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# Warning on lights, water bills 263

## Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — East London residents must settle their lights and water accounts in full each month otherwise the supply would be cut off and they would be charged a reconnection fee, the acting town clerk, Mr B Sayer-Hickson, said here yesterday

In reply to a statement by a Berea resident, Mr Les Wium, that he had been "totally confused" over his lights and water account, Mr Sayer-Hickson said that he had checked Mr Wium's accounts from July this year right up until this month and it was not possible for residents to settle half their account for the month as Mr Wium had done

Mr Sayer-Hickson said that was why Mr Wium's supply had been disconnected and he had had to pay a reconnection fee

He said that Mr Wium had received an interim account for R33 for the months of July, and August

"Mr Wium then received an account for R142,05 for September which is the reading month

"It is here that Mr Wium should have approached the municipality and asked for his account to be increased to R100 a month," Mr Sayer-Hickson said

He added that the municipality would not adjust a resident's interim account unless asked to do so

Mr Sayer-Hickson said that in October another interim account totalling R100 was paid by Mr Wium with no complaints at all

Mr Wium did not receive an account for R177,05 last month as he stated Records show that an interim account for the month of November, amounting to R100 was sent to him

"This month, being the reading month, Mr Wium would have received interim accounts for two months prior to the December reading amounting to R200

Mr Sayer-Hickson said that Mr Wium's lights and water account for this month had a credit balance of R8,34

However, after a refuse charge was deducted from the account, a balance of R4,35 appeared on his latest account

He added that mem-

bers of the public tended to confuse a meter testing which was done by the electricity department with a recheck of a reading of their meter

"A fee of R21 is charged by the municipality for a meter to be tested and if it is found to be faulty then the fee is refunded

"A R14 fee is charged by the municipality for a meter reading to be rechecked and if it is found to be incorrect then obviously the money will be refunded," Mr Sayer-Hickson said

Mr Wium could not be contacted for comment yesterday

# Booyesen Park residents threaten legal action

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By RAYMOND HILL

BOOYSEN PARK residents have threatened to take legal action against the Port Elizabeth Municipality for ignoring their demands to repair defects in their homes.

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The matter would be taken to court if necessary, they said.

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But the city's Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, said they were wrong.

Residents were themselves responsible for repairs unless it could be proved that there were "latent defects".

Mr Samuels also denied that requests for repairs were ignored by officials.

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He also advised residents with specific

complaints to write to him or the Town Clerk.

The complaints were disclosed by Mr Henry Cairncross, who said he had been approached to help find a solution.

Mr Cairncross said he and the other residents were "fed up" with the delays experienced in having home defects repaired by the municipality.

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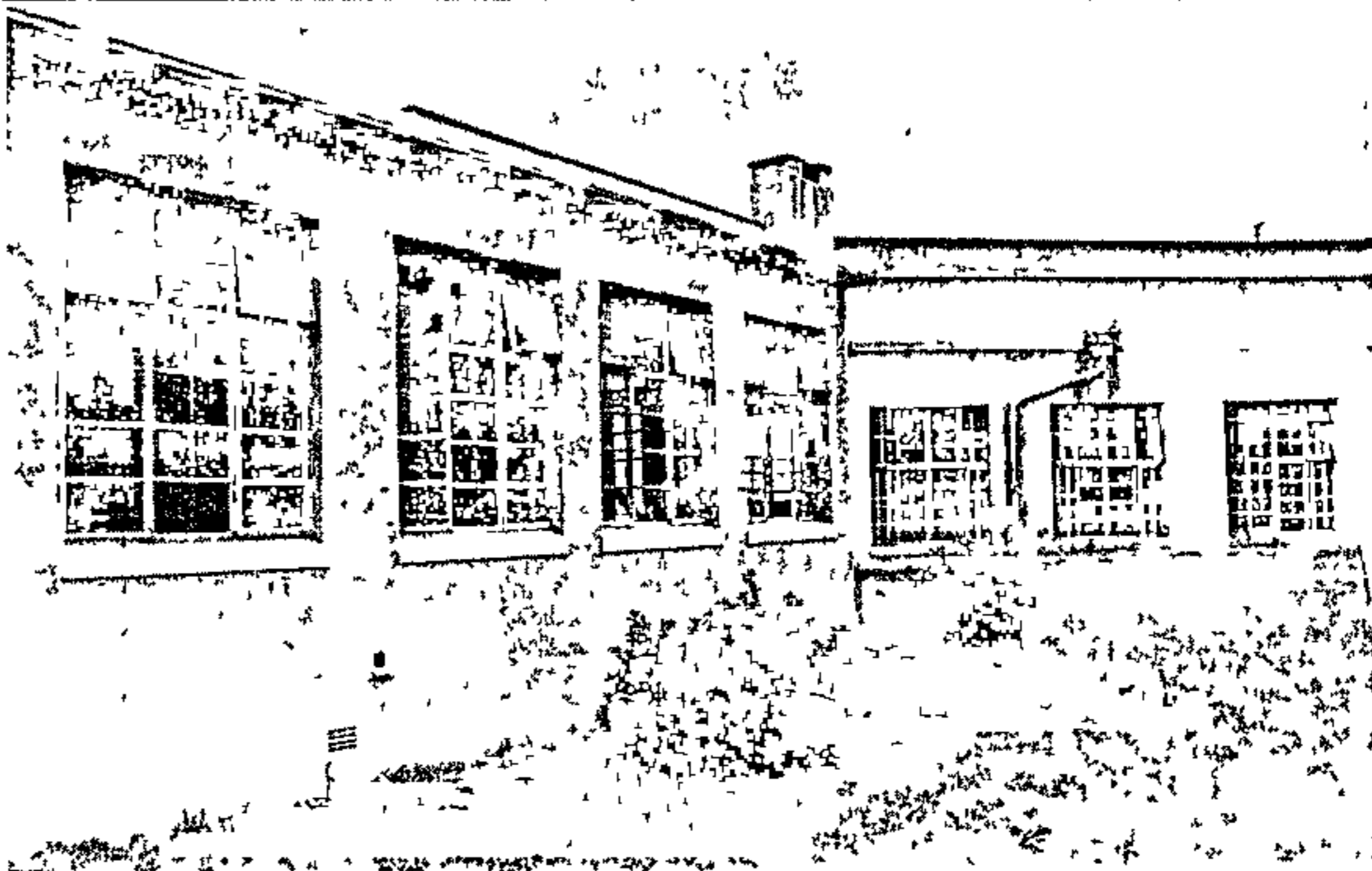
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"The five-year deadline is going to expire in a few months' time."

"We will then have to bear the costs of all repairs, and it could amount to large sums of money," he said.

If he and the other residents did not get satisfaction, they would draw up a petition. If that failed they would seek legal redress.

## Now a hideout for bad types



This building on the corner of Harrower Road and Hancock Street, which had fallen into a bad state of disrepair and had become a hideout for undesirable types, has been sold.

## 'Eyesore' sold for R130 000

By RAYMOND HILL

A VACANT 55 year-old North End building, described as an "eyesore and vice den", has been sold for R130 000 by the Port Elizabeth Child and Family Welfare Society to a firm of undertakers.

Neighbours and passers-by have criticised the state of the building saying it is overdue for demolition.

Some have described it as an "unsavoury place where all sorts of things" happen. Prostitutes and vagrants use it as a hideout.

Every window pane has been smashed and a strong stench emanates from it.

The building, on the corner of Harrower Road and Hancock Street, was officially opened by the Countess of Clarendon in October, 1931.

It was used as a child day centre until about 12 years ago when an organisation for handicapped children moved in temporarily.

Originally the ground was bought by the Child Welfare Society for £3 000. Nobody could recall the price paid for the building.

Last year the whole property was valued at R120 000.

Mrs Enid Smuts, the society's outgoing director, said she was aware that the building had fallen into disrepair.

The society had considered hiring a security guard to protect it during the past three years that it has been vacant.

But the costs were too high. The society's staff had tried to keep it clean but it was badly vandalised.

The building was considered a hazard by municipal health officials, who recently asked the society to do something about it.

Mrs Smuts said it was now in the process of being transferred to its new owners.

The money will be used for the society's new headquarters. Their present offices in the Feather Market Hall are inadequate.

## PE shebeen owners seek 'safe passage' for license inspectors

By MIKE MABUSELA

PORT ELIZABETH still lags behind the rest of the country in licensing shebeens and the Port Elizabeth Taverners Association's 900 members are now appealing to residents of the PE townships for help.

Three years ago the go-ahead was given to license shebeens, but to date not one shebeen in the PE townships has been given a licence to trade.

The association's chairman, Mr Welcome Duru, said the situation in the

townships had made it impossible for members of the special committee to inspect premises, as required by the authorities.

Association members decided at a meeting this week to appeal to the community to guarantee the safety of the special committee members, who are mostly white, while doing their township inspections of shebeens.

"We we are now appealing to the community for help. We have been apiding doing this, but we want to see licences issue this

year," Mr Dudu said.

He said his association was pleased by a decision taken a few weeks ago by the community allowing them to trade as they like without binding them to sell their liquor between 9am and 9pm.

Women barred from the shebeens last year have been allowed to patronise them again.

Mr Duru is appealing to members of his association to trade within business hours and maintain order at their shebeens.

## Drop in EL beach numbers

Weekend Post Reporter EAST LONDON — A marked drop in the number of bathers using East London's beaches during the holiday season was disclosed this week in a report to the City Council.

But some query whether the statistics, compiled by acting Beach Manager, Mr Colin Broomhead, reflect a drop in the number of visitors to the city last year.

Orient Beach attendance in December dropped from 20 900 the previous year to 7 000.

The number at Nahoon dropped from 31 000 to 9 000 and at Eastern Beach from 20 000 to 12 000.

Mr Broomhead blames the drop largely on over-cast days in December and the fact that many visitors are now taking shorter holidays.

## Medical aid organisation snubs 'unfair' doctors

By RAYMOND HILL

SEVERAL doctors claimed to be dispensing medicines at "unfair" prices have been snubbed by a large medical aid organisation. Some are in Port Elizabeth.

But the Association of Medical Scheme Administrators (Amsa) is prepared to review their cases.

There were also other reasons for the decisions, an Amsa spokesman said.

The association's Johannesburg head office has been flooded with complaints from doctors whose applications were turned down.

The new ruling means that the "offending" doctors may no longer submit the accounts of patients directly to the medical schemes.

This action had been taken because of unfair prices being charged for

medications, and in order to regularise a "chaotic" situation, the spokesman said.

Now doctors must send the accounts directly to the patient concerned.

It is the patient's responsibility to send the account to his or her scheme after checking it properly.

When the patient receives the money from the scheme, he or she must pay the doctor.

Many doctors fear that they will not get their money. One, with a busy practice in PE's northern areas, was offended when his application failed.

He said he was performing an essential service by dispensing medicines, especially at night when no chemists were available in the northern areas.

He preferred dealing directly with medical aid

societies.

Mr K Hollis, chairman of Amsa, said his office was "inundated" with complaints from doctors whose applications failed.

He said the unhappy doctors could re-apply and their cases would be reviewed.

"There is a certain 'mark up' in the price of medicine that varies from doctor to doctor."

"My association only wants to deal with doctors charging fair prices."

"We are determined to stamp out abuse, and are more than willing to have a sound working relationship with doctors," he said.

Dr Angus Hofmeyr, chairman of the Eastern Cape branch of the Medical Association, said doctors were "very upset" about the association's ruling.

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## Another 'Jock' lost

THE disappearance of yet another *Jock of the Bushveld* look alike from Walmer — the second in a fortnight — has sparked off fears that these puppies are in such demand that people are stealing them.

On New Year's Eve, Jess, a four-month-old Staffordshire bull terrier disappeared from her home in Walmer while her owners, Mr Stuart Hickson Mahoney, were out. They are offering a R100 reward for the dog's return.

Mr Hickson Mahoney said Staffordshire bull terriers were in short supply and are even more popular now with the film *Jock of the Bushveld* on circuit.

Mr Hickson Mahoney can be contacted at 51 1246.

● On January 8, Jason, from the same litter, disappeared from his home in Walmer. He was missed within half an-hour, but could not be found.

Jason's owner, Mr Maureen Krige, said the four-month old puppy was her children's pet and was badly missed. Jason has a white mark on his chest and a black tail. He was wearing a red collar.

Mrs Krige is also offering a reward and can be contacted at 51 5341.

# Sites for PE hawkers being studied

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Port Elizabeth City Council is studying alternative sites for hawkers in the central business district, according to the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha

He said the council had received complaints about hawkers from the public and the Health Department was concerned about the lack of hygiene

"We have been accommodating to hawkers, but the situation has become untenable," he said

"Food is being unpacked and repacked on pavements and is a health hazard"

The Port Elizabeth Traffic Department and the South African Police have acted against hawkers after complaints and some hawkers have been charged with infringing municipal by-laws and provincial ordinances

Mr Botha said the matter had been discussed by the Community Services Committee last week and would be discussed again next month

"We are trying to identify areas where we can allow people to hawk on a more formal basis and we are thinking about providing them with stalls"

The manager, special projects, of the Small Business Development Corporation in Port Elizabeth, Mr Willie Fouché, said hawkers had a definite role to play in any economy

Hawking was a dynamic activity and it was wrong to put undue restrictions on them, such as forcing them to move from one place to another every hour or two

The SBDC was investigating ways of implementing a micro-loan system to enable people such as hawkers to raise small loans for a short period of time to launch their activities

# Yes, it's all normal on the ANC front

By JO-ANN BEKKER

BUREAU for Information chief Stoffel van der Merwe was surprised at the outrage levelled at the government's recent press curbs on African National Congress reports. "We are just bringing things back to normal," he told a face-three-members-of-the press session on SABC-TV this week.

And he was right. For years, as Van der Merwe pointed out, there were virtually no reports on the ANC's policies or views.

The latest restrictions — barring newspaper editors from publishing any report or advertisement which improves the public image of a banned organisation or explains its strategies — enforces what was until very recently the status quo.

Researchers who have sifted through newspaper archives point out that through the almost 50 years the ANC was a legal organisation, it was given no more than a mention in the inside pages of white-owned newspapers, which treated black political organisations with condescending amusement.

It was only in 1959 that the *Rand Daily Mail* became the first paper to appoint a specialist journalist, Benjamin Pogrund, to cover black politics. And his reports received little prominence, even during the national campaign against the pass laws.

Analysts say the first time ANC leader Nelson Mandela became a media personality in white newspapers was when he stood trial for treason in the Sixties and was depicted as public enemy number one.

From the mid-Sixties to the Seventies there was no coverage of the then outlawed ANC or Pan-Africanist Congress, beyond occasional references to unspecified Moscow-controlled "terrorist organisations".

The freeze on independent reports on the ANC thawed less than three years ago when *Beeld* columnist Piet Muller took a cue from the government's reformist tone and headed off to meet the exiled organisation.

A subsequent business outing to Lusaka, led by Anglo America's Gavin Relly, caused a media sensation and soon pilgrimages to meet the ANC by Afrikaans and English church representatives, students and homeland leaders became regular news items.

White newspapers' attitudes towards the ANC and its guerrilla war had not changed, however. What had changed was they ceased to represent the organisation as a band of faceless monsters.

While little of substance was reported from the discussions, readers learnt for the first time that ANC executive member Thabo Mbeki smoked a pipe and had a sense of

## That baffling blank centre

WEEKLY MAIL readers may have been bewildered by the blank centrespread in last week's issue, particularly as a front-page report said the newspaper had been advised by its lawyers that "the advertisement which appears (on the middle pages) does not contravene any law".

The advert calling for the unbanning of the African National Congress was legal when the proof pages were completed at 7pm and sent to the printers. But by midnight a new Emergency order had been gazetted banning any newspaper report or advert which promoted a banned organisation or explained its strategies.

The Mail was telephoned by the Security Police at 9pm and informed of the midnight Gazette which would make the advert illegal. A Major Zaaiman warned a confiscation order had been prepared and said police were ready to seize copies of the newspaper if they contained the advert.

The printing presses were put on hold for several hours while legal advice was sought. Finally, the Mail decided it had no option but to withdraw the advert.

The Security Police gave permission for the centre pages to remain blank, although the Emergency press curbs prohibit newspapers from carrying any "blank space, obliteration or deletion" to indicate where reports have been censored.

*Cape Times* editor Tony Heard took the demystification process one step further by publishing a full transcript of ANC president Oliver Tambo's views on present and future ANC policy. Heard was let off lightly after charges against him were switched to his newspaper company, South African Associated Newspapers (Saan), who paid a R300 admission of guilt fine.

Political observers believe the reasons for the government's greater leniency was its tentative efforts to appease the outside world by unbanning the ANC and freeing political prisoners. But reform hardened into repression as Pretoria thumbed its nose at the West and settled down to endure sanctions from abroad and political turmoil at home.

Last Friday saw the latest show of government *kragdadigheid* in response to a United Democratic Front "Unban the ANC" advertisement which was carried in 11 newspapers. The authorities apparently decided the unveiling of the ANC had gone far enough and introduced the latest press curbs restricting reports of banned

LABOUR PARTY leader and Cabinet Minister without portfolio Allan Hendrickse yesterday averted being sacked from the Cabinet and the "coloured" Ministers' Council by apologising in a long letter to President P W Botha for embarrassment he had caused Botha.

# Hendrickse

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says sorry

MAX DU PREEZ  
Political Correspondent

Botha told a Press conference last night he had warned Hendrickse that he and other LP members of the Ministers' Council would be sacked and a general election called if they did not apologise to him for their defiant public swim at a whites-only Port Elizabeth beach, as well as for Hendrickse's remarks about the Group Areas Act and the latest Press curbs.

The LP parliamentary caucus and supporters were in a black mood after hearing of their leader's apologies last

night. Most agreed that it was a devastating blow for the party's already shaky credibility among the coloured population and for Hendrickse's stature as a leader.

Botha read Hendrickse's letter to the Press, and said he accepted the apology. He also read a letter the other Cabinet

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## Hendrickse avoids sack by apologising to Botha

Minister without portfolio, Indian Minister's Council chairman Amichand Rajbansi, wrote to a local paper yesterday denying a report he was siding with Hendrickse and would resign if Hendrickse was forced to resign.

Botha said he accepted Rajbansi's assurances, and the two Ministers would thus remain in the Cabinet.

But shortly before the Press conference, Rajbansi told *Business Day*, when asked if he backed Hendrickse's stand against Botha, "I will back any campaign against apartheid."

Botha last night read a long statement which he had read to yesterday's Cabinet meeting, and warned the Press "to stick to the facts." In the statement he said his government was not a coalition government, and he fully accepted that Cabinet Ministers could differ from him on matters such as the Group Areas Act.

However, as chairman of the Cabinet and head of government, Botha said he determined the procedures for Cabinet Ministers. He would not allow members of the Cabinet to take their differences to the public without him agreeing to it.

What was more, Botha said, every

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Cabinet Minister swore an oath to act with dignity and to obey the laws "When Mr Hendrickse paraded in his swimming trunks with other Ministers, he embarrassed me."

Hendrickse wrote in his letter "The swimming event was not intended by my colleagues or myself as an act of civil disobedience and we regret any conclusion to that effect.

"Furthermore, in nothing that my colleagues and I have done, have we ever intended an affront to your person in your personal capacity and your capacity as SP, nor did we intend to challenge your authority as SP.

"Inasmuch as any impression might have been created to that effect, I offer on behalf of my colleagues and myself our apologies to you.

"As regards my statements on the media, I intended to say that I regret the necessity for regulations of this nature to be promulgated. In the context of my speech it is clear that I accepted that steps in this regard had to be taken."

# Flats pipe bursts again: No damage

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By PETER DENNEHY  
and RONNIE MORRIS

THE Heideveld water main burst again yesterday — three days after the release of the official report on the previous three bursts, in which further failures in the pipeline were predicted

Yesterday's burst was close to the scene of the others

Mr Ted Doman, public relations officer for the city council, said the burst — the fourth since July 13 last year — occurred at 2 10pm yesterday

Repair crews had been on site starting to replace the pipe, he said, as tests, which were part of an investigation programme, had shown that this particular section was in poor condition

"Due to the high water consumption the pipeline had to be put in operation, but control valves at each end of the main were manned to expedite rapid closure if required

"The alarms at Blackheath filtration plant and Silverstream Road control valve sounded at 2 10pm

"Both the Guguletu and Silverstream control valves, which were set at half, were shut down by 2 20pm

"No flooding occurred, except for some water in the parking area to the east of the Heideveld station," Mr Doman said

The Cape Times visited the site, and found that no houses had been flooded. By soon after 3pm council workers had dug down to the burst pipe and were pumping out the last of the water from the hole

The council's low earth wall appeared to work well, and water had pooled on the Guguletu side of Heideveld station to a

maximum depth of just under a metre

Boys and girls splashed around in the pool. Some boys trying to ride their bicycles through it, fell off to the amusement of onlookers

The weather was perfect, and several older youths took advantage of the new pool in their neighbourhood to swim in the nude, using pieces of polystyrene as floats

Pastor Peter Roman, chairman of the Heideveld Crisis Committee, was astounded when told of the new burst yesterday

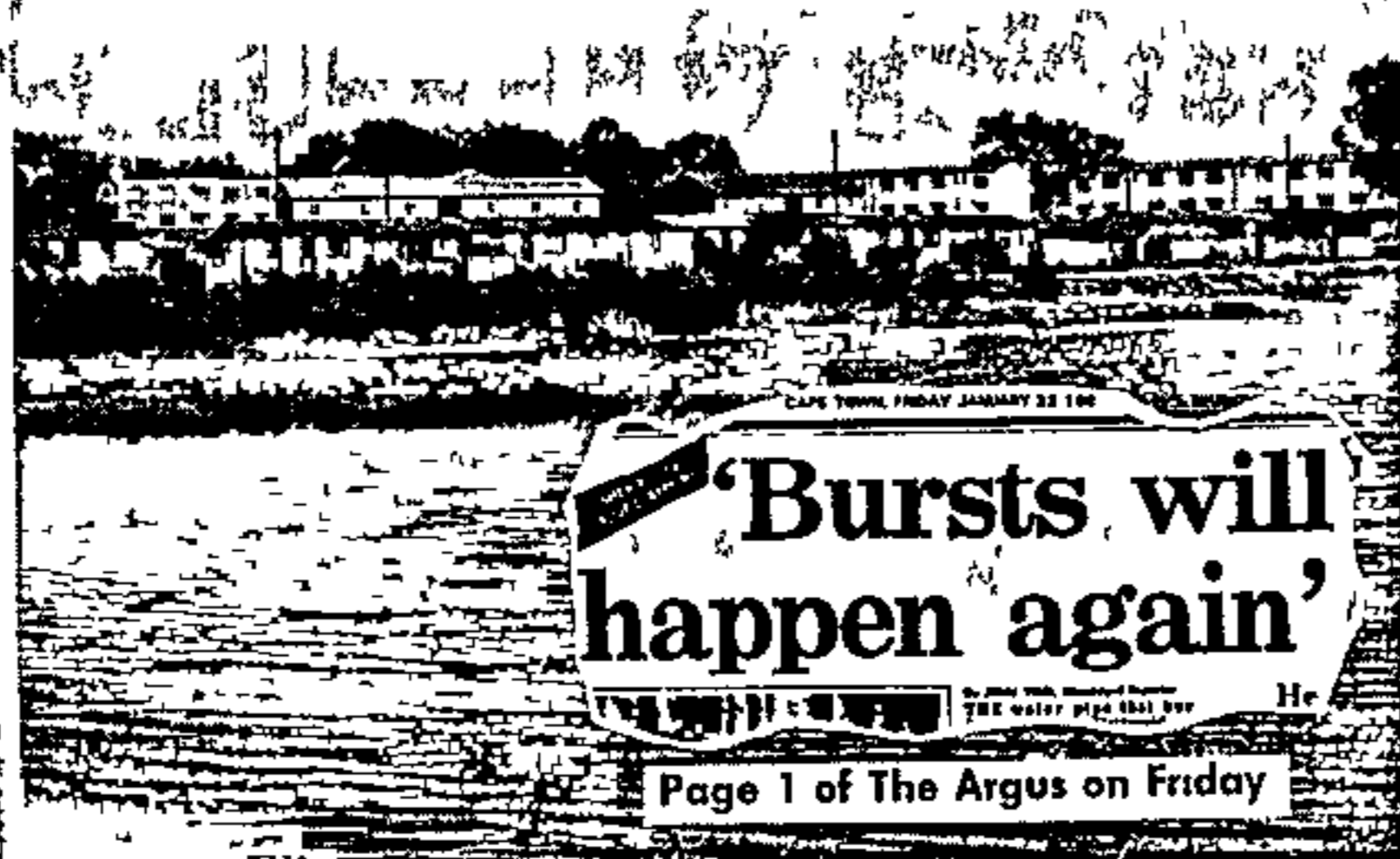
"Goodness gracious, I don't know what to say. I am shocked about this one," he said. "It's a disgrace. From our side, there will be calls to the council to stop using the pipe"

□ The Crisis Committee will hold a meeting at 7 30 tonight at the Heideveld Community Centre, opposite Heideveld station. All are welcome, Pastor Roman said

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Children frolic knee-deep in the flooded parking area on the Guguletu side of Heideveld station.



Parts of the veld near Guguletu were transformed into a vlei when the Heideveld pipe burst again.



Municipal workmen use bulldozers and mechanical spades in a quagmire of mud and slush as they try to find the source of the burst.

# Heideveld water pipe bursts for fourth time

By SHARKEY ISAACS  
Staff Reporter

THE Heideveld water pipe has burst for the fourth time in six months

Thousands of litres of water were lost yesterday, but no houses were flooded. The water stopped about half-a-kilometre from homes in Guguletu.

This happened barely a week after a report by a city council committee of inquiry warned there would be further bursts.

Last year two bursts caused severe flooding in parts of Heideveld and Manenberg. A third burst did not affect houses.

Yesterday's burst occurred on the eastern side of Heideveld station which also serves Guguletu Tracts of veld on the Guguletu side of the railway line were flooded.

Children frolicked knee-deep in the water.

City Engineer Mr Des Riley said the pipe had to be used "due to the high water consumption", but control valves at each end of it were manned so that they could be swiftly closed in an emergency.

"SHOCKED"

He said alarms at the Blackheath filtration plant and at the Silverstream Road control valve went off at 2.10pm yesterday.

"Both the Guguletu and Silverstream Road control valves were set at half-throttle and were able to be shut down by 2.20pm because of this initial partial closure — part of our precautionary measures."

Mr Riley said the burst occurred while "repair crews were on site to start preliminary work for the replacement of the pipe. Tests have shown the pipe to be in poor condition."

Pastor Peter Roman, chairman of the Heideveld-Manenberg Crisis Committee, said he and his committee were shocked to hear about the latest burst.

"People in the area who have been hit twice by flooding have been sleeping with one eye open for the last few months," he said.

"We wake up when we hear dogs barking at night and look out of our windows because we think the water might be converging on our homes."

"I don't know how we are going to sleep after the latest burst."

Pictures, WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus



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# Allegations of racism in EL fire brigade

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MR MOPP

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Allegations of racism towards members of the municipal fire brigade here who are not white have been made by the MP for Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp

However, the chief brigade officer, Captain Bill Kenny, said yesterday all his men got on well with each other

Captain Kenny said the allegations came as a surprise to him

"The fire brigade is fully integrated and all my men get on well with each other. They play sport together and live together and I am very surprised to hear of any problems between them," Captain Kenny said

Mr Mopp said he had met some of the 18 coloureds in the fire brigade and they had told him that "things were not right". He did not name the men

Mr Mopp said this had been "particularly painful" to him because he was aware of the uphill battle it had taken to get the municipality to be a truly equal opportunity employer.

"But now that we have achieved that on paper,

I get the impression from the complaints we received that certain whites who oppose a truly non-racial South Africa are making it difficult for these candidates who are not white

"This seems to be done in the hope that these candidates will leave and we can revert to a lily-white fire brigade like we had in the old days

"The methods seem to be to make the candidates of colour uncomfortable. This does not rule out the use of utterly racist names and discrimination in examination results. Of the 18 candidates, I understand only nine passed and then they were told they would only be allowed to rewrite in June

"I have been told that the white candidates who failed were allowed to rewrite in January

"This is discrimination, if it is true, and I don't intend to leave the matter there," Mr Mopp said. He added he had also received complaints about the living conditions of the men and again there had been allegations of discrimination

Captain Kenny agreed that all the firemen's liv-

ing conditions could be improved and said an attempt would be made to rectify this in the new budget

He did not accept the criticism about the exam results because there were also white candidates who had failed

"The last batch did well in their basic six-month training and, after the 12-month training period, only nine passed. I can state categorically that exams were marked without reference to race. There was definitely no discrimination in marking. In fact the nine who passed were mostly coloured"

Captain Kenny said he was surprised to hear complaints had been taken up with Mr Mopp

"All of the fire brigade members have strict instructions that if they have complaints and their immediate superior officer does not entertain the complaints, they can go to the next senior officer and finally to me personally

"That instruction still stands," Captain Kenny said

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# RSCS Van der Velde expelled

## Municipal Reporter

THE Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, expelled Councillor Frank van der Velde from the council chamber during debate on Cape Town's Regional Services Council (RSC) yesterday

Under discussion was a motion appointing council staff for duties which followed on the appointment of council as collecting agent for various RSC levies

Mr Van der Velde objected to these appointments. At this, the mayor made some remark concerning what Mr Van der Velde was "trying to do"

Mr Van der Velde said the mayor had no right to make such inferences. Mr Markovitz contested this, and expelled him from the chamber

□ A proposal for non-racial democratic local government, drawn up after negotiation with a number of people whom the City Council considered to be real community leaders, was tabled at the council's monthly meeting yesterday

□ Council endorsed a recommendation that the town planning scheme be changed to allow home industries, such as bakeries, hairdressers and potteries, to operate from residential areas

Some councillors wanted to retain controls, but Mr Clive Keegan argued that deregulation was necessary to create more jobs

□ Mr R M Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee, said a report would be taken to the utility and works committee on Monday recommending that tenders for the replacement of the Heideveld water main be called for as soon as possible

# Fedhasa silent on letter about council's image

DD 4/2/87

**Dispatch Reporter**

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Border branch of the Federated Hotel, Liquor and Catering Trade Association (Fedhasa), Mr Bob Thielscher, has refused to divulge the contents of a letter discussed by the city council concerning criticism of the image of the council

"It is a private matter between us and the mayor and I am not at liberty to reveal the contents," he said.

Mr Thielscher said he would have to obtain the permission of the mayor,

Mrs Elsabe Kemp, to reveal the contents of the letter

Mrs Kemp said the action committee had noted the contents of the letter and the council would reply to it. She did not elaborate

It is understood that Fedhasa had complained about the image of the city council and called for the council to correct the image

Fedhasa asked that the council avoid adverse publicity and that councillors handle their responsible positions with dignity

## Maqoma's wife held?

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN — The leader of the Ciskei People's

mother in Port Elizabeth, Mrs Maria Dano, who subsequently died

# EL fire fighters feel the heat

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**Dispatch Reporter**

EAST LONDON — The municipal fire department had no respite yesterday — they were

called upon to extinguish 11 grass fires in and around the city

A spokesman for the department, Mr M

Blom, said that no damage had been caused to property, but that the unusually large number of calls had placed a severe drain on staff

"The fires were probably caused by the intense heat, which often leads to spontaneous combustion," he said

"It sometimes happens that glass bottles left lying in the grass magnify the sun's rays, and eventually lead to a fire

"Other fires are caused by carelessness — people toss cigarettes or matches into a patch of dry grass and start a fire

"A few are caused deliberately — children have always found fire-engines fascinating, and they have been known to start a fire on purpose just for the thrill of seeing us in action," he said

## Accused admit to killing of envoy

GRAHAMSTOWN — Two of three young men charged with the murder of a Ciskei diplomat and his fiancée pleaded not guilty yesterday to two counts of murder but admitted shooting them by accident

Mr Mlungisi Lumphondo, 21, Mr Sizwe Maqina, 21, and Mr Luthando Madolwana all pleaded not guilty to seven charges, including two of murder and one of robbery when they appeared in the Supreme Court here

The charges arose from an incident on April 1 last year when Ciskei's consul general, Mr Mtutuzeli Patrick Jacobs, and his fiancée, Miss Matholi Alina Maphatsoe, were shot dead on the Dordrecht-Jamestown Road

After the pleas were heard, the defence handed in statements in explanation of the pleas

The state also submitted as exhibits statements made by the accused to two magistrates and a justice of the peace — DDC

what steps have been taken to rectify the matter?

†THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) As far as is known, shortages occurred on three occasions, once at the regional office of the Department of Home Affairs in Johannesburg and twice at the regional office in Pretoria

(b) The shortages were due to unforeseen large demands made at short notice by political parties

(c) Supplies were immediately drawn from other centres and additional supplies printed by the Government Printer and made available to the aforesaid regional offices

†MR S S VANDER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that such a shortage also occurred at the Cape Town office and secondly, is he aware that political parties were advised to design and make forms on their own for their own purposes, and to obtain people's changes of address?

—The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I have already indicated that I was not aware of the situation at the Cape office. However I want to bring it to the attention of the House that more than 4 million of the forms concerned were printed. They were widely distributed to the Department's regional offices, police stations and the offices of local authorities. According to our observations there were no problems and delays. This is shown by the fact that, from the middle of September to the end of January this year, more than 1.3 million changes of address were recorded. This clearly shows that this campaign for registration and changes of address was successful.

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he will consider reimbursing political parties in respect of the costs involved in having to do his department's job?

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in getting forms printed to enable voters to register? [Interjections]

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I would like to point out that, basically, the duty to notify change of address rests with each and every voter. It is not the Department of Home Affairs's task to do that, but I wish to thank all political parties for their assistance in this process.

Mr W V RAW Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether his department has the power to prosecute people for not notifying the department of changes of address and, if so why he does not use those powers?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the department has the power to prosecute in terms of the relevant Act. Prosecution has in fact been considered, but it has been judged not to be worthwhile for the simple reason that, by the time one has traced the particular person, he will have been properly registered. Making an example of a few people will not, in our opinion, facilitate the process. [Interjections]

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\*8 Mr S S VANDER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, was shot dead in Guguletu in January 1987, if so, (a) on what date, (b) by whom, (c) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident and (d) what is the name of this person.

(2) whether any steps have been taken by the South African Police in respect of this incident, if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what results?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) 17 January 1987

(b) A special constable in the employment of the South African Police

(c) The deceased who trespassed on the premises of the Fiseku School, Guguletu, was confronted by four special constables who performed guard duties at the school, with the aim to determine the reason for his presence on the premises. Half a brick was allegedly thrown at one of the special constables by the deceased after which he ran away. He was instructed to stop and a warning shot was fired by one of the special constables with his official firearm. He ignored the warning. Allegedly two of the special constables followed the deceased whereupon he produced a knife and charged at the special constables. He was shot dead by one of the special constables.

(d) Tendile Colin Goba

(2) Yes

(a) An inquest docket was registered and is being investigated

(b) The investigation is not finalised yet

Mr S S VANDER MERWE Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is there then no likelihood, as far as he is concerned, that the person who fired the shot will be prosecuted?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, I have just told the hon member that an inquest will be held. The hon member is after all a jurist himself. He surely knows that recommendations will only be made once the inquest has been completed. If there is any evidence it will be submitted to the Attorney-General.

Coloured management committees

\*9 Mr S S VANDER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

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Whether it is the intention to establish more Coloured management committees in the Cape Peninsula area, if so, (a) why, (b) in respect of which areas and (c) how are these committees to be constituted?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING AND OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS

Yes

(a) To provide the communities with local government bodies

(b) Woodstock, Retreat, Mitchell's Plan, Schotische Kloof, Walmer Estate and Salt River

(c) In terms of the relevant regulations the Committees will consist of 5 members, of which two will be nominated by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, two by the Administrator and one by the local authority concerned.

When a general election for all local government bodies is held during 1988, the nominated members of these Committees will be replaced by elected members.

Chalumna-Ncera-King William's Town road boundary. Handwritten: 10/2/87

\*10 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether any changes to the gazetted Chalumna-Ncera-King William's Town road boundary between Coker and the Republic of South Africa in the district of Kidd's Beach are being contemplated, if so, what specified changes.

(2) whether a decision has been taken on the use to which the land which is situated west of this gazetted boundary and falls under the jurisdiction of his Department, will be put, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this decision?

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# Mancom plan condemned

Staff Reporter

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THE six new management committees to be established in Cape Town were condemned yesterday by the city council's executive committee and by a spokesman for existing mancoms

The government announced in Parliament last week that new management committees would be set up in Woodstock, Retreat, Mitchells Plain, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate and Salt River

This week 24 civic associations and community organizations expressed surprise and dismay at the move to set

up more mancoms, which they said were undemocratic and constituted along racist lines

Yesterday Mr R M Friedlander, chairman of Exco, reiterated the council's view that direct representation of all ratepayers on the city council was what the majority of Cape-tonians wanted

The Rev Edward Manikkam, MP in the House of Delegates and president of the Association of Management Committees, also rejected the introduction of more mancoms

"We believe in non-racialism and direct representation," he said

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# Ratepayers block council meeting

Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON —** A defiant group of more than 50 ratepayers yesterday twice prevented the city council from discussing the controversial Clarendon Gardens issue behind closed doors by refusing to leave the council chamber.

Their "sit in" led to the deputy mayor, Mr Robert de Lange (Jnr), closing the meeting prematurely without the council discussing a motion of rescindment by Mr Donald Card.

There was no clarity on the situation last night and Mr Card said he would seek legal opinion on whether the earlier decision by the council, to reject all objections to Clarendon Gardens and to send all the documents to the Administrator, still stood.

Noise pervaded the usually august chamber and some senior councillors who support the project called it "the most despicable behaviour we have yet witnessed".

The first part of the council meeting was completed in about 20 minutes and Mr Card rose to speak on his motion of rescindment of the council's decision regarding the objections.

After Mr Card called the council's earlier decisions "illegal" and "irregular" in terms of the ordinance, from which

he quoted, he asked for councillors to support him on the matter being debated in open council.

The second most senior councillor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, called on the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, to give guidance on the ordinance and Mr Kumm said that Mr Card was correct in what he had said.

"Mr Card is perfectly correct unless the council considers that what you are going to discuss is in the interests of the council only."

Opposing the move to discuss the matter in public, Mr Joe Yazbek said it should be recalled that at the last meeting this was done and it ended in an unhappy situation.

He referred to what he had said about abusive telephone calls as one reason why the council should go into committee, and pointed to Mr Ivan Zulman's empty chair Mr Zulman had excused himself earlier.

Mr Yazbek said "It is not only I who received abusive calls but here is



Mr Donald Card addresses the city council meeting last night on his motion to rescind the Clarendon Gardens decision. Councillors are seated around the horseshoe with members of the public in the background.

a man who asked to be excused because he cannot stand the pace of this matter any longer."

Jeering erupted among the ratepayers and Mr Yazbek said amid the uproar "You see what is happening to the dignity of this council. Listen to them. I move that we go into committee."

Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite rose and said he did not agree with Mr Yazbek's reason for Mr Zulman's absence but he was ruled out of order by Mr De Lange following a plea by Mr Willem Morris who rose on a point of order.

The matter was then put to the vote and eight councillors voted to go into committee while five voted for open council.

The division showed the councillors who voted for open council were Mr Card, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Bassingthwaite. Mr Len Cooper, who voted for open debate at the last meeting, entered the meeting after the vote was taken.

Councillors who voted for closed debate were Mr Robbie de Lange (snr), Mr Robert de Lange (Jnr), Mr Morris, Mr Pat Kay, Mr Bezuidenhout, Mr Yazbek and Mr Phillip Rohrbart.

Mr Snell protested that it was an illegal decision and Mr Card said he would take legal opinion.

Mr De Lange then closed the meeting and asked the ratepayers to leave, but they refused

and he closed the meeting.

The mayor, Mrs Kemp, who had recused herself, reconvened the meeting to discuss other items on the agenda, while ratepayers still milled around in the chamber.

Mrs Kemp appealed to them to leave and said the other matters had nothing to do with Clarendon Gardens.

She was asked whether Clarendon Gardens would be discussed and she asked Mr Kumm to explain as she did not know what the council had decided. Mr Kumm explained that it would be up to the council to decide.

The ratepayers gathered outside the council chamber where they were addressed by a former city councillor and chairman of the Concerned Selborne Ratepayers' Committee, Mr Chris Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd said that the council was busy discussing other matters and that when Mrs Kemp left the chamber, it would be a signal that Clarendon Gardens was being discussed.

"It must be a personal decision by each one of you but when Mrs Kemp leaves, I intend re-entering the council chamber. Each individual must decide what to do," he said to loud applause.

Mr Lloyd entered the chamber as Mrs Kemp left and several other supporters followed, but Mr De Lange closed the meeting a second time.

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# Divco won't stop Atlantis 'trickle'

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## Municipal Reporter

ATLANTIS residents whose water has been reduced to a trickle after non-payment of accounts were saved from total disconnection yesterday.

A Divisional Council monthly meeting heard that such a move would create a health hazard.

Divco treasurer Mr Arthur Kleynhans recommended in a report to the finance committee that "strong action" be taken against the 268 consumers, whose debts were mounting on the trickle system.

But his suggestion that supplies be disconnected altogether unless the accounts were settled in seven days, or another acceptable arrangement was made, was rejected overwhelmingly.

In the nine months to August last year, the number of Atlantis consumers on the trickle system declined from 410 to 268, Mr Kleynhans said,

but their debt mounted by nearly R14 000 to R39 590, or R147,72 each, on average.

Councillor Mr Stuart Collins asked how those affected would get water, and fellow councillor Mr Neil Ross said even water for sewage would be cut off, creating a health hazard.

"Concerns such as the health of the community make it counter-productive," Mr Ross said. The Medical Officer of Health, Dr L R Tibbit, would have to monitor constantly the health of the 1 000 affected people, he said.

Divco deputy chairman Mr G M Basson said an arrangement had been made whereby Atlantis Management Committee members would go from house to house persuading people to pay.

"I think we can undertake to do nothing until they report back," he said. All the councillors agreed.



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**Council sit-in: no  
legal action likely** 263

EAST LONDON — No people to leave when legal action is being considered against a group of people who staged a "sit-in" at a city council meeting here this week and forced the meeting to be closed. The council wanted to go into committee. When they refused he had no option under the circumstances but to close the meeting — DDR

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said yesterday the council's standing rules of order clearly stated that any person, other than a councillor, who disrupted proceedings could be removed.

Mr Kumm said that on Monday night the acting mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, had asked the

# Cape council thorn in the JMC side

THE Cape Town City Council has become a stumbling block in attempts to form a countrywide network of covert security committees, known as Joint Management Centres (JMCs). It has become the first local authority to restrict its participation in the JMCs. Meeting in committee recently, the council ruled only its civil defence and emergency services can liaise with the JMCs, on the condition that they report back regularly to the council.

By ANTON HARBER

The JMCs are a key element in the National Security Management System (NSMS), a controversial plan put together by the military and police. The NSMS consists of a web of over 600 committees and sub-committees that span the country and plug into the government structure at every level — from the cabinet to the smallest local authority.

Officially, its purpose is to decentralise the management of national security. The committees are intended to identify local or regional security threats or problems and co-ordinate official responses to them. However, critics argue that the NSMS forms a shadow bureaucracy running alongside the official government bureaucracy and, being dominated by the military and police, gives the security services a massive say in decision-making at every level.

Although officials point out that the committees do not have executive powers, critics believe they are usurping the role of elected public representatives and giving too much power to employees of the government. The authorities have repeatedly said the system is "not a secret", but JMC meetings are conducted in secret and little is known about the work they do. It is claimed they only deal with security matters, but they have been

accused of delving into a wide range of controversial political and social issues. A briefing given to the Cape Town City Council by a Brigadier During of the SA Police has revealed further details of how the system operates — and fuelled fears that the system operates covertly, that it is dealing in matters other than security, and that it has the power to implement decisions at the highest level if local authorities do not accept its recommendations.

The briefing took place because various council staff were being invited telephonically to attend JMC meetings. Those doing the inviting apparently were reluctant to give a clear indication of the purpose of the meeting. The council was told that if agreement could not be reached on an issue within a JMC, the issue would be resolved at a higher level of government.

And if no funds were available to implement decisions, special application could be made to the government. This contradicts official statements that the JMCs have no access to funds.

The council also expressed a fear that the JMC was encroaching on its own area of responsibility — a common criticism of the system.

Council official Allan Boyle said yesterday it was felt the JMCs — which he described as "police-run" — were not the right channel for the council to use to address problems.

"We have plenty of existing channels for this. And sometimes the JMCs become a political issue so the feeling was that they were not the right forum for us to use," he said.

Participation in the system has become an issue for a number of local authorities mostly because of questions raised by PFP politicians.

Johannesburg City Councillor Tony Leon raised questions in his council about the system, but the management committee refused to answer on the grounds that it would be prejudicial to security.

Durban City Councillor Yvonne Hart has also filed questions to her management committee about participation in the system. The matter has also been discussed by the Pinelands City Council.

A sharp attack on participation in the system was made in the Cape Divisional Council by PTP representative Neil Ross. However, his bid to get a ruling that no divisional council employee could participate was defeated.



Lots of posters, lots of policemen, but where are the voters? This week's Bosmont by-election for the House of Representatives saw Independent Trevor George beat the Labour Party with a 26,6 percent poll.

Picture ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

## Teacher hands round 'ECC is Red' article

By JEREMY BERNSTEIN in Grahamstown

THE cadet master at a top private school in Grahamstown has been distributing copies of the *Aida Parker Newsletter* (APN) attacking the End Conscription Campaign, according to pupils — for the second time in less than a year.

This is despite the particular edition of the newsletter having been discredited by the Media Council for being "distorted".

Another matric pupil, who attended Crankshaw's first lecture, accused the cadet master of "ranting and raving about ECC, saying he was only presenting the other side of the story".

He said Crankshaw had shown them reports of Port Elizabeth ECC leader Janet Cherry's arrest on alleged drug charges. He did not however show

## Sash memorial flowers

By MOIRA LEVY, Cape Town

A CEREMONY marking deaths in detention will open the national annual conference of the Black Sash next weekend in Cape Town.

Members will lay a flower in a giant basket for every detainee who has died during the month of March. The basket of flowers will be given to the Dependants' Conference for Cowley House, where the visiting families of detainees and political prisoners held on Robben Island, in Pollsmoor and Victor Verster prisons are usually

accommodated. Jakes Gerwel, rector of the University of the Western Cape, will be guest speaker at the opening public rally next Thursday night at the Claremont Civic Centre, when Black Sash president Mary Burton will present her annual report.

Most of the sessions are open to the public.

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# Troops out — municipal guards in

By LOUISE FLANAGAN  
in East London

AFTER one-and-a-half years, South African troops appear to have withdrawn from Duncan Village.

But the township's municipal guards now seem to be filling the gap.

The SA Defence Force first moved into the township in August 1985, and set up two permanent army roadblocks controlling access at either end.

Those roadblocks have now disappeared.

At the same time, reports of assaults by municipal guards, have escalated dramatically. Residents have spoken of an unofficial curfew in a new area set aside for "community officials" — councillors and their guards.

The *Weekly Mail* heard this week how people had been assaulted by the guards — nicknamed "Greenflies" because of their green uniforms — because they were "breaking the curfew".

Elliot Zondani, 26, said he had been stopped by the guards while on his way to watch television.

"They asked me what I was doing in the street, and started hitting me with batons and a cane," Zondani said.

"Then they told me to run, because they wanted to shoot me."

The Greenflies have also been

accused of assaulting a schizophrenic woman who is undergoing medical treatment

A relief worker supported the allegations, saying she too had been chased away from the area by the guards.

A doctor in the area said he had seen about 40 people who had been assaulted by the South African and Ciskei security forces — who include the Greenflies — over the past four months.

He said there have been two main patterns of assault — those on people defined by the security forces as "comrades", and assaults in the course of security forces dispensing their

own justice.

He said the assaulted people ranged in age from 14 to 59 and included a mentally ill person. The most common injuries were bruises and lacerations from whips and sjamboks

The commander of the Duncan Village guards, Warrant-Officer W Wolmarans, said he had not heard of a curfew in the area or of any assaults

"I have seen nothing of that nature," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, that should not happen."

He said he had received no complaints about people being assaulted.

No official comment could be obtained on the withdrawal of troops. — Elnews

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condition, she said.

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**Library apartheid denied**

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THE Deputy City Administrator, Mr Alan Dolby, has denied a Teleletter claim that "apartheid is thriving among the bookshelves" of City Libraries. Mr Gerrit Davies, of Hanover Park, said he knew of at least one person with "only a BA" who held a higher post in the library services than coloured colleagues with honours and masters degrees in library science. Mr Dolby said promotion was open to all and that academic qualifications were only one aspect taken into account, along with others such as experience, length of service and managerial ability.

# COUNCILOR MORGAN has proscribed

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## Post Reporters

**CITY councillor Mr Danie Dorfling may face criminal prosecution for disclosing a confidential item on the future of the St George's Strand area.**

This was confirmed

today by Port Elizabeth's Acting Town Clerk, Mr Terry Terblanche, who said the matter would probably be discussed at the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on March 17

Mr Dorfling has disclosed that the City Council had decided to expro-

prate 33.42 hectares of land from Weirnek Way at Bluewater Bay and including St George's Strand, apparently for a resort for Africans

City councillor Mr Ivan Krige said last night he hoped "some sort of action" would be taken against Mr Dorfling for disclosing the contents of

a "green paper" item. The paper is marked "private and confidential not for publication"

Mr Terblanche said in terms of the Municipal Ordinance it was an offence for a councillor to disclose the contents of a report marked confidential

Anyone found guilty of an offence would be liable for a fine of up to R1 000. This does not mean that Mr Dorfling, if found guilty, would lose the council seat he has held since 1974.

Convicted councillors only lose their seats if they are jailed for at least six months without the option of a fine.

Mr Terblanche said the normal procedure in dealing with such disclosures was to report the matter to the Policy and Resources Committee. It would then make a recommendation to the City Council on whether the police should be asked to investigate the incident. Mr Terblanche said Mr Krige said the matter called "for some sort of disciplinary action. The paper was sent to council on a highly confidential basis."

Mr Dorfling, who is the Conservative Party can-

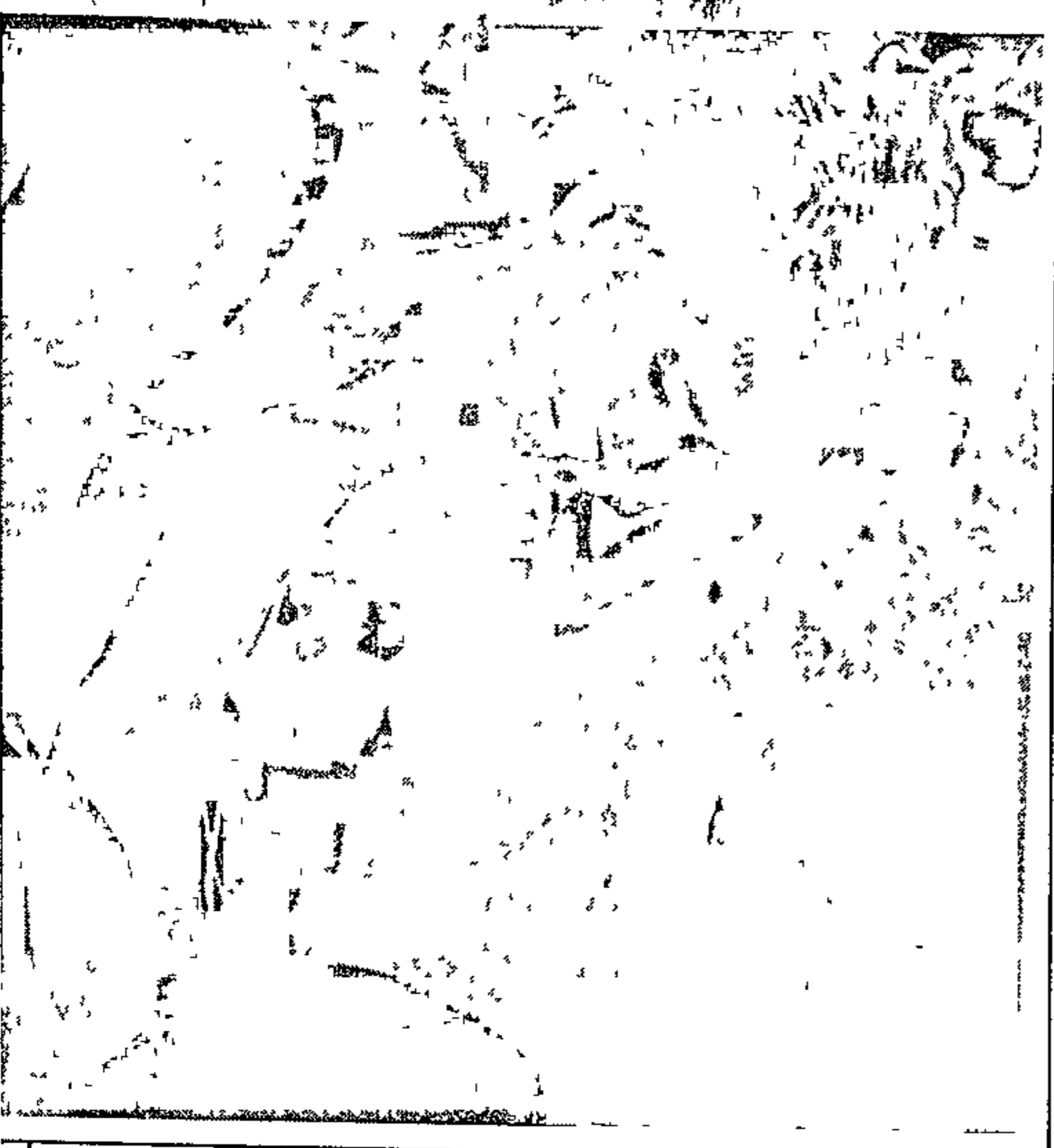
didate for PE North in the general election, said he had told the committee he would make the matter public.

Meanwhile, residents in the affected area want the council to tell them where they stand.

Mr Gabriel Swanepoel, who represents St George's Strand on the Amsterdamhoek, Bluewater Bay, Swartkops, St George's Strand Residents' Association, said residents would not oppose the decision.



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# Administration withdraws <sup>263</sup> letter telling <sup>12/31/87</sup> of resort plan <sup>epost</sup>

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) has withdrawn a letter proposing the establishment of a resort for African people at Wells Estate north of Bluewater Bay.

Port Elizabeth's Acting Town Clerk, Mr Terry Terblanche, said a telex had been received today confirming that the letter had been withdrawn.

The letter, dated January 2, outlined a proposal to develop a portion of Wells Estate including St George's Strand but excluding Bluewater Bay. It was made public by city councillor, Mr Danie Dorfling, this week.

At the same time it was reported that the council had taken a decision to expropriate 33,42 hectares of land in Wells Estate, including St George's Strand.

The publication of that information has met with an outcry from white residents in the Bluewater Bay and St George's Strand areas.

Mr Terblanche said today the letter about the resort had not been the subject of any report to any of the City Council's committees but confirmed that it had been raised verbally at the February council meeting.

He pointed out that an item concerning the purchase of an erf in Bluewater Bay had no connection with the CPA's resort proposal.

The erf concerned was in Bluewater Bay and lay along the seafront immediately north of Weinronk Way. Negotiations for the purchase of the property had been going on for some time, he said.

The land is apparently being bought by the council to preserve the dune area.

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# Council approves city priority plan

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

DRAWING up a "corporate city plan" for Cape Town at a cost of up to R280 000 in a year was discussed by the executive committee of the City Council yesterday, and the first phase of the project was approved.

A report from the office of the town clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said since it was normal practice to identify "five to seven priority areas", a minimum of seven full-time officials would be required for nine to twelve months

Costs, to be borne by both the

City Council and the private sector, would include the R50 000-a-year salary of a project director, the R30 000-a-year salaries of "seven council officials", and R20 000 in consultants' fees

Dr Evans said yesterday new posts would not necessarily be created

"A corporate plan includes goals and objectives for the whole city, a stated policy on about 21 items, and a strategic plan which focuses on, say, seven essentials of the moment which require immediate and co-ordinated action," Dr Evans said

Mr David Jack, the City Planner, said members of the corporate team would come from all

six departments of the council

"The word 'corporate' is used as it is a plan for the city as a whole," he said "We want a top management team to set goals towards which everyone can work"

Exco yesterday accepted a recommendation in the report that the council promote the Cape Town 2000 conference, in conjunction with other agencies, as the first phase of development of the city's strategic plan

A similar corporate plan for Maritzburg had focused on "employment, housing, quality of life and human relations", said Dr M E Popkiss, deputy medical officer of health and chairman of the working group

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# There is no racism in library service

From Mrs FARIDA KHAN (Claremont):

THERE seems to be a great deal of misinformation about the library service, and opportunities for qualified librarians. Mrs G A Osman, (Cape Times Teleletters, February 13) feels that the qualified people leave the service due to lack of opportunities.

This is not so. They actually leave because they are offered better salaries elsewhere. Qualified persons have been offered positions as branch heads, but some do not want the responsibility, and at least two who accepted found they could not cope with the problems that go with the job.

As far as Athlone Library is concerned, does Mrs Osman feel that because it is situated in a so-called black area, it should have a black head? If so, she is advocating racialism in reverse. Equality means being judged on merit, the right man for the job, irrespective of colour or creed.

The present head of Athlone Library is a so-called white, but he has done more for his borrowers than many of the other so-called coloured heads of libraries. He is the person most qualified for the job, both academically, and as a humanitarian, as his hundreds of borrowers daily testify when they flock to him for help. According to Mr I Davies (Cape Times

Teleletters, March 2) there are several coloured librarians with Honours and Masters degrees in librarianship, who are working under less qualified whites. Could Mr Davies please name these people?

The library service does not pay as much as other departments of the council, which is no fault of the service itself. It is just as concerned and alarmed at the number of qualified people leaving for better paid jobs elsewhere.

Nobody blames these people for going where there is more money. All we ask is that they be honest enough to admit their reasons, instead of shouting about unfairness.



# George calls off all <sup>CAPE TIMES</sup> Lawaaikamp charges <sup>20/3/87</sup>

By CLARE HARPER

GEORGE Municipality this week agreed to "write off" all service charges owed by the Lawaaikamp community up to December last year and announced that monthly charges would be reduced in the light of "inadequate services".

This was confirmed by the town clerk of George, Mr Carel du Plessis, last night.

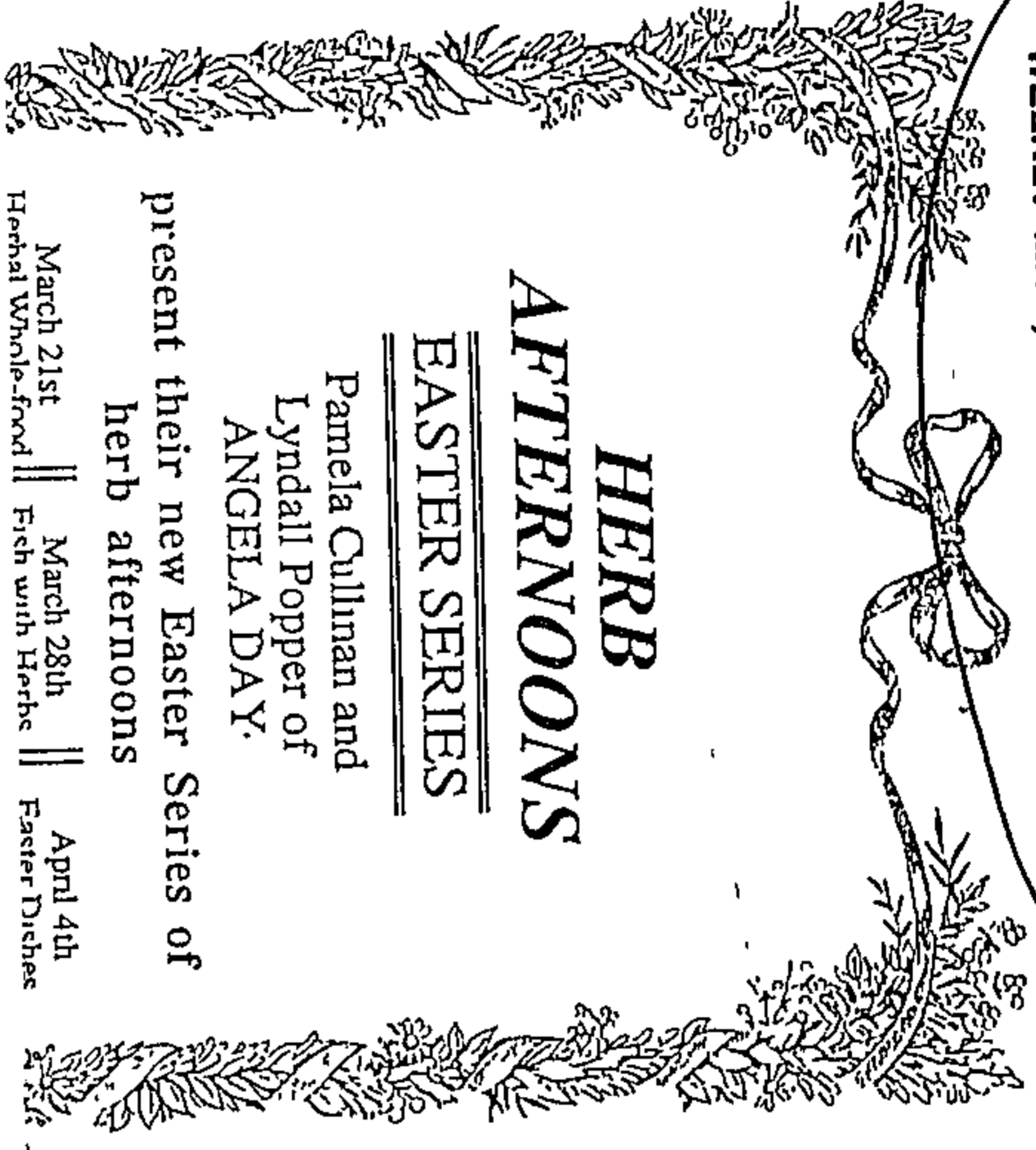
The municipality initially made an undertaking with the community, under threat of removal, that if they moved to Sandkraal service charges owed till December 31 last year would be written off.

However, Mr Du Plessis said yesterday that although people from Lawaaikamp had not moved, "this was in fact impossible as there were no plots available at present anyway".

Residents will have to pay service charges, reduced from R25 to R19.09, from January.

Mr du Plessis called a meeting with 230 members of the Lawaaikamp community on Wednesday night.

