Schlebusch said details of the resolution taken by the executive would be submitted to the UME and the President's Council

The executive's recommendation was widely welcomed today

The Progressive Federal Party's national chairman and spokesman on constitutional affairs, Mr Colin Eglin, said the principle that people who pay rates should be directly represented and re-instated on the voters' roll, was looked on as "a matter of urgency"

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Graham Young, an executive member of the CPMA, said he was "very pleased" by the recommendation

"It's only rational and fair that people who own property should have a say in how their money should be spent," he said

" [illegible] " [illegible] Mr David Curry, president of the AMC

Mr Lawrence Erasmus, chairman of the Port Elizabeth Management Committee, said there had been diehards who had chosen confrontation rather than negotiation.

The Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth, Mr P K Botha, also on the CPMA executive, said if the recommendation was acceptable to the President's Council it would mean a "materially similar" return to the voters' roll as was the case before 1972

"The delimitation of wards would be different in that they would be demarcated according to the residents' financial contribution and not the number of residents in the wards," he said

Mr Botha said a move back to the pre-1972 period would, according to the relevant ordinance, mean the owner and one occupier of a house would be allowed to vote If a house was rented, the owner and one occupier — and not two as at present — could vote

The stipulation that a municipal voter had also to be on the parliamentary roll would fall away

Uitenhage tariff increase

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Municipal Reporter

UITENHAGE ratepayers face a 17,7% electricity tariff increase from the beginning of next month

The Town Treasurer, Mr A Boliter, today confirmed a decision taken by the town council last month to increase tariffs

Mr Boliter said Uitenhage obtained its electricity from the Port Elizabeth Municipality and two recent increases in Port Elizabeth meant that the Uitenhage tariff also had to be increased

The last electricity increase for Uitenhage ratepayers was in October, 1979, when an 8½% rise was approved

City blacks join call for pay rise

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council, faced with the threat of go-slow action by its white work force unless they get substantial pay increases is also facing new wage demands from its 10 000-strong black work force.

The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), to which the council's black workers belong, have successfully applied for a Conciliation Board hearing following new pay demands it made to the council eight months ago

The hearing starts on Tuesday

The secretary of CTMWA, Mr J H Erntzen, said yesterday the council's coloured and black workers were extremely dissatisfied because no action had been taken on their wage demands made eight months ago

INTERIM RISE

While the CTMWA recognised that the white union, SAAME, also had a case for higher salaries and wages, the association felt that its claims required more attention

Angry SAAME members have called on their executive to hold a special general meeting on Tuesday at which they will demand an immediate interim 20 percent rise

They say that if they do not get it they will 'work to rule' and refuse to do any overtime

The municipality, already hit by serious staff shortages, was in the process of negotiating a 15 percent pay hike with SAAME

In an unprecedented move, the SAAME executive will allow Tuesday night's meeting to be open to outsiders including city councillors and the Press

Peninsula finance in 'wretched state'

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Political Correspondent

THE Peninsula Administration's financial situation is in a 'wretched' state and at one stage emergency loans from other administration boards' liquor profits were needed to prop it up.

The board recently had to be granted another loan.

This emerges from the report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Public Accounts.

MISMANAGEMENT

In a report published earlier this year the committee drew attention to the mismanagement, fruitless expenditure and bad investments of several administration boards in other parts of the country.

The committee now discloses for the first time that the financial position of the Peninsula, too, is in a precarious position.

Part of the problem was that much of the board's revenue-producing assets had been damaged or destroyed in the 1976 riots.

According to Mr R J Raath, the then Secretary for Co-operation and Development, the board had to be given an emergency loan from other boards' liquor profits to help it to pay salaries in November 1977.

This was an interest-free loan of R700 000 which was repaid.

According to Mr Raath and Mr J H T Mills, the new Director-General of Co-operation and Development, the board's financial position was still wretched and it had just been given another loan.

The riots were not the only problem. There was a reduction in the board's source of revenue from levies because of Government policy to decrease the number of contract workers.

The chairman of the Western Cape Administration Board, Brigadier J H van der Westhuizen, said today external audits were done for all the administration boards.

In respect of the Peninsula Administration Board, now incorporated in the Western Cape board, there was no mention in the external auditors' report of any inefficiency or dishonesty.

The shortage of funds experienced by the board was due to income not matching expenditure.

STRANGE CASE

● The new Parliament's Select Committee on Public Accounts — still to be selected — will reconsider the case of the strange Defence Force transport contract, which it is alleged lost R336 000.

In a highly unusual move, the past parliamentary select committee refused to come to a finding until a full police and army investigation had been made.

The police investigation asked for by the select committee has been completed and evidence referred to the Attorney-General.

We will still be hearing a lot more about this matter,' Mr Harry Schwarz, PFP Defence and Finance spokesman, said today.

● See pages 2 and 4.

The frequency of use of each mode of transport for each of the hospitals surveyed is shown in Table 4.7.

(4.3) Indirect objective costs

The indirect objective costs considered in the study are the costs of transport to the hospital and of the waiting time of patients to receive treatment.

(4.3.1) Transport costs

The cost of transport to a hospital is a function of distance and mode of transport. Not only must the transport costs borne by patients be considered but also the costs of transport provided by the Provincial Administration. The ambulance service is a responsibility of the local authorities. The CPA is the only provincial administration in South Africa to provide a system of transport for indigent sitting patients to and from the hospital (both Day Hospitals and general outpatients department). The service is put out to tender by each hospital so there is no centralization of the service. Private companies run the service for each hospital on varying terms under each contract. Payment is either according to the number of patients carried or according to mileage. Bus coupons are also provided especially to old pensioners who use public transport, to cover the cost of their journey to the hospital. One of the problems is that each hospital not have a clearly defined area which it serves. This results in a criss-crossing of transport paths to hospitals. Attitudes towards the provision of hospital transport vary - some hospitals feel that any patient that is indigent and unwell warrants the facility whilst others feel that hospital transport should be reserved for those who are incapable of using public transport.

The Transport Research Centre at the University of Stellenbosch is currently conducting a study of the hospital transport system for the CPA. The study is considering whether this system should be continued; whether the need for this service arose because the public transport service was inadequate and more particularly whether there is a relationship between this and that the bus service in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth is provided by a private company - City Tramways.

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City workers demand more

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council will next week face urgent pay increase demands from its entire workforce, following an announcement yesterday that white workers may threaten to work to rule and stop all overtime unless they obtain an immediate 20 percent increase

The council already has to deal with wage demands by the 10 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), which represents coloured and a small number of black employees, in a Conciliation Board sitting on Tuesday

A meeting of the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), representing the white employees, will demand an interim 20 percent increase from August 1 on Tuesday This follows an earlier demand in June, for a 15 percent across the board increase, which has been set down for talks next Friday

Members drew up a petition this week for the special meeting of the association

The chairman of Saame in Cape Town, Mr A J Uys, said yesterday that sheer desperation had caused members to call the meeting Employees did not have enough money to live properly and to meet the rising cost of living and were "extremely unhappy", he said He confirmed that the association would call for "work to rule" and no overtime till their demands were met

Mr Uys said the meeting would tell the association what policy to follow when the committee consulted with the council

Members felt that over the last few years they had not been compensated for high inflation which averaged 10 percent a year

Methods of negotiating wage and salary increases took too long to finalize and when demands were met, a year later, the cost of living had gone up again According to the Industrial Conciliation Act once wage and salary increases were met employees could not claim for a further 15 months, he said

"This is why workers are becoming so desperate When an offer is made you have to accept it," Mr Uys said

In an interview yesterday, the secretary of the CTMWA, Mr J H Ernstzen, said coloured and black employees' wage demands required more attention than those of white employees because they asked for an increase more than eight months ago

Relief

"But one agrees that there is need for relief on their side as well," Mr Ernstzen said

On July 3 the Minister of Manpower Utilization, Mr Fanie Botha, approved an application for a conciliation board and after discussions an agreement was reached to hold the first hearing on July 28, he said

The deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said yesterday: "It would be unfair to comment on a proposal which is not yet adopted by the council"

Dr Evans said Saame had merely requested a meeting to discuss the matter and nothing had reached the council as a decision

PE councillor 'not prepared' to work on daily basis with blacks

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES
Municipal Reporter

A PORT ELIZABETH city councillor said today he would not be prepared to sit in full council or committee meetings to discuss municipal affairs on a daily basis with coloureds and Indians

Mr Danie Dorfling, a Ward 10 councillor, was responding to a recommendation by the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) this week which might allow coloureds and Indians to be returned to the municipal voters' roll

The CPMA's recommendation to the United Municipal Executive and President's Council was that coloureds and Indians be represented directly on councils.

Mr Dorfling said he believed in the policy of a "true Nationalist" like Transvaal leader, Dr Andries Treurnicht, who advocated separate but equal development

He said he did not mind discussing and sorting out problems with coloured and Indian management committee members but felt he could not sit at full council or committee meetings to discuss municipal affairs on a day-to-day basis

"I represent my ward's ratepayers first and foremost, just as I expect the CMC and IMC to represent their ratepayers," said Mr Dorfling

"The CMC and IMC have already got autonomy in a lot of respects and they are doing a good job"

He said proof of Government policy with regard to representation was the formation of the President's Council itself, where there was no direct representation

A number of councillors interviewed today had different views

Mr Solly Rubin, a former mayor, said the move was the "only sensible and practical" solution to the problem

He said it would remove distrust and was not "revolutionary"

"We are returning to the pre-1972 period when coloureds and Indians were allowed on the roll and it's the best way of giving a man his due"

Mr Aubrey Braude, another councillor, said a former prime minister of Britain, Mr William Pitt, had said in 1766 that "taxation without representation is tyranny"

He was fully in agreement with this statement and said he approved of direct representation for the coloured and Indian populations

Mr Terry Herbst described the move as "significant" as there was too much discrimination

"If implemented, it will be a welcome departure from restrictions," he said

Two other councillors declined to comment

Mr James Kleynhans, MP for Algoa, said he wanted to see the full recommendation and its implications before commenting

Mr Neville Cohen, a former mayor, said he might say "too many things that would upset too many people"

Cape Herald, July 2

Flood of working residents march to Divisional Council offices

Crowd demand bus shelters

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ABOUT 70 placard-waving Lotus River and Grassy Park residents marched to the Divisional Council offices last week with a petition signed by more than 2 000 people demanding bus shelters at the heavily used Buck Road terminus and the provision of taxi-ranks and more bus stops in the area.

The residents arrived at the building at about 11 am on Thursday carrying umbrellas and posters reading 'We queue in the rain' 'We want bus shelters' and 'High bus fares but poor service'

Women with babies and old people crammed into the cash hall and demanded to speak to the secretary of the Divisional Council.

Assistant secretary Mr D Craythorne took the petitions from the people and promised to put them before the Divisional Council

Petitioners shouted 'We'll be back next week if we don't receive a favourable reply' and 'This thing affects all of us,' before they left the offices and marched to a bus waiting in Wale Street

● THIS matter is to be placed on the agenda for the Divisional Council meeting on July 28.

A spokesman for the Lotus River/Grassy Park Ratepayers' and Tenants' Association, Mr A Fick, said the residents would go on a rents and rates boycott if their demand for bus shelters was not met

In a covering letter handed in with the petitions, the Association's secretary, Mrs Norma Gabriel, appealed for urgent attention to be given to their request for shelters at Buck Road terminus

'There are no seats or shelters and commuters are exposed to the elements causing them ill-health during the winter months This in turn causes loss of income

'This terminus is also often used by residents of a nearby old age home We feel it is necessary that conditions at the terminus be made more favourable for our senior citizens,' the letter says

Mr Andrew Weitz 62, who took part in the demonstration, said he usually became wet when he fetched his pension because he had to wait in the rain for a bus

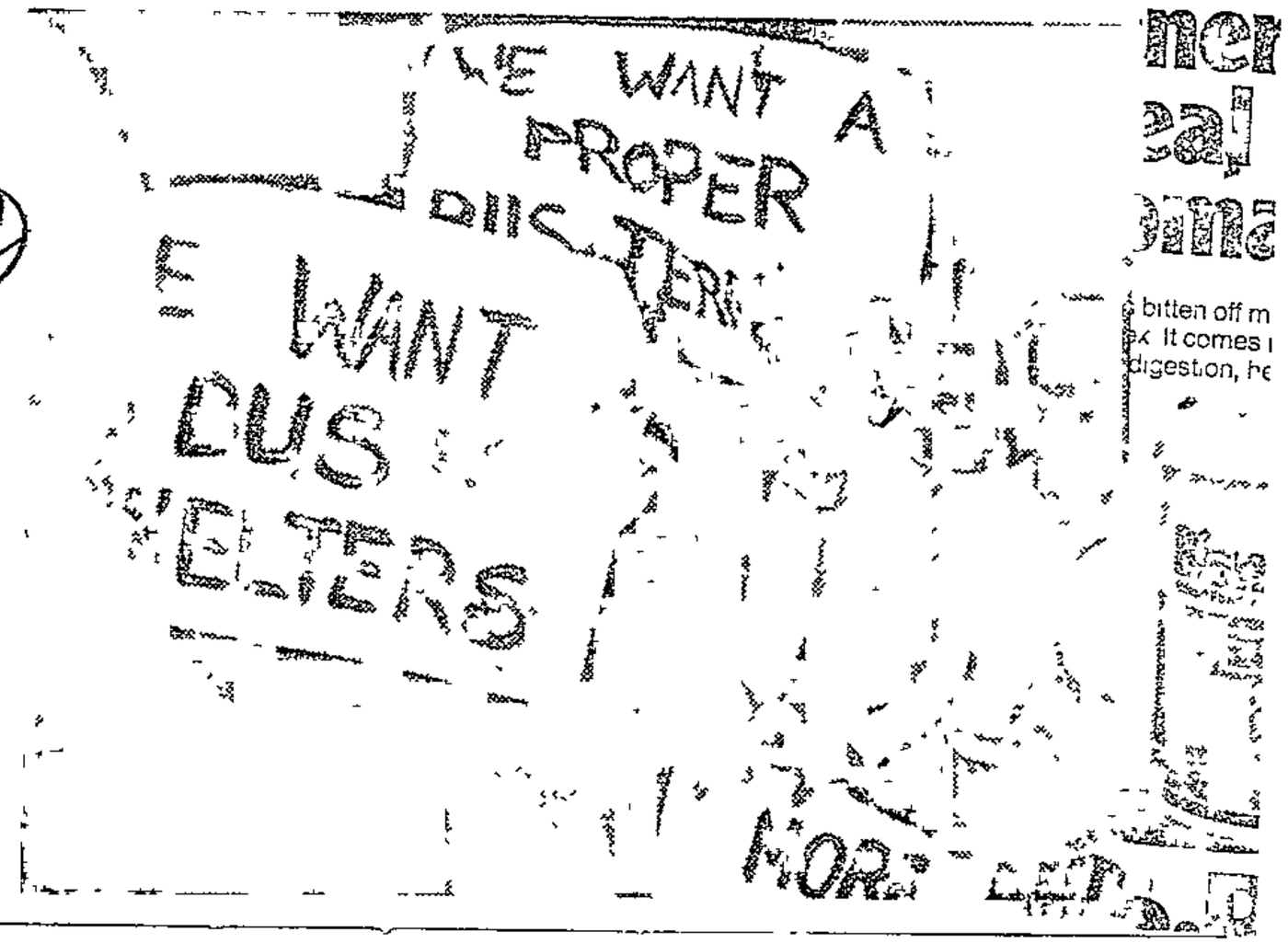
Mrs Gabriel's letter continues 'Commuters pay high fares and are receiving very poor service in return In fact, City Tramways has proposed another increase in fares, but the service has not been improved

HIGH RATES

'Residents in the area pay high rates and rents and feel strongly that transport facilities be improved Annual rents paid by commercial firms for using bus shelters for advertisements could be used to provide shelter at the terminus.

'We demand that a permanent structure be erected at the Buck Road Terminus to provide adequate shelter and seating We request that the plans be given to the Association for approval before building

'Buck Road Terminus should be given priority, but shelters at the other bus stops must also be provided'



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QUANTITY SURVEYING

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URBAN & REGIONAL PLANNING

Call to extend municipal rates

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Mail Correspondent

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Dr Schlebusch said the coloured management committee did not work and was "unacceptable to the people"

He added "It worked well in some places, but those are isolated cases" The CPMA executive was not in favour of separate municipalities structured on a colour basis, he said

He would not comment on a "local say" for people who did not own property

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Cape municipal body calls for votes for all

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE all-white Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA), comprising 182 municipalities throughout the province, has called for the restoration of the municipal vote to all coloured and Indian property-owners of the Cape's cities and towns

This call will be contained in a CPMA executive committee recommendation to the President's Council

Speaking from Queenstown yesterday, the president of the CPMA, Dr T G Schlebusch, a former National Party MPC, said "My executive committee felt we must accept the principle that anybody who has a stake in a town or city, that is anyone who pays rates, is entitled to direct representation The basis of this representation will depend, as far as the groups are concerned, on the rate contribution to the coffers of the municipality"

He said everyone who contributed rates should be "accommodated", as a town or city council was run like a business, and that all ratepayers should be regarded as "shareholders who elect directors"

Asked whether the CPMA had taken into account the existence of the coloured management committee (Mancom) system — which was introduced by the government to compensate for the loss of the municipal franchise — Dr Schlebusch said the principle had been accepted that the Mancom system did not work and was "unacceptable to the people"

He said "It worked well in some places, but those are isolated cases" Dr Schlebusch added that the CPMA executive was not in favour of separate municipalities structured on a colour basis

Policy committee

Dr Schlebusch was asked what the CPMA envisaged regarding a "local say" for people who did not OWN property, if the Mancom system fell away He said it was a detail which had been looked into but on which he could not comment at this stage

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Ratepayers to speak in vote debate

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Municipal Reporter

THE COMBINED Mitchell's Plain Ratepayers' Association is determined to address the monthly meeting of the Cape Town City Council to demonstrate that the franchise for all city residents is a non-negotiable, inalienable right.

This was said today by the secretary of Compra, Mr Eddie Kai

The council will on Thursday debate the Bloomberg Committee report, which officially lays down council policy that all ratepayers and residents, regardless of colour, should have the right to vote in municipal elections

'NOT ENOUGH'

Mr Kai said that while welcoming the report, Compra felt it did not go far enough in laying down guidelines for defacto arrangements to give the coloured people representation until the Government puts all residents on the voters' roll

The Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said that a letter from Compra explaining its proposals and its intention to address the council would be considered by the council's Executive at a meeting today.

RULES

Any organisation which wanted to address council had to abide by the council's rules of procedure, he said

'Requests to address council are usually handled by whichever council committee is dealing with the particular problem

'Although it is most unusual, an outside body can get permission to address council'

Mr Kai said the Compra delegation would attempt to address the council, whether it received official permission or not.

DIGNITY

'But the council can be assured that it will be done with dignity and discipline'

He said the people of Mitchell's Plain considered the council debate an historic occasion and wanted the world to know that anything but a complete civic franchise was unthinkable

It was outrageous that a white council made all the decisions for the people of Mitchell's Plain, a township which was already bigger than the city of East London, he said

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Rethink on tax without vote

CIVIC DIARY

By

NEVILLE FRANSMAN

IT IS time we learnt that it is senseless concocting all kinds and types and systems of government merely to escape the inexorable fact that taxation without proper representation is an iniquity which sooner or later leads to shambles

This was a self-evident truth long ago when, at national level, the Union Council for Coloured Affairs, the Coloured Advisory Council, the Coloured Representative Council (better known as the CRC) all slid into oblivion Another attempt not so long ago to form the CPC, or Coloured People's Council, was simply still-born

Now the axiom is slowly, oh so slowly, being recognized as also applicable to local government (municipal) level

Only three days ago Dr T G Schlebusch, president of the all-white Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) — comprising 182 municipalities throughout the Cape — told the Cape Times that his executive committee, after a study by a sub-committee appointed by the CPMA, felt that everyone who paid rates to a city or town council should be directly represented

He added that the coloured management committee (mancom) system had worked well only in some places "but those are isolated cases" and that mancoms were just not acceptable to people

The CPMA was therefore recommending to the President's Council that all coloured and Indian property-owners, because they pay rates, should be returned to the municipal voters' roll

Now if memory serves correctly, this concept has been expressed time and again by hundreds of organizations, politicians, academics, economists, businessmen, churches — you name it

At least one municipality, namely Cape Town, can be added to the list of protagonists for an open franchise But then, it was not surprising as this City has all along been considered the liberal spanner in the works of a *verkrampte* society

Now, however, the concept has been articulated by no less than the municipal association which, as pointed out, consists of 182 white municipalities throughout the Cape This is no mean breath of fresh air, even if it is just a breath

One awaits eagerly the reaction of the white citizens in municipalities like Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Burgersdorp, Danielskuil, Hartswater and Oudtshoorn to the "radical" idea that people of colour should have the right to vote or the right to be elected as town councillors

Perhaps Goodwood and Simon's Town feel secure They have no *anderskleurige* total onslaught lurking in a potentially open voters' roll

Just a thought, just a thought

The big one which will really have to bite the bullet is Cape Town which, in fact, wants to go further than the Cape Province Municipal Association

Note that the CPMA wants the vote extended only to coloured and Indian property OWNERS The Mother City would like to see owners AND occupiers on the common roll, which would then also give tenants in council housing schemes a say in how they are governed locally

At this stage some extracts from the Bloomberg Committee "statement of policy" may be of interest

The Bloomberg report stated that, when modern local government was introduced to Cape Town by Ordinance 1 of 1840, the prime qualification for enrolment as a voter and election as councillor was the ownership or lease of a house, shop or office with a yearly value or rent of at least 10 pounds sterling

In 1972, registration as a voter (with certain limited exceptions) and election as a councillor was restricted to white South African citizens

Prior to the 1972 elections all "natural" persons of 21 or over or "fictitious" persons (like registered companies) could vote if they owned or occupied ratable property of a valuation of not less than 400 pounds (occupation being control and residence or use for longer than six months and including the spouse of the owner in the case of joint residence)

To be eligible for election as councillors the property value concerned had to be not less than 500 pounds

All this already meant that the 30 000 tenants in the council's housing schemes did not qualify even in 1971, as the properties they occupied had low valuations

The axe fell on those voters of colour with the passing of Ordinance 19 of 1971 which declared bluntly that all municipal voters had in the first place to qualify for registration as parliamentary voters, that is, they had to be white South Africans aged 18 or older

Qualification as municipal voter now depends on ownership or occupation of immovable (instead of ratable) property Spouses of occupiers currently also qualify where there is joint occupation The minimum valuation has fallen away

And in place of the municipal vote for coloured and Indian people came the management committee vote This is the "other" system which had been formulated by the people in power

This is the "other" system which has led to the "radical" reaction of the Cape Province Municipal Association

Times do change

Council to discuss recruitment of black firemen in PE

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By VIRGIL GONCALVES

THE acute shortage of firemen in Port Elizabeth might soon lead to the employment of blacks and recruitment overseas

According to informed sources the shortage was recently discussed at a closed meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee and will be discussed in committee by the City Council at its meeting on Thursday

The recommendation to employ blacks and recruit firemen overseas has been accepted by the Policy and Resources Committee

At present there is a general shortage of staff in municipal departments

Recently, a senior official described the shortage "as beyond the critical stage"

Mr M J Shand, personnel manager for the municipality, said today there was a shortage of 20%, generally, with the town planning department operating on half quota

Port Elizabeth should have 65 firemen, but has 15 to 20 vacancies

Though the provision of finance for dormitory accommodation had been made on the estimates, at present the Southern fire station was the only one with dormitory accommodation

Dormitory accommodation for the Central and Northern fire stations was in the pipeline and would enable staff to work an 84-hour week instead of the present 120-hour week

The proposed call-up of fireman to do military training was expected to aggravate the position

The Cape Province Municipal Association's executive committee recently expressed concern about firemen having to do military duty

From the end of the year firemen, who were previously exempted from military training, will have to do their basic training

Chairmen of City Council committees were reluctant to discuss the matter today

However, Mr A Ward Able, chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, said the position generally with regard to employment in municipal departments was "a matter of long-standing discussion"

It had become more pressing of late and a "more active policy" had been advocated

One of the problems regarding the recruitment of staff was finding employees with the necessary qualifications and experience

"Efforts have been made to get the same kind of tax incentive relief for training as given to private enterprise by the Government," he said.

Mr Bill Hayward, chairman of the Works and Traffic Committee, who has previously advocated the employment of black staff in the public and private sector, said that prior to the amalgamation of Walmer with the Port Elizabeth municipality, Walmer's fire department had been manned by blacks

He said the service had operated "most efficiently"

If the recommendation was accepted, it could help solve the dilemma of providing fire fighting services in black townships

The City Council recently discussed a motion that the services be withdrawn from areas under the control of the East Cape Administration Board

The Fire Chief, Mr G B Estment, had proposed that the council withdraw its fire fighting service from the townships unlesss the board helped finance it

Mr Estment said today it was not in the department's interest to comment on the recruitment of black staff at this stage

However, the status quo remained as far as the provision of services to all areas was concerned

At this stage the department would continue to serve black townships unless instructed by police not to enter the area, he said

Mr M Kritzinger, the secretary of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), said that as the branch's executive committee had not discussed the recruitment of black firemen, he preferred not to comment at this stage

Council ruling delays Plain franchise talks

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Municipal Reporter

THE Combined Mitchell's Plain Ratepayers' Association has been told that the City Council's rules of order preclude the association from addressing the monthly meeting of the council on Thursday

Compra had told the council in a letter that it intended addressing the council on Thursday when it considered the Bloomberg report on the municipal franchise.

The report confirms the council's policy that all residents and ratepayers of Cape Town, which include the coloured people, should have the right to vote in municipal elections and serve as councillors.

Compra believe that the recommendations of the Bloomberg report do not go far enough and have said they intend 'with dignity and discipline' to address the council on the issue

The deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said the council's Executive Committee yesterday considered Compra's letter and found it was not possible under the council's rules of order for the association to address the council on Thursday

'Compra did not put in a memorandum and outline the points it wishes to raise

'There is also not sufficient time for their memorandum to be considered by the relevant council committee before it agrees to see the deputation

'If Compra complies with the rules of order there is no reason why the council or a committee could not hear the association at a future meeting,' he added

City's law activities 'dissipated'

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Municipal Reporter

THERE is little merit in Cape Town City Council's law-enforcement activities because they are being dissipated over too wide an area and there is an urgent need for consolidation'

This is a key finding of the Bloomberg committee set up by the council to investigate municipal law-enforcement and crime-prevention in Cape Town

In its report, to be considered by the council on Thursday, the committee said council's piecemeal approach to law-enforcement and security had resulted in a situation in which much activity was wasteful and the public did not receive value for money

Each agency had its uniform and insignia, easily distinguishable from the others and giving an impression of numerically weak forces

The recruitment of personnel was affected by different ranks and gradings and different standards of training supervision and procedures

'There can be no doubt that this not only hampers efficiency but prevents the spirit of co-operation which should exist between them,' the committee reported

MORE DANGER

'Certain people hold the view that the City Council should not involve itself in crime prevention as this is not a civic function'

'Nevertheless our city is becoming more and more dangerous and people's lives and property are increasingly at risk

'If the SAP cannot render the desired degree of assistance because of the reason given above, council should endeavour to render the necessary protection.

The committee has recommended that the coun-

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cil agree in principle to establish a civic patrol which would control traffic, patrol parks and recreation areas, patrol beaches, control and license dogs, supply security services for municipal property and in general prevent crime in the municipal area.

The patrol would be formed by amalgamating the municipality's law-enforcement agencies. The entire force would wear identical uniforms but the traffic patrol and security patrol would retain their own badges and insignia

The patrol would be divided into three sections, — traffic, with 150 officers, security, with 102 and the patrol, consisting of 100 officers

It is recommended that a further 100 officers be

Law force

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recruited, including a 25-man mobile strike force.

The committee has also recommended that the council ask the Government for a R1 100 000 annual subsidy to cover the recruitment of 100 extra men.

'The formation of a civic-type constabulary whose primary function would be crime-prevention would constitute a genuine and viable response to the desperate need of our citizens for protection from crime,' the report adds.

The members of the committee are Mr David Bloomberg, Mr R M Friedlander, Mrs E Stott, Mr J A K Muir and the Deputy-Mayor, Mr M J van Zyl.

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Over 1 000 municipal workers for meeting

Municipal Reporter

MORE than 1 000 white City Council employees are expected to attend today's meeting in the Civic Centre where a demand will be made for a 20 percent pay increase The meeting has been organized by the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame)

Individual invitations to attend have been sent to city councillors, members of Exco, the Municipal Service Commission and the press Top officials such as the town clerk, city treasurer and city engineer are members — or eligible as members — of Saame and could attend in their own right, the Saame secretary, Mr D W Archer, said yesterday

He expected a turn-out of more than 1 000 of Saame's 4 200 Cape Town members, but could not say how many councillors would be attending Apologies had been received from some councillers

The special general meeting, called on a petition by at least 10 percent of Saame's membership (as required by branch by-laws), will be urged to ask the City Council for a 20 percent pay increase to be implemented on August 1

Members will be asked to agree to "work to rule" and refuse overtime if the pay demand is not met

The meeting will be held in the Civic Centre Podium Hall and starts at 5 15pm

(See table 3).

Of the 40 468 Africans who have medical benefit coverage, 30 274 are in the clothing and knitting trade.[8]

Generally medical benefit schemes are predominately in industries where industrial unions (rather than craft unions) operate.

All medical benefit schemes operate on the basis of contracting doctors on a panel basis.

Medical benefit societies on the whole cater for lower paid workers (hence the low contribution rates) and have less extensive benefits than medical aid societies. There are circumstances in which the member can consult a non-panel doctor. These circumstances include when a worker is away from the centre in which he usually receives treatment from the panel doctors and takes ill. In some small centres where few workers began schemes, and the panel of doctors is not appointed, this is also waived.

Industrial Council medical benefit schemes operate in the following industries: Baking and Confectionery (P.E. and Uitenhage); Bespoke tailoring (Witwatersrand); Bedding Manufacturing (TvL); Canvas Gords (Witwatersrand and Pretoria); Chemicals (Witwatersrand and Pretoria); Clothing (Cape, George, N. Cape and O.F.S., TvL, E. Province, Natal); Cotton Textile, Retail Meat (Witwatersrand); Millinery (Cape); Tobacco (TvL); Worsted Textile (Cape); Laundry, Diamond cutting and Leather industries.

The average contribution rate of these medical benefit schemes is 28½c per week. (The average is worked out on the basis of Industries listed above in which medical benefit schemes were studied). This average amount is considerably lower than for medical aid funds. The Diamond Cutting Medical Benefit Fund (average contribution of R1,65) and that of the retail trade (R2,31 on average) have been excluded in these calculations as these are schemes which cater for skilled categories of workers and exceptions to the general rule that skilled workers are covered by medical aid schemes.

In all except one (Bespoke tailoring) of the industries listed above in which medical benefit schemes exist, the contributions are raised according to earnings, thus a true average could not be worked out as the number of worker in each category is not known

In all except two (Bespoke tailoring and Bedding manufacturing) the employers paid in an equal amount on behalf of the workers. The difference in contributions in the two exceptions amounted to a few cents.

In four of the twelve industries examined, the average contribution rate was less than 20c.

These contributions appear to be low, but it must be remembered that workers usually contribute to other funds as well (pension, provident and so forth). This is apart from trade unions subscriptions, Unemployment Insurance deductions and so forth. Of the twelve industries with medical benefit funds examined, the following benefits were extended. (See table 7)

The average was worked out on the basis of the industries listed above in which medical benefit and schemes were studied: Baking and Confectionery, Bedding Manufacturing, Bespoke tailoring, Canvas Chemical Manufacturing, Clothing, Cotton Textile, Tobacco, Worsted Textile, Laundry, Weaving and

Municipal staff 20 pc more

Want 20 pc more

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — More than 1 000 Cape Town municipal staff demanded a 20 percent pay increase at a meeting last night. It will add R16 million to the municipality's wage bill.

The staff, members of the 4 200-strong Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees, rejected a plea by its executive to tone down the demand to 15 percent.

But the meeting, rejected, almost unanimously, a call by some to threaten to go slow and ban overtime if the 20 percent increase was not granted.

The meeting demanded that the SAAME chairman, Mr A J Uys, get an answer to its demand from the city council within six weeks.

Speakers accused the council of paying wages at least 24 percent lower than those offered for the same work by the divisional council, Post Office and South African Railways.

Councillors and the executive committee had been invited to attend the meeting, but none came.

Pay negotiations between the council and the 10 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association — which represents coloured and some African employees — broke down at a Conciliation Board hearing yesterday.

The association wants a minimum wage of R58 a week. The present lowest grade is R37 a week.

Their demands will now go to arbitration.

City needs its own law body — Bloomberg

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29/7/8

Municipal Reporter

TO COMBAT the rapidly escalating crime rate in the Central Business District and the City Council's housing estates, Cape Town needed a city police force similar to that in Durban, and the best way to achieve this would be to amalgamate the present municipal law enforcement agencies

This is the major feature of a report by the Bloomberg Committee on municipal law enforcement and crime prevention in Cape Town The committee, under the chairmanship of former Mayor Mr David Bloomberg, was appointed by the City Council in January this year The report will be tabled at tomorrow's monthly meeting of the council

Civic Patrol

The committee recommended that the new police force should be known as the Civic Patrol, which would have as its functions the control of traffic, patrolling of parks, recreation areas and beaches, control of dogs and their licensing, the security of all municipal property and generally the prevention of crime within the municipal area of Cape Town

The CP could consist of three divisions — traffic patrol, patrol division and security patrol — and be under the overall authority of the commander, civic patrol Each of the three divisions should have a chief officer

The committee suggested further that the traffic patrol consist of 150 uniformed officers of the existing traffic branch, the security patrol of 102 officers of the existing security division of the civic buildings branch, and the patrol division of all the uniformed officers from the bathing amenities branch (which would include beach constables), the parks and forests branch and the existing cleansing branch, making a total of 100 men

Strike force

In addition, 100 new men should be recruited and a special 25-man mobile strike force established To cover the cost of the extra 100 men, the council was urged to ask the central government for a subsidy of R1,1-million

The Civic Patrol would have no "teeth" and purpose unless its officers had powers of arrest similar to those of the South African Police, and legislation would have to be passed to give them these powers

The Bloomberg Committee suggested that the three divisions of the Civic Patrol should all wear identical uniforms, but that the traffic and security patrols retain their present separate badge and insignia

The members of the committee were councillors Mr Dick Friedlander, Mr John Muir, Mrs Eulalie Stott and the Deputy Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl

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City police 'could be too successful'

Municipal Reporter

THE Chambers of Industry and Commerce are opposed to the formation of a municipal police force and one of the reasons is that this force could be so successful in the townships that criminal elements would move into the Central Business District in greater numbers

According to the Bloomberg report, being tabled at the City Council's monthly meeting tomorrow, the Chambers felt that an even larger and more costly force would then be required to cope with the increased crime rate in the CBD and they felt that "it would be preferable for the crime to be contained in its present locality"

The Chambers did not feel that a municipal police force was desirable since at best it could only supplement the South African Police and would encounter many difficulties

For instance, since crime extended over areas administered by different authorities, the question of the right of pursuit or encroachment across borders would arise

Reservists

They felt the best way in which the municipality could help the SAP was to assist in the recruiting of coloured SAP reservists, conduct public awareness campaigns and creating job opportunities for coloured youth. However, if a municipal police force were established, it would be essential for it to be under control of an SAP nominee, the Chambers said

Giving evidence to the Bloomberg Committee, the Chambers of Commerce and Industry said physical conditions in the townships were the basic cause of crime there, with the coloured community suffering the most

However, the type of crime (in the townships) was not peculiar to Cape Town It was a national problem, and South African municipalities had to make a joint approach to induce the government to tackle it, since public safety was the responsibility of the SAP

Hampered

The Chambers believed that standard SAP units, who had no presence or stations there, were not respected in the townships, but "crack" SAP units were To make good the lack of an SAP presence in the townships, it was necessary to recruit more police, but this was hampered by the prevailing poor rates of pay and prospects

Alleviated

The situation could be alleviated by taking the SAP off border duty and the many other jobs not directly connected with public safety which overburden them There was also a need to improve the image of the SAP

According to the Bloomberg report, the Chambers emphasized what they regarded as a dangerous possibility should the municipal force be effective They feared that criminal elements would then move in greater numbers into other areas, particularly the CBD

The Chambers would support any move to gain SAP support of vigilantes, who had been very effective, according to the report

Muggers centre on the tourist areas

Municipal Reporter

THE Bloomberg Committee on crime prevention has found that areas in the City centre where there are most muggings are the Gardens, Greenmarket Square, the Adderley Street area and the environs of the major hotels and the Nico Malan Theatre — all areas frequented by tourists

In the housing estates on the Cape Flats, crime had escalated into a "reign of terror" and fell chiefly under the headings of vandalism, violence, and economic or profit-motivated crime Of particular concern was the operation of organized gangs who specialized in alcohol, drugs, stolen goods, moneylending, blackmail, intimidation and the use of firearms

Manpower shortage

The committee found that the shortage of manpower in the South African Police was plainly visible in the city area

Because of muggings and burglaries in the vicinity of the Nico Malan Theatre, senior Capab officials had requested the SAP to send extra men on patrol, and their inability to oblige was ascribed to the manpower shortage

Ten members of the theatre staff were mugged in a 21-day period during 1980 In the week commencing March 30 this year, two guest performers from Germany were mugged on the Piazza in front of the Nico Malan complex In the same month the restaurant was burgled

The committee found that car theft and mugging were generally on the increase in the Nico Malan Theatre area, and no arrests had been made

Socio-economic

Meanwhile, senior police officers who had given evidence to the Bloomberg Committee — while emphasizing that they were not speaking in any official capacity — acknowledged that the cause of the townships' crime problem was socio-economic, and that the responsibility did not lie with the SAP

A solution had to be found, but it was felt that the appropriate authorities, and not the SAP, had to provide it

In general, the SAP opposed the operation of vigilante groups, since they were unselected, untrained and prone to penetration by skollies

The SAP would like to recruit more coloured reservists, maximize the SAP's physical presence, increase the number of foot patrols, and would welcome assistance from any source They did not oppose any policing the City Council may have in mind, and would co-operate fully, as did the SAP with the City Police of Durban

Council: Pay demand stands

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

AT least 1 200 white City Council employees at a mass meeting in the Foreshore Civic Centre last night refused to water down their demand for a 20 percent pay increase — and they gave the council only six weeks in which to make up its mind

The workers, all members of the 4 200-strong Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), decided, however, not to "hold a pistol at the council's head" and agreed that they would not resort to work-to-rule or refusal of overtime action

Meanwhile, it was reported that deadlock was reached yesterday between the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) at a conciliation board sitting in the City, seven months after the CTMWA — which represents the 10 000 coloured and a small number of African employees — had asked for an increase in the lowest-paid grade from the present R37 to R58 a week

Arbitration

At the end of last year the lowest-paid black workers were receiving R29 weekly

The CTMWA demand will now go for arbitration by an Industrial Court

At Saame's meeting last night, the white employees were told that the City Council pay scales were on average 24 percent lower than those paid by the Post Office, the Railways and Divisional Council. Speaker after speaker attacked the council for not increasing wages and salaries to keep pace with the rising cost of living

Proposals by one or two speakers, including the chairman, Mr A J Uys, that Saame should reduce its demand from a 20 to a 15 percent increase were met with shouts of disapproval and were overwhelmingly defeated

Next step

The meeting insisted that its committee should report back, whatever the outcome of its discussions with the council's Exco If there was a breakdown in talks, or if the council made an unsatisfactory counter offer to Saame, the next step would probably be an appeal to a government conciliation board, Mr Uys said

The Saame workers also decided that the council be asked to set up a committee to review the grading of posts and that a new regrading should become effective on September 1

● The council's Exco declined an offer to be present at last night's meeting on the grounds that it was already considering a formal demand from the organization for a pay increase No city councillors were present

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Workers fire on demands

Mail Correspondent

AT LEAST 1 200 angry white city council employees in Cape Town last night refused to water down their demand for a 20% pay increase — and they gave the council six weeks in which to make up its mind

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Meanwhile, deadlock was reached between the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association at a conciliation board sitting on a demand for an increase in the lowest pay grade from the present R37 to R58 a week

The CTMWA demand will now go for arbitration by an Industrial Court

Council talks today on 'open roll' proposal

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN

A RECOMMENDATION that coloureds and Indians be returned to the municipal voters' roll will be discussed by the Port Elizabeth City Council at its meeting later today.

The recommendation was made last week by the executive of the Cape Provincial Municipal Association (CPMA).

At its meeting this week, the East London City Council discussed the CPMA's proposal and agreed that Indians and coloureds should be returned to the municipal roll.

The CPMA has finalised its proposals to be submitted to the President's Council but any member whose views differ from those of the Executive Committee is free to submit new proposals to the council.

The Executive Committee's recommendations are:

- That each municipal area as a whole but with the exclusion of proclaimed black areas, be divided or redivided into wards.
- That the division or redivision of municipal areas be such that the contributions of all wards to the rate fund of the municipality would as far as possible, be equal.
- That the election of city councils be on a ward basis.

The implications of the proposals are spelt out in today's city council agenda.

Councillors are reminded that in principle Asians, whites and coloureds, on a ward basis, would have direct representation on the city council.

Delimitation of wards would be in accordance with contributions to the rate fund.

Indian and coloured management committees would cease to exist, and the needs of these group areas, as in the case of white areas, would possibly be handled by ratepayers' associations.

All wards, irrespective of the population composition would enjoy equal representation on city councils.

A joint voters' roll would be prepared for each ward irrespective of the group areas constitution.

The existing separate voters' rolls for white and coloured group areas would be substituted by joint voters' rolls prepared on the basis of ward divisions.

More pay for artisans proposed

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Post Reporter

TODAY the Port Elizabeth City Council considers a recommendation by the Policy and Resources Committee that the starting rate for artisans employed by the municipality be increased

The present rate is R3,49 an hour (R8 200 a year) and the committee recommended that the new starting rate be R3,62 an hour (R8 504)

In its report the committee stated that many artisans were leaving for better pay and it had become difficult to recruit newcomers

The council will also debate a recommendation that an ad hoc committee be appointed to plan an entertainment programme to mark the opening of the City Hall on November 19

The Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, will report on the possibility of the Mayor, Mr Graham Young, visiting Taiwan in the Republic of China in August Earlier this month Mr Young received a letter from the Mayor of Taiwan inviting him to to attend a signing ceremony to mark the "twinning" of the two cities

City police: Fears by commerce

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Municipal Reporter

ORGANISED commerce and industry in Cape Town fear that if a municipal police force proved 'effective,' the criminal element would move out of the townships and into the city.

This is one of the more startling admissions in the evidence before the Bloomberg Committee of the City Council, which investigated municipal law enforcement and crime prevention in Cape Town

The committee had recommended the formation of a single municipal Civic Patrol, made up of all the existing traffic security and patrol divisions

DANGEROUS

In its evidence, the Cape Town Chambers of Commerce and Industry said they regarded it as a dangerous possibility 'should the municipal police force be effective'

According to the committee's report, 'the chambers fear that criminal elements would then move in greater numbers into other areas, particularly the central business district

'In this eventuality, an even larger and more costly force would be required to cope with it

'The chambers' representatives considered therefore that it would be preferable for the crime to be contained in its present locality'

The chambers did not feel that a municipal police force was desirable since at best it could only supplement the South African Police and it would encounter many difficulties

If it was established the chamber felt that it would be essential for it to be under the control of an SAP nominee

PE first city in the Cape to recruit black firemen

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN

THE Port Elizabeth City Council is the first in the Cape to recruit black firemen The decision was taken by the City Council at a meeting held in camera last night.

There are at present 22 vacancies in a total of 65 posts in the Fire Department

The local chairman of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), Mr J Howcroft, said today "We shall meet next week, possibly on Tuesday, to discuss this matter Until then I have no comment"

Saame has, however, made it clear that it opposes the move

Port Elizabeth's Chief Fire Officer, Mr Brian Estment, also refused to comment on the council's decision

The Deputy Chief Officer of the Cape Town Fire Department, Mr D McCree, told the Evening Post in a telephone interview that there were no black firemen in his department The City Council had approved a proposal to set up a fire station in the coloured area of Mannenberg in 1974 but it was shelved because of lack of finance

East London's Fire Department has no black firemen, the Chief Fire Officer, Mr W Kenny, said in an interview today

At present a rationalisation commmittee, appointed by the City Council, was investigating the question of staffing in all municipal departments

Johannesburg and Durban have been ahead of the Cape in recruiting black firemen The Chief Fire Officer in Johannesburg, Mr J G de Beer, said his department had employed black firemen since 1973

There were 10 substations in the Johannesburg area One was situated in Jabulani in Soweto. The entire station, from officers down, was manned by blacks

He explained that the problem of Group Areas, aggravated by the distances to be covered in Johannesburg, prevented the placement of black firemen in other stations It was essential with an emergency service that there be 24-hour availability so the men had to have accommodation on the premises.

A fire department was run so as to make full use of all its resources In many emergencies fire-fighting crews from the Jabulani station had been sent into other areas and black firemen had fought alongside whites, he said

The Acting Chief Fire Officer in Durban, Mr W Sanders, said that seven Indian firemen had started work there last month

The policy of the Durban City Council was that there was no discrimination on the basis of colour in its staff appointments

Until last month the Fire Department had struggled to recruit suitable people When posts were advertised on an open basis last month, they had received 300 applicants and could choose the best men for the job

The Indian firemen had already proved themselves and there had been no problems so far

The shift system (which will also be introduced in Port Elizabeth) meant that Group Areas presented no obstacle

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Coloured vote report accepted

rules of order, he could not grant the request

He added: 'Council has always been most conservative in its attitude towards approaches to appear before the Bar of council because, representing all sections of the community as it does, it would then be bound to give counter groups the same right and this could easily turn the council chamber into a political cockpit for political factions'

OPPOSITION

During the debate, the only councillor to speak against the franchise, Mr J S Rabinowitz, said giving the franchise to the coloured people would mean Cape Town going against the laws of the country

He said the council had lost sight of the 'suicidal population explosion,' the effect of which would be two coloured councillors for every white councillor.

He said commerce and industry would not stand for the city being run by coloured people who were 'irresponsible'

It would be playing into the hands of the 'ever-waiting communists when every skolly who lives in a house can vote.'

Challenged by several councillors that his remarks were offensive he withdrew them and apologised

SAD

After Mr Rabinowitz had spoken, Mr Kreiner said 'We have entered a period in which people are learning to live with one another' Remarks like yours damage race relations. I am sorry it had to happen in this chamber'

Mrs Joan Kantey said it was sad to hear a speech like Mr Rabinowitz's. It was tragic that he claimed he was not aware that he was giving offence.

'I hope I never live to hear another speech like that again.'

Mrs Eulalie Stott said that for the last 30 years black leaders in South Africa had been locked up and silenced. This meant that the views of the black people had been denied to the rest of the country

'That is why people like Mr Rabinowitz are able to make the statements they do'

The council passed the franchise recommendations by 25 votes with nine against. But, three councillors— Mr Rabinowitz, Mr A L J Powell and Mr Gerry Ferry walked out before the vote was taken

Crime: Special council meeting

Municipal Reporter

THE executive of the Cape Town City Council is to hold a special meeting to consider the Bloomberg report on municipal law enforcement and crime prevention in Cape Town

The report recommends the establishment of a combined municipal force consisting of all its present traffic, security and patrol staff, with an additional 100 personnel.

The council's executive decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the financial and other implications of the report.

All councillors will be invited to attend the meeting

Bloomberg denies evidence misquoted

Argus 21/4/81

THE chairman of the committee on Municipal Law Enforcement and Crime Prevention in Cape Town, City Councillor Mr David Bloomberg, today denied a Chamber of Commerce accusation that their evidence before his committee had been 'completely misquoted'

In the Bloomberg Committee report the Chamber of Commerce is quoted as having said 'The chamber's emphasised what they regard as a dangerous possibility should the municipal police be effective.

'They fear that criminal elements would then move in greater numbers into other areas, particularly the central business district

LARGER FORCE

'In this eventuality an even larger and more costly force would be required to cope with it

'The chamber's representatives considered, therefore, that it would be preferable for the crime to be contained in its present locality'

In a draft copy of their printed evidence handed to The Argus today by the Chamber's secretary, Mr Brian MacLeod, the Chamber states: 'A further point to be borne in mind is the fact that if there is a clampdown on crime in the coloured townships, crime could increasingly spread to white residential areas and here again this would call for protection from a municipal police force with the result that the strength already insufficient to cope with crime in the coloured townships would be further dissapated, resulting in it becoming an even less effective means of coping with the problem of crime'

Mr MacLeod said that the report had 'twisted the whole point' What was meant was that if the force was effective and resultantly crime spread to white residential and other areas, a much larger force, present in form and strength would become necessary, burdening the ratepayer

Mr MacLeod said that at no stage did the chamber ever mention that an effective municipal police force would be a 'dangerous possibility' or that by plugging crime in the townships the criminal element would move into the central business district

NOT SUPPORTED

It did not support a municipal force as it would have to be built from scratch and relieve the police of a duty it felt should remain with them They were more in favour of upgrading police benefits or of reaching an agreement with vigilante groups which would operate under SAP aegis.

Mr MacLeod added that the Chamber of Industries had also been linked with this feeling when in fact they had no connection

The chamber, he said, had been 'dogmatic' in its contention and asked only that the point be borne in mind

'OUTRAGEOUS'

Answering the criticism of the report, Mr Bloomberg said in an interview today, that he had found the chamber's statement on crime in the coloured townships 'so outrageous' that he had questioned its representative on these points to ensure that its printed statement actually conveyed what it meant to say

'The chamber's representative was adamant on its statement and assured me that I had understood them correctly

'I am quite satisfied that what is in my committee's report is correct,' he added

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Give city vote to all races says Cape Town

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Mail Correspondent

THE Cape Town City Council agreed by a large majority yesterday to give the municipal vote to all races.

A delegation of councillors was instructed to convey this decision to the President's Council which is studying constitutional change.

Only one councillor spoke against the proposal Mr Joe Rabinowitz who represents Sea Point. He was among nine councillors who were absent when the vote was finally taken.

The council had been invited by the President's Council to give evidence on "extension of local and regional management systems, with due regard to geographic, financial and representational aspects".

Letter

A letter from the President's Council invited the city council to put forward proposals on "how you suppose that this new constitutional dispensation for Asians, whites and coloureds should be implemented on the level of regional and local government, and what deficiencies you find in the present system".

The city council decision that the vote be given to all property owners and occupiers regardless of race will be conveyed to the President's Council both by letter and by a deputation consisting of the mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, the deputy mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, a former mayor, Mr David Bloomberg and a city councillor, Mr Dick Friedlander.

The deputation will meet the President's Council on August 19.

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Coloured vote plan gets Cape Town nod

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Own Correspondent

The first step towards giving the municipal vote back to the coloured people of Cape Town was taken by the city council yesterday when it approved the Bloomberg Report on the municipal franchise

The report, drawn up by a committee headed by Councillor David Bloomberg, reaffirmed the council's policy of a municipal vote for all the city's householders and ratepayers

The report and its recommendations for changes in the law to bring about a municipal franchise for all was accepted by a large majority of councillors after an incident-filled debate

In the course of the meeting a letter was read out inviting the council to state its case to the President's Council It was decided that the Bloomberg committee, with several additional councillors, would prepare the council's case

CAPE TOWN — The first step towards giving the municipal vote back to the coloured people of the city was taken by the city council when it approved the Bloomberg Report on the municipal franchise yesterday

Mr Kreiner said he had received a request from Compra to be allowed to address the council

He outlined why, in terms of the council's rules of order, he could not grant the request

Mr Kreiner then read out a statement from Compra which said it agreed with the Bloomberg Report and suggested further steps to have the franchise accepted in law as soon as possible In the meantime 'immediate participation in common decision making as a prelude to future legal formalisation was required

Compra secretary Mr Eddie Kariem tried to address the council from the gallery but Mr Kreiner called for the lunch adjournment and the councillors left the chamber

AGAINST

During the debate the only councillor to speak against the franchise, Mr J S Rabinowitz said that what held good in 1970 did not hold good today

Giving the franchise to the coloured people would mean Cape Town going against the laws of the country

He said the council had lost sight of the 'suicidal population explosion the effect of which would be two coloured councillors for every white councillor

He said that commerce and industry would not stand for the city being run by coloureds who were responsible

It would be playing into the hands of the ever waiting communists if every skollie who lived in a house can vote'

Informed by several councillors that his remarks were offensive he withdrew them and apologised

The council passed the franchise recommendations with 25 votes for, and none against But three councillors — Mr Rabinowitz, Mr A L J Powell and Mr Gerry Ferry — walked out before the vote was taken

From Durban it is reported that that city is also moving towards giving coloured and Asian residents a direct say in how the city is run

A working committee was set up by the management committee at the beginning of this month to find ways of giving direct representation to all Durban's communities

The plan Durban is likely to come up with could differ considerably from the Cape Town plan

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Councillor rebuked for speech

Municipal Reporter

A CAPE TOWN City Councillor, Mr Joseph Rabinowitz, was criticized at the council's monthly meeting yesterday for making an "offensive" speech in which he said control of the City would be handed over to the less-responsible if coloured people were given the vote

Amid interjections, Mr Rabinowitz, a representative for Ward 2 (Sea Point), stated that the coloured population was "suicidal" and that if they were given the vote, the immediate effect would be two coloured councillors for every white councillor In 20 years the ratio would increase to four to one

He said "You are asking Cape Town to be excluded from the laws of the land, to become a sort of semi-Monaco in South Africa"

The present high calibre of city councillors could not be maintained if coloured people were admitted to the council

Mr David Bloomberg I think that is particularly offensive

Mr Rabinowitz Can I carry on? I said I didn't want to offend people

Mrs Joan Kantey But you are doing it

Mr Rabinowitz said the municipal vote for coloured people was tailor-made for the promotion of communism "The veriest skollie occupying a house will have the vote, and we are handing over the City to be ruled by the coloured population"

The Mayor called Mr Rabinowitz to order, instructing him either to resume his seat or withdraw his remarks, as they were "particularly offensive" He said skollies could also be found among the white population

Mr Rabinowitz I withdraw them I didn't realize they were offensive

● In a lunch-hour interview, Mr Rabinowitz told the Cape Times he had not meant to offend anyone, least of all the coloured people He had grown up with them on the West Coast and he knew of the hardship and poverty many had to contend with He had many friends among coloured people

"No one can call me a racist and I apologize if I offended anyone today"

Open franchise: City backs call

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council decided by a large majority yesterday to endorse the Bloomberg Committee's recommendation that the municipal vote be given to all the City's property-owners and occupiers regardless of colour

A council deputation consisting of the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, the Deputy Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, councillor Mr Dick Friedlander and former Mayor, Mr David Bloomberg, was delegated to convey this to the President's Council in writing by August 14 and through personal representation on August 19

The only councillor who spoke against the common franchise was Mr Joe Rabinowitz, who represents Ward 2 (Sea Point)

Shortly before the Bloomberg report was discussed at yesterday's monthly City Council meeting, the Mayor read a letter in which Cape Town was officially invited by the PC to give evidence on "extension of local and regional management systems, with due regard to geographic, financial and representational aspects"

The PC letter invited the City council to put forward proposals on "(1) how you suppose that this new constitutional dispensation for Asians, whites' and coloureds should be implemented on the level of regional and local government, and (2) what deficiencies you find in the present system"

To formulate possible answers, the City Council decided to extend the life of the Bloomberg Committee and co-opt on to it Mr Friedlander, who had dealt with the subject of the municipal vote as Cape Town's representative on the Cape Province Municipal Association

Shortly before 1pm, 25 City councillors present, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, unanimously adopted the Bloomberg Committee's recommendation that the municipal franchise be given to all the City's property-owners and occupiers (which would also give tenants in council housing schemes the vote)

'Demo'

The lunch break for yesterday's meeting arrived prematurely and dramatically with Mr Eddie Kai, secretary of the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents' Association (Compra) trying to address the council from the public gallery in an attempt to stage a "demo" on Compra's attitude to the municipal franchise

Before debate on the Bloomberg franchise proposals started, the Mayor read out a statement explaining that the council's rules of procedure made it impossible for Compra to address council at short notice

Council agrees

The Mayor said "I told Mr Kai that the Bloomberg Committee's recommendations were on all-fours with his organization's representations and that it would be unwise for his organization by attempting to appear before the City Council, to convey the the impression that the council was being pressurized into doing what had come from it voluntarily

"I also explained to him that the council had always been most conservative in its attitude towards approaches to appear before the Bar of the Council because, representing all sections of the community as it does, it would then be bound to give counter-groups or bodies the same right and this could easily turn the council chamber into a political cockpit for political factions"

In spite of this warning, Mr Kai stood up in the public gallery saying "Mr Mayor, I would like to "

Mr Kreiner warned that he would have to clear the gallery Seconds later he adjourned the meeting for lunch

[illegible] Chamber of and municipal police force

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THE Cape Town Chamber of Commerce issued the following statement yesterday concerning its attitude towards the establishment of a municipal police force in Cape Town.

"In view of the prominence given by the newspapers to the views attributed to both the Cape Chamber of Industries and ourselves on the question of the effectiveness of the municipal police force, the chamber wishes to set the record straight.

"In [illegible] we [illegible] the written evidence which the Cape Town Chamber had submitted before the Bloomberg Committee last April. It will be seen from this evidence (which we assumed would be taken as basically representing the views of the chamber) that we elaborated on a [illegible] we believed that a municipal police force would not be effective in [illegible] crime in the municipality of Cape Town.

"We enclose this with this paragraph which we quote in full from the memorandum: 'A further point to be borne in mind is the fact that [illegible] on crime in the coloured townships. Crime could increasingly spread to white residential areas and [illegible] this would call for protection from a municipal police force with the result that its strength, already [illegible] would be further [illegible] resulting in it becoming an even less effective means of coping with the problem of crime.' "

'Submission'

"May we [illegible] that we [illegible] that account be taken of the [illegible] with [illegible] was [illegible] submission to the Bloomberg Committee.

"The Bloomberg report states that 'the chambers emphasized what they regard [illegible] police force be effective. They fear that criminal elements would then move into other areas, particularly the central business district, and that the chambers' representatives considered therefore that it would be preferable for the crime to be contained in its present locality.'

"The above does not square with our written evidence, nor that which was given orally, the latter having been based strictly on the written evidence.

"Clearly therefore our evidence has been wrongly interpreted and it is to be regretted that because the Bloomberg report has not accurately reflected the views put forward by the chamber [illegible] should now have attracted [illegible] criticism that has [illegible] been levelled at it.

"In its discussions over the years with the divisional commissioner of police [illegible] the [illegible] of crime in the coloured townships has been [illegible] in [illegible].

'Effective force'

"Visits have been made to the townships [illegible] members have been [illegible] with members of the home guard movement which it operated at one time as an effective force in Manenberg in keeping crime out of the area.

"A number of meetings with leaders of the coloured community were held in order to [illegible] their views and here again we [illegible] that it was unanimously agreed that the number one priority was to strengthen the police force.

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'Relentless'

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The chamber did not believe that it made good sense to relieve him of this responsibility bearing in mind the point also that crime extends over areas administered by several different authorities, which raises the question of the right of pursuit or encroachment across the borders.

[illegible] strong force of trained and experienced police who could cope most effectively with crime in this part of South Africa."

Mr Jack Roos, director of the Cape Chamber of Industries, also made a statement yesterday on the proposal that Cape Town should have a municipal police force.

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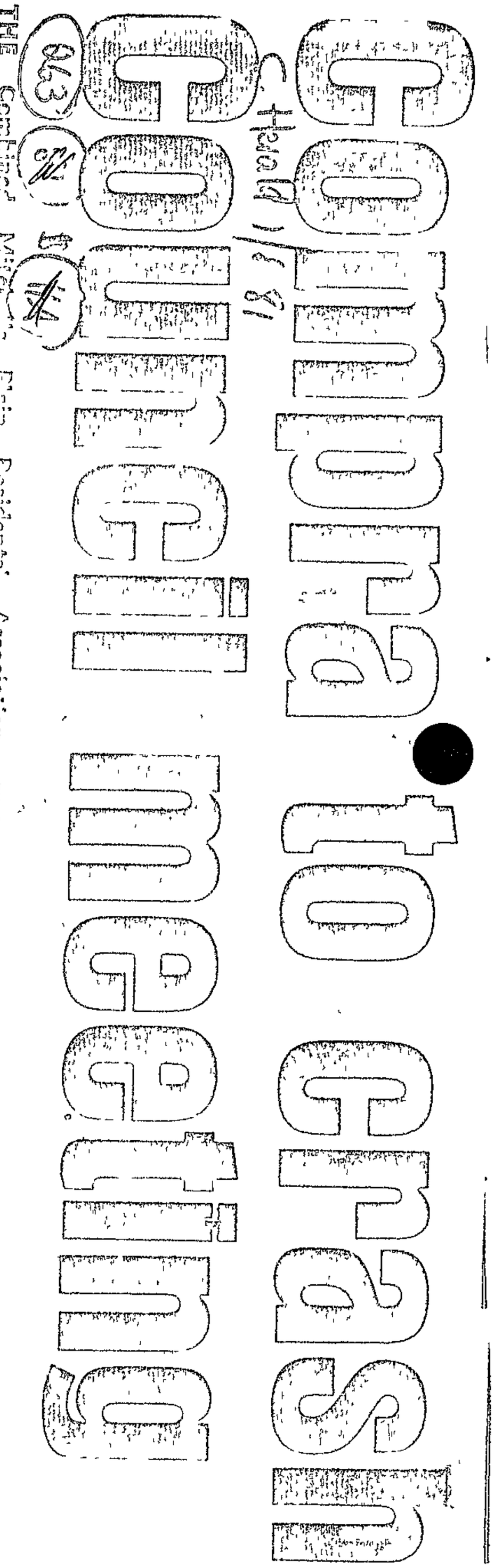
"When asked to appear before the Bloomberg Committee [illegible] the chamber expressed certain reservations regarding the possible limited sphere of operation of a municipal force, and in this connection it was pointed out that the problem concerned not only the municipal area of Cape Town but [illegible] affected the whole of the Peninsula and even further afield.

"There was no difference in opinion on the need to provide protection for workers. It was merely a question of the most effective means by which this could be achieved."



THE COMBINED MOTHERS' REGISTRY MOVES FORWARD

(Compra) is planning to extend the City Council's monthly meeting on Thursday to demand the Municipal vote.

After a dramatic internal shakeup last week the organisation has decided to stage a 'walk-in' to demand to put their case for the return of the municipal vote for all races

Inside Compra, the cracks are still unsettled after chairman Mr James Peterson was given the boot because he wasn't hard line enough. He wasn't voted out after the executive passed a vote of no confidence in him and former chairman Mr Chris Stevens was elected creatheir chairman.

Compra's plans for Thursday follow their walkout from a meeting with a City Council sub-committee about six weeks ago.

'It's about time we took a clear, bold political stand,' said secretary Mr Eddie Ka.

'We endorse the proposals in the Bloomberg report but we don't think they go far enough.'

The Bloomberg report — drawn up by a special City Council committee headed by former mayor David Bloomberg — recommends that all people who own or occupy immovable property in Cape Town be eligible to vote for and serve on the Council.

The report also proposes that Cape Town be exempted from the legal requirements restricting the municipal vote to (white) parliamentary voters. It is due to be discussed at Thursday's Council meeting.

'We can't wait for these proposals to be passed by the Council, the Administrator, and the President's Council,' Mr Kai said.

WORKING MODEL

'We want to start now, with the Council, on a working model of an open municipal system.'

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'On Thursday we want the right to address the council directly. Failing that, we will make ourselves heard from the public gallery'

He added that he hoped other civic associations would join in and support them

Meanwhile, things aren't looking too rosy for Compra in terms of support

Although by going for full civil rights they are following through on a decision taken at a mass meeting 18 months ago (and endorsed a few weeks ago at another public meeting) their last public meeting drew little over 100 — far fewer than the hundreds they used to draw

ABANDONED

And recently the Westridge and Portland Ratepayers' Association annual meeting had to be abandoned because fewer than 30 people had turned up The chairman of that body, Mr Chris Stevens, is now at the head of Compra

'We have the support of Westridge/Portland, Woodlands, and Lentegeur,' Mr Kai said

'And as far as Mr Stevens is concerned we are satisfied that he has the ability to act and think boldly — which is what we need right now.

'While I don't think we can claim to represent the people of as large an area as Mitchells Plain on all issues, we have opened lines of communication and, on this particular issue, we have the backing of the people They did, after all, say so at our public meeting'

SETTLING DOWN

He explained the apparent dwindling enthusiasm for Compra was the result of 'slow growth' in ratepayers' organisations now that Mitchells Plain is settling down

'In any case, the whole constitution of Compra as a civil body will be re-evaluated at our next public meetig at the Westridge Civic Centre on August 12'

Call for non-race city voters' roll

C. Herald 1/8/81 (263)

A SPECIAL City Council committee has recommended that Cape Town Municipality be exempted from apartheid laws which enforce a whites-only municipal voters' roll.

The committee, headed by former mayor Mr David Bloomberg, handed its report to the Council's Executive Committee this week

It also recommends that Coloured and Indian Management Committees within the Council's area of jurisdiction be discontinued because of its opposition to 'the creation of separate local authorities for different categories of citizens.'

FULL SAY

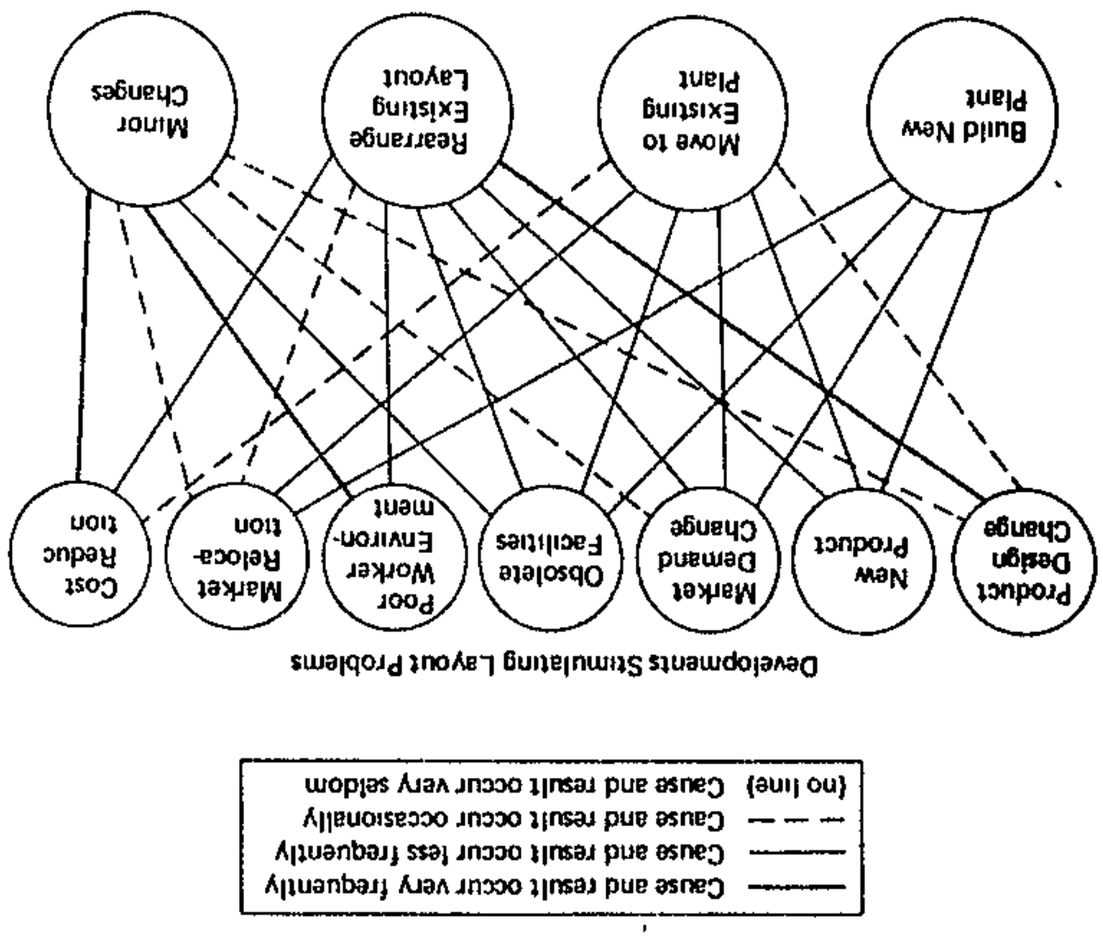
The recommendations come after renewed pressure by black civic organisations for a full say in the running of Cape Town — including the right to vote in municipal elections and to serve on the City Council

The committee acknowledges that it wouldn't be feasible to scrap the relevant Acts of Parliament which saw blacks finally kicked off the voters' roll in 1972, but says Cape Town should instead be exempted from the provisions of the various Acts

At present the municipal franchise is restricted to those qualified to be parliamentary voters — white South African citizens over the age of 18

The committee says 'It is the clear democratic right of all persons who contribute to the prosperity and progress of the city through their ownership or occupation of immovable property to an equal opportunity to participate in its local government by way of the right to enrolment as voters of this city and election as councillors without discrimination on any grounds whatsoever.

In view of the stand taken in the past by the council — that full civic rights should be given to everyone — it seems likely that the full council will endorse the committee's recommendations, but it remains to be seen whether they will have any success with their representations to higher authority.



Keeping busfares down?

CT 3/8/81

INTERESTING things are happening in and around this dear old Mother City of ours. The latest is that City Tramways, our one and only bus company, has asked the Cape Town City Council to be the leading light in buying a large tract of land near Bellville South and then lease it back to Tramways for the establishment of a bus depot.

Only four days ago the council rejected the idea. Acquiring the seven hectare piece of land (part of the King David Country Club) and putting up the buildings to house something like 400 buses would cost about R7½ million at current levels.

This capital cost, the bus company suggested, could be shared by the National Transport Commission and the Provincial Administration (80 percent) and Cape Town (20 percent). In monetary terms the City would have to find something like R1 million.

The question immediately arises: Is the bus company so short of money that it cannot do its own thing? Why involve the City Council, who itself is in a difficult financial position?

The question was duly put and the reply from a Tramways spokesman was: Of course, we could afford to buy the land, but it would simply mean pushing up our operating costs and passing it on in the form of higher fares to passengers.

Heaven forbid. As things stand now, one can hardly travel from Salt River to Cape Town because of the price of bread. But let's not drift.

The City Tramways reasoning is that if the King David development was subsidized, the bus company itself would not need to raise capital, the repayment of which would have to be recouped from fares.

Arguing against the whole idea of City Council participation in the project, the City Engineer's department said it was reluctant to recommend that the council should become involved in the ownership of bus transport facilities since the ultimate cost to the council was open-ended and could not be assessed.

The City Engineer, however, conceded that the provision and promotion of a sound public transport system was essential for the future welfare of the metropolitan transport area. But, he added, if a subsidy was needed, as it undoubtedly was, it should be applied directly to fares. Such a subsidy would be seen to be of benefit to the public, and not the shareholders of Tramways, he pointed out.

The City Engineer therefore recommended — and the full City Council concurred — that the government should consider a further subsidy on fares.

There is little wrong with this argument, which has been articulated often in the past. Most of the thousands who are forced to make use of the transport provided by Cape Town's monopolistic bus company have been pushed out into the Lundu because of political considerations due to ideology which germinated in central government thinking.

That being so, it is only reasonable that the government itself should foot the bill of an improved bus service.

Most of the citizens of Cape Town I believe are opposed to legislation such as the Group Areas Act, and it would be patently unfair to expect this majority to pay up in the form of increased rates if the City Council were to become a financier of City Tramways developments.

Another thought in passing: City Tramways is a private enterprise. It should take its chances in the free market system just like any other privately-run business. If the public will not support it because of prohibitive prices (fares) it must lump it and hand over to someone else.

It is a pity that the Tramways virtual protected monopoly does not leave much room for handing over.

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MR EDDIE KAI of Compra (Combined Mitchells Plain Residents' Association) came to make it clear that when he and his deputation tried to address the City Council from the public gallery of the council chamber the other day, they were not seeking confrontation or to stage a 'demo'.

On the contrary, he said, they wanted to congratulate the council on its unanimous acceptance of the Bloomberg recommendation that every property owner and occupier (meaning also tenants of council housing schemes) be given the municipal vote and have the right to be elected to council.

He said: "We came as friends not seeking confrontation but to make a peaceful, creative and constructive contribution on an issue which is fundamental to us. In due course we shall resume intensive communication with the City Council on franchise proposals and all matters concerning Mitchells Plain."

Mr Kai told me he was not going to take up more than a minute of the council's time. As we all know, he did not get that minute as the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, cut him short by calling the lunch adjournment.

That's history now, but one would like to see Compra get its house in order.

The latest is that Mr James Petersen is no longer chairman of Compra because of an executive committee vote of no confidence. In his place is former chairman Mr Chris Stevens, who not so long ago was not the most popular man in Compra.

My advice is: Make up your minds, Compra, and get rid of what appears to be personality conflicts.

Also, Compra was outflanked and outmanoeuvred by the Mitchells Plain Electricity Petition Committee (EPC) who claimed to have scored a resounding victory when the City Council decided to scrap the surcharge on overdue electricity accounts of up to R30.