A community spokesman said "the municipality must not sit in town and decide what must be done — only if the George Civic Association participates will we accept the decisions".



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### THREE RESEARCH PAPERS FROM THIS WEEK'S BLACK

# The third force

BLACK municipal police forces, established in many townships around the country last year, are increasingly responsible for policing township residents in the Eastern Cape and indications are that their targets are political opponents, especially young people.

In a paper presented at the Black Sash National Conference in Cape Town last weekend, Cheryl Walker notes the Black Sash offices in Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown have received "numerous complaints and allegations of abuse against the council police" in the past year. At the same time the number of complaints to their offices concerning the SA Police and SA Defence Force, which were "so prevalent in 1985", decreased considerably.

According to Walker, this supports

the view that these two forces have withdrawn "into a more supervisory role and that much of the immediate responsibility for crushing anti-government organisation and reasserting control over the townships has been devolved onto the black municipal police and the local authorities they serve.

"By far" the most complaints received in the Eastern Cape offices concerned alleged assaults by municipal police on township residents. They raise "serious questions" about discipline within the force and the use of violent methods such as beatings, torture and midnight arrests in

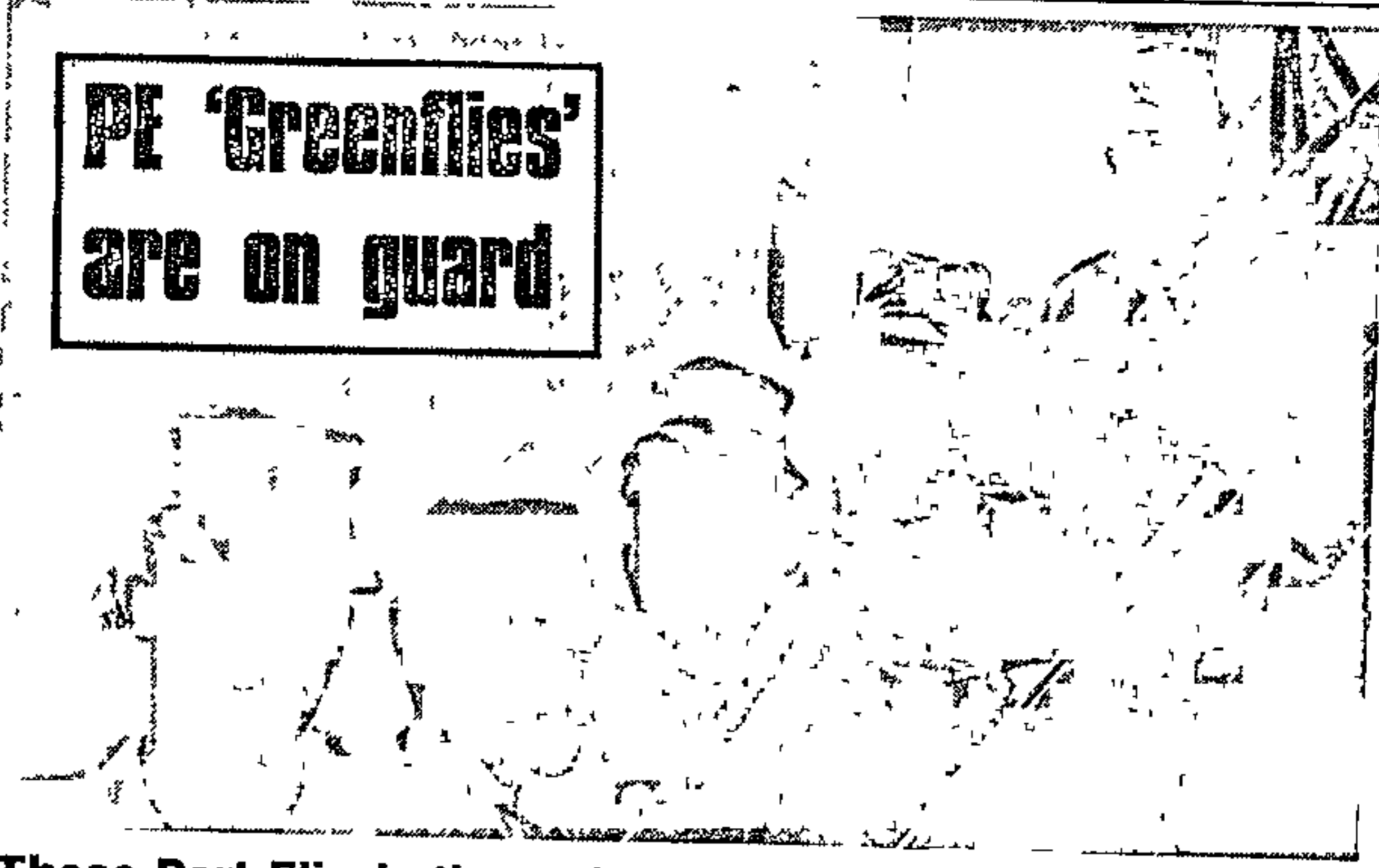
municipal police operations, she says. Few if any municipal police "arrests" seem to have led to prosecutions in their area. In most cases the person arrested would be "unceremoniously released" after being held for anything between several hours and two days, "during which time he or she may be interrogated and reportedly suffer various abuses".

The cases brought to their attention have been referred to lawyers for civil claims for damages, but since none has yet been completed, they are *sub judice* and could not be fully reported.

In addition to specific cases, both

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**PE 'Greenflies'  
are on guard**



**These Port Elizabeth municipal guards, nicknamed "Greenflies", were pictured during a patrol of Ibayhi township recently. They have been accused of hundreds of incidents of brutality by residents and are generally ostracised.**

**Accused had not  
changed clothes**

**By SOL MORATHI**

ONE of the accused in the murder trial of Rosaline Maki Skhosana was wearing the same clothes he had worn on the day of the killing, when police arrested him two days later

Warrant-officer Johannes Daniel Scott told the Pretoria Supreme Court this week that Linda Alexandra Hlophe was wearing a tracksuit when he was arrested at his home in Duduza on July 22

Hlophe, as the video recording showed, and also pointed out by several witnesses in court was wearing the same track suit when arrested

Scott said he had pleaded with the family to give him other clothes, but they refused

Scott was testifying in the trial of Matlakala Elizabeth Motaung 27, Sannah Twala, 22, Solomon Motsogae, 28, Linda Alexandra Hlophe, 26, Lorraine Zancle Sobuzi, 31, Jacob Tshabalala, 21, Lydia Mokoena, 23, Phineas Mascko and Daniel Mbokwane, 21

The nine Duduza residents are appear-

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ing with a 14-year-old girl, also from Duduza and a 15-year-old boy from Kwathema, Springs. The two may not be named

All have pleaded not guilty to beating, kicking, stoning and burning Maki Skhosana to death on July 20, 1985, in Duduza

Five have, however, admitted kicking and assaulting Skhosana before she died

The five are Twala, Motsogae, Sobuzi and the two youths

The 15-year-old admitted striking Skhosana with a stick and kicking her before placing a stone on her chest while she was still alive

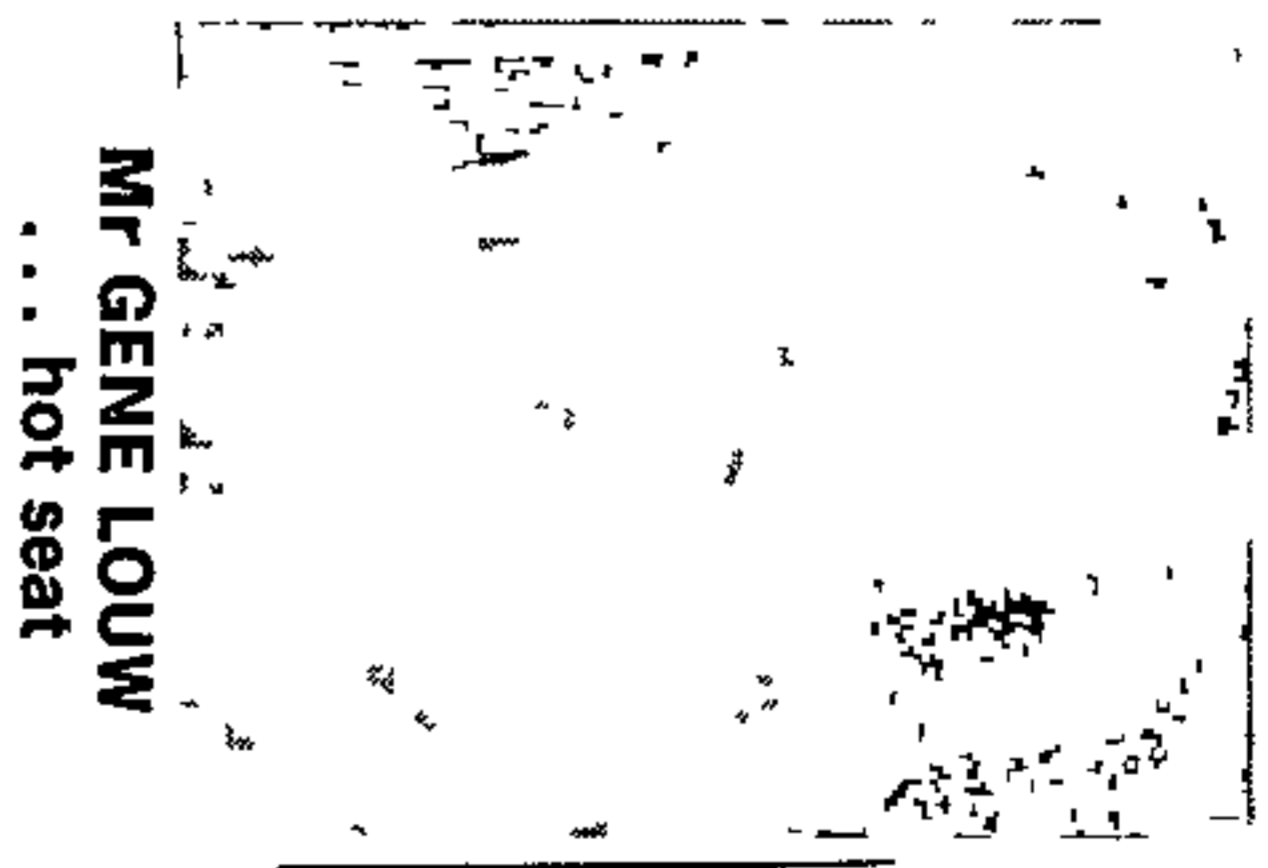
The other four only admitted kicking her and the 14-year-old said she hit her with a branch of a tree

Scott also said Mbokwane was worried when he was shown the video of the killing of Skhosana

He said Mbokwane had watched the tape recording and positively identified himself on it

# Showdown on race laws

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MR GENE LOUW  
... hot seat

**Post Correspondent**  
**CAPE TOWN —** A major confrontation is looming between the Cape Town City Council on the one hand and the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw and ultimately, the Government.

Behind the row is a series of decisions taken by the local authority to fight all Group Areas Act (GAA) removals within the city.

The council has also refused to have anything to do with the "racially-based" regional services councils.

Several councillors said "Relations between the city council and Louw have never really been amicable, and the strong public stand we are now taking on these issues will certainly raise the animosities to new levels." At the same time they

Keegan said yesterday "It would have been incongruous for us to act as the tax collectors for apartheid."

The task will be taken over by the Cape Divisional Council, which was to have been abolished once the RSCs came into effect.

The averted threatened row, however, might only be postponed for councillors have still to decide whether they will also refuse to elect people to sit on the RSC.

Based on a motion submitted by Mr Jan van Eck — unopposed PFP candi-

have no desire to precipitate a clash. The hope is the authorities will not press ahead with applying the GAA strictly with enforced evictions and removals, and also revise plans for the RSCs.

Councillors said, however, there was little doubt the Government would take steps to strong-arm the city council back into line. Cape Town has been loud in its condemnation of Government's RSC proposals, decrying them for perpetuating apartheid, being totally flawed and adding another costly level of bureaucracy for taxpayers to carry.

Last month it emphasised its views by refusing to allow the municipality to be used as an agency to collect RSC levies.

Councillor Clive

# 'Better offers' lure away town planners

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Cape Times 16/4/87

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's town-planning branch cannot keep staff in the face of competition, according to city planner Mr David Jack

This has particularly affected the branch's long-term planning

In a report discussed at a town-planning committee meeting yesterday, Mr Jack said one of the factors which led to this situation was that council salaries were "uncompetitive", particularly at senior levels

The report listed several tasks on which progress was undesirably slow, including the central-city parking-policy plan, the report on public participation, the structure plan for Cape Town and the policy plans for Gardens, Table Valley, Woodstock/Salt River/Observatory and Wynberg

The outlook on whether the town-planning branch would be able to keep its present staff was bleak.

"It seems likely that we will continue to lose our better staff as 'better offers' continue to threaten us," he said

The problem of uncompetitive salaries was compounded by "bureaucratic notching procedures"

Land Use Planning Ordinance requirements for structure and development plans had caused a boom in the consulting field for experienced planners, he said, and "our staff are desirable commodities"

Several senior staff members had recently been lost and the branch had been unable to find equivalent replacements. Transportation and urban-design planners had not been recruited in

the required numbers

An executive committee decision a year ago to freeze all vacant posts had delayed recruitment. No new posts had been allocated in the branch for 1986/7 and 1987/8, and this must have "very serious affects" on the work programme

The new ordinance had increased the work load and would continue to do so

A member of the town-planning committee, Mr Rupert Hurly, said the report had been noted, albeit in a climate of cost-cutting and budget preparation

"Some of us feel you have simply got to spend money on forward planning," he said. "The costs of bad planning are difficult to assess, but the results of it are certainly felt. Good planning tends to go unnoticed"

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# Majority in Athlone reject mancom system

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By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter.

THE "vast majority" of Athlone residents want a non-racial municipality and a common voters' roll while fewer than three percent support the transfer of powers to management committees, a Cape Town City Council-sponsored survey has found.

The survey was commissioned by the council's ad hoc Constitutional Committee to provide a scientifically structured test of the legitimacy of the management committee system

The random sample survey, in which 400 household heads in the Athlone and district management committee area were quizzed on their attitudes to local government, was compiled by the council's technical management services branch and vetted by social scientist Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of Natal University

## Several options

Suburbs in the area include Athlone, Bonteheuwel, Hanover Park, Heideveld, Kewtown, Manenberg and Crawford

Those taking part in the survey were asked to indicate their preference for various options. Their response was

- In favour of keeping the present system (a "white" council advised by the "coloured" management committee) — seven percent,
- Transferring powers to management committees — 2,5 percent,
- A council comprising equal numbers of "white" and "coloured" councillors — 11,3 percent,
- Non-racial local authorities with a common voters' roll — 67 percent,
- None of the above — 6,5 percent, and,
- No response — 5,8 percent

The survey concluded "The study showed that the views of council largely concur with those of the people

"The vast majority favoured a non-racial local government (and) a significant minority supported a local government based on separate, but equal, representation.

## Little support

"It is interesting to note that very little support was generated for the management committee system"

The Athlone and district management committee has been in existence since 1963 and elections have been characterised by very low polls. During the latest by-election, the poll was only 2,72 percent

The council sent the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, a copy of the findings of the survey on April 8 and asked for an interview. It is still waiting for a reply.

# Management committees out — poll

CAPE TOWN 22/4/87

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

THE controversial management committee system has been overwhelmingly rejected by residents in Athlone and surrounding areas in Cape Town.

In a survey conducted by the Cape Town City Council, only 2,5% — 10 out of 400 respondents — supported the transfer of greater powers to the management committees

And more than two-thirds favoured a non-racial municipal government based on a common voters roll.

The survey results, which have been forwarded to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, have confirmed the massive rejection of management committees in so-called coloured areas.

The creation of racially separate local government structures is a key element of current government policies but the continued rejection of this policy has led to charges that the government is ignoring the views of coloured people by pushing ahead with this policy.

The survey, which was conducted by the City Planners Department, found that "a significant majority (67%) of those interviewed favoured a non-racial municipal government based on a common voters roll.

"The next most favoured form of local government was one based on separate but equal representation, that is, for example, there would be an equal proportion of white to coloured councillors

"Of the total number of household heads interviewed, 11,3% favoured such a system.

"Seven percent chose the option of retaining the present system of a white city council, while only 2,5% favoured transferring greater powers to the management committees"

In a statement, the council said its policy had consistently been that "the only equitable and satisfactory form of local government for Cape Town is for full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed and for this reason it has opposed the management committee system".

The council's ad hoc constitutional committee recently considered the acceptability of management committees and felt that a scientifically-structured survey should be undertaken "to provide conclusive proof about the legitimacy of the system".

Despite the renewed confirmation of the rejection of management committees, the government recently announced plans to establish six new management committees in the Cape Town area.

(News by Barry Streek, 122 St Georges Street, Cape Town)

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# Now you can choose

## Local govt: City whites to be polled

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to ask white voters soon after the general election what form of local government they would prefer for Cape Town.

This follows the council's opinion poll in the Athlone area in which coloured householders expressed clear support for a common municipal voters' roll and overwhelmingly rejected the management committee system

Executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander confirmed today that the same type of poll would be held in white wards — "and I believe soon after May 6" — although it would have a "wider spread" than the Athlone test

### "Hypocrisy"

Mr Friedlander said "Apart from the question of the legality of holding it now, the feeling was that it was not appropriate to undertake a poll before the election on an issue which has a political connotation"

The council had been accused of hypocrisy by Reverend E J Manikkam, chairman of the Rylands Estate Management Committee and president of the Association of Management Committees

Challenging the council to test white opinion, he said "For 15 years we have been asking for direct representation and the principle to vote and be voted for

### "Tired"

"Why do they ask the coloureds and Indians and blacks all the time? The Government knows what we want and the provincial authorities and the council know what we want

"I am sick and tired of all this hypocrisy. We definitely want a common voters' roll but what I want to know is, do the whites want it?"

The powerful Cape Province Municipal Association has not yet stated anything — it has to be honest?"



# Crossroads given the status of a town council

Staff Reporter

CROSSROADS has been declared a local authority and leader of the "Witdoeke" Mr Johnson Nxobongwana probably will be its first mayor.

The decision to make Crossroads a local authority was taken by the Cape Executive Committee and, in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, the area now has all the rights and responsibilities of a town council.

The member in charge of local government, Mr Pieter Schoeman, said today a committee to administer the area would be selected at a residents' meeting and, if accepted by the executive committee, would become the town council.

The chairman would be elected by the committee and would become mayor of the area.

Mr Schoeman said the selection process was an interim measure pending free elections.

Mr Schoeman said elections would be held when advice from the security police and residents indicated the situation made it possible.

Mr Nxobongwana

Names of those selected by the residents had not yet been submitted to the executive committee for approval.

It is understood a residents' meeting selected Mr Nxobongwana as chairman, and leaders of squatter communities driven from Crossroads in battles last year — Mr Melford Yamile, Mr Christopher Toise and Mr Alfred Siphika — have also been nominated.

According to the provincial notices establishing the local authority, the area covers about 100ha.

There are about 90 000 residents and, so far, about 1 500 serviced plots have been provided.

**Election Monitor**

# PFP: Govt 'decision' on Lawaai-kamp

Cape Times 25/4/87 263

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

PRESIDENT P W Botha's refusal to give an assurance that Lawaai-kamp residents would not be moved was final confirmation that the government was indeed planning the forced removal of the community, according to the PFP MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck

Mr Botha strongly hinted in Stellenbosch this week that the black community in Lawaai-kamp — "the name already tells what sort of place it is" — would have to be moved for reasons of "health and humanity"

"If Mr Botha was truly concerned about the shocking and unhealthy conditions in Lawaai-kamp, he could during the many years he was MP for George have taken the necessary steps to upgrade the area and eliminate these conditions"

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THE government paid lip service to free enterprise yet applied the policies of socialism, the independent candidate in Umfolosi, Dr Johan Blignaut, said in Richards Bay

Dr Blignaut, who is a former National Party member but is not formally linked to the Worrall/Lategan/Malan Independent "ticket", said South Africa must be the most over-regulated country in the Western world

"Set the economy free and we will stand a chance of recovery"

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THE NP's election manifesto was full of "verbose nothingness", Mr Roger Burrows, PFP MP for Pine town, said at a campaign meeting

Hitting out at President P W Botha for his defence of the tricameral system, he said the NP was attempting to "promote its stunning unworkability"

The party was also trying to ensure that the concept of independent homelands continued, and was also promoting the enfeebled idea of black city states

"But," he said, "there is unanimity among leaders of colour that apartheid, no matter how it is decked out, is totally unacceptable as a political philosophy"

"You cannot sell political structures based on race"

## No opposition 'integrity'

THE PFP, NRP and Independent candidates had shown no integrity during the election campaign so far, the leader of the NP in the Transvaal, Mr F W de Klerk, said in Pretoria

The PFP was not fighting a campaign on the basis of its policies, but hid the gist of them behind a smokescreen of an alliance of moderates based on undefined generalities

"They even have the gall to say they stand for participation for all 'without one group dominating another' when the majority of its congress has already expressed itself in favour of removal of minority rights from (party) policy"

Referring to the Independent candidates, Mr De Klerk said their image was "just as bad"

They had started out saying they did not want to attack the National Party and they had aroused much sympathy among the public through "tremendous newspaper support"

He said that when they could not produce their announced "new vision" for South Africa, they had begun propounding key PFP policy standpoints although refusing to give the PFP credit for this

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THE NP candidate in Green Point, Mrs Esme Chait, has written a letter to friends in which she says that "however we might differ politically, it is distressing to hear from so many concerned Jewish men and women that a dreadful rumour is deliberately being spread among our people purporting that I have not only given up my Jewish religion but that I also do not support any Jewish charities or organization"

"Mr husband, Leslie, and I are very distressed that such a malicious and unfounded tale could be spread, especially that involves our children and families"

"I only pray that those who are responsible for this undignified attack will on reflection withdraw these ill considered allegations"

"Not only have we been members of The Temple Israel since soon after its inception, but we have also annually supported and donated money to, among others, 14 different Jewish organizations over a period of many, many years," Mrs Chait said

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Today's meetings  
Helderberg The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and NP MP for Helderberg Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, will at speak at the Hengelbootklub at 4 30 this afternoon  
(Report by Barry Streek, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

CAPE TOWN 27/11/78

# Botha slammed by GCA

Political Correspondent

PRESIDENT P W Botha was criticized at the weekend for his "offensive" and "humiliating" attack on the black community under threat of forced removal near George — his former constituency

The George Civic Association (GCA) — representing black and coloured families from Lawaai-kamp — criticized Mr Botha in a statement for his disparaging remarks about the community at a National Party meeting in Stellenbosch last week

Asked by a questioner at the meeting whether the residents of Lawaai-kamp would be forced to move to Sandkraal, Mr Botha said Lawaai-kamp's name "al-

ready tells you what sort of place it is". "State funding was used for housing to ensure better living conditions for the people to take them out of the sack hovels and tin shanties they are living in," he said.

The GCA invited Mr Botha to visit Sandkraal "to see for yourself the squalor of most of the houses of people who were forced to move from Lawaai-kamp. We wish you to be in Sandkraal when the winter rains come and the mud flows through the houses

"Sandkraal holds nothing better for us except greater expenses, the breakdown of our houses, being moved further from our work and the destruction of our community spirit"

(Report by Anthony Johnson, 122 St George's Street, Cape Town)

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# Crossroads committee

Staff Reporter

THE names of seven people elected to represent Crossroads following the recent declaration of the area as a local authority were announced at the weekend.

The seven, elected by a residents' meeting, are Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, Mr Alfred Pupu, Mr Alfred Geli, Mr Alec Dzungu, Mrs Princess Mbiza, Mrs Elizabeth Bhatyi and Mrs Alexandra Luke.

Mr Ngxobongwana has been elected leader of the committee.

Mr Pieter Schoeman, member in charge of local government on the Cape Executive Committee, said the committee had approved the names and they would be gazetted soon.

The declaration of the area as a local authority gives it the rights and responsibilities of a town council and makes it eligible for a seat on the

Regional Services Council.

In a statement issued yesterday, squatter leaders Mr Christopher Toise and Mr Alfred Siphika said they had not held discussions with anybody about the new town council, despite earlier press reports that they and Mr Melford Yamile were members of the new committee.

In the statement — issued on behalf of the residents of Nyanga Extension, Portland Cement, KTC, Site B and Site C — the squatter leaders said the town council system and the RSCs had been rejected throughout the country.

They said that what they had demanded "over and over again" was the return of the area destroyed in fighting in May and June last year.

Mr Ngxobongwana, "witdoek" leader, has reportedly said that the three squatter leaders are not welcome in Crossroads.

# Divco tax to go with RSC change-over

By PETER DENNEHY

DIVISIONAL councils will be disbanded when the Regional Services Councils (RSCs) come into operation, and Divco taxes will fall away, administrator Mr Gene Louw announced yesterday.

He said local-area taxes would continue, since local areas "are essentially nothing other than municipalities in the first stages of development".

Many areas within the jurisdiction of the Divisional Council, such as Constantia, have long been declared "local areas" and residents there correspondingly pay local-area taxes — quite separate from Divisional Council taxes — to cover various services.

Mr Louw reassured potential payers that a situation could not arise in which the Divisional Council taxes and RSC charges would be levied simultaneously in the same RSC region.

## July 1 change-over

All assets and liabilities of Divisional councils within an RSC jurisdictional area will be transferred to the RSC, and all Divisional Council staff will be transferred to the RSC and retain their existing service conditions, Mr Louw said.

All Divco functions would be entrusted to the RSC, he added.

The few "own-affairs" functions which Divco now handles would be dealt with by the RSC on an agency basis for an "own-affairs" department.

The change-over from Divco to RSC in Cape Town is now expected to occur on July 1, according to a recent speech by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

# Squatter 'not consulted'

Staff Reporter

THE leader of the Nyanga Bush squatters, Mr Melford Yamile, yesterday denied having been consulted in the formation of the New Crossroads representative committee or being elected a member.

He was reacting to reports which named him as being elected to the committee, which will serve as a town council, and eligible for an RSC seat.

Mr Yamile invited Mr Pieter Schoeman, the member in charge of local government on the Cape Executive Committee, to "discuss matters with us first before they just carry things out".

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# 'Independence' plea from city regions

REQUESTS by Hout Bay, Llandudno, Constantia and Tokai residents that their possible future status as municipalities be investigated have been passed on to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

This was disclosed at the monthly Cape Divisional Council meeting yesterday by Mr Louwtjie Rothman, the Divco chairman

The chairmen of the three ratepayers' or property owners' associations concerned said in a joint letter that in view of the imminent creation of a Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC), they wanted an inquiry into their options

They wanted "the optimum degree of independence", as well as representation on the RSC.

Three alternatives existed, they said

- Incorporation into existing municipalities.
- Joint promotion to full municipal status
- Conversion with all "local areas" and "rural areas" into a single body which would have status and independence equal to that of a municipality.

Divco approved the ratepayers' request to the administrator that an inquiry into the options be held

# 2 Divco men quit in anger over RSCs

By PETER DENNEHY

TWO Cape Divisional Councillors are to resign from the end of June because of dissatisfaction with the implementation of the Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC) on July 1.

Councillors Mr Len Pothier, for Hout Bay and Llandudno, and Mr Jasper Walsh, for Claremont, are to resign. Councillor Mr Jock Sturrock, for Constantia, said he too "must consider not remaining on the council".

Mr Pothier asked council chairman Mr Louwtjie Rothman whether wards would be represented on a racial basis when the RSC came into effect. Mr Rothman nodded, so Mr Pothier resigned, with regret, as he "will not be associated in any way with RSCs".

He called RSCs "a callous perpetuation of political and economic apartheid", with "as little chance of solving racial inequality at local government level" as the tricameral Parliament had of resolving broader issues.

Mr Walsh said that as one who had been opposed to the RSC, he too would wish to resign when they came into effect. Mr Rothman told him and Mr Pothier to put their resignations into writing.

Their resignations came during and after a debate initiated by a motion by Mr Neil Ross in which he expressed distress at the manner in which the council had been treated in the process of introducing RSCs.

He said he had been given no notice that his job was to end and that Divco was to be dissolved (from July 1 when the RSC is established).

"Having to read this in the press before being notified is being treated with a contempt I find unacceptable," he said.

After much debate, a motion was cobbled out of Mr Ross's motion and several amendments of varying tone, expressing the council's concern and distress at the cavalier manner in which it has been treated.

The motion, which was eventually passed unanimously, also called on Administrator Mr Gene Louw to clarify where funds for Divco's budget are to come from.

Mr Ross said dropping Divco taxes from the end of June would entail a loss of R27.5 million which would otherwise be spent on financing the body.

Councillors had been told on a "nod-nod-wink-wink basis" they might continue as a committee, he said.



# City ambulance service in crisis

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

**THE Cape Peninsula Ambulance Service is breaking down**

Almost a third of its vehicles break down regularly, patients are being kept waiting and emergency cases are sometimes re-routed to cope with the workload

An average of 26 vehicles were towed in every month this year while ambulancemen struggled under a workload conservatively estimated at an average 300 calls a day.

The pressure has become so great that the ambulance chief, Mr Basil Warner, has issued a routine order instructing his staff that if they cannot respond within 45 minutes they should phone callers back and advise them to "make their own arrangements"

At weekends calls increase markedly, sometimes forcing drivers transporting resuscitated patients to divert to pick up other patients, said one ambulance man, who declined to be named.

These details emerged after several Peninsula residents complained last week that seriously sick or injured people were forced to wait for up to five hours for ambulances on the eve of the May Day long weekend.

The figures come from Singh's Breakdown Services, the company contracted to the Cape Ambulance Rescue Service

Mr Warner, who has since increased the number of ambu-

lances on call, yesterday responded by saying "I think those tow-away figures are a bit exaggerated — I'd be perturbed to see that they were correct"

Mr Dawie de Villiers, the deputy city administrator, yesterday conceded that there was "a general shortage on ambulances" but said "they can get by — they have been stretching their service to cope with what they've got"

He cited "financial stringencies" as the main reason for the problem

## 'More resources'

Cape Town's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Reg Coogan, in spite of having no say in the running of the service, yesterday appealed for "more resources to be allotted, both in money and manpower"

In a lengthy interview, Mr Warner said he had 85 vehicles to cover a 2 000 square km area with 14 municipalities, stretching as far as Atlantis. Patients needing specialized care were also fetched from as far afield as Worcester, he said

The staff complement is normally 251, but there are 11 vacancies at present

He last wrote to his superiors "two to three years ago" about the vehicle shortage, but has received no additional ambulances since then

"It would certainly make life easier if we had more staff and vehicles — but we have to do the best we can," said Mr Warner, who is due for retirement in September

Asked about the resuscitation patients being re-routed he said "This is the way you must run the service unfortunately"

Seven vehicles were recently replaced and he was waiting for their radios to be installed "before they can roll, possibly even this week"

Mr Warner confirmed the routine order about calls which would take longer than 45 minutes to respond to

He said that at present 21 ambulances were working on a weekly day shift, 16 the weekly night shift and 21 the weekend night shift

"We have worked out that if we had 30 ambulances for both shifts we could cope amply," he said

Vehicles recently replaced had clocked up 300 000km. Several still in service had travelled 280 000km and had received up to three engine overhauls, Mr Warner confirmed

Ambulancemen spoken to claimed their training and medical on-vehicle equipment were "the best in the country"

"But when problems arise they just say look to us to solve them," one said

# Lawaaikamp needs less lawaai and more support

By MARTIN WEST  
and Members of the Development Action Group

**L**AWAAIKAMP, a small black squatter community in George, is under threat of removal. It has been the focus of attention from the State President — who recently made disparaging remarks about the community — local authorities, the police, community organizations, academics, professional planners, the press and the diplomatic corps. Why all the lawaai?

Firstly, there is interest in a proposed forced removal in President Botha's own backyard, against the background of his stated intention not to proceed with forced relocations. Lawaai-kamp falls in a coloured Group Area, and the major reason for relocation appears to be the mania of the authorities for keeping "population groups" separate at all costs.

Secondly, the Lawaai-kamp community has shown exceptional resolve in resisting its removal, and in enlisting wide support for its efforts. As a result, a December 31 deadline to vacate the area was suspended. But many feel that the suspension will last only until after the election, and P W Botha's refusal to guarantee recently that the community would not be forcibly removed is seen as ominous.

Thirdly, Lawaai-kamp presents an important example of an area that could easily be upgraded. It highlights certain fundamental misapprehensions regarding squatter areas, which have been identified by the Development Action Group, a Cape Town-based group of professional planners and architects as

- That the houses which people provide for themselves in "informal settlements" are worthless — whereas in fact they often represent considerable investments,

- That squatter settlements are necessarily unhealthy — whereas poor health conditions are often caused primarily by official failure to provide essential basic services,

- That people have to be relocated for upgrading to take place — whereas experience elsewhere suggests that the most successful upgrading schemes have been carried out without relocation, and

- That relocation areas are better than existing sites — which is by no means necessarily the case

**A**LL these misconceptions have been demonstrated by official views on Lawaai-kamp. A recent survey, conducted at the request of the George Civic Association by members of the Department of Social Anthropology at UCT, has provided evidence, based on a 50% sample, for what follows.

Lawaai-kamp consists of 230 wood-and-iron houses with a population of 1 750 people. It has been in existence for 40 years. It is a settled community — 11% of household heads were born there, and the rest have an average length of residence of 18 years. Over half the adults were either born in George, or moved to Lawaai-kamp from other areas in George. Many already have experience of forced relocation, and were informed by the municipality that Lawaai-kamp represented a permanent home. The community is united behind its representatives, and appears well ordered despite harassment.

Facilities are very poor — but this is the result of a long-standing official policy of neglect. Four taps serve the

community, there is no refuse removal, and bucket toilets are only emptied once a week. For this residents pay R19 per month.

This contrasts starkly with what residents of Lawaai-kamp have been able to do for themselves. While there are some very poor houses, many have invested time, money and effort in improving their homes. The average home has 4,8 rooms with a room size of 20 m<sup>2</sup>, while the average total house area of 97 m<sup>2</sup> is larger than some township plots. The UCT survey revealed some wooden and linoleum floors, ceilings, glazing, and fencing. There were garages, carports or sheds on 16% of the sites, as well as several verandahs. A quarter of the houses had gardens — some for fruit and vegetables — and a number also kept chickens.

The survey also revealed that 10% of homes had their own electricity generators, 22% had television sets, 10% had refrigerators and 11% had telephones. In addition 89% had their own toilets.

This is a far cry from the "sack hovel" referred to by President Botha, and represents considerable investment. An Urban Foundation study in Durban found that an average 36 m<sup>2</sup> squatter dwelling represented an investment of over R1 400 — and the Lawaai-kamp houses are nearly three times that size. Relocation of these houses is no simple matter, and would involve considerable losses.

**L**AWAAIKAMP residents want their area upgraded, and cited water, improved roads, better housing, electricity and improved sanitation as their major priorities. It is not necessary for people to be relocated for this to take place, as experience in other parts of the world shows.

The Development Action Group was invited by the George Civic Association to comment on the feasibility of upgrading the area. It has identified Lawaai-kamp as exhibiting the stability and cohesion which are essential prerequisites for successful upgrading. In the UCT survey 60% of residents indicated willingness and the ability to make some monthly saving towards the costs of upgrading.

The Lawaai-kamp site is highly suitable as a residential area in terms of location and terrain. Its proximity to existing trunk services would allow cheaper service installation and its closeness to work and shopping facilities are especially important for a low-income community.

The relocation site is an area known as Sandkraal, which is farther away, and is on a steeper site. Parts of it enjoy even fewer services than Lawaai-kamp. In planning terms it would be irrational to suggest that relocation to Sandkraal offers the best means of improving the quality of life of people in Lawaai-kamp. In the survey, 97% of those interviewed expressed the determination to remain in Lawaai-kamp. Clearly unforced relocation cannot take place.

If the authorities are serious about stopping forced relocation for ideological purposes, Lawaai-kamp would be a good place to start. We have found a stable and united community, willing and able to help themselves. They deserve less lawaai and official disparagement and more support in their efforts for a better life.

[Martin West is Professor of Social Anthropology at UCT]

# Ambulance probe by city council

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE city council will investigate the Cape Peninsula Ambulance Service following a Cape Times report yesterday that almost a third of all ambulances were breaking down regularly

It will also ask the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) to approve funds to "unfreeze" 11 staff vacancies which arose in the service since July last year

The civic investigation will be carried out by former town clerk and council ombudsman Mr Granger Heugh, who will submit his report "as soon as possible"

The Cape Times inquiry, prompted by public complaints that ambulances were taking several hours to respond to emergency calls, showed that an average of 26 ambulances in the 85-vehicle fleet broke down each month this year

It also showed that work pressure caused by an average of 300 calls a day sometimes resulted in ambulancemen responding to other calls while carrying resuscitated patients

The ambulance staff complement stands at 240 and the service covers an area of 2 000 sq km, stretching as far as Atlantis

Mr Louis Kreiner, chairman of the council's amenities and health committee, released a statement yesterday after consulting with Dr Alan MacMahon, head of the CPA's Emergency Medical Services

## Cape Times Investigation

Mr Kreiner confirmed the monthly ambulance breakdown figure, but denied callers were being told by ambulance station staffers to "make their own arrangements" when a call could not be responded to within 45 minutes

"What does happen is that when a non-emergency — and I stress *non-emergency* — call cannot be answered within 45 minutes, the instruction is to call back and explain the position

"In fact, 25 percent of all calls are answered within seven minutes, 50 percent within 14 minutes and 75 percent within 21 minutes"

Mr Kreiner described the breakdowns as "not excessive" He said this did not mean there was a shortage of ambulances on the road "at any one time"

The breakdown figure failed to take into account the "high number" of vehicles (85) and a total fleet distance of three million kilometres travelled per year

Many vehicles were back on the road "within hours" and were immediately replaced when out of action

In the past two years 20 ageing vehicles had been replaced and more replacements were envisaged, Mr Kreiner said

He said that two years ago the Automobile Association had found the rescue services in the Western Cape were of "world standard" and the city council was "justifiably proud" of the ambulance service

"A service that can handle 400 calls a day, with the efficiency displayed, is of a world standard," he

# No evidence of council corruption: Ombudsman

## Municipal Reporter

THERE were few allegations of corruption or bad faith against the Cape Town City Council and its officials last year and no evidence to justify them, municipal ombudsman Mr Granger Heugh has reported.

Mr Heugh also said there appeared to have been a "marked improvement" in the council's relationship with the public and the image of the municipal administration "seems to be a good one".

Mr Heugh, a former town clerk of Cape Town, processed 101 cases during the year, making a total of 262 cases since he took office in May 1985.

Most complaints — 20 — were directed at the building survey branch, followed by housing, 12, electricity, 11, and town planning, 10.

## Important

There were also 12 miscellaneous complaints.

"Many of these complaints might be considered trivial but, to the people who made them, they are invariably important and of concern," Mr Heugh said.

He therefore treated all cases with equal concern and attention and "endeavoured to promote conciliation and understanding".

Although the building survey branch was still the subject of most complaints, there had been far fewer than previously, Mr Heugh said.

## Improvement

The system of pre-scrutinising building plans and computerisation to assist tracing such plans once they had been lodged appeared to be "paying dividends".

Last year Mr Heugh criticised officials for delays in replying to correspondence and suggested a system of interim replies.

"There appears to have been an improvement in this direction but, owing to the human factor, cases still come to my notice where replies have not been sent and correspondents have become anxious and irritated through uncertainty," he reported this year.

He urged department and branch heads to pay "constant attention" to this.

Mr Heugh also reported that he kept a register of all complaints which was open for public scrutiny.

The council has recommended to the Municipal Services Commission that Mr Heugh's contract be extended for another year.

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# 'City may lose R5m a year to the RSC'

**Municipal Reporter**

CAPE Town City Council stood to lose more than R5-million a year when the Cape metropolitan regional services council was established, said Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander.

Speaking at the Cape Provincial Municipal Association congress in the city yesterday, Mr Friedlander, criticising the RSC concept and receiving support from delegates throughout the Cape, said it was no secret that the introduction of the RSC would be an "additional burden" on ratepayers.

Although previous Government investigations, among them the Browne inquiry, had been constituted to look for additional sources of revenue for local authorities, these would now lose, Mr Friedlander said.

He wanted to know how losses would be made good.

"Where are the new sources of income? What is the future of local government when RSCs are

instituted and we have to sustain these losses?" he asked.

Mr J G Young of Port Elizabeth said new sources of revenue had been found but these had been given to RSCs instead of to local authorities. He proposed that the State should pay 100 per cent of its rates and that it should pay "promptly" like any other business.

However, his Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, disagreed.

He said Port Elizabeth would lose R1-million in licence fees when the local RSC was constituted, but this would be made up. The RSC levies amounted to only R400 000 out of a R300-million budget, he said.

Cape Town's Mrs Eulahe Stott said no one who served on the RSCs would be directly accountable to ratepayers.

CPMA honorary life-president Dr T G Schlebusch of Queenstown said there was concern over the salaries of the RSC chairmen (ap-  
plause), over the demarcation of RSC areas, with practical problems of delegates travelling long

distances to attend meetings and over financial arrangements.

He agreed with Mrs Stott that RSC members would not be directly accountable.

"That the position of local authorities as we know them will deteriorate cannot be questioned and we ask 'Where will the additional funds come from?'" But Mr P J Schoeman, MEC for local government, said in a sharp reply that he was sorry to find "so much negativity and uncertainty" about RSCs.

He assured delegates that provision had been made for bridging finance and that the salaries of RSC chairmen were just reward for the work they would be doing.

"These salaries weren't sucked out of the air," he said.

He said taxing business turn-overs was an accepted way of broadening the tax base and delegates had to stop paying lip service to helping backward areas — providing it did not affect their pockets.

# Sash appeals to George over Lawaalkamp

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

BLACK SASH president Mrs Mary Burton yesterday appealed to the George Municipality to include Lawaalkamp in its latest R38-million recreational project instead of aiding in the forced removal of the embattled community.

In an open letter to the town clerk of the George Municipality, Mr Carel du Plessis, Mrs Burton said Lawaalkamp

was a settled community of about 2 000 people whose work over many years had "contributed to the development of this area, without enjoying the residential security and amenity accorded to other residents".

In a message distributed to residents of Lawaalkamp on May 6, President P W Botha had declared that "forced removals have been stopped".

"In spite of this on May 20 municipal workers with armed police protection, pulled down the shelter erected by

Mrs Ellen Vena, whose house was burned down two weeks ago, and demolished extensions to another house done by a resident two years ago.

"Together with Lawaalkamp residents we see these demolitions as a contradiction of the stated policy ..."

Mrs Burton called for a halt to all demolitions, evictions and threats of evictions at Lawaalkamp and for the urgent adoption and financing of residents' upgrading proposals for the Lawaalkamp settlement

The George Civic Association (GCA) said in a statement yesterday that they were "constantly receiving notices to demolish their houses and pensioners have been told to move to structures in Sandkraal little bigger than dog kennels".

The GCA said that the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr David Curry, and the Labour Party had failed to support residents' demands that they be allowed to remain in Lawaalkamp (which is part of a coloured group area)

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# City rates up

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By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S property rates are to increase by an effective 7,5 percent as the city's total expenditure exceeds R1-billion for the first time.

However, the actual increase in the 1987/88 municipal rate is a hefty 19 percent and only the imminent demise of the Divisional Council of the Cape has saved ratepayers from digging much deeper into their pockets.

The Divisional Council is to disband at the end of June to make way for a Cape Metropolitan Regional Services Council (RSC) and the Divisional Council rate has been dropped.

Previously all city property owners paid a municipal rate and a Divisional Council rate which the Cape Town City Council collected on an agency basis.

The new municipal rate on properties not qualifying for a rebate is 4,04c in the rand — 19 percent up from 3,39c in the rand last year.

## “Under a cloud”

In his budget speech at a special council meeting today Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the City Council's executive committee, said the 1987/88 budget had been prepared “under a cloud of uncertainty” because of the imminent introduction of the RSC.

This would cost the council nearly R5,2-million — equivalent to a four-percent rate increase — in terms of lost collection and business licence fees, and RSC levy liabilities.

“Had it not been for these factors the rate increase could have been restricted to 15 percent which, under present inflationary conditions, would have been quite a creditable achievement,” Mr Friedlander said.

He warned that if major sources of revenue such as trading licences were lost in future, the council should receive some form of compensation.

The city's total expenditure is made up of capital expenditure of R263-million and operating expenditure of R751-million.

Mr Friedlander said that the previous year had not been without problems — including the “disastrous” fire on Table Mountain and severe flooding in Heideveld.

Essential expenditure of R27,4-million on the water service account would be necessary because of faulty water mains, while a major water augmentation scheme had been budgeted for 1988/89.

It was not possible to accommodate these increases within Treasury-imposed limits on the budget and it would be necessary to submit motivations for ad hoc approval of these projects, Mr Friedlander said.

The adverse rand/Swiss franc exchange rate had made it necessary to budget R4,07-million for a potential loss on a foreign loan raised in 1984 to finance the abandoned Blue Downs housing project.

## Showed promise

However, negotiations were taking place with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Agriculture in the House of Representatives to take over the loan and this “showed promise” of being resolved.

Significant factors affecting the rate and general service account include

- A R2,5-million loss on business licence fees because of the RSC;
- A R1,4-million reduction in income from the loss of Divisional Council rates collection commission,
- A further R1,7-million for cleansing services for additional staff and increased vehicle maintenance,
- R640 000 for increased electricity, chemical and maintenance costs in the sewerage branch, and
- An extra R200 000 for proposed additional management committees.

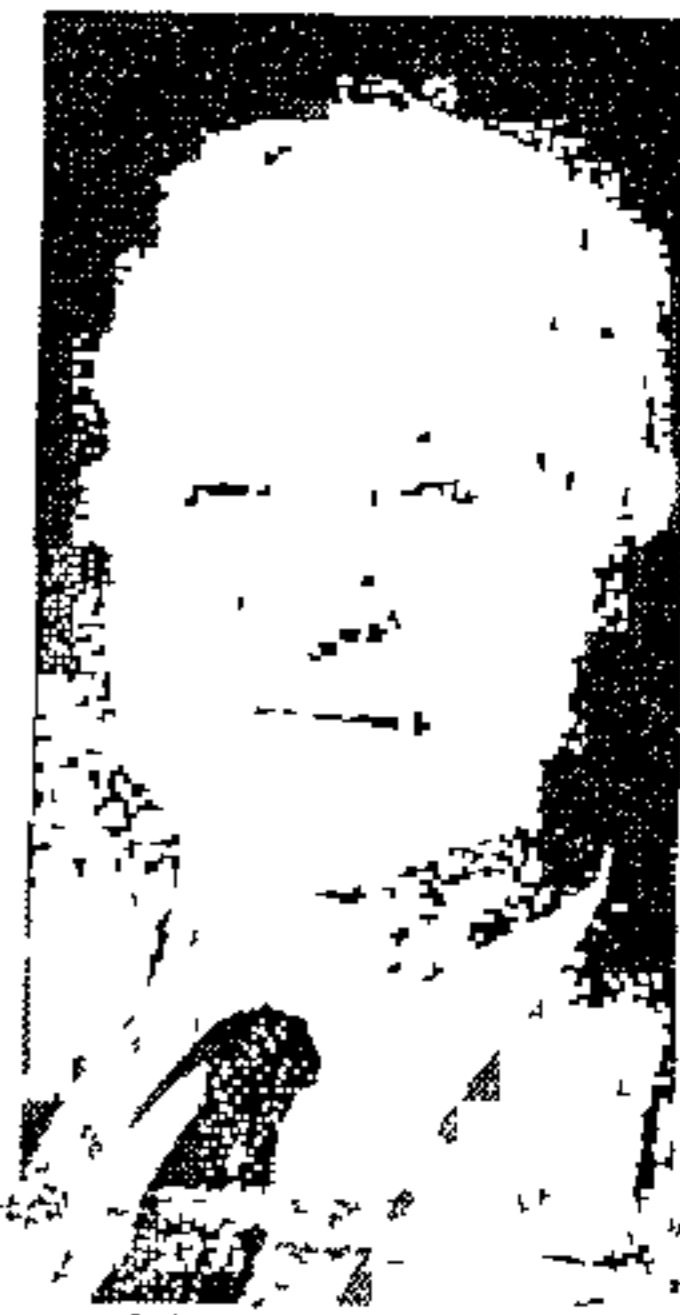
The council was not immune from the effects of inflation and the costs of operating the “large, complex and multi-service” organisation had risen dramatically during the past five years, Mr Friedlander said.

Most vacant staff posts were “frozen” last year and the number of employees on the payroll had dropped to the level of what they were three years before. This was “no mean achievement”, he said.

Drastic measures had been adopted to balance the current year's budget and to ensure that future budgets were prepared on a realistic basis.

● Mr Friedlander will explain the budget and will answer questions at a public meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Podium Block, Civic Centre on Tuesday at 9am.

● See Argus Food Campaign, page 3



Mr Dick Friedlander

# City spends a billion

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S first billion-rand municipal budget was received with mixed feelings yesterday, but most were relieved that it meant a rates increase of just under 8%.

Last year the increase was 17%, and the year before that 12%.

This year's relatively low rate increase, in a situation where the budget estimate has risen 14.7% from R884.3 million last year to R1 014.7 million, is due to Divisional Council rates falling away.

A proportion of the total property rate that rate-payers within Cape Town municipality pay has, till now, gone to the Divisional Council.

This body will be abolished from July 1 and the lost revenue will be replaced by Regional Services Council levies on businesses.

Mr Peter Hugo, president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, complimented the council for containing the municipal increase to an effective 7.56%.

"It's good news for those ratepayers who don't pay RSC levies. For the businessman, however, the position is not so rosy. Businesses pay the full rate, unlike private residents who enjoy a 26% rebate, and we will have to bear the brunt of the RSC levies."

Mr Willie Simmers, a member of the secretariat of the Cape Housing Action Committee (Cahac), an

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## Relief as rates go up by only 7,56%

umbrella body of civic associations, said even an under-8% effective increase in rates was "grievous" in a situation of such unemployment and suffering.

He hoped the government would provide funds to avert a further rent increase later in the year for tenants in the council's housing estates.

Mr R M Friedlander, the chairman of exco, said this year's budget was a "bread and butter" one which met no more than basic commitments.

It "seemed probable" the State would provide further assistance for upgrading, and the council had provided R2.8 million in supplementary funds.

Loans may have to be raised later in the year for the Water Undertaking, although R8.8 million had been provided for the Heideveld pipeline. An 8%

water tariff increase from July 1 has already been announced.

Electricity tariffs will rise by less than 10% near the end of winter.

The budget was soundly condemned by Councillor Clive Keegan, chairman of town planning, for its "lack of vision".

The present budget highlighted the failure of the City Council to "recognize the depth of crisis in which we find ourselves", he said.

"Where in the budget do we find a reflection of our perception of urban crime as a problem that affects us? Or a revitalization of the central business district?"

Mr Friedlander said Cape Town was a poor city and most people were concerned with basics such as cleansing and electricity. Dealing with "nuts and bolts" did not indicate lack of planning.

Councillors Chris Joubert and Dr John Sonnenberg crossed swords in debate when Mr Joubert said a co-optive strategy in local government could be transformed into popular legitimacy "through patronage and the provision of community facilities".

Dr Sonnenberg said co-optation was often a euphemism for "political patronage, paternalism, jobs for pals and the gravy train".

Real progress lay in negotiating with "recalcitrant civic associations, diehards and the UIDF, which controls virtually every area of this city which is not white", Dr Sonnenberg said.

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# Council to resist govt on RSCs?

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CAPE TOWN City Council, or at least a large proportion of its membership, is planning to give government a last show of resistance this week over the introduction of a regional services council (RSC) in the Western Cape.

At its monthly meeting today the council is to make a final decision as to whether it is going to nominate representatives to sit on the RSC or boycott this third tier of government.

Councillors will be debating a motion calling for the latter step on the grounds that it is of the view that the racially composed nature of the RSCs will be a potential recipe for frustration and racial conflict, leading to increased polarization, particularly in Cape Town, considers that there are many undemocratic features inherent in the proposed RSCs, and believes that the proposed RSCs are ill-conceived from an economic, financial and administrative viewpoint.

Indications are that while considerable criticism will again be flung at the RSCs, and particularly at the nature and structure of the two levies they will impose, the councillors will acquiesce and agree to provide nominations.

They have little option. The RSC is a fait accompli and it is scheduled to

come into being on July 1.

If local authorities do not voluntarily provide representation, there is no doubt the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, will exercise his powers to co-opt people on to the RSC.

This does not mean that government is going to have it all its own way from now on in setting out the detailed terms of reference, functions and responsibility of the Western Cape RSC.

Councillors are far from happy with a notification received from the Director of Local Government outlining what regional functions are to be entrusted to the RSC right from the outset.

These include sewage purification works and main sewage disposal pipelines, bulk supply of water, land usage and transport planning, tourism promotion, refuse dumps and civil defence.

The council has reaffirmed its view that the authorities would be ill-advised to be precipitate in handing over regional functions to the RSC, and has proposed instead that the above list should be carefully revised.

It has stressed that the hand-over should realistically be done in phases, with the accent in the first phase being on planning.

# City to ask local areas to join

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

ELEVEN "local areas" which now fall under the soon-to-be-abolished Divisional Council (Divco) are to be asked whether they are willing to be incorporated into the City Council municipality

The 11 local areas are Ottery East, Wetton, Zeekoevlei, Grassy Park and Lotus River, Pelikan Park, Philippi and parts of it not in the present local area, Mandalay, Colorado, Constantia and Tokai, Hout Bay and Llandudno, and Hout Bay Harbour

The fact that the city council wanted the incorporation and would negotiate with Divco and Administrator Mr Gene Louw for

them was revealed in a letter from the city which appeared as an annexure to the Divco agenda at yesterday's monthly meeting

All the areas which the city wants incorporated into it abut the municipal boundary of Cape Town, town clerk Dr Stan Evans said in the letter. Other rural areas or mountain areas adjacent to the 11 areas could also be considered, he said

Most, if not all, of the areas mentioned were not viable and if attempts were made to convert some of them into separate local authorities, the costs would outweigh the benefits

Council would be prepared to take on to its staff the Divco staff who rendered services to the

local areas in question. The offer did not include incorporation of the council housing estates, but these could be run on an agency basis for the respective Houses of Parliament they fell under

Special agreements could be made to preserve the semi-rural character of Hout Bay and Constantia. In general, incorporation would be financially advantageous to those drawn in, due to economies of scale

If only the poorer areas were to be incorporated, the city would reconsider, Dr Evans said

Divco decided yesterday to refer the matter to representatives of the areas concerned, and then discuss their responses with the administrator.

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# Divco has R28m budget shortfall

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Cape Divisional Council approved its last budget yesterday in spite of an income shortfall of R28 530 406 to be funded "from sources still to be ascertained"

If the shortfall were to be covered by local area rates, they would need to be increased by 106,3%, but "an increase of this magnitude cannot be passed on to ratepayers", the chairman of the finance committee, Mr M.J. Aggenbach, said

Instead, local area rates will increase by varying amounts. In the less affluent of the 26 local areas, the increase would not be more than 15%

The reason for the huge deficit is that Divisional Council rates, which consist of general and health rates — and to which city council ratepayers contributed — fall away with the establishment of a regional services council. Local area rates are retained.

Estimated expenditure in local areas will increase by more than R23 million to R47,6 million because of growth in housing and community facilities and inflation.

Bad news for tenants is that rentals in the council's housing estates will be raised from July by between R6 and R23 a month. Old houses with relatively low rentals will have larger in-

creases

Anticipated Divco expenditure for the coming year is R174 236 249 on revenue account, with the capital estimates R85 159 085, for a total of over R259 million. Nearly half the capital estimate, R40 308 805, is earmarked for housing

Mr Neil Ross, who unsuccessfully opposed the passing of the budget, said the costs of the RSC for people in Divisional Council areas would be "enormous"

Local area rates in Constantia were 25% lower than Grassy Park, he said. This "gave the lie" to the claim that RSCs would benefit those who don't have a "fair share of the cake"

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# Council votes to serve on the RSC

By PETER DENNEHY

THE Cape Town City Council yesterday voted in favour of serving on the controversial regional services council

Dr John Sonnenberg moved an amendment not to send delegates to the RSC, but the council defeated it by 22 votes to 10

"It's a mockery, a trickery," he said "We can criticize it just as well from outside. Falling into the trap of forming a cosy club with the witdoeke and the management committees will get us nowhere"

Mr Kosie van Zyl said Dr Sonnenberg's amendment amounted to proposing a "boycott of the RSC" Cape Town could not af-

ford to shut itself out of the decision-making process, and rate-payers would not like it, he said

Mr Peter Parkin, who voted against participation, said the decision on "racially flawed" RSCs should be made "on principle, not on expedience"

Mr Clive Keegan said participation, albeit distasteful, would "keep alive in some small way the voice of principle, justice, and age-old wisdom"

"We must expose it for what it is, and constantly challenge what is going on there," he said

Mr Jan van Eck faced some tough heckling from Mrs Joan Kantey and Mrs Bronnie Har-

ding, who said the council was also a "racist body"

Mr Van Eck said the council at least had the support of its white constituents, whereas the equivalent was not true of management committees. "Who serves on these bodies? Political stooges," he said "In supporting this, we are supporting a body of people totally unrepresentative of their communities"

Mrs Eulalie Stott said she would support a boycott if she believed it would work, but it would not achieve anything, and participation was "worth a try"

It has not yet been decided how many representatives council will have on the RSC, though it is probably between three and five

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# Ex-mayor: Run it like a business

By PETER DENNEHY  
CITY COUNCILS should be run as businesses so that the monthly meeting system was scrapped in favour of quarterly meetings as held by boards of directors, a councillor argued yesterday

Mr David Bloomberg, a former mayor and a councillor of nearly 20 years service, was addressing the 29th conference of the Institute of Town Clerks, a body which his father founded

Many councillors wanted to participate fully in almost every decision, and this prevented council from being run on business principles, Mr Bloomberg said

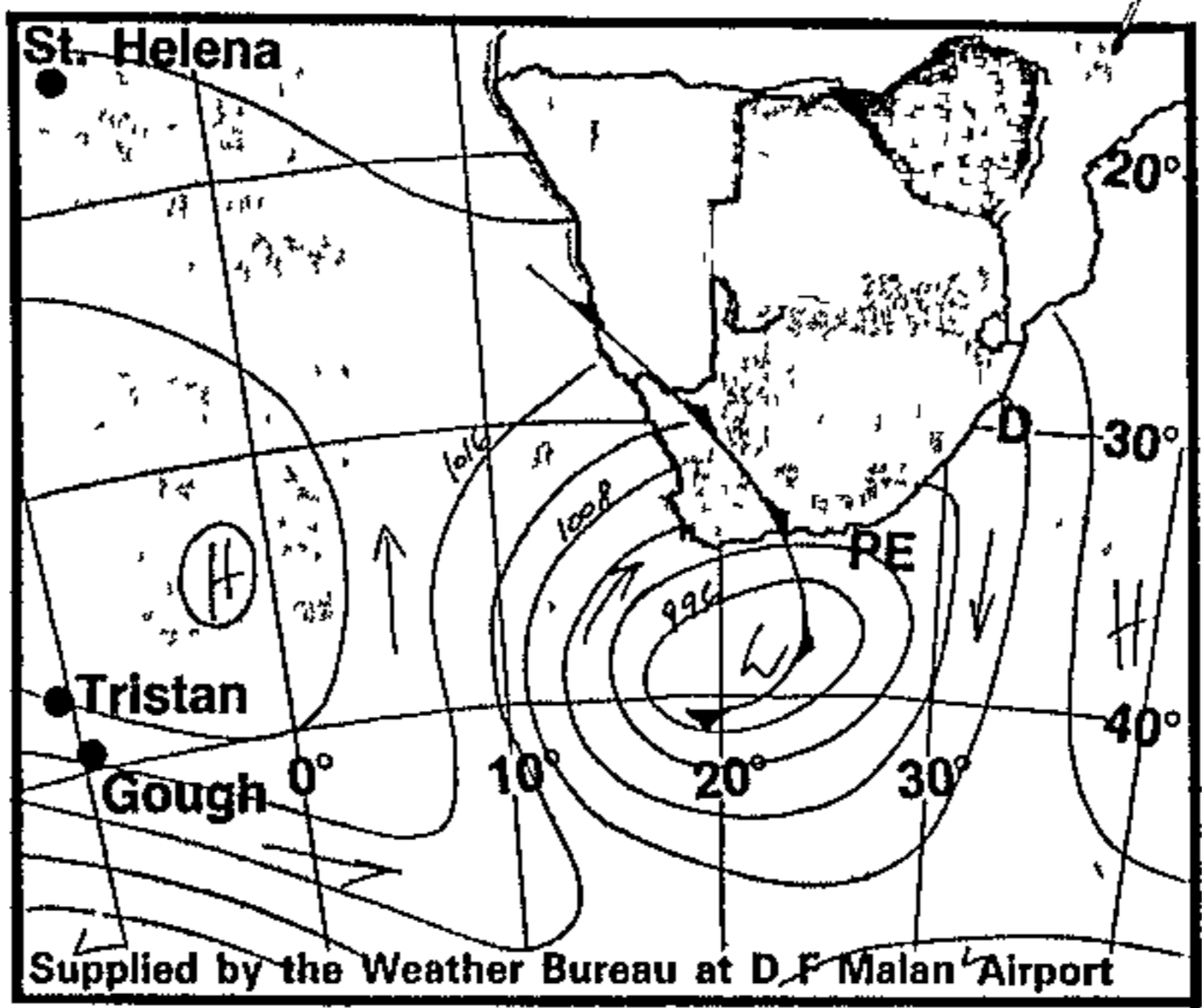
Cape Town City Council and its standing committees had 220 meetings in a year, of an average duration of three hours. Agendas, minutes and annexures ran to 25 786 pages, or the equivalent of 75 average length novels

"Involvement of councillors in the process of running a modern municipality has got out of hand. There is no need for them to deal with the height of walls, position of toilets, or whether chickens should be allowed in a backyard"

Council should only make policy, he said, and leave administrative decisions to officials. The town clerk should act as managing director of a city

A speaker from the floor said the function of effective policy-making should not be oversimplified, as it was through this that a municipality was grafted into a cohesive community

"The technical things are the simple ones", the speaker said.



## Cold with showers

**CAPE PENINSULA and vicinity and Western Cape Coastal Belt:** Partly cloudy and cold with showers, clearing over the Peninsula and Boland. Wind fresh to strong south-westerly, to moderate southerly. The minimum and maximum temperature will be between 10°C and 18°C

**Coastal belt Cape Infanta to Plettenberg Bay:** Cloudy and cold with showers

**Coastal belt Plettenberg Bay to Port Alfred:** Cloudy and cold, clearing from the west overnight

**Namaqualand and the South Western Cape interior:** Cloudy and cold with light showers overnight, and snow on the southern Cape mountains

**Pretoria, Witwatersrand and the Eastern Highveld:** Sunny and mild, with fog patches overnight over the eastern Highveld

**Transvaal:** Fine and mild becoming hot north of the Soutpansberg, and over the Lowveld

**Free State:** Fine and cold, but partly cloudy over the southern parts

**Natal:** Fine and mild, but warm along the northern coastal regions

**Namibia:** Partly cloudy and cold, but fine later in the day

**Botswana:** Fine and warm, but hot over the northern parts

**YESTERDAY'S READINGS**

	noon	8pm
Barometer	1005,3	1006,2
Humidity	71,0	81,0
Temperature	13,1	13,3
	max 17,0	min 11,0
(At D.F. Malan 24 hours to 8pm)		
Hours of sunshine	1,6	

Wind (D.F. Malan) 8 pm W/NW 20 knots

**TIDES (TABLE BAY) TODAY**  
High 0949 2218  
Low 0348 1550  
Sun sets 1744 rises 0745  
Moon rises 1339 sets 0043

**TIDES (TABLE BAY) TOMORROW**  
High 1059 2315  
Low 0455 1656  
Sun sets 1743 rises 0745  
Moon rises 1404 sets 0142

**PHASES OF THE MOON**  
Full Moon, Jun 11  
Last Quarter, Jun 18  
New Moon, Jun 26  
First Quarter, Jul 4

**POOL, SEA TEMPERATURES**  
Mulzenberg Pool Closed, Sea 15  
Sea Point Pool 15, Sea 13  
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**WEATHER ELSEWHERE**

	min	max	
Athens	15	29	clear
Brussels	08	17	cloudy
Buenos A	14	16	cloudy
Geneva	11	21	rain
Hong Kong	25	27	rain
Jerusalem	05	14	clear
Lisbon	18	24	cloudy
London	12	19	rain
Los Angeles	18	28	cloudy
Madrid	15	31	clear
Miami	26	29	cloudy
Moscow	11	18	cloudy
New York	15	19	cloudy
Paris	12	21	rain
Perth	13	19	clear
Rio	14	26	cloudy
Rome	10	25	clear
Taipei	24	33	cloudy
Tel Aviv	09	19	clear
Tokyo	22	29	clear
Toronto	18	18	cloudy

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6 00- 8.00 Good Morning South Africa  
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# Chamber of Industries seminar

THE Midland Chamber of Industries will hold a seminar on "Changing attitudes in a changing South Africa" on Wednesday, June 19

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr Zac de Beer, chairman of Southern Life

Speakers will include

- Prof Marinus Wiechers, who will evaluate the tricarneral parliamentary system.

- Tim Hart, head of the National Institute for Personnel Research's environmental studies division, who will discuss informal housing

- Brian Smith, manpower resources manager at Volkswagen, who will examine the role of shop stewards

- A trade union representative

- Bill Staude, Cape Regional Director of Education and Training, who will review the current state of black education in the Eastern Cape

- Reservations Mandy Gertenbach, ☎ 041-544430

# Industrial brochure published

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**BY DENISE BOUTALL**  
VERY few of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage's major industrialists contributed to the cost of producing the R80 000 industrial brochure aimed at promoting investment in the region

The brochure was published last week — two years after it was first mooted

About R55 000 of the money was contributed by the City Council and R10 000 by the Uitenhage Town Council, but very few of the major industrial undertakings have been listed as contributors

Asked about this, Midland Chamber of Industries (MCI) director Mr Brian Matthew said the

MCI had felt from the outset that the brochure was the responsibility of the City Council, who should produce and pay for it

He added that MCI had also opposed the project because it felt that a brochure should form part of an overall marketing strategy for the area

"We felt that there should be clarity about the function of the brochure in such an overall strategy"

At the time it was argued that there was an urgent need for the brochure and that the production could not await the development of a full promotional and marketing programme, he said

The city's development officer, Mr André Crouse, conceded that there was no overall marketing plan, but had felt that priority should be given to the development of the existing businesses and industries

It was also necessary to develop a product worth selling before embarking on a costly marketing campaign

Mr Crouse said the major problem was that Port

Elizabeth could not compete for new investment with the incentives offered in areas like Ciskei and Kwazulu

"No matter how good your marketing campaign, if you don't have the incentives you simply can't compete"

In spite of the lack of an overall campaign he advertised regularly in various specialised magazines, mainly to coincide with specific campaigns or projects and participated in shows and exhibitions

He pointed out that advertising campaigns were enormously expensive

"Three years ago I was told that a comprehensive campaign would cost R250 000."

He had chosen to concentrate on strengthening existing businesses in Port Elizabeth by removing red tape and assisting businessmen who needed access to financial and management expertise

"I felt that it was important to develop all the latent entrepreneurial talent we have in the city"

Mr Crouse said he believed there was no better advertisement for the city than a person who had made a success in Port Elizabeth

With the groundswell of disinvestment over the last two years he had also concentrated on attracting small businessmen who were looking for opportunities to the city

The city's industrial areas also had to be upgraded and improved

Mr Crouse said in the 1986-87 financial year he had had a budget of R156 000 for industrial promotion

Of this R46 000 was spent on the brochure and R10 000 on general promotional activities, such as advertising and participation in shows and exhibitions

The balance had been earmarked for the promotion of the city with regard to the Mossel Bay oil-from-gas project

To date this had cost R60 000

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# Council, workers to meet on pay demands

By DICK USHER  
Labour Reporter

TALKS to try to resolve the impasse between the City Council and staff unions over pay increases and the introduction of a job evaluation scheme will be held this week.

"We are doing our utmost to reach a conclusion that will be satisfactory to all parties," said Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the council's executive committee

The council's 16 000 employees are frustrated by delays during which executive committee proposals have been referred back several times in the past two months

Following a meeting of the 11 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) last month at which strong dissatisfaction was voiced, the 4 500-member branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) is meeting next week to challenge the council's proposals

The council's offer is a one-notch across-the-board increase equal to about 4,5 percent, backdated to January 1

## Demands

CTMWA members have demanded a R50 a week minimum increase. Saame proposed an 18 percent increase in two stages, on January 1 and July 1

Both groups have rejected any attempt to link pay increases with the job evaluation scheme, saying that the scheme should be implemented first

This would benefit employees whose salaries would be adjusted to market related rates and then increases should be negotiated, according to the unions

Sources claimed that council resistance was due to financial problems while the implementation of the job evaluation scheme, still not resolved, had spread over five years partly because of inter-departmental politicking

Mr Friedlander said he could not comment further as it could prejudice negotiations between the council and staff

"Obviously, if pay demands are excessive any organisation would have trouble meeting them," he said

"But within our budgetary provisions we hope we can reach a reasonable and satisfactory conclusion"

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# Uncertainty over future of 'voteless' Divco areas

By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter

WITH the dissolution of the Divisional Council of the Cape three weeks away, it is still not clear who will represent disenfranchised areas like Hout Bay and Constantia or what form any new authority will take.

Community leaders in these areas hold conflicting opinions on their best options and the issue has been further complicated by overtures from the City Council for their possible incorporation into the Cape Town municipal area.

Administrator Mr Gene Louw had been expected to use this week's annual meeting of the Association of Divisional Councils to clarify the situation

## Autonomous

But yesterday he emphasised that local areas, such as Hout Bay, were "in effect nothing other than evolving municipalities" and that they would either have to be incorporated into the nearest local authority or become autonomous authorities with the power to raise taxes

However, he left the constitutional future of specific areas in the air and provided no clarity on who would sit on their behalf on the Cape Metropolitan Regional Service Council (RSC), due to start on July 1

Hout Bay and Llandudno's representative is certain to be someone appointed by Mr Louw following the resignation of Mr Len Pothier from the Divisional Council and his refusal to serve on the RSC.

## Dissolved

Mr Pothier said the people of Hout Bay and Llandudno were "voteless and voiceless as matters now stand" and that the introduction of the RSC was a "total shambles"

"Members who sit around the polished table of the RSC will all be appointees and will not be answerable to ratepayers or to the business community who pay the levies," he charged.

He said the Divisional Council had "way back" asked Mr

Louw to consider allowing Hout Bay and Llandudno to join Constantia and Tokai to form a new municipality or to create a separate "loose" association of all the "lost waifs" from the dissolved council

Mr Pothier said he would personally like to see an independent municipality of Hout Bay and Llandudno, provided this was viable

Mr Peter Cooke, chairman of the ratepayers association, said the association had written to the Divisional Council requesting independent municipal status for Hout Bay, Llandudno, Constantia and Tokai

"We feel the four of us are capable and able to handle our own affairs and have motivated our case," he said

However, the association had subsequently become aware of the recent overtures from the City Council and would also consider this option

## Court orders Hillbrow election check

PRETORIA — The Supreme Court here has ordered a re-checking of the May 6 election results in the Hillbrow constituency

This follows an urgent application by Mr Alf Widman, Progressive Federal Party candidate

Mr Widman had held the seat since 1977 and lost it by only 89 votes to Mr Leon de Beer of the National Party

In his application Mr Widman accused the National Party and officials of electoral fraud

Mr de Beer did not oppose the urgent application, but in an answering affidavit rejected the insinuation that the NP or himself were involved in fraudulent or dishonest actions

In his application Mr Widman said that in the count there apparently were 450 more ballot papers than the number of counterfoils issued — Sapa



COURTING at tennis . . . John Lloyd and his new love, Deborah Taylor-Bellman, above, stay close as the rain falls on London's Queen's Club. Lloyd, 32, has returned from sunny California with Deborah, who has been his constant companion since his divorce from Chris Evert two months ago.

The former British No 1 gave up the professional tour last year but plans to play mixed doubles at this year's Wimbledon.

His ex-wife will be there too, with the new man in her life Andy Mill, a 34-year-old former American skiing international from Colorado has followed her around the world this year.

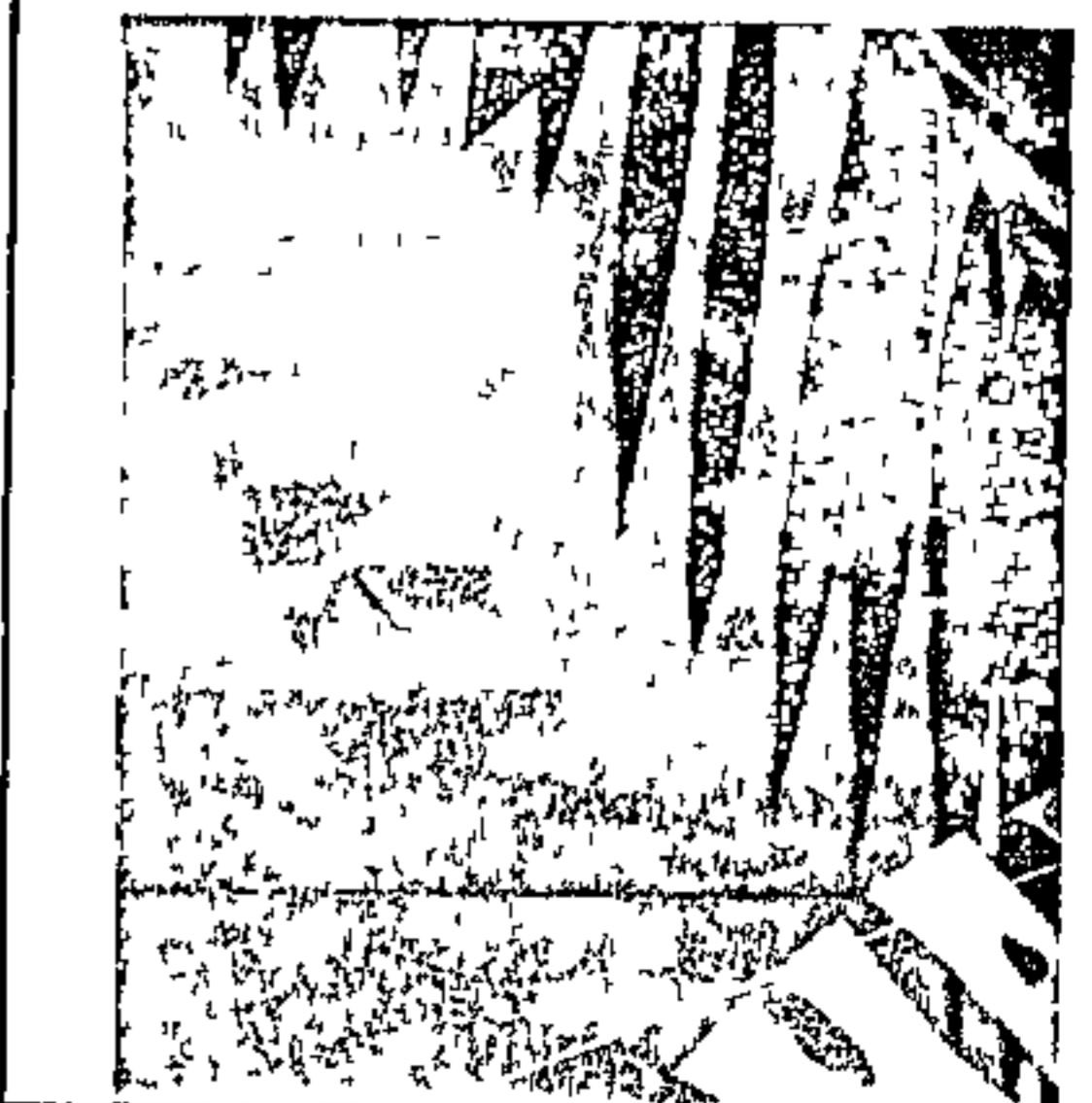
As for John, he says: "Chris and I will always be friends. Nothing will change that."



ACTRESS Brooke Shields, 21, the most famous college student in America, graduated from Princeton University yesterday, ending her college days the way she started them — pursued by reporters.

Reporters and photographers from around the world were there to record the event

She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree with honours in romance languages Her major was in French literature and film.





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## Council's 10% offer accepted

WHITE city council workers at a staff association meeting yesterday agreed overwhelmingly to accept the council's recent offer of a 10% across-the-board salary increase from July 1.

The meeting took place in the Podium Hall of the Civic Centre.

Mr Peter Rist, president of the 4 400-member Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), told an audience of about 900 at lunchtime that the city council also proposed unilateral-

ly to implement a new job-evaluation schedule, backdated to January this year.

At least 40% of members would get increases, with back pay, when the scheme was effected.

Job evaluation would cost the council only R5 million, but the salary negotiations had gained concessions which would cost the council R30 million, Mr Rist said.

Mr Rist's proposal to accept the 10% offer was approved overwhelmingly.

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# 'Most households want management committees

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## Municipal Reporter

THE management committee system is a "viable and legitimate" channel for the political aspirations of coloured and Indian people and is non-negotiable, the Government has told Cape Town City Council.

The council recently drew the Administrator's attention to the results of a survey of 400 families in the Athlone area

The survey found that most of these households wanted a non-racial municipality and a common voters' role, while less than three percent supported the transfer of power to the management committees

The Administrator has refused to meet a council delegation to discuss the issue and has suggested that the council approach the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

## Opposition

Mr P J Schoeman, MEC for local government, said in a letter to Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans he was "fully aware" of the council's opposition to the management committees.

"The promotion of the management committee system as a viable and legitimate channel for the political aspirations of the population groups concerned on local government level is an integral aspect of government policy and as such is not negotiable," he said

This had been pointed out to the council, "on numerous occasions"

## "No purpose"

The provincial authorities had been functioning as part of the executive arm of the Government since the abolition of the Provincial Council last year and formulating policy — such as the management committee system — was not part of its brief, Mr Schoeman added

A meeting with the Administrator would therefore serve no purpose and could "unfortunately" not be arranged

However, the council was welcome to make representations to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Schoeman said.

The council's Executive Committee decided yesterday to send the survey results to Mr Heunis and to ask him to meet a delegation to discuss the issue

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## Union No to council pay offer

### Labour Reporter

A CITY Council pay offer of a 10 percent rise has been rejected by the 11 000-member Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA)

The offer has been accepted by the local branch of the all-white South African Association of Municipal Employees, which represents about 6 000 municipal workers

A CTMWA spokesman said members rejected the council's offer as a totally unacceptable response to their demand for a R50 a week across-the-board increase

"Members are dissatisfied and restless and demand that the council reconsider its position immediately," he said

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"We will be meeting the employers on Monday for further discussions"

He said the CTMWA had told the council to go ahead and implement its job evaluation scheme

"We are more concerned about immediate relief for our members through a decent pay increase

"There is a provision in the job evaluation scheme for unhappy groups to contest the evaluation's findings and we will deal with those as they occur," he said

# Multiracialism for East Cape

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**QUEENSTOWN — Local government in many parts of the Eastern Cape could soon become multi-racial, based on the principle of "local option".**

Dispatch Reporter

This is the view of the regional co-ordinator of the East Cape Strategic Development Team and chairman of the Regional Development Advisory Committee, Professor C W R Wait

The solutions arrived at, however, would be "fundamental to peace"

He told a meeting in the town hall here that the go-ahead had been given from Pretoria to look into what kind of municipal structures would suit people in the area best

"If I talk about alternative forms of local government, clearly multi-racialism is one of the considerations I have in mind"

Prof Wait, who is professor of economics at the University of Port

Elizabeth, said "Many problems in the Eastern Cape cannot be solved unless they are tackled at the local government level, and we have been given ministerial go-ahead to look into this matter in this area"

"What we will come up with, I don't know. But local people must sort out what kind of local government will suit them best. These political solutions will be fundamental to peace"

"We must not necessarily have uniform forms of local government throughout the country. What suits, for instance, Port Elizabeth might not suit Queenstown"

Prof Wait — who said the organisations in which he was involved were now working on a study of these differences — added that reaction he had received from central government had not ruled out the "local option" factor

He said, "If we can come up with a workable local model, we can

trust not to get a negative reaction". In reply to a question, he said he could not give an overall indication of government thinking

At the meeting, the purpose of which was to tell community leaders in Queenstown and district of the work carried out by Prof Wait and the bodies he heads up, it was also revealed that

● The Development Bank had been appointed as consultants to look into the development problems of Stutterheim, Cathcart and Komga.

● Friction between border area farmers and neighbouring black areas (particularly over stock theft) might be solved by setting up buffer areas for black farmers — though this might involve some change in government policy, and,

● In Prof Wait's opinion, the government's decentralisation policy had not achieved what had been hoped in attracting jobs — and this was why it was now being re-evaluated

# Reactions to local option proposal

Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — There has been varied civic reaction to the suggestion for a multi-racial local authorities in the Eastern Cape.

The suggestion by the co-ordinator of the East Cape Strategic Development Task Force, Professor Charles Wait, said local government in many parts of the Eastern Cape could soon become multiracial, based on the principle of "local option".

He said the solutions arrived at would be fundamental to peace and that the go-ahead had been given by Pretoria to look into what kind of municipal structures would suit the people best.

Prof Wait was quoted as saying "If I talk of alternative forms of local government, clearly multi-racialism is one of the considerations I have in mind."

He said many of the problems in the Eastern Cape could not be solved unless they were tackled at a local level as the situations differed from area to area.

He said there need not necessarily be uniform structures of local government throughout the area and his task force had been given government permission to look into the matter.

The mayor of East London, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said she did not quite know what Prof Wait was getting at and she would like to see the full text of his speech to make an in-depth comment.

"Nevertheless, we know what the government policy is on local authorities being own affairs. Multi-racialism at local authority level will come with the introduction of regional ser-

vices councils, so I cannot really understand Prof Wait's direction," she said.

Questioned on how long the region would have to wait for RSCs, Mrs Kemp said she had had discussions with the MEC for local government, Mr Pieter Schoeman, in Cape Town.

"According to Mr Schoeman, he did not see any problem and we are in fact inviting him to East London on August 4 for him to tell us all about the RSCs."

"I do not see any problem in RSCs being implemented in our area as all the local authorities here have accepted the boundaries of the Divisional Council of Kaffraria."

"I have been told by Mr Schoeman that the Demarcation Board would merely have to accept it, which was a mere formality, and it would then be advertised for objections."

The town clerk of King William's Town, Mr Henry Hutten, said it was difficult to comment on the matter without seeing the full text of Prof Wait's speech.

"However, I must state that approximately four to five years ago at an annual conference of the Cape Province Municipal Association, it was agreed by an overwhelming majority that coloured and Indian management committees should be abolished in the Cape Province and that subject to qualified franchise, whites, Indians and coloureds should be placed on a common voters' roll."

"This proposal was not acceptable to the United Municipal Executive and it was rejected. At that stage no consideration was given by the CPMA to blacks

being given municipal franchise on the proposed common voters' roll.

"From the press report it would appear to me that Prof Wait's statement may lead to the revival and possible expansion of the recommendation to the CPMA."

"Quite obviously the suggestion will have to be carefully investigated as it is totally contrary to the provisions of the Local Government Bodies Franchise Act of 1984, which although promulgated, the date on which it became operative has not yet been determined."

The mayor of Queenstown, Mr Gerrie Coetzer, said he agreed 100 per cent with Prof Wait's suggestion.

"I am sick and tired of writing letters to people. I want to sit down and talk to them face to face across a desk. I just want to work something out," Mr Coetzer said.

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# Kensington wants to go it alone

Staff Reporter

**KENSINGTON** Management Committee has demanded full control over its area — part of the Cape Town municipality — because it is “sick and tired of whites taking decisions for Kensington”.

The decision to go it alone was taken at the committee’s monthly meeting yesterday

Acting-Town Clerk Mr Gys Hofmeyr said he had been told of the decision. He would reply once he had it in writing

The Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, will be asked to grant the area autonomy

## “Advice dumped in bin”

Kensington, with a population of 48 900, is a largely residential area bounded by Kensington Road, 18th Avenue, Voortrekker Road and Acre Road

But the committee wants to incorporate the Maitland industrial area along Voortrekker Road into an autonomous Kensington

The chairman of the committee, Mr Harold Ross, who is also MP for Rietvlei, said “The Cape Town City Council always makes decisions contrary to what we decide”

The secretary, Mr Tony Schoeman, said Kensington and other coloured areas had always been badly treated

by the council in comparison with white areas

People were being evicted for rent arrears by the council in spite of “immense hardship”

“The Management Committee is really there in an advisory capacity. But our advice is dumped in the bin”

He said the council was preventing 151 badly needed houses being built in Kensington because it did not want the Management Committee “to have the last word”

“We are sick and tired of whites taking decisions for Kensington,” he said

“If being autonomous means giving relief, if it means we can write off rents, give people’s houses to them, then we want autonomy”

Mr Schoeman said the committee rejected management committee representation on regional services councils. While it endowed committees with more power than the present system, it was “still along ethnic lines”

Mr Schoeman said he did not know if other management committees were contemplating similar action

Asked what he thought of the committee’s chance of success, he replied “The success depends on the involvement of the people”

“We are going to ask the people if they are satisfied with what they are getting from the council”

Health hazard warning

# Go slow by most of 1 200 city dustmen

**A WORK-TO-RULE** by most of Cape Town's 1,200 dustmen is expected to affect refuse removal in almost every suburb of the municipality and will carry with it a health hazard, the City Engineer, Mr Des Riley, warned yesterday.

Mr Riley told a press conference that in some areas refuse would be removed only once a week, instead of the usual twice a week, for the duration of the work-to-rule.

He warned that less frequent

By **PETER DENNEHY**  
Municipal Reporter

removals could lead to a health hazard

Rubbish will still be removed at least once a week

Dustmen began the work-to-rule this week because of widespread dissatisfaction with the council's annual pay rise offer. The offer, a 10% increase, has been rejected by their union, the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA).

Members of the public were advised yesterday to put out their rubbish bags on collection day

just inside their properties, instead of in the streets, "because of the health hazard"

Placing the bags off the streets may slow down the dustmen even further

The acting chairman of the executive committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, and the chairman of the utilities and works committee, Mr Jack Frost, appealed yesterday to householders to ensure that dogs — regarded as the main culprits in ripping open refuse bags — were "kept off the streets at this time"

The CTMWA is still engaged in pay-rise negotiations with the council, and the union is not officially supporting the work-to-rule. The negotiations are due to resume on Tuesday next week.

The secretary of the CTMWA, Mr John Ernstzen, is in Johannesburg on union business, and his assistant, Mr Henry Kannemeyer, said the union had not organized the work-to-rule.

"People are not happy with council's 10% offer," Mr Kannemeyer said. Mr Riley said the work-to-rule was "well organized", but would not speculate on who had organized it.

Mrs Stott said the council's 10% offer would bring the dustmen's minimum wage up to R2,56 an hour, with an extra allowance of 16c an hour. They officially work a 46-hour week.

## Suburbs affected

This means the minimum is about R112,62 a week now, and it is understood that the dustmen are seeking a R50 a week increase.

Mr Riley said that before the work-to-rule, the cleansing staff had worked so fast that they could go home early.

Suburbs in which refuse removals have already been affected include Claremont, Mowbray, Ottery, Bonteheuwel, Eastridge and Westridge in Mitchells Plain, and Muizenberg, Wynberg and Athlone. In the latter three, the backlog had been removed, Mr Riley said.

Working to rule means the dustmen return to their depots for lunch, as the council provides lunch on the job. This was "tremendously time-consuming", Mr Riley said.

Before the work-to-rule dustmen often used to run behind compactors, collecting refuse "on the trot".

The head of the cleansing department, Mr Tom de Bruin, said union members had behaved "very responsibly" and in such a way as to avoid friction and animosity.

He said all the council's cleansing staff received more than the laid-down minimum wage.

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# Piles of garbage not a city health hazard yet

Municipal Reporter

DELAYS in refuse removal are not expected to have any impact on health in the city "for some time", the city's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Reg Coogan, said yesterday. Rubbish bags have piled up in several suburbs since most of the city's 1200 cleansing workers began an apparently spontaneous work-to-rule on Monday, in terms of which they still collect refuse but less efficiently.

"I will not begin to be worried for another week," Dr Coogan said "It's less likely to be a hazard in winter"

Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the cleansing workers' union, the Cosatu-affiliated Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), flew back to the

Cape Town problem yesterday from a Cosatu conference in Johannesburg

Mr Ernstzen issued a statement yesterday in which he said the union "understands and fully supports its members" in their "spontaneous work-to-rule"

The union's demand was for a living wage, he said, and the workers involved were those who had to do "the dirtiest of work to keep the city clean . but they receive the lowest pay"

"Their families suffer with them," Mr Ernstzen said

Workers had felt they had to take matters into their own hands, yet their action was "in no way illegal" The disruption in services which the work-to-rule caused "highlighted the fact that workers were (in

the past) always prepared to make additional sacrifices and worked more than the rule required", he said

Dr Coogan said fly-breeding was the main danger from uncollected refuse. This, particularly in crowded sub-economic areas, could lead to an increase in enteric disorders and would eventually effect the infant mortality rate

The City Health Department has over the years opposed several cost-saving suggestions that refuse should be collected weekly instead of twice weekly

□ Meanwhile an unemployed 54-year-old Scotsman from Ottery, Mr Ken Smith, has offered to collect refuse in his own suburb for the present workers' wages

Moville Point



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This wood and iron shack was hurriedly erected in Perla Street, Korsten, recently. But this week the occupants moved into a council house in Gelvandale.



The taxi sign on the right is in Drew Street, Korsten, where only a section of the road has been tarred. The rest is a stony wasteland.

# Plan's delay angers Korsten ratepayers

By RAYMOND HILL

KORSTEN ratepayers have criticised the delay in implementing the suburb's master plan, passed four years ago by the Port Elizabeth City Council, and have called for action.

Recent representations by the Korsten and Schaulerville Ratepayers Association to the Town Clerk and the Northern Areas Management Committee have had no result, and the matter will be debated again at the association's meeting on Monday.

The plan will also be discussed at a meeting of the Central Executive of Ratepayers' Associations on July 27.

The master plan makes provision for the general upgrading of the suburb.

But improvements carried out since the plan was approved have been inadequate, ratepayers' association chairman Mr H Claassen said this week.

"The plan was passed four years ago and almost nothing has been done to improve Korsten, where

property owners and businessmen pay tens of thousands of rands in rates every year.

"The suburb, one of the oldest in Port Elizabeth, has definitely been neglected by the authorities. It has become a dirty, backyard residential area.

"The people are very concerned about the delay. It is a serious matter and we will take it further, if necessary, so that progress can be made," he said.

Letters complaining about the situation in the suburb have recently been sent to the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, and the Northern Areas Man-

agement Committee.

Now replies are awaited. Mr Claassen said there were about 100 plots owned by the municipality in the suburb.

These had not yet been developed or offered for sale to the public, although there was a big demand for them and the development plan proposed their sale.

Residents regularly complained about untarred and dirty streets, stinking public drains, inadequate street lighting and traffic congestion in part of the suburb.

Mr Claassen mentioned shacks erected in Perla Road recently by homeless

families. This caused complaints from property owners.

The lack of a modern community centre and a proper clinic was another drawback.

The Jarman Hall, which houses the only clinic in the area, was inadequate, he said.

Other issues causing concern included:

- The lack of storm-water drains in the suburb

- Traders who inconvenienced the public by selling their wares on pavements

- Inadequate playgrounds

Included in the plans

were the provision of proper sidewalks, parking areas and landscaping along Durban Road, the consolidation and sale of most of the municipally-owned erven for re-development.

Also, the improvement of the stormwater system, the closure of the intersection at Highfield Road and Burt Drive to reduce through traffic and allowing businesses on land zoned for residential purposes to continue operating indefinitely.

Three business nodes, one in Highfield Road between Drew and Newell Streets, and one on each end of Durban Road, were

also proposed.

The Assistant City Engineer, planning, Mr John Mercer, said the municipality was preparing a strategy plan before implementing the master plan.

"Work on the strategy plan is well advanced when it is complete it will be put before the Northern Areas Management Committee and the City Council.

"The implementation of the master plan depends on the availability of funds," Mr Mercer also said. "There had been no undue delay in implementing the plan, but the provision of services in some areas in the suburb had caused a problem."

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# Dustmen to clear restaurants, hospitals

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Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S dustmen have agreed to work this weekend to clear rubbish from restaurants and hospitals, even though they are on a work-to-rule.

The City Administrator, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, said last night that he was not sure whether the weekend work amounted to a departure from the work-to-rule.

The City Council was very grateful that cleansing workers had agreed to remove refuse from hospitals and restaurants this weekend, since a health hazard would otherwise arise, Mr Hofmeyr said.

Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, could not be reached for comment last night.

The work-to-rule is still in progress, and negotiations between the union and the council will resume officially early next week.

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# Township residents support dustmen

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of Manenberg High School pupils yesterday dumped bags of rubbish in and around the township's two rent offices to show their support for the dustmen involved in a labour dispute with the City Council.

Yesterday's events started about 11am, when small groups of pupils marched on the Duinefontein rent office, carrying bags of refuse, which they dumped on the lawn outside the building.

Later an estimated 400 pupils marched down Manenberg Avenue to the township's other rent office.

By then a large crowd of Manenberg residents were gathered outside the office and shouted protests about high rents and uncollected rubbish.

When a van and a Caspir appeared the crowd dispersed.

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# Retail firms back Clarendon project

Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON —** Four major national retailers have expressed their support for East London's R60-million Clarendon Gardens development on the eve of a city council meeting on the issue.

The action committee will discuss objections to the development today before referring them to the provincial administration.

The managing director of the project's co-ordinators, RMS Syfrets, Mr Pat Flanagan, said in a statement in Johannesburg yesterday that the project had the unequivocal support of OK, Woolworths, Truworth and Topics as well as that of an internationally acknowledged feasibility economist, Mr Frederick Zimmermann of New York.

Mr Flanagan said it was anticipated by the developers, Elcorp, that construction on the site could begin by the end of the year. RMS Syfrets, the sole agents, confirmed this.

Mr Flanagan said that Mr Zimmermann, appointed by RMS Syfrets to undertake a study and brief of the potential effect of the regional centre on downtown trading, had refuted the claim that CBD retail business would be destroyed and quoted him as saying:

"The reactions to Clarendon Gardens show a typical pattern experienced elsewhere in the world with the introduction of decentralised, comparative shopping facilities. The supposed negative effects of such retail development have yet to be seen.

"Certainly a shift in trading patterns is experienced, resulting usually in favour of public interest. Never in my experience regarding retail development world-wide has there been an instance for example, of 40 000 square metres of decentralised space being developed causing equivalent diminishing retail space in the CBD."

The director of corporate real estate for the Wooltru Group, Mr John Rabb, had noted that the existing Woolworths CBD store would not be closed with the development of Clarendon Gardens, but rather, in the interest of customers, would be upgraded and refurbished

— a positive approach reflecting long-term confidence in East London's CBD, Mr Flanagan said.

The OK's director of development, Mr Mervyn Serebro, said that in his company's view East London represented a potentially phenomenal development node.

"We are involved in the development of approximately eight new OK retail centres a year. We would not be involved with a centre that was neither viable nor exciting, nor one that would cause trading difficulties with our existing CBD store."

OK, too, would upgrade and modernise its central city store once the project got under way.

# City Council could veto RSC decisions

## Municipal Reporter

THE 33,92-percent voting share of the Cape Town City Council has given it an effective veto over decision-making by the newly constituted Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC).

Because of "consensus decision-making", RSCs require a two-thirds majority.

However, the Government appears determined to press ahead with the introduction of several additional management committees in the Cape Town municipal area, which will reduce proportionately the council's voting strength — and effectively deprive it of a veto.

Voting strengths for the existing four management committees are Athlone and District — 4,7 percent, Rylands — 0,5 percent, Wittebome/Wynberg — 1,4 percent, and Kensington — 1,36 percent.

## Opposed

In addition, an amended RSC Act now before Parliament would allow the Administrator to re-apportion votes under certain circumstances.

The council's executive committee has adopted a report which says this provision should be "strongly opposed".

"The proviso will remove any certainty in regard to the apportionment of votes, and will allow a political functionary to negate a principle accepted by Parliament on any basis of policy or expediency in order to achieve what he considers to be a fair result," the report says.

In terms of the new Bill, the RSC will be allowed to appoint its deputy chairman and chairmen of committees without a two-thirds majority. The RSC's committees will also be permitted to take decisions on this basis.

## "Unsound"

But because the executive and other committees may be given delegated powers, this provision is "unsound" and a further departure from the principle of consensus decision-making on the basis of a two-thirds majority, the council report warns.

The new Bill also clashes with the agreed composition of the Western Cape RSC's executive committee.

The amended RSC Act is now before the parliamentary standing committee and may be passed during the next session.

*Cape Times 22/7/87*

# Refuse men not ready to move it

Municipal Reporter *263*

STACK up your uncollected rubbish in your old black bag and growl, growl, growl. The dustmen's work-to-rule is set to continue for another week at least.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, acting chairman of the City Council's executive committee, emerged yesterday from the first official negotiations with the cleansing workers' union since the work-to-rule started last Monday, to say that negotiations had "not yet been completed".

"Certain proposals were put to us, and we will be very happy to consider these," she said. "We have set next Tuesday as a tentative date for our next meeting with the union."

She believed the work-to-rule would continue, yet there had been no animosity during or after the negotiations.

The work-to-rule had not spread beyond "certain sections" of the city's cleansing workers, she said.

Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, said the question of when the work-to-rule would stop depended on the reaction of workers when union officials reported back to them on the negotiations.

He had said the work-to-rule was unlikely to stop till the two parties had come to some agreement, and he confirmed that the next negotiation meeting would be on Tuesday.

Neither he nor Mrs Stott would disclose what issues were discussed yesterday, or what proposal the union had put to the council.

It was reported earlier that the council had offered a 10% wage increase, while the union was unwilling to accept increases of below R50 a week, which could mean increases of up to 44%.

# The Use of S.O.S. Low Tides City and Sea Point

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News 23/7/82

By DICK USHER, Labour Reporter

COUNCIL workers in the central business district and Sea Point have joined the cleansing staff work-to-rule, threatening large accumulations of rubbish in the city centre and suburbs along the Atlantic seaboard.

About 90 percent of cleansing staff are now working to rule, according to Mr Johnny Ernstzen, general secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), which is pushing for a R50-a-week across-the-board pay increase for its 11 500 members.

Workers in Sea Point joined the action today. The CBD work-to-rule started with yesterday's dayshift.

Last weekend employees agreed to work overtime as usual to clear rubbish from restaurants and hospitals, but whether they will do the same this weekend is now in doubt.

## Pressure in Council

Workers said they would discuss this with their shop stewards.

Dayshift workers in the CBD said they had joined the action, which is in its 10th day, to increase pressure on the City Council to meet their pay demands.

The council has offered a 10 percent pay increase.

Action by nightshift workers appeared to be less solid with some saying they had been "persuaded" by their foremen not to take part.

Discussions with the city's Executive Committee ended inconclusively this week but are expected to resume on Tuesday.

It appears that the absence of the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, and the deputy-chairman, Mr Louis Kremer, has so far hampered the talks.

## "Aware"

The work-to-rule, which was organised by CTMWA members but officially backed by the union, started early last week.

A municipal spokesman said "We are aware that the work-to-rule is spreading but are not yet in a position to comment further."

# Tired of being 'treated like dirt'

BY AYESHA ALLE

THE City Council's cleansing workers say they are tired of being "treated like dirt".

"We are doing the most uncomfortable and unpleasant of jobs and yet our wages are the lowest.

"We work with dirt and we are being treated like dirt," a worker complained.

The more than 1 200 workers have been on a go-slow since last week after the council refused to meet the demand of their union for a R50 across the board increase.

They are all members of the 11 500-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association presently engaged in wage talks with the City Council.

According to Mrs Eulaha Stott, the chairperson of the council executive committee, the increase offered by the council would push up the minimum wage to R112,62 a week.

### Not satisfied

But garbage collectors are not satisfied and several workers interviewed at a Cape Flats depot of the council told of their long years of service and the low wages they earned.

One worker said he had worked for the council for 16 years and had a wife and four small children to support.

He went home with R86 a week after all deductions such as tax, pension, medical and union fees were made.

Another worker went home with R70 a week after all deductions. He said the money left over after paying his bills was "just enough for food to last till Monday".

He said working as a garbage collector was actually a humiliating job as people looked down on him.

Mrs G Moses said her husband took home R39 every week after deductions. They have six children "so there's never enough money".

A worker said councillors should try to survive on so little money. "We have to work in cold, wet and dirty conditions yet our wages don't show we're working so hard," he said.

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Cape Town garbage collectors have really very little to smile about, but they are hopeful that the current negotiations with the City Council will bring increases in their pay packets

Picture BIENKARLIE

The workers said the council did not provide them with decent raincoats or safety boots. They said they had to buy shoes often because of the nature of the work.

"We're not protected against the rain. They give us raincoats through which the water seeps and leaves us wet for the rest of the day. We have to go into drain when it rains. They don't even give us gloves when it comes to digging dirt."

A supervisor said the council no longer provided special medical care for cleansing staff which he felt was necessary because of their working conditions.

### Time consuming

The City Engineer, Mr Des Riley, said that before the work-to-rule, the cleansing staff had worked so fast that they could go home early.

"The returning to the depots for lunch is tremendously time-consuming," he said in comment on the go-slow.

Mr Riley said the workers only received medical treatment when they were injured while working.

He said the council was prepared to negotiate with them should they take up the medical treatment issue.

"They receive a dirt allowance of 14 cents an hour and protective clothing twice a year," he said.

The general-secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Union, Mr John Emlzen, said talks were continuing with the council even though it had rejected the union's demand of a R50 across the board increase.

He said the union understood and supported the action of the workers.

Garbage collection is considered an essential service and an outright strike by such workers is illegal.

During the go-slow the workers start at 6 30am and stop work at 4 15pm even though refuse have not been collected in all the areas.

The areas mainly affected by the go-slow included Marnberg, Bonteheuwel, Westridge and Eastridge in Mitchell's Plain, Wynberg, Ottery, Claremont and Mowbray.



# Electrical workers join city go-slow

Staff Reporter

CAPE Town City Council electrical workers have joined the work-to-rule by refuse workers to persuade the council to meet demands for a R50-a-week pay rise

The general secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, Mr John Ernstzen, said today the association was told that electricity department workers had decided to work to rule and not to work overtime

"The solution to the problem is now clearly in council's hands. The union has over and over again stressed the seriousness of the problem of workers who cannot make ends meet

"It cannot be helped if workers take matters into their own hands

## "No problem"

"We will be meeting the council's Exco again on Tuesday next week and we expect council to come up with something definite and reasonable," Mr Ernstzen said

The city electrical engineer, Mr Fred Daniel, said "This has not yet been brought to my attention

"If it is so, I do not foresee any problems in regard to electricity supplies in normal circumstances

"However, we could have problems if there is bad weather and storms, and lines are broken and workers are required to work overtime

"We will play it safe and see what happens. The council has offered workers a 10-percent increase which the board increase which the union has rejected

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(Mogoi) River Government Water Control Area will be held in the school hall of the Laerskool Ellistras in Ellistras at 09h00 on Wednesday, 12 August 1987, and from 09h00 till 12h00 on Thursday, 13 August 1987, for the purpose of hearing and determining claims for inclusion in the said schedule or objections to any of the names, properties or areas included therein.

Copies of the schedule of rateable areas, prepared in terms of section 63 (7) of the said Act, will lie for inspection with the following people and at the following places from Tuesday 28 July 1987:

- (a) Mr A L van Greunen on the farm Wolmunster
- (b) Mr M G Eckard on the farm Zandrivier
- (c) Mr J M Els, Pistorius Building, 7 Venter Street, Ellistras
- (d) Office of the Department of Water Affairs, Hans Strijdom Dam

Any registered owner of land in the said area who is unable to attend the said meeting may authorise any other person, in writing, to represent him/her at the meeting (24 July 1987)

**NOTICE 519 OF 1987**

**DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER  
CORRECTION NOTICE  
LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956**

**APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF SCOPE OF REGISTRATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL—INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR THE HAARDESSING TRADE, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN TRANSVAAL**

The following correction to Government Notice 478, which appeared in *Gazette* 10817 of 10 July 1987, is published for general information:

In the English text of the notice, under the heading "Interests and area in respect of which application is made" insert "Randburg" after "Krugersdorp".

In the Afrikaans text of the notice, under the heading "Belange en gebied ten opsigte waarvan aansoek gedoen word" insert "Randburg" after "Krugersdorp".

(24 July 1987)

**NOTICE 520 OF 1987**

**CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
ENQUIRY INTO THE DEMARCATION OF REGIONS FOR REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS FOR THE SOUTH CAPE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Notice in terms of section 7G (1) of the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Act, 1983 (Act 91 of 1983), as amended, is hereby given that the Administrator of the Cape Province has in terms of section 7F (1) (a) of the said Act requested the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas to hold an enquiry and advise him on the desirability or otherwise of—

- (1) the demarcation of regions in terms of section 2 of the Regional Services Councils Act, 1985 (Act 109 of 1985), for the establishment of regional services councils in the areas as described in (i) to (iv) below, and

Mokolo(Mogoi)rivier-staatswaterbeheergebied om 09h00 op Woensdag, 12 Augustus 1987, en van 09h00 tot 12h00 op Donderdag, 13 Augustus 1987, in die skoolsaal van die Laerskool Ellistras te Ellistras gehou sal word met die doel om aanspraak op opname in genoemde lys of besware teen enige van die name, eiendomme of oppervlakktes wat daarin voorkom, aan te hoor en daaroor te besluit.

Afskrifte van die lys van belastbare oppervlakktes, wat ingevolge artikel 63 (7) van genoemde Wet opgestel is, sal vanaf Dinsdag 28 Julie 1987 by die volgende persone en plekke ter insae lê

- (a) Mr A L van Greunen op die plaas Wolmunster
- (b) Mr M G Eckard op die plaas Zandrivier
- (c) Mr J M Els, Pistoriusgebou, Venterstraat 7, Ellistras
- (d) Kantoor van die Departement van Waterreë, Hans Strijdomdam

Enige geregtigde eienaar van grond in genoemde gebied wat nie genoemde vergadering kan bywoon nie, kan enige ander persoon skriftelik magtig om hom/haar op die vergadering te verteenwoordig (24 Julie 1987)

**KENNISGEWING 519 VAN 1987**

**DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG  
VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING  
WET OP ARBEIDSVARHOUDINGE, 1956**

**AANSOEK OM VERANDERING VAN DIE REGISTRASIEBESTEK VAN 'N NYWERHEIDSRaad—NYWERHEIDSRaad VIR DIE HAARKAPPERS-BEDRYF, SUD- EN WES-TRANSVAAL**

Die volgende verbetering aan Goewernementskennisgewing 478, wat verskyn in *Staatkoerant* 10817 van 10 Julie 1987 word vir algemene inligting gepubliseer.

In die Afrikaanse teks van die kennisgewing, onder die opskrif "Belange en gebied ten opsigte waarvan aansoek gedoen word" voeg "Randburg" na "Krugersdorp" in.

In die Engelse teks van die kennisgewing, onder die opskrif "Interests and area in respect of which application is made" voeg "Randburg" na "Krugersdorp" in.

(24 Julie 1987)

**KENNISGEWING 520 VAN 1987**

**STATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELINGSDIENS  
ONDERSOEK NA DIE AFBAKENING VAN STREKE VIR STREEKSDIENSTERADE VIR SUID-KAAPLAND EN OMGEWING**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 7G (1) van die Wet op die Bevordering van Plaaslike Owerheidsaangeleenthede, 1983 (Wet 91 van 1983), soos gewysig, dat die Administrateur van die Kaapprovinse ingevolge artikel 7F (1) (a) van genoemde Wet, die Afbakingsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede versoek het om ondersoek in te stel na en hom van advies te dien oor die wenslikheid of andersins van—

- (1) die afbakening van streke ingevolge artikel 2 van die Wet op Streeksdienssterade, 1985 (Wet 109 van 1985), vir die instelling van streeksdienssterade in die gebiede (i) tot (iv) hieronder beskryf, en

(2) the extension of the boundaries of the Regional Services Council of Algoa in terms of the same Act mentioned above by the inclusion of the entire Divisional Council area of Humansdorp or the establishment of an individual regional services council for the Humansdorp Division as well as the Magisterial District of Joubertina

The said request as well as a plan indicating the approximate areas is open to inspection at the office of the Secretary of the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, Room 204, 260 Walker Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, and at the town clerk, secretary or other chief executive officer of every local authority and management body whose areas of jurisdiction is situated wholly or partly within the aforementioned areas, listed below.

Written objections against or representations in connection with the proposed demarcation may be lodged in ten-fold with the Secretary of the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, Private Bag X644, Pretoria, 0001, on or before 28 August 1987.

The Demarcation Board will also meet on the undermentioned dates, places and times to hear further evidence and representations from those persons who lodged objections and representations in pursuance of this notice.

Date	Place	Time
28 September 1987	Reading Hall, Ceres Library, Voortrekker Street, Ceres	10h00
29 September 1987	City Hall Civic Centre, Hoog Street, Worcester	10h00
30 September 1987	Side Hall Town Hall, 52 Church Street, Robertson	10h00
1 October 1987	Side Hall Town Hall, Voortrekker Street, Swellendam	10h00
2 October 1987	N G Church Centre, Plan Street, Caledon	10h00
5 October 1987	Public Library Hall, Church Street, Bredasdorp	10h00
6 October 1987	Banquet Hall, Civic Centre, Main Street, Riversdale	10h00
7 October 1987	Conference Hall, Civic Centre, York Street, George	10h00
8 October 1987	Banquet Hall, Civic Centre, Voortrekker Street, Oudshoorn	10h00
9 October 1987	Country Club Hall, Humansdorp	10h00

**Description of areas**

- (i) The Divisional Council areas of Witzenberg, Matroosberg and Wynland plus the Police District of Bonnievale.
- (ii) the Divisional Council areas of Caledon and Bredasdorp—Swellendam, excluding the Police District of Bonnievale.
- (iii) the Divisional Council area of Klein Karoo—Langkloof, excluding the Magisterial District of Joubertina, plus a portion of the Divisional Council area of Langeberg, namely the Magisterial District of Ladismith and a portion of the Divisional Council area of Outeniqua north of the Outeniqua Mountains, and
- (iv) the Divisional Council area of Outeniqua, excluding that portion north of the Outeniqua Mountains, plus a portion of the Divisional Council area of Langeberg, namely the Magisterial Districts of Riversdale and Heidelberg.

(2) die uitbreiding van die grense van die Streeksdiensraad van Algoa ingevolge dieselfde Wet hierbo genoemde deur die insluiting van die hele Afdelingsraadgebied van Humansdorp of die instelling van 'n afsonderlike streeksdienssterade vir Humansdorp Afdeling asook die handdoosdistrik van Joubertina

Bedoelde versoek asook 'n kaart waarop die gebiede by behandeling aangedui word, lê ter insae by die kantoor van die Sekretaris van die Afbakingsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede, Kamer 204, Walkerstraat 260, Sunnyside, Pretoria, en by die kantoor van die stadslerk, sekretaris of ander hoof uitvoerende beampte van elke plaaslike owerheid en bestuursliggaam wie se regsgebied geheel of gedeeltelik in die voormelde gebiede getel is, soos hieronder aangedui

Skriftelike besware teen of vertoe in verband met die voorgestelde afbakening kan voor of op 28 Augustus 1987 by die Sekretaris van die Afbakingsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede, Privateasak X644, Pretoria, 0001, in tenvoud ingedien word

Die Afbakingsraad sal ook op die onderstaande datums, plekke en tye vergader om enige verdere getuienis en vertoe aan te hoor van diegene wat besware en vertoe na aanleiding van hierdie kennisgewing ingedien het.

Datum	Plek	Tyd
28 September 1987	Voortreksaal, Ceres Biblioteek, Voortrekkerstraat, Ceres	10h00
29 September 1987	Stadsaal, Burgersentrum, Hoogstraat, Worcester	10h00
30 September 1987	Synsaal, Stadsaal, Kerkstraat 52, Robertson	10h00
1 Oktober 1987	Synsaal, Stadsaal, Voortrekkerstraat, Swellendam	10h00
2 Oktober 1987	N G Kerkentrum, Pleinstraat, Caledon	10h00
5 Oktober 1987	Openbare Biblioteeksaal, Kerkstraat, Bredasdorp	10h00
6 Oktober 1987	Banquetsaal, Burgersentrum, Hoogstraat, Riversdale	10h00
7 Oktober 1987	Konferensiesaal, Burgersentrum, Yorkstraat, George	10h00
8 Oktober 1987	Banquetsaal, Burgersentrum, Voortrekkerstraat, Oudshoorn	10h00
9 Oktober 1987	Bureklubsaal, Humansdorp	10h00

**Beskrywing van gebiede**

- (i) Die Afdelingsraadgebiede van Witzenberg, Matroosberg en Wynland plus die Polisdistrik van Bonnievale.
- (ii) die Afdelingsraadgebiede van Caledon en Bredasdorp—Swellendam met uitsluiting van die Polisdistrik van Bonnievale.
- (iii) die Afdelingsraadgebied van Klein Karoo—Langkloof, met uitsluiting van die Landdoosdistrik van Joubertina, plus 'n gedeelte van die Afdelingsraadgebied van Langeberg, naamlik die Landdoosdistrik van Ladismith en 'n gedeelte van die Afdelingsraadgebied van Outeniqua noord van die Outeniquaberge, en
- (iv) die Afdelingsraadgebied van Outeniqua met uitsluiting van daardie gedeelte noord van die Outeniquaberge, plus 'n gedeelte van die Afdelingsraadgebied van Langeberg, naamlik die Landdoosdistrikke van Riversdal en Heidelberg.

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## Divisional Councils

Witzenberg  
Matroosberg  
Wynland  
Caledon  
Bredasdorp/Swellendam  
Langenberg  
Klein Karoo/Langkloof  
Oudenqua  
Humansdorp

## Municipalities

Ceres  
Gouda  
Prince Alfred Hamlet  
Tulbagh  
Wolseley  
De Doorns  
Langsburg  
Rawsonville  
Touws River  
Worcester  
Ashton  
McGregor  
Montagu  
Robertson  
Betty's Bay  
Caledon  
Gans Bay  
Grabouw  
Greyton  
Hermannus  
Kleinmond  
Onrus River  
Riversdorp  
Stanford  
Villiersdorp  
Barrydale  
Bonnievale  
Bredasdorp  
Naper  
Swellendam  
Albertina  
Heidelberg  
Ladismith  
Riversdale  
Still Bay  
Van Wyksdorp  
George  
Great Brak River  
Hartenbosch  
Herbertsdale  
Krynsna  
Mossel Bay  
Pacaltsdorp  
Plettenberg Bay  
Sedgefield  
Calitzdorp  
De Rust  
Joubertina  
Kraakeel River  
Oudshoorn  
Two Rivers  
Humansdorp  
Jeffreys Bay  
Kareedouw

B J L COETSEE,  
Secretary Demarcation Board

## Local Authorities and Management Bodies

## Management Committees

Hawton  
Dysselsdorp  
Umondale  
Louerwater  
Kuriland  
Krusfontein  
Ceres  
Tulbagh  
Wolseley  
De Doorns  
Langsburg  
Touws River  
Worcester  
Ashton  
McGregor  
Montagu  
Robertson  
Bergsig  
Gans Bay  
Pniewiew  
Mount Pleasant  
Kleinmond  
Riversdorp  
Stanford  
Villiersdorp  
Smitsville  
Bonnievale  
Bredasdorp  
Naper  
Rallton  
Albertina  
Heidelberg  
Ladismith  
Riversdale  
George  
Great Brak River  
Hornlee  
D'Almeida  
Plettenberg Bay  
Calitzdorp  
Ravina  
Kraakeel River  
Bridgeton  
Pellstrus  
Kareedouw

## Town Committees

Bongolethu (Oudshoorn)  
KwaNonzamo (Humansdorp)  
KwaNonqaba (Mossel Bay)  
Nkqubela (Robertson)  
Nduli (Ceres)  
Zolani (Ashton)  
Zweletemba (Worcester)  
Zwelethe (Hermannus)  
Tyolotha (George)

## Rural Management Boards

Slangrivier  
Zoar  
Haarlem  
Elin  
Suurtraak  
Genadendal  
Saron  
Frenersheim  
Kranshoek (Plettenberg Bay)

## Afdelingsrade

Witzenberg  
Matroosberg  
Wynland  
Caledon  
Bredasdorp/Swellendam  
Langenberg  
Klein Karoo/Langkloof  
Oudenqua  
Humansdorp

## Munisipaliteite

Ceres  
Gouda  
Prince Alfred Hamlet  
Tulbagh  
Wolseley  
De Doorns  
Langsburg  
Rawsonville  
Touwsrivier  
Worcester  
Ashton  
McGregor  
Montagu  
Robertson  
Betty'sbaai  
Caledon  
Gansbaai  
Grabouw  
Greyton  
Hermannus  
Kleinmond  
Onrusrivier  
Riversdorp  
Stanford  
Villiersdorp  
Barrydale  
Bonnievale  
Bredasdorp  
Naper  
Swellendam  
Albertina  
Heidelberg  
Ladismith  
Riversdal  
Sibbaai  
Van Wyksdorp  
George  
Groot Brakrivier  
Hartenbosch  
Herbertsdale  
Krynsna  
Mosselbaai  
Pacaltsdorp  
Plettenbergbaai  
Sedgefield  
Calitzdorp  
De Rust  
Joubertina  
Kraakeelrivier  
Oudshoorn  
Twee Riviere  
Humansdorp  
Jeffreysbaai  
Kareedouw.

B J L COETSEE,  
Sekretaris Afdelingsraad

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## Plaaslike Owerhede en Bestuursliggame

## Bestuurskomitees

Hawton  
Dysselsdorp  
Umondale  
Louerwater  
Kuriland  
Krusfontein  
Ceres  
Tulbagh  
Wolseley  
De Doorns  
Langsburg  
Touwsrivier  
Worcester  
Ashton  
McGregor  
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Hornlee  
D'Almeida  
Plettenbergbaai  
Calitzdorp  
Ravina  
Kraakeelrivier  
Bridgeton  
Pellstrus  
Kareedouw

## Dorpskomitees

Bongolethu (Oudshoorn)  
KwaNonzamo (Humansdorp)  
KwaNonqaba (Mosselbaai)  
Nkqubela (Robertson)  
Nduli (Ceres)  
Zolani (Ashton)  
Zweletemba (Worcester)  
Zwelethe (Hermannus)  
Tyolotha (George)

## Landelike Bestuursrade

Slangrivier  
Zoar  
Haarlem  
Elin  
Suurtraak  
Genadendal  
Saron  
Frenersheim  
Kranshoek (Plettenbergbaai)

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# Power workers' sympathy strike

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Staff Reporter

ALTHOUGH hundreds of Electricity Department workers went on a "go-slow" strike yesterday in sympathy with the dustmen, it is unlikely to affect residents unless there was a major power failure, the City Electrical Engineer, Mr Fred Daniel, said. Mr Daniel said the action by his staff would only effect ratepayers if, as in the case of a big storm, a major power failure occurred and extra staff were required to work overtime.

## 10% increase

The staff joined about 1 000 Cleansing Department workers who have been working to rule for 11 days. Municipal officials yesterday admitted to rubbish piling up "in virtually the entire council area".

About 90% of the 1 200-member cleansing staff and several hundred of the 2 400 Electricity Department workers are working to rule in support of a R50-a-week across-the-board pay increase.

The City Council has offered a 10% increase

The Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) secretary, Mr John Ernstzen, said the solution to the problem now lay in the council's hands.

"The union has over and over again stressed the seriousness of the problem of workers who cannot make ends meet. It cannot be helped if workers take matters into their own hands."

The CTMWA would meet the executive council again on Tuesday, and he expected the council "to come up with something definite and reasonable".

The Cleansing Department workers' "go-slow" means they return to their depots for their 30-minute lunch break and finish at 4pm, resulting in their being unable to service allotted areas. Before the work action they would eat on the job and finish by 2.30pm, Mr Ernstzen said.

A council spokesman appealed to householders to keep refuse within their own yards on collection days.

# Go-slow threat to health

By JOHN YELD <sup>AR641</sup>  
Municipal Reporter <sup>27/7/77</sup>

CONDITIONS in the poorer areas of Cape Town are deteriorating because of the go-slow by cleansing workers, according to the city medical officer of health, Dr Reg Coogan.

However, he says because of the cold weather the health situation is "not yet out of hand".

Dr Coogan said there was a noticeable deterioration in the cleanliness of the streets and rubbish was piling up in the backyards of flats.

He said: "Because of the cold weather it has not yet reached the fly-breeding stage nor has there been an increase in the numbers of rodents."

As the work-to-rule by city refuse workers entered its third week today, city engineer Mr Des Riley said essential cleansing operations at hospitals and restaurants were maintained at the weekend and there was no change in the refuse removal situation.

Officials of the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association are due to meet the the council's executive committee tomorrow for further pay talks.

## POWER CUTS

Staff in the city electrical engineer's department indicated last week that they would join the go-slow.

Certain areas on the Cape Flats were without power yesterday but suggestions that delays in restoring supplies were because of the work-to-rule have been dismissed by city electrical engineer Mr Fred Daniel.

# Clarendon Gardens: vital debate

By Matthew Moonieya  
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The final debate on the R60 million Clarendon Gardens project takes place here tonight with major new inputs into the controversial issue which holds great consequences for the city

New aspects of the two-year-old debate which will emerge tonight when the city council considers more than 5 000 objections to the scheme off Union Avenue include

- Entry into the debate for the first time by the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, whose estate agency has been freed from contracts with a national property development company involved in the now shelved rival Vincent Park development

- The key South African Transports Services land which has become available for development and offers the prospect of downtown revitalisation through an extended overhead bridge linking the two areas This has been described by the Clarendon Gardens developers, Elcorp, as a "bold, imaginative and very exciting" project "but totally impractical",

- Rejection by Elcorp of a statement by the Vincent Park developers, Murray and Roberts Properties, that their R55-million project had been shelved because of the Clarendon Gardens project and a challenge to give the real reason,

- A joint press statement by the Mayor of Duncan Village, Mr Eddie Makeba, and the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadjellum, calling for the Clarendon Gardens project to go ahead,

- Last-ditch efforts by ratepayer bodies to urge councillors to reject the scheme and a threat to go to the Supreme Court if the project gets the go-ahead.

But the main focus tonight will be on the councillors' debate of the objections before

they meet behind closed doors to discuss the valuations of the land which is to be sold to Elcorp by private treaty.

Mrs Kemp would not be drawn on how she would vote tonight but it is clearly on the cards that she will oppose the Gardens project as she favours the Sats development where Murray and Roberts has been chosen as the developer-elect

"I am thrilled to participate for the first time," said Mrs Kemp who had recused herself from all previous debates because of her estate agency's involvement "It has been very frustrating having to recuse myself from a debate of such importance to the city."

Questioned further about where she stood on the issue, which has divided the council on political lines as well — all National Party supporters, as well as two Progressive Federal Party supporters, Mr Joe Yazbek and Mr Ivan Zulman, back the Clarendon Gardens project — Mrs Kemp conceded that her support for the Sats development could reveal her stand, but she would not confirm that she would vote against the Clarendon Gardens project.

Mr Zulman will not be at tonight's meeting He is on leave and has absented himself from debate on the project in the past

That will leave 15 councillors to debate the issue, and, if the mayor votes against the project, an 8-7 vote could carry the project through

Meanwhile, intense interest in the issue has presented the council with an accommodation problem

It had been thought the meeting could be held in the city hall to accommodate the scores of ratepayers expected to attend, but the hall has been booked for Gibson Kente's play, Sekunjalo.

Mrs Kemp said a final decision on the venue would be taken this morning

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# DV mayor supports Gardens project

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The mayor of Duncan Village, Mr Eddie Makeba, and the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, have expressed their support for the Clarendon Gardens project and are to approach the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, about the matter.

In a combined press statement the two civic leaders outlined their stand on the matter and said they would advise the Administrator of the advantages of the project when they went to Cape Town.

"The attitude of some of the councillors surprises me. For three years we have read about the Vincent Park Centre and now we suddenly see the scheme has been shelved. I don't really know whether this is news or not because it seems the scheme has been shelved for the past

three years anyway.

"Nothing has materialised and now, when a scheme such as Clarendon Gardens does appear set to proceed, we are faced with a handful of so-called objectors. It appears to me that the people of East London need this development, perhaps even more so the black community whom I serve and who are desperately seeking employment.

"We need the employment opportunity to stem the tide of unrest that has been prevalent in Duncan Village. It is no use telling us about an alternative scheme on Sats ground because this is probably going to take another 10 years before anything materialises."