For being upstaged by the EPC one should not blame Compra for licking its wounds, but in doing so Compra should not bite at its own flesh.

CIVIC DIARY

By

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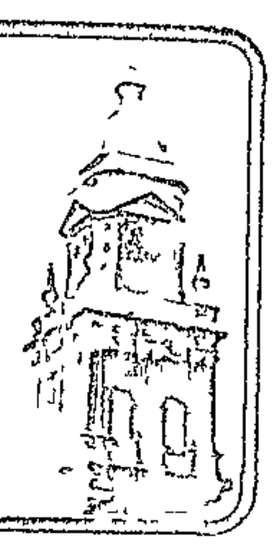

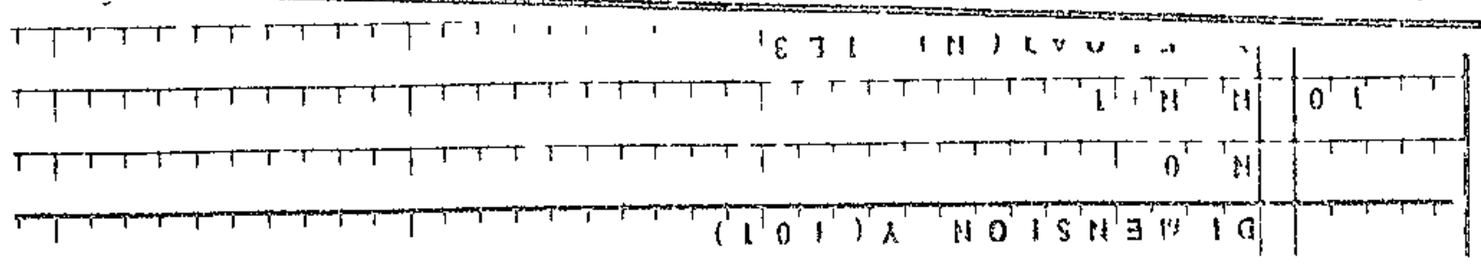

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Provincial finance control criticized

4/3/81. (263)

Staff Reporter

IT WAS disturbing that proper financial control was obviously not being exercized in many municipalities and divisional councils in the Cape, the Progressive Federal Party's Provincial Council spokesman on finance Mr Geoff Everingham, said yesterday

Delivering his main budget address in the council yesterday, Mr Everingham (Pinelands) quoted from the provincial auditor's report to the effect that financial auditing was not being done on an acceptable basis in many municipalities and divisional councils The problem was endemic throughout the Cape, he said

In his report the provincial auditor named about 20 municipalities and divisional councils which had not been prepared for an audit two or three times when approached for an audit by the province In a number of cases provincial auditors had to do other accounting work first before being able to carry out the audit

The auditor had reported that it was "hardly conceivable that proper financial control could be carried out in these circumstances, said Mr Everingham

Not spent

He was also critical of the Provincial Administration for being insufficiently accurate in its budgeting with the result that money appropriated was not in fact spent

He was aware he said, that conservative budgetting (underestimating income and overestimating expenditure) was a good thing, but there had been annual amounts of as much as R12 million and R14 million which had been budgetted for, but not spent

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Cape Flats fire station proposed

CT 4/8/81 (263) (W)

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council's Exco will soon consider a firm proposal by the City's utilities and works committee to build a R1 million fire station at Manenberg on the Cape Flats.

This would be a satellite station as opposed to the original plan for a regional fire station. Although the station would have no drill tower it would house a maximum of two machines (three were usually housed at a regional station) and have a lecture room and offices for civil-defence and fire prevention inspectors.

In the event of a call being answered by the Manenberg station the regional station under which it fell would send a relief machine.

The new satellite station would serve the densely populated housing estates of Manenberg, Rylands and Hanover Park in addition to large and important industrial and commercial undertakings surrounding Cape Flats housing schemes.

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Scepticism should not let VOTERS' FOLL

LAST LONDON'S coloured and Indian leaders are not enthusiastic about a city council decision to support the return of their communities to the municipal voters' roll.

The council decided to support the recommendation of the Cape Provincial Municipal Association to include Indians and coloureds in the municipal franchise.

Before the unanimous vote, the veteran National-ist councillor Mr Robbie de Lange pointed out that the extended franchise had already been agreed to in principle.

Commenting on the CPMA'S recommendation and support given it by the city council, the chairman of the coloured management committee, Mr Daniel Alexander, said this was a move towards South African black

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Heroes or villains?

NO taxation without representation.

The words are as valid today as they were during the American Revolution, when James Otis took the original 18th Century slogan and turned it into: 'Taxation without representation is tyranny, the watchword of the Americans' struggle in their uprising against the British Empire

Today Otis and his fellow revolutionaries are hailed as patriots Yet the views they expressed somehow seem to be regarded as heresy here, where the Government is happy to take taxes from people and at the same time deny them representation in the highest forum in the land — Parliament

This came into sharp focus at last Thursday's City Council meeting during which the Bloomberg report on the municipal franchise came under discussion

Councillor Joan Kantey was the one who echoed the words 'No taxation without representation'

ENTITLED

It is a simple enough principle, meaning no more and no less than 'if you pay taxes towards a government, you are entitled to take part in all processes of that government'

A principle accepted almost world-wide But not in South Africa And whereas those who used 'taxation without representation is tyranny' became national heroes, today they have been banned, detained and jailed in South Africa

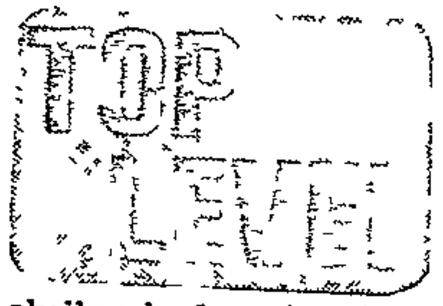
'The true leadership of this country has been denied, through bannings and detentions, the opportunity to lead, and in any case they are unwilling to accept the slops that have been thrown to them The words of Councillor Eulalie Stott during the debate.

Not all councillors thought that way though, Councillor J S Rabinowitz, was the only one to speak against giving 'coloureds' the franchise

In support of his view he cited the 'suicidal population explosion' which in a few years would lead to 'four coloured councillors' to every white councillor.

'Irresponsible coloured people' would end up running the city

He said a franchise for all would be playing into the hands of the communists 'because every



skolly who lives in a house can vote.'

Suffice to say that other councillors were far from enchanted with these remarks, and Councillor Rabinowitz's words even drew a rebuke from the Mayor. He subsequently withdrew his remarks and apologised — but the damage had been done.

The only other excitement at the debate was when a deputation of the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents' Association (Compra) tried to address the council from the gallery via their secretary Mr Eddie Kai, but this was quickly short-circuited by the Mayor who called for an adjournment

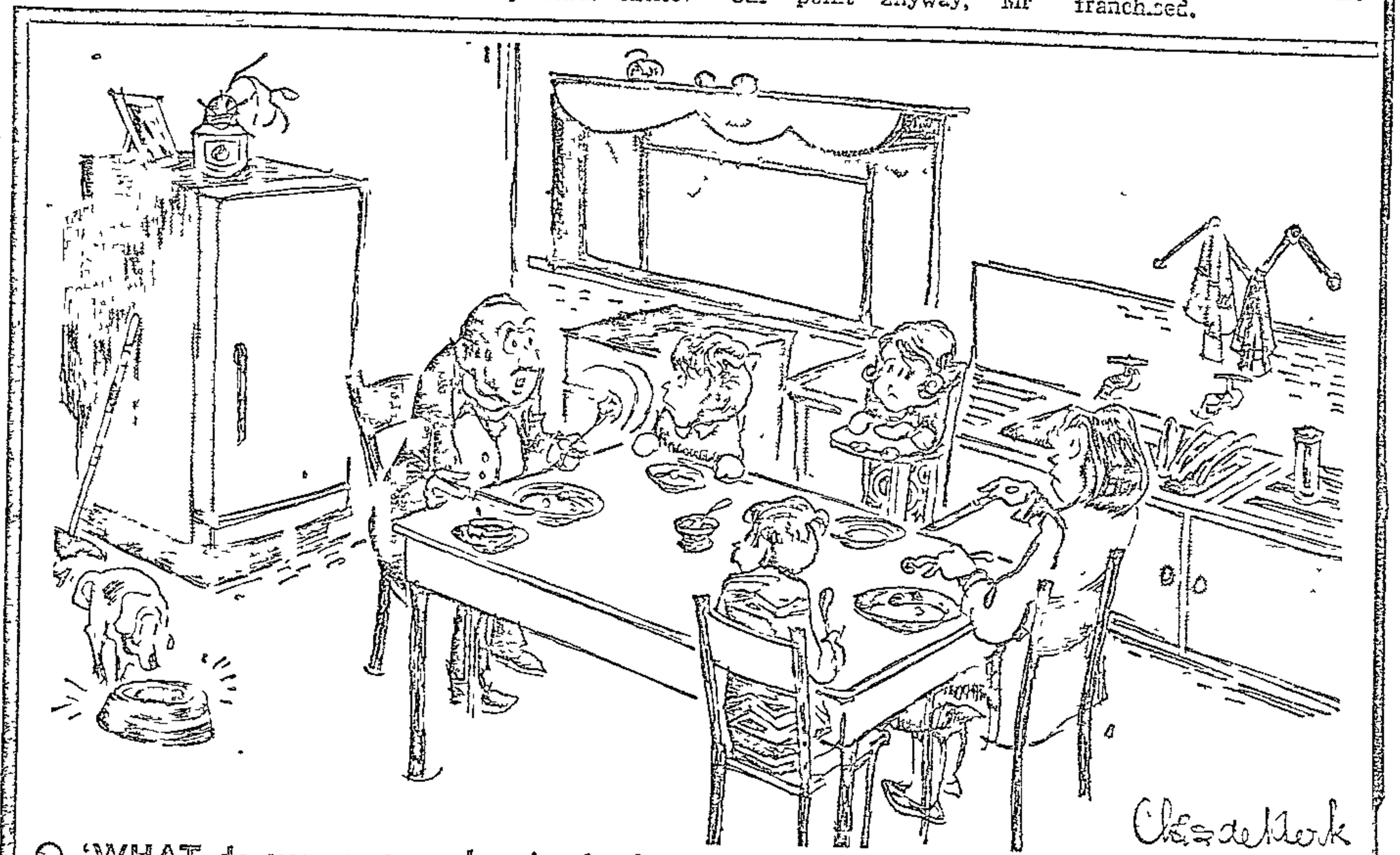
Earlier the Mayor had read a letter from Compra explaining their stand on the municipal franchise, and he had explained that rules of procedure made it impossible for the deputation to address the Council at such short notice

'But we think we made our point anyway,' Mr Kai said as the deputation left the Council chambers after the adjournment

In the end the report was accepted, but it remains to be seen what positive steps the Council will take towards making its statement of policy a reality.

The Council should get together with the right people and, as Compra suggested in their memorandum, develop a working model of an open franchise system

At least then they would not be seen merely to be paying lip service to the idea of the returning of the franchise to the disfranchised.



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Removals: city council lashed

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EAST LONDON — Members of the Coloured Management Committee and representatives of the Duncan Village community yesterday severely criticised the East London City Council and the government for allowing people to be shifted out of homes they had occupied for years and "dumped" elsewhere

At yesterday's meeting of the committee, the chairman, Mr D W Alexander, accused the city council of "having no backbone" to speak up and complain to the government about their policy of moving people from townships

Also present at the discussion were representatives of the 499 coloured families presently occupying the area in Duncan Village earlier designated as the "Chinese Area" and who, according to indications, the city council have to move to another area as a result of government policy

A motion put to the meeting stated that there was confusion in the public mind as to the future of the area

Mr Alexander said that there had been an outcry by the people of Duncan Village against the shunting out of people from homes they had occupied for a length of time

"Somewhere in Pretoria or here in the council, their fate is decided by the flick of a pen We tried to calm the people but they are up in arms Our people are not resettled but dumped," he said

He said that at a meeting held in Duncan Village about the issue last week, the residents made it very clear that they were strongly against being moved

"I wonder what would happen if this happened to anybody with a white skin We would have the Border politicians here in no time because this could not happen to a white man People of a skin colour other than white can be shifted about and yet God created us all, " Mr Alexander said

He accused the East London City Council of having no backbone to stand up against this treatment of people other than white and said the council "dropped all black people down the drain "

"I say to the city council, stop hounding my people, throwing them about as if they were not human beings, let my people be "

A member of the Relations Committee, Mr J H Alexander, said all his people ever got were promises which were never fulfilled "At the moment we have a life worse than a dog We are tired of being kicked about and I beg the council to treat us as human beings," Mr Alexander said

Mr D W Alexander interjected that one should not beg the city council but tell them what was needed

A representative of the families affected, Mr A Roberts, said he wondered if the council and the government had any Christian feelings if they did nothing to prevent women and children being moved hither and thither

The Director of Housing, Mr Ken Martinsen said it was wrong to accuse council officials of having no Christian feelings because it was a matter of government policy which they had no power but to obey

Mr D. W Alexander replied that he felt that the council, as a form of local government, was also to blame

A member of the city council, Mr Rob Snodgrass, said he also felt it was wrong to hammer the council as not all council members agreed with government policy

A resolution was adopted that the management committee, together with the representatives of the Duncan Village residents, ask for an urgent meeting with the Action Committee — DDR

R6-m for city council

Argus 13/8/87 (263)

Municipal Reporter

MILLIONS of rands will flow into the coffers of the Cape Town City Council as a result of yesterday's budget and bring some relief to hard-pressed property owners whose increasing rates accounts have been keeping the city's finances in the black

The most important concession announced by the Minister of Finance Mr Owen Horwood yesterday was that the Government would pay rates on its property assessed on the same basis as all other ratepayers.

The only concession the Government has kept for itself is a 20 percent rates discount 'because of the social nature of certain services.'

The rates concession by the Government will bring Cape Town at least R6-million a year from Government property valued at R550 million.

The concession is in opposition to the recommendations of the Browne Committee on local authority finance which turned down municipal pleas for the Government to become ratepayers.

But, although the concession on rates is welcomed, municipal officials warned today it was not the answer to the cash problems of local authorities.

The R6-million extra Cape Town would receive would mean the city, would just about be able to keep up with the present rate of inflation, running at about 15 percent a year.

BROWNE

The new concession would end the 50-year battle between the Government and local authorities for the State to pay its rates bill like everybody else, officials said

According to Mr Horwood's budget speech, the Government-appointed committee studying the Browne Report had recommended the new rates deal, as well as, several other financial considerations.

Mr Horwood also hinted that more good things were in store from the recommendations of this committee, still studying a number of proposals 'for restructuring the revenue base of local government.'

The other concessions announced in the budget involve ambulance and fire services.

The Government will put up the money for the Cape Provincial Administration to take over financial responsibility for all ambulance services at a cost of R27-million a year.

City Treasurer, Mr J B Watkins-Baker said the justness of ratepayers' claim that the government should pay rates had at last been recognised.

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Deputy Mayor denies job discrimination

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DURING the past seven years at least Cape Town City Council has never shown any discrimination against Afrikaans-speakers either in promoting staff or making new appointments, says the Deputy Mayor, Mr M J 'Kosie' van Zyl

Mr van Zyl, who is a member of the National Party, said staff were never asked for their political views

He was commenting on a move by the Provincial Council to make the municipal service commission — which decides on the appointment and promotion of senior staff of the City Council — a permanent thing

AFRIKANERS

The reason given for this by Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, is to avoid any risk of discrimination against Afrikaans-speakers

Under the new system no present or recent member of the City Council will be eligible to serve on the commission

Mr van Zyl said the council had already strenuously opposed the constitution of the proposed new municipal service commission, which would be made up of a representative of the Administrator, two of the employees and one nominated by the council.

'RIDICULOUS'

He thought it ridiculous that the employer (the City Council) should have less say than the employees

'I am not politically motivated in these comments,' Mr van Zyl emphasised 'My political views are known

'I am taking a businessman's attitude On the face of it, it is ridiculous that the employer should not be the one to make the decisions about promotions and senior appointments'

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said the proposed new system seemed 'a tremendous intrusion into the autonomy of a local authority — and the major local authority in South Africa at that'

Mr Heugh explained that for the past 15 years staff appointments had been made by a municipal service commission of three members appointed by the Administrator from a list submitted by the council

Above a certain level the commission has to make recommendations to be considered by the City Council's executive committee

Under the proposed new system only one out of four members would be nominated by the Cityt Council

RIGHTS

This, said Mr Heugh was 'a considerable further whittling away of the council's rights

'The council is not aware of any circumstances which might have arisen which could have caused the Administrator to contemplate this tremendously restrictive measure'

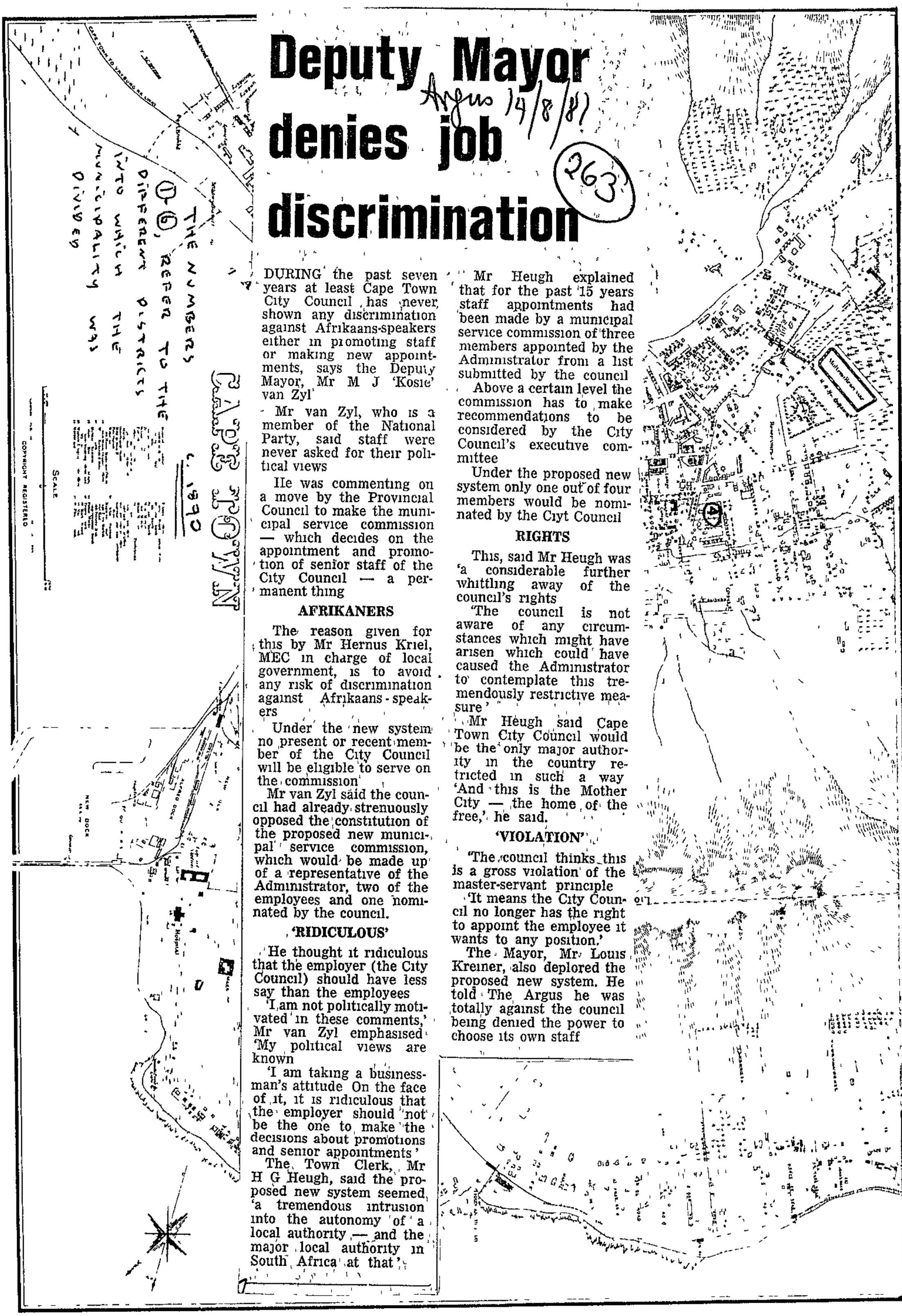
Mr Heugh said Cape Town City Council would be the only major authority in the country retricted in such a way 'And this is the Mother City — the home of the free,' he said.

'VIOLATION'

'The council thinks this is a gross violation of the master-servant principle

'It means the City Council no longer has the right to appoint the employee it wants to any position.'

The Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, also deplored the proposed new system. He told The Argus he was totally against the council being denied the power to choose its own staff



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Province can now appoint City staff

CT 15/8/81 (263)

Staff Reporter

AN amendment to the Municipality of Cape Town Administration Ordinance was passed in the Provincial Council yesterday, which takes the power to make municipal staff appointments out of the hands of the City Council and puts it in those of the provincial administration

The ordinance will now empower the Administrator to appoint three members and a full time chairman to the municipal service commission — which will decide on promotions and staff appointments which constitute "a change in race'

Lists

Although his appointment of the three commissioners will be made from lists submitted to him by the white Municipal Employees' Association, the coloured Municipal Workers' Association and the City Council, he is empowered to make his own appointments should he feel any of the names submitted to him are not "suitable'

The Opposition chief whip, Mr Frank van der Velde alleged that the new ordinance was a "straight perpetuation of job reservation", and Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) said it would "polarize and estrange" the municipality of Cape Town from first and second tiers of government

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, supported Mr Van der Velde's contention by saying that the service commission, as it would now be constituted, "could continue job reservation"

He described the new ordinance as "totally undesirable"

The MEC for local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, had earlier rejected opposition calls to repeal the ordinance which established the commission in 1965

In spite of constant appeals, he said, the City Council had climbed into the political arena and so must expect 'political treatment" from their opponents

It was not right that staff appointments should be left in the hands of politicians, he continued, and this was why the power to make these appointments had been removed from the hands of the council

He said this would also free councillors from possible criticisms of bias should people think coloured people were being appointed at the expense of whites and *vice versa*

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CT 17/8/81

Council shocked by new ordinance

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council was shocked by the Provincial Council move to take away from the City the right to appoint its own senior officials, the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said on Thursday night

He was commenting on the new Municipality of Cape Town Administration Ordinance, piloted through the Provincial Council by Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC for local government

Mr Heugh said the De Klerk Commission was appointed in 1976 to investigate ways and means of relaxing measures which interfered with local-authority autonomy If this commission had found anything radically wrong with Cape Town, Mr Heugh said, he could not understand why the province had waited five years to change the ordinance

He described the measure as "tremendously restrictive' and said he could not understand the necessity for a new ordinance

Soon after the draft ordinance had been published a few months ago, the City Council met Mr Kriel and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw "The council is deeply shocked that its representations have been ignored," Mr Heugh said

He added "Cape Town will be the only major authority in the country restricted in this way. It is a gross violation of the master-servant principle and it means the council no longer has the right to appoint the employee it wants"

The Deputy Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, said that, although he was a Nationalist, he could not agree with the Nationalist-controlled Provincial Council that the City Council as employer should not be the one to make decisions about promotions and senior appointments

"This is ridiculous," Mr Van Zyl said

Authority on racial lines opposed

Argus 18/8/87

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council was 'implacably opposed' to any fragmentation of its municipal area by the creation of separate local authorities for people of different colour or the continuation of the management committee system in its area of jurisdiction

This was said yesterday by city councillor, Mr David Bloomberg, who was presenting the council's views on local and regional management systems to the Economics Committee of the President's Council

Mr Bloomberg said the City Council saw no justification for sub division or fragmentation of its municipal area or any form of separation of local government along racial or other lines

EQUAL BASIS

'The council firmly believes that all property owners and occupiers should participate fully in the government of the city on an equal basis without discrimination'

Mr Bloomberg added council would not favour any system which introduced an additional tier of government, and independent metropolitan authority or an additional elected decision-making body of any nature

'It would lead to the creation of a supportive bureaucratic structure which would duplicate the existing local bureaucracies and add to procedures, costs and delays

EROSION

'If anything, there are already too many authorities and levels of government involved in local government

'The council is moreover concerned at the erosion of local autonomy and at the lack of comprehensive delegation of final authority in local matters'

'Such a system holds within it the seeds of discord and strife,' Mr Bloomberg said

'In its commendable endeavours to accommodate the aspirations of the coloured and Asian communities within the framework of a new local government dispensation, the temptation for the President's Council to impose a metropolitan or regional authority concept merely for this purpose should be avoided

'An attempt to create coloured and Asian municipalities lacking a viability would merely perpetuate discrimination under another guise and would have limited acceptability and merit'

PROVED

The present system of local government in the Cape had been evolved over a long period and had proved itself in practice There were no signs of breakdown or serious deficiencies and the system would continue to evolve as needs dictated

Mr Bloomberg said that instead of management committees, which had proved to be a failure, Cape Town wanted to see the municipal franchise returned to its coloured citizens This could be done by repealing the 1974 Ordinance which restricted the municipal franchise to whites

All people who directly or indirectly contributed to the municipal treasury deserved an effective say in the running of the municipality

BUREAUCRACY

Mr Bloomberg said the creation of an umbrella metropolitan authority in the Peninsula would lead to a clumsy bureaucracy, the duplication of local management, great delays and unnecessary costs

He added 'In any event, there are already too many institutions involved in local government in the Peninsula and the creation of yet another umbrella structure would only lead to lack of uniformity and conflict'

But there were smaller independent authorities on the borders of existing major municipalities like Cape Town which were possibly not justifiable on economic or geographic grounds and which might be better off joining up with the bigger municipalities.

and the agents of unions and professional associations. The individual will increasingly perceive himself to be a lost Kafka figure in this mighty and hard-to-fathom apparatus. An overshadowing social problem for the year 2000, and hence an important political problem, will have to do with how the individual is to escape from being 'alienated' in a

policymakers will be so complicated that the latter will increasingly tend to waive their authority. As is pointed out below, the question of expertise versus the 'common sense' of ordinary people boils down to weighing the relative merits of general education and special training. Future society is likely to be more 'meritocratic' in the sense that

assuming there is any left, inherited wealth To a growing extent, *educated ability* will be democracy's replacement for passed-on social prerogatives. The technician, the expert or the scientist will be a more important person not only on the strength of his know-how and proficiency in planning, but also because the information he gives to individual To the same extent that information quickly becomes available, especially if it has high value in terms of durability and application range, it will be necessary to examine subject matter presented at school much more thoroughly than now with reference to what has to be memorized or not

Mayor clears up mystery of report

Staff Reporter

THE City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, has advocated the establishmtnt of a board to be responsible for all services in the Peninsula

This was disclosed by the Mayor, Mr Louis Kleiner, yesterday at the monthly meetine of Cape Town City Council

Mr Kleiner said a report on the matter by Mr Brand had nothing to do with property rights or the coloured franchise

The Mayor was replying to a report that the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, had asked in the House of Assembly why the city council had not released a report by its three top officials which included recommendations on property rights and the coloured franchise

In a statement to the council, the Mayor said there was no such report

'It is merely the preliminary report of the City Engineer on the possible establishment of a joint services board for the Cape Peninsula' Mr Kleiner said

NON RACIAL

The report he added suggested how such an area could be administered and controlled by constituent local authorities on entirely non racial lines'

'It is purely an academic study at this stage'

Neither the Town Clerk nor the City Treasurer, he said, had yet submitted their comments on it let alone the council or any of its committees having considered it

'It thus has nothing to do with the question of municipal franchise which was dealt with by the council as a separate issue in terms of the Bloomberg Committees report and submitted to the Presidents Council in good faith'

The fact that the City Engineers report was given to a committee of the Presidents Council earlier this year when Mr Brand and the Town Clerk, Mr H G Hough and the City Treasurer Mr J B Wilkins Baker appeared before it to answer questions angered city councillors

It was a result of this, and claims that the report favoured separate coloured and white municipalities, that the council made a statement of policy that it considered the municipal vote should be given to all residents irrespective of colour

R51m capital budget is recommended for PE in 1982

E. Pos 19/5/81

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Municipal Reporter

A CAPITAL budget of R51 million for 1982 was recommended by the Port Elizabeth City Council's Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting yesterday.

In the five years from 1977 to 1982, the basic capital budget has increased from R11,9 million to R47 million.

In an interview today, the City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom, pointed out that the highest single amount of R18,5 million would be spent on housing. Last year the total spent on housing was R11 211 000.

The reason for the jump was the 1 000 houses which were to be built in Bocksens Park. A tender of R24 million had been accepted for this project.

There would be increased spending on subsidised main roads — from R4 468 000 last year to R7 555 000 this year. In addition, about R1,5 million would be spent on residential roads each year during the next three years compared to R570 000 last year.

Amounts of R8 510 000 and R5 000 000 have been set aside for gas and water respectively. The draft submitted by the standing committees was for an amount of R55 500 000.

The chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Mr A Ward Able, said the fact that the management team only had to cut the relatively small amount of R1 188 500 to bring it down to the R47 million limit set by the State Treasury for the basic capital budget, was a tribute to the work done by the standing committees.

It was only necessary for the Policy and Resources Committee to cut down the budget by a further R100 000 yesterday.

For the first time next year the departments would be asked to compile a schedule of major projects from now until the end of the century. Mr Strydom said this would mean that long-term finances could be synchronised with long-term planning of projects.

In his report to the committee Mr Strydom said it was important that an "all out effort" be made by council to build up internal sources of revenue as it was likely that the Government would require it to find a greater proportion of the capital budget in this way.

"Compulsory contributions of a minimum of 3% of total income in respect of the water and electricity services, with a gradual increase to 5% of total income is therefore suggested from 1982," he said.

Mr Strydom said a more detailed report regarding this matter would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee when the 1982 draft operating budget was considered.

Hirsch: Local power 'eroded'

Staff Reporter

THE Provincial Council session which ended yesterday after three weeks had seen a continuing erosion of the autonomy of local authorities by the province, the leader of the opposition in the council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said yesterday.

Speaking during the debate on the final reading of the 1981-82 provincial budget, Mr Hirsch said there had also been a continuing erosion of provincial autonomy by the central government

Delivering a stinging criticism of National Party behaviour during the session, Mr Hirsch said it had seen a growing display of "kragdadigheid" on the part of the NP, as evidenced by its handling of the street-name issue and the municipal service commission

He referred particularly to the attitude of the MEC for local government, Mr Hernus Kriel, and said this was indicative of the attitude of the NP as a whole, which was "If you don't toe the line, we will make you toe the line"

The session, Mr Hirsch said, had revealed within NP ranks an inability to cope with the problems at hand

The past three weeks had reflected the "political hypocrisy" of a party which put its own interests above those of country or province

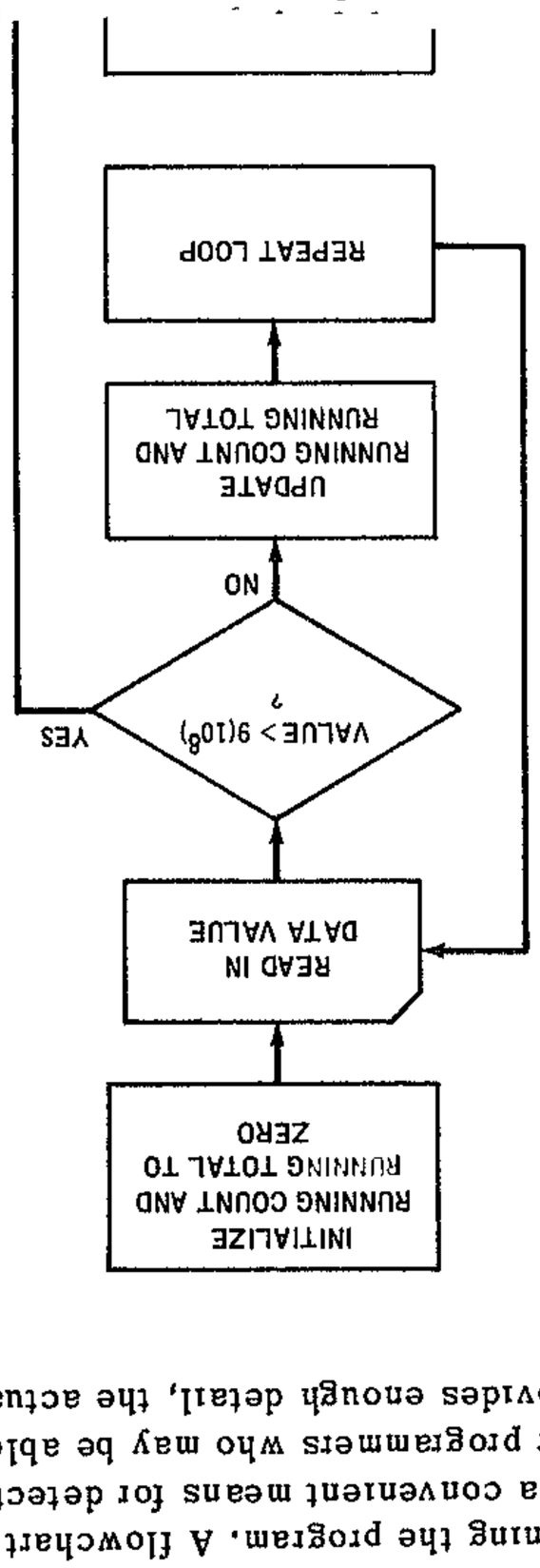
The NP had not come up with any major plans either, he said

Mr Hirsch described continued denials by the MEC for hospitals, Mr P Loubser, and the Minister of Health, Dr L A P A Munnik, that there was a hospital crisis as "mind-boggling"

He feared what would happen if the NP continued "fiddling" in the face of the country's problems.

Replying to Mr Hirsch, Mr Frik van Deventer (NP Maitland) accused the Progressive Federal Party of standing on the side of anarchy The PFP's one aim, he said, was to destroy the white people of South Africa

He warned the PFP not to overstretch the government's patience, because this would not be allowed



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2 Read in a value from a card.

3. Test the value for end data indicator If the value is greater than $9\,0(10^8)$ it indicates that the previous value read in was the last value to be used in computing the average, and the next step is step 7. If the value is less than or equal to $9\,0(10^8)$, proceed to step 4.

4. Add the input value to the running total

5. Increase the running count by 1

6. Read in the next value and repeat the processing steps by returning to step 2.

7. Divide the running total by the running count to compute the average

This program calculates the average of a series of numbers, each of which is supplied by a punched card. The program is general enough to calculate the average no matter how many values are involved. The last card of the data deck contains a value known to be outside the range of values expected, This card is used as an end data card. After the end data card is detected, the average is calculated and printed, together with explanatory text.

Figure 1–6 is a flowchart, with explanatory text, outlining the program. A flowchart should be constructed for any extensive program. It is a convenient means for detecting logical errors and provides documentation for other programmers who may be able to use or modify the same program. If the flowchart provides enough detail, the actual writing of the program is greatly simplified.

Anti-squat councillors oppose black camp

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — A proposed emergency camp for about 10 000 blacks near Despatch has been vehemently opposed by the town's councillors.

At a meeting this week the council decided to refuse access to the proposed camp over land within its jurisdiction and resolved to take up the matter with various MPs and MPCs and the Office of the Prime Minister.

The camp aims to provide temporary accommodation for 1 509 families squatting in Zwide, a black township in Port Elizabeth.

"We don't want another Crossroads on our doorstep," said the Mayor of Despatch, Mr C J Grobler.

The council feared that large numbers of unemployed would enter the town and there would be insufficient control to prevent squatting.

The Director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, said the settlement would not be a squatter camp — water would be provided and roads built.