Mr Makeba said blacks could not wait for jobs and it was essential that Clarendon Gardens be given the go-ahead.

"Most of the people of East London, including

the Selborne residents, are unaware of the number of people who are unemployed in Duncan Village.

"I have been reliably informed that once work starts on this complex there will be vast job opportunities for my people. In addition, there will be job opportunities for approximately 3 000 people when the complex is completed," he said.

Echoing Mr Makeba's sentiment on creating vitally needed job opportunities, Mr Vengadajellum questioned the motives of the councillors' bickering over the project and praised supporters of the project as understanding the city's greatest need.

"After all, East London belongs to everybody, not just the white group or the Selborne residents, but also to Indians, coloureds and blacks and nobody has asked us how we feel about this," he said.

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# Support for deputy mayor

Mr Peter Muller

By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

CAPTOUR and the Cape Town City Council have rallied behind deputy mayor Mr Peter Muller in the controversy surrounding his business dealings with the tourist promotion organisation.

Mr Muller, the past chairman of Captour and a former board member, is managing director of Fair Organisers, which has close business links with Captour

The council, which has taken legal advice, says Mr Muller has not infringed any municipal ordinance. Captour says all its dealings with Mr Muller are "above board"

Mr Muller left the Captour board in November

The controversy, first aired publicly at last month's council meeting, came up again at a council caucus meeting yesterday

The meeting, held behind closed doors, was called to discuss Mr Muller's request to be relieved of his deputy mayor's office because his wife, Clara, is seriously ill with Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer

## Legal advice

Mr Muller was reported as saying after the meeting that the council was satisfied that his involvement as a councillor had not infringed any ordinance, nor had he omitted to declare any interest

This was confirmed today by town clerk Dr Stan Evans, who said the council had taken legal advice on papers given to it and there had been no infringement of law

Mr Muller was also reported as saying Captour's chief executive and all the staff had at all times been aware of his business interest in Fair Organisers and Captour's board had been informed of his interest whenever his company's appointment was considered

Captour director Mr John Rob ert said today "Yes, that's absolutely correct. As far as I'm concerned everything is above board"

He said Fair Organisers had been the only organisation prepared to sell space at F-berth in Cape Town docks during last year's Cape Festival and this had been on a risk-share basis

## Best deal offered

The venture had been a great success and this year the company had obviously been approached again, although on a scaled-down benefit formula, he said

The Captour board accepted the best deal offered to it, Mr Rob ert said

"We strike a hard bargain and don't care who we do business with. We insist on our pound of flesh and insist on satisfaction"

Referring to alleged discrepancies in accounts, Mr Rob ert said the accounts were not yet completed but pointed out that negotiations were normal business practice

"We will certainly see that all are satisfied," he said

The controversy surrounding Mr Muller was first aired at the council's meeting last month when a Captour grant of R440 000 for 1987-88 was approved, R40 000 higher than the previous year

Mr Arthur Wienburg said in debate there were "rumours circulating" that a councillor, who he did not name, had financial in-

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## Support for deputy mayor

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terests concerning Captour and the Cape Town Festival while serving as a Captour director

These rumours were damaging to the council and to Captour, were "potentially damaging" to the councillor, he said. People were asking why Captour should get an increased grant, Mr Wienburg said

He said there were doubts over whether the necessary disclosures had been made and the "highly embarrassing" matter should be investigated

However, Mrs Eulalie Stott, who had been acting executive committee chairman the previous week, said she had heard the rumour and had spoken to "the gentleman concerned" and the town clerk

The town clerk had investigated and there was nothing to suggest that the municipal ordinance had been breached, Mrs Stott said

Executive committee deputy chairman and new Captour chairman Mr Louis Kreiner told the council Captour affairs "don't have to be discussed in this chamber"

## "MATTER RESTS"

Mr Kreiner said before he had left for overseas he had handed "certain documents" to the town clerk and had asked the auditors of Captour to look investigate possible contraventions of the Company Act

These investigations had been made and had been reported to the town clerk. The matter had subsequently been discussed by the executive committee "and there the matter rests", Mr Kreiner said

Mr Wienburg and Mr Muller were not available for comment today

● Mr Muller yesterday withdrew his resignation and will become the new mayor in September as scheduled

## ILLNESS

The council backed his decision at yesterday's meeting and expressed its confidence in Mr and Mrs Muller

Last week Mr Muller said he would ask the council to relieve him of his office because of Mrs Muller's illness

Dr Evans said today Mr Muller had indicated that "after further consideration and discussion" he felt he would be able to fulfill the functions of the office.

Dr Evans said "The caucus recorded its confidence in the ability of the deputy mayor and his wife to continue to serve in the office and assume the mayoralty"

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# Police shooting: Damages award

Supreme Court Reporter

THE Minister of Law and Order has been ordered to pay damages of R20 766 and the legal costs of the mother of a 16-year-old Langa boy who lost his right eye after being shot by uniformed police.

Mr Acting Justice B Hoberman said the shooting was "prima facie wrongful and unlawful and, if not intentional, was negligent".

Evidence was that on the evening of October 19, 1985, the boy was waiting with a companion opposite the Washington Road bus terminus for a friend, who had taken pants to a local tailor for mending.

He and his friend noticed a number of police vehicles parked on a sandy circle, with uniformed policemen carrying "long guns" standing by.

Three buses arrived, filled with mourners who had attended the funeral in Guguletu of certain "comrades" shot by police. The mourners disembarked, "speaking very loudly" about what they had seen at the funeral.

Soon after the mourners had passed and while the boy was facing away from the circle, he heard shots, turned to see where they were coming from and was shot in his face, shoulder, neck and back.

Both his friends were hit as well, and all took shelter in a nearby toilet. The boy was taken to hospital after some delay and his badly wounded eye subsequently had to be removed.

The judge remarked that evidence led on behalf of the Minister about police activities at the time was "quite inconclusive". He said he was unable to infer from the absence of a record of the shooting in the police "occurrence book" that Langa police were not involved.

He added that he found it "strange" that no one who could testify as to how the various local policemen were engaged at the time of the shooting had been called as a witness.

Mr J Krige, instructed by Buchanan Boyes, appeared for the boy's mother Miss A M de Swardt, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the Minister

# Refuse strike: Meeting today

Municipal Reporter

THE dustmen's two-week work-to-rule may end today if negotiations between their union and the City Council over a wage dispute are successful.

City Engineer Mr Des Riley confirmed yesterday that Mr Richard Friedlander, the chairman of the executive committee, would head the council negotiating team at the meeting today.

Mr Friedlander accompanied the mayoral entourage to Madeira recently. In his absence, Mr Louis Kreiner was left in charge of Exco, and when he fell ill Mrs Stott led the team. She expressed some unwillingness to make major decisions in the absence of Mr Friedlander and Mr Kreiner.

On Friday, council electricity workers joined the work-to-rule.

Mr Peter Rist, head of the Parks and Forests Branch, quashed speculation yesterday that workers from his branch would join the work-to-rule this week.

"I have had no reports of a go-slow at all. Everything is normal," he said.

Mr John Ernstzen, general-secretary of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, could not be reached for comment late yesterday.

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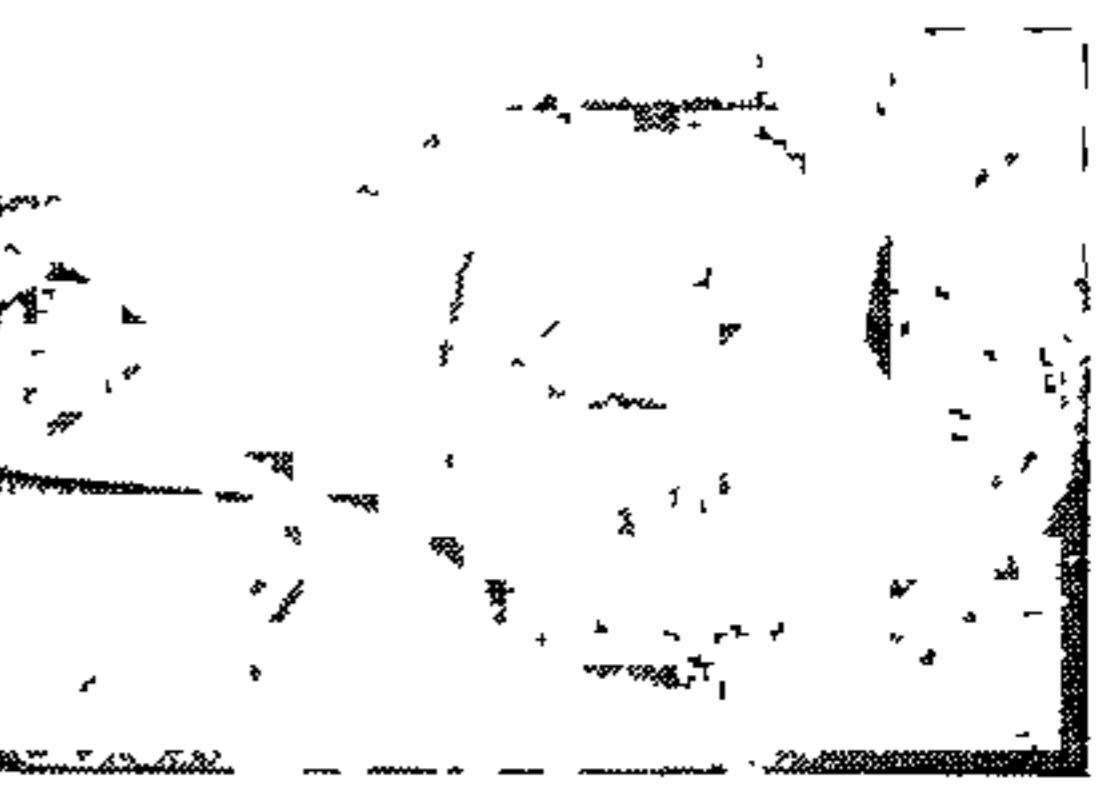
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BY CHRIS STEYN

CAPE TOWN City Council is in the grips of a controversy over the business affairs of deputy mayor Mr Peter Muller, who yesterday withdrew plans to offer his resignation on Thursday.

Mr Muller earlier offered to resign his post because his wife, Clara, is seriously ill. Questions have been raised about his possible failure to declare business interests which could have represented a conflict of interests.

Mr Muller is managing director of Fair Organisers, which has had business dealings with the council's Captour tourism initiative. He is also immediate past Captour chairman and a board member.



Mr Arthur Wienburg



Mrs Clara Muller



Mr Peter Muller

## ... as Muller

# reconsiders

Municipal Reporter

THE Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Peter Muller, decided yesterday not to resign from his position after all, and the Cape Town City Council expressed its confidence in him and his wife Clara.

A closed council caucus meeting was held yesterday to consider Mr Muller's public announcement last week of his offer to resign because of his wife Clara's serious illness.

The meeting lasted over two hours and was attended by 30 of the 34 councillors, including the mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz.

Dr Stanley Evans, the Town Clerk, said in a statement afterwards that Mr Muller had indicated that "on further consideration and discussion" he was of the opinion that, with support from his colleagues, he would be able to fulfil the tasks and functions of his

office.

Accordingly, "he would not pursue the lodging of his resignation from the office of deputy mayor".

The informal meeting "placed on record an expression of confidence in the deputy mayor and his wife to continue to serve in the office, and of positive support and assistance now and on their assumption of the mayoralty in conformity with our Cape Town convention".

This expression of confidence was passed as a motion by consensus at the end of the meeting, Dr Evans said.

He added that Mr Muller had been under a lot of pressure to do or say something last week when he issued his initial statement.

Shortly before that tests had shown that Mrs Clara Muller was suffering from Hodgkins's Disease, a form of cancer.

### Festival business

Some of the controversy centres on the way in which Mrs Muller, a former director of the company, conducted Maritime festival business. It is alleged in papers in possession of the Cape Times her behaviour was "abrasive", "rude" and "interfering".

Asked for comment by the Cape Times yesterday, councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg said "I believe it was an obligation on my part to raise the subject and have a full and frank debate and disclosure on the matter.

"I have not received the assurances I asked for at a council meeting last month, so I have written to the chairman of Captour for further information and documentation to be placed at my disposal. Until I have studied these, I cannot give you further comment."

Speaking at a council meeting last month, Mr Wienburg said: "There are rumours circulating that a councillor has or had certain financial interests in activities to do with Captour and the Cape Town Festival, and these involvements existed while the said gentleman was alleged to have served as a director of the board of Captour."

Debating an increased grant-in-aid of R440 000, part of which will go towards promoting the Cape Town Festival, Mr Wienburg said "Doubts have been expressed as to whether necessary disclosures have been made by the said gentleman and whether the actual involvement in the Captour activities and the festival activities have been in council's interest, or Captour's interest as well."

In another development, Cape Town Festival di-

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# Council

# Clarendon says yes to

**EAST LONDON — The city council voted narrowly last night to reject more than 5 000 objections to the Clarendon Gardens project.**

Dispatch Reporter

The final decision on the controversial R60-million project off Union Avenue is now in the hands of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, who will receive the minutes of all the debates on the matter and a list of the objections.

The council's decision to reject the objections and to approve the price of the 12,98 hectares of land came after nearly 1½ hours of debate which was punctuated by boos, foot stamping and thunderous applause from nearly 300 members of the public who attended the meeting in the quadrangle of the City Hall.

The proceedings were briefly disrupted by an incident between a placard-waving opponent of the scheme, Mr Ernie Masters, and a director of Elcorp, Mr Chris Winbach, who was sporting one of dozens of "yes to Clarendon Gardens" stickers. There were constant appeals for restraint as some of the eight councillors who voted to reject the objections uttered their stand

caused division, anger and frustration.

The full debate began with Mr Donald Card reiterating his warning that the project would be disastrous for East London.

He supported his argument with quotations from a report by the city engineer's department which opposed the project on the grounds that it was out of context with town planning and the environment, that it would attract undesirable and pose a security problem, that the city needed recreation space and open space, that the South African Transport Services land in the central business district was available, that the project would detract from the CBD and that there would be an increased traffic flow.

There was uproar when Mr Robbie De Lange rejected the objections, which Mr Eric Whitaker said were as "thick as a telephone directory".

Mr De Lange said only 340 objections were valid when they were

said the project would constitute only 17,1 per cent of that space.

After the vote was taken and a division called for, Mr Card moved that the question of the valuation of the land be discussed in an open council.

He said a valuation by an independent valuator from Cape Town flew in the face of valuations by the municipal valuator and the provincial valuator.

The municipal valuator had put the value of the 12,98 hectares at R4,3 million while the provincial valuator fixed it at R4,2 million. The independent valuator put it at R6 million. This was based on R52,5 a square metre against the R35 a square metre of the other two valuations.

Mr Errol Spring said he was "amazed" by the valuation and asked that the council make the best of a bad deal and write in a revisionary

"If we take into account this is highly desirable unencumbered

He said a "little village like Kokstad up the road from us" was selling land for a similar project with OK Bazaars as the anchor tenant at R75 a square metre.

"I am shattered by our price and we still have to pay Elcorp R1,8 million for reinstatement of the sportsfields."

Mr De Lange said the land had lain fallow for the past 40 years and if it was not sold to Elcorp it would lie fallow for the next 40 years.

"In the past 10 years we have not had any major projects here and I warn councillors that the Elcorp project won't be viable if the land is sold for R6 million."

The council stood to gain a net profit of R2,4 million "together with the city getting a fantastic scheme."

Mr Joe Yazbek said the council stood to gain handsomely. The council had always bent over backwards to help developers.

Mr Brian Snell said the price was absurd and attacked Mr Randall, who he said did not even know as chairman of the action committee that the council had to pay Elcorp R1,8 million for reinstating the sportsfields.

Mr Whitaker pointed out that the land on which the old Constantia cinema stood fetched R201,93 a square metre while the land for the Berea Mall had been sold for R83,79 a square metre in 1985.

He said Mr Yazbek's son had been involved in a Devereux Avenue development where R111 was paid per square metre and yet Mr Yazbek "wants to give this prime piece of real estate away for R35 a square metre."

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A section of the crowd that attended last night's city council meeting on Clarendon Gardens. Holding up the poster is Mr Ernie Masters. Next to him is Mr C. ...

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The debate opened on a high note when the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, outlined for the first time why she was opposed to the project which she said had bona fide people who supported the project. The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, dealt with the amount of retail space in the city and our city we will see what I am talking about. I look at other commercial land sold at an average of R126,50 a square metre over the last two years and cannot but fail to be amazed.

# Go-slow: Dustmen stick to guns

Municipal Reporter

THE work-to-rule or go-slow by most of Cape Town municipality's cleansing and electrical workers is set to continue at least till Friday in spite of yesterday's round of negotiations.

Dr Stanley Evans, the town clerk, said afterwards that "the council's further offer" had not been accepted.

Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the 11 500-strong Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association, said after the meeting that "nothing that happened there altered the situation".

The result of yesterday's meeting would be reported to a full shop stewards' meeting today, Mr. Ernstzen said, "and we will see the council's executive committee again on Friday".

Action by his union's members had been spontaneous, but not unlawful, he said. "The matter could be settled overnight if council made a reasonable offer."

If the pay dispute is not resolved on Friday, an odd situation will arise. Council workers who belong to the smaller South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), which organizes mainly white workers, will get the 10% August increase they accepted, while CTMWU workers holding out for more will get no immediate increase.

# Exco investigate Captour 'leak'

Municipal Reporter

AN investigation into how information about the business affairs of the deputy mayor, Mr Peter Muller, reached the Cape Times has been launched by the Cape Town City Council's executive committee

Mr Richard Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee, issued a special statement yesterday expressing concern at "the seemingly exaggerated nature of the headline and report in the Cape Times concerning the relationship between the deputy mayor and Captour"

The headline said "Row grips city council"

The article reported a controversy over Mr Muller's business affairs in connection with the declaration of his interests in a company which had dealings with the City Council-supported tourist organization, Captour

In his statement yesterday Mr Friedlander stressed that "on legal advice obtained, it is clear that there has been no contravention of any law governing municipal affairs"

This had also been stated by Mrs Eulalie Stott at the last council meeting, Mr Friedlander said

At that meeting, the issue of certain "rumours" was raised when an item relating to Captour came up, but no councillor mentioned any name on that occasion

Mr Friedlander said "Because of Council's interest in the funding of Captour, and the fact that certain issues normally left for inter-party settlement have been publicized, the executive committee has written to the chairman of the Captour board to obtain clarity, and to ascertain how it came about that the private contractual matters were made public in the way this has been done"

● Mrs Clara Muller, the deputy mayoress of Cape Town who is suffering from cancer, underwent a successful operation at Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday

Mr Muller said afterwards that she would convalesce there for about a week.

"Both Clara and I are warmly appreciative of the hundreds of messages, gifts of flowers, and cards of encouragement and support that we have received in recent days," he said

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# Squatters oppose 'witdoek' mayor

Supreme Court Reporter  
LEADERS of some of the 70 000 squatters "deprived of their homes last year in a "witdoek" attack, launched a Supreme Court application yesterday to declare the delegation of "witdoek" leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana as mayor of Crossroads invalid.

The applicants also seek an order declaring the Administrator of the Cape's appointment of Mr Ngxobongwana and six "councillors" to the Town Committee of Old Crossroads invalid, and preventing them from exercising the rights and duties of councillors

According to papers before court, at least two show houses and a community centre have

been built on land cleared and "upgraded" after at least 60 people were killed in the destruction of the Portland Cement, Nyanga Extension and Nyanga Bush squatter camps, and parts of KTC

At least 200 tents have also been erected recently, according to leader of the dispersed Nyanga Extension community Mr Alfred Siphika

Both he and Portland Cement leader Mr Christopher Toise say attempts to discuss with the authorities the return of people to land they used to occupy, have been fruitless

Mr Siphika said that soon after the "witdoek" attack the authorities announced that all people driven out of the area

would have to move to Khayelitsha and the destroyed area would be available only to people still in Crossroads

He said this approach not only deprived people with legitimate claims of their right to return to the area, "it also shows the authorities are prepared to reward armed violence and arson"

Fellow applicant Mr Simon Mgedle said "great prejudice" could be caused to thousands of people by "irrevocable steps" taken by the Administrator and Mr Ngxobongwana.

He said the matter was urgent because Mr Ngxobongwana could begin allocating houses "at any moment" in an area where tension is acute.

Mr Mgedle said none of the

regulations relating to the election of members of local authorities have been complied with and Mr Ngxobongwana and his "council" therefore have no valid authority.

Former caretaker of the Noxolo School in Old Crossroads Mr Vuyisile Ntsewu disputed the claim of Mr Ngxobongwana and his "council" that they were elected

On the purported election day there were no nominations and no voting at the meeting, he said.

The case was postponed till September 9.

Mr Justice C T Howie presided Mr J J Gauntlett, with Mr W Duminy and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the applicants Mr W G Burger SC, with Mr H M Carstens and instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the Administrator,

# Wage talks stalemate

NEGOTIATIONS between the City Council and the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association (CTMWA) again ended in stalemate earlier this week following a demand of a R50 across-the-board wage increase by the union.

Workers of the council's ~~cleaning~~ department, to back up the demand, have been on a go-slow for more than two weeks and have now been joined by workers of the electricity and roads branches.

The general secretary of CTMWA, Mr Johnny Ernstzen, said the union and the council would meet again on Friday.

Mr Ernstzen said there was nothing that the union could do to alleviate the situation.

"We can only say the matter is in the council's hands" Mr Ernstzen said.

Mr Ted Doman, public relations officer of the council, said he could not comment on the negotiations until after further discussions were held between the council and the union.

Mr Doman said although workers at the electrical department had joined the work-to-rule, their action was not yet evident.

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# ROW over RSCs in council

**Municipal Reporter**

A ROW over taking part in the Regional Services Council (RSC) broke out at the monthly meeting of Cape Town City Council again yesterday

Eventually council accepted the recommendations of a report that concluded that draft RSC legislation "points to growing centralization of power in the hands of government-appointed functionaries and represents a narrowing of democracy at the local level"

Dr John Sonnenberg spoke strongly against participation in the RSC, saying it was "a morass" that was "becoming a farce of democracy"

Mr Chris Joubert responded with disappointment, and said the spirit on the RSC of overcoming the initial problems depended on the people there

## Interjection

"It will be the crèche of multi-racial decision-making"

People of various races sat together on it, he said, "and that is progress" At an interjection from Dr Sonnenberg, Mr Joubert said "He owes me money He bet me, in favour of a charity of my choice, that there would not be a member of the PFP on the RSC"

Mr Arthur Wienburg asked whether Mrs Eulalie Stott had voted for beach apartheid on the RSC She replied that she had only accepted existing Divisional Council rules for the meanwhile, after making known her objections to separate amenities and squatter control

Later, when she was going to do something to overturn the Divco rules on separate amenities, she found that Mr Clive Keegan had tackled the matter the previous day

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# RSC poll rights flushed out

EXPLAINING how voting powers on the RSC worked was "a rather messy operation at a meeting like this", the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, remarked yesterday during a furore at the council's monthly meeting.

It was a messy opera-

tion indeed Mr Frank van der Velde wanted to know how Cape Town municipality's RSC voting strength of 33.92% had been arrived at.

Mrs Eulalie Stott replied that it came about as the estimate of "the amount we have of the sewerage service"

As quick as a flush, Mr Van der Velde interjected incredulously "The more times you go to the toilet, the more votes you get?"

"That's it, just about," Mrs Stott said, and then Mr Markovitz interrupted her with his "messy business" remark and a suggestion that it should be explained on another occasion.

Later Mr Richard Friedlander, the chairman of exco, explained that voting was determined not only by an area's expenditure on sewage works and bulk water supplies, but also on refuse dumps, land use and transport planning, tourism promotion and civil defence.

# Numsa slams council

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THE National Union of Metal Workers in South Africa has accused the East London Municipality of using the Group Areas Act to prevent the union from holding its meeting in the city hall tomorrow.

East London Municipality spokesman AD Janse said "the municipality did not refuse access to the city hall"

Numsa spokesman said the meeting would now be held in the St John's Anglican church hall. - Elnews.

# Union to decide on council offer

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) members will decide at a mass meeting on Thursday whether to accept a final offer from the city council on their wage dispute.

Among the 11 500 members of the CTMWA are 1 200 cleansing workers, most of whom have engaged in action that they call a "work-to-rule" for three weeks, while the council regards it as a "go-slow".

The union's general secretary, Mr John Ernstzen, yesterday said the council had agreed to give its staff time off to attend a union members-only meeting in the Good Hope Centre at 1pm on Thursday.

"The result of our negotiations will

be placed before the union membership at a special general meeting on Thursday, and that meeting will take a final decision," he said.

The town clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, said the council had made its "last offer" yesterday, an offer which he regarded as very reasonable.

He believed it would be to the advantage of the workers if they accepted the offer, and he hoped the pay dispute could be drawn to a conclusion this week.

Neither Dr Evans nor Mr Ernstzen would reveal the nature of the "last offer". It is understood that the cleansing workers' action will continue until Thursday, and whether it stops then or goes on depends on the workers.

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# Cleansers accept pay offer, end go-slow

Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN municipal workers have accepted the City Council's pay offer — and the work-to-rule affecting the cleansing and electrical departments is over

About 9 000 members of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) yesterday jammed the Good Hope Centre for a three-hour meeting to debate whether to accept the offer or to continue industrial action for a better deal

After intense debate the members finally voted to accept the council's offer of R17 a week or 10 percent, whichever is the higher, backdated to July 1

For the lowest-paid workers the R17 component will represent a 17-percent wage increase

The CTMWA executive was mandated by the meeting to continue pressing for a "living wage" to meet rocketing prices of rents, transport, food and electricity

### IMMEDIATE EFFECT

The decision to accept the offer came after months of negotiation in which the union demanded a R50-a-week across-the-board increase for its 11 500 members

The work-to-rule by the cleansing workers started on July 13 as employees moved to pressure the council into a better offer

Garbage piled up in several areas

Electrical employees joined the work-to-rule about two weeks later.

CTMWA spokesmen said the action was over with immediate effect

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# Govt cuts: 250 workers retrenched

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## Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Some 250 Mdantsane Special Organisation (MSO) employees were retrenched this week because of a cut in South African Government funding

East London city councillors as well as municipal and Ciskei Government officials have expressed concern at the retrenchments

A councillor who has been closely involved with the MSO in recent years, Mr Donald Card, said he was "very annoyed" about the council's involvement in the MSO

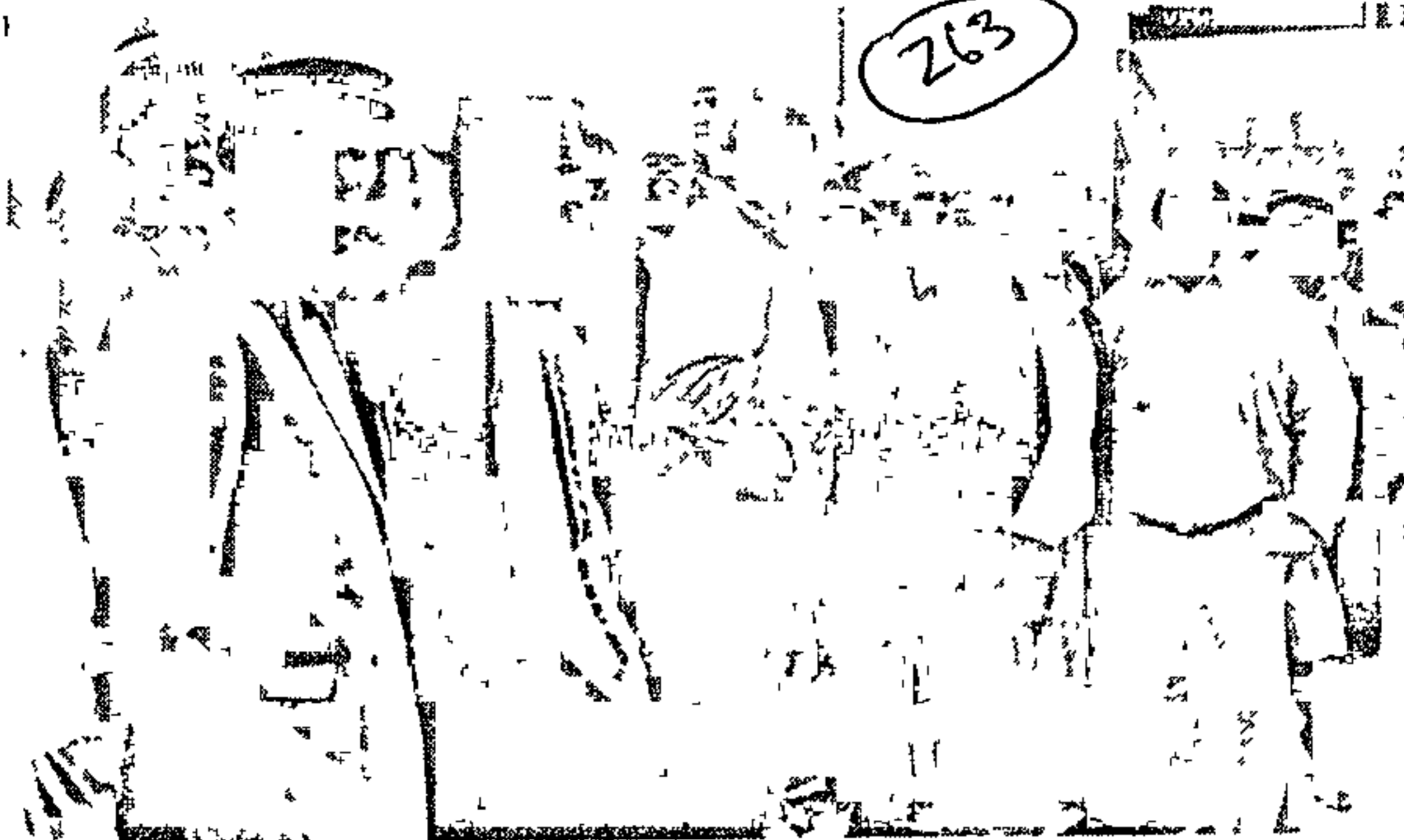
The retrenchments are apparently the result of a cut in the MSO's budget by the South Africa Government. The extent of the cut could not be established yesterday

The MSO builds houses in Mdantsane for the Ciskei Government with funds provided by the South African Development Trust (SADT).

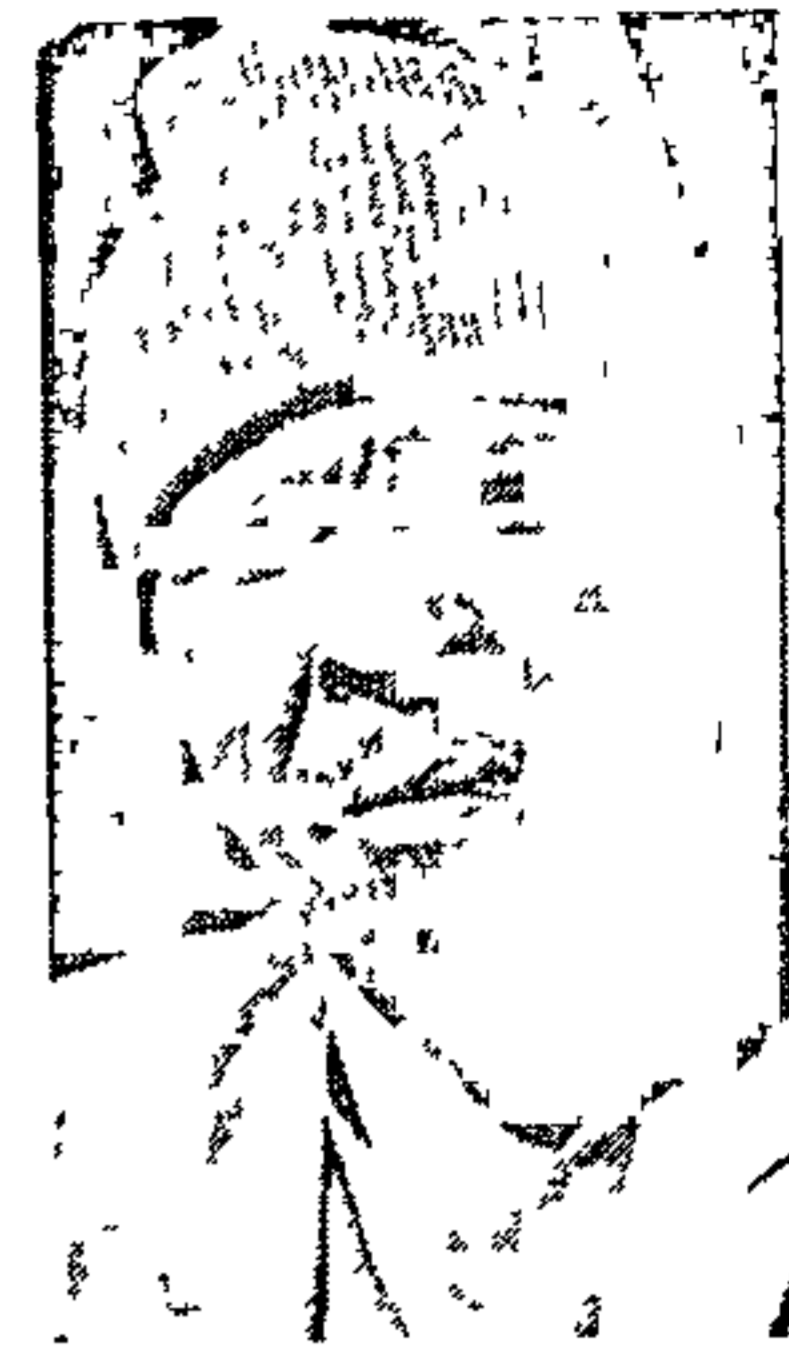
The East London municipality acts as an agent for the SADT and supplies professional input in return for three per cent of the total expenditure

After speculation in May of a possible cut in the MSO's budget, a municipal official confirmed that restraints had been imposed in case funding was reduced.

The deputy city engineer, Mr Fraser Martin, said at the time he believed the restraints would include a reduction in the number of houses built, but not the retrenchment of staff.



Some of the retrenched workers outside the municipal pay office



MR NOMPUNGO ...  
23 years' service

One of the retrenched workers, Mr Johnson Nompungo, who has worked for the MSO since 1965, said he was informed on Tuesday this week that he would be paid off on Wednesday

He had received an additional two weeks' pay when he was paid off, he said

Mr Nompungo said workers had been told this week that 250 would be retrenched as there was a shortage of funds

"In April we asked for an increase but were told that we would have to accept either more money and retrenchments, or no increases and no retrenchments

"We agreed to settle for no increases but were told we would get more money on July 1. This didn't happen and then we were told this week we would be retrenched," Mr Nompungo said, adding that he was the sole supporter of his wife and two young children

The chief city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, said in a statement that during the past year "abnormal expenditure" of some R4 million had occurred in Mdantsane for the augmentation of the bulk electricity supply and the construction of a reservoir

This had left the MSO short of funds for its normal operations, and an application for additional funds had been unsuccessful

"The local members of Parliament and the Minister of Development Aid (Dr Gerrit Viljoen) have used their endeavours in this matter but in a recent letter the minister has advised with regret that an additional allocation of funds is not possible," Mr Keppie said

He said the retrenchments had been undertaken on a "last-in-last-out principle, and in addition the position of elderly and infirm staff is being reviewed"

Staff had received a week's notice pay and had not been required to work the week

"The city council is extremely concerned as agent to the SADT but all possible remedies have been explored. Should the position change, retrenched staff of good record will be given preference for re-employment," Mr Keppie said

Mr Card, who said he resigned from the MSO some years ago after a similar incident, described the situation as "shocking".

"We have discussed the matter in council and I believe most councillors are dissatisfied

"The city council is the agent for the government with the MSO. I'm very annoyed about our involvement because we are seen as the bad boys

"The government cuts the budget but we are committed to projects and tenders and we

have no option but to retrench

"We are not out of pocket financially, but out of pocket with credibility with black people," Mr Card said, adding that the city engineering department had been requested to report to the council on the MSO

Ciskei's director general of foreign affairs and information, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said the fact that people were to lose their jobs, particularly at this time of year, called for sympathy

"But it is understandable because funds are not available. We can only hope that the economy will improve and that the people can find odd jobs, or that there will be funds and their old jobs will become available"

Mr Somtunzi said the Ciskei Government had been assured that the workers would be re-employed when funds were available

# Cape Town planners battle city's crisis

By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

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**A** CITY in crisis and fighting for survival

The bleak scenario of metropolitan Cape Town entering the 21st Century wracked by unemployment, declining living standards, an acute housing shortage and political turmoil has had desperate City Council planners burning the midnight oil

In an attempt to meet the crisis, planners persuaded the council to adopt the concept of a corporate city plan for Cape Town

This is a clearly-defined strategy in which the private sector — including the business community, service organisations, ratepayers' and civic associations and organised labour — is invited to join the council in initiating goals, based on successful planning processes in North American cities like Dallas

The issue was highlighted in Weekend Argus at the weekend

But there are major factors inhibiting the council and there is a clear admission from the Civic Centre that it is the government which holds the key to the Cape Town's uncertain future.

The main challenges facing the city are jobs, income creation, housing and participation of residents in decisions affecting them, says the corporate city plan report and, in each case, gov-

ernment policy, past or present, appears to mitigate against a solution

One of the recommendations of the President's Council's report on *A Strategy for Employment Creation and Labour Intensive Development* is that there should be no artificial restrictions on those entering the economy.

"All people should have the same opportunities for taking part in economic activity, access to sources of production and career and geographic mobility must not be limited by legal restrictions and social custom," it says.

But the proposed council response — being considered today by the town planning committee — says this principle cannot be effectively translated into strategy within the existing legal framework of racially-defined structures.

"Major constraining elements, including the Group Areas Act, the Land Act, the Aliens Act, the Race Classification Act and racially-based education, preclude the free and equal access to opportunity so clearly called for in the 'basic principle' articulated above," the proposed City Council response says

The President's Council report also reaffirms the importance of education and training to equip people for productive employment and emphasises that equal education for all population groups is necessary

The World Bank had concluded that investment in education had the highest multiplier effect on job creation and it was therefore essential that State investment in black and coloured education be considerably increased, the City Council's report warned

It pointed out that in 1984/85, the average expenditure on each white school pupil was R1 926, while that on each coloured pupil was R708 and on each black pupil R294

While the President's Council report recommends a housing and urbanisation programme, including upgrading existing residential areas, housing and community services, it suggests that problems facing blacks in metropolitan Cape Town are not as urgent as those experienced by coloured people

However, the City Council says the President's Council report was based on "manifestly wrong" information and that the government's own estimate for the black population of the area — 620 000 — is more than twice that used by the President's Council

"The black population of Cape Town is large and growing, it is extremely poor, underhoused, under-skilled and undereducated for productive involvement in the urban economy," it points out

It also makes it clear that public involvement is crucial to the successful preparation and implementation of the corporate city plan

"The future of Cape Town should be shaped by the decisions of its citizens," it says.

But without full and equal representation at local government level, those excluded from the ultimate decision-making process appear unwilling to become involved in any joint planning exercise.

The City Council had agreed to convene a conference to draw up a manifesto for non-racial democratic local government and the report had this to say "The conference should be seen as an essential prerequisite in the Cape Town context to publicly-based corporate planning"

But the conference has been shelved — at least for the foreseeable future. Major factors contributing to the postponement are apparently the state of emergency and the incarceration of civic leaders

And, far from supporting the City Council's local government ideal, the government appears committed to an opposite political structure — including the creation of more racially-based and largely-rejected management committees

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# City council parties itself into the red

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council over-spent on its R112 500 public functions' budget last year by several thousand rands, according to figures tabled in a report to its executive committee yesterday.

The final amount of the over-expenditure is not yet available, as figures for June have not yet been released — although the new financial year began on July 1 but by the end of May, R7,978,57 more than the budget had been spent.

The city treasurer, Mr Donald

Geyer, said yesterday that the executive committee had known for some time that there would be an over-expenditure, as "certain major functions" — including a function for Lions International and another for the Cape Province Municipal Association — had been planned after the budget figure had been worked out.

He said the mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, had drawn Exco's attention to the fact that he had been asked to host certain functions for which no allowance had been made

"In the budget we kept the mayor

down to a 12% rise on the previous year's budget," Mr Geyer said. "The price of food alone has risen far more than that."

Exco had approved the figures placed before it yesterday, he said, and he had indicated that another report would be forthcoming, dealing with the June figures.

Over-expenditure would be "more than we would normally have, as a percentage", yet it was not a large figure relative to the size of the budget.

Detailed figures show that the CPM function was attended by 657 delegates at a average cost of R6,85

a head, while the Lions reception was attended by 510 people at R6,43 a head. Both functions were in May

The most expensive function per head was a dinner held in March for "Departmental Affairs of Uruguay" according to the report, at a cost of R55,18 a head for the 18 guests.

The extent of over-catering was also detailed in the figures, which indicate that usually the number of people who attend a function is smaller than the number invited. Sometimes it is the other way round, and at one function 393 people attended, though 120 people

had been invited and catered for. Western Province Blood Transfusion Services officials distinguished themselves when all 35 turned up, as invited, to partake of refreshments in the Mayor's Parlour at a total overall cost of only R1,92 each, one of the lowest average costs.

Mr Geyer said the council wanted to encourage conferences here as they brought a great deal of money to the city. "People spend money here, and it's very good for the hotel trade. Someone has to be prepared to put in some money to reciprocate by holding functions," he said.



# George officials sued for contempt

Staff Reporter

A LAWAAIKAMP resident whose house has allegedly twice been partly destroyed by the George municipality — once after he had received court protection — brought an application yesterday to have two officials committed for contempt of court.

Mr Edward Vywer, of House 226, applied to the Supreme Court for an urgent interdict calling on the George Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, and the Director of Civil Defence, Mr Christiaan Gerber, to show

why they should not be committed for contempt of court.

Mr Vywer said in an affidavit that since 1980 he had been the lawful occupier of his house, which was built on a plot the municipality had allocated to him. In May this year, he claimed, the municipality unlawfully destroyed one of the house's rooms.

He and others took the matter to the Supreme Court. On June 24 the court ordered the municipality to restore the demolished room. It also interdicted and restrained the

municipality from further demolition

Mr Vywer said his house was restored, but on August 10, municipal employees "under the direct control of a Mr Gerber unlawfully demolished a part of my house", this time a bedroom.

Mr Pat Gamble, for Mr Vywer, said the municipality had adopted a "high-handed attitude".

The application was postponed by consent for hearing on August 26, and the George

municipality undertook to maintain the status quo pending the hearing.

□ In a similar matter yesterday morning, regarding a separate Lawaaiikamp demolition, the municipality was granted the right to appeal to the Appellate Division, and gave an undertaking not to demolish in the meanwhile.

Dr W E Cooper SC appeared with Mr B Smit, who was instructed by Ernst Strauss and Haasbroek. Mr Pat Gamble was instructed by Malinick, Ress, Richman and Closen-berg Inc.

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# Council split on sport sites

Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — The city council was split last night over whether to proceed with investigating proposed replacement sites for sportsfields pending the outcome of the administrator's decision on the Clarendon Gardens shopping complex.

At an earlier action committee meeting Mr Donald Card referred to the possibility of incorporating four replacement sportsfields in the Jan Smuts complex and the surrounding available land.

At last night's council meeting, Mr Card agreed with Mr Brian Snell that the item be withdrawn pending the administrator's decision whether the Clarendon Gardens complex should be approved.

Mr Snell, supported by Mr Eric Whitaker, said the council had vir-

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tually donated the land to the developers and asked why it should need to determine sport sites at this stage when the administrator had not yet decided on the outcome of Clarendon Gardens.

Mr Card said in terms of the recommendation before the council it was stated that replacement fields be in a playable condition before the existing sportsfields were taken out of service.

"We have made so many strange decisions — why must we spend money to develop alternative fields?"

"If Elcorp (the developers of Clarendon Gardens) want to spend money, let them go ahead, but not at the ratepayers' expense,"

Mr Card said

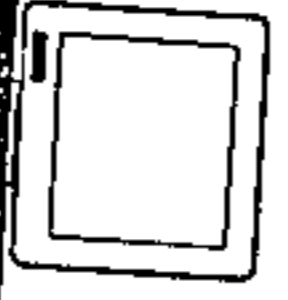
When the issue was put to the vote, the council was split down the middle. The Mayor, Mrs Elisabe Kemp, ruled that no investigation into alternative sportsfield sites would be made before the administrator reached his decision.

Councillors supporting the view that the matter should not be investigated now were Mr Card, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Bassingthwaite, Mr Snell, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mrs Kemp.

Councillors against were Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Phillip Rothbart, Mr Joe Yazbek, and Mr Robert de Lange (Jnr).

Mr Ivan Zulman resigned himself before the issue was discussed.

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## Scottsdene quits RSC: 'Like being passengers'

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THE Scottsdene management committee at Kraaifontein has quit the Western Cape Regional Services Council

The committee decided this week to resign from the RSC after testing the new system of local government for 56 days

The chairman, Mr Petrus Cloete, said the committee had given the new system a chance and had found a number of shortcomings

He compared the committee's brief term on the RSC with being "like passengers on a train travelling to an unknown destination"

Mr Cloete said he had learnt of negotiations to implement "own affairs" functions of the RSC which he considered to be in direct contrast with provi-

sions in the RSC Act

He said the failure of the RSC to effect recommendations made by the committee on matters regarding its area was one of the main reasons for the breakaway

Another was the transfer of all personnel in the management committee's area of jurisdiction to the RSC in spite of their salaries being derived from rates and municipal service charges paid by residents

Among key issues were unanswered requests to the RSC for a leased photostat machine at the public library

"I wish to make it clear we are not asking for autonomy," he said "All we would like to have is the final say in matters relating to our area of jurisdiction, including the appointment of staff and services"

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# Tempers flare over motion on Captour probe

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

ACRIMONIOUS debate in the City Council chamber followed Mr Arthur Wienburg's introduction of a motion — eventually unsuccessful — requesting an investigation into Captour's affairs

He also requested that the tourism promotion body's R444 000 annual grant from the council should be withheld pending the outcome

The motion was overwhelmingly defeated

Two people who responded particularly strongly were Mr David Bloomberg, who gave Captour its name and served as its first chairman, and Mr Richard Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee

Mr Bloomberg called Mr Wienburg "a whippersnapper", while Mr Friedlander dubbed Mr Wienburg "our own Dr No", because he was said to have voted against so many items, including the increased grant to Captour

Mr Wienburg said he was concerned about "withholding of information" The result of a survey into the success of the 1986 festival had become available only this month, he said

## Public tenders query

Mr Peter Muller, who was Captour chairman in 1986, replied that he had given the Captour board a draft copy of the report in June last year

Mr Wienburg also asked why public tenders had not been requested in writing for a contract apparently worth "between R20 000 and R40 000 per annum" Mr Friedlander replied that Captour was not obliged to call for tenders

Information concerning a contract "given to a former chairman of Captour" had been delayed, Mr Wienburg claimed

Mr Louis Kreiner, the present chairman of Captour, who came to the council debate from his sickbed, said Captour had nothing to hide and was

"prepared to answer any questions Mr Wienburg may have"

Rumours had sprung up "in other parts of the country" that Captour was closing down and that embezzlement was rife "because of his call for public inquiries", Mr Louis Kreiner said

"Please leave Captour alone, pick another issue," he appealed "I have a list of 53 questions (from Mr Wienburg) The list goes on and on"

Mr Bloomberg said Mr Wienburg had the "effrontery and presumption to appoint himself as an ombudsman into the affairs of Captour"

"What a colossal cheek! With no evidence to substantiate any allegations, he has become the author of his own rumours"

Three firms of auditors or attorneys had investigated Captour and "nothing sinister" had emerged, Mr Bloomberg said

Replying, Mr Wienburg said he had been "elected to come here to ask a three-letter word, 'Why'". Mr Bloomberg, exasperated, interjected that he would like to ask the voters of Rondebosch "Why?"

Mr Wienburg, Mr Kenneth Penkin and Mr Rupert Hurly voted in favour of Mr Wienburg's motion, while the other 26 present voted against it

## Council slates Burger article

Municipal Reporter

THIRTY city councillors, including Deputy Mayor Mr Peter Muller, voted in favour of a motion deploring a front-page article in the Burger insinuating the existence of a political campaign to thwart the election of Mr Muller as mayor

The article suggested that this campaign was supported by Progressive Federal Party-supporting members of the council, and that the Cape Times contributed to the campaign

Dr John Sonnenberg introduced a motion of exigency "deploring the mischievous attempt to wilfully introduce party politics into the mayoral election"

There were no established facts in the article and no truth, "just poison" in the "scandalous" article, he said

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# Council may use experts for labour relations

By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council Executive Committee will consider using labour consultants in all future negotiations with staff or their trade unions

This follows the adoption of a motion by councillor Mr Kenneth Penkin at the monthly meeting

Mr Penkin yesterday said labour relations were becoming "extremely important"

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) was developing into one of the most important organisations in the country and the council would have to deal with it, he said

## Top priority

"How well are we equipped to deal with Cosatu's growing militancy?" he asked

"Labour relations must be given top priority and be conducted in a thoroughly professional manner"

Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander said consultants were called in whenever the council needed "expert advice", but there was "on-going contact between employer and employee"

Mr Norman Osburn said he was "quite frankly appalled" at the amount of time the Executive Committee spent on wage negotiations and contentious staff issues

He believed experts could be employed "to actually implement negotiations" and not merely in an advisory capacity

Mr Frank van der Velde said the "top 64 employees" of the municipality were themselves trade union leaders and they should "seriously consider" resigning from these organisations

Mr Jan van Eck said there should be "no illusions of the incredible skills involved in negotiations" and warned that wage demands would become peripheral to demands for political rights

"There has to be a political solution," he said

Mr Penkin's motion was adopted 17-10



Mr Kenneth Penkin

## Rowdy scenes, but braai area at Nek stays open

Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL to remove braai areas and prohibit fires at Constantia Nek has been referred back to the amenities and health committee for further recommendation

The picnic area had been taken over by an "unruly, hooligan element which persisted in playing loud music accompanied by raucous shouting and singing, lighting fires and carousing until the early hours of the morning," the council was told in a report yesterday

These elements were causing a "major nuisance" to residents and their anti-social behaviour could not be prevented because of a severe staff shortage in

the council's law-enforcement department

But Dr Jack Joffe said it would be a "shame" to close the braai area

Mr Jan van Eck conceded that there were "lots of problems" at braai areas

"We know that, but we shouldn't allow a small number of people to determine how we live. We should look at the whole policy of providing this sort of facility," he argued

Mr Emil Riese, acting-chairman of the amenities and health committee, said braai areas had to be away from residential areas

"Unfortunately we have not got the staff to control it (Constantia Nek)," he added

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# Festival report challenged

MR DICK FRIEDLANDER, chairman of Exco, has challenged a Cape Times report of August 15, under the heading "Festival sums 'hurried, not audited'", as being misleading

In a letter to the Cape Times he says the report quoted minimal extracts from a three-page statement issued by the town clerk and himself together with an auditor's report on last year's Cape Festival gate takings. The full section read "We understand that the 'Festival 86' figures were hurriedly compiled for the purpose of comparison and were not audited. Under the heading 'Festival 86' was an item 'Gate Receipts R80 000'. In our opinion this figure is incorrect and misleading and does not compare to the factual position as reflected in Captour's books and records."

Failure to quote this statement in full fell short of the newspaper's reputation for fair and impartial coverage, the letter states. Had Captour or the council been approached with the queries before information was published from reports privately

obtained, the Cape Times "would, I am sure, have received the explanation given by the auditors now" which should be satisfactory and have allayed any suspicion of improper financial dealings, whether by Captour or any person

## Thoroughly investigated

On news reports about Deputy Mayor Mr Peter Muller, Mr Friedlander says legal advice is clear that, insofar as the council is concerned, there has been no contravention of any law governing municipal representation or councillorship. Minutes exist to show business interests had been declared at Captour board meetings

The issues had been thoroughly and officially discussed and investigated at top levels, and the acting chairman of Captour had contacted Councillor Arthur Weimburg, who has been quoted in reports, replying to questions he raised

Mr Friedlander protests that having presumably satisfied questioners on the festival gate cash, the disputed report "now

appears to change direction in emphasizing other aspects of Captour's affairs"

Captour is a very representative body of tourism expertise, managed by a board comprising representatives from several concerned organizations. Mr Friedlander says the attitude of "veiled suspicion and innuendo" directed at it and Mr Muller is "calculated to cause irreparable harm" and could destroy an organization which through its phenomenal success in marketing Cape Town both in South Africa and internationally has made a major contribution to the economy of the city in times of unemployment and economic privation

The Cape Festival is but a small part of Captour's year-round efforts

*(The news reports voiced public doubts and questions about matters regarding an organization that uses public funds. Mr Muller's responses were sought and published. The concern of the reports, like that of Mr Friedlander, is for the good health and interests of Cape Town and Captour — Editor)*

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# Muller voted city's mayor

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Staff Reporter

RECONCILIATION and job creation are priorities for the next two years, the mayor-elect, Mr Peter Muller, says

Mr Muller was elected to succeed Mr Leon Markovitz at a council caucus yesterday

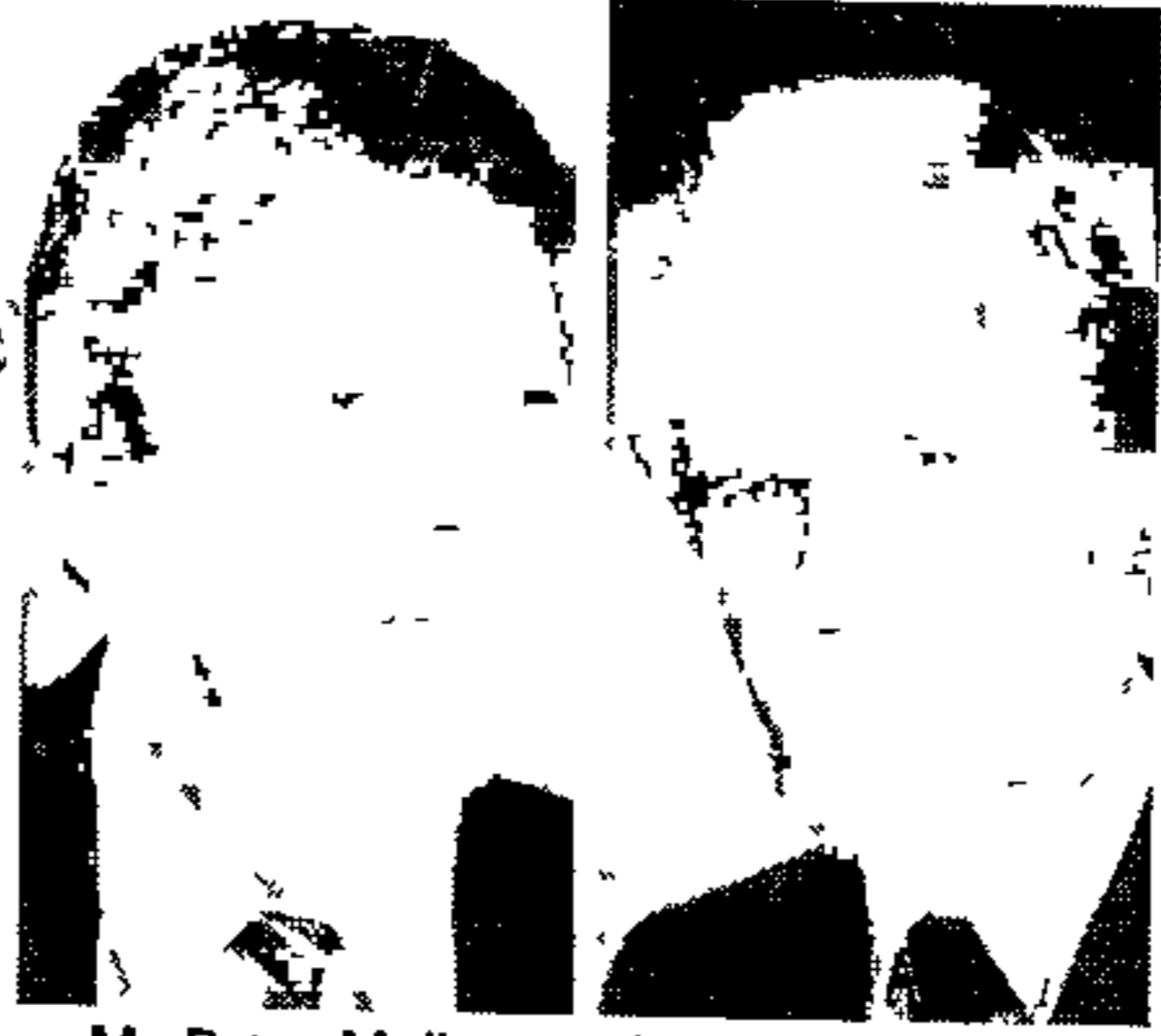
Mr Gordon Oliver, councillor for Diep River and director of the Fairest Cape Association, was elected deputy mayor. Mr Oliver and Mr Jack Frost were the only two nominations

Mr Frost surprised the council when he made himself unavailable for re-election to the Executive Committee. Mr Emil Riese has replaced Mr Frost as the new Utilities and Works Committee chairman

There were no other changes to the executive committee. Mr Dick Friedlander is chairman with another of his two-year terms to serve

The other Exco members are Mr Louis Kreiner, the deputy chairman, and chairman of the Amenities and Health Committee, Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the Town Planning Committee, and Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the Housing Committee

Speaking soon after his election yesterday, Mr Muller said he was "humbled by the confidence shown in me by my colleagues"



Mr Peter Muller      Mr Gordon Oliver

"I believe that in these difficult times the creation of as many jobs as possible must be a priority

"I will also be trying to further the role of the city, its policies and expertise, in the broader region, not just the local RSC

"We have got a lot to give to South Africa in general and we should be giving it," he said

Mr Oliver said the significance of his election had not yet sunk in

"However, I will also have to give long and careful thought about how I see things two years hence. In particular I am interested in marketing Cape Town"

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# New committees <sup>pages</sup> 'not representative'

## Staff Reporters

COMMUNITY organisations and the City Council today condemned the appointment of management committees for Woodstock and Schotsche Kloof.

The committees will represent coloured people in Woodstock, Salt River and Walmer Estate, and Schotsche Kloof. Their formation was promulgated in the Provincial Gazette on Friday.

The notice said the Administrator had, with the approval of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, established the committees in terms of the Local Authorities Ordinance of 1963.

Five members have been appointed to each committee pending the general municipal elections next year when members will be elected.

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"These appointed local authority bodies will have no credibility," said Mr Wilfred Rhodes, chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee.

The province was forced to appoint the committees "because they would never be able to be elected", Mr Rhodes said. "They will not be representative of the area. They will never be able to meet or represent the demands of the people."

The president of the Association of Management Committees, the Rev Edward Manikkam, said he preferred not to comment today.

The committee members for Schotsche Kloof are Mr Ismail Achmat, Mr I Hartley, Mrs N Abader, Mrs A Koopman and Mrs S Salie. The members for Woodstock, Salt River and Walmer Estate are Mr C Hen-

dricks, Mr A Williams, Mr A Bayat, Mrs S Mohammed and Mrs H Martin.

The committees will be represented on the Regional Services Council.

The secretary of the Woodstock, Salt River and Walmer Estate Residents' Association, Mr Anwar Nagia, said the residents had "clearly demonstrated their rejection of all such racist structures" at the time of the tri-cameral elections, in which only four percent of the electorate in the area voted.

## UNDEMOCRATIC

"The association rejects all undemocratic structures such as these management committees," he said.

A co-ordinator of the Bo Kaap Action Group, of which the Bo Kaap Civic Association is a member, said the people appointed to the committee had "aligned themselves with a racist structure".

He said: "The organisations under Bokag reject these undemocratically nominated, unknown people."

The establishment of new management committees with the attendant administrative costs and problems were "not in the interests of the city", said Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the City Council's executive committee.

He said council policy was "direct representation" and a council delegation had met the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to plead its case. The council had also addressed the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, on the matter.

"We are very distressed that our representations have not borne fruit," he said.



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# New mancoms for Plain and Retreat

# Conditions attached to rezoning of synagogue

Municipal Reporter

Municipal Reporter

TWO new all-nominated management committees have been established by proclamation in Cape Town, and another two — for Mitchells Plain and Retreat — are on the way.

Despite the small proportion of votes on the Regional Services Council which the new management committees will command, the City Council will lose its veto power on the RSC, a management committee spokesman said yesterday.

Cape Town had 33,9% of the RSC votes, said Mr W Jacobs, secretary of the Athlone and District management committee. Having more than a third of the votes gave it veto power, he confirmed.

The new mancoms would have very little voting power, but when the Mitchells Plain mancom got its own votes, Cape Town's allocation would "surely" fall below 33,3%, he said.

The administrator, with the approval of the Minister of Community Development, established "a management committee for the Coloured Group Areas at Woodstock, Walmer Estape and Salt River", and another one for Schotsche Kloof, by notice in the Provincial Gazette on Friday.

Mr Piet Schoeman, the Provincial Administration's Member of the Executive Committee (MEC) for Local Government, confirmed yesterday that the management committees for Mitchells Plain and Retreat would be established soon.

"We are just waiting for the names of members to be submitted by Mr David Curry's office," he said.

Management committee members would have to stand for election in the municipal elections next year, he said. These are scheduled for October 1988.

In a survey conducted in so-called coloured areas by Cape Town City Council, only 2,5% of respondents wanted management committees to have greater powers.

When the government announced earlier this year that it would establish more management committees, 24 civic and other local associations expressed surprise and dismay, as they regarded mancoms as undemocratic and "constituted along racist lines".

A DISUSED synagogue building in Argyle Street, Woodstock, should be rezoned for commercial use, but only if the owner promises to preserve the building, the town planning committee recommended yesterday.

The owners of the building, National Rewinds CC, had applied for a rezoning of the entire plot from residential to commercial, and no objections were received.

According to a report from the City Planner, Mr David Jack, the synagogue building, erected in 1910, and a hall nearby it had been identified as "worthy of preservation".

The applicant wanted to upgrade the buildings initially for commercial activity — the rewinding of machines and armatures — but eventually to demolish them to make way for warehouses.

"The need to preserve and restore buildings of historical and architectural merit" was stressed in the report.

At its meeting yesterday, the town planning committee recommended that the rezoning should be allowed, but on condition that the synagogue building and the hall were retained

Renovation would have to be done "within two years of the approval by the administrator of the rezoning", and it would have to be done in accordance with plans prepared by an expert in historic building conservation.

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He said a recent case was solved in Cape Town and the man responsible found guilty and fined.