City autonomy 'whittled away'

CT 28/8/81 (263)

Municipal Reporter

THE autonomy of Cape Town is being whittled away, says city councillor Dr John Sonnenberg

At yesterday's monthly meeting of the city council, he was the leading speaker in a debate on adverse comments made about the council in the just-ended session of the provincial council

During the session the Cape Town Municipal Administration Ordinance was changed so that the City would not have the final say in the appointment of its senior officials

Dr Sonnenberg said the City was no longer master in its own house and the polarization between the City and the provincial administration had gone from bad to worse

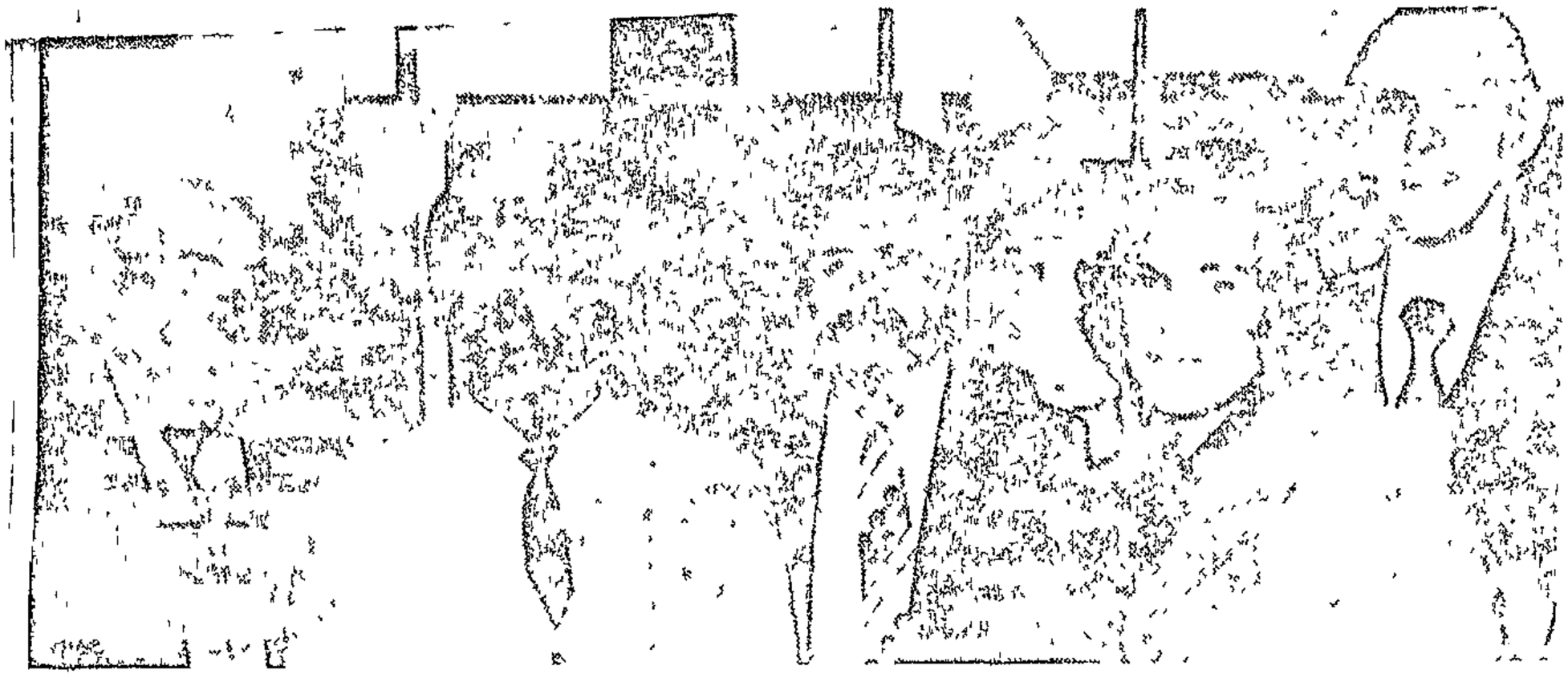
His criticism follows hard on the heels of a reported statement by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, that differences of opinion between the City and Province had been eliminated at a meeting between himself and representatives of the city council a few days ago This meeting had been arranged at the request of the Mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner

Dr Sonnenberg questioned the validity of the belief that the "air was cleared" between the two as there were "vast differences of opinion"

He asked the mayor to clarify how the city council's delegation had "cleared the air in confidence" while this had not seemed to be the case with regard to provincial councillors who were also city councillors

The mayor said that the City's Exco, himself and the deputy mayor had seen the Administrator, who undertook to go into the question of the reconstitution of the Municipal Service Commission again (This was the issue relating to the appointment of senior City officials)

The Administrator had been prepared to listen, and he had pledged that his door would always be open, the mayor said



THE delegation from Macassar, Kleinvlei and Scottsdene, which met the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr J C Heunis, today. They are (left to right) Mr J Cupido, Mr J Jackson, Mr P Cloete, Mrs V M West, Dr C Heys and Mrs J Davids.

System of autonomy will go on — Heunis

Argus 16/9/81 (263)

PLEAS that the autonomous system of local government, as applied to 'depressed areas', be scrapped was rejected by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr J C Heunis, at a meeting with a delegation from Macassar, Kleinvlei and Scottsdene in Cape Town today.

'The Minister made it clear that neither this system, which we believe is the root cause of economic and social depression in 'Macassars' throughout South Africa, nor the overall political order could, or would be changed,' Mrs V M West, leader of the delegation, said after the meeting.

The three-hour meeting in the Minister's office was attended by Mr Heunis, his deputy, Mr P J Badenhorst, Mr P Cronje, the Deputy Minister of Community Development, and Mr J van der Merwe, Director General of Internal Affairs.

The delegation, which is seeking a 'solution to the critical economic and social problems of Macassar, Kleinvlei and Scottsdene', consisted of Mrs V M West, a social worker, Mr J Jackson of the Macassar Civic and Tenants' Association, Mrs J Davids, also of Macassar, Mr P Cloete, chairman of the Scottsdene Management Committee, Mr J Cupido, a community worker and Dr C Heys, minister at the NG Kerk in Somerset West.

CANNOT LIVE

'We made it clear that without help the people of these areas would never be able to finance service development — most of them earn less than R150 a month, on which they cannot even live, never mind pay for water and sewerage services, none of which exist now,' Mrs West said.

'Yet the system of autonomous local government stipulates that each area must finance its own services. Without help, the areas we represent can only go downhill — if that is possible.'

NO PROMISES

Dr Heys said Mr Heunis was sympathetic to their pleas, but made no promises. He agreed that salaries would have to be increased 'to a realistic level' and said more business centres would have to be built in areas such as Macassar, similar to those in Mitchell's Plain, to aid the development of a community.

'There is the possibility of a future meeting with the Minister of Community Development, Mr Pen Kotze,' Mrs West said. 'In the meantime, we must go back to our community to report on our meeting with Mr Heunis.'

'Vote-by-income' plan for city municipality

Argus 16/9/81 (263)

Municipal Reporter

A SINGLE municipality in which coloured and Asian people would have a say in direct relation to their financial input into the city's coffers was, Cape Town believed, the only future road for local authorities in South Africa

This was said today by the Town Clerk of Cape Town, Mr H G Heugh, who was commenting on a report that Johannesburg has told the President's Council that municipalities should be segregated on racial lines and that Cape Town, which believed the opposite, should be made to comply.

The Cape Town City Council has told the President's Council it wants a single municipality for all racial groups — even if the rest of the country decided on segregated municipalities

Mr Heugh, who is also director of the Cape Province Municipal Association — the ultra-conservative body which has also decided to favour single municipalities for all — said the difference in opinion was an illustration of the vast difference in outlook between the Cape and the Transvaal.

NOT VIABLE

Mr Heugh said the Cape believed that separate municipalities would never be viable.

'And the greatest difficulty would be finding staff for them. We cannot find enough staff for the municipalities we already have.

'Even if one considers only accounting personnel, separate coloured and Asian municipalities would not be able to cope

'We cannot find enough accounting personnel — and we are one of the biggest municipalties in the country.'

EVOLUTIONARY

A lack of skills among the councillors who would have to be elected would also be a major stumbling block.

'It is our philosophy that the coloured and Asian people should take their rightful place with whites in a single municipality — but that it should be an evolutionary process

'The coloured and Asian people should have a say in direct proportion to their input of income into the Treasury

'If they were given representation merely on a head count basis there would be chaos in no time.'

PROPORTION

The representation of the coloured and Asian people would increase in direct proportion to their financial responsibilities.

'When they supply more than 50 percent of the city's finances they will then have more than 50 percent representation. Race will no longer play any part in local government'

The Cape could see no benefits in a system of separate municipalities and further fragmentation of the local authority system

'We just do not believe that the country can stand the strain of fragmentation with all its disadvantages merely to uphold an ideological objective,' Mr Heugh added.

Incentive for tenants to improve homes

Argus 17/9/87 (263)

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is finalising a new policy for improvements to township houses by tenants that will have far-reaching implications for tenants prepared to improve their homes

The council's housing committee is working on a new scheme in terms of a Housing Commission decision for tenants to be paid compensation for additions and alterations when they vacate their rented homes.

At present, although tenants are allowed to carry out alterations and additions, they are not paid any compensation when they leave

As a result the housing committee has found that few tenants are prepared to spend money on improving their homes.

According to the new policy, which is still being finalised, tenants could be paid up to R2 000 or more if they leave their home before 10 years have passed after carrying out the addition or alteration

One of the stipulations is that the plans for the work on the house must be approved by the municipality.

The council may try and get the maximum amount of R2 000 suggested by the National Housing Commission increased to R3 000.

Housing officials are working out the details of the new policy for consideration by the housing committee.

Send your 'pink form' or else...

C. Herald 19/9/81 (263)

HUNDREDS, if not thousands, of families living in City Council homes face higher monthly payments if they fail to submit their 'pink forms' — the annual income survey — in time.

It is believed that by last week only a few hundred of the 5 000 forms which had been sent out to Mitchells Plain residents alone had been returned.

The deadline date was Monday September 14.

If the forms are not returned on time, residents don't qualify for subsidised payments and instead have to pay the full interest rate 9,25 percent — on their housing loans for rent.

CONFUSION

A Mitchells Plain man who called Herald offices was confused as to why he needed to fill in the 'pink form' as the income survey is popularly known.

'When I signed my deed of sale I agreed to pay a certain amount every month for 30 years. Why do I now have to submit my income? Will I now have to pay more? he asked.

When it was explained that his repayments were subsidised, in other words, the lower the income the lower the repayments, he pointed out that many people who bought Government-subsidised houses weren't aware of this.

'They bought their house thinking it was just like paying off something in equal instalments like HP' he said.

Commenting, the Council's Director of Housing, Mr H Bloom, said 'We don't really have hassles with the income survey forms. Most people send them in on time.'

He confirmed that if the forms were late people could find themselves paying the full interest rate.

Support for open municipalities

19/9/89 (263)

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town Relations Committee has backed the City Council in its call for multiracial municipalities

Giving evidence to the President's Council yesterday, Mr P M Sonn, a member of the relations committee, said support for the current management committee system was "just about nil" among coloured people in Cape Town

"They do not see it (the management committee) as a replacement for the century-old traditional right of taxpayers to have the vote and to exercise it," Mr Sonn told the PC's economic affairs committee

Mr Sonn, a former member of the defunct Coloured Persons Representative Council, called for delimitation of municipal wards on a geographic rather than an ethnic basis

"The sooner we get away from the idea of ethnicity as the focal point around which everything should be built, the sooner we will reach the solution to our problems," he said

"If I had the vote and I was asked to support a coloured candidate — he could be my son — standing against our present Mayor Mr Kosie van Zyl I would vote for Kosie van Zyl," Mr Sonn said later in response to a question from a member of the committee

Minority representation for the coloured community on the City Council would be better than "no say at all"

Mr Sonn questioned the ability of the city engineer's department or city clerk to attend to recommendations from four different management committees in the area

"But if these people had direct representation in the council they would speak directly to the council instead of having to speak in an advisory capacity This same council expects these people (coloured people) to pay rates and taxes"

Asked if he proposed multiracial municipalities on a nationwide basis, Mr Sonn said it would be a "wonderful day" when people started "thinking South African"

When it was pointed out that in terms of his proposed formula Port Elizabeth would get a black city council, Mr Sonn said "If they are children of South Africa then I have no objection because I am not talking of colour I am talking of people"

APPENDIX 1

Stanton Chemical Limited
DISTRIBUTOR/AGENT EVALUATION FORM
(Quarterly returns)

Name of distributor _____

Address _____

Region _____

Area _____

I. Sales volume

Quarter _____		Cumulative	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget

R1,5m for electrical projects

EAST LONDON — Nearly R1,5 million has been set aside on the city council's loan account for electrical works next year

At last night's council meeting, authority was given for the amount to be put onto the loan schedule for "financing the extensions to the electricity distribution system"

The chief electrical engineer, Mr Ken Robson, said that the authority meant that loans could be raised to finance next year's capital works programme in his department

"The R1,5 million will not be for one project but for numerous capital works projects during next year," he said

Mr Donald Card, who as acting chairman of the finance portfolio at last night's meeting proposed that the authority be granted, said that the move simply amounted to the council's acknowledgement that the electricity department would be requiring the money

"The money may be used over a couple of years, and of course if a loan does have to be raised on the open market it would still have to come back to us for further approval," he said

"At this stage we are just making provision in our loan account for the electricity department," DDR

Objective

Explain differences from objective (attach separate report if necessary) _____

III. No. of accounts

Beginning of year ____ Now ____

IV. General growth

Plot sales performance on a separate graph based on moving annual average (MAA)

V. Inventory turnover ratio

$\frac{\text{Turnover}}{\text{Inventory}}$ = _____ = ____ Previous 4 qrs ____ ____ ____ ____

VI. Price performance

	Average price during quarter	World median (net)
Product A		
Product B		
Product C		
Product D		

VII. Promotion

Expenditure _____

Percentage (in ¢ per unit) _____

Attach specimens of advertisements, sales aids and other promotional material issued during quarter

Information

Appraise in general terms the quality of information communicated by distributor/agent to regional office. Attach supportive evidence

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IX. Regional ranking

The following figures indicate how distributor's performance ranks among all distributors in region

	Rank	Total No.
Sales growth		
Price performance		
Sales/per capita		

X. Distributor's comments

Distributor should list here his observations regarding quality of products, service and other elements that might have affected his performance

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Fig 41 Example of a distributor/agent evaluation form

Single bill would save City money

CT 24/9/81 (263)

By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council could save itself hundreds of thousands of rands if it combined its monthly charges in one statement instead of sending out separate accounts for electricity, water and rates

This has become clear during a probe into the suggestion by a special city council committee — which has investigated how the City could raise additional income and cut down expenses — that municipal charges to Cape Town's citizens should be consolidated into one monthly account

It has been found that Cape Town is way behind other major local authorities in the country and many of the smaller ones, which are known to have consolidated their accounts either totally or to a considerable degree

But Cape Town it has been established, needs to solve many problems before it could even think of sending out its first consolidated account One of the major problems is the shortage of staff – computer programmers and systems analysts They are needed to reprogramme the City's R2 m-plus computer to link different accounts for one property to single names

The Cape Town City Council sends out 322 000 monthly computerized accounts for electricity, water, housing rentals, rates, housing repayments, rentals of (council-owned) leased properties and assisted (electrical) wiring Besides this, 150 000 accounts are dispatched on an annual or intermittent basis (many people still pay rates annually) and an always-changing number of final water and electricity accounts

Estimated

Of the 322 000 accounts, 235 000 are for the consumption of electricity and water

It has been authoritatively estimated that, in the early stages of consolidation, 75 000 fewer accounts would need to be sent out The saving on staff, computer time, postage and stationery on this "earlier" combination of accounts would already amount to more than R300 000

It has been established that the city treasurer's department has more than 525 000 name and address records on its computer files, many of the records repeated twice or more times

To achieve consolidation, it would be necessary to link accounts due to a particular property and then to eliminate the repetition of names, postal and property addresses where these could be matched with certainty

Scrutiny

This work could only be done by patient scrutiny and examination of the list of 525 000 names and postal addresses on record Asked about this a spokesman for the the city treasurer's department said that a two-man team, recently enlarged to seven members, had been busy on the "linking" project for the past 4½ months

At the present rate of progress the linking job would take about two years There are more then 20 vacancies for administrative assistants and turnover in this occupation is running at 25 percent a year

A consolidated account could only be introduced once the linking exercise had been completed, the necessary computer systems and programmes designed and tested and the staff trained in the new procedures

Poor roads: Divco replies

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CT 25/9/81

Municipal Reporter

IT WAS a "malicious falsehood" to state that the Cape Divisional Council deliberately neglected roads in Grassy Park and Lotus River, the council's secretary, Mr W R Vivier, said yesterday

He was replying to fierce criticism of the Divisional Council expressed in a mass meeting of residents from these two suburbs earlier this week.

The Grassy Park and Lotus River Residents' Association had said that 85 percent of roads in their areas were untarred, potholed, flooded with heavy rain and dangerous to road users One speaker accused the council of deliberately neglecting the roads

Replying, Mr Vivier said "The roads in the housing schemes were constructed according to standards laid down by the Department of Community Development at the time of construction It is agreed that those standards are unsatisfactory, but the council's hands were tied at the time

"As far as the construction of roads is concerned, no local authority can afford to undertake this in the course of, say, one year, and all do so on a programme basis The reason for this is obvious — the cost has to be spread The capital expenditure on roads and stormwater drainage over the last five years amounted to R2,4-million"

Mr Vivier denied that the council failed to respond to complaints and the claim of one speaker that the council deliberately neglected roads was "a malicious falsehood"

He added that valuation of properties was handled by the Provincial Administration As regards spending of the rates generated in the area, Mr Viviers said "The fact of the matter is that, because of the low valuations in the area, residents of Grassy Park are unable to pay for all the services they receive and they have been subsidized by other ratepayers"

Schools: No response to City's offer

CT 25/9/81

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council had offered to build schools in Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain, but nearly three years after the Department of Internal Affairs (formerly Coloured Affairs) had been told of the expected school needs of the area, the council had still not received a response, Mrs Eulalie Stott said yesterday

Mrs Stott, the City's housing committee chairman said this during an interview shortly after she was confronted in the Foreshore Civic Centre by angry mothers of schoolgoing children in Mitchells Plain

The parents, members of the Tafelsig Interim School Committee, told her that they had surveyed 202 families and found that of 487 children of school-going age, 102 were not attending school because there was no accommodation in Mitchells Plain

These parents could not afford to send them to schools elsewhere and even where accommodation at schools in Mitchells Plain was available, it was too far for small children to walk

Nearly 250 Tafelsig children were attending schools outside Mitchells Plain and some parents paid as much as R22 a week for travelling costs Some young children had to rise at 4am and returned after 5pm The deputation stressed that the areas in which Tafelsig residents lived previously all had schools in close proximity.

Mrs Stott told the Cape Times afterwards that the council had agreed to give the people of Tafelsig three vacant houses in which to start classes

She said "The city council gives the education department two to three years notice of what is being planned and meets that department every six months At our April meeting we said we are perturbed that there were no schools yet in Tafelsig and we offered to build two schools We were told that the offer would be considered, but the department has not come back to us yet

"Meanwhile, we are very much aware of the problems of the people and only too aware that if you have people and no schools, more problems are generated I was delighted to meet the deputation but only regret I could not see them in the morning as the parents had not made an appointment previously I had to attend three other meetings yesterday"

A spokesman for the Tafelsig parents said last night that the education authorities agreed earlier yesterday to provide a free bus service for school children The city council had also agreed to provide a mobile clinic in the next few weeks

● No spokesman for the Department of Internal Affairs could be reached last night

Committee plan 'failure'

Argus 5/10/81 (263)

A DELEGATION of Cape Town City Council officials, headed by the Mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, told the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, today that management committee representation for coloured people had failed.

Present at the meeting were representatives of the management committees of Wynberg/Wittebome, Kensington, Athlone and Rylands.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh; the City Engineer, Mr J G Brand, the Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans; and councillors Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mr Bill Peters and Mr R M Friedlander.

According to sources the management committees demanded direct representation on local government

The delegation told Mr Heunis that the management committee system was not working and was impossible to implement in areas such as Wynberg

Mr Heunis refused to discuss the Government's planned new political dispensation and said the matter was 'in the hands of the President's Council,' according to sources.

The Minister urged the City Council to work more closely with the management committees in the present situation.

Mr van Zyl refused to comment on the meeting, other than saying certain discussions were held and proposals put forward by Mr Heunis were under consideration by the council's executive committee

Mr Heunis was not available for comment

Noordhoek brickfield opposed

Argus 7/10/81

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Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council will be asked by its works committee not to allow a brickfield in the Noordhoek Valley.

Mr J F B Ryan asked to establish a brickfield on a farm along Silvermine and Kommetjie Main Roads.

But the council's engineer, Mr M K Botha, told the committee neighbouring landowners and the Noordhoek and District Civic Association had objected.

'A brickfield, because of its possible impact on the environment, should be away from residential or agricultural areas on land zoned for that purpose,' he said.

'As the kaolin reservation area has not been finally proclaimed, it will not be sound to permit a brickfield,' he said.

'Although the need for a brickfield may exist, locating it in the Noordhoek Valley cannot be supported.'

Argus 9/10/81

Housing needs 'new policies'

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Divisional Council Reporter

A QUARTER of the 4 264 families in Elsies River waiting to be rehoused by the Divisional Council have an income of R110 a month or less

A report considered by the Housing Committee yesterday suggested that 'core housing' or site and service schemes were inevitable because of the size of the problem and the impossibility of building conventional homes at rents the poorest can afford

The report by councillors and officials who attended the biennial conference of the Housing Institute in Port Elizabeth last month ,emphasised the need for new policies to solve the problem

The committee was told that during the first six months of this year, 352 families from Elsies River were rehoused and 317 withdrew their names from the waiting list

Of the 4 264 families on the list, 1 057 have a main breadwinner with an income of R110 a month or less

Another 1 054 have a main breadwinner with an income between R110 and R150, and 1 669 have a breadwinner earning R250 a month or less

The Council Secretary Mr W R Vivier, reported that applications were continually being received from shack dwellers and people in overcrowded accommodation in Elsies River

Those on the waiting list include 1 000 living in temporary accommodation in the council's Elsies River transit camp, which an academic from the University of the Western Cape recently described as a cesspit of human degradation

The report considered by the Housing Committee said It must be strongly stressed that the realisation of savings in the cost of housing is not just aimed at saving capital from Government sources in order to provide more houses but also to make housing more affordable for the lower income groups'.

Council will still work in Ciskei

DD 10/18/81

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EAST LONDON — In his annual report delivered to the Divisional Council of Kaffraria yesterday, Chairman B P. Bursey said that although the council would lose about 60 per cent of its area after Ciskei independence, this would have little effect on the council's activities

At present the Division of Kaffraria comprises 10 114 square km of land and includes 12 municipal areas, 10 local areas, and the rural area.

"With the independence of the Ciskei scheduled for December 4 1981, the council will shed some 60 per cent of its area which will be within the Ciskei, and some adjustment of the boundaries of certain wards will become necessary"

Discussing the council's future, Mr Bursey said the loss of so much of its present area of jurisdiction would have little effect on the council's activities "for the next few years" This was because the council would "continue to maintain and improve roads within the independent Ciskei on an agency basis, and with funds to be provided by the Ciskeian Government"

Mr Bursey said the council's main activity was the maintenance and improvment of a total of over 3 000 km of road "Unfortunately these funds are strictly limited by the Provincial Administration and have not been sufficient to maintain the roads to the standard we would have liked"

He said the council's road unit was reconstructing a portion of the East London to Kei Road road "The council has, through various channels, brought the importance of this road, which together with Main Road 14, between Kei Road and Stutterheim, forms the only road link between East London and the rest of the Republic which will not pass through the Ciskei"

These two roads were soon to be proclaimed provincial roads

Turning to health services, Mr Bursey said the council now had a fully equipped ambulance service, following the delivery of four more ambulances during the last month He said this was a goal for which the council had striven for the past five years

"Due to lack of funds, all posts in the Health Department falling vacant are automatically frozen until the financial position of the State Health Department improves No relief staff can be appointed either for sisters on leave, and council has requested all sisters to co-operate in arranging their leave during times when the health services are least affected"

The council is still waiting for permission from the State Health Department to appoint a replacement for a sister at the King William's Town clinic who had been transferred Mr Bursey said public facilities along the coast were in great demand and the council had adopted a programme of systematic upgrading of facilities at picnic spots along the "beautiful coastline under council's control"

He suggested that more funds be provided to "speed up the provision of more and better facilities and at the same time to protect and preserve our seashore for future generations" — DDR

Corruption: five fined

C Herald 10/10/87 (263)

THE five traffic examiners at Gallows Hill Traffic Department in Green Point who were convicted in the Cape Town Regional Court on charges of corruption were on Wednesday fined R1 000 each or six months' imprisonment and had a further 12 months suspended for three years.

Basil Reagon, 54, of Woodstock, Leonard Kirsten, 54, of Parow, Johan Mostert, 50 of Table View, Daniel Knox, 47, of Bothasig and Albert du Toit, 49, of Southfield, all pleaded not guilty to corruption which was alleged to have taken place between January 1979 and December 1980

Two driving school instructors, Mr Adam Suliman, 35, and Mr Cassiem Rahim, 32, both of Athlone, charged with the men earlier this year, had their cases withdrawn.

Mr Suliman said in evidence that the practice of bribing examiners had begun gradually with people giving them small gifts when they passed.

Later the officers were handed money. Clients who paid him R10 for a learner driver's licence and R20 for a driver's licence had their money given to the examiners if they passed.

Defence for the accused claimed the money the men received ranged between R25 to R35 a month but this was questioned by the magistrate, Mr M C C Symmington, who said it was obvious from the evidence that the business was a profitable one not only to the driving instructors but also to the examiners

He could not agree with the figures submitted by the defence that this was the sum of money the accused accumulated.

CRITICISED

Mr Symmington criticised the authorities for allowing this corruption to continue openly over a long period of time without taking the necessary steps to stop it.

When imposing the fine and sentence on the accused, Mr Symmington said he took into account the fact that they were all first offenders, middle-aged men faced with the prospect of losing their jobs and their pensions.

CT 12/10/81

Decision on Harfield Village expected soon

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council may soon be able to extricate itself from the dilemma over what to do with 36 houses it owns in Harfield Village in Claremont

An estimated 100 coloured families still live in Harfield, which was declared white in terms of the Group Areas Act in the early 1970s Some of them live in the 36 houses which were built originally as workmen's cottages with council funds

Homes

Because of the Group Areas proclamation, the City Council could not sell these homes to coloured people, even if they could afford them Some months ago the Housing Committee decided to offer the 36 cottages, in their present condition, to the Citizen's Housing League for conversion to dwellings for the aged

The committee felt that while there was no shortage of accommodation for white people in general, there was a great shortage of housing for pensioners

The Citizens' Housing League turned down the offer because it could not embark on a viable scheme because of the restriction that the dwellings be used specifically for aged people

Subsequently the City Engineer advised that renovation of the cottages would be costly and rentals would have to be increased, and the Housing Committee and the council's Exco decided once more to offer them to the League without restriction

When the matter came up for discussion at last week's full council meeting, housing chairman Mrs Eulalie Stott tried to upset this recommendation by proposing that the 36 cottages not be sold, that one of them should be renovated as a "show house", and that the council then call for applicants over 60 years of age who could afford R8 000 each for similar renovation

Motion

Mrs Stott's motion was lost and the matter was referred back to the Housing Committee

Yesterday this committee heard that the Citizen's Housing League was putting the council's offer to their board If the League decides to buy, the City Council's Harfield problem would be solved

Traffic officials warned against corruption

Argus 12/10/81

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THE FIVE Cape Town traffic examiners convicted of corruption last week have been dismissed, traffic manager, Mr Pat Melly confirmed today.

This had reduced the full complement of 14 vehicle and licence examiners to nine, but the balance had been made up by bringing in uniformed staff.

Mr Melly, who retires at the end of November, said the convictions had shocked him, and he had 'carpeted' the remaining examiners to make sure there was no recurrence of corruption in his department.

'I am very disappointed that this should be a parting gift on the eve of my retirement. I am disgusted,' he said

The five men are Mr Albert du Toit, 48, Mr Basil Reagan, 53, of Woodstock, Mr Leonard Kristen, of Parow, Mr Johan Mostert, 49, of Table View; and Mr Daniel Knox, 46, of Bothasig

Mr Melly said the remaining nine traffic examiners would be asked to sign forms acknowledging their awareness of the regulations on their jobs.

The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said once the men had been found guilty of corruption he had recommended to the Municipal Service Commission that they be dismissed. This was agreed to on Friday.

'Their pension contributions will be returned to them, but that is all,' Mr Heugh said He added it was unlikely the men would be re-employed if they applied for other jobs with the council

Council workers say wages are 'inadequate'

CT 13/10/81 (263)

Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the 10 000-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) have expressed dissatisfaction with the new wage scales introduced by the city council last month

In a statement released after a meeting in the City Hall on Sunday, the CTMWA hit out at the wages paid by the council, describing them as "an inadequate living wage"

The association said the recent increases had not met its demand for a minimum wage of R60 a week for all municipal workers It expressed "complete dismay at the way the council is treating its employees"

The CTMWA has instructed its executive committee to "look into the matter afresh to enable it to take up the struggle for a living wage," the statement said

Two weeks ago the city council introduced a new wage scale, effective from September 1, which provides for a minimum wage of R44,16 a week for labourers Other employees would earn up to R58.42 a week plus a two-notch increase of between 12 and 15 percent

Approached for comment yesterday, the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, said the council felt the CTMWA demands to be "unreasonable and extortionate"

He said the council was "satisfied that it has more than matched the general average wage throughout the country".

Mr Heugh said the council introduced the new wage scales after a thorough assessment of wage rates in the public and private sector and upon the recommendation of the Municipal Services Commission, an independent body appointed by the Administrator

"The council is doing everything within its financial capacity regarding the wages of its employees," he said

● The secretary of the CTMWA, Mr John Erenzhen, said in a statement yesterday that the wage dispute would no longer be heard before an industrial court The dispute was scheduled to come before the industrial court later this month or early in November after a conciliation board meeting between the city council and the CTMWA ended in deadlock in July this year

Manual labour gets new meaning

CT 14/10/87

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Municipal Reporter

THE chauvinists who have believed up till now that manual labour for the Municipality of Cape Town is the preserve of the male of the species are in for a shock

Nearly 200 women have already been employed by the city council to do work formerly done exclusively by men

With the shortage of manpower a chronic problem, the City's Parks and Forests Department came up with the brilliant alternative of turning to "womanpower", and four months ago the city council started putting its first feminine touches to public and roadside lawns and gardens

Mr F A Roelofse, the director of Parks and Forests, was in raptures yesterday when asked about the council's non-sexist approach to the perpetual headache of finding enough people to keep the City going and beautiful

The women were doing excellent work, he said, and he regretted the fact that women-with-spades were not thought of in earlier years

Mr Roelofse pointed out that women labourers received the same pay and benefits, including medical aid and leave bonuses, as their male counterparts "because, as far as the city council is concerned, there is no discrimination with regard to sex colour or creed" They work a five-day week

Yesterday a Cape Times team visited the city council parks depot in Newlands where most of the women are based The place was teeming with people clad in the well-known brown-and-orange overalls of the municipality's labourer force

Only distinctive anatomical features made it possible to distinguish whether the "persons" were male or otherwise

This has caused some tricky questions from the public for council officials, such as 'must you employ labourers who are built so small?" or "can't your labourers afford to have their hair cut?"

Mrs Stott tops council attendance records

CT 15/10/81

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Municipal Reporter

MRS Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, is decidedly no slouch when it comes to attending meetings For the second year running she has topped the list, this time with 180 meetings during the 1980-81 mayoral year The previous year her tally was 172

As is usual and expected, chairmen of standing committees were way ahead of ordinary city councillors in the attendance stakes

Mr John Muir, town-planning chairman, was present at 155 meetings, Mr Dick Friedlander, utilities and works chairman, at 126, Mr Bill Peters, Exco chairman, at 113, and Mr Emil Riese, amenities and health chairman, at 106

There were 18 full council meetings and only four councillors — Mr Gerry Ferry, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Leon Markovitz and Mr Ted Mauerberger — scored 18 out of 18

The councillor with by far the lowest number of meetings to his credit is the former mayor, Mr Louis Kreiner, who attended only 16 This, however, is an eminently acceptable statistic as the mayor is not a member of any standing committee

On the other hand, the mayor has hundreds of other official engagements which leave him with little or no time to attend numerous committee meetings

By the same token, official leave of absence, visits overseas, representation of the City Council at seminars, conferences and congresses have reduced the "batting averages" of many councillors without their being at fault

Of the ordinary councillors, the attendance list is headed by Mr Keegan with 57 meetings, closely followed by Mr Ron Stephen with 56 and Mr Solly Yach with 54

Besides the general council and standing committee meetings, other special or ad hoc sub-committees which have pushed up the attendance figure for several councillors during the year were the sub-committees for Compra (Mitchells Plain), anti-social behaviour in housing estates, street naming, draft income and expenditure, additional sources of revenue for the City, changes in council procedure, municipal law enforcement, the municipal franchise, the City's pension fund and Muizenberg Pavilion

THE DECISION-MAKERS

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Don't leave it to faceless bureaucrats'

existing system of decision-making in South ica is alienating communities from their en- nment and contributing to major problems in intaining, let alone upgrading, existing urban vironments

This is a criticism levelled at local organisation by fessor David Dewar of the University of Cape Town Problems Research Unit

'Many people are disfranchised at a local level, but of those who have the vote few bother to exercise reasingly, decisions are made by a growing body of ose bureaucrats

MOST BASIC

'In many cases, new communities are not provided even the most basic social and utility infrastructure they cannot afford to pay for it

An urban fiscal crisis is looming and the prospect is of many people being forced out of home nership through rapidly escalating rates Dissatisfac- n is rife and there is a growing tendency towards city All problems are the responsibility of 'the horities",' Professor Dewar warns

In the unit's proposals, the local community is nsidered to be from 500 to 2 000 households Such a ty would be the basic decision-making unit

The first major change from the present system d be to register each community as a non-profit ing utility company

Each member would be a shareholder entitled to vote decisions and on the election of executive representa- es, if required

A number of local communities would from a ward ward representatives would be elected to an overall council

Revenue would be raised across the city as a whole present exclusive dependence on property rates

THIS is the last of three articles by Dr Pace on the ideas of UCT's Urban Problems Research Unit for dealing with the jobs and housing crises Today Professor David Dewar is interviewed on the financing and organisation of local communities to give them effective control of their affairs

would be abolished and replaced by a more composite pool of money raising, for example, a composite of a property tax, a municipal income tax and a proportion of the general sales tax

Part of this revenue would be retained for the city council to fulfil its functions and part would be redistributed to the community companies

The amount retained by the city council would be determined by the elected representatives, who would obviously attempt to keep the sum as low as possible, thus allowing more money for the communities

The city council revenue would be supplemented by the State and provincial departments for major expenditures such as health, transport and education

The city council would locate, provide and maintain major city-wide infrastructure and facilities Distribution of money to communities would be based on numbers of people and need

FLOURISH

The community would then decide how the money should be spent Local services and facilities such as tarring roads or the establishment of creches would be their responsibility

'Under this system the principle of devolution to street level would flourish People wishing to upgrade their street would apply to the company and on the basis of chosen priorities would be granted finance for the ideas the street as a whole has generated,' Professor Dewar said

There would also be pressure for inter community co-operation, for example in establishing markets or working on roads, since this would spread the burden of the cost

There would be an ad hoc grouping of communities around any decision

Cost effectiveness would be increased by carrying revenue over, or community members could decide to provide their own labour on maintenance or building in order to save money for something else

RELEVANT

Negotiations would occur between communities as well as with outside agencies such as the relevant Government authority, with each contributing part of the cost

There would be a close relationship between local communities and the city council Disputes between the two would be taken to arbitration

Local communities could hire equipment and specialists from the council

'Each level of government would have full and legal control over, and liability for, the projects it initiates and can therefore determine the cheapest and best process of implementation'

The city council could adopt a partial employment guarantee system whereby unskilled work particularly, would be carried out by unemployed people seeking temporary work rather than by maintaining a large permanent labour force

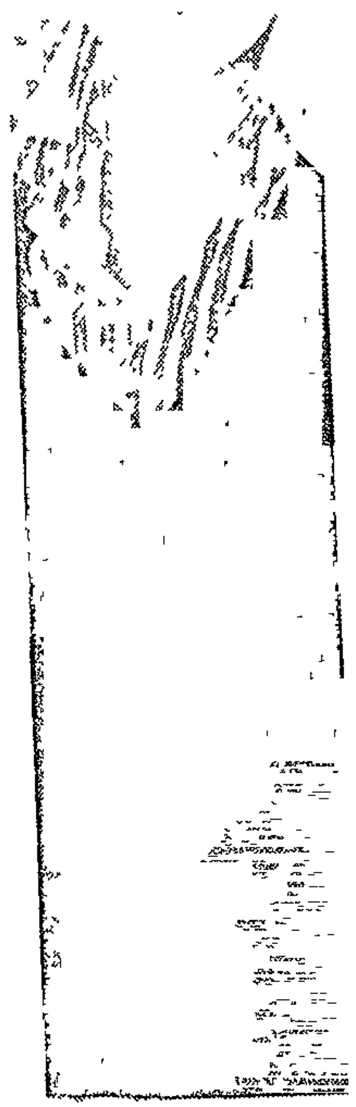
The system proposed would work extremely well for new urbanising' communities, Professor Dewar said In the case of low-income people, a community would be formed even before housing was provided

Loans from the National Housing Fund would be paid directly into the community fund and the community would be responsible for repayments.

'A major advantage of the system is that it recognises the complexity of the concept of urban community

'It recognises, by allowing different groupings to come together for different decisions, that urban man is a member of many communities, operating at a number of scales

'Further, it in no way circumscribes the voluntary interest group associations, which inevitably transcend statutorily defined boundaries,' Professor Dewar concluded



Professor David Dewa

Board inspector 'accepted liquor'

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THE chairman of the Crossroads committee, Mrs Regina Ntongana, told the Bellville Regional Court today that she saw another committee member, Mrs Agnus du Toit, hand a bag of liquor to an Administration Board inspector during a registration of people in 1979

She was giving evidence at the trial of five Western Cape Administration Board inspectors charged with 77 counts of corruption or, alternatively, fraud

UNDER TABLE

They are Mr Christoffel Etsebeth of Parow, Mr Arthur Loxton of Goodwood, Mr Christian Ferreira of Goodwood, Mr Myles Liebenberg of Kraaifontein, and Mr George Etsebeth of Vrijzee.

Mrs Ntongana said Mr Loxton accepted the bag and put it under a table at which he sat

At the time, Mrs du Toit was marshalling queues at the Nyanga Administration Board offices

Mrs Ntongana said she had helped people who were not included in the census to obtain stamps from the inspectors

'AFRAID'

'I did it because the people asked me to do them a favour because they were afraid they would not be registered'

She had been convicted of corruption and sentenced to 16 months, but on appeal the sentence was reduced to a R200 fine

(Proceeding)

Mr G J Vermeulen was on the Bench

Mr S S W Louw appeared for the State Mr C Y Louw instructed by Olivier and Nobrega appeared for the accused

vember 22 and 29 On her return she was told there had been a cardiac arrest in the operating theatre She immediately summoned Mr Cyril Sutton, a technician at the company which manufactured the anaesthetic machine

Mr Sutton testified that he tested the machine on November 26 in the presence of a Dr Bosman and Dr Wicht He found it to be in "good working order"

The hearing was adjourned till 11 February 1982 for further evidence

Mr F G Barrie appeared for the State Mr D Irish instructed by Findlay and Tait appeared for the Cole family Mr A D Dalling appeared for the anaesthetic machine manufacturing company Mr M T Steyn appeared for the Vincent Pallotti hospital Mr J R Fisher appeared for Dr Wicht and Dr Brown

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Escom is unfair to W Cape Mayor

CT 16/10/81

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Municipal Reporter

THE Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Kosie van Zyl, criticized the Electricity Supply Commission (Escom) yesterday and accused it of discriminating against the Western Cape.

He said it seemed as if the Western Cape had to subsidize the wealthy Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area

Addressing the Epping Industria Association, Mr Van Zyl said that "instead of growth in the Western Cape being stimulated, we find things are happening which actually discourage growth"

He felt the recently announced increases in Escom rates had, in relation to the Reef and other Transvaal areas, further adversely affected local industry

"Power tariffs throughout the country have been increased by an average of 13,1 percent — on the Reef by 12,4 percent and in the Western Cape, the highest of all, by 14,7 percent These increases mean that Escom's rates have been raised by 141,5 percent since 1975 The highest in one year was more than 48 percent in 1977"

There was a strong feeling among local industrialists that Escom was discriminating against the Western Cape, which was already paying 66 percent more for electricity than the northern areas, where industry had become more established.

"With the Western Cape already having to deal with high rail and power tariffs, one would expect that when rates are adjusted, we here in the south could rightfully lay claim to special treatment and concessions

"However, the opposite appears to be the case The Western Cape is further penalized with the biggest electricity rates increases in the country, almost as if its struggling economy has to subsidize the wealthy Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereenging region

'Drawbacks'

"The drawbacks to economic development and establishing of new industries in the Cape which originate in Escom's discriminatory policy, with detrimental results, are self-evident Escom policy can hardly be described otherwise but as being in direct conflict with government policy regarding encouragement of industrial decentralization

"The time has arrived that Escom's priorities be subjected to an in-depth inquiry The Western Cape can no longer dare to be satisfied with the present state of affairs," Mr Van Zyl said

Because of the concern over the current state of affairs, the Cape Town City Council had taken the intiative in establishing Wesgro — an association to promote the Western Cape "dynamically" as a region for investment in commerce and industry

Wesgro would initially operate on a budget of R180 000, with R50 000 being contributed by the Cape Town City Council and the rest expected from neighbouring municipalities, the Cape Divisional Council, commerce and industry

Wesgro would not be confined to the Cape Peninsula, but would serve the interests of the Western Cape as a whole, extending as far as Piketberg, Worcester and Heidelberg, Mr Van Zyl said

Coins: PFP wants details 'without delay'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Opposition MP Mr Ken Andrew yesterday demanded details "without delay" from the Minister of Finance, Mr Owen Horwood, of selective sales of rare mint-Kruger rands to VIPs — regardless of embarrassment to politicians or officials.

Mr Andrew's call for "this necessary information" came after government and gold mining industry officials made statements about the controversial Kruger rand affair which are in conflict with what Mr Horwood told Parliament

And he made his demand because it has now also emerged that Mr Horwood could have difficulties in getting the Advocate-General, Mr Justice van der Walt, to investigate the matter

Among VIPs given the opportunity to buy the valuable coin sets were top Finance Department and banking officials, gold industry executives, members of the Chamber of Mines coun-

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COUNCIL GIVES BUYING PLAN THE GO-AHEAD

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THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT tenants in Hanover Park and Heideveld will soon be able to buy their presently rented houses. The City Council has given the nod for a pilot selling scheme to go ahead.

However, details of the pilot scheme still have to be worked out by the council's executive committee.

This means the houses could become available to the present tenants early in next year, according to assistant Town Clerk for Housing Mr G Hofmeyer.

The houses are situated between Mountview and Newfields Estate in Hanover Park In Heideveld they are between Heideveldweg and Settlers Way.

This is the first time the council will be selling houses originally built for renting

Mr Hofmeyer said the offer to buy will only be made to the present tenants of the houses.

'We won't force anybody out if they do not want to buy,' he said.

He said the occupants of the house would have to do their own maintenance if they bought the house.

'They are, in fact, paying for maintenance like everybody else with their rents,' he said.

Maintenance of houses has been a burning issue in many areas, with some residents claiming that the council was not doing its duty as the landlord.

Having to pay for their own maintenance is one of the arguments used in other areas, like Bridgetown, against this type of scheme going ahead.

A survey was done in Bridgetown and Silvertown recently to find out the people's attitude towards buying their houses.

DETAILS

Although the final details have not been released, it is believed the houses in Hanover Park and Heideveld could cost between R8 000 and R12 000

Mr Hofmeyer said tenants would receive circulars which would inform them of the prices of the individual houses

The tenants would have 30 days to reply.

Escom denies Mayor's claim

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Municipal Reporter

IN a sharp reaction yesterday to criticism expressed by the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Kosie van Zyl, the Electricity Supply Commission (Escom) hit back by saying that Mr Van Zyl was wrong in stating that the Western Cape was being discriminated against by paying 66 percent more than the Transvaal for power

The regional manager for Escom in the Western Cape, Mr G F Hellstrom, said the difference in tariffs as stated by the Mayor was exaggerated

He was backed up by Escom's national public relations officer, Mr C J Uys, who said from Johannesburg that large consumers in the Cape paid only 22 percent more

In a statement issued to the Cape Times, Mr Uys said "To say that the Western Cape pays 66 percent more is wrong For similar use, large consumers in the Western Cape would pay 22 percent more than counterparts in the developed parts of Escom's Transvaal and Free State regions and 10 percent more than industry in other parts of these provinces

"In 1982 the increase in rates for the Western Cape will be equal to that applicable to the Eastern Transvaal region and the Orange River undertaking"

In 1960 the average power price was 242 percent more than that of the Reef and the Free State, in 1970 it was 138 percent, and in 1980 only 38 percent

Mr Uys said Escom had recently been forced to increase its tariffs (by an average 13,1 percent) because of the particularly high inflation rate in South Africa, high rates of interest, continuing breaks in supply from the Cabora Bassa scheme and the consequent use of outdated power stations, and the sustained demand for greater generating capacity

He warned that an increase in the coal prices, over which Escom had no control, could possibly lead to a further increase of 1,2 percent in the price of electricity He added that the latest increase was the first time in four years that a rise of 10 percent had been exceeded

Countering Mr Van Zyl's call for an in-depth inquiry into Escom's priorities, Mr Uys said misgivings about whether Escom was being managed effectively arose from an incorrect press report on the findings of the Council of Trade and Industry This report was subsequently corrected

Corruption trial: Council sacks five

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THE Cape Town City Council has dismissed the five traffic officers who were convicted of corruption in the Cape Town Regional Court last week.

This was confirmed by Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, who said after the men had been convicted he had recommended to the Municipal Services Commission that their employment be terminated This was agreed to on Friday.

The men who were convicted are Basil Reagon, 54, of Woodstock, Leonard Kirsten, 54, of Parow, Johan Mostert, 50, of Table View, Daniel Knox, 47, of Bothasig and Albert du Toit of Southfield.

Mr Heugh said there was little likelihood that the men would be re-employed by the council if they applied for jobs in other fields. The pension contributions of the convicted men would be returned to them.

Last week Cape Town magistrate Mr M C C Symington fined the five examiners each R1 000 or six months' imprisonment with a further 12 months' imprisonment suspended conditionally for three years.

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The day the council came running...

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YEARS of complaints from non-racial sportsmen failed to move the Bellville City Council to sort out the Bellville South Sportsground — but just one complaint from Hamiltons Rugby Club had them jumping.

For years calls for improved facilities from the Sports Board — dominated by affiliates of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos) — had met with little response.

But also on the Sports Board was Bellville Rugby Club, which played 'normal' rugby in the Western Province Rugby Union's formerly whites only leagues.

And when they were drawn to play Hamiltons, one of Cape Town's oldest and most respected white rugby clubs, at home, Hammies kicked up a fuss about the poor conditions at Bellville Sportsground.

Before you could say 'Jan Pickard' Bellville municipality workers were busy at work at the sportsground.

Quite a slap in the face for the sports board, which has campaigned unsuccessfully for better facilities — and two months ago was unceremoniously booted out of office by the municipality.

Mitchells Plain owners can take transfer soon

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Municipal Reporter

MOST Mitchells Plain home owners can expect to take transfer of their properties within the next six months — almost six years after the first residents moved into the area in early 1976

And it is only when they take transfer that they will know what the final selling prices of their properties will be When they bought their homes, they were given "provisional" prices, ranging from R8 795 to R15 415

According to a Cape Town City Council spokesman yesterday, 13 000 of a total of 20 000 properties had already been registered, and council officials would finalize prices soon Following approval of the National Housing Commission transfer could be taken in six months

The council spokesman could not give any idea yesterday of final prices A report would be tabled in the full City Council before this was possible He explained that it had not been possible to stipulate selling prices yet as escalation and inflation had delayed working out final costs with contractors

The spokesman added that he was not aware of any Mitchells Plain home-owner having applied for transfer or of anyone having been inconvenienced by not having taken transfer yet Buyers in any case had to pay in at least 10 percent of the cost of the property before being allowed to take transfer

If the first 13 000 home-owners take transfer — which would cost each one about R200 — within the next six months it will mean a bonanza of R2,6-million for the City's accredited firm of conveyancers by April next year

Councillors divided on budget proposals

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By MIKE CHANDLER

EAST LONDON — One city councillor last night described the city's capital estimates for next year as a "Rolls Royce budget without luxury" while the rest said it was a "bread and butter budget"

The council was asked to approve of loans for next year totalling R10 million — much of which will be for the new sewerage system and the raising of Bridle Drift dam

Councillor Ivan Zulman asked for the capital estimates to be delayed until at least November 12 when the Prime Minister, Mr P W. Botha, is expected to spell out decentralisation incentives at the Carlton II conference

Mr Zulman lashed the budget proposals as very expensive to ratepayers without giving ratepayers any luxury

"It is like asking a poor man who is expecting a lot of money to buy a Rolls Royce without any luxuries now in case the price goes up later when he gets the money," he said

However, none of the other councillors supported Mr Zulman's motion to delay the budget

Mr Donald Card, who took the unusual step of seconding Mr Zulman's motion to give him the opportunity of speaking against it, said everything in the budget had to be done now

He said the council had come under "tremendous pressure" from the Department of Health to stop pumping raw sewage into the sea and to build a proper treatment works

"For years we have applied to the Department of Health to run raw sewage into the sea, and every year they have warned us that they could withdraw this permit

"Now we have been told that unless we start doing something positive about a sewage treatment works they would revoke the permit.

"We have to do it. It is essential

"Many doctors in East London have told us they have examined people whose eyes had been affected by the water," Mr Card said.

Mr Zulman said that as a result of a municipal spending spree about 10 years ago the city was already committed to paying R10 million in interest and redemption on loans, and that with running expenses the city would have a budget of about R40 million towards which rates would pay R7 million and the remainder coming from service charges and other revenue.

"What I am saying is let us wait until we know what is going to happen here and wait to have more ratepayers to carry the load

"This is not a luxury budget We are spending R10 million on two or three items that are delayable at this stage

"I submit that it is dangerous at this stage to commit ourselves and I propose we refer the estimates back into the action committee for further discussion and at the very least wait until November 12"

Mr Zulman criticised the priority that had been given to the sewerage scheme and the raising of Bridle Drift dam at the expense of better roads and pavements.

He also said the plan to introduce ripple relay receivers in all city homes, which will switch off hot water geysers to shed the city's electricity load was also delayable.

"I know that ultimately the ripple relays will save us money, but we don't have to do it now"

Mr Card said the finance committee had spent much time in determining the priorities, and said the budget had already been "cut right down to the bone

"We haven't been for an outside loan for many years and most of this expenditure will come from our own financial sources

"I am confident there will be development here and, after all, we will only get the loan next year and start repaying in 1983"

Mr Zulman said it was not just a question of confidence, but a question of waiting for firmer details on future development.

"I am not losing confidence, I am just being practical," he said

'Validity' in criticism of city rating

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Municipal Reporter

THERE was considerable validity in some of the criticism levelled at municipal rating whereby only 86 000 ratepayers had to pay R68-million a year into the city's coffers, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Kosie van Zyl, said today.

He told the Afrikaanse Sakekamer luncheon that for many years the system of municipal taxation had been strongly criticised as being inequitable, onerous and too narrowly based

'There is considerable validity in some of this criticism,' he said

GOOD TAX

A cardinal principle of a good tax was that every citizen should contribute according to his ability to pay — in accordance with his material wealth

'The taxation of fixed property does not fully comply with this principle because while the ownership of fixed property might give an indication of the owner's wealth, it could in fact give a completely inaccurate indication,' he said.

As a result of the so-called 'fiscal drag' the Government was often relieved of the necessity — the highly unpopular necessity — of having to increase tax rates

RISING COSTS

'Unfortunately the same is not true of municipal rates. In a time of rising costs and rising property values a local authority is unable to adjust its tax base promptly to take into account the changing circumstances.'

In the Cape, valuations were undertaken by the Provincial Administration at rather infrequent intervals.

'Municipal valuations often lag well behind the market value of properties, which means that municipalities are very often forced into the situation of having to increase the rate levy every year, and this is an understandably unpopular course of action,' Mr van Zyl said.

CLOSER

The problem was that local authorities were much closer to the people than the upper levels of government.

Local government was therefore often in a far better position to appreciate the grass root needs of the populace than the higher tiers of government

'And knowing the genuine desires, aspirations and grievances of the citizens, the problem lies in determining how best these needs can be satisfied with severely limited sources of income,' Mr van Zyl added.

Call for city rail, road, bus team-up

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Municipal Reporter

A PLEA for the co-ordination of Cape Town's road, rail and bus services was made last night by city councillor and MPC for Wynberg, Mr Frank van der Velde

He told the annual meeting of the Bergvliet and Meadowridge Ratepayers' Association that he believed the answer to Cape Town's transport problems was the formation of a public utility company in which the local bus company could play a co-ordinating role

He added that private enterprise could no longer be subsidised from public funds and that the State and the city had a financial responsibility for public transport.

Millions were being paid in subsidies for urban freeways for cars, which were probably the most uneconomical form of transport.

The urban train commuter was also subsidised with millions of rands a year by the Treasury.

'It's high time these subsidies were made more equal,' Mr van der Velde said

Commenting on bus transport in Cape Town, Mr van der Velde said although he believed in private enterprise 'I now no longer believe that we can subsidise a private enterprise from public funds, especially one that has so many hidden costs and outlets.

'We can no longer blame the bus company for high fares We must form a public utility company in which they can and must play a co-ordinating role'

Mr van der Velde added that the railways must be prepared to alter their economic policy and become part of a co-ordinated transport service.

They had indicated their willingness to negotiate with the Cape Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board.

Cape Town had the best physical infrastructure for road, rail and bus systems. All the city had to do was 'get off our committee-designed camels' and implement a co-ordinating transport system.

Appeal over proposed R6-m sewerage scheme for city

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Environment Reporter

THE chairman of the Co-ordinating Council for Nature Conservation in the Cape, Dr Anthony Hall, said today he hoped the City Council's proposed new Green Point sewerage scheme was the last such project which did not include the principle of water conservation

He was commenting on the call for tenders by the council for the R6-million scheme, which will discharge raw sewage through a 1,7-kilometre pipeline off Green Point

Dr Hall said water reclamation would have to be undertaken to meet the ever increasing demands of the growing Cape Town population.

'I would be very much less concerned if I knew that this was the last project which the council will undertake which will not include an element of water conservation,' he said.

POPULATION

'With the city's water needs doubling something like every 14 years, and the population increasing by nearly a third each decade, the question of water conservation cannot be too heavily emphasised,' said Dr Hall

An expert on marine pollution, Dr Garth Eagle, said he did not believe that the new pipeline, if properly designed and constructed, would cause too much trouble

'Very often the option of dumping sewage into the sea is the least worst. What does sometimes cause concern is that it is often the first option looked at without taking any others into account,' he said

The effect which the new outfall would have on the marine environment would depend on factors such as ocean currents, the depth of water and the number of exhausts used on the pipe itself.

Dr Eagle said that sometimes raw sewage could cause severe problems by reducing oxygen levels in the water.

Divco opposes Tokai plan

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Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape will oppose the development of a prestige coloured township in Tokai Forest or on Steenberg Farm 'purely on town-planning grounds'

This was emphasised at today's monthly meeting by the chairman Mr 'Louwtjie' Rothman, when he refused a suggestion that the council call for Constantia to be deproclaimed a white area and opened to all races

The council voted 11 to four to oppose development of sites in the forest or on the historic farm

It agreed with a recommendation by its works committee that it should not object to part of a proposed site in Hout Bay being used for coloured housing, provided the Hughenden Estate township, which has already partially been developed, is excluded

ENGINEER

The recommendations were based on a report by the Engineer, Mr M K Botha which said there was already enough residential land in Constantia without developing the forest or the farm

Mr F Lamont Sturrock, ward councillor for Constantia and Hout Bay, suggested that the matter be discussed with residents, and their views incorporated in any recommendation from the council

Mr A Ratcliffe said the engineer had suggested there was suitable land available near Strawberry Hill

He suggested this should be pointed out to the Department of Community Development

ALTERNATIVE

Alternatively, the council could suggest that the area be open to all races

Mr S Collins said the council should suggest in the interests of a settled community that the department could investigate the possibility of deproclaiming Constantia

Mr Rothman said Mr Collins's proposal should be made in Parliament, not at a council meeting

The council's concern was to deal with the matter purely on planning grounds, irrespective of people's colour, and not be involved in politics

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Council wins appeal against damages claim

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council yesterday successfully appealed in the Supreme Court against a claim for damages from a young girl whose foot was seriously injured in a playground accident five years ago

Suleyga April, who was 11 at the time, put her foot through a hole in the wooden floor of a whirling platform, which had been damaged by vandals The accident occured on October 31 in a playground maintained by the council in Parkwood Estate A magistrate found that the council had been negligent and awarded the girl R1 500 in damages and costs

Mr Justice Williamson, with Mr Justice Vos concurring, found yesterday that there was no evidence to warrant the finding of negligence on the part of the council

The judge said the evidence did not support the magistrate's observation that the council was "fighting a rearguard action" against constant vandalism A playground inspector had testified that damage to equipment by vandals was "an occasional thing and not frequent" Broken boards on the whirling platfrom had to be replaced about once every two months, according to the inspector

"In the light of the defendant's experience of the relative infrequency of vandalism, it cannot be expected of the defendant that a virtually constant guard or watch should have been kept on all the numerous playgrounds In my opinion, this would be pushing to absurd lengths the duty to take reasonable precautions against injury to others," Mr Justice Williamson said

The judge said the council had carried out regular, fortnightly inspections and maintenance of playground equipment

The whirling platform on which Miss April was hurt had been removed 16 days before the accident for repairs to its bearings The whole apparatus was checked, found to be in order and replaced in the playground on October 18 The platform was again inspected at the playground on October 22 and found to be in working order

Mr Justice Williamson upheld the appeal and awarded costs to the council

Mr L Weinkove, instructed by Gelb, Gelb Simon and Shapiro, appeared for the City Council Miss A M de Swardt, instructed by Marquard and Company, appeared for Miss April and her mother, Mrs Aisa April

Divco's 'serious staff shortage'

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By JANE ARBOUS
Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape continued to experience serious staff problems and was unable to fill 900 positions, the chairman of the council, Mr Loutjie Rothman, said in his annual report yesterday

In spite of an across-the-board salary increase of 15 percent during the past year, more than 900 vacancies existed out of a total staff complement of 5 000

Mr Rothman, who was re-elected chairman at the council's meeting yesterday, said the matter was receiving urgent attention, with the council looking at increased productivity and effectiveness

Commenting on the council's function of providing housing, he said that although aware of the colossal backlog of homes needed, the council was "totally dependent" on the State for funds

He described the rate of construction in the past year as "disturbing'

The number of homes built during the period July 1980 to June 1981 declined by more than 50 percent, from 2 365 in the previous year to 1 109

"It is sincerely hoped that the State will take cognizance of this figure and deal generously with the allocation of funds to council for housing in the coming year"

Regarding overall finance Mr Rothman said the council s position had deteriorated

He pointed out that the Provincial Administration had pegged the rates on immovable property and they could not be increased without the authority of the Administrator

He said he was not aware of the exact impact which the 1982 estimates would have on next year s rates, but feared that an increase would be inevitable

● The Divisional Council faced crises in several areas of operation in Atlantis because of the shortage of trained staff the Engineer s Department reported yesterday

A crisis situation existed in the electrical undertaking at Atlantis where an essential assistant superintendent could not be recruited In the waste-water treatment section strict scientific control was in jeopardy because of the unfilled post of laboratory chief

Similarly, road safety and mechanical efficiency was at risk because mechanics were leaving the service and were not easily replaced

The department reported a considerable reduction in the 'disabling accident' rate

Damages: City wins appeal

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AN appeal by the Municipality of Cape Town against a claim for damages of R1 500 granted earlier this year in the Magistrate's Court to an 11 year-old girl, who was injured while playing on a whirling platform, succeeded with costs in the Cape Town Supreme Court yesterday.

In a reserved judgment handed down in court, Mr Justice Williamson with Mr Justice Vos concurring, found the municipality had not been negligent, and the fortnightly inspection of the playground equipment was reasonable and adequate.

Evidence was that on October 31, 1976, Suleyga April went to play in the Willow Walk children's playground in Parkwood Estate

A HOLE

While playing on the whirling platform the young girl put her foot through a hole in the floor and sustained fairly serious injuries.

It was agreed the hole was not caused by normal wear and tear but as a result of vandalism.

The trial magistrate awarded Miss April R1 500 for damages after he held the municipality had been negligent.

Employees of the municipality, responsible for the upkeep of the playground equipment in some 300 parks in Cape Town, testified that regular inspections were carried out. Faulty equipment was removed and repaired when necessary.

Further evidence was that the breaking of boards by vandals was an occasional occurrence.

REPLACED

Before the accident on October 15 that year, the whirling platform was overhauled, and replaced on October 18. Four days later at the playground, the equipment was inspected and found to be in order.

Mr Justice Williamson said 'One of the sadder features of modern urban life is the most infrequent manifestations of the pointless destructiveness of that which is beautiful and artistic

'Public amenities, which are there for the benefit of all, are not excluded from this mindless desire to damage. What is even more distressing is when innocent people suffer injury as a result of the actions of vandals.'

Rates bill likely to increase

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Divisional Council Reporter

RATEPAYERS in the Divisional Council area will have to brace themselves for another increase in the rates bill for the coming year.

This is made clear in the annual report of the chairman, Mr 'Louwtjie' Rothman, who said that in spite of economies he feared that 'an increase will be inevitable'.

Last year the Divisional Council's budget rose by R7-million from more than R45-million to R52-million.

This meant an increase of 12 percent in the money raised through rates.

A rise in the Divisional Council rates also affects all ratepayers in the Cape Town municipal area and in Bellville, Durbanville, Milnerton, Goodwood, Parow, Pinelands, Fish Hoek and Simon's Town.

PAY LEVY

They pay a levy to the Divisional Council, which is added to their municipal rates.

In January the Divisional Council's levy in Cape Town rose from 0,332c in the R1 to 0,372c in the R1.

The Divisional Council's committees have not yet prepared their estimates for the coming year and Mr Rothman said in his report: 'I am not aware of the exact impact the 1982 estimates will have on the 1982 rates but I fear that an increase will be inevitable.'

He explained that one reason for the council's rising costs was a wage and salary increase of 15 percent across the board which had been given to all council staff during the past year.

In spite of this 'justifiable increase,' he went on, the council had difficulty in recruiting sufficient trained and experienced staff and, out of a total establishment of 5 000, had 900 vacancies.

Crowd jeers outside court

CMC man guilty of fraud

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A MEMBER of the Macassar Management Committee, Neville Martin, was sentenced in the Somerset West Magistrate's Court to six months' imprisonment or R500 on Monday for defrauding the Stellenbosch Divisional Council of R1 097,02.

Two hundred and fifty rands, or three months, was suspended for five years on condition that he is not found guilty of fraud during that period

The court found that Martin did not indicate his correct salary on a survey conducted by the Macassar Housing office

He did so from March 1974 to February 1980 He was convicted on September 22.

Martin had two previous convictions, one for theft in 1964 and another for drunken driving and driving without a licence in 1974

Elapsed

The magistrate, Mr D Louw, said that in view of the period that had elapsed since the conviction for theft, he would not take this into consideration.

In mitigation of sentence, the chairman of the Macassar Management Committee, Mr Sydney Kuhn, said Martin was a man of exemplary character who had served the community well during the 10 years Mr Koen had been associated with him He said Martin had assisted the community of Macassar on numerous occasions

Martin's attorney, Mr Gerald Holmes, said his client earned R1 200 a month and had already repaid most of the R1 097,02

Owing

Less than R300 was still owing

Mr Holmes, in appealing, for a suspended sentence, said if Martin were to be jailed, his family, the management committee and the community, would suffer

Mr Louw, in passing sentence, said there was a lot of public interest in the case and that Martin was an important public figure in Macassar. This lent a special significance to the crime

After the hearing, about 20 Macassar residents jeered at Martin outside the court

In the dark over committee

MOST people spoken to by Cape Herald in a snap street survey in Bellville South last week did not know who were on the Proteaville Management Committee. And those who knew were totally against the committee.

Most people disagreed that the management committee should control the sportsground in the area.

Mr Tom Meyer of Caledon Street said: 'It is wrong of the management committee to control the grounds.'

Mr Michael Adonis, of 10th Street, Boston, agreed.

Both did not know anyone on the management committee.

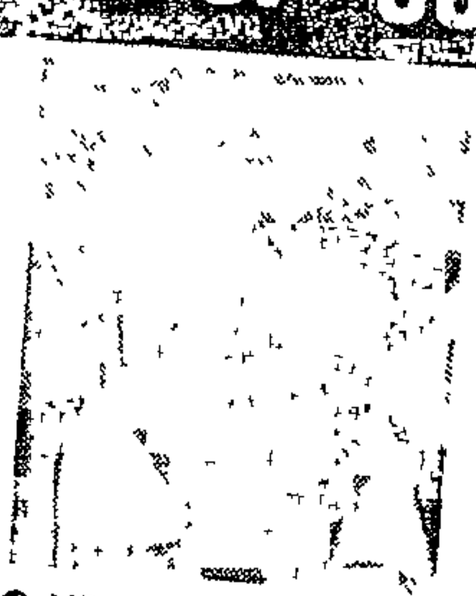
Neither did Miss Bonita Hansen of Abdurahman Street, or Mr Vernon Lackay, a second year business student at the University of the Western Cape.

Mr Samuel Erasmus, chairman of the Blackheath Ratepayers' Association, described the management committee as a 'dummy body which did nothing and had no say in the Council'.

Mr Erasmus works as a surveyor in Bellville South.

Mr William Smith, a member of the Bellville South Ratepayers' Association, said his body was against the management committee 'because they can do nothing'.

● MR SAMUEL ERASMUS — 'Dummy bodies'.



● MR WILLIAM SMITH — 'They don't do anything'.

● MR TOM MEYER — 'Wrong of them'.

Wrangle over sportsfields

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THE sporting community of Bellville has been thrown into furore after the local authority decided that the Proteaville Management Committee should control all sport grounds in the area.

BY RYLAND FISHER

The Bellville South Sports Board, who used to control the fields, has been scrapped, forcing non-racial sportsmen either to toe the line or not play sport at all in the area.

People are asking questions, like:

● Who is on the management committee?

● What have they ever done for the community?

● Who elected them to represent the people of Bellville South?

● Just where is Proteaville? and

● Do the people actually support the management committee?

According to the secretary, of the Proteaville Management Committee, Mr H D Campbell, they represent the whole of Bellville South which is divided into three wards

These wards, Bellville South, Kasselsvlei and Belgoma/Glenhaven, form Proteaville.

There are six members on the management committee. A by-election is supposed to be held every two years when three new members are elected on to the body.

By-elections would not be held in September, because the six candidates were returned unopposed.

Leading the controversial committee is Mr Albert Harry Nicholls, 47, principal of Jan Bosman Primary School.

Mr Nicholls refused to comment and insisted there was no uproar in the community about his committee taking over the sportsgrounds

'Who knows the community better than me? And, anyway, what is wrong with the management committee?' he asked.

The other members of the management committee are two teachers, a businessman, a blockman and a factory manager.

They are businessman Mr Joseph Michael Bester, 37, teachers Mr Anthony Martin Franklin Adams, 39, and Mr Kenneth Damons, 58, blockman Mr Joseph Cupido, 52, and factory manager Mr Solomon Hoffman, 61.

2 000 BRITONS SEEK JOBS WITH COUNCIL

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Weekend Argus Bureau

LONDON. — More than 2 000 British workers want to snap up the opportunities offered by Cape Town Municipality to work in South Africa.

Poor salaries blamed for staff shortage

CAPE TOWN Municipal Union officials blame comparatively poor City Council salaries for the acute shortage of skilled staff.

'The council has resorted to overseas recruiting in an effort to fill many vacancies and officials have said there are about 1 000 posts empty in Cape Town.

'In my opinion they would not have to look overseas if salaries were high enough The people who left would not have gone if the pay was more attractive,' said an official of the South African Association of Municipal Employees.

REASONS

'The official, who did not want to be named, emphasised it was a personal opinion. The association had not made an accurate investigation to assess the reasons for the critical shortage of skilled and professional staff.

'But we are aware that the problem is not confined to any particular job category. Another reason for the crisis could be the poor job satisfaction,' he said.

Meanwhile, a council recruitment officer has confirmed that five officials left for London this week to interview about 300 applicants for 10 vacancies.

Mr H J Powell, chairman of the Municipal Service Commission, Mr H van Dalsen, assistant town clerk (personnel), Mr C W A Egner, assistant city treasurer, Mr A Thorn, assistant city engineer, and Mr B D Ives, assistant city electrical engineer, are expected to be in England until the end of November.

Most appear to have been attracted by the better lifestyle they expect there and because they feel their families will have more opportunity and more space in South Africa

The agent recruiting workers for the municipality said here 'We have had a very good response to the advertising campaign Many who have applied are highly qualified

'More than 2 000 people have applied This is far too many, of course, and I am arranging interviews now A delegation from Cape Town will be here for about a month from next week to interview the applicants, who come from all over Britain'

MORE SUITED

'Most seem to want to go to South Africa because they feel the lifestyle will be more suitable for their families, with more space and more opportunity

'Judging from the applications, a number of them have thought carefully about the job offers They believe South Africa is a land of more opportunity.

'Many specifically mention their families and a new life for them'

The agent said other applicants had obviously not thought about particular reasons for going to South Africa beyond the good weather.

'Maybe it just happened to be raining the day they saw the advert in the newspaper,' she said.

REDUNDANT

Many appeared to be unemployed or just about to be declared redundant when they applied for the jobs offered.

Work opportunities offered by Cape Town municipality are for civil engineers architects, data processors, town-planners, accountants and artisans

The positions were first advertised in national newspapers and then in regional newspapers in areas where unemployment was high

PE facing big rise in rates

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By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

RATES rises of 11,03% for Port Elizabeth homeowners and of 15,2% for industry are proposed in the City Treasurer's draft budget for 1982.

The proposals also include suggested electricity tariff increases of 6% and water tariff increases of 4,44%

If the draft budget, which is being discussed by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee this afternoon, is approved, the budget will go before the full council later this month

The total operating budget for Port Elizabeth for 1982 will be R160 million — an increase of 26% on last year's budget of R127 million

In his report, the City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom, says that the budget had been drafted against a background of "persistent inflation" which was proving "extremely difficult" to control

The object of the draft budget's architects was to maintain services at their present levels

In an interview Mr Strydom pointed out that the increase in the total bill for rates, electricity and water was below 9% He was "satisfied" that the increases were "reasonable"

The city's bill for flood damages had been R1 million which was equivalent to a rates increase of 4%, he said

Although the proposed 4,44% increase in the water tariff was very small, the situation would have been "far better" had there been no flood Nor would there have been an increase in August of 9,8%

In the light of Escom's recent announcement of a 15,4% rise in tariffs from January 1, the proposed 6% rise in electricity charges in Port Elizabeth was quite modest, Mr Strydom said Referring to the 27% rise to R160 million in the city's operating budget, Mr Strydom said the major reason for this rise was the increase of over 30% in the electricity service Expenditure was expected to soar from R57 472 850 this year to R75 254 190

The rate and general service account went up from R48 749 630 to R59 508 990 — which represented an increase of 22%

The proposed increase of 11,03% in domestic rates was dependent on the council approving a rates increase of 15,32% on industrial and commercial properties

If councillors agreed that the rebates paid to homeowners should be increased from 20% to 23%, then the above rates would apply If they rejected this proposal, then the rates increases would be 13,58% for homeowners and 13,55% for industry and commerce, he said

Port Elizabeth would not benefit much next year from the payment of rates on Government properties as the scheme would be phased in over a three year period

An income of 25% of the 80% rates which would eventually be levied on State buildings had been budgeted for in 1982, and this would come to R484 000 — only R8 000 more than the estimated State contribution which was paid in lieu of rates

Asked what the income from State properties was likely to be in 1983 and 1984, he said a "rough estimate" would be R1 million

On the subject of deficits, Mr Strydom said the city's market service was showing an "unsatisfactory trend" with the debt rising from R333 929 in 1980 to R374 190 in 1981 The service was expected to show a loss of R469 950 next year

The accumulated deficit on the housing administration account at the end of 1982 would be R173 970, but Mr Strydom said this was a "minimal" amount when compared with housing debts in other cities in this country

He said the financing of old age homes would prove a problem in future They were supported by contributions from the rent equalisation fund, which had amounted to R75 320 this year and would be R100 000 next year At this rate the fund would dry up in five years, so alternative methods of balancing the operating accounts of old age homes would have to be found

The deficit on the gas service in 1982 was expected to decrease from the present figure of R1 031 100 to R638 950 It was expected that the gas service would become viable in 1986, he said

Mr Strydom commented on the difficulties in balancing the budget for Brister House The estimated shortfall for next year was R162 090

When the building was bought, it was anticipated that "breakeven point" would be reached in 1980, but with the downswing in the economy there had been difficulty in finding tenants and now money had to be spent on maintaining the building, he said

Provision had been made in the budget for the upgrading of the bachelor's hostel in Kwazakele in the East Cape Administration Board area, which was in a "shocking state", Mr Strydom said

The entire project would cost between R1,25 and R1,5 million and an amount of R250 000 — equivalent to a 1% rate increase — would be budgeted for next year

He pointed out that the large amount of R372 000 would be spent on maintaining municipal roads next year

In his report Mr Strydom recommended that urgent representations should be made to the Administrator of the Cape to have the subsidy on library services increased from 36% to 50%

● Provision has been made for an increase in municipal workers' pay, but no breakdown was given

Divco plan makes it easier to buy homes

Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape may make buying a house easier by allowing tenants to pay the initial deposit of R300 in 24 instalments

This recommendation, in a report by the secretary, Mr W R Vivier, will be considered by the council on November 24

Mr Vivier says many people allocated homes by the council are unable to raise the deposit and moved in as tenants with the option to buy

The sale is often not completed because they have difficulty in saving up the deposit

REVIEWING

Mr Vivier said the Housing Code made provision for the tenant to pay the deposit by adding 24 instalments to his rent

'While the council has in the past not adopted this procedure, this policy should be reviewed as it would certainly encourage home ownership and at the same time allow the tenant the opportunity of assessing his own personal housing requirements,' his report continues

'In addition, his salary could have advanced over this period to such an extent that he may financially be in a better position to purchase the property'

Labour: appeals for calm

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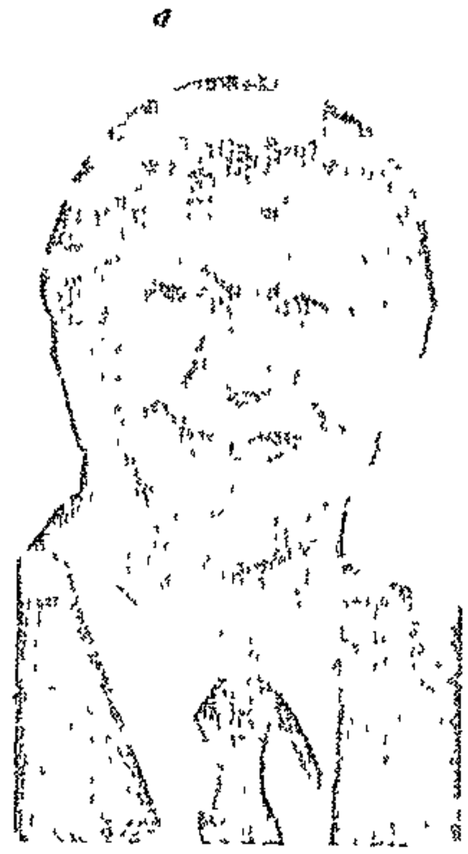
FAST LONDON — Appeals for calm and co-operation in labour relations were made by two civic leaders here yesterday.