It was imperative that all calls be reported to police immediately to assist detectives in their investigations, he said.

Obscene callers and heavy breathers were unbalanced people who often persisted in their calls, he said.

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## Coloured housing called unfit

By PAM AGNEW

EAST LONDON — The city council here has been blamed for conditions in the Windy Ridge Flats housing scheme in Parkside, which has been labelled "unfit for human habitation"

A member of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr Johannes Temmers, described the scheme, where residents pay a minimum of R60,50 for one-roomed shells, as "an eye-sore"

"Our biggest concern is to relocate the residents somewhere else," he said

"We have often squealed about the situation. The scheme is not really fit for human habitation"

"But what can we do? We need to provide alternative accommodation. I blame the council. They do not have their priorities right"

"The issue has been dragging on and on and attempts to find land for alternative schemes go on endlessly. Something must be done. There is a large backlog of people waiting for other houses too," Mr Temmers said

Residents at the scheme pay R60,50 a

month for rent, which includes lights and water

One problem for the residents is that the payment for lights and water is worked out as an average among residents and not on individual consumption

"The rent does include lights and water — and this is different to other housing schemes, where lights and water are charged separately per individual home," Mr Temmers said

"All the people living there have one common meter, which the municipality reads periodi-

cally and then determines an average

"None of the residents are charged individually. So if there are 60 houses, the amount of electricity used by the whole lot is divided and equal parts are added on to each of the rentals"

"This is quite unsatisfactory and results in huge disparities, but when we have raised the issue with the council they have said that to provide individual meters for each room would result in the rentals being increased"

"It is a no-win situation"

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# Bo-Kaap CMC man Botha's pal

SOUTH REPORTER

ONE of the main initiators of a Coloured Management Committee for the Bo-Kaap, Mr Ismail Achmat, has written letters to P W Botha since 1978 and once painted a portrait of the State President

He has been asked to leave public meetings in his area twice this year

He has also been closely linked to Mrs Sohier Hoosen, the MP for Tafelberg, who polled 113 votes in the 1984 elections for the House of Representatives.

But the 39-year-old spray-painter believes he has the support of the community and is determined to prove it through elections for a management committee

Achmat is one of five people nominated to serve on a management committee for the Bo-Kaap area. The others are Mr Ismail Hartley, Mrs N Abader, Mrs Amiena Koopman and Mrs Sumaya Salie

Achmat announced his resignation two days after the names were announced by the Provincial Administrator

"I am not against the management committee system I only resigned because I don't want to be nominated I want to be elected

"Over the years our area has been controlled by the City Council and various groups have been arguing with them without getting anything right," said Achmat, who is a former secretary of the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association

Achmat said he did not see himself as a "coloured" and he did not support the system of apartheid.



Mr Ismael Achmat

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# Squatter bid to oust mayor is 'test case'

## Supreme Court Reporter

THE attempt in the Supreme Court to oust Mr Johnson Nxobongwana as Mayor of Crossroads is an important test case for local government in black townships, according to counsel

Mr R G Comrie SC, for the Administrator of the Cape, told the court yesterday that similar problems were faced in other areas and Mr Justice Conradie's ruling would therefore be "much welcomed".

Squatter leaders Mr Alfred Siphika of the Nyanga Extension group, Mr Christopher Toise of the Portland Cement group, Mr Simon Mgedle and Mr Shadrack Ludidi have asked the court to declare invalid the Administrator's appointment of Mr Nxobongwana as mayor and of six other people as his councillors

Mr Comrie admitted in argument that the designation of Mr Nxobongwana as mayor had been beyond the Administrator's powers, but that he had since been elected mayor by the town committee

## First meeting

In an affidavit, Mr Paul Ulrich Schelhase, employed as an assistant director by the Administrator and acting secretary of the Crossroads Town Committee, said Mr Nxobongwana was elected unopposed as mayor at the first general meeting of the committee on April 30

According to an annexure to his affidavit, the six councillors — Mr Alfred Pupu, Mr Alfred Gele, Mr Eric Nozungu, Mrs Princess Mbiza, Mrs Elizabeth Bhatyi and Mrs Alexandra Luke — and nine representatives of the Cape Provincial Administration were present

Mr Gele was elected deputy mayor unopposed

Mr L Dison SC, for the applicants, submitted that the members of the committee could not elect a mayor until they had been elected themselves

The allocation of housing in Crossroads, which had been largely cleared after fighting in the area last year, formed an important part of the application

Mr Mgedle had said in his affidavit after his house was destroyed he had been driven off his premises near the Nyanga administration offices by followers of Mr Nxobongwana

Mr Dison said "We have here people who claim to have been living there for years before being ejected violently. Now they want to return

"They say the body (the town committee) they have to apply to (for sites) was wrongly elected and they are disturbed"

(Proceeding)



**HOOFING IT:** Taking to the road in preparation for the Baxter Fun Run at 12 30pm tomorrow are the cast of *The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe*. The first 200 entrants will be given 1 badges and more than R2 000 in spot prizes can be won. For further information contact Lance Williams at 689-8918.

## Workers strike over dismissal

### Labour Reporter

ABOUT 50 employees of Inmont Inks at Epping are on strike after claiming that one of their colleagues was unfairly dismissed

A spokeswoman for the South African Chemical Workers' Union (Sacwu) said the dismissal had been conducted in accordance with procedures laid down in the agreement with the company

But workers had not been satisfied that the dismissal was fairly conducted and had gone on strike on Monday

## Sash remembers Biko

### Staff Reporter

THE Black Sash demonstrated with placards throughout the Peninsula today to commemorate the death of black consciousness leader Steve Biko

Tomorrow is the 10th anniversary of his death

## Two tied up, robbed Hout Bay woman

### Court Reporter

TWO men who tied up and robbed a Bay woman in her home last month convicted of housebreaking and robbed the Wynberg Regional Court

Xohile Songatshu, 38, of T 567, and T bile Manty, 19, of T 477 in Khayeli pleaded guilty yesterday but after queing by the magistrate, Mr A P Kotze, plea was changed to not guilty

The court heard that early on August men knocked on the front door of Co Place in Bethal Road, Hout Bay

Mrs Jennifer Downard, 36, who was at home, opened the door. The men ask see her gardener

Songatshu then shouldered the door and Mrs Downard fell to the floor

The men dragged her to the bedroom put her on the bed, where one man he hand over her mouth and told her to quiet

They bound her hands and feet, stole her husband's suits, an alarm clock an wrist watch with a total value of R1 3

Before leaving the house the men j the telephone plug from the wall and l Mrs Downard in the bedroom

She freed herself and called for help. Sentence will be passed on October

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# Cops should stick to traffic control — chief

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S new traffic manager, Mr Wouter Smit, said yesterday that the primary function of traffic officers was to provide for the safety of road users

He was commenting on contrary statements by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, and Independent MP Mr Jan van Eck.

Mr Vlok told traffic police at a conference last week that they should be "drawn more closely into the ambit of our total counter-revolutionary strategy and planning"



Mr Wouter Smit

Mr Van Eck responded in a statement that "this dangerous proposal should be rejected out of hand"

It had been difficult over the past two years in the Western Cape to ensure that the traffic police remained uninvolved in the conflict in order that their lives were not endangered and to fulfil their role of keeping death off the roads, Mr Jan van Eck said

Mr Smit yesterday said he did not wish to take sides in a dispute. He said traffic police had a role to fulfil in conflict, but that role was to safeguard the movement of traffic

"People get fired up about other kinds of deaths, but deaths through traffic accidents are unfortunately more socially acceptable. We are concerned about this perception. On average, 25 people a day die on the roads in South Africa"

The function of traffic officers was to save lives, he added

# In the dark on new mancoms

By RYLAND FISHER  
THE problem of who will serve on the Coloured Management Committee in Mitchells Plain is baffling the City Council and civic organisations. The names of committee members for the Bo-Kaap, Woodstock, Salt River and Walmer Estate areas were announced by the Provincial Council

recently in an apparent attempt to impose the widely-rejected management committees. It was also announced that committees would be formed in Mitchells Plain and Retreat, but members of these committees would not be named until after the administration's executive committee meeting

on September 21. But the Labour Party-aligned Mitchells Plain Ratepayers Association (MPRA) and the UDF-supporting Mitchells Plain Co-ordinating Committee (MPCC) said their members were not asked to serve on the management committee. MPRA chairman Stanley Fisher said: "None of my executive

members have been approached. We were never involved in nominations and are in the dark." The MPCC, an umbrella body of six civic organisations, said they had "no idea" who was going to stand for the management in the area. Mr Wilfred Rhodes, chairperson of the Cape

Areas Housing Action Committee, said the appointment of people on to management committees in areas like Mitchells Plain "shows the bankruptcy of the State as far as democratic practises are concerned". "The management committees will never be accepted in our communities," Rhodes said.

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# New serviced sites for 5 000 black squatters

Staff Reporter

SERVICED sites for up to 5 000 homes will be available to squatters in a new black township near Crossroads but the allocation of plots is a problem

Bitter arguments over squatters' rights to land have led to angry confrontation in the past and the rule of Crossroads mayor Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana — who has claimed the right to allocate land — is being challenged in the Supreme Court by rivals

Provincial executive member Mr Koos Theron confirmed that development of a 218ha area in Lansdowne Road is to have priority treatment

Families who cannot be accommodated because of redevelopment in Crossroads will be allowed to move to the new area

## "Rollover"

"We have to get people off the land," he said "All of them will not be able to remain there"

He described the move as "not resettlement, but a type of rollover situation"

"Some will move back when the land is redeveloped"

Allocating sites would be "difficult", Mr Theron said

"The new land will probably be handled by the Province because it has not yet been included in any local authority"

Existing land would be dealt with by whoever was decided to be the legal representatives of squatters

Mr Theron said the administration hoped to involve the private sector in providing low-cost housing

"We hope to have the services in by next winter. We must avoid having people living under the terrible conditions of this winter," he said

He confirmed that he had arranged for several flooded families to be moved to the drier "no-man's land" fenced off by emergency regulation

"Once we have enough land people will be allowed to move in," he said

The proposals showed that the Government had "accepted certain realities", said independent MP Mr Jan van Eck, who has been closely involved in moves to rehouse the thousands of refugees left homeless after last year's squatter war

## Realities

"It seems that the authorities have become aware that it is impossible to force people to move to Khayelitsha," he said

"To that extent the Province has actually recognised certain realities"

Those allowed to move to the new area would be close to transport and places of work, he said. Links with Guguletu, Nyanga and Crossroads would be retained

However, it was unclear who would be allowed to move

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# Ngxobongwana to have 'final say'

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.** — Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's Crossroads township committee would have the "final say" about the resettlement of persons in the areas upgraded after being devastated during clashes between rival squatter factions last year.

However, in the case of "incongruities or malpractices" in land allocation the Administrator may intervene, according to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

Reading replies to questions from Mr Jan van Eck (Independent Claremont) on behalf of Mr Heunis, Mr Piet Badenhorst said the minister was not considering a neutral committee or body to investigate and to take decision on disputes between the township

committee of Crossroads and the squatter communities on settlement in the upgraded area.

"The power vests in the Administrator who is not in favour of such a neutral committee," he said. "It will have a negative effect on the autonomy of the town committee."

Mr Jan van Eck commented: "It is utterly unacceptable to let the man who was directly involved in driving thousands of squatters out of the Nyanga Bush, Nyanga Extension and Portland Cement squatter camps to decide who may resettle on this land once it is upgraded."

Mr Van Eck said the decision was also unacceptable because the Crossroads town committee, of which Mr Nxobongwana is the mayor, "is not accepted as being legitimate or representative of the larger Crossroads community before the fires of 1986".



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# Council has to service District 6

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is legally obliged to provide R4,39-million worth of services — roads, drains sewerage and electrical installations — in District Six, though a draft agreement with the government was never signed.

Mr Jan van Eck asked in the monthly council meeting this week whether the legal obligation really existed, as the government had no intention of opening the area to all.

"If the government wants to have the land for certain people only, it should pay for it, not this council," he said.

Mr Frank van der Velde, acting chairman of the utilities and works committee, replied that the exchange of correspondence between council and state had been enough to establish the council's obligation, though the agreement had never been signed.

A proposal that a formal agreement be entered into was before the council.

Mr Sol Kreiner proposed an amendment, passed unanimously, that the executive committee should again approach the government to try to ensure that District Six becomes an "open area" for both business and residential purposes.

Mr Van der Velde, who seconded the motion, said "millions" had already been spent on facilities in District Six, and this could be justified if it were opened to all.

According to an exco report, the costs of roads and stormwater drainage would be apportioned 40% to 60% between council and state, with the state providing a loan for the council's share.

The total cost was estimated at R12,57-million.

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## Township mayor ousted by court

### Supreme Court Reporter

MR Johnson Ngxobongwana was today ousted as mayor of the Crossroads Town Committee by the Supreme Court

Mr Justice Conradie declared the appointment of Mr Ngxobongwana as mayor and six people as councillors "invalid and of no force and effect"

The councillors were Mr Alfred Pupu, Mr Alfred Gele, Mr Eric Nozungu, Mrs Princess Mbiza, Mrs Elizabeth Bhatyi and Mrs Alexandra Luke

In terms of the order, the seven are also interdicted from exercising any rights, duties and functions conferred on them as the Crossroads Town Council, in terms of Provincial Notice 198 of 1987.

The application against the council and the Administrator of the Cape who appointed them was brought by Mr Simon Mgedle, Mr Shadrack Ludidi and former squatter leaders Mr Alfred Siphika and Mr Christopher Toise

### NOTICE

During argument, counsel for the Administrator said that the appointment of Mr Ngxobongwana as mayor by his client had been incorrect, but that the Town Council had since elected him as mayor

Mr L Dison, for the applicants, said the mayor could be elected only by members of a local authority who themselves had been elected

The Crossroads Town Committee was established by a Provincial Notice in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act in April

It is part of the legislation that elections for positions on the Town Committee should be held as soon as practicable after the establishment of the local authority

The court heard that there were no voters' rolls for the Crossroads area and that elections could not be held for some time

Mr Justice Conradie said that the Administrator should not implement the Black Local Authorities Act until he was sure elections could be held in six months as laid down by law

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# Crossroads 'mayor' illegal

By SHAUNA WESTCOTT  
Supreme Court Reporter

MR JUSTICE J H Conradie yesterday declared the appointed Old Crossroads Town Committee, headed by widoeck leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, an illegal body.

Also ruled invalid and "of no force and effect" was the designation of Mr Ngxobongwana as "mayor". He and his "councillors" were forbidden by the judge to exercise any of the rights and powers given to them when they were appointed by the Administrator of the Cape.

The Supreme Court ruling was on an application acknowledged as a "test case for local government in black townships" by counsel for the Administrator, Mr R G Comrie SC, who said "there are other local authorities where the same problem applies".

The "problem", or what Mr Justice Conradie described as "the crisp point", was whether the Administrator "had the power to appoint all the members of the Old Crossroads Town Committee until such time as they or others could, at some uncertain time

in the future, be elected".  
He did not and does not, Mr Justice Conradie ruled.

The legislation relevant to the application is the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 as amended in 1985, regulations made in terms of section 56 of this act and the Provincial Government Act of 1986.

This legislation empowers the Administrator to establish local authorities by notice in the Provincial Gazette — which was done in this case on April 16, 1987.

It also requires that an election for members of the local authority be held "as soon as practicable after the establishment of the local authority" (Section 71 of the Black Local Authorities Act) and "within six months of the establishment" (Regulation 12 of the 1983 regulations).

No election has been held, nor can one be held for another 12 months, according to Mr Comrie, because, among other things, no voters' roll exists.

In areas where such practical difficulties exist, Mr Justice Conradie said, the Administrator "should not implement the provisions of the Black Local Authorities Act until he is in a position to ensure that the first election

will be held within the six months prescribed".

The Administrator does have the power to fill vacancies in a local authority after an election has been held. His counsel tried to argue that he therefore had the power to appoint people to "vacancies" existing before an election.

"It seems to me a travesty of language," the judge said, "to suggest that when the legislature speaks of there being no elected members it means that there were no elected members due to the absence of an election."

The administrator also has the power, introduced by the 1985 amendment, to dissolve a local authority and to authorize any other body or person to temporarily fulfil its functions.

"The date of the amendment tells one a great deal," the judge said. "It was introduced, it would seem, to help the authorities cope with the extensive disruption of local government structures in black areas during the unrest which began towards the end of 1984."

However, the power was to dissolve a local authority, not to appoint members to an existing one.

The historic application was brought by leaders of some of the estimated 70 000 people who lost their homes in the Greater Crossroads area between May and June last year, when widoeck, allegedly aided by police, destroyed three satellite camps and most of KTC.

Mr Comrie argued that some of the applicants had no right to bring the application because they no longer lived in the area.

Mr Justice Conradie dismissed this argument, ruling that the applicants — Mr Simon Mgedie, Mr Alfred Siphika, Mr Shadrack Luddi and Mr Christopher Toise — had the necessary right since they would have to apply to the Town Committee for permission to reoccupy the sites from which they had been violently driven.

"The right which they have is the right to submit these applications to a duly elected body. They are not obliged to submit to the jurisdiction of an illegal body," the judge said.

Mr L R Dixon SC, with Mr J A Shortt-Smith and instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the applicants. Mr Comrie appeared with Mr S A Jordaan and was instructed by the State Attorney. Mr D van Reenen, instructed by Borrieman and Hayward, appeared for Mr Ngxobongwana and the six former "councillors".

# CPA to take over duties of committee

CAPE TIMES 2/10/87 (203)

By CLARE HARPER

THE Cape Provincial Administration would immediately take over the functions of the Old Crossroads Town Committee — which has just been invalidated by the Supreme Court, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday.

Mr Louw was commenting after the Supreme Court yesterday morning overturned the appointment of “witdoek” leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana as mayor and his six councillors.

Mr Louw said he had already requested a copy of the full judgment, and the administration would “naturally be studying the consequences”.

Mr Louw said that as a result of the judgment, legal experts would review legislation on administration of black affairs.

He said the CPA did its best to ensure that bodies were democratically elected.

“But it is very difficult when it comes to some communities. There are not many people who have the experience of ruling their own affairs.”

Mr Ken Andrew, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on black affairs, said he was “very pleased” at the judgment.

He said the government had deliberately backed certain individuals against other groupings because it favoured their outlook.

“Clearly the committee and mayor should not be in a position to make decisions about who is to be resettled on the areas upgraded after being devastated during clashes between rival factions last year.”

The independent MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, said Mr Ngxobongwana’s committee had never been recognized by the thousands of squatters who inhabited the Greater Crossroads area.

# Council rows: Ratepayers act

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — A number of concerned city ratepayers have called upon the mayor to convene a public meeting to express their dissatisfaction with decisions taken by the East London City Council.

This move follows the controversial mayoral election on Monday night this week.

The petition, drawn up by the newly formed Citywide Ratepayers Association, calls for the discussion of decisions taken by council on the Clarendon Gardens shopping complex, Morningside housing issues, the siting of industries on the West Bank, the resignation of the

city librarian, Miss Marie van Deventer and the election of the mayor.

The chairman of the association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said yesterday that the mayoral election debacle had been "the last straw".

"A number of council decisions have concerned us during the year but the mayoral election was the deciding factor for us to send

the petition to the mayor," Mrs Shaw said.

The petition calling for the public meeting is in terms of the municipal ordinance and was presented to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, on Thursday.

Mr Kumm said yesterday that he had received such a petition and would be passing it on to the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange.

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# Only Crossroads committee illegal

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THE Old Crossroads Town Committee, headed by witdoek leader Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, is the only illegal black local authority in the Cape Province, the office of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday.

The Supreme Court ruling declaring the committee an illegal body and rendering without authority its "mayor" and six "councillors" did not apply to other black local authorities, said a liaison spokesman in Mr Louw's office, Mr Dirk Smit, as councillors had in other cases been appointed "after" elections.

Mr Justice J H Conradie, ruling on the historic application brought by some of the estimated 70 000 people who lost their homes last winter when witdoeke — allegedly aided by police — destroyed squatter camps in the greater Crossroads area, said here on Thursday that while Mr Louw had the power to fill vacancies in a local authority occurring after an election, he did not have the power to fill "vacancies" that occurred "before" an election.

Counsel for the Administrator, Mr R G Comrie SC, had earlier acknowledged that the application was a test case for local government in black townships as "there are other local authorities where the same problem applies".

Mr Smit said he was not aware this had been said, but the ruling applied only to the Old Crossroads Town Committee as other appointments had been made for vacancies occurring after elections were held.

The present position was that Mr Louw would act as the local authority for Crossroads and all funds gathered by the committee would fall under his control, he said.

Asked whether the reported comment of Mr Louw that "as a result of the judgment legal experts would review legislation on administration of black affairs" was not extremely cynical, Mr Smit denied this, saying it was an "accepted practice" to review legislation.

# City bids to avert housing, population crisis

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## UGT man may

## take hot seat

by IRVING STEYN  
Weekend Argus News Editor  
A UNIVERSITY of Cape Town consultant sociologist has been offered the hot seat in a plan aimed at steering the city away from a predicted crisis which includes galloping population growth, poverty and unemployment

Mr Ray Hartman, who describes himself as a "radical sociologist", was chosen by the City Council this week as the spearhead of a bold plan to meet the mounting problems facing the city by the turn of the century.

He was chosen because the council felt it had to go to someone who had no clearly-vested city interests and would be acceptable by as broad a cross-section of the community as possible

### Formidable

Mr Hartman has not decided whether to accept the challenge, but if he does, he will face formidable problems as the man who will be largely responsible for what Cape Town may become in the 15 years' time

He is adamant the task must be tackled at grassroots level if it is to succeed.

What he faces — and the individuals and bodies who will react to his report — is the prospect of a Cape Town double its present population, younger and relatively unskilled, rising unemployment and falling living standards

wide-ranging discussions with Cape Town's residents

Because the matter is seen as urgent, a time limit of three months is foreseen, although this can be extended if the job cannot be done thoroughly in that time

The purpose is to get as complete a picture as to what people want of the city in the next 25 years

His synopsis will be put to a seminar of leading Capetonians, who will break up into smaller interest groups to discuss ways in which the various issues can be taken further and be built into a strategic programme to guide Cape Town into the next century

In the next 13 years Cape Town will need 220 000 more homes — roughly the number it has now — and 35 000 extra jobs a year will have to be created

Because the City Council is relying heavily on the participation of the city's residents for the success of their corporate plan, a major stumbling block will be to eliminate a tradition of suspicion and cynicism among the majority of coloured and black people

### Suspicion

Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the council's town planning committee, said Mr Hartman's principal problem was "to try to break through that veil of suspicion"

"The whole question of public participation in the planning process is a relatively new one throughout the world. In Cape Town it is a problem, but without public participation, the plan is simply not going to work"

Mr Keegan said the council had experienced the problem when Dr Van Zyl Slabbert was retained two years ago to explore a way towards a local political option, and the the establishment of a blueprint for non-racial democratic local government in the Western Cape

That had to be abandoned because of the declaration of the state of emergency and the detention of community leaders

Mr Hartman's task will be to compile a synopsis report on

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# All clear for the quit-call mayor

By ALAN DUGGAN

CAPE TOWN'S new mayor — beset by controversy since his installation only a month ago — made it clear this week he was ready to get on with the job

Alderman Peter Muller said that despite the traumatic events of the past month, he still considered his position a privilege and a challenge and intended to serve the city to the best of his ability

The beleaguered first citizen received the hesitant nod of approval from his council this week when it voted by a narrow margin (17 votes to 14) to reject a motion calling for his resignation

The vote followed a five-hour debate behind closed doors

It was the new mayor's first full council meeting since his installation just over a month ago

The chairman of the council's executive committee (Exco), Mr Dick Friedlander, said after the meeting that he was confident councillors would rally behind Mr Muller

Said the mayor of the vote "I hope that the small majority I received will grow and that I will receive more support"

The mayoral crisis was triggered by councillors' concern over certain aspects of Mr Muller's business affairs, including the prosecution of his company, Fair Organisers, for failing to pay sales tax

Mr Muller said at the height of the controversy that he had no fear of public scrutiny and had nothing to hide from the citizens of Cape Town

He was born and educated in Cape Town and says he has a "deep-seated love" for the city

The apparent end to the row has been greeted with relief by Exco members



# Union seeks legal advice

CAPE TOWN 6/10/77  
Labour Reporter

THE Municipal and Public Servants' Association Workers' Union is seeking legal advice, following the advertisement of jobs on the Town Committee of Cape Town, before black personnel have been transferred from the CPA.

Union members — who had worked on the old Western Cape Administration Board, which later fell under the the CPA — have been awaiting transfers to the new Town Committee since June.

The CPA spokesman Mr J T Loubser said yesterday: "There is no danger of jobs being threatened."

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# Whites prefer all-race city govt — survey

## Municipal Reporter

**MOST** white ratepayers favour a multiracial form of local government in Cape Town, a City Council survey has found

And though a significant number — 39 percent — would prefer a completely non-racial system with a common voters' roll this is substantially less than the 69 percent previously polled by their coloured counterparts

The results of the survey were recently presented to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and were reported to Cape Town City Council last week

Earlier this year a council-sponsored survey found that the "vast majority" of Athlone residents wanted a non-racial municipality and a common voters' roll, while fewer than three percent supported the transfer of powers to management committees

## Suburbs

Following the results of the Athlone survey, the council decided in June to test white ratepayers' opinion as well on preferred political structures

Suburbs were selected at random from each of three income bands and included Gardens (lower-income group),

Muizenberg (middle-income) and Rondebosch (upper-income)

The same questionnaire as the Athlone survey was used, although open-end comments were excluded and the survey was by telephone.

The results were

- In favour of retaining the present system of a white elected council, advised by coloured elected management committees — 8,4 percent,

- The transfer of local authority powers to management committees — 8,6 percent,

- A council comprising coloured and white councillors in equal numbers — 18,9 percent,

- Non-racial local authorities with a common voters' roll — 39 percent,

- None of these — four percent, and

- No response — 21 percent

Although a much smaller proportion of white than coloured respondents wanted a non-racial local government with a common voters' roll, a "significant majority" favoured a form of local government which was "at least multiracial in its make-up", according to a report on the survey by city planner Mr David Jack

## Triplets gran threatens to leave clinic in privacy row

### The Argus Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — Grandmother and surrogate mother Mrs Pat Anthony has threatened to leave the Park Lane Clinic if representatives of the British newspaper Mail on Sunday are ejected.

In a statement read by one of the newspaper's representatives, she accused the clinic of failing to protect the privacy of her and her family, including the triplets she bore a week ago

She accused a Sunday newspaper photographer of removing an eye mask from one of the triplets "without regard to the baby's health" while it was in the intensive care unit.

In the statement, Mrs Anthony called on the clinic to launch an inquiry into how a local photographer got into the unit and took pictures of the triplets.

Mrs Anthony criticised the clinic management for an apparent breach of confidentiality

Her statement read. "This has taken the form of regular Press briefings against my wishes, giving personal and clinical details which any patient has the right to keep confidential

"I am calling on the hospital for a full inquiry into how a photographer was deliberately allowed into the clinic's neo-natal ward where a baby had an eye mask — to protect its sight from the effects of ultraviolet light — removed without regard to the baby's health."

Mrs Anthony also said she was disturbed by the hospital management's attitude to the representatives of the Mail on Sunday, who were at the clinic at her request and with "the hospital's written permission, to protect me and my family's privacy which the clinic had so singularly failed to do".

The statement continued: "If the Mail on Sunday representatives are removed from the hospital ... I shall make immediate plans to be accommodated elsewhere."

# Council holds on to coloured housing

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By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

AN ATTEMPT to get Cape Town City Council to abandon its responsibility for coloured and Indian housing to "own affairs" government departments has been staved off — for the moment.

In January this year the council's executive committee asked for a report from its senior officials on the implications of transferring the housing function, which is costing more and more, to the administrations of the Houses of Representatives and Delegates.

By May, the city's powerful and influential corporate management team (which includes the heads of all six council departments) was of the view that "council could not continue to remain responsible for the administration of housing and the financial responsibility which goes with it".

According to a report before the Housing Committee yesterday, "it was anticipated that the present political circumstances would lead to an increase in the problems of housing administration and that this would become an area of greater politicization, criticism and anti-authority activity".

Housing account deficits had grown steadily from R198 000 in 1981 to R2,9-million in 1986/7, the report said. Arrear rentals had also cost the council an estimated R159 500 last year.

These losses were "partly the result of the council's own policies", in that rents were kept down below their "objective level", and houses were given better finishes "than those permitted by the government".

In August the housing committee itself voted 4-3 that the government be told to take over responsibility for housing, and recommended that the council should plan and construct new housing schemes purely on an agency basis.

by DAVE MARRS

# Resign call to 10 city councillors

**EAST LONDON** — The newly-formed Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA) has passed a unanimous motion of no confidence in ten members of the city council and has called on them to resign.

The CRA was officially formed at a meeting in the Berea Gardens complex last night, which was attended by more than 200 ratepayers, including five councillors.

The ten who were called on to resign from the council were The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, the deputy mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, the former mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, the doyen of the council, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Philip Rohtbart, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Ivan Zulman and Mr Joe Yazbek.

The organiser of the meeting, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said the council had shown "a disgusting display of indifference to the feelings of the ratepayers of East London" and had "no right to be there".

She said the mayor had been petitioned to call a public meeting to discuss five major issues that the CRA felt had been improperly handled by the council, prompted by "the debacle of the mayoral election".

The petition had been refused, "despite a letter from the provincial secretary of the community services branch of local government, which implied that it was our democratic right to object to what the councillors are doing," she said.

The five contentious issues were Clarendon Gardens, the siting of



**MRS SHAW** factories on the West Bank, Morningside housing, the resignation of the city librarian, Miss Margie van Deventer, and the mayoral election.

Mrs Shaw said that business was "conducted on a political basis" in the city council, the attendance at council meetings was "pathetic", certain councillors made no contribution to discussions; there were too many closed meetings, and "the MP for East London City seems to be exerting influence on decisions made by the council".

The mission of the CRA was "to ensure the election of committed men and women of integrity and ability in the East London municipal elections, irrespective of language or political affiliation, provided they devote their energies entirely for the benefit of their wards and the city".

A councillor who was involved in the mass walkout from the council chamber shortly before the mayoral election, Mr Donald Card, said the other councillors (Mr Eric Whitaker, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Len Cooper and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite) would join him in resigning their seats on the council if the rest of the council resigned.

An urban designer, Mr Chris Swales, told the meeting that no environmental impact study had been prepared for the Clarendon Gardens project.

He said the project would pose a threat to security at the Clarendon schools, would cause a devaluation of Selborne properties and would cut off the central business district.

The chairman of the Selborne Concerned Residents' Association, Mr Chris Lloyd, said the city council, as custodians of a "key site", should have known better than to "dispose of the land without attempting to determine a price".

He said the call for objections to the development had resulted in more than 6 000 objections, the greatest number in the history of the council, and yet the issue had not even been debated.

"The honourable thing would be for the council to resign and place the municipal machine in more efficient hands," he said.

An executive member of the Central Business District Association, Mr Tony Bryant, said East London needed to pool all available resources to create a non-political body that could take care of financial planning for the future of the city.

A clergyman, the Rev D A. Crumpton, appealed to the civic leadership to "behave themselves as men of integrity".

He said ratepayers were "sickened and disillusioned by the fact that the East London city council is seen by outsiders as a monkey house".

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# City Council to retain housing function despite losses

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By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council appears set to retain its housing function, despite substantial annual losses on the housing account which will cost ratepayers an estimated R3-million this year

This follows an intense, behind-closed-doors debate which has lasted most of the year

Certain councillors and officials have argued that the city can no longer afford to provide and administer housing, and that this should be the State's responsibility

The housing committee — by a narrow 4-3 majority — initially agreed, and recommended that the government's "own affairs" departments be asked to assume full responsibility for housing administration, with the council involved only in the planning and construction of housing schemes on an agency basis

But this week it changed its mind — again by 4-3 — and voted to support a recommendation by the executive committee that the present policy be continued

The debate started in earnest in January when the council adopted a motion asking the housing committee to consider the issue "in the light of the recent developments brought about by the implementation of the tricameral constitution and the increased participation in council's housing activities by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture (House of Representatives)"

Staff reported to the executive committee that the rate fund would have to subsidise the housing account by an estimated R2,98-million this year — up from R198 919 in 1981

This excluded provision for potential losses on foreign loans raised for the Blue Downs project when the city was still involved in that project

## Losses

Losses were partly the result of the council's own "voluntarily-assumed" policies which departed from government norms, the report said

These included: keeping rent increases below objective levels, employing 50 staff at a cost of R1-million to maintain a comprehensive waiting list, subsidising the cost of housing maintenance, and funding higher standard finishes in houses than permitted by government

Legally, there were four options open to the council, the report said

● Continuing with the present housing policy.

● Negotiating with the "own affairs" ministries to take over the provision and administration of housing completely.

● Negotiating with these ministries to assume full responsibility for existing and future housing, but with the council acting as agent for the planning, construction and administration of housing schemes, or

● "Own affairs" ministries accepting full responsibility with the council acting as agent only for the planning and construction of future housing schemes

In May the city's corporate management team — headed by town clerk Dr Stan Evans and including the six heads of department — resolved that the council could not continue to be responsible for the administration of housing and the accompanying financial responsibility

"It was anticipated that the present political circumstances would lead to an increase in the problems of housing administration and that this would become an area of greater politicisation, criticism and anti-authority activity," the report said

The team believed "this burden should rest where it belongs — namely, with those who make the policy in housing administration"

However, as the council would be responsible for services, it had to ensure these were adequately planned and constructed

"Accordingly, it was essential that the council continue to plan and to oversee the construction of housing schemes"

## Option four

The corporate management team therefore supported option four, and in July recommended to both the housing and executive committees that the council negotiate with the various "own affairs" ministries to assume "full and complete" responsibility for housing administration, but that the council continue to be fully involved in the planning and construction of housing schemes on an agency basis

In August the housing committee supported this recommendation 4-3

In September the executive committee called a special meeting to discuss the issue, which was attended by most councillors

The meeting was told the Cape Town Municipal Workers Association had indicated that its members were "totally opposed" to the transfer of housing branch staff to the state. In addition, the corporate management team had also changed its mind

The executive committee then recommended that the housing committee rescind its previous decision, and that council agree to maintain the status quo in the planning, construction and administration of housing

## R101 000 to park!

The Argus Foreign Service  
LONDON — A 4,6m by 2,4m space in an underground car park in Hampstead, London, has just been sold — for R101 000

"This is the first time we have sold an empty space for this kind of money," said a spokesman for an estate agency



Dr Stan Evans

Cape Times 13/10/84

# 78 black local bodies functioning

Political Staff

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ONLY nine black local authorities in the Cape, eight of them in the Eastern Cape, were not functioning because of the unrest, the Administrator of the province, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday.

At the beginning of the year 23 black local authorities had stopped functioning owing to conditions of unrest, but today this figure had dropped to nine

Mr Louw, addressing the congress of the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope at the Wild Coast Casino in Transkei, said this meant that "78 of the 87 black

local authorities are functioning"

The establishment of black local authorities was the most responsible of all the tasks that had been entrusted to the province "for the measure of our success in carrying it out will determine the degree of peace and order in communities.

"My officials have been instructed to do their utmost to make this action succeed.

"In an action of such a responsible nature, we cannot allow any bottlenecks to exist.

"Naturally, we have no control over political activism and log-

jams, of which there are quite a few.

"I am aware of one case where the majority of councillors of a very big local authority lost their jobs because political activists threatened their employers with boycott actions unless they fired councillors

"Nevertheless, we are experiencing increasing goodwill among more and more black communities and local authorities, which are willing to co-operate"

Mr Louw also said there were more than 600 local authorities for the black, brown and white communities in the Cape

# Krige opposes votes for NAMC, IMC

By KIN BENTLEY

A PROPOSAL that members of the Indian and Northern Areas management committees receive voting powers on the Port Elizabeth City Council was opposed by a liberal former PE Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, yesterday — because he fears it will delay the day when the city has one integrated council

At yesterday's monthly meeting of the City Council, Mr Krige and right-wing councillor Mr Chris Meyer, were the only two councillors not to support a proposal by Mr Lomo de Plessis that the council ask the Administrator, through the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA), to amend existing legislation to give members of management committees voting power at council and standing committee meetings.

While Mr Krige was supported in his suggestion that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for further investigation by liberal councillors, Mr Graham Richards and Mr Graham Young, when a division was called by Mr Meyer, only he and Mr Krige opposed the motion.

Mr Krige said today he had two reasons for opposing the proposal.

● "I object to people voting in a body to which they were not elected. It sets an undesirable precedent."

● "I would like to see them voting in an integrated council. If they

now bring this in, I foresee the day of an integrated council receding further and further into the future."

He said Africans should also be included on "one common (voters) roll".

The whole city should be divided up into wards, he said, with all rate-payers being represented directly on the council.

He added that this had long been the policy of the CPMA and had never been overturned.

Dismissing the situation as "tokenism", Mr Krige said "I object to it for the same reason as I object to the tricameral system."

The two coloured and one Indian representatives would be in the same powerless position as their counterparts in Parliament.

"This is not true progress. I would not be surprised if it was inspired by Cape Town," he said.

The proposer of the motion, Mr Lomo du Plessis, is well known for his National Party sympathies.

Neither Mr Richards nor Mr Young could be contacted today.

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# New management committee in city

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THE Government has appointed a management committee for Retreat, the third new committee to be established in the Cape Town municipal area.

Members are chairman Mr S E Marais, Mr H J Sonn and Mr F Yon, all nominated by the Administrator, and Mr A W Hendricks and Mr J O Jacobs, nominated by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

New management committees were recently appointed for Salt River/Walmer Estate and Schotsche Kloof

Polls this year by the Cape Town City Council in the Athlone area and three white suburbs proved that an overwhelming majority of residents rejected the present system of a "white" council advised by "coloured" management committees

However, the Government told the council the management committee system was "non-negotiable".



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# Housing racket

By RYLAND FISHER

A PROMINENT management committee official has been named as the alleged "man man" in a housing bribery racket in the Northern Suburbs

Basil Sagathevan, chairman of Cravenby Estate's Management Committee, was named in a fraud case in the Parow Regional Court this week.

The court heard that at least three people had paid between R600 and R3 000 "asking money" to Sagathevan. Two of these people had been given houses ahead of others on the Cape Divisional Council housing waiting list.

The third person, Belhar hawker Mogamat Jappie, claimed to have given R4 000 to Sagathevan without getting a house.

Jappie laid charges of fraud and theft against Cravenby hairdresser Sulaman Moosa Vallie who told the court he was "only the middle man".

Vallie, who was acquitted, said Sagathevan was "the man guy" who often got people houses if they gave him a stipulated amount in "asking money".

Magistrate P J Le Roux said it was clear that Sagathevan, who gave evidence for the state, was the man who should have been in the dock.

"He cannot be called anything but a liar. All the evidence points to that. He had an interest in this case, even though he denied everything. He was probably the man mutator in trying to stop this case from coming to court.

"From evidence before court, it is clear that he paid the accused's bail of R500. He has not properly explained his presence at the defence lawyer's office when the lawyer's fees were being paid," Le Roux said.

He agreed with defence lawyer George Bellingan that cases of underhand dealing had become common and were not always illegal.

"Where people in authority are concerned, it could be seen as bribery," he said.

Earlier, Sagathevan said his management committee often had to approve the allocation of houses to "Indian people" by the Regional Services Council (formerly the Divisional Council).

Sagathevan said he knew Vallie as "a master of all trades" who "once did some work for me on my bathroom".

He was once confronted by Jappie who told him Vallie had promised him a house.

"I did not take much notice of what he was saying because I hear many stories. When people are desperate for housing, they will lie and cheat."

Sagathevan denied that he had told Jappie he would "blow your brains out".

"I am a responsible person, a Commissioner-of-Oaths," he said. Told by defence lawyer Bellingan that Vallie was "no more than an intermediary between you and Jappie", he said "It's a deliberate lie. Don't twist the truth. I challenge you to say that outside court."

Sagathevan said Bellingan was "full of lies". Magistrate Le Roux warned Sagathevan not to confront the court. "I will not tolerate it, no matter who you are."

Jappie said that in July he had been introduced to Vallie as a person who could help him find a house. He was under the impression Vallie worked for the Divisional Council but discovered later that he worked as a hairdresser in Belhar.

"He told me he knew someone high up on the council's committee and took me to select a house in Elsies River."

"I had to give Vallie R2 000 deposit and another R1 000 for lights and water. Later, I had to pay another R1 000. He never gave me any receipts."

He said Vallie took the money to Sagathevan's house while he had to remain outside.

"Vallie told me this was an important man who did not speak to anyone. I could not even park in front of his house."

"I kept on asking when I would get my house because I had to find a place to stay by the end of July."

"Every time I heard the same story, that I should not worry because I would get my house soon."

"Eventually, I decided to confront Sagathevan. I found him at his second house. He told me not to mess with him and that he would blow my brains out."

Vallie said he had helped Jappie "because I know what it is like to be without a home."

"I did not make any financial gain. Sagathevan received all the money."

"I was given a house after I paid him about R600 asking money. One of my friends received a house on the same basis. If Jappie was more patient he would have received his house."

Vallie said Sagathevan had offered Jappie money to drop the charges against him.

"On the day of my arrest Sagathevan came to the Ravensmead police station with a bank bag and asked the investigating officer to drop the charges, but this was not accepted."

His wife, Mrs Gafsa Vallie, said Sagathevan had paid her husband's R500 bail.

The prosecutor was Gerald Hattungh.



Basil Sagathevan



No house and no money Mr Mogamat Jappie paid R4 000

BELHAR hawker Mogamat Jappie walked out of the Parow Regional Court this week and said "I have decided to buy a house through the bank. I won't get involved in a deal like this again."

Jappie, 40, who claimed to have paid R4 000 "asking money" to Cravenby Management Committee chairperson Basil Sagathevan, had brought fraud and theft charges against a Cravenby hairdresser, Sulaman Vallie, who claimed he was "only the middle-man".

At the end of the case,

Vallie was acquitted, Sagathevan may face charges and Jappie was still without his money.

But, Jappie told the court, the money was not the most important thing to him.

"I want this kind of thing to be exposed so other people won't be caught like I was," he said.

Dressed in a white suit, Jappie told the court he had approached Vallie in desperation in May because he had to find a place to stay before the end of July.

The father of four said Vallie had told him he

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## Rajbansi threatens 'biggest libel case'



and no money. Mr Mogamat Jappie and his wife Arwatief outside court this week

## R4 000 and still without a house

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knew someone "high up in the council's committee" who could get him a house

Jappie said he was under the impression Vallie worked for the Cape Divisional Council because he had made him fill in Divco housing application forms

He had to pay R2 000 deposit Two days later he had to pay another R1000 "for lights and water", he told the court

He claimed he had to pay another R1000 after Vallie had told him the deposit had "gone up" because he wanted a bigger house

Jappie described how he, his wife Arwatief and Vallie took his money in a big brown envelope to Sagathevan

"Vallie told me Basil was a high person and I could not park in front of his house I had to park across the road and could also not go inside with Vallie

"As he knocked on the door, I idled closer to see where my money was going A grey-haired man came outside and embraced Vallie like they were old friends

"When Vallie came out again, he no longer had the envelope"

Jappie said he had repeatedly asked Vallie about the receipts for his money

"He asked me what I was worried about, if I wanted a house or money He told me Basil had to get the keys from the council"

One day Vallie had told him the roof had to come off because the builders had made a mistake

"I was in the building trade for 20 years and never heard of a roof having to come off I became suspicious because every day I heard a different story

HOUSE of Delegates chief Amichand Rajbansi has threatened to sue Lenasia Management Committee member Mr Kessa Thambi for libel in what the warns will be the "biggest case in South African history"

The row erupted after Thambi sent a dossier to the Advocate-General alleging serious irregularities involving land deals in Lenasia

Rajbansi said this week Thambi "will most certainly be sued for libel which may be the biggest case in South African history as he has made very serious false accusation"

Thambi, a property developer, reported the alleged irregularities in February last year to the State President and other Cabinet Ministers

The housing minister, Baldeo Dookie, referred the allegation to the police Dookie was axed earlier this year, and Rajbansi took over the housing portfolio

Thambi has implicated several MPs and their relatives, a Durban newspaper reported this week He alleged that a Durban MP, or a company controlled by him, was allocated 100 sites to be developed in Lenasia

Thambi claims he donated R5 000 to the coffers of Rajbansi's National Peoples' Party after being allocated land for development in Lenasia A property development firm also paid R5 000 after being allocated "state assets"

### "Real facts"

Another property developer — allegedly a utility company — which was allocated land for development, paid more than R7 000 towards the cost of the NPP congress in Johannesburg

Last year Thambi said land had also been allocated to the son of an MP, the wife of another MP and other supporters of the NPP Rajbansi this week suggested, that the Commissioner of Police be contacted so that "the real facts can be published"

Rajbansi said he would not allow his administration to be "blackmailed by anyone who feels that Muslim builders should not be accommodated in Lenasia or demand plots in Lenasia and indulge in making wild allegations when they do not get the plots"

Rajbansi said Thambi had circulated a memorandum in January last year making serious allegations against his administration and Dookie because the Lenasia Management Committee member had "failed to get 150 plots in Lenasia"

Rajbansi insisted that anyone who made donations to the NPP should not expect favours from the party

"I challenge Rajbansi to sue me as soon as possible," Thambi said

Mr JC Ferreira, assistant to the AG in Pretoria, confirmed that a complaint had been lodged He said investigations would start once certain "technical details" were supplied

"I cannot comment on the merits or demerits of the case until further information is supplied Investigations will start once we are satisfied that there is a valid complaint," said Ferreira

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# Court told hawker paid R4 000 for house

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## Story and picture by RYLAND FISHER

POLICE are investigating charges of fraud against the chairman of Cravenby Estate's Management Committee, Basil Sagathevan, following allegations in court that he accepted payment of between R600 and R3 000 to get people council houses

The allegations were made in the Parow Regional Court this week in the trial of Cravenby hawdresser Sulaman Moosa Vallie who was charged with fraud, alternatively theft.

Vallie was acquitted on both charges. Details of a housing racket which could involve thousands of rands emerged from his evidence.

Vallie said he knew of at least three people who had given money to Sagathevan to enable them to get a house. He was "only the middleman" and Sagathevan was "the man guy who received all the money".

### In the dock

Magistrate P J Le Roux said Sagathevan was "the man who should have been in the dock".

Ravenstmead police confirmed they were investigating charges

The case arises out of charges laid by Belhar hawker Mogamat Jappie who claimed to have given Vallie R4 000 to give to Sagathevan as deposit for a house.

Sagathevan, 55, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Solidarity Party in the 1984 elections for the House of Delegates. He owns a roadhouse in Parow and is a lay preacher in the Reformed Church in Africa of the Rev Edward Manikkam.

Approached for comment, Sagathevan said he would speak to SOUTH "at a later stage".

See Pages 10 and 11



Belhar hawker Mr Mogamat Jappie lives in this small room with his wife Arwaitel and four children though, he claims, he paid R4 000 for a house. The children are Farook, 15, and Feroza, 6

23/10/82 Cape Times

# Mancom chief 'should have been in dock'

Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Cravenby Management Committee, Mr Basil Sagathevan, "should have been in the dock" in a fraud case involving alleged payments for preferential allocation of council houses, a Parow Regional Court magistrate said this week.

Mr PJ le Roux said this in summing up before acquitting Mr Sulaiman Moosa Vallie on a charge of fraud, alternatively theft, of R3 000.

Mr Vallie's defence had been that he was "only the middleman" between people who were prepared to pay to get houses and Mr Sagathevan was "the main guy who received all the money".

He claimed he obtained a council house after paying Mr Sagathevan a R600 "asking fee", and a friend of his had been allocated a house "on the same basis".

Mr Sagathevan was called as a witness for the state, and he denied Mr Vallie's allegations.

Under cross-examination by Mr George Bellingan, who appeared for Mr Vallie, Mr Sagathevan described Mr Vallie's allegation as "a deliberate lie".

## Desperate

The matter arose after Belhar hawker Mr Moggamat Jappie laid charges of fraud and theft against Mr Vallie. He told the court he had been introduced to Mr Vallie at a time when he had been desperate for a house.

Mr Jappie had been required to produce R2 000 in "asking money".

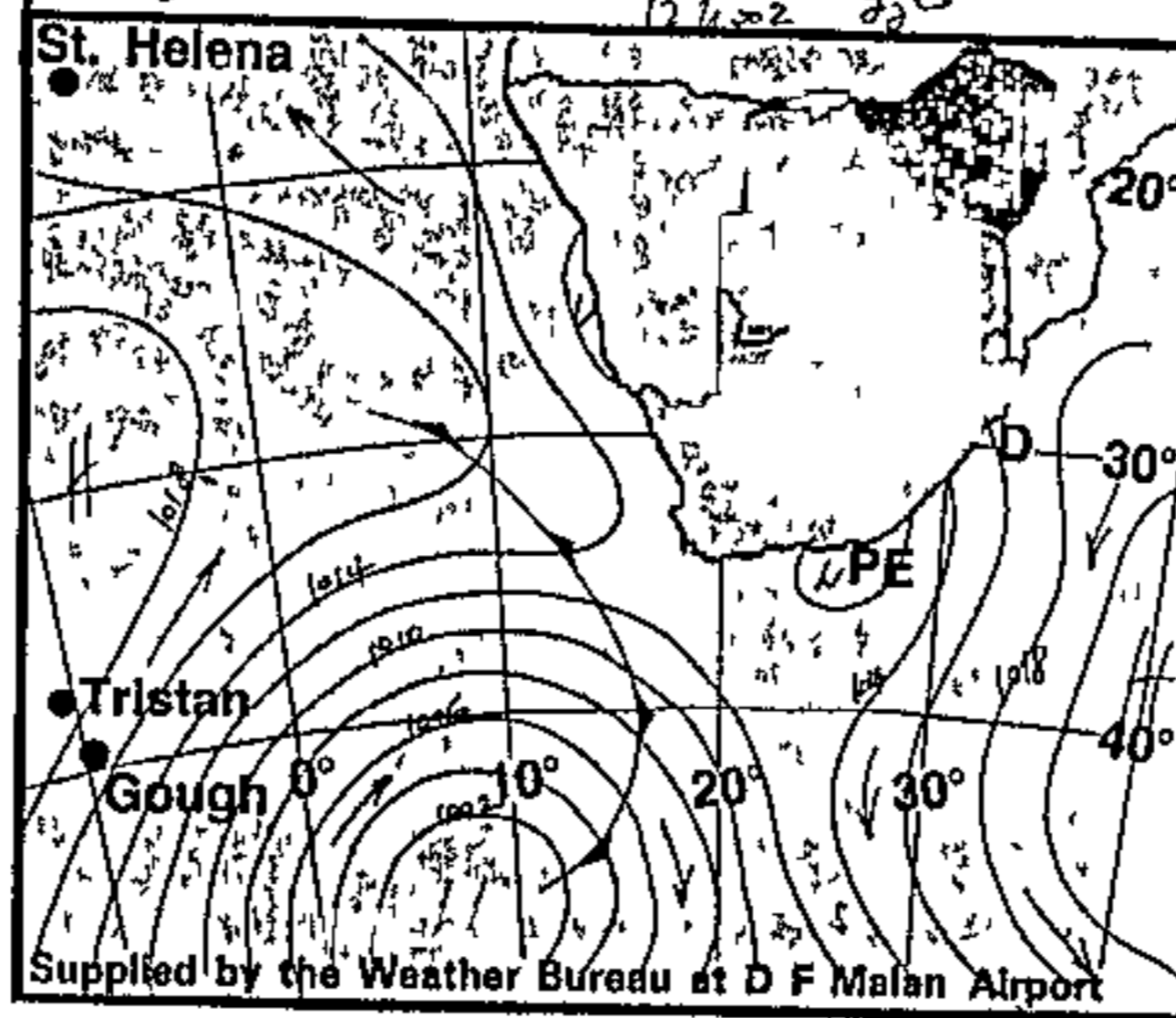
The cash had been put in a brown envelope and Mr Jappie and Mr Vallie drove to Mr Sagathevan's house. Only Mr Vallie went in, and he returned without the money.

When Mr Jappie decided he wanted another council house instead, the "asking fee" was increased by R1 000.

Mr Jappie did not get a house and became disillusioned.

Mr Le Roux said evidence indicated Mr Sagathevan was "a liar" with an interest in the case.

Mr Gerald Hattingh, the prosecutor, has recommended that a transcript of the proceedings be sent to the senior prosecutor at Bellville for a decision as to whether Mr Sagathevan should be prosecuted.



## Partly cloudy, mild

**CAPE PENINSULA and vicinity and Western Cape coastal belt** Partly cloudy and mild becoming cloudy overnight with rain. Wind moderate north-westerly. The minimum and maximum temperature will be between 11 and 20 deg C.

**Coastal belt Cape Infanta to Plettenberg Bay** Cloudy and cool.

**Coastal belt Plettenberg Bay to Port Alfred** Partly cloudy and cool clearing partially.

**Coastal belt Port Alfred to Port Edward** Fine and warm.

**Namaqualand and the south western Cape interior** Partly cloudy becoming cloudy with rain.

**Pretoria, Witwatersrand and the eastern Highveld** Partly cloudy and warm but hot over the Pretoria/Rustenburg area.

**Transvaal** Partly cloudy and warm but hot over the northern parts.

**Free State** Fine and warm becoming cloudy.

**Natal** Partly cloudy and warm becoming mild in the north.

**Namibia** Fine and hot but very hot over Gordonia.

**Botswana** Fine and hot.

### YESTERDAY'S READINGS

	noon	8pm
Barometer	1013,5	1012,8
Humidity	61,0	85,0
Temperature	19,0	15,4
	max 21,3	min 12,9

(At D F Malan 24 hours to 8pm)  
Hours of sunshine 9,1  
Wind (D F Malan) 8 pm Calm

### TIDES (TABLE BAY) TODAY

High 0321 1626

Low 0915 2142  
Sun sets 1905 rises 0555  
Moon rises 0604 sets 2007

### TIDES (TABLE BAY) TOMORROW

High 0354 1559  
Low 0948 2215  
Sun sets 1906 rises 0554  
Moon rises 0638 sets 2116

### PHASES OF THE MOON

First Quarter Oct 29  
Full Moon, Nov 5  
Last Quarter, Nov 13  
New Moon Nov 21

### POOL, SEA TEMPERATURES

Mulzenberg Pool 20,5, Sea 18,5  
Sea Point Pool 19, Sea 12  
Newlands 20  
Long Street 24

### WEATHER ELSEWHERE

	min	max	
Athens	14	15	clear
Brussels	05	15	rain
Buenos A	15	26	rain
Geneva	09	13	rain
Hong Kong	25	26	cloudy
Jerusalem	14	20	rain
Lisbon	10	18	rain
London	09	14	cloudy
Los Angeles	16	26	cloudy
Madrid	05	14	cloudy
Miami	24	28	cloudy
Moscow	-02	03	cloudy
New York	10	15	cloudy
Paris	08	16	clear
Perth	11	19	cloudy
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6 00-8 00 Good Morning SA  
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4 30 Hand in Hand  
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5 00 Fast Forward "Something Real" by Mister Mister, "Honey" by Well Red, "Nothing's Gonna Stop Me Now" by Samantha Fox, "Hold On" by the Passengers, "Loving You Again" by Chris Rea, "Steel Monkey" by Jethro Tull  
5 30 Sportsview 1 Waveskiing Spur Steak Ranch SA Open Championship held recently in Cape Town 2 Weekend preview  
6 00 News  
6 15 Sundowner.  
7 00 MacGyver  
8 00 Network  
8 45 Police File  
9 05 Die Strate van San Francisco (Simulcast, English)  
10 00 Twee Soorte Reg (Simulcast, English)  
11 30 Spies en Plessie  
0 15 Oordenking  
0 20 Transmission Ends

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5 00 Tao Tao (Simulcast, English)  
5 26 Ezemidlalo Sport 1 Live transmission golf tournament at Ruimsig Roodepoort 2 Adidas Golden Club Competition 3 Castle League Competition  
7 00 Public Affairs  
7 18 News  
7 39 Jikelele  
8 28 Ziyaduma  
8 57 Epilogue

## TV4

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# Taxi drivers claim new harassment

Staff Reporter

TAXI DRIVERS claimed that traffic officers yesterday harassed them at their new, unofficial taxi rank on the Grand Parade next to the City Tramways bus terminus.

But a traffic department spokesman dismissed the claim as "silly".

Less than two weeks ago, traffic officers prevented taxi drivers from parking their mini-buses next to the terminus in Strand Street as the taxis were obstructing the flow of traffic.

Drivers told the Cape Times yesterday that traffic officers told them they should use a log

book to record the names of their passengers before transporting them to their destinations and that the passengers must meet in a predetermined place.

One of the drivers, Mr Shahied Jappie, said "How are we going to get anything right when we have to use a log book to record people's names — everybody is confused."

A senior spokesman for the traffic department dismissed as "silly" the claim that the drivers had been harassed and would be forced to use a log book.

He said the traffic department had no objection to the taxis parking on the Parade — as long as they paid for their "pay and display" parking tickets.

He said the problem was that the traffic department had received complaints from the public that the drivers were causing a nuisance by "soliciting" passers-by as well as members of the public who usually used the buses.

The spokesman added that the taxi owners had been offered a taxi rank in Strand Street extension but had rejected it because it would mean their passengers would have too far to walk.

"The traffic department is investigating the problem, but will have to wait for the traffic manager, Mr Wouter Smit, to return from overseas before a final decision can be made," the spokesman said.

# 'Second-hand tackies' allowance for nurses

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By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter

NURSES working for the city council earned less than their colleagues elsewhere and there was a "grave shortage" in the city health department, city councillor Dr John Sonnenberg said.

Nurses had received a R36 a year/shoe allowance since October 1979 — "you can buy a pair of second-hand tackies for that" — and the uniform allowances had been fixed for the past 12 years, Dr Sonnenberg said.

About 30 percent of the department's professional nurses had left because of pay dissatisfaction and there were 27 vacant posts for public health nurses and clinic sisters.

Dr Sonnenberg was speaking at yesterday's council meeting on staff proposals which included the redesignation of nursing posts and an increase in shoe and uniform allowances.

Although parity with the State and provincial services had been reached in September last year, regrading had been only on a notch-for-notch basis, Dr Sonnenberg said.

There had to be "accelerated notching" or "double notching" as had been done in the traffic department, he argued.

This would cost the city R183 000 a year, while parity would cost R1,4-million.

## "Got to do it"

"We've got to do it — we have to pay our staff the same as they get anywhere else"

"We've got too few (nurses) and those who are there are unhappy. We need people and we need them quickly."

"The very important functions of the health department

are being vitally affected. Doctors and nurses in clinics in the townships are being driven to distraction because of the shortages."

Executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander asked for approval for the redesignation of nursing posts and increases in shoe and uniform allowances.

He assured Dr Sonnenberg that the committee would ask for a further report next month on what additional benefits could be found for nurses.

● More council reports, page 4.

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# Big changes mooted for local govt

By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter

MAJOR changes to the form of local government are being considered and the Cape Town City Council will not be immune, executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander has warned

Mr Friedlander was speaking at last week's council meeting after Mr Neil Ross queried the presence of city officials on a Government committee investigating third-tier government

The committee is chaired by Professor Koos Stassen, professor of mercantile law at Unisa, who has been seconded to Mr Chris Heunis's Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

City legal adviser Mr Barrie Botha and city treasurer Mr Donald Geyer were authorised by the executive committee to serve on Professor Stassen's legal administrative sub-committee

## Wide brief

Mr Geyer has been appointed as representative of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers. Senior deputy city administrator Dr Donald Craythorne also serves on the committee as a representative of the United Municipal Executive

Mr Ross said he had no objection to the officials serving on the committees but the council had not been informed of its terms of reference

He believed it was a high-powered committee with a "very wide brief" and warned that there could be conflict of interests between council policy and committee recommendations

Mr Ross said the city officials should have some form of mandate and if council was to make recommendations, these should be over a wide range

Replying, Mr Friedlander said there was a "fluidity and flexibility of ideas floating around" in the vacuum left by the dissolution of the divisional and provincial councils

## French system

"This can split the very fabric of local government as we know it and it is not an issue which can or should be easily brushed aside," he warned

Possibilities included executive mayors who could be appointed, Mr Friedlander added

President Botha and Dr Andreas van Wyk, a former top official in Mr Heunis's department, have dropped hints recently that the French system of politically appointed mayors might be favoured

Mr Friedlander said he had complete confidence in the officials and believed their input would be of "tremendous value"

However, it was essential that a full report be made to the executive committee and he said he would make sure all councillors had one

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# Ex-board workers anxious about jobs

By DICK USHER,  
Labour Reporter

HUNDREDS of former Administration Board employees are anxious about their jobs

Since the board was dissolved, many have become "Administrator's employees", temporarily in provincial service but serving with the Town Committee of Cape Town

Fears for their jobs have been heightened by advertisements for jobs on the committee, to which they are waiting for transfer.

But Mr Ronnie Delpont, chief director of local government in the Provincial Administration, said there was no threat to their job security but a legal problem about the transfer of pension benefits

"When the boards were dissolved, responsibility for black local government devolved upon the Provincial Administration

"Former board employees now employed by the province have struck a snag because they have to resign from the CPA if they take up a position with the committee

"This would result in a loss of pension benefits which they are obviously reluctant to accept," he said.

## Demands

They are also unhappy that councillors from the Town Committee take part in job interviews, exercising personnel functions. They feel that only executive employees of the committee should do this, and fear that councillors' intervention could lead to nepotism

They have demanded that appointments already made be set aside or they will take the matter to the Supreme Court

Their fears have not been allayed by replies from the province to inquiries by legal representatives of their union, the Municipal and Public Servants Association Workers Union

The president of the union, Mr G Ntuli, said the replies were evasive and full of contradictions

"In the meantime they see outsiders getting jobs that are advertised by the committee," said Mr Ntuli

"They have been told they may apply for those jobs, but if they get one they have to resign from the CPA

"If they are transferred they keep their pension and other benefits but fear losing them if they resign

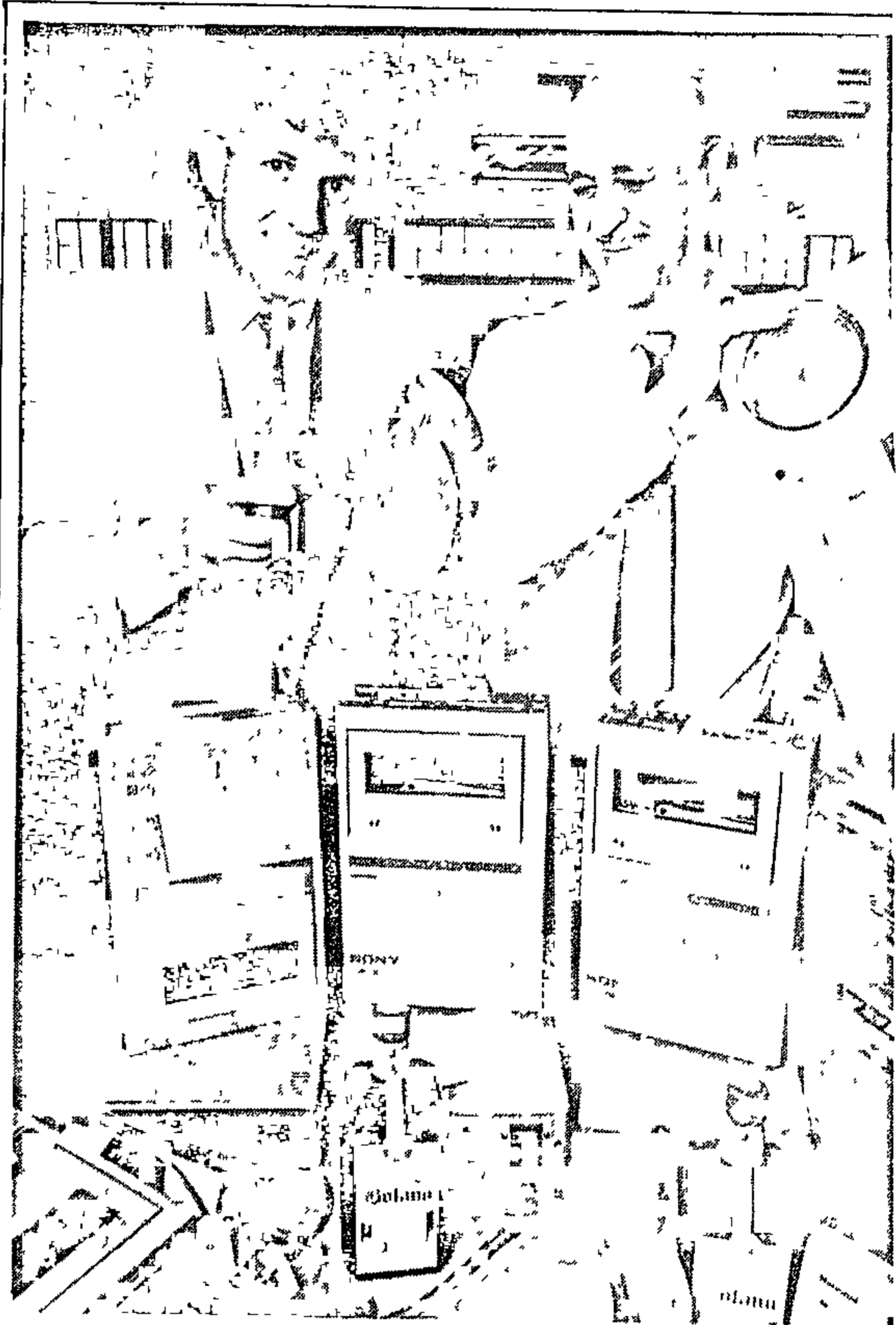
"This has been going on for months and people don't have anything definite to go on"

Mr Delpont said the question of job transfers and transfer of benefits was being negotiated with the Commission for Administration and the Department of National Health and Population Development

"In the meantime we have asked the committee to stop advertising positions"

On the question of councillors interviewing people for jobs, he said this was purely a selection panel which sifted applications

"This happens with other local authorities but appointments are made by the full committee"



Mr A C "Ampie" Schmidt, Cape Town controller of customs and excise, right, with auctioneer Mr Shlomo Bitton and some of the goods which will go under the hammer tomorrow.

Picture: DION TROMP,  
The Argus

## Anything goes at customs' annual auction

Staff Reporter

ANYTHING from a needle to an anchor (well, most) is up for grabs at Cape Town's annual department of Customs and Excise auction tomorrow

A variety of goods ranging from a T-shirt, a bottle of champagne to empty perfume bottles will come under the hammer in the two-stage sale

The first auction will be from 10am to 12.30 and the second from 1.30pm to 3.30pm



# Naked Opportunism!

THE opening sentence in your article about the Cape teachers' Professional Association (SOUTH October 15) tells us that Franklin Sonn is going henceforth to "set about persuading 25 000 teachers to adopt the Freedom Charter".

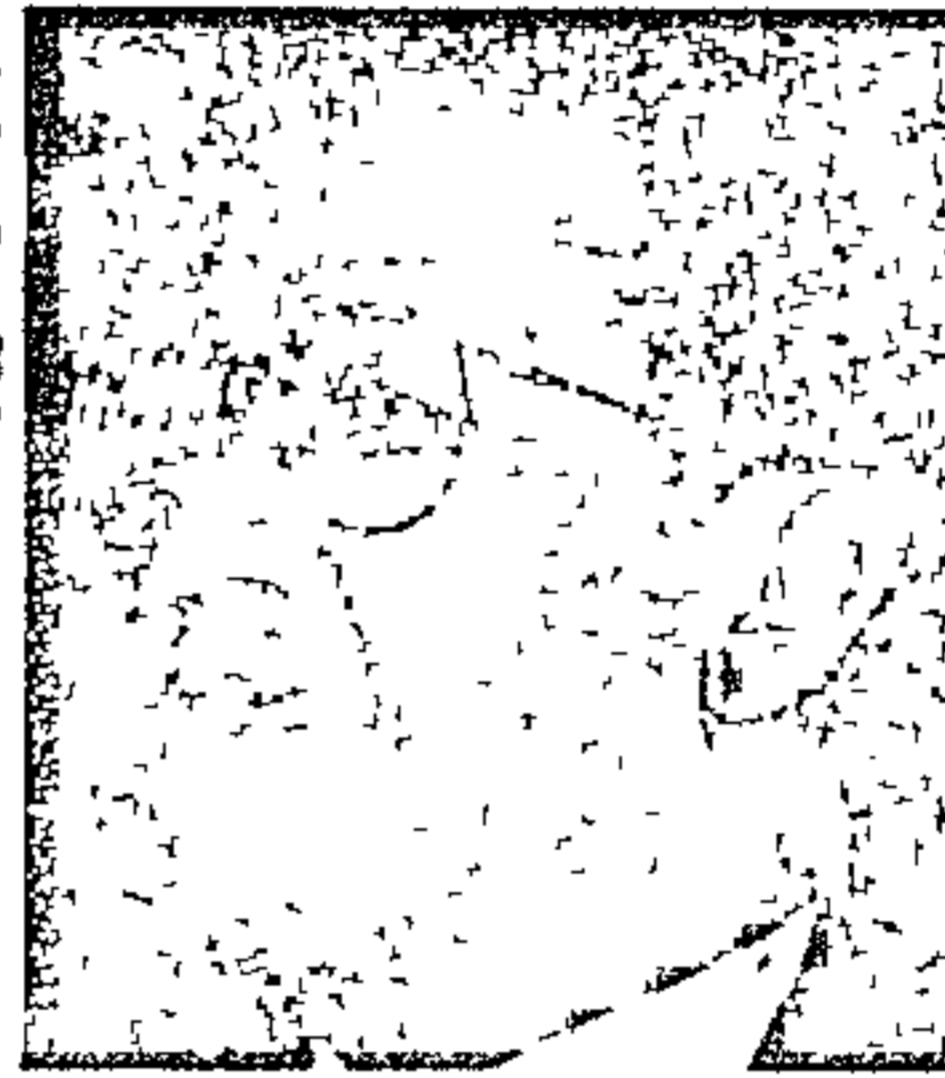
This sentence takes us to the heart of the problem. The CTPA is trying to gain the respect and favour of progressive organisations in the Western Cape when it is obviously a one (or two) man show. A show that is run with total disregard for the real participatory democracy we should all be striving for. But let us be a bit more systematic about the CTPA as a whole.

## Oppressive

With the birth of Wectu (the Western Cape Teachers' Union) in 1985, the CTPA realised their modus operandi should change. Before 1985 the CTPA was closely associated with the bureaucratic oppressive system. Franklin Sonn and others sat on many commissions initiated by the Government.

Its intimate association with Coloured Affairs became an embarrassment. Since the formation of Wectu, the exposure of the Government as unfair, exploitative and oppressive has been top on our agenda. So ever since 1985, the CTPA has been compelling its members not to be part of Government structures. Other changes within the organisation include asking their members to terminate their association with the Labour Party, singing the national anthem "Nkosi Sikelele", talking to the ANC at Dakar, discussing the Freedom Charter with a view to adoption and talking about affiliation

In a recent interview, CTPA president Franklin Sonn said he was confident he would be able to persuade the CTPA's 25 000 members to support the adoption of the Freedom Charter. Concerned members of the Western Cape Teachers' Union respond.



Franklin Sonn

to the UDF in the near future. To my mind this is nothing, but naked opportunism.

Wectu must take full credit for the CTPA leadership's shift to the left. The CTPA as a whole is not our enemy. We have a common enemy — so it seems to be now — and that enemy is not among us. It will be a political mistake for Wectu to ignore the 25 000 teachers just because their leadership appears to be corrupt.

Wectu does not need to be concerned about the overwhelming CTPA membership. We are recognised and respected by the progressive movement, so from here we must draw our strength. The CTPA is still seeking that status within the progressive fold. Wectu's existence is effectively denying CTPA progressive respectability — a status Sonn and others so desperately seek. Some of the problems progressive

teachers within Wectu have with the CTPA are

- The CTPA will always be an ethnic (coloured) teachers' organisation which associates itself with unscrupulously oppressive forces,
- Although the CTPA has a membership of 25 000, the leadership takes positions and makes decisions without consulting the membership,
- Many of the CTPA's leaders or members have links with the Labour Party,
- The CTPA's response to the Department of Education and Culture on the demotion of Mr Peter Carelse (of Mitchell's Plain) has been shameful. The CTPA agreed that Carelse should be demoted and transferred. All they did was to set certain conditions. Can any teachers' organisation stoop so low as to throw one of their own to the lions? The CTPA has become best at doing this. Carelse, a Wectu member and re-

spected leader in Mitchell's Plain, has the support of both parents and progressive organisations. With DEC, the CTPA dares to challenge the integrity of the democratic movement and Carelse.

What Franklin Sonn and the CTPA has to address is how seriously it wants to become part of the progressive movement. Let's look at a hypothetical situation. After days of democratic decision-making, the UDF, NECC and Cosatu called on all progressive organisations to support a stayaway or demonstration on the Grand Parade for three days as a response to the killing of five children during a peaceful protest. Not all that hypothetical if we look at the SA situation. A special call is made to the CTPA to respond favourably.

## Undermine

What do you think Sonn or Randall van der Heever's response would be? Before you respond, remember they are accustomed to making decisions for their members. The progressive forces will realise that if we can't depend on them now, we will never be able to trust or depend on them.

To the CTPA leadership: Why doesn't CTPA principals deliver Wectu literature to teachers? Are they under instruction to undermine the existence of Wectu at schools? After all, Wectu is not a banned organisation, and teachers are not fools who can't make their own decisions on which teachers' organisation to join. So hand over the Wectu literature.

CTPA — read carefully and respond boldly. You have only your future existence among the progressives at stake.

# CMC demands apology from mayor over party

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) here wants an apology from the mayor as the committee feels "slighted" that the mayor could ignore a committee's resolution.

The resolution refers to a decision by the CMC that they would not attend a party hosted on Tuesday night by Mr Robert de Lange for IMC and CMC members.

Mr J. F. Temmers said that the CMC had received an invitation to attend a party from the Indian Management Committee (IMC) last month which they rejected.

"That same evening after the meeting, the mayor phoned me and asked about holding a combined party

"I told him that this had been suggested by the IMC and we had rejected it.

"What really irks us is that the mayor, knowing this, went behind our backs and organised the same party we rejected

"The mayor did something unforgivable, he violated a resolution of ours when he ignored it. I told him personally of our decision"

Mr Temmers said that the CMC members were elected by ratepayers and as a constituted body, decisions made by them were binding, even on the mayor

Mr Temmers said that a lot more was involved than just the party.

"Council imposes its will upon us. We do not participate in decision-making. To add insult to injury, the mayor said that the CMC would not have a party," Mr Temmers said.

Mr De Lange said yesterday that in

the past there had always been two separate parties held for the CMC and the IMC, both hosted by him and attended by officials involved in both committees

"We received a request from the IMC to have a combined Christmas party This was put to Mr Temmers and he never came back to us."

As the host, Mr De Lange said he considered the matter and thought it would be a good thing to have a combined party seeing it was also a request from the IMC and which would cut out a lot of duplicated invitations and costs.

"When I phoned Mr Temmers he said he did not mind having a combined party and did not object to me phoning committee members to see if they minded," Mr De Lange said

He said that the only ones that he could get hold of were Mr and Mrs Wally George who said they would attend the party.

He said that invitations went out to all the members and "I left it at that"

The only two CMC members who attended the party were Mr and Mrs George.

Mr De Lange said that he had been approached yesterday with a request from Mr Temmers to hold a separate party which he (Mr De Lange) was not prepared to hold

"They were officially invited to the party which I was hosting for both the IMC and the CMC members and I am not going to hold another party at municipal expense," Mr De Lange said

He said that if they wished to hold a party at their own expense, they were welcome to do so.

"I have no axe to grind with them," he said

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# Spotlight on ~~unrest~~ role of traffic cops

By JOHN YELD  
Municipal Reporter

THE role of Cape Town's traffic police during unrest is likely to be fully debated by Cape Town City Council following a report by traffic manager Mr Wouter Smit.

In September the council called on the utilities and works committee to report on steps to ensure that:

- The primary function of the traffic department remain that of providing effective road control and avoiding fatal accidents.

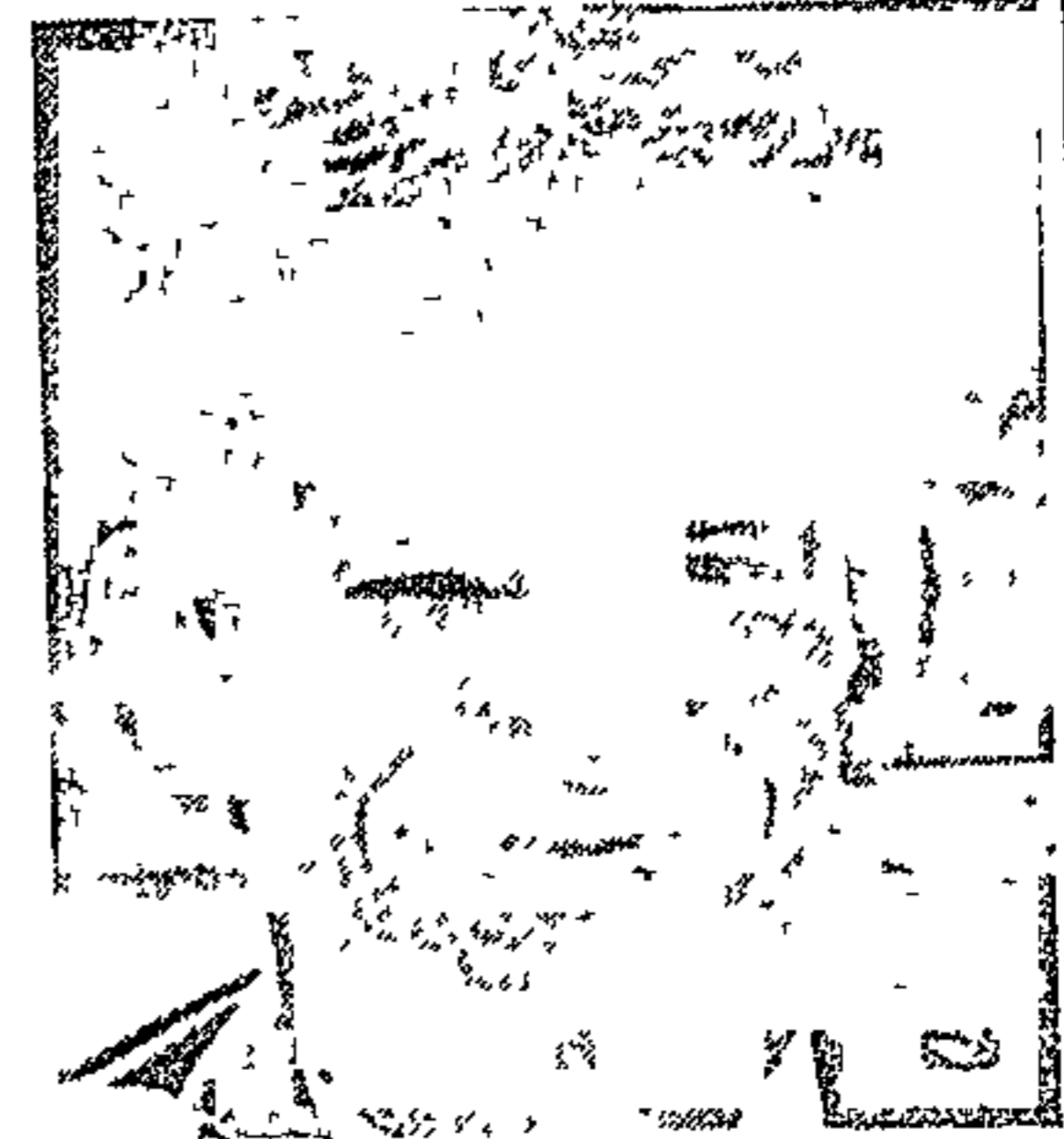
- The force is in no way politicised by being drawn into the "present conflict" between the State and Cape Town's unfranchised communities

Mr Smit, who reported to the committee this week, said he could not agree entirely with the suggestion that traffic officers should not help police and security forces during unrest.

"Traffic officers are law-enforcement officers who by the very nature of the task that they perform rely to a very large degree on the support and co-operation of the police and our judicial system," he said.

"I would agree that we have no part in the actual performance of the police function, but there are times when we are called on to escort large convoys of vehicles through the municipal area to ensure the free and safe flow of traffic along the roads and at intersections."

Traffic officers' main role in unrest or conflict so far had



Mr Wouter Smit

been to close roads where there was a danger to users and to divert traffic from these areas

Mr Smit said "This duty has no doubt saved the lives of many citizens as well as saving private property from damage or destruction and was often done at considerable personal risk to the officers concerned

"We in this branch are very conscious of our responsibility towards the citizens of our city and are governed by this consciousness in carrying out the diversified tasks and functions necessary for the effective and efficient management of vehicular and pedestrian traffic."

The traffic branch had a duty to all citizens and could not allow itself to be used to the advantage or disadvantage of any "personal point of view", Mr Smit concluded

The utilities and works committee have referred Mr Smit's reply to the council

# CMC to protest to action committee

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by PAM AGNEW

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee here will be sending a letter to the city council's action committee protesting at the failure of certain municipal officials to provide the CMC with "relevant" information.

The letter, proposed by the vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr D W Alexander, will state that the CMC "feels offended" that when its chairman, Mr J F Temmers, asked for relevant information from two officials in the management services and traffic departments, this information was not made available.

This information refers to an item on the CMC's agenda before the committee in connection with an interview for a traffic officer

The initial application of a certain qualified traffic officer was put before the city council in July this year and the council's decision not to support this application despite the CMC's backing resulted in the CMC actively boycotting subsequent action committee meetings.

Mr Temmers called on both the municipal personnel manager and the chief traffic officer to supply information as to why this application had been unsuccessful.

Mr Temmers asked Mr Brian Evans if he had received a recommendation from the chief traffic officer of Port Elizabeth in respect of the applicant.

Mr Evans repeatedly refused to answer this question, stating that he was bound by the rul-

ings of council in their July motion that "this matter was closed" and was not entitled to give any further information.

Mr Temmers said that the CMC would not let the matter rest and would take it "right up to the executive" for a full investigation.

The CMC also attacked the Director of Cultural and Environmental Services over the caretaking of certain halls in the coloured area.

Mr Albert Janse said he was "sorry" that two items had been included in the committee's agenda as they were matters that could have been resolved outside of the meeting.

The first item referred to the motivation of creating a new post for a relief caretaker at the Billy Francis and Parkside Halls.

Mr Janse said that he would ask work study to investigate the matter and would ensure that it was settled.

Mr Janse said the second issue, relating to permission for the hire of the Parkside Hall by the Independent Order of True Templers, had already been dealt with.

Mr Temmers said the topic of relief caretakers "had been a bone of contention" and stated that a coloured man should be elected as caretaker of halls in the coloured area.

Mr Temmers asked Mr Janse why the CMC was not informed of matters going on in their own area.

● Following a debate by committee members as to whether or not they would attend the mayoral cocktail party, Mr Temmers stated "We will use apartheid when

it suits us, but not when it doesn't."

Mr Alexander, said he was not going to be threatened by the mayor of East London to attend any party and added that the mayor had "had the audacity" to phone some committee members individually to find out if they wanted to have a party with the Indian Management Committee (IMC).

He said they would attend a party when they could sit in the council chamber and vote for a fellow member of the committee as mayor of East London.

Mr Temmers said that a resolution had been made by the committee last week stating that they would hold their own Christmas party and could not go to the mayoral party and pretend that they were happy with the current state of affairs.

"Let us have an apartheid party as in the past, which was started by the council," Mr Temmers said.

● Following a complaint from the Parkside Primary School on the conditions of Windyridge Road, Parkside, the CMC has agreed that the road be upgraded as soon as funds are available.

After the city engineer's department investigated the matter, they recommended that the road be widened by a metre to 8,4 metres, two bituminised embayments for buses be constructed at the bus stops for the school, kerbs and gutters be laid on both sides of the road and that a concrete sidewalk be constructed along the south western side at an estimated cost of R95 000.

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# Local governments essential says Louw

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON —** A well-ordered system of local government was of the utmost importance for the promotion of stability in black communities, the administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in his New Year's message.

He said the number of functioning local authorities had increased from 38 at the time of civil unrest to 86 at present, and the objective of the province was to increase this to a total of 97.

"The progress that has been made with regard to black local government is gratifying. A shortage of trained staff remains our biggest problem," he said.

Mr Louw added that the addition of 22 training officer posts would make it possible to offer 250 training courses, involving some 5 000 officers and councillors.

A permanent training centre at Mtombolwazi, Port Elizabeth, would begin instruction on April 1, 1988, and similar facilities would be provided in the Northern and Western Cape.

"Black housing remains a major problem owing to limited funds and large population numbers. Our objective in the new year is to provide 24 000 sites, of which 60 per cent will be earmarked for econ-

omic development by the private sector in order to promote private home ownership.

"In addition 33 000 squatter families or backyard dwellers will have to be resettled and provided with the minimum basic services."

Mr Louw said the "most comprehensive local government elections in the history of the Cape province" would be held in October, when white, coloured, black and Asian communities go to the polls for the first time in five years.

"These elections will be of crucial importance because you yourselves will have to elect the most competent leaders in your community, who will have greater powers to govern your town or city than ever before."

"The responsibility rests on your shoulders to decide to whom you wish to entrust your town or city's budget, which could involve millions of rands."

"Another objective is to get Regional Services Councils established

throughout the Cape in the new year and to seek a formula which will enable these councils to commence with the upliftment of the poorest residential areas."

Mr Louw said provincial government had taken over comprehensive new powers from central government during 1987, including the functions of black local government, social services, housing and the development of the necessary infrastructure.

"It was therefore a year of consolidation and staff adaptation. Provincial government is aimed primarily at keeping the man in the street happy by the services that are rendered to him, and it is therefore regrettable that a lack of funds should hamper us in doing what we would like to do," he said.

Referring to the introduction of three-day working weeks for road workers by some divisional councils, due to a lack of funds, Mr Louw said high-level negotiations were under way with government institutions.

This would hopefully relieve the Cape of the burden of responsibility for the more than 4 000 kms of proposed national roads that form

part of the national network.

"You will realise that the maintenance and reconstruction of these roads places a heavy burden on our road construction funds — a burden which is greater for the Cape than the combined burden of all three other provinces."

"Any reduction in financial assistance would result in officials with 20 years service and more having to be dismissed."

This will be a black day and a sensitive blow to large parts of our rural area which are already struggling to remain afloat financially," he said.

The province would continue to provide financial assistance to those rural areas stricken by extended droughts. R8,2 million would be made available to provide temporary work for some 8 000 unemployed people, although this was "merely a drop in the ocean."

Mr Louw said plans to establish 10 additional community health centres to cater for at least 100 000 patients would place the province in a position where "we will be able to offer a streamlined, comprehensive health service instead of the fragmentary service to date."



MR LOUW

"In addition, the opening of the first section of the new Groote Schuur Hospital will make 410 beds, 183 surgical beds and 11 theatres available. This is indeed something to look forward to," he said.

"Since we are aware of the need for healthy recreation and the delicate nature of community relations, we will try in 1988 to establish and finance new regional recreation resorts in order to avoid cramped and overcrowded conditions in the limited number of existing resorts," Mr Louw added.

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# Officer: civil defence rewarding

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Daily Dispatch  
Reporter

EAST LONDON — The civil defence unit operating in the rural areas under the Kaffraria Divisional Council had grown from nothing to a successful organisation in the last six years, the retiring civil defence officer, Mr John Shaw, said

Mr Shaw served in the former Rhodesian Air Force and police, so when he retired to East London, it seemed natural for him to get involved "in some sort of civil defence"

He started as a part-time employee in 1982, but soon realised that the unit needed a full-time civil defence officer and he became a natural choice

The first fully-fledged unit was started in the Gonubie area, but fell away after a while

Subsequently a unit

was started in the Komga area, as well as in Kidds Beach, where people were very keen

The core of the civil defence consists of members of the private sector, mainly farmers' wives, who wished to do something for their community

A first-aid organisation was founded, but because it could not give instruction in the rural areas, the civil defence workers had to start their own instruction courses with the assistance of the divisional council ambulance service

The organisation soon captured the interest of people in the rural areas surrounding East London, and it had to take on training officers to help train the volunteers

One of the first recruits was Mrs Phyl Alschlager, who has subsequently taken over

from Mr Shaw

Groups of farmers' wives were established and were known as "first responders" because they were normally the first to be on the scene of a disaster

The unit runs several courses for its voluntary workers, including a helicopter rescue course, CPR instruction which is a one-day course, an emergency aid course which runs for three days and a trauma course which is spread over a period of nine days

The volunteers are also able to do duties with the regular ambulance service to gain experience

In addition, there is another rescue course which is recommended for the younger and more agile workers as it includes light vehicle recovery

Mr Shaw was respon-

sible for the introduction of the 29 radios for farmers to give them another means of communication in the event of the telephone lines being down

He described the idea as a "huge success" and said at the last count there were 633 radios in the districts involved

These radios had to be augmented with a VHF communication system which was able to relay messages over longer distances

Mr Shaw said finance was a problem and this was the main reason for the lack of equipment, although the unit does receive grants from the council

He felt the Rubicon disaster was the most "spectacular" incident they had handled and many of the workers who were trained in practical helicopter rescue by the South African

Air Force spent several hours in the air searching for the ill-fated yacht

Mr Shaw said the main problem he had encountered was trying to find volunteer workers who were willing to give up their time

"Most people just don't want to get involved"

He said his six years as civil defence officer had been "very rewarding" even though it had taken up so much time and involved a lot of travelling to keep the communication channels open

In reply to why he had got involved, he said, "I have always had that sort of background being an airman twice and a policeman for 23 years in Zimbabwe

"The civil defence operation seemed a natural progression"

# Council nod for R14m project

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Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council has approved plans for the R14 million Kings Hotel leisure centre development.

At the first action committee meeting of the year last night, the council agreed to the proposals as originally put before it by the developers, including a "controversial" terrace and bridge over the road directly in front of the hotel.

The development, initially estimated at R14 million, could well exceed this amount.

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said after the meeting that the decision had not been unanimous.

Mr Randall said he was not in favour and added that when a development consultant, Mr Revel Fox, had visited the city recently he had been concerned about the environmental effects of the overhead bridge and terrace.

Mr Fox could not be contacted for comment last night.

Mr Randall said there had not been any further discussion on the proposals as far as the aquarium development was concerned.

● The council has been granted formal approval by the administrator for the necessary finance to improve municipal beaches.

Earlier this month, the chairman of protection services, Alderman Donald, told the Daily Dispatch that the provincial administration had promised the necessary funds to the municipality.

Mr Randall said the council had now received formal approval from the administrator

to spend R394 800 on the Eastern Beach for parking and fencing, as well as showering, toilet and other facilities, R185 320 on the Nahoon River, R174 335 on Nahoon Beach, R500 000 on Nahoon Point for barriers and walkways, R169 200 on an access road at the Rifle Range pool, R45 120 on Leaches Bay and R52 225 on Fullers Bay.

● The council approved plans for the proposed road layout scheme for the old Elco site adjacent to Beaconsfield Road.

Plans provide for the construction of paved sidewalks, traffic islands, traffic lights and the "straightening out" of Beaconsfield Road adjoining the connecting road off Settlers Way/Fleet Street in front of Gately House.

Mr Randall said that provision had been made by the provincial administration for about R2,3 million in the 1987/88 estimates and that about R75 000 would be spent on the purchase and installation of traffic lights during the construction of the new intersection.

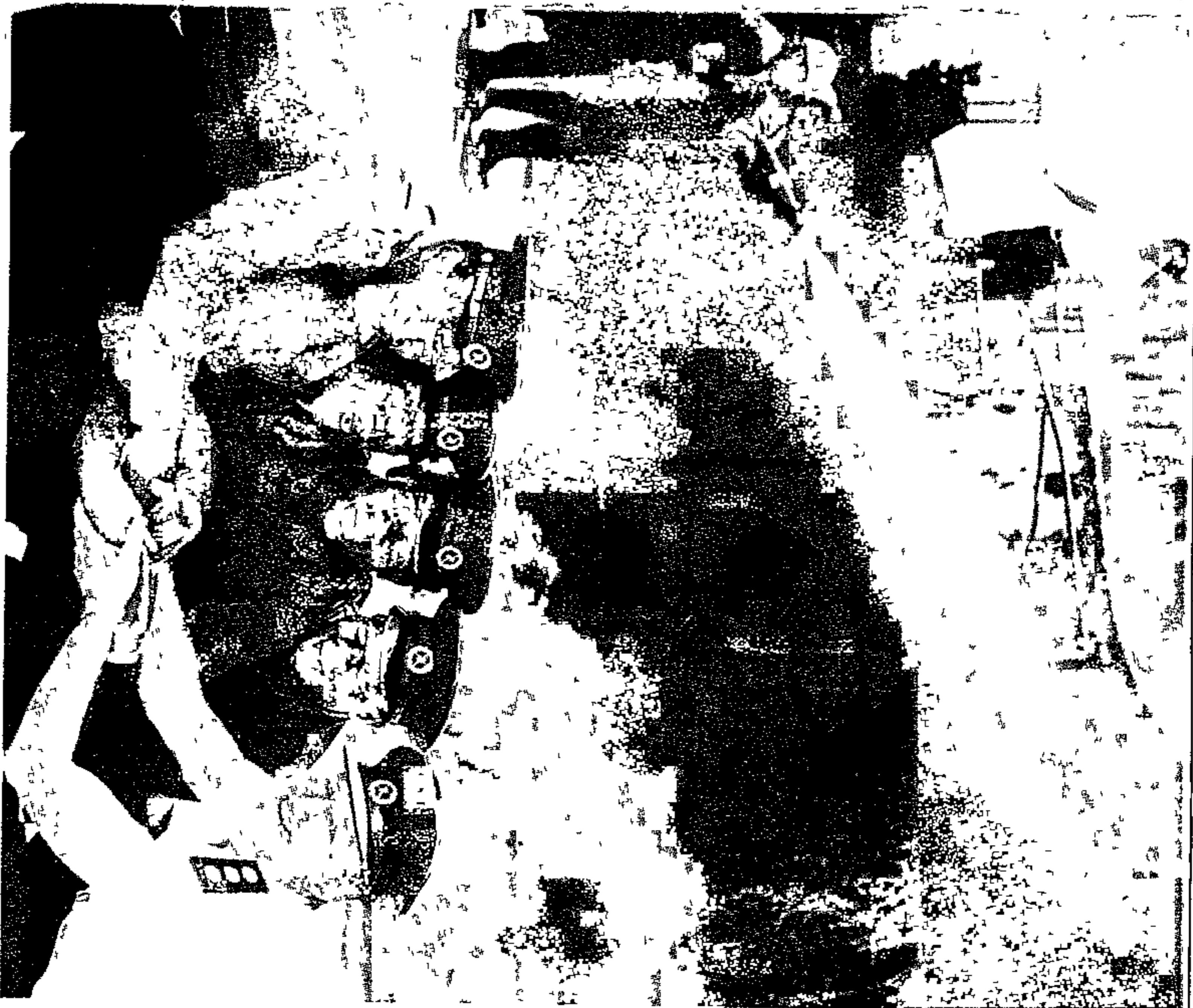
● The council agreed to the expenditure of R49 000 on the design of a sewage reticulation system to serve the Abbotsford/Dorchester Heights areas.

Mr Randall said a total of R2 599 000 had been provided in the 1987/88 sewage capital estimates for the construction and upgrading of sewers in the city.

● The appointment of two people to assist with the updating of the Indian Management Committee voters' roll was approved.

The municipal and management committee rolls close at the end of this month.

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**JOIN THE CLUB:** Station officer Mr Mike Lightley, right, with four of his new charges, from left, Mr Sidwell Gae, Mr Wellington Naundle, Mr Briscoe Mlotywe and Mr Theophilus Lunika.

## Trainees fired with enthusiasm for course

### Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town's first black trainee firemen are coming to grips with hoses and helmets as they get down to work in earnest at the Epping Training Centre.

Five recruits have begun the 12-week course.

The Town Committees of Cape Town and Crossroads are to employ 23 firemen at three fire stations to be built by July.

Until then, the men will serve at fire stations in terms of the fire protection agreement signed last week by Cape Town municipality and the town committees.

In between practising putting out fires and performing various drills, Mr Theophilus Luka, 28, said he was looking forward to the rest of the course.

Retrenched from his job as a welder, he opted to become a fireman largely because of the job security.

"But I'm beginning to enjoy it now," he added.

Initial training has already provided some anxious moments.

"When we had to climb to the top of the training tower (a few floors up) we were all frightened. Now we are getting used to it," he said.



**HERE'S HOW:** Officer Michael Brand gives trainee Theophilus Lunika a few tips on controlling a firehose.

Pictures: HANNES THART, The Argus

# Indian Management Committee voters' roll to be compiled

by PAM AGNEW

EAST LONDON — The municipality has asked for the co-operation of the Indian community in the establishment of the first Indian Management Committee (IMC) voters' roll here

This year's IMC election, scheduled for October, will be the first. Previously, members of this committee have been nominated, so no original voters' roll exists

Last month's government gazette repealed the old regulations for IMCs, which stated that anyone over the age of 18, residing in an Indian area was entitled to be on the voters' roll

The new regulations, in keeping with those for white municipal and coloured management committee voters, provide that anyone who is an owner or occupier of property within their own group area, is entitled to be placed on the relevant voters' roll

Proof of residence or occupancy, as at January 1 this year, should be supplied

A municipal official, Miss C. O'Hara, said yesterday that two people would begin going from house to house in the Indian area to place people on the roll

Miss O'Hara said there was still a lot of confusion about the local authority elections as people tended to confuse them with the political, government elections

"The local elections have nothing to do with the government elections

"We need everyone's names on the roll. When October comes there is nothing compelling people to vote, but if we do not have their names on the roll, they will not be able to exercise their right to vote," she said

All three rolls for the East London area will be closing in the city at the end of this month, before they are submitted to the revision court

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## Stolen crotons up for sale — claim

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# No decision yet on Wild Rose off-ramp

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Reporter

EAST LONDON — A decision on whether the controversial Wild Rose off-ramp from the Ziphunzana bypass road in Braelynn will be built is still to be made

Several city councillors, municipal officials, an Indian Management Committee (IMC) member and Braelynn Extension Two residents, met at the site yesterday morning to discuss the implications of the off-ramp and any possible alternatives

Construction of the off-ramp, which residents have termed a "death-trap" to the many toddlers and young children in the area, was scheduled to start immediately, but strong objections from concerned residents in the street and surrounding area have caused a delay

Among councillors present at the site meeting was the chairman of the directorate of engineering services, Mr Robbie de Lange

He said afterwards that council had decided that the issue would be referred to the IMC for finalisation

"This matter is going to be left to the IMC, the objectors together with the contractors," Mr De Lange, said

"They will have to discuss the matter. The city council cannot involve itself. We are just the agents for the Department of Transport and

we cannot take decisions as to whether the road must be closed or not.

"Apparently there is a certain section of residents who object to the building of the road and on the other side, the IMC say the road should stay," he said

"I, as chairman, am not prepared to commit the council to anything that is going to involve the ratepayers of the city paying out huge amounts of money as far as that goes.

"We have a duty towards these people as well, but I think it is a matter for the consultants and the Department of Transport to sort out

He said he believed that officials from the department would be visiting the city today

Mr De Lange said that these officials would be arranging a meeting between themselves, the objectors, the IMC and the city engineer

"They will then discuss what will be the best solution to the problem"

When asked whether construction on the off-ramp would be held up until a final decision was made, Mr De Lange said that this was something that the meeting would have to decide

"We as a council cannot take a decision on that"

A meeting had also been held on Monday to discuss the issue and he

regretted "the rather acrimonious manner" in which some of the people performed at the site meeting held yesterday

A member of the IMC present at the site meeting, Mr James Lazarus, said that he had carried out a survey in the street on Sunday. The residents he had spoken to were in favour of the off-ramp

However, several residents who were present on site, said that they had not been contacted by Mr Lazarus. A few said they had been away at the time

The chairman of the IMC, Mr E R Vangadajellum, said yesterday that he had no comment to make

When he was asked when the proposal for the bypass and relevant off-ramps had come before the IMC, he said he did not know as it had been under the chairmanship of Mr Mike Williams

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# Residents see traffic threat

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Many residents in Wild Rose Street which is earmarked for the off-ramp from the Ziphunzana bypass road, are adamant that the off-ramp is unnecessary and a threat to the safety of young children in the area

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One of the residents in the street, Mrs M Fran-

cis, said yesterday that there were a lot of toddlers and other children in the street

ently quiet residential road

"There are eight young children in that house alone," Mrs Francis said, pointing to a corner house about 100 metres away from the proposed off-ramp

Mr Mike Williams, a former chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), said that the off-ramp was "unnecessary"

She said her young grandchildren who lived across the road from her often came across the street to her home

Another resident at the site meeting said that there had not been an accident in the street for over 12 years

"Can you imagine with heavy traffic and buses what a danger it will be?"

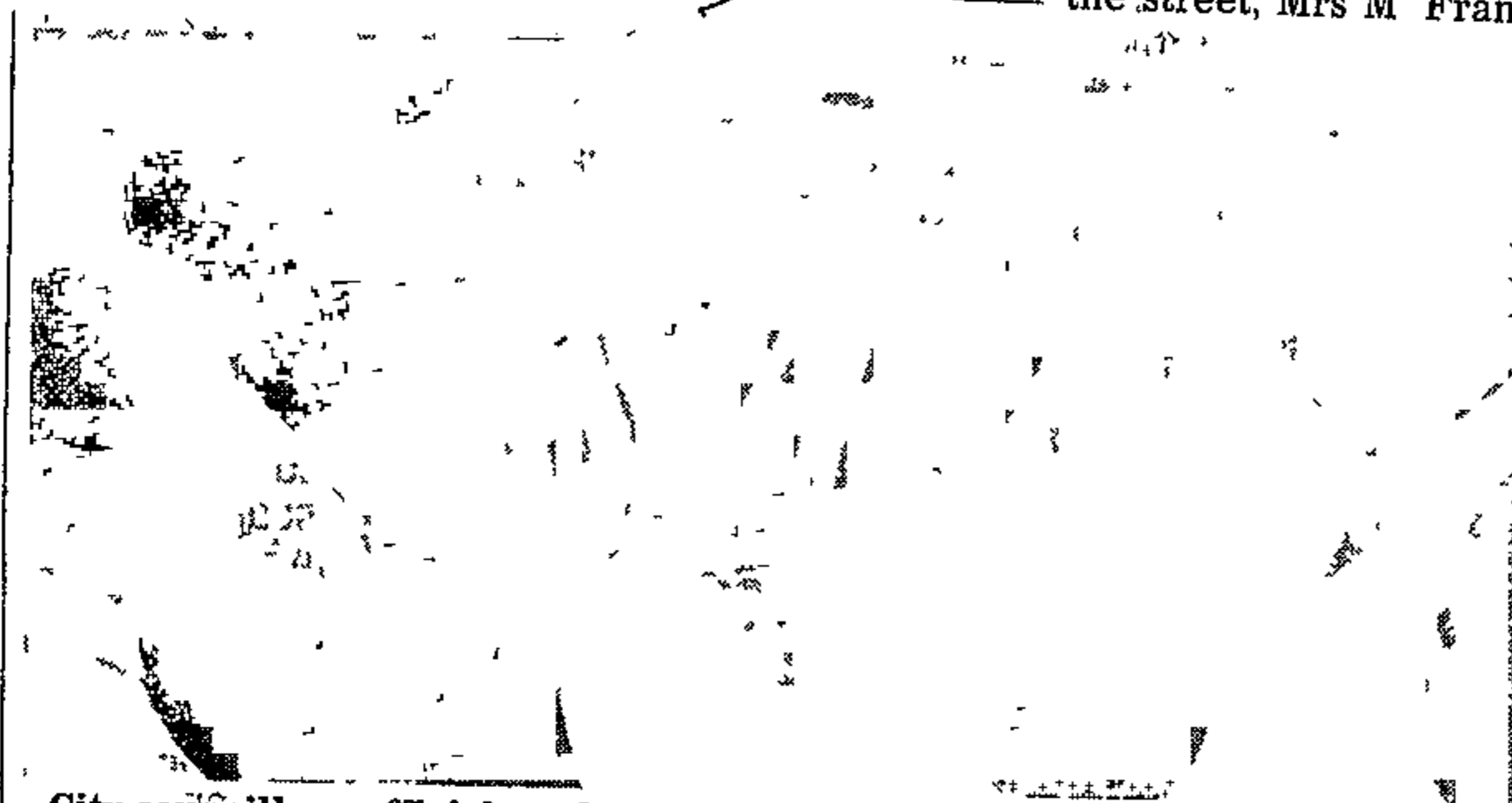
"That will change as soon as the new road is built," he said

Over a period of half an hour from 11 am yesterday, only three slow moving vehicles were seen by the Daily Dispatch using the road

When a spokesman for concerned residents in the area, Mr Allan Raga-val, asked a city engineer's department official, Mr B Bradford, whether they had taken children into consideration when planning the off-ramp, he said that Mr Bradford had taken all factors into consideration

Should it become an off-ramp serving as an access road to several areas, heavily increased and faster moving traffic would be expected to use the narrow, pres-

"There are many children on roads throughout the city," he said



City councillors, officials and residents study a map at the proposed Wild Rose Street off-ramp in Braelynn: from left, Mr B. Bradford, Mr Mike Williams, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr G Keppie, the deputy-mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Brian Snell

# Legal action planned to stop Clarendon Gardens

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## Secret meeting cuts out Eglin

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — About 60 members of the PFP's second echelon leadership are to attend a meeting in Port Elizabeth which was organised without the prior knowledge of the party leader, Mr Colin Eglin.

Mr Eglin said yesterday he was not opposed to individuals organising discussion groups, but meetings organised with a degree of conscious exclusion and secrecy would run the risk of being "divisive".

Although he was subsequently invited to attend the meeting, Mr Eglin said he had parliamentary commitments and it was "highly inappropriate" for him to be involved in the meeting now that he was aware there had been selective invitations.

The meeting has been organised by the party's former secretary-general, Mr Robin Carlisle, the Border regional chairman, Mr Errol Moorcroft, and a party strategist, Mr Jannie Hofmeyer.

According to sources, discussions will surround possible realignments with various Indian and coloured parliamentary groups, particularly the Labour Party, Mr Wynand Malans' National Democratic Movement, and "across the spectrum" extra-parliamentary groups from Dr Denis Worrall's Independent Movement, the Black Sash, the End Conscription Campaign, the Natal Indaba, Inkatha and the UDF.

Although some delegates insist that the issue of the PFP leadership will be discussed, Mr Carlisle denied that defections or a mass breakaway and disillusionment in the leadership was a reason for the meeting.

"It has nothing to do with leadership bashing," he said.

Mr Moorcroft said the reason for the meeting was "a concern at grass roots level for unification of liberal opposition and the leadership of the party".

Liberalism and party strategy are topics likely to be discussed.

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — Plans for legal action to contest the city council's approval of the Clarendon Gardens project were revealed at a meeting here last night.

A lawyer's letter setting out alleged irregularities which might render the project illegal was presented to the Citywide Ratepayers' Association by the chairman, Mrs Gwen Shaw.

As a result of legal advice, a number of parties propose to initiate proceedings for the setting aside of decisions by the city council and the Administrator of the Cape.

Copies of the letter, drawn up by the parties' attorneys, were sent earlier this week to the administrator, Mr Gene Louw, the Advocate General, Mr Justice F J Van der Walt, the city council, the developers of the complex, Elcorp, the Conservative Party and the Progressive Federal Party.

Mrs Shaw said the lawyers were acting on behalf of herself, the chairman of the Clarendon/Selborne Joint Amenities Board, Mr Brian Randall, councillors Gwyn Bassingthwaite, Brian Snell and Donald Card, the CRA and many others.

Further copies of the letter would be sent to the Auditor General, the provincial auditor and to all the proposed anchor tenants of the shopping complex.

In addition to the three-page legal letter pointing out the numerous "irregularities" in the decision-making process from the first time the proposal went before the council in 1986 to the final decision at the end of last year, another document containing a map of the area and listing 23 reasons why the project should not go ahead is to be furnished to interested parties.

Last night's meeting was attended by about 70 ratepayers, as well as a number of city councillors.

Mrs Shaw said that, following the announcement on December 10 of Mr Louw's approval of the project after a four-day committee of inquiry into "serious allegations" against the manner in which the city council handled the

Clarendon Gardens project, the situation was "back to square one".

She said that on December 24 last year six people had gone to Grahamstown to seek the advice of an advocate, Mr Richard Quinn. Subsequently, in the firm belief that the parties had a solid case, the services of a senior Cape Town counsel, Mr Harry Smitchei, QC, were obtained.

On the basis of deliberations with Mr Smitchei over two days earlier this week, the legal letter was drawn up.

Mrs Shaw said that when the development was first submitted to the council two years ago it was rejected, but about two weeks later, at a special meeting, this decision was rescinded.

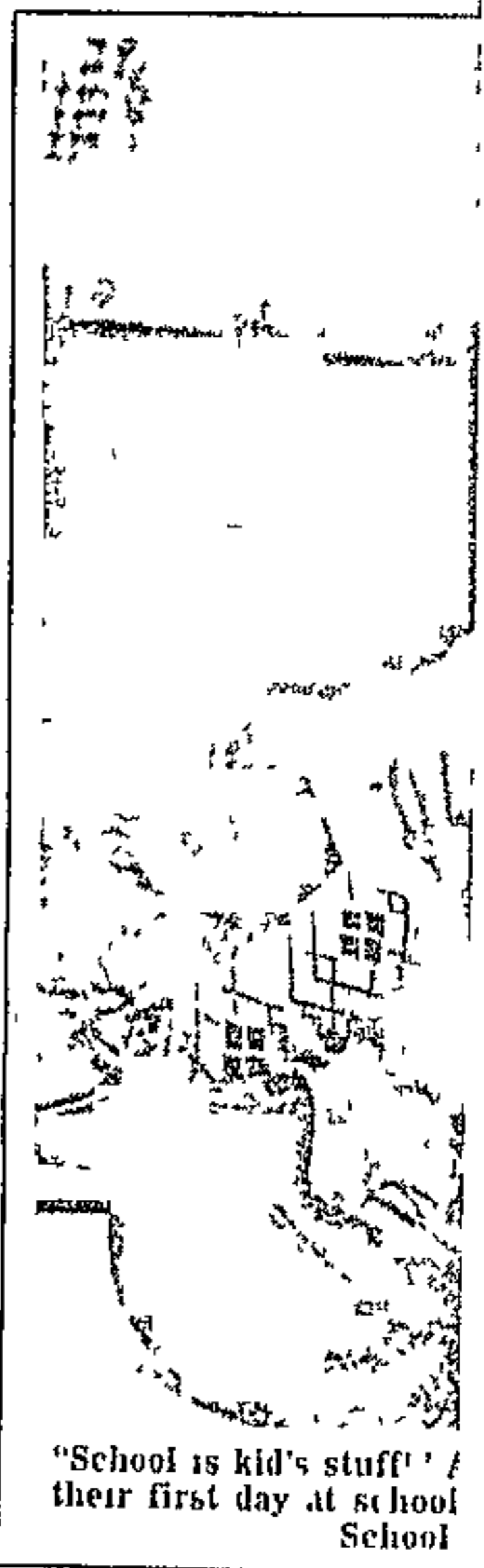
She said the proceedings at both these meetings were "invalid" in terms of the municipal ordinance and any subsequent decisions of the council on the matter stemmed from the invalid resolution.

She said the sale of the site by private treaty was unreasonable as it was a departure from the normal procedure of calling for tenders. Advertising the closure and rezoning of the site in a single advertisement was also against the law in terms of the ordinance and the Land Usage Act.

Quoting from the letter, signed by Mr L E Sephton, Mrs Shaw said the administrator had misdirected himself in several material respects regarding the objections lodged and accordingly had not properly applied his mind to the matter.

The land in question was still in public ownership and continued to vest in the municipality.

If, within 14 days of January 19, the municipality and the administrator had not informed the developers not to begin work, then the parties would be left with no alternative but to apply to court for interim relief pending an application to court and a final judgment.



"School is kid's stuff" / their first day at school School

## Arrest to coup

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**UMHIAI** — The deposed Transkei Prime Minister, Miss Stella Sigcau said here yesterday the coup in which she was overthrown had resulted from disinformation spread by an unidentified person.

Allegations that she was involved in corruption and bribery — which she denied — were not the reason for the coup, she told the Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Works and Energy.

Miss Sigcau said in an affidavit an unknown man had spread information that she had signed warrants of arrest for the top hierarchy of the Transkei Defence Force.

She admitted receiving a cheque for R50 000 from the former Prime Minister, Chief George Matanzima, and said it was a gift intended to be used for her daughter's education in London.

She denied being

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# to meet transport officials

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EAST LONDON.— Members of the Indian Management Committee (IMC) were unanimous in their decision that it was not feasible to link the proposed off-ramp from the Ziphunzana bypass road to Wild Rose Road in Braelynn.

At an ordinary meeting of the IMC this week, the committee decided it would be better if the intersection was moved down one block to Maple Leaf Avenue

Residents in the Wild Rose Road area have objected to the proposed intersection, saying it would be a "death trap" to the many toddlers and young children in the area

The chairman of the IMC, Mr E R Vengadjellum, said the committee had requested the city council to arrange a meeting between the IMC and the Department of Transport tomorrow

Meanwhile, the City Council decided at a meeting to approve the meeting between the IMC and the department

At the meeting, one of the councillors, Mr Donald Card, said he disapproved of "the way the IMC ran to" the Cape Provincial Administration before approaching the city council

"I am very disappointed and it is for this reason that I did not attend the IMC meeting," Mr Card said



REZONINGS

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**Rumbles in the corridors**

The powers of provincial administrations to overturn local authority decisions on property rezoning matters are being called into question

In an important test of the rights of property owners to protect their investments, the Cape Town City Council is considering legal action to overturn a Cape provincial administration rezoning decision

The application, for the rezoning of a residential property in Kenilworth for a service station development, was twice refused by the council and is opposed by nearly 600 local residents. The provincial executive committee overruled the city council without giving reasons

Now residents want to know what rights they have in the face of unexplained and apparently arbitrary decisions by a non-representative provincial government.

This is the third time that the city council has been overruled by the province on a property development issue of this sort. A previous ruling led to the building of the Disa Park flat complex on the slopes of Table Mountain. The three high-rise tower blocks which dominate the upper city skyline are regarded by many Capetonians as a blot on the otherwise relatively harmonious architectural townscape

The province also overruled a city council refusal to allow the development of an SABC complex on the slopes of Table Mountain. The project was, however, eventually shelved

In the latest row, the council's executive committee chairman and city councillor for the Kenilworth area, Dick Friedlander, says he can't understand the province's attitude in the face of "strenuous objections" by council and local residents. Friedlander says the council is "investigating the possibility of taking the matter further" by looking at the province's legal standing in the matter

"The whole point is that, after Johannesburg, we are the country's largest municipality. We have technical staff well qualified to make these decisions and to formulate recommendations to council. What has happened is the very antithesis of the devolution of power that is so often spoken about," he says

Cape provincial secretary, Barry van der Vyver, rejects implications in reports on the issue that "political patronage" might have influenced the decision of Cape Administrator Gene Louw. He says approval for the rezoning was subject to fairly strict conditions and was taken only after all interested parties were consulted and "given every opportunity to state their case."

However, it appears the Cape provincial

administration may also come under pressure to explain its rezoning decision allowing for the construction of the huge Clarendon Gardens shopping centre in a residential area of East London. Town planners, architects and residents have been unhappy with the proposal since inception and have lodged strenuous objections

What's more, the provincial decision was taken in the face of an alternative plan to develop under-utilised Sats land adjacent to the CBD for new shopping development — a scheme which is now in jeopardy. It is understood that legal action to force the provincial administration to explain its decision is also being considered

In the Transvaal, a new Town Planning Ordinance makes it necessary for the province to give reasons for overruling a local authority if these are requested

Nevertheless, there have been several hotly contested rezonings in the past year, with Sandton particularly hard-hit. The city council has been overruled on the granting of shopping rights for the Vere Street centre and office rights on sites in Wierda Valley, Woodmead, Bryanston, Sunninghill and along North Road

A spokesman says the new ordinance may put a stop to many such decisions, often made at a distance and behind closed doors, because they will have to be justified in future. ■

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# City councillors vote themselves a 61% rise

## Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors have voted themselves a 61 percent allowance increase, from R620 to R1 000 a month and backdated to July.

Back-pay alone will cost R412 680.

While several councillors considered a cut in their allowances, many said yesterday they deserved every cent.

Top earners will be the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, whose allowance goes up from R2 700 to R4 000, and Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander, who gets an increase of R1 830, from R2 170 to R4 000.

The biggest increases go to the chairmen of the management committees, with Athlone's Mr Patrick McKenzie, MP, way out in front. His allowance rockets from R560 a month to R2 400.

The rest are up to R1 500, except for Scotsche Kloof, whose chairman will be paid R900. Ordinary management committee members will get between R345 and R800 a month depending on the size of their areas.

An Executive Committee report to the council emphasises that:

- For two years before 1986 allowances were not increased;
  - Tax concessions have been scrapped;
  - The allowance is not remuneration, but compensation for expenses incurred carrying out duties; and
  - The new maximum amounts will apply countrywide
- Other increases include Depu-

ty-Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver's going up from R1 660 to R2 500 and deputy-Executive Committee chairman Mr Louis Kreiner's from R2 015 to R3 500.

Ordinary Executive Committee members will get R3 000

Accusations of a "gravy train" were made by Mr John Muir, who said "We are now in a situation where people are being bought"

Mr Kosi van Zyl spoke of the "considerable costs" of community service.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said people should not be prevented from performing a service because the costs of doing so left them out of pocket.

Mr Eric Merrington said that as a pensioner with a basic income of R700 a month he "unashamedly" needed the money. However, he believed he earned it.

"I believe a person who puts in the amount of work I do should be paid the salary of a member of Parliament," he added.

## Phase 2 of city-centre mall begins next week

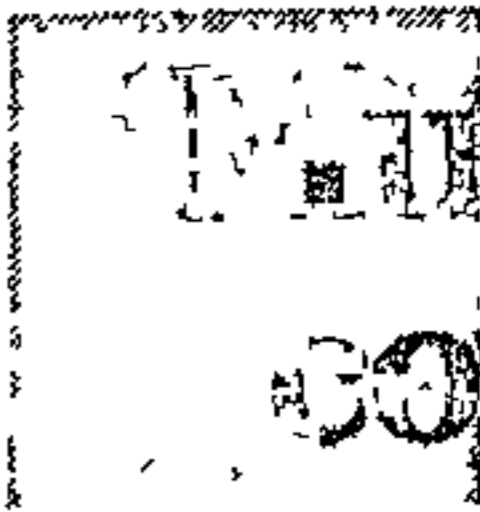
### Municipal Reporter

PHASE 2 of the city-centre mall development will begin next week with the closure of another section of St George's Street.

The Administrator is to be asked to approve a proposal to close the stretch between Strand and Shortmarket streets

A lone objection to the proposal was overruled at the City Council's monthly meeting

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# Soccer stadium additions given go-ahead by IMC

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Indian Management Committee (IMC) members met on site yesterday to give the final go-ahead for additions to the North End football stadium

The committee has agreed to the erection of a wall and railing around the stadium, as well as the provision of extra parking facilities at a total cost of R24 000

The council budget accounted for R18 000 of the necessary funds and an application to the House of Delegates resulted in the additional R6 000.

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr R Moodley, said he, the IMC's chairman, Mr E R Vengadjellum and Mr J M Lazarus had met representatives of the municipality and executive members of the Border Soccer Federation, in order to obtain their approval of the plans

He said construction at the stadium should be completed before the Easter tournament this year

"The IMC will now concentrate on providing better stadium facilities and floodlights," he said.

Mr Moodley said the issue of housing for two Indian families whose homes were in the path of the extension of the North West expressway had been resolved at this week's IMC meeting

Two new houses had been built in Braelynn extension six and would be ready for occupation

on February 1

Mr Moodley added that 80 new houses would be erected in Braelynn extension six to re-house those people presently living in North End

Funds for the project had been approved by the House of Delegates and the city council was preparing to tender for construction, which would start in July this year

An additional 50 plots in Braelynn extension

had been made available from February for Indian people who wished to build their own homes

"Applicants should respond as soon as possible if they wish to obtain a plot

"The IMC is planning to open extensions eight, nine and 10 for development as soon as possible, in an attempt to overcome the housing shortage for Indians in East London," Mr Moodley said

## IMC: we didn't run to CPA

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) did not "run to the" Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) about the proposed off-ramp from the Ziphunzana bypass road to Wild Rose Road in Braelynn, the chairman, Mr E R Vengadjellum, said yesterday

Mr Vengadjellum was reacting to a statement by a city councillor, Mr Donald Card, who expressed his disappointment at "the way the IMC ran to the CPA" before approaching the city council

"Together with the residents of Braelynn, we arranged the meeting with the Department of Transport,

"The meeting was actually suggested by Al-

derman Robbie de Lange," Mr Vengadjellum said

He said Mr Card did not normally attend the IMC meetings, so he did not know what Mr Card was talking about when he said he had boycotted the IMC meeting

Mr Vengadjellum said his committee would be meeting with the Department of Transport this morning to discuss the Wild Rose Road intersection

Residents in the area have objected to the proposed intersection saying it would be "a death trap" to the many toddlers and young children in the area.

Powerlifter is arrested

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IMC says  
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must go

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) has decided to ask the police to help the traffic department to "put an end" to unlicensed taxis operating in Indian areas.

The chairman of the IMC, Mr E. R. Vengadajellum, said "pirate taxis" were using roads in the Indian areas "all the time", but the IMC was not gaining any benefit from them.

Mr Vengadajellum said the traffic department had arrested "a few of the taxi drivers", but were too short staffed to patrol the areas every day. — DDR

# City councillors vote to increase their allowances

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Mr Muir,  
'Gravy train'



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## Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN city councillors voted yesterday to approve increases in their monthly allowances, raising them from R620 to R1 000 a month.

The mayor's monthly allowance will rise from R2 700 to R4 000 a month, while members of the executive committee will get an increase from R1 860 to R3 000 a month.

The council voted to implement a new scheme of local authority gradings, which was prepared by consultants and intended to apply to municipalities countrywide.

In terms of this scheme, members of the newly formed — and at this stage nominated — management committees for Retreat and Woodstock/Walmer Estate/Salt River will each have their allowances raised to R500 a month for members and R1 500 a month for chairmen.

Schotsche Kloof is smaller, so its management committee members will get R300 a month and the chairman, R900 a month.

Mr John Muir, councillor for Ward 13, said "in the lower echelons of groupings, we have become part of the gravy train".

The entire system had been skewed because it had been designed around the amounts re-

quired to get people who were not representative of their areas to serve on local-authority bodies, he said.

Mr Joe Rabinowitz said the councillors' increase amounted to 61%.

Several councillors argued strongly in favour of approving the new allowance schedule. Mr Leon Markovitz said it cost R10 000 to run a municipal election.

Mr Arthur Wienburg said anyone who felt they were over-remunerated at R1 000 a month should "hang their heads in shame".

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the allowances were designed to cover a councillor's expenses, and it was wrong that they should be "out of pocket".

Dr John Sonnenberg said the consequence of accepting an amendment by Mr Frank van der Velde — proposing to keep councillors' allowances at their present level — would be that city councillors would be paid less than many management committee members.

Only five councillors voted in favour of Mr Van der Velde's amendment, and 22 against it. After the amendment was defeated, the new allowance scheme was passed by general agreement.

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**

EAST LONDON — A letter from the office of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has been sent to the attorneys of the groups who have alleged that there were irregularities in the decision making process regarding Clarendon Gardens

This was confirmed yesterday by the chief of administrator services in Mr Louw's office, Mr D J Smit

Mr Smit said it would not be fair to divulge the contents of the letter as the attorneys would not have received it yet Mr Smit said the letter was sent yesterday

He suggested that the attorneys should be contacted directly for comment

The letter from the administrator's office is in response to a letter from attorneys acting on behalf of three city councillors, Mr Donald Card, Mr Brian Snell, and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighe, the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, the chairman of the Clarendon/Selborne Joint Amenities Board, Mr Brian Randall, and many others

Mr Smit said the letter from these groups had been handed to the MEC in charge of local government, Mr P J Schoeman, who had referred it to the department's own attorneys

Copies of the letter outlining the alleged irregularities were sent to the Advocate-General, Mr Justice F J van der Walt, the city council, the developers of the project, Elcorp, the Conservative Party, and the Progressive Federal Party

# BILL MAYOR OR MAYOR GET

# TOBAY RISE TO R422 000

Daily Dispatch Reporters

**EAST LONDON** — The mayor of East London may get a hefty pay rise — from R10 320 to R42 000 a year — if a proposal before the city council is approved.