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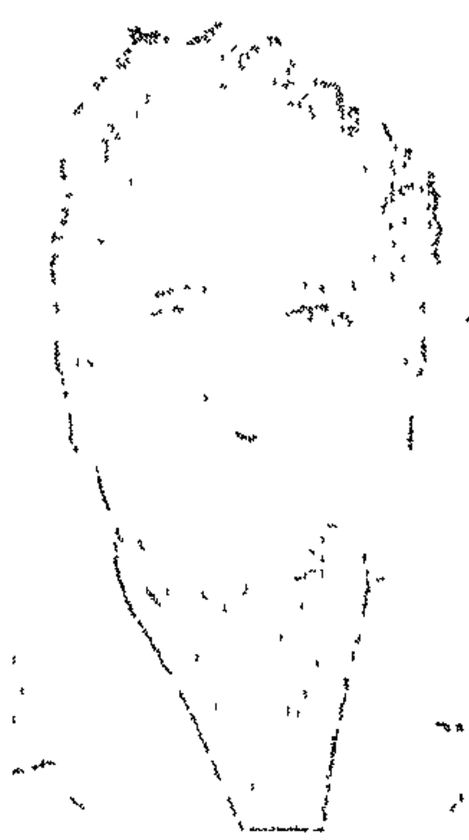

MR CARD

Both the Mayor of East London Mr Errol Spring, and the chairman of the city council's industrial portfolio, Mr Donald Card called for an easing of tensions and labour stability.

They were approached after police were reported to have confronted mourners returning from the funeral of the mother and uncle of Mr Thozamile Gqweta, the President of the South African Allied Workers Union (SAAWU). A woman was reported to have died after shots were fired.

The appeals follow an announcement by the Ciskei Government that labour was being recruited for an East London factory through its intelligence service.

Mr Spring said black labour was in a "transition period" of organising itself and there was bound to be instability.

I would appeal to employers and employees to approach and view this period with responsibility and circumspection. The last thing we can afford now is a conflict."

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This calls for closer co-operation between organised commerce and industry who should form a joint approach to the Ciskei Government to discuss labour relations," he said.

Mr Card said everyone in the region would have to work together to make sure the people of the region had jobs.

He said continued labour unrest may frighten away industrialists.

Let us be realistic. It is time the unions and the Ciskei Government buried the hatchet. We have so many unemployed people in this region and the labour force is not stable.

I am very worried that labour recruitment has been taken out of the hands of manpower development and put in the hands of the intelligence service.

The Ciskei Government employers and the unions should try working together towards a stable and content labour force," he said.

Neither the chairman of the East London Chamber of Commerce Mr Tony Selles nor the president of the Border Chamber of Industries, Mr John Rich, would comment on the labour relations situation. — DDR.

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R50-m plan for Cape beaches

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Provincial Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration has prepared a R50 million master plan for the development of beach resorts, and the Treasury has agreed to give high priority to making funds available, Mr Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, said today

The R50-million is the amount the province intends to give to town and divisional councils to develop resorts in their areas but local authorities will have to make additional funds available mainly for running these new resorts

Mr Kriel emphasised that the money would be given to local authorities as and when it was made available to the Cape Provincial Administration by the Treasury

Instead of trying to handle the problems created by overcrowded beaches on a piecemeal basis, a total plan had been developed to meet the needs of the Cape's population of all races

Because the need was greatest for facilities for the coloured community, the largest portion of the total funds would be spent on new projects for this community

It was proposed to spend R25 million on six beaches between Simonstown and Macassar in the Cape Divisional Council area alone

At Strandfontein, the open' beach in the Cape Town City Council area R2-million has already been made available, and it is proposed to spend another R2,5 million

Also planned are developments costing almost R1-million at Clovelly, R8 5-million for a beach for Blacks at Mnandi R11 5-million for a beach for coloureds at Middlebank (between Strandfontein and Mnandi) and R1 2-million at Macassar

Mr Kriel said this would give effect to Government policy of making separate facilities available to all within easy reach of their homes

It was also proposed to take over from the Coloured Development Corporation the resort at Sonestia and develop it as a provincially-owned resort at a cost of R6-million, Mr Kriel said

Mr Kriel said Sonestia was one of the finest resorts in the Cape, and the Provincial Administration would retain the existing Sonestia advisory committee, comprising coloured businessmen, to ensure that the high standard was maintained at the resort

A provincial amount of R20 000 was intended for extensions to existing facilities at Harmony Park at The Strand, as well a R70 000 for Hawston, and R73 000 for Struisbaai

Cape Town City Council already proposed to spend R4-million on extensions at Kogel Bay, and the provincial administration had decided to give R400 000 for this project

In Cape Point Nature Reserve it was proposed to spend R55 000 on facilities at Boulders.

West Coast projects which are proposed include R32 000 at Paaste Steen R95 000 at Melkbos and Blouberg-strand, R89 000 at Sweetwater, R1 2 million for Silverstroom (including a caravan park), R90 000 for Velddrif, R10 000 for Elizabeth Bay, R500 000 for Vredenburg-Saldanha, and R72 000 for Lamberts Bay

Almost R1-million will be spent on beach facilities in the Diaz Divisional Council area outside Port Elizabeth with about R500 000 to be spent on a resort for coloured people near Jeffreys Bay

The development of facilities at East London is expected to cost a further R5 million

Beach influx control urged

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Provincial Reporter

MR Hernus Kriel, MEC in charge of local government, expressed 'disappointment today at what he describes as Cape Town City Council's reluctance to enforce control over the influx to Atlantic seaboard beaches

Mr Kriel said the Provincial Administration's request to Cape Town City Council to enclose the whole Camps Bay beach had apparently fallen on deaf ears

The proposed enclosure, he said, was to prevent a repetition of disasteful events in past seasons

NUDE BATHING

Although the tidal pool was now enclosed, there were again allegations of nude bathing, bad language and drunkenness at Camps Bay and Glen Beach

'The Provincial Executive Committee recently made R36 000 available in an attempt to ensure that this licentiousness is ended

'The responsibility now rests with the City Council to ensure that that happens,' Mr Kriel said

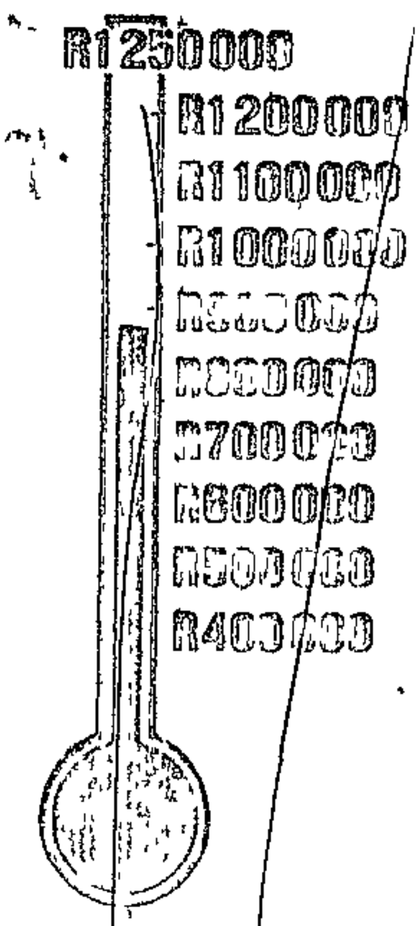
Fonda now 'critical'

Argus Bureau

NEW YORK — Actor Henry Fonda 76, who underwent heart surgery in May, has suffered a relapse and friends now describe his condition as 'critical'.

The actor is confined to his bed at home in Beverly Hills, California, but has resisted all efforts to readmit him to hospital

Fonda has worn a pacemaker since 1974.



100 gifts swell Chest

THE Community Chest received R12 131 from more than 100 people yesterday

A total of R886 936 has been raised so far this year, leaving the Chest R363 064 short of its 1981 target of R1,25-million

Visa move fails to halt cricketters

Argus Correspondent

BOMBAY — An attempt to have the entry visas to India of England cricketers Geoff Boycott and Geoff Cook revoked has failed

Yesterday the High Court in Karnataka state dismissed a suit by the Bangalore-based Civil Rights Vigilance Committee contesting the entry visas granted to Cook and Boycott, both of whom have played in South Africa

The group argued that the presence of the two cricketers in India contravened international treaties and agreements to which India was party

But Mr Justice P P Bopanna ruled that since visas were issued by the central Government, the local High Court had no jurisdiction to admit the suit

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City Park to house clinic

Municipal Reporter

CITY PARK — former headquarters of the City Engineer's Department which has an eight-floor parking garage — has been leased to Clinic Holdings, which intends developing the six floors of office space as a medical centre

The council's Executive Committee announced the deal yesterday and said the parking section would be retained.

The building has an unhappy history

The council first tried to lease or sell it in 1978, but has been faced with lack of demand for office space and a sinking property market

The Executive said it had recently considered several offers

Clinic Holdings will renovate the building at a cost of R5-million to R6-million and provide operating theatres, a clinic and consultants' rooms

The 10-year lease starts at a rental of R609 500, rising to R1 050 845 after 10 years

Clinic Holdings also has an option to buy the building for more than R9-million It cost R4,25-million to build

If it is sold, 1 000 parking bays will remain

The Executive adds.

'The possibility of a sale by either public auction or tender was considered but rejected in view of the lack of demand'

It would have exposed the council to the 'very considerable risk of the reponse being at an unacceptably low level, with the result that the building would have been down graded in the eyes of would-be purchasers'

'Not enough funds' for Grassy Park's needs

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Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council spent a total of R1 331 000 on streets, sewerage and street lighting in Lotus River and Grassy Park this year, the secretary, Mr W R Vivier, said in a report

It has insufficient funds and manpower to carry out improvements more rapidly

The Grassy Park-Lotus River Residents' Association has asked the council to receive a deputation to complain about unmade roads and other grievances

The association has also asked the council to bypass the Management Committee for the area and deal directly with it

In his report, Mr Vivier explained that the provision of sewerage was given top priority and it was only after this and the installation of storm water drainage that roads were surfaced

He said that about 90 percent of the area now had sewers and 69,9 km of road had been permanently surfaced out of a total of 108,9 km

'It is only in the third catchment, which is in the Lotus River area, that work remains to be done,' said Mr Vivier

The report goes on 'Finance, or the ability to afford desired expenditure, is the key to the problems of the Grassy Park local area

OVER YEARS

'Where any area is to be developed the work has to be carried out over a number of years since the local authority will not have the funds or the manpower to provide services to the whole area in a short period of, say, one year

'The tempo according to which the work will be done will depend on the amount of money which the area can afford to meet the interest and redemption on the loan and, as the assets age, also on maintenance'

The report explained that, under the Divisional Councils Ordinance, local areas were meant to finance their own services but this is not the case in Grassy Park

HIGH RATES

Mr Vivier said the reason why some people in Grassy Park have to pay high rates is that valuations in the area, based on current market value of land and replacement cost for buildings, are generally low

'If valuations are generally low then it can be expected that those owning more expensive properties will be more severely hit,' he went on

'While there is every sympathy with the people of Grassy Park in their desire to improve their environment it does not seem that there is any short-term solution to the financial problem

'The Government has rejected both subsidies and alternative sources of taxation'

Mr Vivier suggested that a deputation from the association should meet the council's Works Committee rather than the full council

He said the council was obliged by law to consult the Management Committee over any proposals for the area

Muizenberg pavilion gets final touches

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Municipal Reporter

THE striking R2·15-million Muizenberg pavilion, one of the biggest building projects tackled by the Cape Town City Council's architectural team and building unit, will be ready for its official opening on December 8

Building unit workers are working flat out to put the finishing touches to the pavilion which is designed to re-create some of the famous resort's lost holiday atmosphere

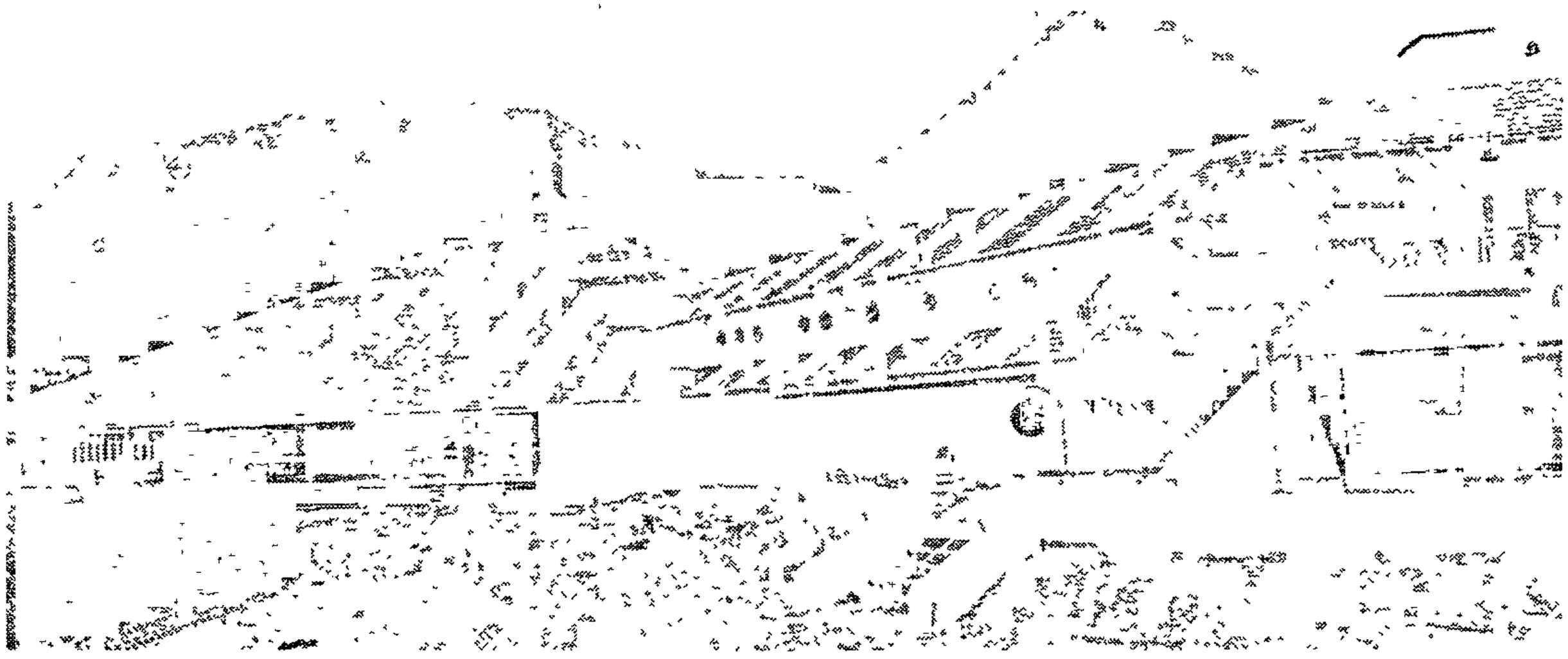
Apart from the building complex itself work on the gardens at the centre are also nearing completion

PALMS

The berm between the complex and the sea designed to act as a shelter from the prevalent south-easter is already covered with lush grass and five 10 metre high palms grace the sunken front lawns and swimming pool area

The trees were brought from a farm in Philippi recently removed from the ground by crane placed on flatbed trailers and moved to Muizenberg They were replanted at the pavilion in holes made with a mechanical scoop

Director of Parks and Forests Mr F A Roelofse said the root ball on each tree weighed six tons and the trees themselves three tons each



A VIEW of the pavilion from the sea side On the left is the multi-purpose hall with glass doors overlooking the sea and on the right, the upstairs glass enclosed restaurant and downstairs soda fountain The section in the centre is the service area

The pavilion complex consists of a multi-purpose hall which can take up to 1 200 people, a large committee room a glass enclosed restaurant a soda fountain and tea terrace, a paddling pool a swimming pool and change booths

The pavilion has been designed to give as much protection as possible from the south-easter and is north facing

The man who led the architectural team, who is now in private practice was asked to comment on the colourful but controversial red and white tile roof which critics have likened to the roofs of premises which sell a brand of fried chicken

'It has nothing to do with chicken and don't ask it has he said

It represents the medieval concept of a pavilion which had gay striped roofs and adds a gay atmosphere to a building designed for people to enjoy their leisure time'

He added that 18 months ago the pavilion was still a concept 'It will be completed in record time and is a credit to the head of the building unit Mr Hans Smit and his team,' he said

Council meets to decide on rates

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council meets today to consider its R467-million budget and set the rates for next year — a rates increase for all ratepayers is on the cards.

The council, faced with soaring costs and the demand for more and better services, will need at least R60-million from ratepayers to balance the books

The council's veteran chairman of the executive committee Mr Bill Peters, will formally propose acceptance of the budget

REBATE

The impact on home-owners will be lessened as the council has already agreed to fix a rebate for homeowners as it did for this year. Next year the owners of sectional title and share block homes will also qualify for the rebate.

Pensioners also qualify for a rebate based on the value of their properties and their income.

With the 20 percent rebate for this year, home owners paid only 1,8 percent more in rates but commerce and industry, who must bear the added burden of the rebate for home owners paid an additional 27,6 percent.

'Crisis' in ambulance service

CAPE TIMES 19/11/81 (263)

By JANE ARBOUS

THE risk of a patient dying because of the delays in Cape Town's ambulance service was increasing, Dr John Sonnenberg, the Opposition MPC for health matters and City councillor on the amenities and health committee, said yesterday.

Dr Sonnenberg blamed not only the government but the South African Association for Municipal Employees a white union which opposed the lifting of job reservation in Cape Town's key ambulance fire and traffic departments

This "ideological imposition" had led to a staff crisis in the ambulance service 'There are plenty of people ready to be trained The fact that they are not white should not matter at all, he said

In spite of doing "a darn fine job', the service was experiencing 'unacceptable delays" in emergencies

The service has to cover 2 000 sq km, serving a general population of nearly two million Last year, the service handled more than 110 000 emergency cases

A senior spokesman for the local office of the Department of Manpower Utilization told the Cape Times he was aware of the staff problem in the Peninsula's emergency services

Job reservation

He said the recent Wiehahn Commission had recommended the repeal of job reservation legislation The government had agreed to this except for a few areas, one of which was the Cape Town City Council

"Any recommendations by this department would not have a greater importance that those of the commission which was appointed by the State President

The chairman of the Cape Town branch of Saame, Mr A J Uys, said the existence of job reservation was being used as an excuse for the staff shortage

Pressed on whether he thought the union presented any barrier to people of other races, he conceded that if the post of a white employee fell vacant, the union's job was to get a white replacement He added that the union would have no objection to coloured people filling any advertised posts on condition that the council had no applications from whites

Mr Uys emphasized that the union's concern was over the "right rate for the job" and that it opposed the employment of other races at a lower wage 'This idea that we can get coloureds for less money is nonsense"

"We're not here to keep the coloured man out of a job He must just get the right rate for the right job"

Mr Uys's argument was dismissed by Dr Sonnenberg who described it as "falacious" and 'a thinly-disguised attempt by the union to practice a form of discrimination and protection'

"Equal pay for the same work' was council policy in all areas, he said

"The jobs are there, but in terms of job reservation we can only employ a certain percentage of coloureds'

The ambulance service has vacancies for 38 white drivers and co-drivers

However, a cautious note of optimism was sounded yesterday by the chairman of the amenities and health committee, Mr Emil Riese

While the council, according to its policy, has repeatedly asked for the lifting of the colour bar over the years, it had recently applied again to the government for more coloured firemen and ambulance drivers, he said

"We are hopeful that the authorities will agree to this in the near future"

CMC to boycott summer plans

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Post Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH'S Coloured Management Committee yesterday resolved not to be associated with the summer season programme

The council also decided that it would take legal action against people who disrupted organised sport on playing fields administered by the CMC

This follows the disruption of a cricket fixture on the Moore Dyke Ground in Schauderville on November 7 by two members of the Eastern Province Council of Sport (Epcos)

Last night, the CMC resolved to seek an interdict curbing cricket unions from using playing fields without "prior approval" The council is to seek an interview with the Town Clerk to discuss the "illegal use" of playing fields in the northern areas

The CMC also called for the scrapping of beach apartheid

An application to establish a private hospital in Gelvandale was turned down

It recommend the City Engineer be requested to investigate a suitable alternative site

Council workers union is attacked

CAPE TIMES 20/11/85

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

THE South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) — trade union of the Cape Town municipality's 5 000-plus white workers — came under fire from several quarters yesterday

Speaking during the City's budget debate, a city councillor Mr Herbert Hirsch attacked Saame for being too powerful" and for supporting labour legislation based on race

And in an interview later, Mr J H Ernstzen secretary of the 11 000 strong Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) which represents coloured and African employees accused Saame of obstructing the appointment of blacks in vacancies previously held by whites

Their criticism follows an attack by Dr John Sonnenberg another city councillor and Opposition spokesman on health matters in the Provincial Council who described Saame as a white union which opposed the lifting of job reservation in ambulance, fire and traffic services

Elaborating on his budget speech, Mr Hirsh said Government interference aided and abetted by the Province is one of the primary causes of grave shortages of personnel resulting from crippling job-reservation provisions in the ambulance and traffic departments

He added that, although he was totally in favour of trade unions another factor in the manpower shortage was the 'immense power of Saame He felt the white union was 'too powerful

He said Saame's support for labour legislation based on race had "aggravated the manpower problem , and called for the formation of a single trade union

Mr Ernstzen said 'We often have a person of colour suitable for a vacant post but then Saame intervenes on the basis that the post had previously been occupied by a white We often wonder who the appointing authority is — Saame or the City Council? Meanwhile the CTMWA has never objected to any appointment on merit '

Commenting on the criticism, the Saame Cape Town branch secretary, Mr D Archer said "If we are accused of being powerful, thank goodness for that If we had a single trade union, we would be even more powerful But this can only come about if the national body decides so at its congress

Rates increase in PE 'an achievement'

Evening Post 24/11/81 (263)

By SHELAGH BLACKMAN
Municipal Reporter

A RATES increase "well below" the inflation rate was as an achievement when a total of R212 million would be spent in 1982, the chairman of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Policy and Resources Committee said yesterday

Delivering his budget speech at a special council meeting yesterday, Mr A Ward Able warned that it would take "care and understanding" to maintain a rates increase below the inflation rate

The council approved the operating budget of R160,8 million for 1982 which provides for a rates increase of 11,03% for home-owners and 15,32% for industry

The rebate on single residential properties was increased from 20% to 23%

The electricity tariff will rise by 6% while the water charge will rise by 4,4%

The operating budget together with the capital budget of R52 million means a total of R212 million will be spent by the city in 1982

Mr Ward Able said that although the economy of the country was still "performing well", it had shown signs of entering a "consolidation phase" and the council should not expect windfalls of increased income above the estimates

He said that an extra 30 posts throughout the municipality had been approved, which meant a R100 000 increase in salaries — bringing the total budget provisions for salaries, wages and allowances to R45 million for next year

However, the percentage of staffing costs to the total budget was too high, and "rationalisation proposals" would have to be followed to reduce the need to replace staff, he said

The present year had not been easy because the upturn in the economy had required increases in salaries and wages which had not been provided for

In addition to fuel and other increases, there had been "some of the most damaging flooding in the history of the city", he said

Such problems raised fears that by the end of 1981, the city would face "substantial deficits" which would have resulted in "very substantial" rates and tariff increases

However, the actual position was very different and the city would end the year with the working balance increased to R700 000

The anticipated deficits of the Housing Administration and Market Service would be fully covered by the surpluses being carried forward to 1982

Mr Ward Able paid tribute to the city's dedicated staff who had worked hard to ensure that the cost of repairing flood damage was kept within bounds

He also mentioned that the flexibility of the city's new financial regulations and controls had allowed for the adjustment of various votes to see that the necessary money for repairs was available without too much disruption of work on other services and amenities

He said the effect of rates being paid on State buildings should be more pronounced in 1983 — the view had been expressed that rates on Government property should be applied in relief of rates while the full State subsidy on the Fire Service should be used to upgrade the equipment and amenities of the service

Cape Times 25/11/81

Demos protest at Divco meeting

By JANE ARBOUS

YESTERDAY'S monthly meeting of the Divisional Council came to a standstill when members of the Grassy Park/Lotus River Residents' Association staged a demonstration in the public gallery

Banners calling on the council to talk to "people's organizations" and not "dummy bodies" such as the coloured management committees were hung over the side of the packed public gallery as councillors were about to deal with a memorandum from the association

The residents who claim that their area is neglected by the council and that it has ignored the association's complaints, requested permission to appear before the full council

An immediate objection against the silent protest was made by Mr Ivan Hampshire who said it impaired the dignity of the council

The banners were withdrawn after a request by the council chairman, Mr L J Rothman

In the ensuing debate on whether a delegation from the association should be allowed before the council, Mr S Collins and Mr P L Andrew said it was the right of the community which was making reasonable inquiries, to address the council

Mr Hampshire said every ratepayer had a right to be heard However, it was the manner in which it was done that he objected to and he suggested that the association discuss their problems with Mr Rothman and then the works committee If it was necessary, the committee could then arrange for the association to address the council, he said

Opposing an address to the council, Mr P J Grobbelaar said if a deputation was allowed to be received, the council would have to deal with the problem of similar requests from other ratepayers' organizations

As councillors voted to refer the delegation to the works committee, the banners made of sheets were lowered again over the side of the gallery

"This is not a circus," an angry Mr Rothman told the residents "This is the council chamber"

When he ordered an official to remove the banners, the residents left with shouts of "Talk to the people's organizations"

Interviewed outside, spokesmen for the association said they had been treated like "animals" after travelling some distance to approach the council on "serious matters"

In a statement released to the press outside the building, the association said it rejected the management committees which the council "insisted" on dealing with

The association called on the council "to immediately meet with the only legitimate people's organization of Grassy Park and Lotus River"

Drainage: Loan limits to rise

Divisional Council Reporter

MANY home-owners in Divisional Council areas could not afford to connect their domestic drainage to the council's sewer mains, the council was told at its monthly meeting yesterday

The Council Engineer, Mr M K Botha, said in a report that there were still 106 septic tanks and 1 274 pail closets in Elsie's River alone, the servicing of which cost of the council about R250 000 a year

Property-owners were experiencing financial difficulties, he said, and the council should assist as many people as possible to provide connections

The council accepted his recommendation that it should raise the present loan limit of R750 to R1 000 for each property

Home ownership encouraged

Divisional Council Reporter

PROSPECTIVE buyers of Divisional Council homes will be able to pay off the R300 deposit on homes on an instalment basis over 24 months

In a move to encourage home-ownership, the council decided yesterday to allow purchasers to occupy a house and pay off the deposit over two years, after which the deed of sale would be signed

The council was aware that many people could not afford the R300 down-payment This led to more difficulties when they leased the dwelling because they could not afford to pay rent as well as save for the deposit

Sunday music at hotel refused

Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council yesterday turned down a second application by the owners of the Kommetjie Hotel to hold live musical performances on Sundays

The council refused the application in spite of attempts by the hotel owners, Soverby Investments (Pty) Limited, to reduce the noise which was the subject of complaints by local residents and organizations

Approached by the council for comment after the alterations to the building, the Kommetjie Christian Fellowship, the Ned Geref Kerk, the Kommetjie Ratepayers' Association, and Kommetjie Estates, maintained their opposition to the musical performances

Fire-fighting merger?

Staff Reporter

THE works committee of the Divisional Council is to investigate the feasability of combining its fire-fighting and traffic enforcement sections with those of Cape Town and other Peninsula municipalities

The decision was taken by the council yesterday after a debate on a private motion introduced by Mr Clive Bilski

Mr Bilski said the Peninsula's fire and traffic forces should be able to work across all boundaries At present, a traffic officer working for a particular municipality could not take action if he spotted an infringement of the law in another municipality

Mr Bilski asked the council to appoint a sub-committee to investigate the possibility of combining the services and to initiate urgent discussions with other municipal bodies

Plan to develop wine estate on historic farm

Divisional Council Reporter

A PLAN to restore and develop the historic Constantia farm Buitenverwachting was yesterday described by the Divisional Council Engineer, Mr M K Botha, as "a most significent step" in the restoration of the farming and wine industry in the Constantia Valley

The plan to develop the farm as a wine estate has been backed by the National Monuments Council, the Constantia Property Owners' Association and the Groot Constantia Control Board

Reporting to the council at its monthly meeting yesterday, Mr Botha recommended the granting of an application by the owner of the farm for the relaxation of certain aspects of the Town Planning Scheme

The council referred the matter back to the Works Committee for more detailed consideration

Mr Botha said the development proposals included the restoration of the homestead built in 1796, the building of a new wine cellar, the building of 15 labourers' cottages, the conversion of existing stables into public wine-tasting rooms and the conversion of an old wine cellar into a wine sales store

He said the development proposals had been drawn up with "careful thought and sensitivity", ensuring that the development was in keeping with the environmental quality of the district

An important aspect was the retention of existing trees, as well as the planting of new ones, and the design of the new buildings was "functional and pleasing" He said he was impressed with the concept of the labourers' village which comprised a high-quality living environment

Kaolin mine: Ruling on water

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape yesterday agreed to allow Serina Kaolin Works to draw water from the Kommetjie water scheme, subject to strict conditions

Granting an application by Serina for a daily supply of 500 kl of water for the Brakkloof Kaolin mine and processing plant, the council fixed a charge of R2 000 a year for the use of the council's stormwater pipeline

In a report to the council, the Engineer, Mr M K Botha, said the main concern over the mine's operations was the quality of effluent discharged from the site into the council's stormwater drainage system in the Sun Valley township

The conditions attached to the supply of water included

- The water supply could be disconnected or reduced by the engineer at any time
- The effluent discharge had to comply with government regulations
- All costs to the council of monitoring and control of the effluent would be charged to Serina
- Serina would be liable for all costs in clearing blockages in stormwater pipes, as well as damage to the environment in the vicinity of the discharge area

In a separate item on yesterday's agenda, the council noted a report by the Engineer on a permit application by Messrs Kommetjie Kaolin (Pty) Limited and requested that the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs supply it with additional information and maps on the proposed development

The mining application has been opposed by the local ratepayers

Mr Botha said the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs had asked the council to comment on the kaolin mining application

In his reply to the department, Mr Botha said the support documents attached to the application did not contain enough information "for satisfactory comment"

Mr Botha said he would not report officially to the council on the issue until further information and maps had been supplied

The developers had not given details of the nature of the mining operation, such as the mining areas, the orientation of work faces, how stormwater would be disposed of, where the overburden would be piled and the traffic generation to the station

Neither had the developers given the envisaged lifespan of the operation, the effect of which, Mr Botha said, had to be considered

"A thorough environmental impact study must be commissioned"

Mr Botha said the envisaged restoration fund was "unacceptable" as the general public had no guarantee that the area would be restored This should rest with a local authority

Another factor was that the area proposed was zoned for rural use and all the zoning conditions would be applicable

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City loses R7½m on property

CAPE TIMES 25/11/81

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN
Municipal Reporter

BY THE END of this year the City of Cape Town will have lost a staggering R7½-million on its halls, civic buildings and other property. And the major "losers" are the City's two showpieces — the Foreshore Civic Centre (R3,1-million) and the Good Hope Centre (R1,7-million).

The income from hiring out the Good Hope Centre for this year is less than R200 000, an amount which hardly covers the salaries, wages and other benefits paid its employees

The biggest single items of expense for both projects are the interest and redemption payments on the loans raised to build these massive structures

For the Civic Centre, the interest this year is R1,9-million and the capital instalment R1,8-million The corresponding figures for the Good Hope Centre are R526 000 and R593 000

The estimates for next year do not hold much hope for improvement

It is expected that nearly R3-million will be spent on the Civic Centre, with a return of only R28 000 For the Good Hope Centre, the estimated expenditure is R1,9-million and the projected income R240 000

The picture is not brightened by the fact that the loan capital outstanding on the R53-million Civic Centre is R47,69-million, with more than 25 years to go before it is repaid In the case of the R14½-million Good Hope Centre, the City still owes R12,79-milion, with more than 20 years to pay

Other halls and buildings, including community centres, have also placed enormous strain on the City's financial resources and this year's shortfall of R7½-million will have to come from the rate fund

Community centres in the coloured management committee areas of Athlone, Kensington, Rylands and Wittebome/Wynberg will this year require R944 195 from general rates

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4th June 1980

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Divisional rates to rise

Divisional Council Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape will have to raise more than R26-m from the rates next year towards its budget of R63 587 726

This will mean an increase of nine percent on the general rate levied throughout the council's area, including Cape Town and other neighbouring municipalities, and individual increases in most of the local areas.

In the case of Cape Town this will mean adding 0,405c in the R1 to the rate levied by the City Council.

The Divisional Council finance committee chairman, Mr I N G Hampshire, explained in his budget speech today that this, before taking any rebates into account, would be equivalent to R9,90 a year for a Cape Town ratepayer whose property was valued at R30 000.

Local area rates in Melkbosstrand, Ruyterwacht, Scarborough and Sun Valley will not be raised next year.

But there will be rises in 11 local areas ranging from 0,667c in the R1 in Philadelphia to 0,063c in the R1 in Zeekoevlei.

Hout Bay harbour area, which is a mixture of industrial and residential property, will be subsidised from the general rate for the first time this year

But in spite of this contribution from the general rate of R25 944 the rates contribution forming part of the rents in the harbour area will have to go up by five percent.

The local area rate levied at Hout Bay harbour will be the highest in the division at 5,264c in the R1

Other local area rates next year are (cents in the R1)

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Evans is city's new Town Clerk

Argus 27/11/81

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S Deputy Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, who joined the City Council in 1973, was yesterday appointed Town Clerk to succeed Mr H G Heugh who retires early next year

Dr Evans became the council's top executive when he was chosen out of more than a dozen candidates by secret ballot of the full council.

Born in Natal, Dr Evans was educated at Grey College in Bloemfontein, St George's Grammar School in Cape Town, the University of Cape Town and the University of South Africa.

He holds a BA from UCT and an LLB from the University of South Africa. He became an advocate of the Supreme Court in 1954.

Last year he received his PhD in criminal justice from UCT

He has held posts in the Department of Justice in Cape Town and Johannesburg and was in private practice at the Bar in Johannesburg from 1956 to 1959

He became Deputy Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth in 1965

Dr Evans is married with a son and three daughters.

SCOOP FOR CITY IN UK RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Argus 28/11/81

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Weekend Argus Reporters in London and Cape Town

THE Cape Town municipality has managed to recruit 'top quality' workers in Great Britain for posts 'we have been unable to fill for some time in South Africa.'

Local authorities blame the economic boom and poor training facilities for an acute staff shortage — in some departments as high as 30 percent — that has prompted foreign recruiting campaigns

The Town Clerk Mr H G Heugh, has said that although it is not a crisis situation, it is still serious

Overseas recruitment has been aimed at data processing programmers and systems designers accountants, electrical, civil, mechanical and traffic engineers, architects, planners and town planners, mechanical fitters and electricians

Mr Henk van Dalsen, Cape Town's assistant Town Clerk and one of a five-man team in Britain to interview applicants for jobs at the municipality said this week 'We have been very satisfied with the number and quality of people we have interviewed. We have managed to recruit some top quality people.'

WORTHWHILE

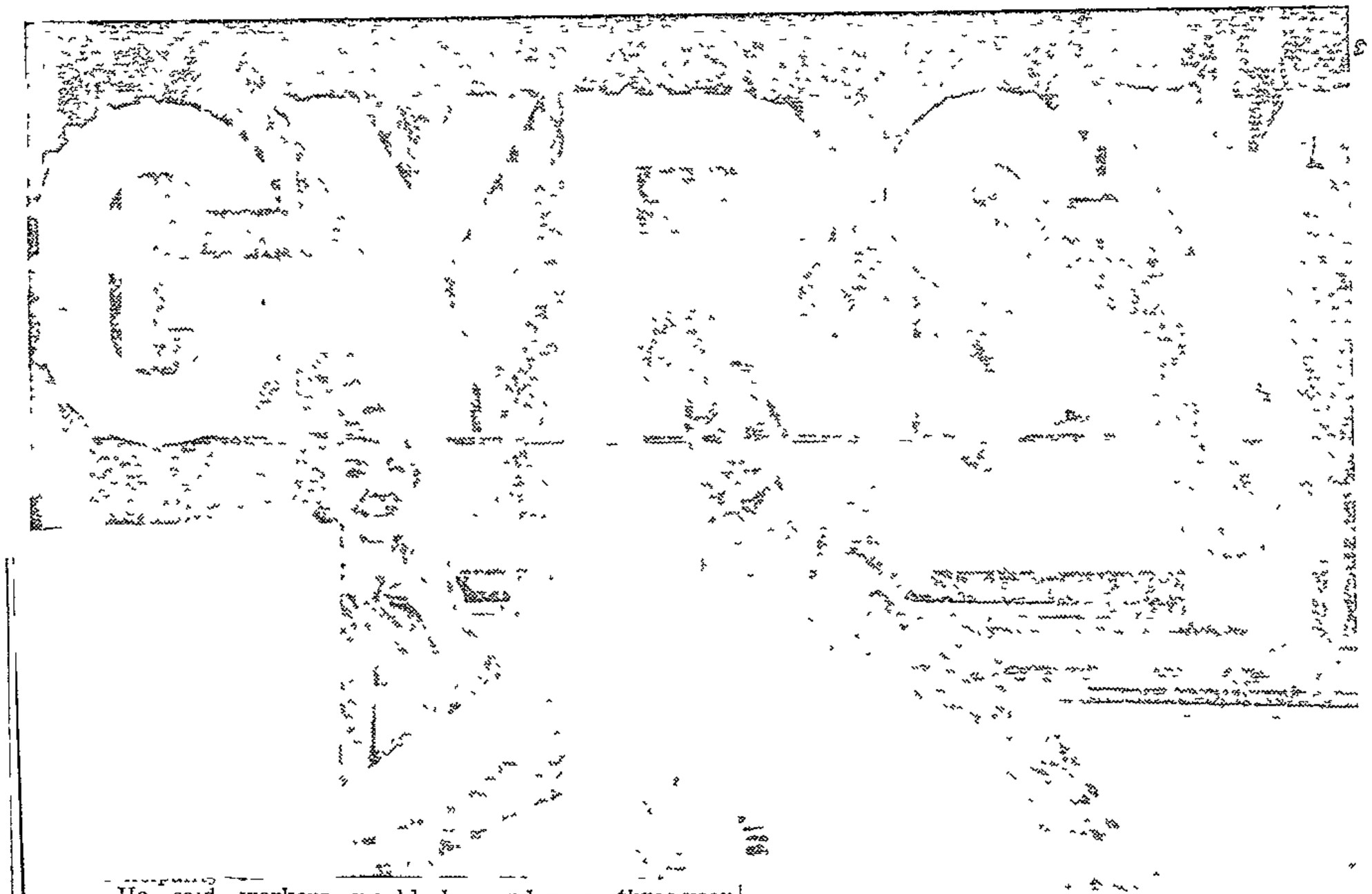
Another member of the team, Mr David Ives, who is the city's assistant electrical engineer, said 'There is no doubt that it has been worthwhile coming here to find employees We have been able to fill posts which have been vacant for up to a year because it was impossible to get the right people in South Africa'

The officials, who have visited London Glasgow, Manchester and Newcastle searching for workers, have been interviewing applicants at the rate of up to 10 a day for about three weeks

A Cape Town spokesman for the municipality confirmed that the recruitment was going 'extremely well', but could not say how many Britons would be taking up posts locally

He said the municipality had to offer recruited staff a certain amount of assistance 'We assist them in getting here and with personal insurance in case of an accident — we have to look after our interests too — the cost of furniture removal, hotel expenses in case they have to spend a night in Johannesburg before coming here, and temporary accommodation for eight weeks'

However, he pointed out that if a worker did not take up his post here he would have to repay the



He said workers would be under a three-year contract Any of them wishing to immigrate would have to take the necessary steps themselves He could not say if they would be affected by military call-up.

The recruitment team will return to Cape Town before the end of the month.

Council told to seek job bar exemption

Argus 28/11/81

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SCEPTICISM OVER OFFICIAL'S PROPOSAL

BY VIVIEN HORLER

A SENIOR Government official says the Cape Town City Council should seek exemption from the job-reservation restrictions that are blamed for much of the staffing crisis in the city's ambulance service.

But that would not help, says a council spokesman, because any exemptions would almost certainly be accompanied by other restrictive conditions

The manager of the ambulance service, Mr Basil Warner, says job reservation stipulating whites-only and coloureds-only jobs is largely to blame for the staff shortage.

But Mr E A Cilliers, Director-General of Manpower Utilisation, told Weekend Argus: 'We certainly don't want to be a party to a provision that could cause a breakdown of the service'

He said an application from the City Council for exemption from job reservation provisions would be 'sympathetically considered on its merits'

But the City Council has not found it quite so simple

It has already been granted several exemptions and may now employ 44 coloured ambulancemen in a total complement of 271

But the exemptions are conditional

- The existing number of white posts may not be decreased, and
- The coloured drivers and attendants may serve only coloured people in coloured areas

'So even if we applied for further exemptions,' said Mr J G Adams, Senior Assistant Town Clerk, 'it wouldn't really solve the present problem We could, I suppose, try to justify an increase in the number of coloured posts while freezing white posts but that would be dishonest

UNCONDITIONAL

'And it doesn't get round the fact that coloured drivers may drive only coloured patients'

The council could apply for unconditional exemptions, countered Mr Cilliers

'If they find the conditions attached to exemptions are not suitable, they must say so,' he said 'From early next year the new Municipal Services Commission will sit to consider ways in which job reservation can be scrapped in Cape Town.

'Until we can scrap this business, we are prepared to be helpful to see that services aren't disrupted

'If the council finds the conditions of exemption are not suitable, then they must apply to have them lifted and the application will be considered on its merits'

The Peninsula service, rated as the best in the country and covering an area of 2 000 sq km, is short of 47 drivers and co-drivers, 39 of them white

The recent crisis has been partly relieved by the recruitment of medical students to act as attendants during the Christmas period

But when they go back to university in January the situation may again become critical

The Minister of Manpower Utilisation, Mr Fanie Botha, promised in September 1980, that the two remaining categories of job reservation — one in the mines and one which prevents the Cape Town Municipality from employing black traffic police, ambulancemen or firemen — would be scrapped by the end of that year

This has been delayed, according to Mr Cilliers, by the decision to set up the commission to see just how job reservation can be abolished in Cape Town

The restrictions were introduced in 1953 in terms of the Industrial Conciliation Act after a dispute between the South African Association of Municipal Employees, a white union, and the council over pay rates.

They didn't want to pay the traffic constables more,' said Mr A J Uys, the local president of the union 'They said why should they when they could fill the posts with coloureds for the same money

'So we said no, then we're going for job-reservation and this eventually spread to all our uniformed staff, including the firemen and ambulancemen'

Mr Uys said he did not see the issue as a political one

'I'm not here to make a political thing out of it. I am here to look after the interests of the white employees, the coloureds have their own organisation (the Municipal Workers' Association) to look after them

'I've never been in favour of job reservation — I've always been in favour of the right rate for the job If the council is paying a reasonable wage and they can't find any white employees, then my association says, by all means, employ coloured people provided it is at the same rate'

Council rejects Mancom system

CAPE TIMES 30/11/81

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has firmly rejected the Coloured Management Committee (Mancom) system and has asked the government to return coloured people to the municipal voters' roll

This decision was taken on Thursday following a report to the council that the Mayor and the City Council's Exco had met the Minister of Internal Affairs, his deputy, the deputy Minister of Community Development and representatives of the four management committees in the Cape Town municipal area

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr J C Heunis, indicated during this meeting that he accepted that the present system of consultation and relations with the mancoms was not fully effective He said alternatives were being examined

He suggested that the City Council seriously consider involving the chairmen of the four mancoms in some way in the deliberations of the council's standing committees in an advisory capacity as an interim measure till the system was altered or changed

Meanwhile, mancom representatives have complained to Mr Heunis that the council met with outside bodies in their absence and this created a major problem for them (the management committees)

In this regard the City Council delegation pointed out to the minister that the council accorded interviews to any person or body of persons who had sufficiently motivated their request

On Thursday, the full City Council rejected a government appeal to give mancom chairmen representation on standing committees and reaffirmed the stand it took earlier — that every person who contributed to the prosperity of the City through ownership or occupation of immovable property should participate in local government by way of a full vote

This was a finding of the (Bloomberg) committee on the franchise in Cape Town The council decided to forward the report of this committee to the Minister of Internal Affairs and urged him to facilitate acceptance of the policy of a municipal vote for all property-owners and occupiers regardless of colour

Heunis has 'lost an opportunity'

ARGUS 2/12/81 (263)

Staff Reporter

THE Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr J C Heunis, has failed to grasp an opportunity to rectify the failure of the management committee system by extending the franchise to all ratepayers, says Mr Herbert Hirsch, leader of the PFP in the Provincial Council

Mr Hirsch, who is also a city councillor, was replying to an attack made by Mr Heunis on the council because it has refused his request to admit chairmen of management committees to its committee meetings

The council came to this decision last week after members pointed out that the majority of coloured people were opposed to the management committee system and wanted direct representation on the council

'TEMERITY'

Instead the council pointed out to Mr Heunis that it had asked for the municipal franchise to be extended to all residents regardless of race

Mr Hirsch told The Argus today 'Mr Heunis's reaction to the Cape Town City Council's proposals is, unfortunately, par for the course for a National Party Minister

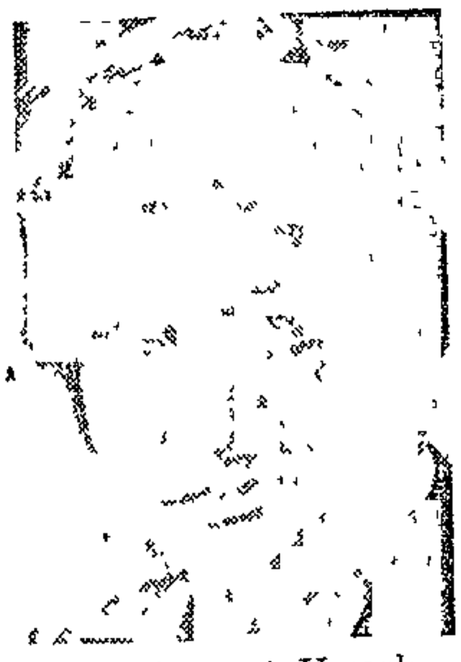
'Instead of grasping at the opportunity offered him by the Cape Town City Council and agreeing to enfranchise all ratepayers he has the temerity to speak of hampering attempts by the management committees to serve their own community

PRINCIPLE

'I do not question the bona fides of the management committees But, as everyone seems to agree that the system is not working, there is no better way of serving the community, and of ensuring there is no taxation without representation, than by extending to all ratepayers the franchise and the right to be elected to a local government authority'

Mr Hirsch said the city council's representations were quite properly framed for the city only

'But the PFP would wish to see this principle adopted not only for the whole Province but for the whole country he added



Mr Herbert Hirsch

He said Mr Heunis' reaction was typical of a National Party Minister

'If democratic proposals are unacceptable to him and his colleagues their response is to reject, coerce intimidate, bully and finally legislate against democracy,' he declared.

2.11.3 THE @MSG STATEMENT

The @MSG statement is used to display message on the system console. The message will appear along with any operator response in the run termination accounting information.

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N = Suppress display on the console. The message is placed in PRINT$ only.

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The message may be a maximum of 50 characters starting with the first non-blank character after the COMMAND,OPTIONS field and ending with the end-of-line, comment field or the 50 character maximum.

The semicolon; and the space-period-space sequence may not be included as part of the message.

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2.11.4 THE @HDG STATEMENT

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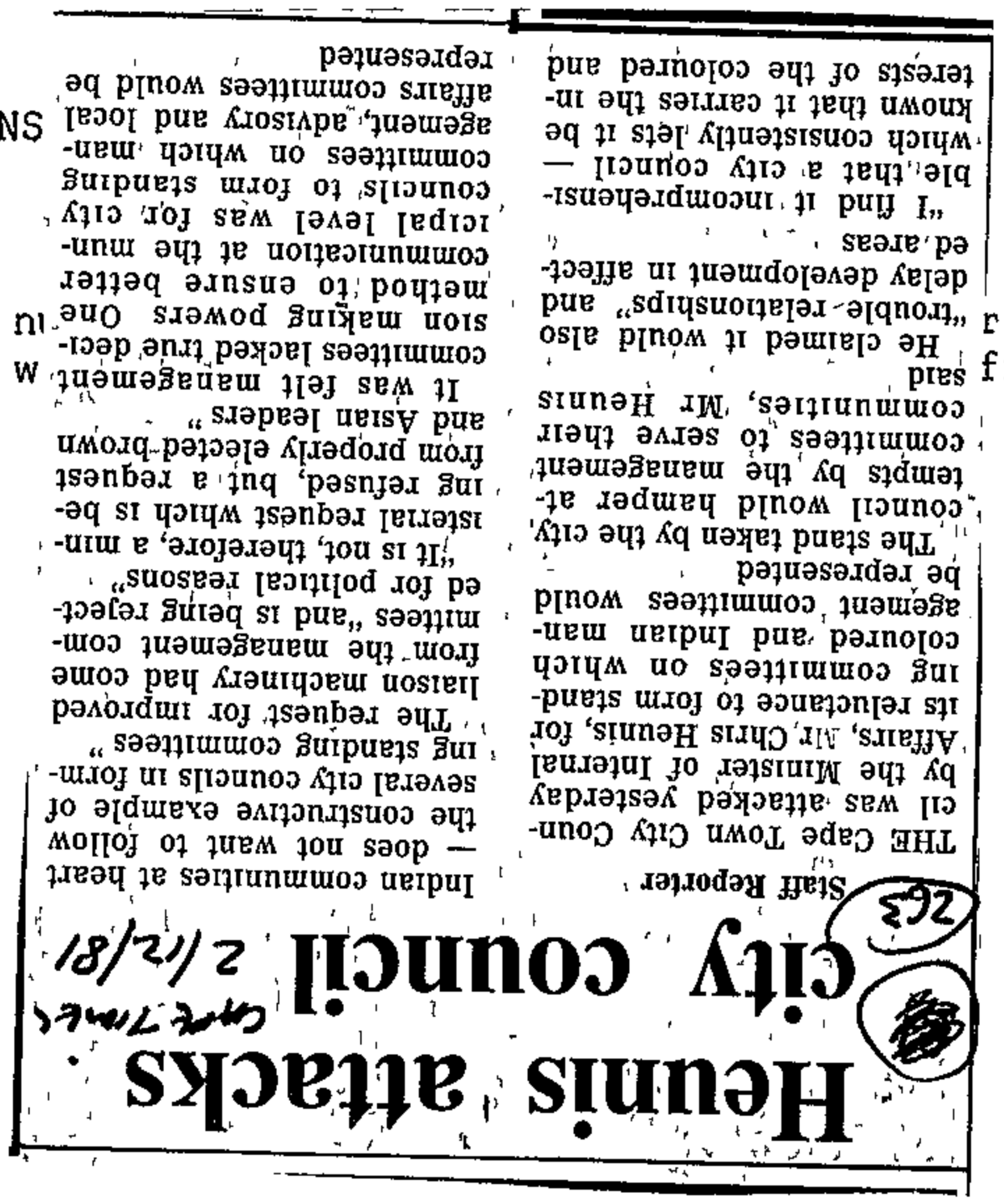

Heunis attacks city council

Cape Times 2/12/81

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Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council was attacked yesterday by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, for its reluctance to form standing committees on which coloured and Indian management committees would be represented

The stand taken by the city council would hamper attempts by the management committees to serve their communities, Mr Heunis said

He claimed it would also "trouble relationships" and delay development in affected areas

"I find it incomprehensible that a city council — which consistently lets it be known that it carries the interests of the coloured and Indian communities at heart — does not want to follow the constructive example of several city councils in forming standing committees"

The request for improved liaison machinery had come from the management committees "and is being rejected for political reasons"

"It is not, therefore, a ministerial request which is being refused, but a request from properly elected brown and Asian leaders"

It was felt management committees lacked true decision making powers One method to ensure better communication at the municipal level was for city councils to form standing committees on which management, advisory and local affairs committees would be represented

Mancoms powerless, says MP

COURTIMES 4/12/81

Municipal Reporter

THE MP for Green Point, Mr Tian van der Merwe, yesterday described the local coloured and Indian management committees as "powerless' and "phony"

And he accused the Minister of Internal Affairs Mr Chris Heunis of being hypocritical in his criticism this week of the Cape Town City Council on its rejection of the committees

The City Council came under fire again yesterday when two coloured management committees accused it of political fraud and confrontation tactics

The row centres on the council's firm rejection last month of the Coloured Management Committee (Mancom) system and its reluctance to form standing committees on which coloured and Indian management committees would be represented

The council's stand is that everyone who contributes to the prosperity of the City should be on the municipal voters roll

Earlier this week Mr Heunis claimed that the council's decision on standing committees would trouble relationships" The request for this improved liaison machinery came from the management committees and was being rejected for "political reasons'

Criticism

Mr Van der Merwe said such criticism would require serious consideration if it had come from representative coloured and Indian leaders

However, he labelled the government-introduced management committees as 'powerless' and 'phony' And Mr Heunis he said had rejected the full municipal franchise — the only effective way to serve coloured and Indian interests — for "political reasons

The management committee of Wittebome/Wynberg said in a statement that the disenfranchised people of Cape Town should not be led to believe that the council was championing the cause of the voiceless

The council's call for direct representation was the same as that of the management committees However the council could not 'put words into action" and was bent on removing "the temporary watchdogs" (management committees) of how the financial cake was cut to suit white ratepayers

The real answer that people should know is that out of a budget of R58 million the majority of citizens will only receive R1,2 million'

Job discrimination

'The fact that job discrimination is being practised within the walls of the Civic Centre and has never been eradicated by the very council calling for the vote for all, is another facet of discrimination"

The Athlone and District management committee said the stand on direct representation as proposed by the council had always been the top priority of the committee The committee would welcome the discontinuation of the management system only if there was an immediate transition to the common voters roll Closure of the system without alternative civic representation was unacceptable as this would leave the running of the City in white hands only

The council feared the committees which were now in a position to question it on its financial allocations to areas While the council was using the coloured people as a political football social and environmental needs were being neglected

Call for common voters' roll

SCRAP 4 CMCs —COUNCIL

CAPE HERALD 5/12/81

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Cape Herald Reporters

THE Cape Town City Council has made a strong appeal to the Government to disband the four management committees under its control and will continue to talk to community organisations apart from the committees.

The Council has also asked that the Government allow all Cape Town citizens to be put on a common muncipal voters' roll

The Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, has been sent a council report asking him to do all in his power to implement their proposals

Council officials and management committee members met Mr Heunis at a joint meeting on October 5

At the meeting Mr Heunis said that he accepted that the management committee system was not fully effective and alternatives were being examined

He asked the council to work through the committee chairmen and involve them in an advisory capacity on standing committees

The management committees complained that the council met outside bodies but the council said they had always followed a policy of talking to any person or body that had sufficiently motivated their request.

WELCOMED

Former city councillor, Mr Norman Daniels, welcomed the latest council move

'The management committees have been trying for some time to gain credibility by getting into the inner workings of the council'

'One must compliment the council for realising that these committees are rejected by the people

'They are irritants and a nuisance, and worst of all they are the upholders of apartheid,' Mr Daniels said

Nineteen councillors present

Staff Reporter

THE mayor, Mr Kosie van Zyl, who opened the new "whites only" Muizenberg Pavilion yesterday, said 19 city councillors had attended the opening in spite of reported threats of a mass boycott.

Councillor Tom Walters told the Cape Times he knew of at least 15 councillors who would not attend the opening

"This was wishful thinking, irresponsible and unfair," said the mayor

"Three councillors were on leave, five sent in their regrets for business and other commitments, three accepted and did not attend and only four did not reply."

Mr Walters stressed yesterday that he had not organized a boycott, but had accurately judged the feelings of his fellow councillors, fifteen of whom had not attended the opening

"The opening of the Muizenberg Pavilion was a most insensitive operation Any denial that there was a mass stayaway on these grounds is a manifestation of the Jungian collective self-conscience operating"

After the opening yesterday, the mayor was asked whether he agreed with another councillor's view that the opening should not be "a great fanfare of tea and cakes" but a discreet event "from which we depart quietly with our tails between our legs"

The mayor replied "Everyone enjoyed their cakes and tea, and I do not think it would have been infradig if the opening had been more ostentatious"

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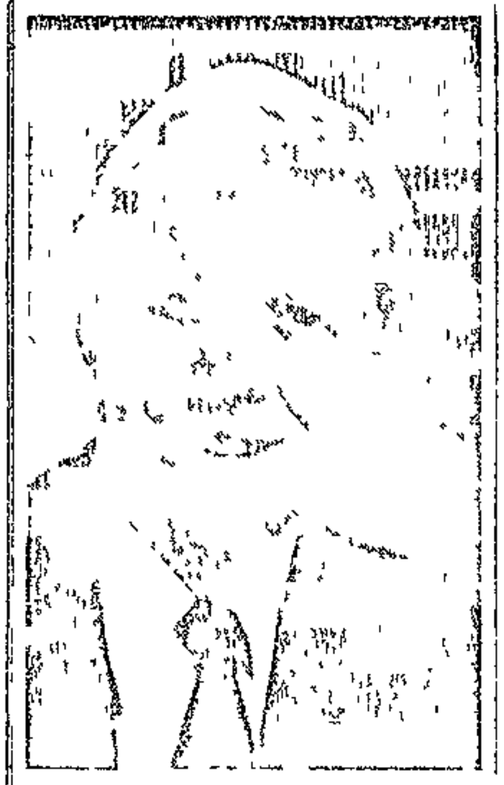

Dr Alex Boraine

Call for 'gift' lifting of City job bars

C. Times 10/12/81

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Political Correspondent

AN opposition spokesman yesterday called on the Prime Minister Mr P W Botha to make a special Christmas present to Cape Town — abolition of job reservation in the City's emergency services

Dr Alex Boraine, MP for Pinelands and chief opposition Labour spokesman, referred to the recent controversy about the crisis in the ambulance service because of a shortage of white drivers

Part of the blame is being placed on job reservation which is being abolished in most of the country It is still in force however in Cape Town's ambulance and fire services and traffic police

White union

The City Council wants the employment colour bar lifted but the South African Association of Municipal Employees, a white union has opposed the scrapping of job reservation in these areas

"With the stroke of a pen the Prime Minister could give a long overdue Christmas present to the people of Cape Town Dr Boraine said yesterday

'He has the power to say to the City Council You employ the best people for the job irrespective of race colour or sex and the government if necessary will introduce legislation outlawing discrimination'

Job reservation had largely been abolished by the central government

The tragedy is that it is alive and well in essential areas affecting the welfare safety and possibly even the lives of the people of Cape Town he said

Outmoded

Dr Boraine called on the people of the City to voice their disappointment and strong opposition to these outmoded and racialistic controls'

The tragedy is compounded by the fact that there are large numbers of people who have no jobs and would be in a position to fill the vacancies if only the colour bar were lifted

Mr Botha did not need another conference to tell him what the problem was Job reservation was part of the sad history of Nationalist government and Mr Botha had the power to change it

Committee members biased, says Mayor

ARGUS 14/12/81 (263)

THE Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Kosie van Zyl, today accused four coloured management committee representatives of being biased and making exaggerated claims on SABC-TV last night when they attacked the Cape Town City Council on several issues

Mr van Zyl was commenting particularly on the fact that SABC-TV allowed the management committee men 16 minutes in which to make their various claims — while only two minutes were allowed to the Town Clerk of Cape Town, Mr H G Heugh, to state the council's case

Mr van Zyl said 'The time allocated to the Town Clerk as the chief spokesman for the City Council, was insufficient for him to put his case fully I think he should have been put in a position to reply to some of the statements made by the chairmen of the management committees

The Mayor said he did not wish to comment further

ROW

But the programme on last night's SABC TV service has caused a major row among ratepayers and city councillors who say that the views of the management committee representatives were either inaccurate or non-representative of the majority of the coloured people

The chairman of the Housing Committee, Mrs Fulabe Stott, said 'The fact that the management committee members were given 16 minutes of TV time and the Town Clerk was given two minutes to put the City Council's point of view, without any knowledge of the either misunderstood, or misrepresented 'facts' which were going to be made by the management committee members, is an indication of the fact that the Government is now wanting to impose management committee members on the City Council

Last night's programme came in the wake of the City Council's rejection of the management committees and its reluctance to form standing committees on which they would be represented

an unfair reflection on Cape Town

As one of those (city councillors) who represents a 'mixed ward' I am opposed to the disenfranchisment of the non-white citizens of this city I believe it is the wish of the people of Cape Town to have the direct representation of all ratepayers of the Mother City involved in the equitable sharing of decision making

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CLASH

It also follows a clash between the council and the Minister of Internal Affairs Mr Chris Heunis, on the matter

The council believes that everyone who contributes to the city's prosperity should be on the municipal voters' roll

Mrs Stott said today 'The council, fully aware of the consequences, believes that the only responsible way to govern the city is to allow the freely elected representatives of the people to take their places with full rights and responsibilities as city councillors

Mrs Stott added 'We are constantly told by the majority of the citizens of our town that our management committee members do not represent them

'We are in the middle and all of us are nearly impotent against the laws of the central Government'

'UNFAIR'

Chairman of the town-planning committee and an executive committee member Mr John Muir whose ward 13 includes parts of Athlone, Lansdowne, Crawford Claremont and Rondebosch East, said

'The donation of 18 minutes of time by SATV to attack the council gave nearly 16 minutes to members of the management committees, who made a number of inaccurate statements which were not allowed to be answered by council The result was

Community bodies reject mancoms

CAPE TIMES 15/12/81 (263)

By ENRICO KEMP

COMMUNITY organizations in Cape Town's coloured areas yesterday reiterated their rejection of the management committee system and repeated their call for direct representation in local and central government

Their comments follow Sunday's television news programme in which local management committee members attacked the Cape Town City Council for refusing them representation on its standing committees

The chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), Mr Wilfred Rhodes, said yesterday the management committees' dissatisfaction with the council was "irrelevant"

"It is irrelevant to us how the council treats them The people reject management committees and they are therefore not representative of the people If the council treats them in this way, we consider it to be their just due," he said

Organizations

Mr Rhodes said the city council rejected management committees, but also refused to consult with representative community organizations such as Cahac, which has about 10 affiliated residents associations in townships on the Cape Flats

"We have come to expect this kind of treatment from them It is because all those in local and central government are not elected by the people Until the day that the majority elect their own representatives, the city council will have no credibility It is not elected by the majority of the people," Mr Rhodes said

The chairman of the Combined Mitchells Plain Residents' Association (Compra), Mr Chris Stevens, said Compra rejected management committees "because they are powerless and the people who serve on them are stooges"

"Those people who were given 16 minutes of television time last night were all probably elected by 0,5 percent of the total coloured population of Cape Town and therefore not representative of the people," he said

Gutless

Mr Stevens described the attack by management committee members on certain councillors as "gutless" "It is far better to attack people when they are in your presence," he said

He said Compra stood for direct representation in local and central government and rejected the argument that management committees offered coloured people a "platform"

Other community leaders yesterday pointed to the poor voter registration figures and low percentage polls in past management committee elections

According to council statistics for 1980, the Athlone and District management committee last year had 33 727 voters out of an estimated 100 000 people who qualify Kensington had 4 775 out of a possible 6 000 voters.

Rylands Estate

In Rylands Estate, where an estimated 5 000 people qualified to vote, only 2 482 registered The Wynberg-Wittebome management committee roll had 3 490 names out of an estimated 5 000 people who qualified to vote

In 1972, only six percent of the registered voters turned out to elect new members for the Athlone and District management committee In September 1977 election, the percentage poll was 14,5 percent

In Kensington, the percentage poll was 18 percent in 1972 and 31 percent in the 1977 election In October 1978, 6,87 percent of the registered voters in Athlone cast their ballots and 14,65 percent voted in Kensington

In September this year, 7,6 percent voted in Kensington and 16,8 percent in Wynberg-Wittebome amid widespread opposition to the elections from local residents' associations

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Council to reply to TV allegations

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Municipal Reporter

A REPLYING statement by the Cape Town City Council to allegations made by local management committee members on Sunday night's television news review will be released within the next two days

This was confirmed last night by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, after a meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday afternoon

The only council spokesman on the 18-minute programme, Mr Heugh was given less than two minutes of air-time when he outlined the council's policy on the issue

A member of the Executive Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said that while it would be difficult to reply fully to 16 minutes of "opinion", the statement would deal with the main points raised by the management committees

In the row over the "biased and distorted" programme, councillors have accused the management committee representatives of inaccuracy, such as an allegation that the council spent only R1,2-million of its R58-million budget on coloured areas

As one councillor pointed out, no mention was made of the vast sums of money which the council spent on all its services in coloured areas

The statement is also expected to deal with the circumstances in which Mr Heugh agreed to the interview

Yesterday, a councillor and former mayor, Mr David Bloomberg, said the City Council saw the management committee system as "bad and immoral" and objected to being forced to implement it

The mancom system was "inherently discriminatory and not in the best interests of the disenfranchised"

Commenting on the "distorted" SATV news programme on Sunday night in which local management committee members attacked the council, Mr Bloomberg said the council was being made the "scapegoat"

"It is a tragedy that the council should be at the receiving end of the management committee's venom in respect of a system imposed on the council by the government"

"Their abuse should be directed at the architects of a scandalous and diabolical system It was a sad commentary that not one word of criticism in the programme was directed at the government"

Mr Bloomberg said the council had opposed the system since its inception

According to the franchise committee report released in August this year, in which the council's views on a common voters' roll and the mancom system were outlined, the council was "implacably opposed to the fragmentation of its municipal area by the creation of separate local authorities for different categories of citizens"

There was disatisfaction in the community, which was deprived of direct representation in decision-making This promoted poor relations and disharmony, he added

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SABC says council can have another interview

IF the Cape Town City Council thought the management committee issue had not be dealt with adequately in Sunday's television news programme, it was welcome to air its views in a further interview, the SABC's director of news services, Mr J Hamman, said yesterday

Approached by the Cape Times on the controversial programme, Mr Hamman said "We were aware that coloureds were unhappy about their accommodation in the local government set-up in Cape Town"

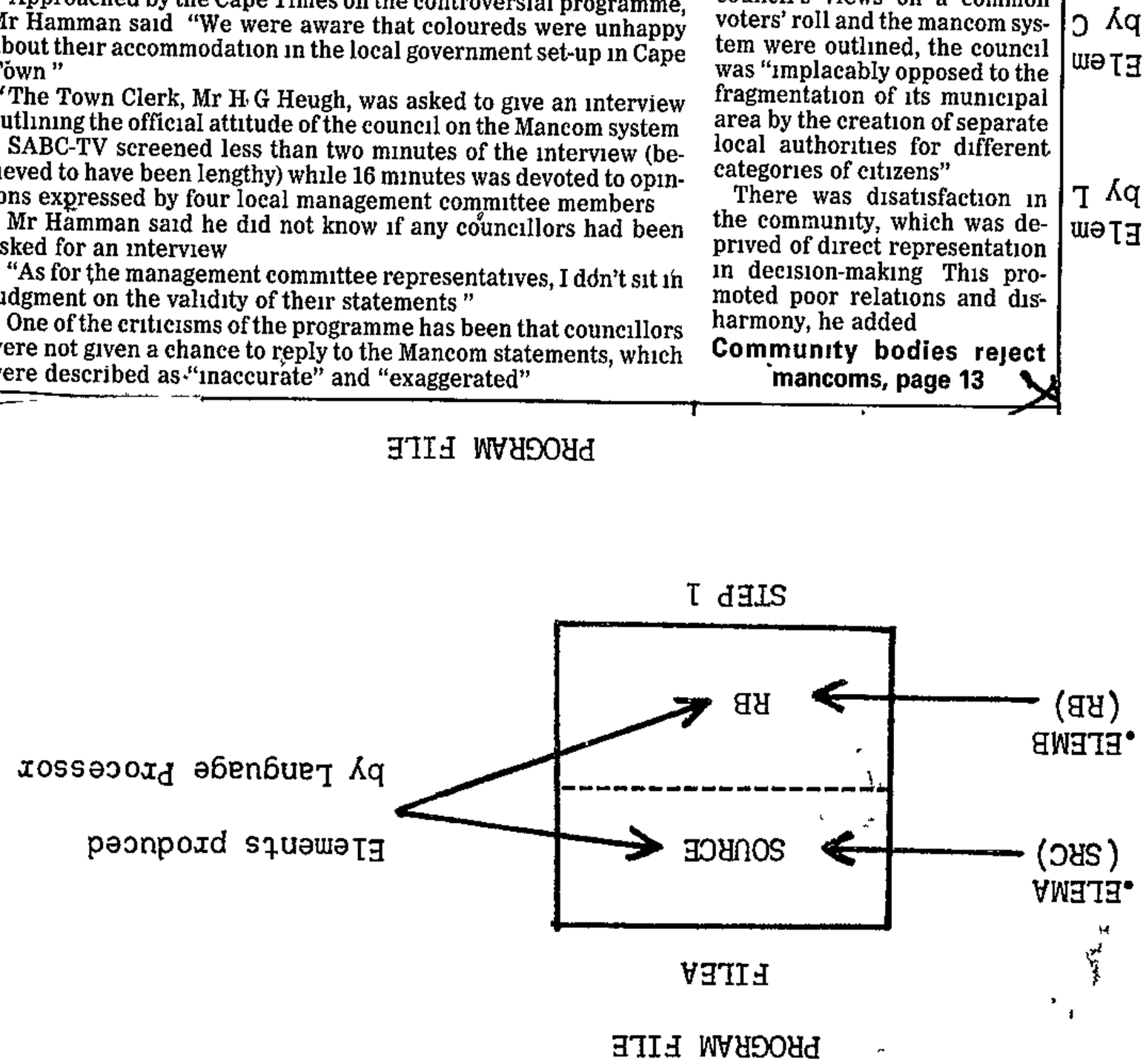
'The Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh, was asked to give an interview outlining the official attitude of the council on the Mancom system

SABC-TV screened less than two minutes of the interview (believed to have been lengthy) while 16 minutes was devoted to opinions expressed by four local management committee members

Mr Hamman said he did not know if any councillors had been asked for an interview

"As for the management committee representatives, I don't sit in judgment on the validity of their statements"

One of the criticisms of the programme has been that councillors were not given a chance to reply to the Mancom statements, which were described as "inaccurate" and "exaggerated"



City raps mancoms on 'racial' charges

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By JANE ARBOUS
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council yesterday hit back angrily at the SABC and local coloured and Indian management committees, refuting allegations made against the council in a television programme on Sunday night.