Proposed allowance increases for the mayor, councillors and management committee members will cost ratepayers R142 000 a year.

At a special city council meeting on Monday night, increases outlined by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, were accepted by a 7-4 vote.

The motion was not carried, however, as the town clerk, Mr Les Kuum, ruled that a majority vote of nine was required in terms of the ordinance.

The motion before the council was that the new allowances be made available immediately and backdated to July 1, 1987.

Mr Kuum said the matter would now be referred back to the action committee on February 15.

Earlier, the finance department recommended against the motion on the grounds of insufficient funds.

The councillors who voted in favour of the motion were the mayor, Mr Robert De Lange, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Philip Rohbart, Mr Robbie De Lange and Mr Brian Snell.

Mr Donald Card, Mr Farol Spring, Mr Joe

Cooper opposed the motion.

Mrs Elisabe Kemp, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Patrick Kay were out of town and Mr Gwyn Basinghwaighle left the meeting early.

If the motion is passed it will mean that

• The mayor's allowance will go up from R860 to R3 500 a month

• Councillors' allowances will go up from R560 to R800 a month

• The chairmen of the Indian Management Committee and the Coloured Management Committee will be paid R2 400 a month. Details of committee members' increases were not available.

The King William's Town borough council has decided not to increase the allowances paid to councillors.

The town clerk, Mr Henry Hutten, said the council had turned down a proposed increase from R300 a month to R500 as the present allowances were "quite adequate."

The Queenstown council resolved earlier to increase councillors' allowances by between 45 per cent and 97 per cent but only from January 1.

The mayor's allowance will go up from R445 to R878 a month

ances will rise from R345 to R500

Yesterday East London councillors outlined their reasons for voting for or against the proposals.

Mr Spring threatened to resign as chairman of the finance committee if the proposal was passed.

"I feel strongly that in the present economic climate we have to apply very rigid financial discipline. This should be applied right from the top," he said.

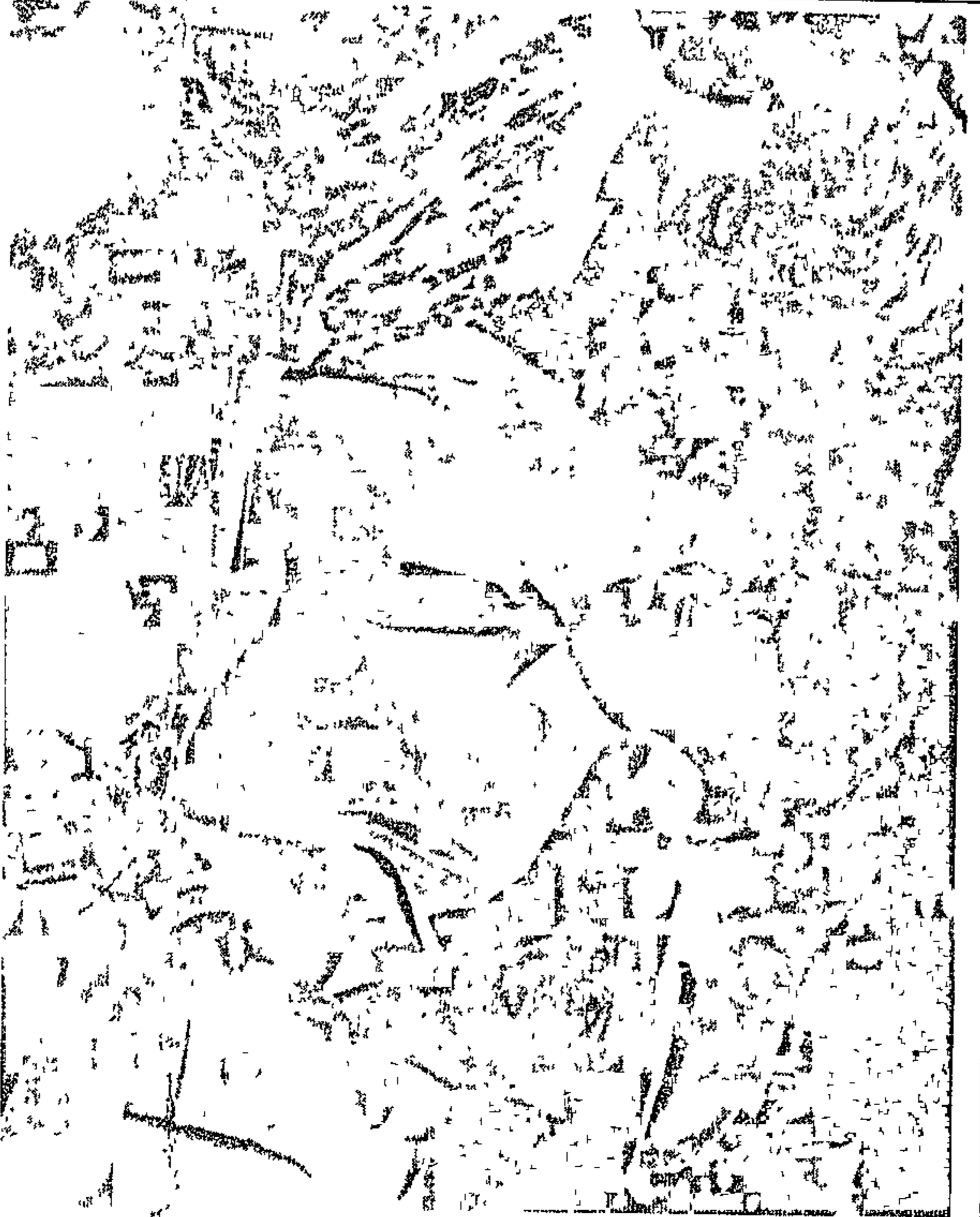
Councillors should be motivated by the desire to serve the community, and not see it as a source of income.

He said the new allowances had been proposed after this year's budget was finalised and provision for the additional expense had not been included in the budget estimates.

Mr Randall, chairman of the action committee, said the increase was necessary in the light of the amount of work councillors had to do and the number of meetings they had to attend.

Mr Robbie De Lange said the increases were being paid throughout the country, "so why shouldn't East London get it?"

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Good on yer mate! Princess Diana tentatively touches the belly of a metre-long freshwater crocodile during a visit to a crocodile farm near Darwin, earning the admiration of manager Leo Venturini and tour guide Xenna Schraag (Reuters)

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He did not care whether the motion went through or not "It is not a matter of life and death I don't do the job for payment"

Commenting on the finance department's recommendation against the motion, Mr De Lange said that when it came to salaries and wages being paid out money was always found

Mr Morris said councillors were not controlled by any union and if the administrator decided that allowances would be increased then it was up to him

"If your boss gives you an increase you won't squeal against it. The increases apply all over the country and East London is the only one squealing against it despite the fact that municipality has substantial savings

"Besides, if there is a half a million rand surplus in June, what will we do with that?" Mr Morris asked.

Mr Card said the proposed R800 for councillors was still a pittance considering the work they did, but the point was that "if we haven't got the money, we don't pay what we haven't got"

He said the other increases were "absolutely ridiculous"

Mr Rohtbart said those against the increase were trying to be "goody goodies" He believed the finance was available

Mr Cooper said he opposed the motion because it was not certain that funds were available

Mr Yazbek said the "enormous increases" would attract "anyone" to apply for nomination as a councillor even if the person was not suited for the job

Mr Robert de Lange was in Mossel Bay yesterday and could not be contacted for comment.

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# Mixed feelings on new allowance proposals



MR BOOTH — not justified

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Daily Dispatch Reporter EAST LONDON — Residents here have mixed feelings about proposed increases in city councillors' allowances, including a rise from R800 to R3 500 a month for the mayor, a random street survey revealed yesterday.

A businessman, Mr Keith Folle, said that East London was looking decrepit at present, "and I would rather see the money spent on beautifying the town"

Those on the council  
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Kenyan debts written off

NAIROBI — The Netherlands Government has written off Kenyan debts of \$24.5 million

The Minister of Finance, Mr. George Salotti, said the Netherlands was keeping a promise, made at the UN General Assembly special session on Africa last May, to write off debts owed to it by a number of low-income countries — Sapa-AP



MRS NEL — exorbitant rise

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are not there for their salaries. It is a community service and not a mercenary affair

"The issue should also be open to public debate before any decision is made," he said

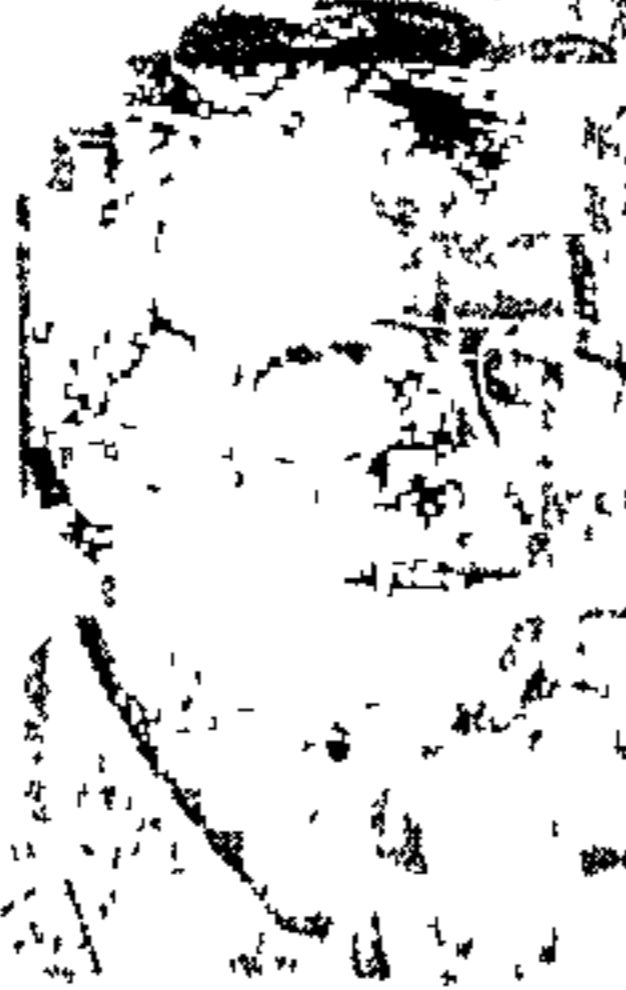
A violinist in the East London orchestra, Mr Ley Pentz, said the councillors and the mayor worked hard enough for a salary, "but the proposed pay rise is definitely a little too extravagant"

A farmer, Mr I G O'Reiley, said that the councillors should not get more than the inflation rate

"Taking the going inflation rate into account, the mayor should be getting about R11 700"

A housewife, Mrs Esther Nel, said that the pay rises sounded a bit exorbitant "considering that we, the ratepayer, have to pay for them"

"If the mayor and councillors do get the proposed pay increases they should plough some of it back into the com-



MR O'REILEY — allow for inflation

community by putting money towards facilities for the elderly," she added

A member of Operation Mobilisation, Mr George Booth, said that there was no way one could justify such a hefty increase unless the whole nature of the mayor's job was changed

"On the other hand if a person goes into that job there is no reason why he should accept a low salary just because he is doing a community service

"In business we all aim to make money so there is no reason why councillors and the mayor should not be able to make money," he said

A working woman, Mrs K Williams, agreed that the increase was not justified

"More money should be spent on the upkeep of East London," she said, adding that a lot more could be done to beautify the town

A businessman, Mr B Bhana, felt the salary increases were not justified, "as both councillors and the mayor are doing other work as well"

"Their jobs on the council are only part time, yet they expect a full time salary

"If the government wants to keep inflation down the sacrifice should also come from the top"

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MR FOLLE — beautify town

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Ratepayers' slate mayor, councillor pay rise plan

Daily Dispatch Reporter EAST LONDON — The proposed increases in allowances paid to the mayor, councillors and management committees were condemned by ratepayers' representatives yesterday

The increases could cost ratepayers R142 000 a year

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said "On their record of non-achievement over the years I think some of the councillors are grossly overpaid at the moment.

She felt councillors should be paid a set allowance for each full attendance at council meetings and not for "signing the book and leaving" The allowances should be reserved for direct expenses, such as petrol

"The simple rule of no work no pay should be strictly applied. After all, it is the ratepayers' money that is being used to pay them," she said

A spokesman for the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association, Mr Andy Jeans, said he was totally opposed to the increases, especially the mayor's pay rise

He said the position of mayor was an honorary one and a large salary



MR BHANA — part-time job

would attract people for the wrong purpose

If such large sums of money were to be considered they should be spent on professional town managers

"When one considers the track record of East London's city council over the past years it is obvious the city cannot be run by a group of 16 people from all walks of life and persuasions"

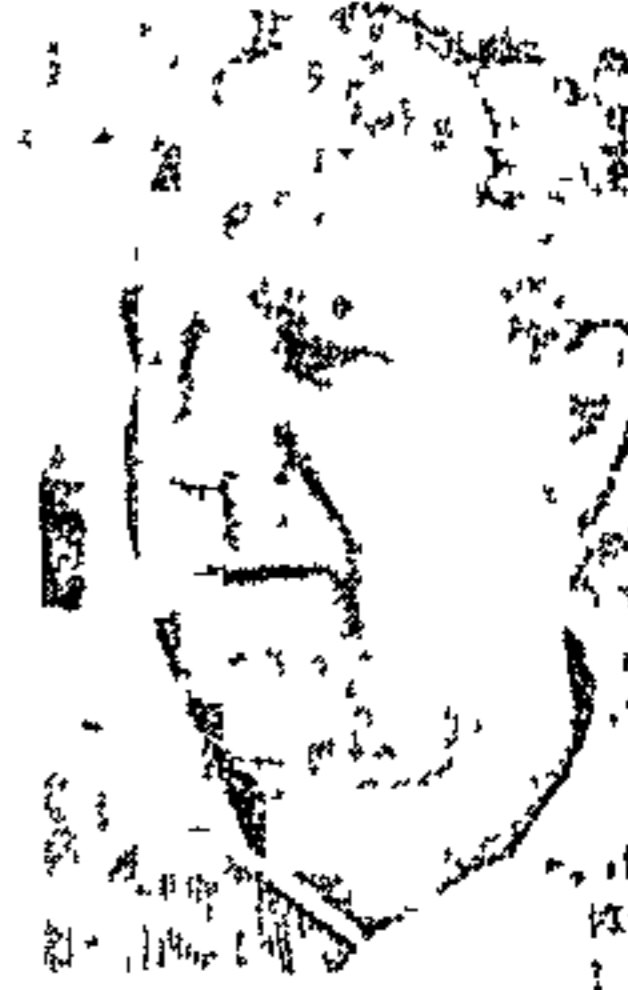
He said his association would appreciate "the same eagerness the council shows over pay increases and trips overseas towards the problems we have in all the wards"

A former chairman of the council's finance committee, Mr Ben Armist, said the council should not be allowed to make a profit out of the ratepayers. He felt the rates were high enough already

"We had a 20 per cent increase last year, how many more increases can we expect with these new proposals?"

"If one allows for inflation, the members of the council are being sufficiently paid"

A councillor, Mr Ivan Zulman, said he had proposed at Monday's meeting that the administrator of the Cape, Mr



MR PENTZ — seems extravagant.

Gene Louw, should decide on the allowances for councillors but his proposal had not found favour

"It becomes degrading when you have to decide your own salaries and bear in mind the interests of the ratepayers"

Mr Zulman said he had started on a council allowance of R25 a month for expenses and would be "quite happy if it was the same today provided councillors in comparably sized cities were getting a similar amount"

Another councillor, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, was totally opposed to the "massive increases" saying the city budget could not allow for them

Payouts to anyone who performed any public service in South Africa were proving disastrous to the economy.

"It is getting to the stage where taxpayers cannot afford the government, and soon the ratepayers will not be able to afford their councillors," he said

A former city treasurer, Mr John Howell, said the proposed increases were "quite ridiculous and unnecessary" They were certain to push rates up

# Decisions

# differ on council allowances

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**GRAHAMSTOWN** — While some town councillors have opted for the maximum allowances now permitted by the Cape Provincial Administration, others have decided on no increases while Grahams-town councillors have voted themselves a modest 15 per cent in-

crease  
This was revealed yesterday by the acting town clerk, Mr Charl Malan, who said the decision had still to be submitted to the administrator, Mr Eugene Louw, for final approval  
Grahamstown councillors had previously

voted themselves R350 a month with commensurately higher allowances for the mayor and deputy mayor

If approved they will now earn R400 a month, R100 less than the recommended allowance of R500 a month

The Mayor of Grahamstown, Mr Dick Atwood, will get R760 a month and the deputy mayor, Mrs Martha Olckers, R580

The recommended allowance for mayors in the grade into which the city falls is R1 500 a month

In the same grade as Grahamstown fall Queenstown, King Wil-

liam's Town, Fort Beaufort and Port Alfred among others

Queenstown councillors have opted for the maximum, according to the deputy town clerk, Mr A de Klerk

King William's Town has voted for no increases

"Our councillors are getting a R300 a month allowance. They consider this adequate," the town clerk, Mr H C S Hutten, said.

Fort Beaufort has appointed a sub-committee to study the matter

Port Alfred town councillors have voted for no increases at this stage. — DDR

# Call for businessmen to stand for election

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The East London Chamber of Commerce (ELCC) has called on businessmen to get involved in the city council and to stand for election in September, despite fears they may come up against party political election machinery

The president of the ELCC, Mr Nico Cloete,

said in a presidential message in the latest edition of *Hilite*, the official bulletin of the ELCC, that the chamber would be failing in its duty if it did not support municipal elections

However, he said, it could not go as far as to offer financial aid to any of the candidates

"It is no secret that all the political parties are

gearing up for the forthcoming municipal elections in September

"We, together with other organisations, have criticised the handling of certain affairs by our city fathers (we have complimented when it was necessary too)," Mr Cloete said

"Rumour has it that many prominent businessmen and community

leaders have indicated their willingness to stand for council"

He said the chamber, as a non-political organisation, would be failing in its duty if it did not support the movement

"The municipality, and shortly the Regional Services Council, is the biggest business in town. It must be governed by the best business brains in town

What we want is sound business management by people who have a stake in the future of our city"

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) decided at a meeting yesterday to meet with the Deputy City Engineer (Planning), Mr B Bradford, early next week to discuss proposals for residential areas for the coloured community

A delegation will then be appointed to approach the House of Representatives, in particular the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, in connection with the need for a new residential area

Mr J L Segers told a meeting of the CMC yesterday that 1413 families had their names on a waiting list for housing

Mr Segers recommended that the Haven Hills area be considered

An area to the west of Leaches Bay to Cove Rock will also be considered

## CMC to hold talks on housing sites (263)

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● The committee also decided to call a meeting with parents and police concerning gang warfare in coloured areas

The acting chairman, Mr D W Alexander, said the areas that were particularly bad were Pefferville, Fynbos and Vergenoeg

Lieutenant D R McMaster of the Pefferville police station, who attended the meeting, said that 13 to 21-year-olds

were involved in gangs which were particularly active on weekend nights

Mr Alexander disagreed with members of the committee that the root of the problem was the shebeens or the lack of community centres

"The problem lies with us and what we are doing as parents," he said

● The committee decided to take no further action on the issue of a letter to the mayor ex-

pressing the committee's dissatisfaction with the mayor's disregard of the CMC's resolution that it did not favour a combined Christmas party with the Indian Management Committee

"The mayor must realise that we are also city councillors and we are not going to be ruled by the whims of the white city councillors," Mr Alexander said

"We agree that we haven't got a vote on any city council decisions, but it is time they realised that anything pertaining to our areas or our things we make decisions on"

# Businessmen to oppose G'town pedestrian mall

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — The city council can expect strong opposition to its scheme for turning Church Square into a pedestrian mall at a public meeting on Monday when redevelopment proposals will be submitted for public discussion.

These will be presented by Mr Gareth Singleton of the firm of consultants employed to draw up the master plan

About 40 High Street businessmen have already registered their protests against the move. They fear it will adversely affect trading in the area

"I shall certainly be there," Mr Clyde Wallace, who was one of the organisers of a petition

to council with about 40 signatures, said

"I also hope all our councillors will be present," he added

He said doubts about the viability of pedestrian malls had been expressed in prestige journals where such developments in other centres had proved a disaster and councils were spending hundreds of thousands of rands converting them into conventional shopping centres

The meeting is in line with council's promise to ratepayers that nothing would be implemented until they were fully informed of the details of the proposed development

At this stage it is envisaged that redevelopment take place in phases Phase one in-

volves upgrading the area round the cathedral Roads would be reduced in width but remain open to traffic

The war memorial would remain in position and the car park area behind the city hall would be upgraded

The ultimate idea was to optimise the function and character of Church Square which included the cathedral, city hall and a number of historic buildings

"The concept is to develop the area as a pedestrian zone, combining gardens, trees and paved plazas These could contain water features, seating, fountains, changes of level, craft stalls, boulevard cafes and a tourist information centre," the town clerk, Mr Lionel Pienaar, said

The present parking in the square would be relocated ultimately to landscaped car parks behind the square

Adequate parking would be a first priority as would access lanes linking it to High Street, Mr Singleton said at previous meetings

When the city council, who are unanimously in favour of the scheme, last tested public opinion, there was a majority vote in favour of redevelopment

"Businessmen should note the probable change in shopping patterns in Grahamstown with the developments on Market Square," a councillor said

"A certain amount of business will undoubtedly be siphoned away By making Church Square more attractive and exciting, High Street businesses could receive a fillip," he said

## Man aids Swazi probe

JOHANNESBURG — Swazi police are holding a man in connection with the death of a South African citizen, Mr Adolf Tlapak, 42, whose bullet-riddled body was found in a car on February 1.

A Swazi police spokesman said yesterday a man in his thirties had been picked up by police in Manzini.

"The man is not under arrest, he is merely being held in Mbabane for questioning In fact he is

helping us with the investigation"

He said the man was a "local" and not a member of a political organisation

Mr Tlapak's body was found riddled with bullets fired from an AK47 on a remote mountain road on the night of February 1

He had entered Swaziland the same morning on a stolen passport in the name of Mr John William Barry — DDC

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**

**EAST LONDON** — A reply has not yet been received from the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to a lawyer's letter setting out alleged irregularities which might render the Clarendon Gardens project illegal.

At the end of last month, the Cape Provincial Administration's public relations officer for local government, Mr D Smith, said the letter had been referred to Mr Louw's legal advisers and that a reply should be ready by the end of January.

The attorneys acting on behalf of three city councillors, the City-wide Ratepayers' Association (CRA) and others, had not received any reply by yesterday afternoon.

The chairman of the CRA, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said yesterday that the deadline for returns from the developers of the complex, Elcorp, the municipality and the administrator had been February 9.

"We have received replies from the municipality and Elcorp, but not from the administrator."

She said that the municipality had indicated that they intended going ahead with the deed of sale.

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# Petition to be presented to mayor on allowance rises

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The chairman of the City-wide Ratepayers Association (CRA) will present a petition to the mayor here this morning

The petition will call for a public meeting to discuss the controversial increases in allowances for the office of mayor, his deputy, chairmanships of management committees and all councillors

The petition has been drawn up in terms of the municipal ordinance which states that if 25 or more ratepayers support the call for a public meeting then such a meeting may or may not be held at the mayor's discretion

The call for the public meeting is to provide ratepayers with an opportunity to state their opposition to the proposed increases openly

The petition also states that on February 5, this year, the State President disclosed a policy totally against such excessive increases

The increase, "in the case of councillors, is made worse because their period of office



Mr Owen Blumrick and his wife, Shirley, sign the petition at Vincent Park Centre over the weekend. Seated from left to right are Mrs Gwen Shaw and Mrs M. A. Purse.

had been extended for some extra years without being answerable to their constituencies"

A council's closed action committee will be held later today at which it is believed that councillors will discuss the salary issue.

An action committee meeting is not open to either the public or the

press

Many local ratepayers have expressed strong opposition to the increased allowances, saying that for the far more urgent matters which need funding in the city, such as road maintenance, council has said it has insufficient funds

Many letters to the editor have poured into

the Daily Dispatch from residents expressing their opposition, and in a recent telephone poll only three callers out of a total of 60, expressed their support for the increases

Mrs Gwen Shaw will hand over the petition to Mr Robert de Lange at 10 am at the mayor's parlour



Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — The department of local government housing and works has admitted it erred when advertising for whites only to tender for properties which it wants to sell here.

The properties are 10, 12 and 14 Queen Street, 73 St Marks Road, 4 Fairview Road, 5 and 7 St John's Road and 3 and 5 Porter Street.

According to the department's liaison officer, Mrs Christa Patterson, it was thought that all the properties were in areas proclaimed for whites only.

However, when the regional office in Port Elizabeth prepared the advert inviting tenders

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# State errs in ads for sale of property

it overlooked the fact that St John's Road was in an area which was being investigated for a possible free trade zone, she said

Mrs Patterson said

that under the circumstances these properties should not have been advertised for sale yet

She said the department's Port Elizabeth office had already been

instructed not to consider any tender received for the St John's Road properties

These will be re-advertised once a decision on the zoning of the area, which is in North End, had been made, she added.

According to Mrs Patterson it was the government's policy to define races when calling for tenders of this nature. It obviated people of other races tendering for properties being sold in areas proclaimed for any one group, she said.

When asked why the properties were being sold, Mrs Patterson said it was policy to sell property which the state did not intend using in the foreseeable future.

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON — Proposed increases in allowances for the mayor and city councillors are to be held back until a committee appointed at last night's council meeting investigates the matter further.**

The mayor, Mr Robert De Lange, said after the meeting that the council had decided that the "status quo" would remain and that a committee had been appointed to investigate the matter further before a final decision was made

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, handed a petition to the mayor here yesterday morning calling on him to convene a public meeting to provide ratepayers with an opportunity to state their opposition to the proposed increases in allowances for the mayor, his deputy, all councillors and the chairmen of management committees

Mr De Lange said that, in view of last night's decision, the council had felt that holding a public meeting would not serve any purpose at this stage

Apart from the petition, Mrs. Shaw also handed Mr De Lange a list of questions pertaining to various items of concern, including the maintenance of roads and pavements, the bus service, litter, and Clarendon Gardens

Mr De Lange said he would refer the various questions to the relevant municipal departments for their comment and then he would re-



MR DE LANGE

port back to the CRA

Mrs Shaw said a total of 228 ratepayers had signed the petition at a shopping centre at the weekend. In terms of the municipal ordinance, only 25 signatures were needed.

The subsequent calling of the meeting would be at the mayor's discretion

Mrs Shaw said the petition had received a "very positive response" and an average of 40 people had signed it every hour which, she said, was a fair test of public opinion

"A lot more people wanted to sign the petition, but many of them were not on the voters' roll. We made sure that only people on the voters' roll signed"

Mrs Shaw said many people had wanted to put strongly worded comments next to their signatures to impress on the council their unhappiness with the proposed increases

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# Council holds back allowance increases

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# Mancoms don't want to stand for elections

Municipal Reporter

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THREE city management committees were in favour of retaining their nominated status even beyond the October local authority elections, according to a report before the city council's executive committee yesterday.

The three were those of Schotsche Kloof, Retreat and Woodstock/Salt River/Walmer Estate

Mr Barry van der Vyver, the Provincial Secretary, said in a letter to the council that his administration felt that all nominated management committees should change to elected committees

According to the report, this question was put to the nominated Schotsche Kloof, Retreat and Woodstock/Salt River/Walmer Estate committees

"All three were in favour of retaining the present nominated status as it was felt that the committees were only very recently established and there was a need for the members to become acquainted with the existing local government structures and its functions," the report said

# Stricter measures to control illegal building structures

Daily Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — City councillors will clamp down firmly on structures which have been put up illegally in terms of the National Building regulations

"The magnitude of the problem is unbelievable," the town clerk, Mr Lionel Pienaar, said yesterday

Car ports, walls, tool sheds even extensions to houses had been put up with no regard for the building line and without seeking the necessary permission from the City Engineers' Department

"In some cases it is sheer ignorance that has caused people to go ahead without submitting plans and seeking permission," Mr Pienaar said

However, it was mandatory to get permission and approval if any of these structures were contemplated

"Residents must submit plans to the city engineer, Mr Trevor du Randt"

The municipality was presently making a survey to identify the illegal structures

In some cases unac-

ceptable materials had been used

Property owners could be fined for minor offences. In other cases the owner would be required to demolish the structure, Mr Pienaar stated.

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# Council's courage queried

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the City-wide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, yesterday described the mayor's reply to their petition regarding council allowance increases as "entirely predictable"

Mrs Shaw said she realised that Mr Robert De Lange and the other councillors who supported the increases simply did not have "the courage to face the public"

At a council meeting earlier this week it was decided to hold back the proposed increases and advances until a committee had investigated the matter further

Mr De Lange said after the meeting that in view of this decision it would not serve any purpose to hold a public meeting as no final decision had been made

In a statement yesterday Mrs Shaw said that when she handed over the CRA's petition to Mr De Lange he had asked her how she felt about

councillor allowances

"I reiterated what I have said before Allowances should be made for meetings attended in full and for direct expenses, but not for service

"I quoted the late Mr Dave Lazarus, who, just a few days before his death, had expressed to me his shock and dismay at the demanding attitude of certain councillors. He told me it had been an honour to give his services to the city as a councillor in return

for what the city had given to him and his family," Mrs Shaw said

She said that the appointment of a committee by council to investigate the matter was only "a delaying tactic as they had obviously discussed this all before"

Mrs Shaw challenged the councillors, if they had nothing to hide, to debate the matter in open council and give the ratepayers the opportunity to listen to the reasons why they are underpaid at present —  
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# Councillor barred from ratepayers' accounts

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A city councillor here is barred by law from examining details of ratepayers' accounts, although municipal accounting clerks may do so

This emerged after a councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker, said he wanted to examine the records of one particular ratepayer who allegedly owed the municipality approximately R120 000 in rates for the past two financial years

A municipal official in the department of finance confirmed that in terms of a subsection of a municipal ordinance dealing with

financial matters, no individual councillor, or any other person, could inspect books of account containing details of debtors' and creditors' accounts and personal accounts in respect of any other person

He said, though, that if a motion was supported by council, such books could be furnished to the whole council, but not to an individual councillor

The matter was brought before a closed action committee meeting here on Monday night, but as the matter was "still in committee", no details could be released

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Govt to sell 263  
vacant plots

EAST LONDON — The properties which the department of local government, housing and works is offering for sale by tender are all vacant erven with the exception of those in Queen Street

Numbers 10, 12 and 14 Queen Street have a two- and a three-bedroomed dwelling as well as a small shop

The other properties are 73 St Marks Road, 4, Fairview Road and 3 and 5 Porter Street

Two erven, 5 and 7 St

John's Road, were also included in the tender advertisement

However, when the department's regional office in Port Elizabeth prepared the advert inviting whites only to submit tenders for the properties, it overlooked the fact that St John's Road was in an area which is being investigated for a possible free trade zone

These two erven will be re-advertised for tender once a decision on the zoning of the area has been made — DDR

# Petition with queries presented to mayor

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA) has presented the mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, with a list of questions and comments concerning municipal services

In a letter to the mayor — handed to him on Monday along with a petition calling for a public meeting to discuss the proposed council allowance increases — the chairman of the CRA, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said "The deteriorating appearance of the city and surrounds, and dissatisfaction with a number of municipal services is of grave concern to East London ratepayers

"Rates rose 15 per cent last year, but there has been no apparent improvement in municipal services"

The administration manager for the East London municipality, Miss Abby Cronin, said copies of the letter had been distributed among departmental heads for comment on issues specifically affecting their departments

Mrs Shaw asked in the letter whether it was true that outside expert advice had been sought to reorganise the municipal bus service

She highlighted Quigney as the area worst affected by the lack of buses

"Bus services have been drastically reduced or changed and fares increased. For those who attend out-patients at Frere Hospital, four buses are necessary at a cost of R2,20 per return trip

"Apart from the hazards and inconvenience of changing buses, the cost is beyond the means of

many Quigney residents," she said

Mrs Shaw added that both sidewalks and roads in the city were "a serious danger to pedestrians — especially to the elderly and infirm"

She asked whether the R230 000 the council had said it would save in cutting grass verges, would serve any purpose other than making appearances even worse

Litter and "the unkept and positively dirty appearance of our city" was of great concern

"As the municipal service seems quite unable to cope with cleaning the city, have other means such as private contractors been considered?" Mrs Shaw asked

She also questioned the mayor on the controversial Clarendon Gardens issue, referring to the sale of land by private treaty instead of public tender or auction and the objections from schools, the hospital board, the Department of Defence and private individuals

"Are the councillors aware that, in 1942 the decision of the administration to sell houses by private treaty was reversed because one objection was received?"

"Surely the councillors who support it are aware of the need to develop the unsightly Sats area in the Quigney — the natural extension of the CBD

"Will councillors who supported the Clarendon Gardens project tell us why they have ignored the advanced plans of the CBD consortium and voted for Clarendon Gardens?"

"What do they plan to do about developing the Sats land?" she asked

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DID 1911488 (263) CMC: council marking time (269)

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Instead of doing something constructive like creating recreational facilities in Buffalo Flats to counter gang warfare, the city council was "marking time" on the issue

The acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D W Alexander, said yesterday that it was "no use only blaming the youth" in the area for the gang rivalry

"I second what Mr Roberts of the Buffalo Flats Tenants Association said in the Daily Dispatch yesterday

"To blame every social problem on the gangs is wrong," Mr

Alexander said

He added that the parents should feel responsible about stopping the warfare.

"Surely parents are able to control kids of 13 and 14 years," he asked.

Mr Alexander said the children needed to be kept off the streets.

"We have an ex-Springbok weightlifter, Mr Willie Francis, in our community and he wants to build a place where the youngsters can go and train"

He said his committee was trying to organise a hall where the rival gangs could meet together with their parents and "have a bash at trying to sort the problems out"

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# Mayor, MP say they won't quit

Daily Dispatch  
Reporters

EAST LONDON — The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, said yesterday they had no intention of resigning over the Palazzolo affair.

Both men met Mr Vito Roberto Palazzolo in Lugano, Switzerland, in 1986 while he was serving a prison sentence for his involvement in a drug smuggling ring. Mr De Pontes and Mr Palazzolo later became business partners.

Mr De Lange said calls for his resignation should be treated with the "contempt they deserve" and added "I did not commit a crime and that's that."

Mr De Pontes said from Cape Town yesterday that nothing had happened to make him

consider resigning "at this stage."

Mr De Pontes said he had represented Mr Palazzolo as an attorney and had then done business with him, but he had had "no idea" of Mr Palazzolo's alleged drug smuggling connection.

The chairman of the Herstigte Nasionale Party here, Mr Daantjie Els, said yesterday his party would be calling for the resignation of both men.

"We have not set things in motion, but we will call for it next Friday."

An East London city councillor, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, who stood for the PFP against Mr De Pontes in the general election last year, also said he felt Mr De Pontes and Mr De Lange should resign.

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said the association was considering holding a public meeting to formulate a call for the resignation of the mayor.

The matter would be discussed in the next few days.

The chairman of the Conservative Party here, Mr Greyling Bezuidenhout, said his party was waiting for the situation to become clearer before it decided whether or not to call on Mr De Pontes to resign.

The local chairman of the National Party, Mr M Nel, said it did not lie in the hands of the local executive committee to ask Mr De Pontes to resign.

Mr Nel said the only thing he knew about the matter was what he had read in the press.

"Everything that is going on about Mr De Pontes' business now is a private matter and once the police investigation is completed we will know what is going to happen."

Until the investigations were completed, no one could say Mr De Pontes was guilty of anything.

Mr De Pontes is on the

board of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation (Bomedco), an organisation which seeks to attract industry to East London.

The chairman of Bomedco, Mr Errol Spring, said he was "a little disappointed" that Mr De Pontes had not kept Bomedco informed about a possible opportunity for investment in the area and that he had seen it as an opportunity for Ciskei and not East London.

"I would think that everyone who is involved and lives in East London would have the city's development as a priority."

"I would certainly expect members of my Bomedco board to have the development of East London as their number one priority."

He said he wanted to keep "an open mind" on the matter and would like to discuss it with Mr De Pontes at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Spring, who was the PFP candidate for East London North in the elections last year, said press reports on the issue were "cause for great concern."

"I feel very strongly that anyone who is in public office, elected by the people to represent them, should ensure that in all their dealings they should be absolutely above any suspicion and I think it's incumbent on Mr De Pontes to clear the air as soon as possible."

"If he is guilty of anything untoward then I believe in fairness to the city of East London, he should resign as MP," Mr Spring said.

●A member of the Italian community here, Mr Vic Tabanelli, has taken exception to the description of Mr Palazzolo as an "Italian businessman", saying it reflected badly on bona fide Italian businessmen in the city.

Mr Tabanelli said he was speaking on behalf of Italians who were honest businessmen and who had done much for the East London business community.



Yesterday's rainy weather did little to dampen the enthusiasm of participants in the schools' regatta in East London and the bank of the Buffalo River was a hive of activity.

# Judgment reserved on discharge application D/D 20/2/88

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by DEBBIE KELLY

EAST LONDON — The regional court here yesterday reserved its judgment on an application for the discharge of the East London Municipality, the chief city engineer and a former acting chief traffic officer on charges of culpable homicide

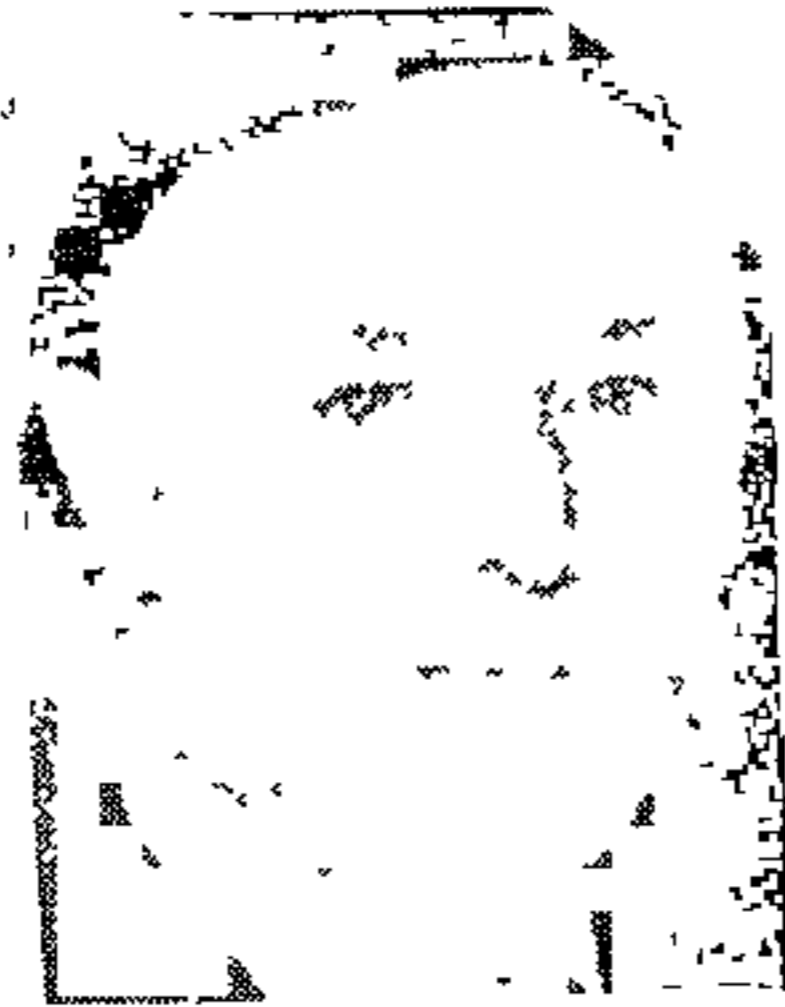
The application was made by the defence counsel after the state closed its case. The regional magistrate, Mr N R Oosthuizen, indicated that judgment on the application may be made before the postponement date of June 20

The municipality, represented by the town clerk, Mr Leslie Kumm, the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, and the then acting chief traffic officer, Mr Jacob Van Tonder, are accused of not taking sufficient or adequate steps to ensure that a dangerous portion of Main Road, Abbotsford, was properly sealed, barricaded, signposted or lit up to warn approaching road users

The state alleges that, as a consequence, a teenager, Andrew Knott, had driven his motorcycle into the Nahoon River on November 8, 1985, causing him to drown

Counsel for the defence, Mr P Hodes, SC, said that all three accused were charged in their representative and personal capacities

"There is no reason why Mr Van Tonder should be charged," Mr Hodes said, adding that Mr Van Tonder was the former deputy traffic officer, "but because the chief traffic officer was away at the time of the



MR LESLIE KUMM

incident he was acting chief traffic officer"

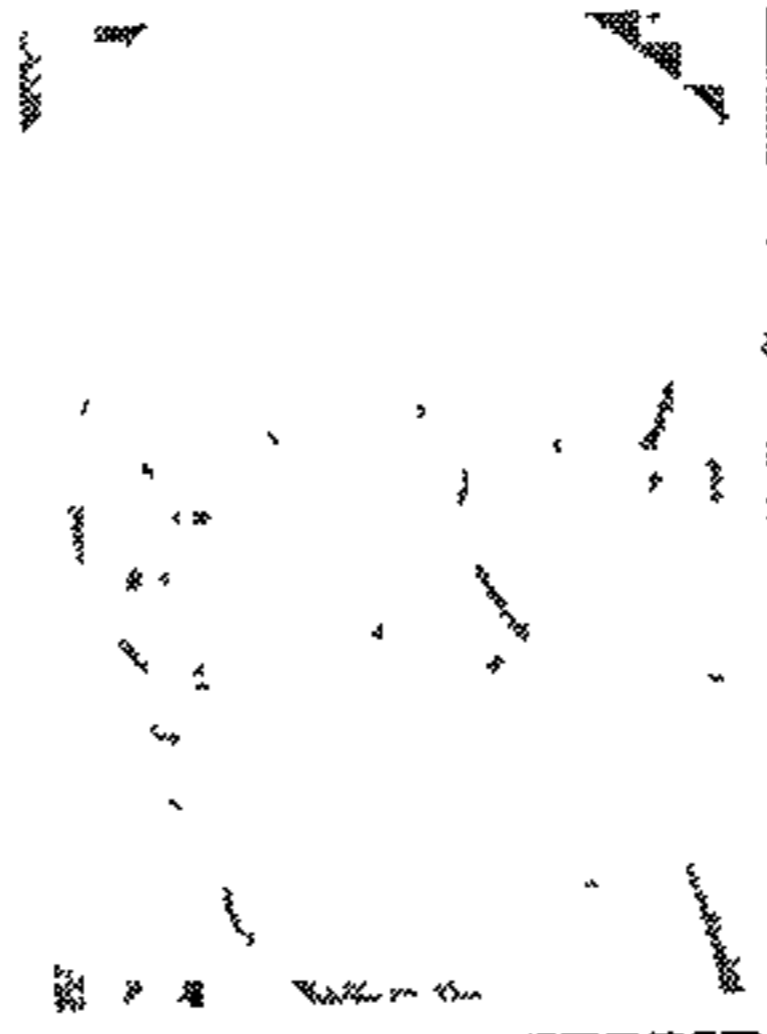
"There is also nothing to show that the engineering department has anything to do with closing roads," he said

"The powers and duties of the acting chief traffic officer and chief city engineer have never been told," he said, adding that there was nothing before the court which could link the

deputy traffic officer and chief city engineer to the offences

With reference to several other cases, Mr Hodes added that the municipality could not be charged as a corporate body

The prosecutor, Mr Tom Tyler, said the law to which Mr Hodes referred on this issue "was outdated and no longer existed"



MR GRAHAM KEPPIE

"The onus is still on the defence to prove that the municipality did not commit the offence," he said

Before the state closed its case, an Abbotsford resident, Mr Wayne van Heek, told the court that there was nothing preventing him from driving down to the river's edge on the night of Andrew's death

Mr Van Heek said that

he had gone to look at the flooded river on the night of the incident

"I saw someone in the water, who was later identified as Clint Odenaal, and he came out of the water and asked us to help look for his friend"

Mr Van Heek said that he had seen skid marks in the mud

"The motorcycle tracks were a few metres before the bridge," he said, adding that the tracks ended in the slush just before the heap of sand and skid marks could also be seen there

Mr Van Heek said he saw a helmet — which, it was later established, belonged to Clint Odenaal — on the other side of the heap of sand

He added that he did not notice any road closed signs before the incident, "but after the accident a number of road signs and barricades went up"

During cross examination, Mr Hodes said that most of what Mr Van Heek had told the court did not appear in his statement

Mr Hodes was assisted by Mr T Fourie and instructed by the Bax Partnership. Mr T Tyler and Mr L P Dicker appeared for the state

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# Walsh set to repay R64 000 to council

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The director of the Greater East London Publicity Association, Mr Ted Walsh, has promised to work without pay till he has paid back over R64 000 in overpaid salary to the municipality

When asked why he had allowed the extra money to be paid into his account, Mr Walsh said in a telephone interview yesterday that he had "desperately needed it at that stage"

"I knew I was pocketing the money and not paying back," Mr Walsh said

He added that the extra funds had become available through a "seconding agreement", which he was party to after being employed by the East London municipality

Mr Walsh then received R700 a month



MR WALSH

from this agreement in addition to contributions to a pension scheme, medical aid and other benefits. At the same time he was also receiving an independent salary from the Publicity Association

Stemming from the payments arising from the agreement over the period January 1983 to mid 1987, Mr Walsh then owed the municipality R64 370

He said this was the gross amount "which is reflected in the municipal books"

"I cannot dispute that," Mr Walsh added

He has already paid back some of this and now owes the municipality R41 000

He emphasised that the funds had nothing to do with the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation (Bomedco), of which he is also executive director

Mr Walsh said he had then received two salaries, one from Bomedco and one from the Publicity Association

He was now dependent on his Bomedco salary and travelling allowance, which did not include any provisions for medical aid, pension schemes, housing schemes or any other similar benefits

He has not received a salary from the Publicity Association since July last year

"They are not paying me anything and they won't pay me anything until I have repaid the full amount," Mr Walsh said

It would take about three years to repay the amount unless other arrangements were made

A Sunday newspaper reported yesterday that an expense claim had been submitted to the municipality in respect of about R54 000 on behalf of Mr Walsh and three other members of Bomedco after a visit to Taiwan

Mr Walsh said this was incorrect and he did not know why the newspaper was trying to connect this allegation with the separate issue of his overpayment as director of the Publicity Association

The Bomedco delegation referred to was not part of the council's official two-man delegation, but both groups spent a weekend together in Keelung last year

"We never submitted a claim to the municipality. They are wrong. Those were the expenses of the Bomedco delegation to Taiwan

"Bomedco gets its funds from the municipality, but it has its own special board which controls those funds. The estimates that were approved by Bomedco for the trip was R60 000 and the expenses came to R54 000"

Mr Walsh said that R28 000 of this amount was paid to a professional Taiwanese firm for arranging seminars during the trip, leaving R26 000 for the four travelling members

The members were Bomedco's chairman, Mr Errol Spring, the vice-chairman, Mr Leo Borman, Mr Walsh and the human relations manager of a local industry, Mr Gerrie Uys

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# Motorcyclist's death: municipality charged

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The East London municipality, its chief engineer and its chief traffic officer appeared in the regional court here yesterday on a charge of culpable homicide following the death of a teenager in the flooded Nahoon river more than two years ago

The municipality, represented by the town clerk, Mr Leslie Kumm, the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, and the chief traffic officer, Mr Jacob van Tonder, pleaded not guilty

It is alleged that the municipality did not take sufficient or adequate steps to ensure that a dangerous portion of Main Road, Abbotsford, was properly sealed, barricaded, sign-posted or lit up to warn approaching road users

The state alleges that, as a consequence, Mr Andrew Knott had driven his motorcycle into the Nahoon River on November 8, 1985, causing him to drown

**Warrant Officer** André Johannes Strauss, of the Cambridge police station, said he had examined Andrew's motorcycle and found it to be in a fairly good condition

"Most of the damage to the motorcycle was caused by the bike being submerged under water for such a long period of time

The results of his

examination indicated that the bike had been in suitable working order before the incident

Constable John Alan Schwulst, who is stationed at the Pinelands police station in Cape Town, said that on the morning before the incident he had flown to East London at the request of his parents who live in the area

"That evening, after going out with a few friends, I went to see the river which had risen a great deal

"I saw someone in the middle of the river. He approached my friends and me and we heard him mumble under his breath that his friend was in the river"

The boy, later identified as Andrew's friend, Mr Clint Odendaal, was taken to a neighbour's house where he was treated for shock

Const Schwulst said that on the way to the river's edge on the night of the incident he had observed no lights at the bridge. A "road closed" sign was completely off the shoulder of the road and partially obscured

Earlier in the day he had seen three or four white drums across the road but he had not seen them again that evening

Mr P Hodes, SC, for the defence, put it to the witness that the whole of the Border region had been aware the causeway had been washed away a few days earlier

"Anyone who drives a motor vehicle must have seen the drums and the road closed sign and realised it was dangerous to drive to the river"

As the witness was a passenger in the back seat of the car that evening it was possible he had been unable to see the drums

Const Schwulst said he had also seen a "residents only" sign on the left-hand side of the road during the day, but not later at night

It was also raining heavily that evening and the defence put it to the witness that this could also have obscured his vision

Constable Derrick May, of Gonubie, said that early on the morning of November 9 he had received a radio message to assist with rescue operations at the washed-away Abbotsford causeway

When he arrived there he saw a boy standing in the water shouting "My friend's gone"

"As the current was too strong to rescue the boy I radioed for assistance which I received in about half an hour"

Const May said that in order to get his vehicle ten to 15 metres from the water's edge he had had to move a drum a metre or so

"The two drums blocked the right hand side of the road, but on the left hand side there

were no drums," he said

Asked by the magistrate, Mr N R Oosthuisen, why he had not driven his car on the left hand side of the road where there were no obstructions instead of removing the drums obstructing the right hand lane, Const May said he did not know why he did it at the time "but must have done it for a reason"

Mr Hodes submitted that the reason the witness removed the drums on the right hand side of the road was to get to an access road which led to the river as there were drums blocking the left hand side of the road

Const May said that while waiting for assistance he saw motorbike tracks going through the muddy area on the left hand side of Main Road to the washed-away causeway

The only road sign he had seen on the way was a "road closed" sign propped up against a drum at an angle. The sign was not clearly visible from a distance

Const May said that as visibility was poor and as his mind was preoccupied with the rescue of the boy "it was possible that I was unable to see further signs on the road"

The trial continues today

Mr Hodes was assisted by Mr T Fourie and instructed by the Bax Partnership. Mr T Tyler and Mr L P Dicker appeared for the state

# Council defends pink paper

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Many city councillors last night defended the "pink paper" system whereby matters may be kept secret from the public at the discretion of the council

Councillors were approached for comment yesterday on the breach of confidentiality arising over the Walsh affair

All documentation pertaining to an agreement reached in August last year by the council as to how Mr Walsh would repay a total of R64 370, now standing at R41 000, in terms of overpaid salary to the council, were on pink paper and should never have become available to anyone outside the council

Details of this documentation were somehow leaked to at least one person, leading to a report in a Sunday newspaper and a subsequent follow-up by the Daily Dispatch yesterday

Alderman Robbie de Lange said he had "never been a staunch believer" in the pink paper system

"However, there are occasions such as intimate character matters when you must have meetings in committee, otherwise it leads to exploitation of the situation," he said

Mr De Lange condemned the breach of the confidentiality of the closed committee as "uncalled for" and "a

criminal offence"

"You should always let the public know as much as you can and cut down on pink paper matters wherever possible, but every local authority has a similar system," he added

Mr Donald Card said he had been against secrecy in the council all the time he had served the city

"Personal finances are an exception, otherwise people could exploit the situation, but everything else should be open to the public," he said

Mr Card added that he was "not happy about the leak" as it was a contravention of a municipal ordinance.

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said staff finances "or any other matters deemed by the council to be confidential" could be discussed in committee in terms of the ordinance

The council had decided on a course of action when it was discussed in committee, and he could not comment further on the situation involving the payment of Mr Walsh's salary

Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite said he felt that the public had a right to know what was happening with public funds

"The matter was dealt with extensively in council. In this instance, the councillors took a certain course of action and have adhered to it

"In the light of the cir-

cumstances, I believe that the action that we took was for the best"

Mr Phillip Rohtbart said the disclosure of matters on pink paper was despicable

Mr Patrick Kay said many people saw pink paper matters before they reached the council, including typists and deliverymen

Mr Kay said that Mr Walsh had done a sterling job for the city and that the person who had chosen to breach confidentiality was vindictive

Mr Eric Whitaker said, in his view, all matters dealing with public money should not be on pink paper

"If it is public money, the public should be informed. We are public servants acting as representatives for the rate-payers who elected us and they should be informed," Mr Whitaker said

"I think pink paper is another way of hiding your faults"

Mr Whitaker said, however, that disclosing matters on pink paper was an offence in terms of the ordinance and could not be justified

The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, said there were certain items which were of a confidential nature which were not in the public interest to be released at a particular stage and that such items were dealt with on pink paper

The public did have a right to know how public money was spent, but certain decisions had to be taken with regard to the best interests of a particular situation

"I believe there was nothing sinister in the decision taken," Mr De Lange said

Mr Len Cooper said he went along with the concept of pink paper and, in the light of the Walsh affair, found it "disgusting" that someone had breached the trust and confidentiality of the

matter

Mr Errol Spring said that was nothing that broke down morale more in any council, committee or organisation than the discovery that one person was "white-anting"

"I believe this breach of confidentiality should be investigated by the police and the culprit formally charged," Mr Spring said

All staff matters, Mr Spring said, were traditionally held on pink paper

Howard

(4) yes, telephonically on 30 November 1987 and in writing on 2 December 1987,

(a) and (b) fall away,

(5) yes,

(a) all (24),

(b) all except 3 who exercised their option of retirement,

(6) a media announcement was released on 8 December 1987

Agricultural colleges

9 Mr R J LORIMER asked the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply

(1) How many students (a) applied for admission to and (b) were enrolled at each specified agricultural college under the control of his Department in 1987,

(2) whether any applications by suitably qualified persons for admission to agricultural colleges were turned down in 1987, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what reasons in each case,

(3) how many students (a) graduated from and (b) failed to complete the relevant diploma courses at each specified agricultural college in that year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

Agricultural College	(1)(a)	(1)(b)	(3)(a)	(3)(b)
Potchefstroom	142	142	57	0
Glen	123	140	60	0
Cedara	152	128	55	18
Groontfontein	89	106	49	12
Eisenburg	204	186	75	32

(2) Yes

(a) 177

(b) Insufficient training facilities Does not comply with entrance requirements

Member of inspectorate: daily subsistence allowance

10 Mr D J N MALCOMMESS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

What was the daily subsistence allowance paid to an employee who was a member of the inspectorate of the Cape Education Department and earned R20 000 per annum as at (a) 30 April 1983, (b) 31 July 1987 and (c) 31 January 1988?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

No superintendent of education receives a remuneration of R20 000 per annum (a), (b) and (c) fall away

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Questions standing over from Tuesday, 16 February 1988

\* 1 Mr D J DALLING — Justice [Reply standing over]

Persons under 18, awaiting trial

\* 11 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many persons under the age of 18 years were held awaiting trial in police cells in 1987?

†THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

63 360 persons

NOTE These persons are youths who were arrested in connection with ordinary crime. In terms of the provisions of section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) they may not be detained for a period exceeding 48 hours, unless they are brought before a lower court and their further detention is ordered for the purpose of trial for any offence.

I wish to emphasize that where possible shortly after their arrests the South African Police place these youths in the custody of their parents or guardians, release them on their own recognizance or, where circumstances permit, release them on bail. When their further detention is essential in the interest of the administration of justice, they are referred to places of safety as defined in the Childrens Act, 1960 (Act 33 of 1960). In very exceptional instances their detention in police cells may, however be authorized. I also refer the hon member to my reply to oral question No 5 which I will reply to hereafter.

Group Areas Act: complainants regarding offences

\* 14 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

Howard

(a) How many complainants regarding offences in terms of the Group Areas Act were investigated by the South African Police in the Republic in 1987 and (b) what was the outcome of these investigations?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(a) 1 243 complainants

(b) 3 persons were charged and tried 357 complainants were false 330 complainants were withdrawn 100 case dockets are presently with various Attorneys-General for their decisions 453 complainants are still being investigated

Mr D J N MALCOMMESS Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister may I ask him whether he does not consider the answer which he has just given us to demonstrate clearly the waste of police time involved in the following up of group areas cases such as the ones he has mentioned?

†THE MINISTER Mr Speaker the South African Police are bound by law to investigate a matter if complaints are lodged that a contravention has been committed. That is exactly what we do.

Mr D J N MALCOMMESS That is not a reply to the question

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, I want to ask him whether there are any guidelines for or instructions to the SA Police not to investigate contraventions relating to the Group Areas Act

†THE MINISTER Mr Speaker, the answer is "no"

†Mr SPEAKER I put question [Interjections] Order! The Chair will not allow interjections to be made while the presiding officer is talking

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, on a point of order. You were looking at me when you gave the admonition but the hon the Minister of National Education started the interjections. Therefore he is guilty.

# Q'town probes poll link (267)

QUEENSTOWN — An investigation into an allegation that Jalc Finance (Pty) Ltd may be involved with the municipal by-election to be held here on Wednesday is to be undertaken by the town council

In a notice of motion before the council, Dr Teunis Schlebusch moved that the matter of the possible involvement of Jalc — which

acts as the council's industrial consultants — in the forthcoming by-election be urgently investigated by the town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber

Mr Ernest Littleford asked if it was illegal for the firm to be involved, and Mr Gerber said the matter was not a legal issue but an ethical one if the rumours were confirmed

He said persons re-

tained by the municipality in a professional capacity could appear biased under such circumstances

Dr Schlebusch later declined to enlarge on his motion to council, adding that he may have something to say if the rumours prove to be true

Jalc's chairman, Mr Chris van Rensburg, could not be contacted for comment — DDR



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# LP: members won't be 263 intimidated

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
QUEENSTOWN — Labour Party members of the management committee had attended a council meeting this week to test the attitude of councillors towards the committee and the coloured people of Queenstown

This was said in a statement issued by the local branch of the party

The LP statement said that the representatives were not welcomed by the mayor, Mr Gerrie Coetzer, which they found ironic as they had received notices of the meeting

Only when the suspension of activities of the management committee was to be discussed did the mayor say he was pleased to see them, but did not know in what capacity they were present, the statement claims

After the council's unanimous agreement with Mr M H Johnson's proposal that the management committee issue be held over "until after their white by-election", the party representatives, Mr W Jason, Mr J A Smiles and Mr W A Isaacs, left

They felt that issues

concerning their community were being treated with contempt

The LP also said the presence of the press placed the council in a predicament on the issue

Regarding the town clerk demanding an apology from the management committee, the LP statement said "Must we apologise for fighting for our democratic rights and to represent our people?"

"The Labour Party members are prepared to make sacrifices for their people. They will not be intimidated and will fight to the bitter end to get what their people deserve in this unjust and ungodly society"

● The Labour Party representatives arrived late at the council meeting and entered the council chamber during a debate, which was why they were not immediately welcomed by the mayor

● Mr Johnson's motion before the council was that the management committee issue be referred to the council's action committee meeting. No reference was made to next week's municipal by-election

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# Council pledges R10 000

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2163 appropriate that we should do something practical

EAST LONDON — A sum of R10 000 has been pledged by the East London City Council to assist flood victims in the Free State and Northern Cape.

The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, said the council had intended to make a pledge during the SABC's countrywide appeal last week, but telephone lines had been continually jammed.

"We wish we could have donated more, but would like to take this opportunity to encourage others to dig deep into their pockets.

"East London has experienced its share of flood devastation, and it is

Grens Hoërskool has already raised over R1 225 for the fund.

The headmaster, Mr D. P. Marais, said he had appealed to scholars on the day prior to the collection, and had been amazed at the generosity with which they had responded.

"We held an inter-class competition which helped to swell the fund — it was won by the Std 9 class, which contributed R321,44.

"We are hoping that other schools and businesses will follow our example and hold similar fund-raising drives," he said.

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# Warnings on city pension fund

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

AFTER three years of investigating the Cape Town Municipal Pension Fund, city councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg warned yesterday that unless its pattern of pension payments was changed, the city would face bankruptcy.

Dr Andreas Wassenaar, a retired actuary and expert on state and quasi-state pension funds, attended Mr Wienburg's press conference and agreed with several points Mr Wienburg made.

But the city treasurer, Mr Donald Geyer, and the chairman of the Pension Fund, Mr

Leon Markovitz, both said the fund was in very good shape.

Mr Wienburg stressed that the fund was well administered. He said the council was obliged by a municipal ordinance (Number 23 of 1969) to contribute amounts which would eventually become "a terrible burden on ratepayers".

In the past four years, interest earned by the fund had amounted to about 12,5% a year, Mr Wienburg said. The rules required that the first 5,5% should be devoted to paying the fund's liabilities, and the remainder would meet annual increases in payouts to existing

pensioners.

However, pensioners were entitled to an annual increase which was 75% or 80% — depending on the year they retired — of the Consumer Price Index.

In the event of a shortfall, the council had to pay, in terms of the ordinance, he explained.

Council contributions had increased by over 40% each year in the past three years, he said, and this year the increase would be of the same order.