A long and sharply-worded statement was approved by the Executive Committee and released yesterday on behalf of the council by the Town Clerk, Mr H G Heugh

"Deeply shocked" over the SABC's promotion of the attack, the council said it had not been given notice of the statements made in an interview with the management committee members Neither had the council been given an opportunity to answer them

It was significant that the chief spokesman for the committees featured in the programme was Mr J Nash, "who less than 18 months ago moved to Cape Town from East London and who has only recently been nominated to the Athlone Management Committee without ever having been elected"

Accusing the management committees of seeking conflict with the council in their attempt to establish a powerbase for themselves, the council said they had misrepresented facts to the Administrator and the government

The council pointed out that the management committees had seen fit to approach the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, to pressurize the council into giving them direct representation on the council's standing committees

The management committees had also gone to the Administrator, asking him to forbid the council to consult with any ratepayers' association in a management committee area

Share

Accused in the television programme of not giving coloured people their share of the municipal cake, the council said it had never framed its budget on racial lines It pointed out that

- About 13 percent of the City's rate income came from the coloured areas on which the council spent more than 20 percent of the total rate income
- In addition, about two-thirds of the total rate and general account expenditure on other City areas equally benefited the coloured people who were also daily users of streets, sidewalks, parks, street cleansing and health services
- Statistics recently compiled by the Engineer's Department showed that in the past 11 years, the capital costs of amenities amounted to R12 816 942 in white areas, R22 707 209 in coloured areas, and R33 906 423 in shared or mixed areas This did not include expenditure in Mitchells Plain
- Replying to the repeated allegation that only R1,2-million was allocated for coloured areas in the 1982 budget of R58-million, the council said it had allocated R7,2-million for capital works in the management committee areas This excluded financial provisions for other coloured areas

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Why the mancom system is ailing

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By NEVILLE FRANSMAN

THE FURORE which followed a TV broadcast last Sunday, when Cape Town City Council came under attack from coloured management committee members, has once more highlighted the uncertainty in this country regarding the constitutional and political future of people who are not white

This conclusion was underscored by Mr R W A Yeld of Fish Hoek during the week Mr Yeld was appointed in 1977 as the chairman of a committee to inquire into the establishment of autonomous local authorities in coloured group areas

In answer to a Cape Times query, he said his committee had not yet made any recommendations. It was "in suspense" and would not be active till the President's Council came up with recommendations, expected early next year, on a new constitutional deal

Meanwhile, it has not been difficult to establish why the government's "coloured" policy is in disarray Many years ago it set itself the ideal of separating people on the basis of colour — and the declared intention was to carry this separation through to all levels of government, including local government

'In a hurry'

In December 1961 the then prime minister, Dr Hendrik Verwoerd, contemplated fully independent municipalities for coloured people "in a year or two" Now, 20 years later, the country is as far away from the establishment of viable coloured municipalities as it ever was

Dr Verwoerd, addressing the Coloured Representative Council (CRC) — which has itself since disappeared, said at the time "I am in a hurry and hope that enough places will be found where coloureds can quickly, even within a year or two, establish their own town council

"In a place like Athlone and Bellville South, and also a part of Johannesburg, even a coloured city council can in my opinion be formed, also within a year or two

"I am keen to see a five-year plan being drawn up with a view to speedy progress and that within 10 years at the outside, coloured people throughout the country will live in their own towns and cities controlled by their own town and city councils"

Ten years later, in November 1971, Mr Frans Conradie, then MEC for local government, told the Provincial Council "I will set my sights on at least a few fully-fledged (coloured) local authorities in two to three years — full municipalities, I say I will work to make this possible and acceptable to those who have to co-operate with these authorities"

In September 1974 Mr Conradie said that although he had hoped coloured people would have viable municipalities within three years, he was sorry this had not come about

The government did declare Pacaltsdorp, a hamlet near George, as the first coloured municipality in the country It is still the only one, but it has turned out a financial disaster, in spite of millions in government aid

Over the years the government has made numerous attempts to give substance to its policy of racial separation From the right wing has even come the suggestion of a coloured homeland

In 1963 the Cape Provincial Council passed the Local Authorities Development (according to community) Ordinance This provided for the establishment of consultative committees, management committees or local authorities for certain group areas "Local authorities" in the ordinance was defined as municipalities, divisional councils, village management boards or local boards

What kinds of government in particular?

Rural areas

By 1971, 50 consultative committees, all in small-town rural areas, 19 nominated and five partly-elected management committees had been established. In September 1977 the first elections were held for fully-elected mancoms in 114 management committee areas throughout the country. Up to this stage, four of the seven members of each committee were appointed by the government, the other three elected

Why?

In Greater Cape Town the mancoms are at Athlone, Kensington, Wittebome/Wynberg and Rylands (Indian) — all in Cape Town municipality, at Atlantis, Elsie's River, Grassy Park and Ocean View (under the Cape Divisional Council), at Bellville South, Matroosfontein, Ravensmead (Tiervlei), Kraaifontein and Kuils River

Since birth, however, the mancom system has been opposed by the people which it was intended to serve A large percentage of people did not enrol as voters, and a large proportion of the number who did register, refused to vote

In the first elections in 1977 the percentage polls were woefully low Athlone six percent, Kensington 18 and Elsie's River 16

The poll was 70 percent in Stellenbosch that year, but of a coloured population of 14 000, only 893 registered as voters In areas like Grassy Park, Wynberg and Matroosfontein, candidates were returned unopposed

Non-viability

The voting pattern has not changed much since then

Even before this, the signs went up that the mancom system was doomed to failure In 1975 the chairman of the Association of Management Committees, Mr Ike Stober, stated that not a single management committee could ever be viable enough to press for full municipal autonomy

In 1974, the Town Clerk of Cape Town, Mr H G Heugh, reported that if the management committee areas of the Cape Town City Council became independent municipalities, they would not be able to bear the financial burden

Earlier that year, just before the terms of office of Cape Town's five coloured city councillors expired on August 31, all five of them indicated they would not stand for election to coloured mancoms They stuck to their guns

On November 3, 1971, the Cape Provincial Council approved the Local Authorities Voters' Roll Amendment Ordinance which abolished the municipal common roll franchise for the coloured people This ended a tradition of 104 years, as the coloured people had been on the roll since 1867

Council call an 'empty gesture'

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THE CALL by the Cape Town City Council for direct representation for ratepayers of all races was "an empty gesture", the four local management committees said yesterday

In the row over the coloured and Indian mancom system, the committees replied to criticism by the council, which had denied allegations they made on TV last week

But in a statement, the committees did not comment on council claims that they had misrepresented "the facts" to the government and Provincial Administration

Nor did they comment on expenditure figures given by the council In the past 11 years, the council's expenditure on amenities amounted to R12 816 942 in white areas, R22 707 209 in coloured areas and R33 906 423 in mixed areas These figures did not include expenditure in Mitchells Plain

The statement said the mancom system had been foisted on the majority of citizens against their will

The committees described their aim as direct representation on a common voters' roll The call by the council was "an empty gesture" because this would not be implemented immediately in terms of government policy

The struggle for direct representation would be long and bitter For this reason, mancoms were a short-term need More than 5 000 people a year were assisted by committee offices, they said

In 1971 the council had been given a chance to show its concern for the removal of the coloured people from the voters' roll When as a last gesture of goodwill a then-serving coloured councillor was proposed as deputy mayor, the proposal was defeated

The council had a second opportunity to show its sincerity when invited to send a delegation to Nice representing all the citizens of Cape Town "They chose to take an all-white delegation"

The Town Clerk had gone to great lengths to outline the extent to which his council consulted the mancoms "But he has failed to convey to the community the rejection of more of the recommendations of the committees which were taken upon their behalf We mention the annual flooding of the courts and crescents in Bridgetown"

Representations by the committees in the annual budget had to be made in May After these were studied by the Executive Committee and the City Engineer, nothing more was heard

"While we participate in the budget discussions, we have no say in the final analysis"

The council provoked conflict with the mancoms by interviewing bodies behind the committees' back It also failed to inform such bodies that the committees were alive to their representations and had already made recommendations in that regard The council thus undermined the mancom

The sale of houses had been taken up by the committees, ratepayers' organizations and other bodies, but the council refused to dispose of any dwellings to tenants As a result, the maintenance bill was soaring and the rental structure increased whereas the council, in selling the homes, could have received rates and relieved the ratepayers of high maintenance costs

Rentals had increased because of administration costs and insurance premiums and because of the contractor not completing houses by the due date The mancoms had asked the council to carry the increases for the tenant, but they had consistently refused

The council never accepted recommendations by the mancoms "Yet when a ratepayers' organization or other body approached the council on the same issues, these representations were accepted, hollow promises made and seldom implemented"

Replying to a council denial that it practised job reservation, the committees said they knew of instances of coloured people applying for jobs and being discriminated against "Just recently a coloured lady was rejected because SAAME was against the appointment"

Mancom system does not work and is discredited

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By CLIVE KEEGAN, Cape Town city councillor

THE current polemic raging over the status of coloured and Indian management committees and their relationship with the Cape Town City Council is one which calls for some perspective, particularly after the intemperate and ill-informed invective levelled against the council by Mancom members on Sunday evening's TV news broadcast

Reduced to its fundamentals and stripped of its wilfully misleading rhetoric, the issue revolves around an attempt by government to force on to an unwilling local authority a system of decision-making which has shown itself to be antagonistic to the best interests of its citizens

There are sound reasons — historical, political and administrative — for the council's refusal to accept any further attempts on the part of government to perpetuate and prettify a system of local government which has proved unworkable, by granting management committees further representation on its standing committees

It must be stressed at the outset that council has not entered into this decision, as Mr Chris Heunis seems to believe, for reasons of small-minded political cussedness Rather is it a position arrived at after serious-minded and conscientious regard for the welfare and interests of all who live in our city

Historically, it is essential to bear in mind that until as recently as 1972, coloured and Indian ratepayers enjoyed full access to the municipal franchise That the system

Mr Heunis urging a second-best option

prior to that date was imperfect is not at issue Tenants in the city's housing estates, for example, did not qualify, and this was a flaw But that and other historical limitations aside, the "common roll" municipal franchise in Cape Town functioned well, creating a spirit of consensus among citizens and producing a high calibre of coloured councillors who, in general, served the city with both distinction and ability

That franchise dated back to the Cape Municipal Ordinance of 1836 and by the time of its abolition in the early 1970s, coloured and Indian councillors had served not only Cape Town, but also the municipalities of Port Elizabeth, Kimberley and Goodwood This last local authority, alone, returned nine non-white councillors between 1954 and 1971

I make this point because it is important that we appreciate how profound a shock was the 1972 disfranchisement and how raw and recent are the scars it left

It is a memory and a legacy we dare not deny, not because we entertain a nostalgia bred of Cape liberal-idealism — although I hope we do — but because within the memory of my generation our city had a non-racial system of government which, despite its acknowledged imperfections, worked

That the management committee system which replaced the non-racial franchise has failed is no fault of the council Bound to do so by law, and in the face of mounting frustration and impracticability, we have consulted with the committees where and whenever obliged And all that while it has become increasingly obvious that the system quite simply does not work.

It is largely, one supposes (or hopes), because it shares this realization, that government has referred the question of local government organization to the President's Council But even as that body deliberates upon the matter, Mr Heunis attempts to pre-empt it and force on to Cape Town an "interim" system of local government which has as its foundation not the requirements of the law, but ministerial whim and administrative fiat Fiddling here and tinkering there, the minister seeks to bully the municipality into accepting cosmetic amendment to a dispensation which has failed into disarray

No option

Against this historical background and against Cape Town's often repeated wish that it be allowed to govern its domestic affairs in a manner proven by both time and experience, Mr Heunis is urging a second-best option, and to many of us who live in this city and who seek to govern it, that second-best option is no option at all

On the second level — the political — there is one yardstick by which I believe all who are involved in the business of government, be it local or national, are obliged to function A system of government can only be accepted for as long as it is demonstrably accepted by at least a sizeable majority of the people who are to be subjected to that system

That is clearly not the case in Cape Town's present system of local government

It is an indisputable fact that the management committee system stands discredited in the eyes of the very people it was designed to serve It is boycotted by the intellectuals and natural leaders, despised by the community-based residents' associations and rejected by the greatest single coloured community in the metropolitan area, Mitchells Plain

No support

Polls in Mancom elections bear provocative testimony to this rejection In the 1981 elections, the Kensington and Wynberg/Wittebome areas registered 7,6 and 16,8 percentage polls respectively, in 1978, the last year in which there was a contest, the Athlone and District area boasted a poll of 6,8 percent

The conclusion is inescapable — the City Council simply cannot be an enthusiastic or willing party to a system of local government which enjoys no support among the majority of its citizens

For Mr Heunis to say that the City Council is failing to observe the requests of "properly elected brown and Asian leaders" may display a precious appreciation of the legalities involved, but it most certainly displays a lamentable lack of appreciation of the stuff of democracy

Increasingly, the articulation of coloured citizens' grievances and the expression of their needs is coming from bodies that operate outside of and refuse to treat with government-created management committees Failure to appreciate this and to act upon it will lead to intolerable civic tension and further alienation from the bulk of Cape Town's people

Thirdly, on the administrative plane, the management committee system is rapidly rendering this city ungovernable

A cardinal principle of government should be that those who at the end of the day make the policy decisions which govern us must accept the responsibility for those decisions

Suspicion

For as long as that responsibility is racially one-sided and for as long as non-white Capetonians have no direct representation on the City Council, any decision council takes will be met with suspicion, cynicism and a justified fear that racially-sectional interests have prevailed

At present, any number of decisions taken by council — whether in the matter of rental increases, tariffs for the hire of sportsfields or the allocation of community facilities such as halls and swimming baths — is met with opposition from the community, for the very simple reason that representatives of the people most immediately affected have not been part of the process leading to those decisions and do not have to be held accountable for them

In Cape Town we have arrived at the lamentable state where co-operation has been replaced by conflict The democratic process of participatory municipal administration has given way to a lunacy whereby unrepresentative management committees are able to rile against decisions they may know to be desirable or inevitable, but which they are able to reject because they know that ultimately they won't have to answer for them, thereby gaining a measure of transient favour with a politically disaffected community

Democratic right

It is against this historical, political and administrative crisis that the Cape Town City Council's position is unquestionably clear It is the democratic right of every person who contributes to the finances and development of the city to have a full and direct say in its goverment

That criterion is not met by Mr Heunis's hectoring that we bend, stretch and manipulate his government's ill-advised law in order to extract him from his self-inflicted constitutional dilemma

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Mancoms 'short-term' — Labour

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TWO top Labour Party leaders yesterday said they rejected the principle of coloured and Indian management committees, but at the same time criticized the Cape Town City Council for not co-operating with the bodies

They said only affluent people rejected the management committees, because they did not experience the problems of housing, lighting, and drainage

Outlining their stand on the controversial Mancom system, both the leader of the coloured political party, the Rev Alan Hendrickse, and the party's national chairman, Mr David Curry, said in interviews with the Cape Times that management committees were "a short-term" means of meeting the needs of ordinary people.

"Those of us participating in the management committee system do so under protest Until we reach our long-term goal of direct representation, there are no other channels of communication," Mr Hendrickse said from his Uitenhage home

The recent attack on the council by management committee representatives in a television programme was "harsh, but made out of complete political frustration"

Excluded

Questioning the "principled" stand of the council and its "liberality as a whole", Mr Hendrickse said the white city councillors were serving on "an apartheid council" which excluded other citizens While rejecting the management committees, the council itself organized the committee elections and voter registration.

Mr Curry, who is also president of the Association of Management Commitees, said from Stellenbosch that nobody in South Africa was "outside the system"

The council, which rejected the committees as platforms from which the coloured people could operate, was itself a platform for whites

The council, he said, indulged in selective morality and implemented the government policy of separate development. "The council says it fights for the coloured people We take them up on that"

Referring to claims that the management committees were unrepresentative, he said the council should look at its own low election polls

Statement by the Cape Town City Council on the attack on it by the Management Committees during the South African Broadcasting Corporation's News Review at 8.15pm on Sunday 13 December 1981.

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THE CITY COUNCIL of Cape Town is deeply shocked at the action of the South African Broadcasting Corporation in promoting an attack on it by certain of the members of the City's four management committees without giving the City notice of the statements which were made and the opportunity of answering them

It is known that this programme was prepared well in advance of the broadcast and yet the first time the City Council had any inkling of its impending presentation was at 4 20pm on Friday December 11, when the Town Clerk was informed by telephone from the Sea Point studios that it was to be broadcast two days later but was refused details of what statements had been made All that was asked of the City Council was that a spokesman should explain the background of its opposition to a proposal that management committees should be granted direct representation on the Council's four standing committees

After hurried consultation with the chairman of the executive committee and the mayor by telephone, it was decided that the town clerk should make a statement reiterating the reasons already offically communicated by letter to the minister of internal affairs and the administrator of the Cape Province for its opposition to the proposal This interview was thereafter recorded at the town clerk's residence on Saturday 12 December at 9 30am and his statement occupied some six minutes of broadcasting time as registered on the recording apparatus

In full

The town clerk was assured that the statement would be presented in full at the end of the programme When it was actually presented on Sunday night, it was done at the beginning of the programme in a severely truncated and edited form and ocupied slightly less than two minutes of the total sixteen minute length of the programme

The statements made by the representatives of the management committees were reckless and misleading and were so malicious that a fair-minded authority would have checked on the facts before disseminating them The City Council protests most strongly that this was not done and that the elementary principle of justice of hearing the other side — the audi alteram partem rule — was not observed

The facts

The facts of this issue are as follows and, unlike the wild allegations made, these facts are on record in audited and authenticated documents and can be verified

agement committee concerned for comment and/or recommendation In addition to this the management committees are sent copies of the agendas of all the Council's committees except those relating to property, legal and staff items which by law have to be kept confidential to the executive committee of the Council, and they are thus at liberty, of their own initiative, to raise any matter appearing thereon, to submit recommendations or to ask for an interview with the executive committee or any of the standing committees of the Council Never once has such a request been refused and interviews are a regular feature of the Council's proceedings

Budget

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The Council regrets having to reply in this vein but the grossly one-sided and distorted presentation on the television programme concerned has left it with no option but to do so The City Council has a proud record in its efforts to providea for its non-white citizens whose numbers have increased from 166 000 in 1946 to 565 000 today This has caused problems of national proportions which have had to be borne by a relatively small body of ratepayers who at present number only about 80 000 The City is proud of its efforts to provide for the poorer sections of the community and the City Council is convinced that in their hearts its coloured citizens appreciate the never-ceasing efforts on their behalf

It is perhaps significant that Mr J Nash, who less than 18 months ago moved to Cape Town from East London where the coloured population according to the Municipal Year Book is a scant 16 000 and who has only recently been nominated to the Athlone Management Committee without having been elected, should feature as chief spokesman for the management committees and as the Council's most vociferous critic. Perhaps when he has had more time to absorb the spirit of the Western Cape, learn a little more about its background and the underlying comradeship of the Kaapenaars of all races he might mellow in his views!

Mancoms: City Council's false 'liberal' image

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By D M G CURRY, National Chairman of the Labour Party

IT is indeed a great pity that we as a political party have to cross swords with the City Council of Cape Town The controversy regarding the Sunday TV broadcast has certainly highlighted the differences we have with an English-speaking community

Our objection and opposition to the National Party policy of separate development is well known We as an oppressed community know very well that we cannot lay all the blame on the Nats for all the evils that we find in our South African society The white English community cannot absolve itself of all guilt Segregation, the forerunner of apartheid, was a policy long before the Nationalists made it a legal system

Opposed

Like the City Council of Cape Town we are opposed to the system of management committees We have consistently stood for direct representation What we object to is the moral attitude of the City Council The council says that it stands for a non-racial policy and that it was remaining true to the memory of coloured and Indian councillors The council likes to believe that it is adhering to the old liberal attitudes of the old Cape Colony

The facts of the situation to us prove otherwise We want to remind members of the City Council that the council is now a separate development institution. It was made so by government policy When the management committee was established coloured and Indian councillors refused to be elected to a separate development platform White councillors by free choice decided to stand on an all-white ticket Why is it politically sinful for management committee members to stand on an all-coloured ticket and morally right for councillors to stand on an all-white ticket When whites are elected to an all-white council that institution suddenly becomes democratic How is it then that only coloured persons who become elected to management committees suddenly become stooges?

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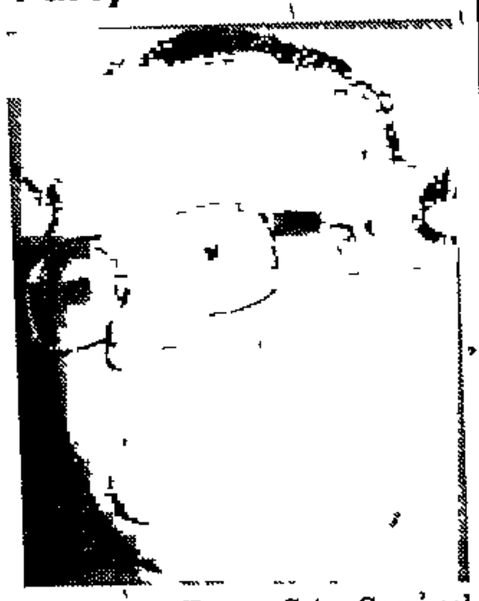

the Cape Town City Council offices?

Certain city councillors were even refused permission to attend public meetings held by tenants

In the years gone by it was established policy that the Mayor was often invited to attend functions in coloured areas The management committees are seemingly devoid of intellectuals but when last was the Mayor of Cape Town asked to open a teacher organization conference?

We are judging the City Council on its performance We are not buying the argument that because it opposes the management committee system all is all right in the coloured areas The council states that only 13 percent of the rates come from the coloured areas Yet daily our people work in the industrial areas and shop in white areas Indirectly we contribute a great share to the city coffers and yet it is admitted that only 20 percent of the rates is spent in coloured areas

Job reservation

We know that the council subtly practises job reservation It is a sad reflection on the council, being the oldest council in the history of South Africa, that it can now claim that after municipal government started in 1836 very few coloureds reached the top echelons When one speaks to members of the traffic police, a different story is heard

The City Council refused to sell its sub-economic houses to its tenants after repeated requests from not only management committee members but from civic organizations in the coloured community Yet National Party dominated municipal councils have sold the very homes to its tenants The housing committee of the City Council, an all-white body, determines policy for coloured housing City Council housing is nearly 90

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ion at Muizenberg for whites only Who is now carrying out and implementing the policy of apartheid? Three million rands were spent on this ward only representing 3 883 voters The City Council employs beach constables who also with the South African police help to remove coloured people from white beaches Who is now bowing down to government policy?

The coloured people of Maitland Garden Village were removed recently from the municipal roll by the City Council's revision court We are told that it was an error and that the law had to be obeyed The law in question was one passed by a National Party dominated Cape Provincial Council The laws were passed by the Nats and carried out by the City Council Council officials know very well that an error on the roll does not invalidate the roll Coloured voters were removed not because the Nats objected but because a councillor of the city raised an objection This exercise was therefore carried out without pressure from the National Party

Years ago while we were still on the Coloured Persons' Council we led a deputation to the City Council's housing committee on a question of expropriation We have documentary proof that council was busy approaching the then Minister of Community Development to use his powers to expropriate coloured property in Maitland, a coloured area The council wanted the land to build homes for people who were going to be removed from Maitland Garden Village and Bloemhof Flats in District Six We who are supposed to be the stooges helped to defend our people's property rights against the liberal City Council of Cape Town

Only nine "non-whites" became councillors against 34 white councillors We know how some city councillors opposed the move to make tenants in the old days voters These city councillors who were then provincial councillors approached the Nats to warn them that if too many coloureds became voters then the City Council would one day have a majority of coloured councillors This accusation was made by Nats in our presence and members of the City Council have never denied the allegation

The council recently not only had opposition from the management committees but also action committees from the townships Why were placard parades held inside percent coloured Who is practising baasskap now as the Nats are doing as far as the coloured people are concerned? The City Council is guilty of the same white paternalism as the Nats when we have to advise them on affairs concerning our community, but they take the final decisions

The council must look at its own low polls In 1976, I am told, Ward 13 had only 1 188 voters out of total of 7 800 voters on the roll That is a 13 percent poll

Nobody in South Africa is outside the system Like the management committee, the City Council is inside separate development It is time that the men and women of principle did what the Domans, Daniels and Khans did They stayed outside the system Our system of expose and embarrass certainly works We, like the City Council, have deliberately chosen to stand for election

Correct move

We knew we would get hurt when we entered politics We know that we do not have true democracy in Cape Town or in the whole of South Africa The very fact that the TV news broadcast raised such a hue and cry proves that our decision to stand for management committees was a politically correct move The CRC was not boycotted out of existence The government closed the council to get rid of the Labour Party If we wanted to remain in separate development institutions we would have asked the government not to close down the Coloured Persons' Representative Council

We know of our people's objection to our serving inside the system But we have a job to do We will use the system against the system as we deem fit If publicly we act badly then our people have the right to criticize us The City Council must not hide and use the word "liberal" in order to prove its image There is an old saying that it is by their fruits that you shall know them

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Municipal commission members named

Staff Reporter

THE new Cape Town Municipal Service Commission is set to begin work at the beginning of next month

Members of the commission appointed by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, were named yesterday

The part-time members of the commission will be Mr R (Bob) McClelland, a former director of the Technikon, Mr A J (Sakkie) Uys, chief administrative assistant in the City's dog licensing department, and Mr Max Morris, a former Cape Town city treasurer Mr McClelland is the only member serving on the present service commission

Earlier this month the Administrator announced that Dr L J Fick, personnel director of the Cape Divisional Council, had been appointed full-time chairman of the municipal service commission

The new commission was conceived amid controversy in October when the Provincial Council amended the Cape Town Administration Ordinance Opponents to the new ordinance claimed it took away from the City the right to appoint its own senior employees

In terms of the ordinance, names for the three subsidiary posts were submitted by the (white) Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), the (coloured) Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) and the Cape Town City Council

It was learnt yesterday that Saame had nominated Mr Uys, who is also the local chairman of Saame, the CTMWA had proposed Mr McClelland; while Mr Morris was one of three proposed by the city council

The acting town clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said yesterday the city council had opposed the basis on which the new service commission was formed, with all appointments above the R12 000 annual salary bracket having to be sanctioned by the Provincial Administration

However, the new set-up meant the city council would no longer have to go to the Municipal Service Commission for permission to appoint employees (the bulk of the council's work force of 17 000) in the lower pay scales Many delays would be avoided in this way

Defending the new commission, the Administrator said in August that his ultimate aim was to avoid discrimination of any kind in municipal appointments and to obtain a fair deal for both black and white workers

Council tenants refuse rent increases

MORE than 200 City Council and Divisional Council tenants in Mitchells Plain have decided not to pay increased rents and 'will continue to pay current rents.

This will continue until the Government changes the present rent structure.

The Mitchells Plain tenants decided this at a protest meeting at the Lentegeur Community Centre on Thursday evening.

The decision was arrived at by the LPC Electricity Petition Committee in response to the announcement that rents are to be substantially increased as from January 1, 1982. In some cases rents will double.

The refusal to pay the new rent was contained in a resolution adopted unanimously. The resolution also demanded that all rent increases be stopped, that the Government should take full responsibility for housing and that people pay rent they can afford.

PETITION

'We also endeavour to associate ourselves with the general campaign in the Western Cape against high rent increases,' the resolution concluded.

A petition containing most of the demands in the resolution had been signed by 1 800 people by Thursday evening. Many more signatures are expected according to the chairman of the protest meeting, Mr Marcus Solomons.

With regard to one of the demands — that the Government take direct responsibility for housing — Mr Solomons said it was important to note that South Africa had a Minister of Sport and Recreation but not a Minister of Housing.

He also said that it should be noted that when disaster struck whites at Lamesburg a commission to inquire into ways of alleviating the suffering was instituted within days.

'Yet we black people live in a constant state of disaster and no commissions are ever set up for us.'

Mr Pieter Johannes Appies of 77 Nerina Way, Beacon Valley, Mitchells Plain told the meeting his rent would increase by R10. He is presently paying R55,67.

Mr Appies said he would refuse to pay the extra R10.

'We must follow the path of the biblical David and tackle this Government which is nothing less than a modern day Goliath,' he said.

Another member of the audience, Mr Wilson Geneti, said that when he moved to Woodland, Mitchells Plain, two and a half years ago his rent was R44. In January 1982 it will be R136,84.

Mr Max Prins, chairman of the LPC, accused the authorities of the worst type of exploitation, namely:

'They are making profit out of one of our most basic needs — housing. We must put a stop to this but we can only do so effectively if we are united,' he said.

TV DEBATE—COUNCIL HITS BACK

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● Here is the full text of the City Council's reply to the attack.

THE City Council of Cape Town is deeply shocked at the action of the South African Broadcasting Corporation in promoting an attack on it by certain of the members of the City's four Management Committees without giving the City notice of the statements which were made and the opportunity of answering them

It is known that this programme was prepared well in advance of the broadcast and yet the first time the City Council had any inkling of its impending presentation was at 4 20 pm on Friday December 11 when the Town Clerk was informed by telephone from the Sea Point studios that it was to be broadcast two days later but was refused details of what statements had been made All that was asked of the City Council was that a spokesman should explain the background of its opposition to a proposal that Management Committees should be granted direct representation on the Council's four Standing Committees

After hurried consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Mayor by telephone it was decided that the Town Clerk should make a statement reiterating the reasons already officially communicated by letter to the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Administrator of the Cape Province for its opposition to the proposal This interview was thereafter recorded at the Town Clerk's residence on Saturday December 19 at 9 30 am and his statement occupied some six minutes of broadcasting time as registered on the recording apparatus

The Town Clerk was assured that the statement would be presented in full at the end of the programme. When it was actually presented on Sunday night, it was done at the beginning of the programme in a severely truncated and edited form and occupied slightly less than two minutes of the total 16 minutes length of the programme

The statements made by the representatives of the Management Committees were reckless and misleading and were so malicious that a fair-minded authority would have checked on the facts before disseminating them The City Council protests most strongly that this was not done and that the elementary principle of justice of hearing the other side — the audi alteram partem rule — was not observed

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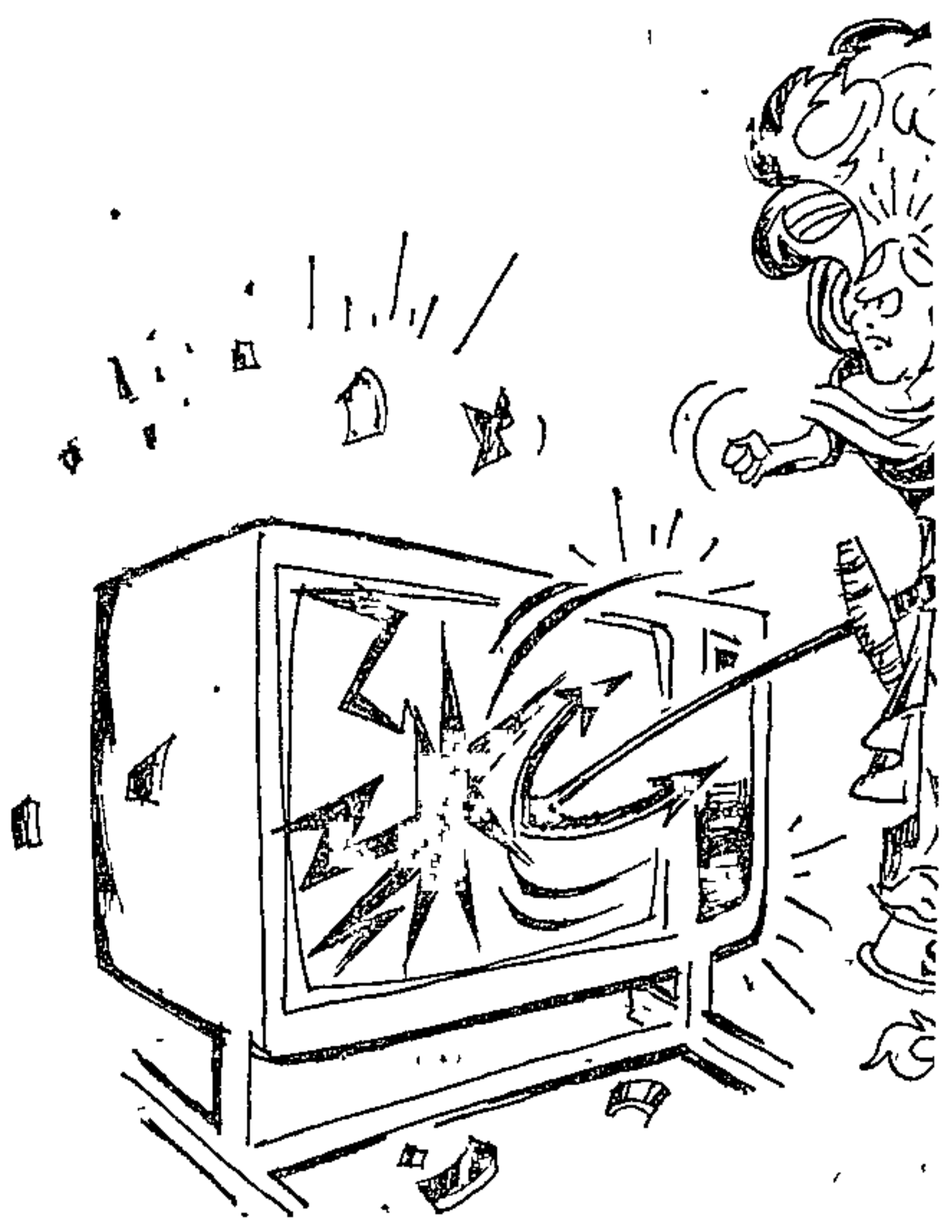

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(vii) Great play is made on the Council's failure to provide playing fields for Coloured schools and the statement is made that the Council has recently expropriated the Rotunda Hotel site at Camps Bay for school playing fields It is, of course, not the function of the City Council to provide playing fields for schools as this is the duty of the Education Department The Rotunda Hotel site was expropriated to prevent it being used for flat development or town houses and to extend the public playing fields at Camps Bay which are available to all sections of the community in terms of the Government's acquiescence for all sporting facilities to be open to all races The quibble about the Good Hope Centre is also not valid as it is open to all races Audience at boxing and wrestling matches are as high as 80 percent non-white

(8) The Council is accused of political fraud in its recognition of non-white ratepayers' associations and the question is asked why it does not consult these associations if it does not wish to consult Management Committees This is a strange remark as it was the Management Committees themselves who asked the Administrator to forbid the City Council to receive any ratepayers' associations that came from a Management Committee area! The fact of the matter is that the City has some 47 ratepayers' associations which it recognises of which 16 come from non-white areas They each receive copies of the Council agenda and any representations, of which there are many, are carefully considered and they are readily accorded interviews if they desire them

Untrue

(9) Mr Nash accuses the City Council of practising job reservation against Coloureds and having no Coloureds in its top echelons This is blatantly untrue as the Council has steadfastly through the years pursued a policy of the same rate of pay for all its employees and of appointing the best man for the job If there are relatively few Coloured persons in the top echelons it is because they are in limited supply In any event appointments are dealt with by the Municipal Service Commission which is an independent body appointed by the Administrator

The Council regrets having to reply in this vein but the grossly one-sided and distorted presentation on the television programme concerned has left it with no option but to do so The City Council has a proud record in its efforts to provide for its non-white citizens whose numbers have increased from 166 000 in 1946 to 585 000 today This has caused problems of national proportions which have had to be borne by a relatively small body of ratepayers who at present number only about 80 000 The City is proud of its efforts to provide for the poorer sections of the community and the City Council is convinced that in their hearts its Coloured citizens appreciate the never-ceasing efforts on their behalf

It is perhaps significant that Mr J Nash who less than 18 months ago moved to Cape Town from East London where the Coloured population according to the Municipal Year Book is a scant 15 000 and who has only recently been nominated to the Athlone Management Committee without having been elected, should feature as chief spokesman for the Management Committees and as the Council's most vociferous critic Perhaps when he has had more time to absorb the spirit of the Western Cape, learn a little more about its background and the underlying comradeship of the kaapenaars of all races he might mellow in his views!

Roads, electrical services slammed

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A DELEGATION of Kew Town residents last week complained to the City Council of high electricity bills, poor electrical services, bad roads and inadequate road signs

The delegation — sent by the Kew Town Residents Association — met with officials in the roads and electricity departments

Residents complained of electricity accounts of more than R40 monthly and woman said her account was more than R60

The said meter rooms were neglected meter readings were not properly done switches were faulty and many electricity boxes were not in well-lit condition

Complaints were never seen to they said

PROMISED

They asked that all houses in Kew Town be rewired The Council officials promised to investigate their claims

The residents complaints about the state of roads in the area followed a recent bus accident in Dr Abdurahman Drive

They asked that this road be widened and warning signs be erected especially at the bends

Residents also complained about potholes and the poor conditions of sidewalks and said Klipfontein Road had become a death trap for pedestrians

The residents have asked for a reply by January 29

The City Council official they spoke to said an investigation would be made Some of the residents grievances would have to be investigated by the traffic department, he said

Committees

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Labour decision on mancoms

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Post 24/12/81

Post Correspondent

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It further stated that members of management committees should avoid attending civic receptions except when contact could be made and influence exerted upon foreign dignitaries.

Party members would not be allowed to attend mayoral induction ceremonies.

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