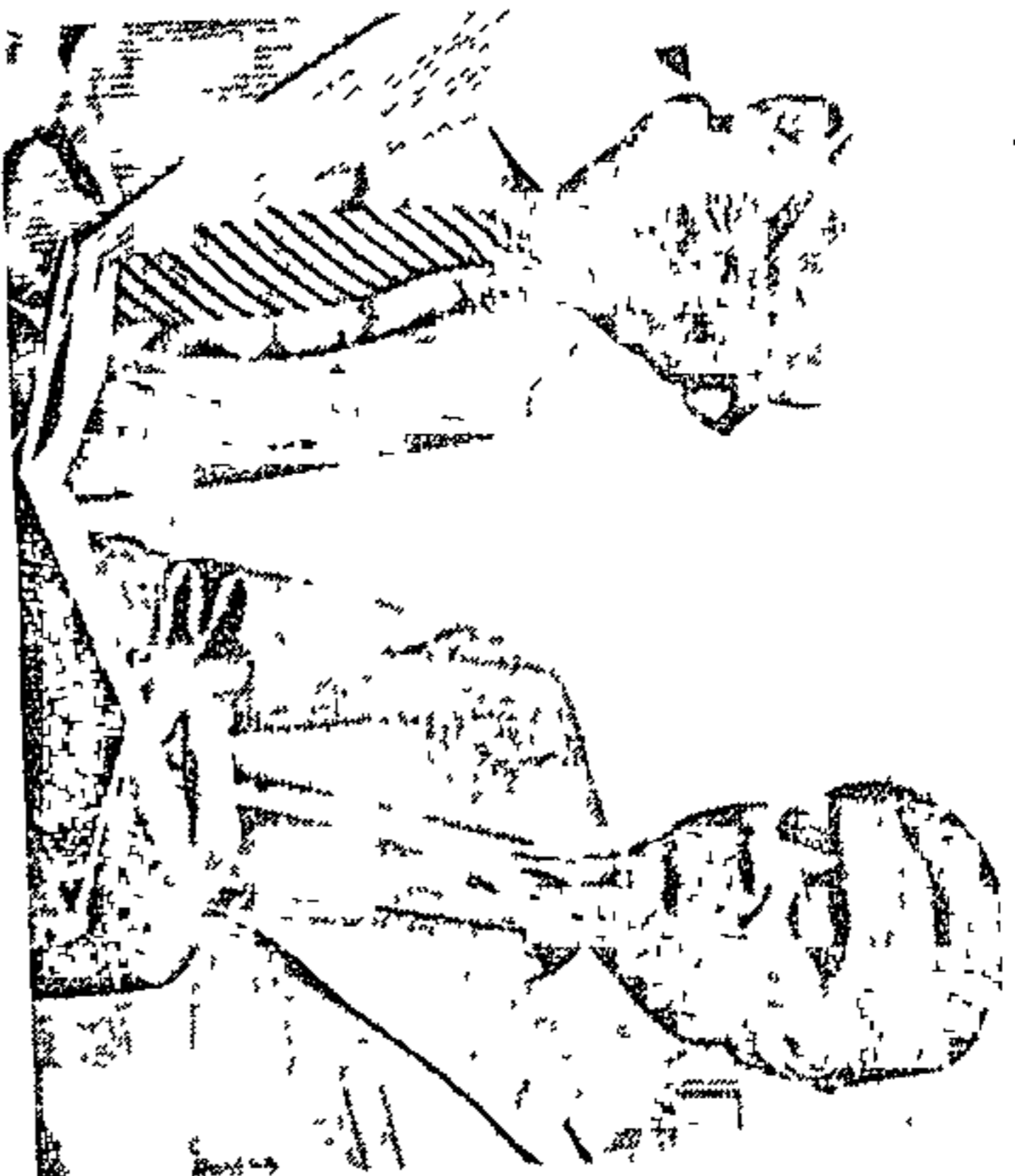
He wanted the council to ask the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to reduce the percentage pension increase to 60% of the CPI a year.

Dr Wassenaar said the council's actuary valued only the Pension Fund, but not the amount by which the council topped it up (by R4,5 million this year).

He supported Mr Wienburg in his objection to the "buy-back" pension system, which had spread to the Cape Town municipality, he said.

Mr Geyer said the fund was in "exceptionally good shape", with a market value on June 30 last year of R581 million. Its assets had increased in book value in 1986/7 by R61 million.

Mr Markovitz said the council's 5 000 pensioners had nothing to fear concerning the fund.



PRESS CONFERENCE . . . Dr Andreas Wassenaar (left) with city councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg  
Picture ANNE LAING

# Councillors blame red tape for delays

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — Some councillors have blamed a lot of unnecessary "red tape" for the delays in the establishment of projects here, particularly the proposed R9 million City Lodge development

Mr Patrick Kay put it down to a lot of "frustrating red tape" and said if the developers turned round now and said they were no longer interested in developing in the city he couldn't blame them

"The delays are typical of municipal systems. Everything seems to work in reverse. The attitude that tomorrow's another day prevails and it is terribly frustrating," Mr Kay said

He said that the city needed more than just one hotel, particularly of the calibre of City Lodge

"Unless we really shake things up, nothing

is going to change, but it cannot be done by one man," he said

Mr Donald Card said the council had given the project the go-ahead in principle and as far as he knew it had all been handed over to the city's planning department for negotiations between the developers and themselves

As far as general delays were concerned, Mr Card said they were "annoying" and that a "tremendous amount of red tape held up a number of issues, not just building projects"

"Matters just don't get finalised. The city council as such is a decision-making body. The administration is run by the senior administrative officers and staff. When we query delays there always seem to be excuses as to why projects are not before council for finalisation," Mr Card said

Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite said that he believed the delays associated with this hotel project were not entirely on the side of the city and the council

"I think if one goes into the matter one will find delays on the developers' part," Mr Bassingthwaite said

He also added that when the project was before the council at some stage, as far as he was aware, the council had then been waiting for the full report by the beachfront development consultant, Mr Revel Fox

Mr Eric Whitaker said he saw the delays as "unnecessary" and "tragic" and not in the best interest of the future development of the city

"East London needs another hotel and our publicity man should not be allowing this thing to stagnate as it has

"Port Elizabeth

started negotiating with City Lodge at the same time as they did here and they already have a site in Port Elizabeth," Mr Whitaker said

"They have expressed a wish to invest here and it's time we went out of our way to assist them. One wonders what people in highly paid jobs are doing when delays like this are brought to councillors' attention," he said

An official in the city's town planning department, Mr Owen Taylor, said the City Lodge proposals were still confidential, but that the problem had been with the finding of a suitable site

"We couldn't satisfy the developers' first choice of land, but we have investigated their next proposal. We will be submitting a full report to the next action committee meeting on Monday," Mr Taylor said

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# IMC official's <sup>D/D 5/3/88</sup> repair effort <sup>(263)</sup> gets municipality to scene

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Taking municipal matters into one's own hands can bring results — or so the deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC) found out this week

Mr R Moodley said yesterday that following a report and photograph in the Daily Dispatch, showing him repairing muddy potholes in gravelled Fitchett Road, a municipal road gang arrived on the scene

"They worked on the road later that day and yesterday, but they are only grading it, so soon it will be back to square one

"They are wasting time and labour. Putting stones on the road is not going to help for long"

Mr Moodley said he had received a lot of complimentary support from people in the area, not only from the Indian community, but also from whites who have to travel along Fitchett Road to their Amalinda homes

"They said they were pleased that the IMC had got involved"

He added that municipal road repair works had also been carried out on Cashmere Road where re-

tarring had been done, but said that Frederick Road was in such bad repair that the potential for accidents was high

"It needs real attention"

Mr Moodley said that he would still be submitting a bill to the municipality for work he and his workmen had done once he had worked out the costs of materials and labour

"I challenge all ratepayers to pursue the cause of ensuring that the municipality does its job properly"

He said that another cause for concern was still the blocking off to through traffic along Kenwick Road through Panmure while construction on the Ziphunzana bypass continues

"We want the municipality to open this road until the highway is complete"

At present, taxis and buses are forced to choose alternative routes, one of which includes the passage along Fitchett Road

The city's acting town clerk, Dr L J Botha, could not be contacted yesterday to establish whether or not the municipality would pay Mr Moodley for services rendered

# Councillors stand down

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**BLOEMFONTEIN**  
Two members of the Bloemfontein City Council, Mr Colin Hickling and Mr Ewald Fichardt, will not contest the municipal elections in October. Both are former mayors.

Mr Hickling has been a councillor for 18 years and Mr Fichardt has served for 10 years.

Council: no  
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until marina  
completed (267)

PORT ELIZABETH —  
The Port Alfred town council has turned down an application by the developers of the R80 million marina to build residential dwellings before the completion of the project

Part of the application was for building to start on the home which is to be built on Lady Hamilton's Isle, purchased by an anonymous English millionaire for R1 million

The town clerk of Port Alfred, Mr H. K. Chapman, said the council had entered into an agreement with the developers whereby the marina had to be completed before any transfer of land for residential purposes took place

"The agreement exists to provide an incentive for the project to be completed timeously," he said — DDC

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# Probe goes on in wake of resignation

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A police investigation into certain matters surrounding Mr Ted Walsh, the director of the Greater East London Publicity Association, and executive director of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation (Bomedco), is continuing

The police liaison officer in the Border, Major Trevor Hayes, said yesterday no further details could be released

Mr Walsh said at the weekend he would resubmit his resignations from both his positions

He hoped to be released from duties at the end of this month

Mr Walsh resigned last month after it was revealed he had received R64 000 in salary overpayments, but his resignations were not accepted by his boards who passed votes of confidence in him

Police have said a private East London citizen had laid a charge at the end of last week

Mr Walsh said yesterday he had heard only on Sunday night that a certain person had laid a charge against him

He said he would not be making any further statements in connection with the matter

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, said in a statement yesterday Mr Walsh had done "the correct thing" by resigning

Mrs Shaw said when the overpayment became public the CRA had asked the Auditor-General to investigate and had been informed that an auditor had been appointed to do so

She said the method of repayment agreed to by the council and the reasons for matters which concerned public money being kept secret should also be investigated.

When the overpayment was discovered last year the council decided that the matter should not be made public

It was however "leaked" to a Sunday newspaper last month



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# Council veil over pay rise

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffraria has decided to increase allowances for its members but the council's secretary will not reveal details of the increases because the decision was made in committee.

The decision was taken within the last three months, but as the matter was never moved into open council, there is no record of it being put on council agendas or of the decision taken in council minutes.

The increases follow the Cape Provincial Administration's approval last year of new allowance scales for all local authorities.

Earlier this year there was strong public reaction when the East London city council proposed increasing allowances. The council

appointed an ad-hoc committee to investigate the matter before making a final decision, and the investigation is still in progress.

The secretary of the divisional council, Mr J F. Naude, said yesterday he could not disclose the extent of the increases.

"The matter was discussed by council in committee and until council brings it into open council, I am not permitted to release any information," he said.

When figures of R400 a month for councillors and R2 500 for the chairman a month were put to Mr Naude, he said they were not correct, but he confirmed that increased allowances had been approved.

Attempts to contact the chairman of the divisional council, Mr Neville Hewson, were unsuccessful.

# Hotel sewerage tariffs to be amended

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

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EAST LONDON — The city council decided at last night's action committee meeting to amend the sewerage tariff for hotel establishments, providing them with an effective 30 per cent reduction in cost per toilet pan

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said after the meeting that a 30 per cent reduction per pan for all hotel establishments would now be levied

He added, however, that the council had decided that this tariff rebate would not extend to holiday flats. The reasoning behind this was that while there were a lot of pans in a hotel, there were not as many in holiday flats

● The council has also recommended that R1 500 be set aside in the next municipal financial year estimates for the Great Trek of 1838 festival which will take place here from October 14

● The council also noted that the term of the present mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, would run to October this year and not till September, as the general municipal elections are to be held on October 29

Mr Randall said this would also mean that the next mayor would only serve an effective 11 months in office before the next mayoral election in September, next year

# Putting today into law books

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — A 1950 municipal by-law making it illegal, among other things, to feed any animal in the street except out of a nosebag may be "updated" soon

The municipality has advertised that it intends changing its "standard regulations relating to streets" by an amended law proposed by the provincial administration

Some of the outdated offences that may be in for amendment include "cracking, flourishing or extending a wagon whip on a street"

The 1950 by-law also makes it an offence, punishable by a £20 fine, "except in the case of an accident, to shoe or farry an animal" The revised version refers only to motor vehicles

The passing of the era of gas lamps is also acknowledged by the law-makers, and the new proposed by-law has no reference to "wrongfully extinguishing the light of a lamp in a street" as was contained in the 1950 law

The disappearance of chimney sweeps may be a reason for dropping another section entitled "carrying of bundles

and like objects on sidewalks"

This made it an offence in 1950 to "carry any large bundle or basket or any pointed or edged tool not properly protected, or any ladder, plank, pole, or any bag of soot, lime or other offensive matter, or any package or thing calculated to obstruct, inconvenience or annoy pedestrians upon any sidewalk except for the purpose of loading or unloading any vehicle or when necessarily crossing the sidewalk"

The new law, however, still retains a num-

ber of original offences, and if amended it will still be illegal to do a number of things in streets, such as appear in any street without being clothed "in such a manner as decency demands", or to use abusive, obscene, threatening or blasphemous language in a street, or "obey the call of nature at a place other than a sanitary convenience provided and approved for such purpose by the local authority"

Rolling a hoop and climbing a tree growing in a street will still be illegal, as is planting a tree without permission in a street

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# Councillor to raise DC allowance issue at meeting

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EAST LONDON — Allowance increases for Kaffraria divisional councillors would be raised at the council's open meeting on Friday, one of the councillors, Dr Cyril Blumenthal, said yesterday.

Dr Blumenthal was asked to comment on the increases, which the divisional council decided in committee.

It was established by

the Daily Dispatch that the decision to increase the allowances was taken some time during the last three months, but further details could not be established from the council's secretary, Mr J. F. Naude, because the matter had come before the council on confidential "pink paper".

Dr Blumenthal said he could not divulge any

information because the matter was confidential, but said he intended to raise the matter at Friday's meeting.

When increased allowance figures of R400 a month for councillors and R2 500 a month for the chairman were put to Mr Naude earlier, he said the figures were not correct. —DDR

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# Committee allocates R95 000 to upgrade Buffalo Flats road

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**EAST LONDON** — Windyridge Road in Buffalo Flats is to be upgraded and widened at a cost of about R95 000, the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) decided at a meeting yesterday.

An amount of R118 000 has been allocated by the 1987/1988 roads programme and the CMC decided to use most of the money on Windyridge Road as it was a dangerous and busy road.

The rest of the money will be used to start work on Fairfax and Innisfree Roads and the money allocated in the 1988/1989 financial year will be used to complete the projects.

The acting chairman of the CMC, Mr D.W. Alexander, proposed that the committee do

an in loco inspection of Windyridge Road to assess the situation.

Two suggestions for a street name for the portion of road leading off John Nash Crescent were decided on and are to be put to the street name sub-committee for consideration.

The two names suggested were Link Road, proposed by Mr A.V. Green, and Arcadia Crescent, proposed by Mr Alexander.

It was decided at the meeting that a social worker, Mrs Monica Brown, would report back to the committee in six months time to decide whether another social worker was needed "for the upliftment of the community".

The committee also decided to meet with the East London Principals'

Union on the matter of recreational facilities in the coloured area.

Mr Alexander said the committee was not afraid to meet with anyone but they would not "be bullied into anything".

"We will take the final decision as the Principals' Union is not involved with the daily life of people," he said.

Selborne College approached the administration manager about the possibility of a group of senior students undertaking a survey of the senior citizens in the coloured area in order to obtain statistics to enable the community to determine their needs.

The CMC accepted this and Mr Green recommended that a coloured school be approached as well to join the survey — DDR.



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**Police question Morris**

EAST LONDON. — A city councillor here, Mr. Willem Morris, has confirmed he was questioned by police for three hours yesterday morning in connection with betting taxes to be paid by Tattersalls bookmakers.

Mr. Morris, who is secretary of the East London Tattersalls Club, said the money had nothing to do with Tattersalls funds but was taxes to be paid to the provincial secretary.

The Border police liaison officer, Major Trevor Hayes, confirmed that police were investigating a complaint.

A Tattersalls spokesman said an investigation into the affair had been opened and a meeting had been called to discuss the situation. Mr. Morris said he had made a statement to the police.

He said it was his responsibility as secretary to pay the weekly betting tax through the Reserve Bank to the province.

There had been a "delay in payment of betting tax money that has now been cleared up". The amount involved had been "something like R1 000 that has since been repaid".

"At times the money paid to the Cape Province arrives a bit too late and of course then they query it. The payment was delayed for a week or ten days when I was in hospital after a car accident, that's all. Everything is in order." He said he had "discussed the matter with the bookmakers and auditors" and had "thrashed the whole matter out" at the Fleet Street police station.

"The auditors said at first it was R6 000. Then they came down to R4 000, and in the end it was R1 000 and something I can't remember exactly how much," he added.

When Mr Morris was asked if he had paid the taxes required from his own pocket, he said the amount had come out of a "bookmakers' trust fund", towards which every bookmaker contributed monthly, and which was used for "anything that goes wrong" and for improvements to the club —  
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# Recruits 'In a million' absconded

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**By KURT SWART**  
 THE Cape Town City Council is believed to have spent more than a million rand on a recruiting drive for white immigrant staff, a SOUTH investigation has found.

A SOUTH probe into racial discrimination in City Council employment also revealed that many white Zimbabweans were allegedly recruited in positions that could have been filled by existing "coloured" staff, and that few "coloured" employees occupy highly-paid positions in the council hierarchy.

A council official involved in recruitment, Mr Charles Egner, confirmed that of 11 senior accountants recruited, only three are still in the employ of the council.

## Moving

Also revealed is that of a total staff complement of about 15 000, only about 150 are African.

In 1981 the council allegedly spent more than R500 000 to recruit staff in the United Kingdom, sources say.

A further R500 000 is believed to have been spent on moving the employees, their families and belongings to South Africa.

The employees, mostly professional staff, were given six months to find permanent housing.

The council paid all their accommodation costs in the six months they were given to find permanent accommo-



Cape Town Civic Centre A bastion of white privilege

dation, according to sources

These employees were allowed to visit the UK once a year - again at the council's expense.

Most of the staff recruited then no longer work for the council. A few of the recruits "absconded" by not returning from their overseas holidays.

Whites, who had moved to South Africa after Zimbabwe's independence, were employed by the council in the lower administrative positions

Council employees interviewed this week claimed there was a pool of "coloured" messengers with matric who could

have been upgraded into these positions.

In response to the allegations, the Town Clerk Dr S Evans confirmed that a recruitment project was undertaken in the United Kingdom but said calculating the cost was "complex".

## Attract

He said the recruitment was to attract highly-specialised staff whose skills were in short supply in South Africa.

Local and national recruitment and advertising campaigns for staff in these occupations failed.

"It's very difficult to attract people for these positions," he said

Less than seven percent of staff recruited overseas had absconded, according to Evans.

"It's of little concern that many are no longer with this Council as 93 percent completed their three-year contract thus fulfilling the basic objective of the project."

He said the conditions of these contracts were considered confidential

"During this period the recruited employees also trained local staff and made valuable contributions to the needs of the city."

All appointments were based primarily on merit

and the council was opposed to all forms of racial discrimination. There was equal pay regardless of sex or race, he said.

However, a survey of council employment statistics shows that of the total "coloured" staff of about 11 000, 9 846 or 81 percent earn below R15 000 a year, whereas of the approximately 4 000 whites employed, 1 032 or 26 percent earn below R15 000.

Of those earning above R25 000, 1 140 are white, 117 are "coloured" and three are African. Of the 150 African employees only 29 earn above R15 000 a year.

## Experienced

Asked why the number of African employees was so low, Evans said "coloured" and white persons had traditionally supplied council's need and Africans had not applied in great numbers

Only 19 percent of "coloured" staff earned above R15 000 because the council had to take into account the required qualifications and experience when appointments or promotions were made

"The council, and myself, personally resist any form of racial discrimination where merit prevails. Qualification alone in many cases is not sufficient when others have the appropriate experience needed.

"We have to have people to do the job in the best way we can get it done," Evans said

# GOVERNMENT'S 'Jobs Racism'

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SHOCK claims of racist employment practices in the City Council have been made by staffers interviewed in a SOUTH probe.

- Also revealed this week are that
- Council is believed to have spent more than a million rand on recruiting immigrant white staff from Britain;
- Immigrant staff are believed to have visited the UK once a year at council's expense;

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- Some of the whites recruited later absconded;
- Only about 150 Africans are employed out of a total staff complement of 15 000;
- Angry "coloured" messengers petitioned the Town Clerk on the lack of promotion; and
- Many other "coloured" staffers say they have been overlooked in favour of new white recruits.

# Trojan claim shock

By AYESHA ISMAIL

THE families of two boys killed in the Trojan Horse incident in Athlone in October 1985 will be making a civil claim only for funeral costs — which may be less than R1 000 in each case.

Lawyers are preparing the claims after an inquest court in Wynberg found last week that police had been negligent and consequently responsible for the death of Shaun Magmoed, 16, Michael Miranda, 11, and



Jonathan Classens, 21.

The three died after police hidden on the back of an unmarked truck opened fire on a group on the corner of Thornton Road and St Simon Street.

No action has yet been taken against Lt Douw Vermeulen or the eight men who were under his command at the time of the incident.

Lt Atrite Laubscher, the Western Cape police liaison officer, said the matter had been referred to the At-

orney-General

"We cannot comment on whether the policemen would be charged with murder or culpable homicide," Laubscher said.

A lawyer acting for the families of Michael Miranda and Shaun Magmoed said they could claim for funeral costs only because the two were minors.

No claim was being prepared for Classens because his family was not represented at the inquest.

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## Councillor in court

EAST LONDON — A city councillor, Mr Willem Jacobus Morris, appeared in the East London magistrate's court yesterday on an initial charge of theft. He was not asked to plead.

Mr Morris is a former chairman of the council's directorate of management services portfo-

lio who was made a justice of the peace last year by the Minister of Justice, Mr H J Coetsee

The case was postponed to April 11, pending further investigation. The magistrate was Mr W M Opperman and the public prosecutor was Miss C Read —  
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# Allowances kept under wraps (263) in Beacon Bay

Daily Dispatch  
Reporter

EAST LONDON —The matter of increased allowances for Beacon Bay town councillors could not be confirmed yesterday as the matter had been handled "in committee".

The town clerk of Beacon Bay, Mr Bernie Aucamp, could not be contacted yesterday and will only be back in office next week.

His deputy, Mr M Simmons, said yesterday that the decision had been taken in committee and therefore he could not release any further information.

The whole issue of councillor allowance increases has received extensive public attention over the last few months, with the city council of East London having formed an ad-hoc committee to investigate that matter before making a final decision as to whether or not they will accept the increases.

The Divisional Council of Kaffraria will be raising the matter at its meeting tomorrow after it was established earlier this week that councillors had accepted their increases in a closed committee meeting.

# Council messengers protest over promotion

MANY employees of the Cape Town City Council are angry with their present salaries and slow rate of advancement. Many believe they are victims of subtle racial discrimination.

Staff with matric qualifications and years of experience at the council are often overlooked when higher posts become available, employees say.

"White matriculants from outside the council are often employed despite the fact that some of us have been applying for these positions for many years."

Others said many whites, who had moved to South Africa after Zimbabwe's independence, were employed by the council in the lower rungs of the administration ahead of lower-earning "messenger" staff who could have been upgraded into these positions.

"Some have been applying for about five years for promotion when posts become available. They are interviewed but an outside person always gets the job," a staffer said.

It is claimed an administrative officer told an employee that messengers were not

capable of doing clerical work.

Last year a group of messengers petitioned the Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, to address their grievances.

In documents in SOUTH's possession, messengers expressed concern about their promotion prospects.

They said they had been consistently overlooked for promotion despite their in-house training and experience.

## Costs ineffective

"We are convinced, because matriculants from outside the service with no municipal experience are appointed to more senior posts than ours, that sufficient grounds exist for us to be more gainfully employed.

"Since newcomers to council still have to undergo a period of orientation, it's both cost ineffective and morale destructive for matriculants within the council's service to be treated with such disdain," the documents state.

Employees had the necessary qualifications and others had gained qualifications

in the hope of promotion.

Most of the petitioners had been awaiting promotion for about four years. But, in a period of only six months last year, no less than 83 people were recruited from outside the council to fill the posts in question.

"The net result of such treatment is frustration, demotivation and demoralisation," the petition stated.

The documents contains a list of 83 names of staff recruited externally between January and June last year.

In his reply to the messengers, Evans admitted the figure of internal candidates promoted in contrast to outside appointments "may look a bit low".

"But it does depend on the variety and depth of experience offered as well as the matriculation or any post-matriculation qualifications."

He said he would ask the personnel office to remind heads of departments that where qualifications and experience were equal, preference should be given to internal promotion rather than new appointments.

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# Call for EL investigation

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
**EAST LONDON**—The chairman of the City-wide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs. Gwen Shaw, sent an urgent telegram to the State President, Mr P W Botha, yesterday calling for an immediate state investigation into civic affairs here

The content of the telegram which was sent yesterday morning makes reference to a let-

ter Mrs Shaw sent to Mr Botha earlier this month

The letter aimed at bringing Mr Botha's attention to certain civic issues, including the Clarendon Gardens shopping complex and the Palazzolo affair

Her telegram said "My letter March 2 refers Another councillor now under police investigation Earnestly re-

quest immediate state investigation into East London civic affairs"

Mrs Shaw made a statement earlier this week to the Daily Dispatch, calling on Mr Botha to order a public inquiry into the arrival in East London of a convicted drug smuggler, Vito Roberto Palazzolo, and all its implications

So far Mrs Shaw has not received any reply from Mr Botha

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# New Q'town councillor resigns seat

Daily Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — The newly elected town councillor for ward 3 here, Mr Maurice Shadiack, has resigned his seat, less than a week after he won the municipal by-election on March 2

Mr Shadiack's surprise resignation was contained in a letter to the town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, who was also the returning officer in the election

In a statement Mr Shadiack said several factors had influenced his decision, particularly the way in which the by-election had been conducted

He alleged there had been irregularities and said under the circumstances he could not associate himself with the by-election as the matters were contrary to his principles.

He had no alternative but to resign as the councillor for ward 3.

He said he would definitely not contest the October municipal elections

Asked if he was considering legal action, he said he had not ruled out the possibility.

In the recent election Mr Shadiack defeated Dr Arno Botha by seven votes. He received 312 votes against his opponent's 305 in a 51,8 per cent poll

Mr Gerber said he was not prepared to comment until Mr Shadiack's letter had been before the council

"I do, however, reserve the right to express myself publicly once the contents of the letter have been thoroughly considered".

Mr Gerber said he did not think the vacancy in ward 3 would be filled until October

Dr Botha said in an interview he was unaware of irregularities in the recent election.

"I do not think the reasons given by Mr Shadiack for resigning are good enough. I feel he has left the voters in ward 3 in the lurch."

After incurring election expenses and winning the seat Mr Shadiack should have served his term on the council, Dr Botha said.

The mayor, Mr Gerrie Coetzer, said he had not been involved in the election and did not want to become involved in a dispute at present.

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## Shadiack resigns, Queenstown councillors quiet

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QUEENSTOWN — Town councillors here were not prepared to comment yesterday on the resignation this week of Mr Maurice Shadiack who won the municipal by-election in Ward 3 on March 2

In a letter to the town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, who was also the returning officer, Mr Shadiack cited irregularities during the election as his reasons for resigning so soon after his election.

The mayor, Mr Gerrie Coetzer, said earlier this week he had not been involved in the election and did not want to become involved in a dispute at present

The deputy mayor, Mr Stan Pohlman, said yesterday it would be unfair to both Mr Gerber and Mr Shadiack to make a statement before he had heard both versions about incidents during the election.

The town's longest-serving councillor, Dr Teunis Schlebusch, said Mr Shadiack's letter would be considered at the council meeting next week. He would not comment before then

Mr M H "Johnny" Johnson, a councillor for 21 years, said it was not his ward or his election, so he was unaware of what had happened during the voting

The sitting councillor in ward 3, Mr H A. "Tokkie" Deysel, who is also chairman of the Queenstown branch of the National Party, said he could not comment as he had no first-hand knowledge of Mr Shadiack's reasons for resigning

Asked to comment on allegations made after the election by Dr Arno Botha, who opposed Mr Shadiack, that his opponent had had the full advantage of National Party support, Mr Deysel said "I ignored those rumours. All sorts of rumours are circulated during an election"

Mr Ernest Littleford said he was unaware of the reasons for Mr Shadiack's resignation and could not comment. The remaining councillor, Mr H Gafney, has been in hospital

Responding to Dr Botha's statement that voters in ward 3 had been left in the lurch as a result of his resignation, Mr Shadiack said it should be made clear that what had happened in the election, and feelings in certain circles had made it impossible for him to serve ward 3 as he would have liked

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# Allowance rise for Kaffraria council

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**EAST LONDON —** The Divisional Council of Kaffraria has voted to increase allowances to its members in accordance with the Cape Provincial Administration's new scale for local authorities.

The decision was taken yesterday during discussion in closed committee after the monthly open council meeting, and a statement was subsequently released to the press

The secretary of the council, Mr Cas Naude, said the proposal had been discussed in detail and no dissenting votes had been cast.

He said the committee had voted in favour of a

monthly allowance of R2 000 for the chairman of the council, at present Mr Neville Hewson, and for an allowance of R1 500 a month for the chairmen of the working committees

The remaining councillors would all get monthly allowances of R500 each

In the past, all members of the council received an allowance of R310 each a month, re-

gardless of portfolio

Mr Mark Yazbek said he supported the payment of direct out of pocket expenses to councillors who lived a long way away, but described allowances to those who lived in the city as "extravagant"

The general feeling in the council appeared to be that some compensation was necessary to offset the costs involved in attending meetings and neglecting other interests

However, another councillor, Dr Cyril Blumenthal said that when he had refused to accept the title of Alderman recently, he had included a rejection of "any decorations and emoluments that might accrue"



DR BLUMENTHAL

He described the increases as "pirating the British tradition" to be used as a "sop" from certain levels of Nationalist government

He said he had received a cheque for R1 500 "out of the blue" in December, being backdated to July 1987

After giving it thought, he was pleased, as the money could be used by worthy bodies and particularly efforts to fight "stupidity" in certain councils

"I accordingly distributed all that money where it will work best and I will continue to do so as long as I am on the council," he said

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# City council denies CMC accusations on raising rentals

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EAST LONDON — The city council has denied accusations that it had illegally increased rents for coloured housing, and had failed to implement a new rent formula and the sale of state-owned houses

The accusations had been made by the deputy chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D W Alexander

Mr Alexander also said the council had denied the CMC certain powers which were due to the committee

He made the allegations following a visit to the minister of local government, housing and agriculture in the House of Representatives in Cape Town recently in an attempt to clarify matters affecting coloured housing in East London

He was accompanied by a fellow CMC member, Mr D Mentoor

The regional director of housing in Port Elizabeth would visit East London this week to look into the questions he raised in Cape Town, Mr Alexander reported

During this visit, Mr Alexander said he had discovered that a new formula for calculating rentals had not been implemented by the city council

This, he said, had led to overcharging and the accumulation of rental arrears

He also accused the city council of denying the CMC the right to exercise certain powers

The municipality's housing manager, Mr David Murray, said the new formula for calculating rentals had been implemented at the beginning of the year

The circular from the House of Representative announcing this new formula had been received on July 27, 1987

At present rentals were calculated based on the income of the tenants, Mr Murray said. The last income survey was done about three years ago and an updated income survey had been completed recently

Tenants had been allowed to choose whether they would like to have their rentals adjusted according to the new formula, or whether they would prefer to continue paying rentals calculated according to the old formula

Adjusted rentals would only be implemented in July this year

as the department had placed a moratorium on rental adjustments until that time

Arrears in rental payments was a recurring problem and was not a result of any rental increases, the municipality's director of finance, Dr Marius Botha said

Arrear rentals currently amounted to R928 998, four times what was raised in rentals each month. These arrears were seldom recovered by the city council, Dr Botha said

Unrecovered arrears would eventually be written off by the council

Allegations that the city council had not implemented the sale of state housing in coloured areas, as announced by the government in March 1983, because of delays in calculating prices, were also denied

All council-run housing schemes were for sale, Mr Murray said. In 1986 and 1987 a total of 116 houses had been sold and a further eight houses had been sold in January this year

In fact, Mr Murray said, the council had applied to the department for permission to sell some of the houses at well below cost due to defects in the houses, and as yet permission had not been forthcoming. The sale of houses at cost price was going ahead

With regard to the powers of the Coloured Management Committee, Miss A Cronin, of the administrative section of the city council, said that the government regulations required that the CMC should be consulted on matters affecting the coloured population — but that they had no specific executive powers

The law allowed that the city council could delegate certain powers to the CMC should they request that this be done, but no such request had been received

Regarding Mr Alexander's announced visit by the regional director of housing, Mr Murray said that the council had requested such a visit in the past, but with no success

Approached for confirmation of the visit, the office of the director of housing in Port Elizabeth said that the director was away, but that no visit to East London was scheduled in the next two weeks

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# Ratepayers wait for answers to questions

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The chairman of the City-wide Ratepayers' Association (CRA) has called the delay in the mayor answering questions concerning municipal maintenance and services here, a shocking indication of municipal "incompetence and mismanagement".

The three-page list of questions and comments was presented to the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, by Mrs Gwen Shaw a month ago and was based on what Mrs Shaw called the "deteriorating appearance of the city and surrounds, and dissatisfaction with a number of municipal services" which was of grave concern to the city's ratepayers

At the time of handing over the document Mr De Lange said he would be referring the various questions pertaining to roads, sidewalks, bus service, litter, Clarendon Gardens and increased councillor allowances, to the relevant municipal departments for comment and then report back to the CRA.

Mrs Shaw said: "The failure to reply to our questions is surely an indication of the inability of municipal officials to provide satisfactory explanations

"That there are no logical answers for this shocking state of our civic affairs is indicative of incompetence and mismanagement

"Surely the parlous state of our civic affairs proves that the introduction of the National Pro-

ductivity Institute system, which introduced five directors of municipal management, is a very costly experiment which has proved a total and dismal failure

"No wonder only one or two other municipalities have adopted it

"We feel that in view of all this, my request to the State President, Mr P W Botha, for an immediate state investigation into our civic affairs is fully justified," she said.

On the bus service, the CRA had queried the removal of through-buses from the Quigney to the hospital and northern suburbs, as well as the reduction in the school bus service and increased fares

On sidewalks, the danger to pedestrians — especially the elderly and infirm — in certain areas was questioned, as well as details on the on-going programme for the repair, improvement and maintenance of sidewalks. It was also asked how the R230 000, to be saved by the non-cutting of grass on sidewalks, would benefit this service

On roads, the future planning for upgrading and repairing of the "shocking state" of the city's roads was questioned

As far as litter was concerned the CRA wanted to know what was to be done about the "unkempt and positively dirty appearance" of the city, which resulted from an "obviously inef-

ficient and inactive service"

"We also said that as this department seems quite unable to cope with cleaning the city that putting it out to private contractors should be considered," Mrs Shaw said

On the controversial issue of Clarendon Gardens, 13 questions were posed, including the query of the under-evaluation of the prime site and the agreement to sell it at a loss to the city of about R5 million

The CRA also questioned the proposed increased allowances for councillors

"If R142 000 a year will be required to pay increased allowances to the mayor and councillors, how will this money be found and how will it affect rates," Mrs Shaw asked

● The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, said last night that if Mrs Shaw was so concerned about the answers to these questions, she should have had the common courtesy to phone him at his office to find out what the delay was about, instead of running to the press

He said the reason for the delay was that he was waiting for a reply from the relevant head of department

"I am not prepared to comment any further on the matter through the press," he said

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# Councillor to look into racism

MR Jan van Eck, independent MP for Clarendon, is to investigate the City Council's employment practices.

This follows last week's expose' in SOUTH of claims by council employees of subtle racial discrimination.

Council messengers petitioned the Town Clerk, claiming they were consistently overlooked for promotion in favour of externally recruited white staff many of whom they considered to have less qualifications and experience.

Other council employees told of their dissatisfaction at their slow rate of advancement and their be-

lief that this was because of racial prejudice.

Also revealed last week were details of a council drive to recruit white immigrant staff from the UK at the cost, employees say, of over a million rand. The council denied the recruitment drive was racially-motivated, saying there were no local staff available to fill these posts.

Van Eck, who is also a City Councillor, said the obvious conclusion which could be drawn was that a discriminatory policy was being practiced and that he would make enquiries.

"This is a big issue and cannot be left as it is. I'm definitely going into the matter," he said.

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# Cloete challenged on views

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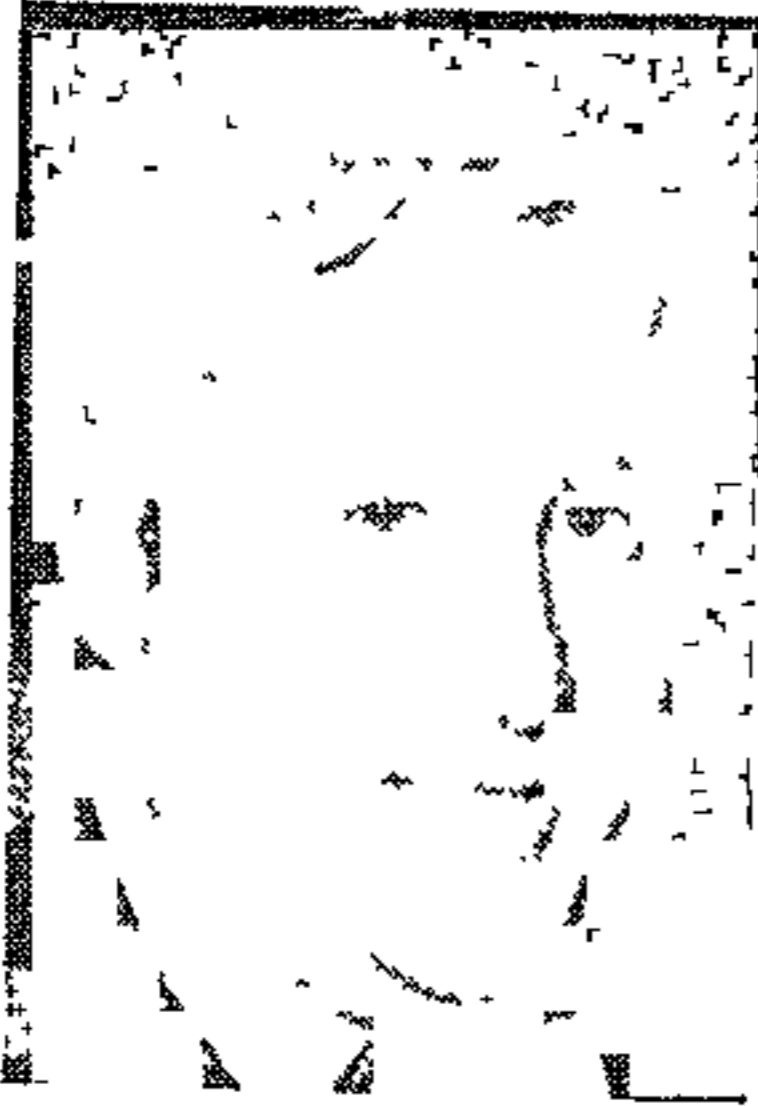
EAST LONDON — City councillors here had mixed reactions yesterday to comments by the outgoing president of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr Nico Cloete, that the city had become the "skunk of South Africa"

Mr Cloete blamed "questionable activities" by people in public office and certain accusations for East London's lowly status

The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, challenged Mr Cloete to "put his money where his mouth is" and said that Mr Cloete had on many occasions declined to stand for the council after being approached

"I suggest that he makes himself available for election in October," Mr De Lange said

Mr Cloete said a negative image of the area had been created and that the city had reached a critical stage in its history. He criticised the in-fighting on the city council, which he said lacked vision



MR WHITAKER

and goal-setting

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said he treated Mr Cloete's comments "with the contempt they deserve"

"Personally I don't know of anything he has done himself. In the past three years I cannot recall — unless I haven't noticed — him doing anything except passing comments," Mr Randall said

A former mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said he felt it was "very, very bad" for Mr Cloete to propagate what he had —



MR CLOETE

"even if it was true" — as it just made the situation worse

He said it was also difficult to assess from Mr Cloete's comments exactly what he was getting at. One could read into the comments, and if Mr Cloete was in fact calling for the resignation of certain people, he should be more precise

"I am pleased though that he is encouraging businessmen to take a stand and to come forward to help run the city," Mr Yazbek said

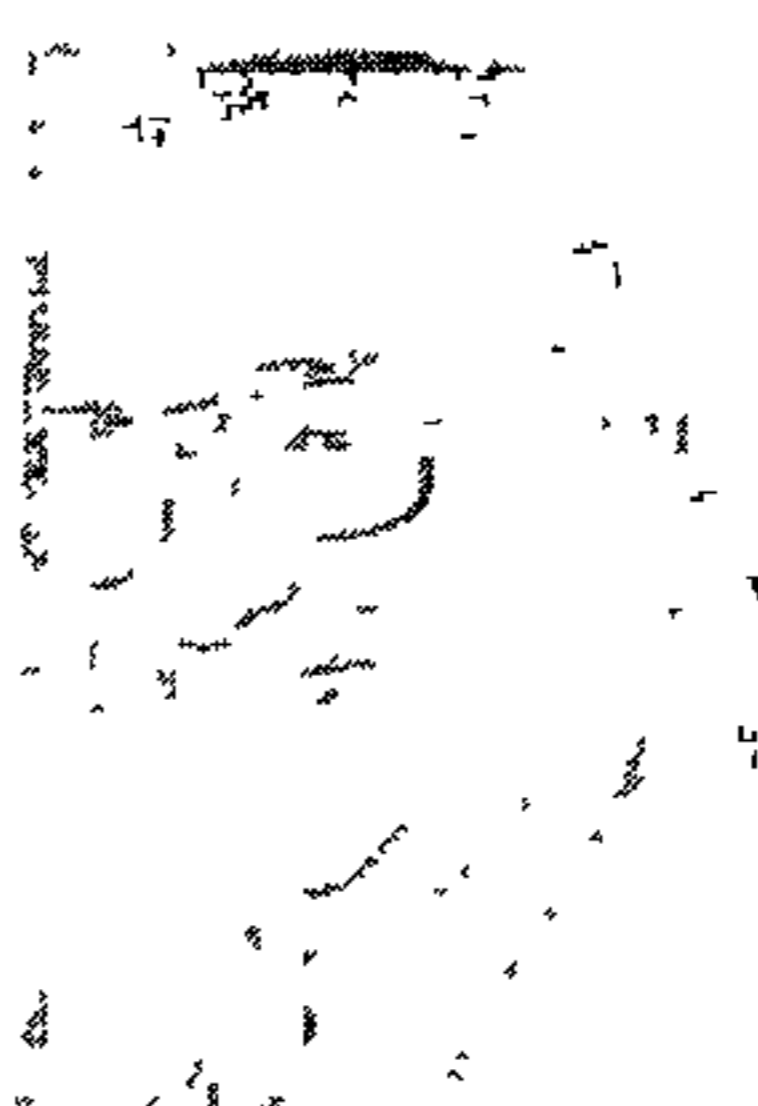
Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite said he agreed that the image of the city and its council was "distasteful to say the least"

He said they had a councillor who had been convicted of fraud, one faced a theft charge and another had befriended Palazzolo. The Clarendon Gardens project not only raised suspicions all over the country, but, as one project among many, showed the lack of planning

"When will the rate-payers wake up and demand accountability for the shocking state of affairs from their councillors," Mr Bassingthwaite said

Mr Eric Whitaker said he agreed with Mr Cloete 100 per cent

"I'm glad he appears to be an enlightened Nationalist and he is right to say that businessmen in the city should take up the challenge to rectify the situation in East London by standing for election," he said



MR RANDALL

"I hope that he is not shouting the odds from the audience as he says others do, and that he stands for council elections on October 26," Mr Whitaker said

Mr Donald Card said Mr Cloete's comments were a "pretty good assessment of East London at the moment" and that, as Mr Cloete was a Nationalist, he would like to congratulate him on looking at the facts and not on a political basis

"He also criticised the MPs which I think was also justified," he said. "He summed up everything which someone has needed to do. It's just unfortunate that he included all the city councillors and did not single out certain ones." Mr Patrick Kay said that he thought Mr Cloete's comments were "a little harsh" and that they did not help the image of East London, even if there was an element of truth in them

Mr Ivan Zulman said he totally agreed that the in-fighting in the council created an atmosphere which was not to the advantage of the city or the council

He said, however, that such criticism did not help the situation and that the time had come to "stop living in the past" and pull together for the benefit of the city

Mr Phillip Rohtbart said Mr Cloete should positively promote East London and not criticise it

"I hope the new president of the chamber of

commerce does a better job than the last one," Mr Rohtbart said

Mr Brian Snell said he agreed with Mr Cloete, adding that "economics must come before politics and logic before emotions", but wanted to remind him that "regrettably the National Party controlled the city council" and that at most times there was little that someone like himself could do about making the council independent

The incoming president of the chamber, Mr Errol Spring, who is also a city councillor, said his reaction was that Mr Cloete's message was "a pretty hard-hitting statement" and if there was a message in it he hoped that people would accept it and do something about it

"The time is long overdue that we look at ourselves and see what image we portray not only to the community, but also to the outside world," he said

Mr Len Cooper said he sympathised with Mr Cloete's comments and could only agree with him

"He has a legitimate basis for his comments and certain things have happened that are not too savoury

"I support his plea for people of integrity and sincerity to come forward and stand for council because we could do with more of these people"

He said he felt embarrassed because of certain goings on in council and that the office of councillor had been brought into disrepute

"The time has come for reasonable, up-standing citizens to come forward and fill the gap on council and people must be accountable for their actions," he said

The deputy mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr Willem Morris and Mrs Elsabe Kemp could not be contacted for comment

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# Tenants deny claim CMC initiated CT visit

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Buffalo Flats Tenants Association (BFTA) has denied that the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) had initiated a visit to the relevant minister in Cape Town to discuss the serious housing problems facing residents here

The visit earlier this month to the minister of local government, housing and agriculture in the House of Representatives by an East London delegation, was in fact led by the BFTA and not by the acting chairman of the CMC, Mr D W. Alexander

The BFTA secretary, Mrs E du Plessis, said the association had organised the visit following unsatisfactory attempts by the CMC to rectify certain aspects of

the housing situation in the area

In a press statement the chairman of the BFTA, Mr A K Roberts, said the association had become "dissatisfied with the attempts of the CMC to rectify certain aspects of the rentals, sale of houses and the conditions of houses in Buffalo Flats"

"Acting on this, the association made contact with the minister concerned and in fact Mr Alexander was not actively involved in the discussions with the minister," Mr Roberts said

Mrs Du Plessis added that the municipality had failed to implement a new rent formula

She said that the minister had given the delegation a one-and-a-half hour interview and had said that he would be

sending officials from his department and the director of housing, based in Port Elizabeth, to visit Buffalo Flats later this month to investigate and assess the whole housing issue

Mr Roberts said that although Mr Alexander had not been actively involved in the discussions with the minister the BFTA wished to express their gratitude to him for arranging courtesy transport and accommodation during the delegation's stay in Cape Town

The delegation consisted of Mr Roberts, Mrs Du Plessis, the secretary of the BFTA, Mr D Mentoor and the treasurer of the association, Mr D. Tokoms, accompanied by Mr Alexander

It was incorrectly reported in the earlier report that Mr Mentoor was a CMC member

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# Clarendon objectors work on interdict <sup>D/D 18/3/88</sup> (263)

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — While the deed of sale for the R60 million Clarendon Gardens shopping complex is with the developers Elcorp, awaiting signing and finalisation, the project's objectors are working on an interdict to prohibit building if necessary.

A senior municipal administration official, Miss Abby Cronin, said that building would start as soon as the deed of sale had been signed by the developers

"It depends on how long they take to sign, but it should not be too long because they are keen to begin," Miss Cronin said.

However, work is continuing on an interdict by lawyers acting on behalf of the chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw; the chairman of the Clarendon/Selborne Joint Amenities Board, Mr Brian Randall; city councillors Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, Brian Snell and Donald Card; the CRA

and others.

A letter sent earlier this month to the town clerk from the objectors' lawyers stated that the city council "should not do any act or enter into any contract with the developers"

Should the contract be set aside, an action by the developers for damages against the city council could arise — a costly expense which local ratepayers would have to bear. The letter warned the municipality of such a possibility

It also stated a repeated request that the developers not be allowed on site until "all formalities have been complied with and until the municipality is in a position to pass transfer".

"We require them not to be allowed onto site until suitable arrangements have been made to acquire the land specified in the declaration of intent and more especially until the municipality has acquired the land specified in the Administrator's appro-

val and also the land necessary to allow the construction of roads and the turning circle," the letter said.

Attention was also brought to the fact that certain land was owned by the South African Transport Services (Sats) and other land by the Cape Education Department, and that the acquisition of this land was a "condition precedent" to the right to proceed with the deed of sale

The regional manager of Sats here, Mr Louis du Toit, could not confirm yesterday if the Sats land had actually been bought by the developers

He said that all he could say at this stage was that they had been approached by the developers

The letter also said that the council was urged not to permit the developers on site as this would give rise to an urgent application to interdict both the developers and the city council.

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# Developer takes transfer of Grahamstown square

by JILL JOUBERT

GRAHAMSTOWN — A Transvaal development company, Landmark, has taken transfer of the market square here after having bought it, the town clerk, Mr Lionel Pienaar, confirmed yesterday

However, no date has yet been set for the commencement of building operations, the developer, Mr Marke

Markowitz, said

"We are still busy negotiating. Discussions are in train between the quantity surveyors and builders"

"Building should start soon. Things are humming," Mr Markowitz added

The agreement between the city council and the developers stipulates that building must start within six

months of the date of transfer and that buildings must be completed within 18 months

"Otherwise the developers must pay rates on a property valued at R4 million," Mr Pienaar said

The plans include stands for two major anchor stores, a series of line shops and large parking area

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# Council backs town clerk in dispute with ex-councillor

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by YVONNE MARSHALL

QUEENSTOWN — The town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, has received the full support of the town council in the issue between himself and a former councillor, Mr Maurice Shadiack.

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4. Less than a week after winning the municipal by-election, in which Mr Gerber was the returning officer, Mr Shadiack resigned his seat citing irregularities in the election as his reasons for resigning.

5. After considering Mr Shadiack's letter and explanations given by Mr Gerber, councillors have recorded themselves satisfied that the allegations made by Mr Shadiack were unfounded.

6. It was recorded that the council was also satisfied that the returning officer had acted correctly both inside and outside the polling station, before and on the day of the by-election.

7. Councillors were also agreed that the returning, presiding and polling

officers had not committed any irregularities. They gave Mr Gerber authority to reply to Mr Shadiack's letter in consultation with the council's legal advisers.

Mr Gerber said he rejected all inferences in the letter as they were untrue. He said he had spoken to Mr Shadiack and was waiting for a full retraction from him.

Mr Shadiack denied he had accused Mr Gerber of behaving in an irregular manner during the election.

"I did not make that statement and I furthermore wish to refute all statements made by any person, known or unknown to me, that the town clerk conducted the election in an unsatisfactory manner."

"An explanation has been furnished to me by Mr Gerber and I am satisfied that he, as well as the other municipal officials, had conducted themselves in a proper manner during the election," Mr Shadiack said.

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# Blumenthal gives to CRA

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Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — A  
Kaffrarian, divisional  
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The chairman of the  
CRA, Mrs Gwen Shaw,  
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court case about the Cla-  
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which was coming up  
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She described the do-  
nation as a "wonderful  
gesture on his part"

"It is only a pity that  
other councillors are  
taking and not giving  
more," she added

Mrs Shaw said she felt  
Dr Blumenthal had the  
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heart and she "sincerely  
admired him for it"

She said she would be  
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to help cover the legal  
costs soon and that  
"people had been pretty  
marvellous so far"

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# Culpable homicide case: discharge plea refused (263)

**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — An application for the discharge of the East London municipality, its chief engineer and its chief traffic officer, who are accused of causing the death of Mr Andrew James Knott during the floods in 1985, was refused in the regional court here yesterday

The municipality, represented by the town clerk, Mr Lesley Percy Kumm, the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Ben-

nett Keppie, and the then chief traffic officer, Mr Jacob Johannes van Tonder, are charged with culpable homicide, but have pleaded not guilty

Mr Keppie and Mr Van Tonder are being charged in both their personal capacities and as servants of the municipality

In his ruling, the magistrate, Mr N.B. Oosthuysen, said

"In considering all the circumstances I am sat-

isfied that the application for discharge must be refused"

Mr Van Tonder did not appear yesterday, because he is now stationed in Wynberg and was not available

Mr Knott drowned after driving his motorcycle into the swollen Nahoon River on November 8, 1985

It was alleged that the municipality did not take sufficient or adequate steps to ensure

that a dangerous portion of Main Road, Abbotsford, was properly sealed, barricaded, sign-posted or lit up to warn approaching road users

Mr Knott and his pillion passenger, Mr Clint Odendaal, were travelling from a discotheque near the Beacon Bay drive-in about midnight when Mr Knott's motorcycle swerved out of control near the washed-away Abbotsford causeway

The case was postponed until June 20

The prosecutor was Mr L.P. Dicker and Mr M. Pringle appeared for the defence

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# Alleged bomber evades dragnet

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Seven alleged terrorists — including Heinrich Johannes Grosskopf — managed to evade a nation-wide police dragnet at the weekend.

Meanwhile, the Afrikaanse Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), has joined the hunt for the man who police say set off the Krugersdorp car-bomb.

Scores of roadblocks in the Peninsula and the Witwatersrand failed to net South Africa's most wanted man and six others.

Police issued identikit of two of the six alleged accomplices at the weekend.

Roadblocks will continue to be in evidence in all police districts in the Peninsula this week.

Police followed up several new leads in Cape Town yesterday.

Police said yesterday they believed that Mr Grosskopf was still in the country.

An AWB spokesman, Mr "P W" Bingle, said yesterday that the organisation's "security unit" was hunting the alleged bomber.

A spokesman for the Directorate of Police Public Relations in Pretoria declined to comment on the AWB spokesman's statements.

● Sapa reports two alleged terrorists and a number of collaborators have been arrested and a quantity of arms seized in the search.

Meanwhile, the private sector has added to the R50 000 reward offered by the police.

A Johannesburg businessman, who said the blast could have affected his family, has added R3 000, while the director of an insurance company, Mr Alf Harding, has added a further R1 000.

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# Gardens backers warned by CRA

Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — Work on Clarendon Gardens could not go ahead because the municipality was not in a position to transfer the land at this stage, the chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, said in a statement to the Daily Dispatch yesterday.

"Cutting a swathe through the bushes on the sliver of South African Transport Services land must have been a costly bit of exhibitionism when one considers the price paid for a minute piece of sloping ground which still has to be rezoned, plus the cost of hiring a bulldozer," she said.

"It is as well that Mr Robbie de Lange witnessed this bit of activity, because it is certain that it is the only bit he will see in this area," she said.

The town clerk had been advised in a letter from the CRA's attorneys that the council should not do anything or enter into any contract with the developers, which, if set aside, could lead to an action for damages being instituted against the council by the developers, as this would involve ratepayers in considerable expense.

Mrs Shaw said the

CRA has made representation to the State President for an investigation into civic affairs here, including Clarendon Gardens. (263)

"On Friday I received an assurance from the advocate-general, Judge P J Van der Walt, that his investigation into Clarendon Gardens is proceeding, and I was similarly advised by the auditor-general," Mrs Shaw said.

"Therefore, if the town clerk proceeds with the sale of the Clarendon Gardens land in the face of all warnings issued and with the knowledge of all the investigations under way, the consequence will be too serious to contemplate."

"I hope the realisation that it is ratepayers' money which is at risk will halt any foolish action."

Mrs Shaw said a court case was pending during which the illegalities and irregularities concerning Clarendon Gardens would be revealed.

The town clerk was aware that, should he permit developers onto the site, this would give rise to an urgent application to interdict both the developers and the East London city council.

# Evidence may

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

LONDON — British athletics officials are confident that evidence supplied from a South African journalist will clear Zola Budd of charges that she ran illegally in South Africa last year.

But African nations have now also issued a threat to boycott the Olympic Games in Seoul if Budd is reinstated in the British team.

The honorary life president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, Chief Abraham Ordia, was quoted

as saying "If Budd is picked then the council will try to get her thrown out of the Games. If we fail then all African countries will stay at home instead of going to Seoul."

But, according to sports writers, the sworn evidence of a Transvaal journalist, Mr Steve Loocke, "should be the end" of the charges brought against Budd by the council which based the claim that Zola ran illegally in the Brooks Transvaal cross-country in Brakpan last year on an article Mr Loocke wrote in Afrikaans for the Brakpan Herald.

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**Ministers to meet in PE**

PORT ELIZABETH — Several top cabinet ministers will be in Port Elizabeth this week for a meeting of the Co-ordinating Council on local government

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, will chair Friday's meeting, to be hosted by the Algoa Regional Services Council

It will be a high-powered meeting with a number of cabinet ministers and deputy ministers attending, as well as the administrators of all four provinces and the chairmen of the regional services councils of Algoa, Western Cape and Central Witwatersrand — DDC

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# Council votes for increase in allowances

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## Selborne pupil tells of blaze

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A Std 6 pupil at Selborne College, Phillip Bartlett, described yesterday how he and a friend escaped from a fire on the third floor of the Malibu Hotel in Durban by knotting sheets together and climbing to safety.

Phillip said when he awoke he could not breathe because of the smoke in the room.

"I was sharing a room with David Flemmer and Raymond Connel and we all went into the corridor to escape, but we couldn't get out.

"We made a rope out of the sheets to climb out of the window.

"David jumped out of the window into the pool, just missing the edge."

He said they then helped others.

"People were trapped in a room with a window, and we had to take a luggage trolley and ram it into the glass to get them out."

Another Selbornian staying at the hotel, Justin Ryan, described how he had woken up with his roommate talking on the phone.

"All I heard him say was 'What really a fire'."

Justin said that when they eventually got out and looked back at the hotel, there was "smoke pouring out of the windows."

The headgirl of Clarendon Girls High School, Elizabeth Moore, and a Std 8 girl, Leigh Gierke, were also in Durban for the swimming championships and had stayed at the Malibu as well.

They shared a room on the tenth floor with another girl.

"I was woken up at 5:30 am. The room was full of smoke, which had come through the air conditioner."

She said she woke the other girls in the room and they went down the fire escape with the rest of the guests on that floor.

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council decided last night to accept increased allowances.

At a brief open meeting, councillors approved, by eight votes to four, a motion that provision should be made in the 1988-89 revenue accounts for the additional expenditure and that the increases would become effective on July 1 this year. Four councillors were absent.

The decision is subject to the approval of the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Should he give the go-ahead, the mayor will receive R2 400 a month, amounting to R28 800 a year inclusive of an entertainment allowance. The mayor earns R10 320 a year at present. The maximum that could have been accepted was R42 000 a year.

The deputy mayor will receive R1 200 a month and the chairman of the action committee R1 000.

Councillors elected as chairmen of the five municipal directorates will receive R1 000 and the remaining nine councillors R800. At present councillors receive R560 a month.

The chairmen of the Coloured Management Committee and the Indian Management Committee will also receive R1 000 and other members of the committees will receive R500.

Those who voted for the increases were the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, the deputy mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Donald Card, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Phillip Roht-

bart and Mr Eric Whitaker.

Those opposed were Mr Len Cooper, Mr Brian Snell, My Joe Yazbek and Mr Ivan Zulman.

Mr Willem Morris, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Gwyn Bassinghwaite and Mr Patrick Kay were absent.

Mr Snell said ratepayers had made it "very clear" how they felt about any proposed increases. He felt the status quo should remain.

Mr Cooper said the increases would create "a bad image" for the council.

Mr Yazbek said he was against any remuneration for councillors.

Mr Whitaker argued that if the council was to get the right calibre of person, they would need to be paid.

He said the days when people put "their heart and soul" into the city while fulfilling council duties at a cost to themselves were gone.

"You cannot expect businessmen to come onto council if they are losing money," Mr Whitaker said.

Mr Zulman said he would support Mr Snell because of "the current situation" in the city.

It was "degrading" for councillors to determine their own salaries.

Mr Card said it was a "difficult situation" with the ratepayers being "very upset, mainly about the Clarendon Gardens issue." A lot of fingers had been pointed at the council, councillors and services.

He had initially voted against the proposed increases, but councillors' costs needed to be considered. People ex-

pected councillors to return telephone calls, write letters and visit certain areas.

"People don't realise what the cost is. R800 is a pittance. People who say we don't need R800 must have their tongue in cheeks," Mr Card said.

Ratepayers would in any case have the opportunity in October to vote for people they believed would be worthy councillors.

Mr Randall, chairman of the action committee, pointed out after the meeting that councillors had chosen not to give themselves the "maximum increases" that had been put forward by the administrator. They had also chosen not to have the increases backdated.

Mr Randall said the recommendation accepted last night was the one put forward by the committee which had been formed to investigate the issue of increased allowances. The committee had discussed the issue at a meeting on March 14.

At a special council meeting held at the beginning of February, increases outlined by Mr Louw were accepted by a 7-4 vote.

The motion was not carried, however, as the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, ruled that a majority vote of nine was required in terms of the ordinance.

At that time, it was proposed that the new allowances be backdated to July 1, 1987.

Last night Mr Kumm said he had approached the provincial administration for clarification on whether a majority vote of nine was required and this did not appear to be the case. His own opinion, however, was that a majority vote was necessary.

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# Association opposes city councillors' pay rise

Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — The Amalinda Ratepayers' Association has expressed its opposition to the city council's increase in allowances

The spokesman for the association, Mr Andy Jeans, said the Ward Seven ratepayers "protest in the strongest

manner at the increased allowances to the East London city councillors"

Councillors voted by eight votes to four to an increase in allowances at a brief council meeting on Monday night

If the Cape administrator, Mr Gene Louw, approves of the increases, the mayor will

earn R2 400 a month, the deputy mayor R1 200 a month and councillors R800

Mr Jeans said he objected strongly to the councillors' decision "especially when more than 90 per cent of the electorate have openly shown themselves to be opposed to such increases"

"The East London traffic department is so poor it cannot police our city adequately. We say any extra funds must go to them"

Mr Jeans questioned why the ratepayers should pay more money when the overall state of the city was becoming "one big slum"

"Do the councillors forget who is paying for all their overseas trips and the nice little parties they put on?"

He added that the municipal elections in October were not far away and called for true and honest people to come forward and stand for the elections

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# Clarendon Gardens land sale not final

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The sale of South African Transport Services (Sats) land to Elcorp for the R60-million Clarendon Gardens shopping complex has not yet been finalised, the Sats regional manager, Mr Louis du Toit, said yesterday

Elcorp had gained permission from Sats to move onto the site once ministerial approval for the sale had been given, the managing director of the project co-ordinators, Mr Pat Flanagan, said

Neither party was prepared to disclose the sum to be paid for the 2 500 square metre site

Sats had the land valued when Elcorp expressed an interest in it, Mr Flanagan said. Elcorp agreed to pay the

sum and the amount was approved by the Minister of Transport Affairs

Mr Du Toit said that "although state land is often sold by auction, it is also sold direct to a developer if a fair price is offered"

In this case Elcorp offered to pay the amount of the Sats valuation

Reacting to the statement by a spokesman for the Sats head office in Johannesburg that the lack of access to the site was the reason for selling the land to Elcorp, Mr Du Toit said that "the approval to sell was given purely on business principles"

Sats was prepared to negotiate the sale or lease of unused land "irrespective of the specific project or location".

"It is the developer and the local govern-

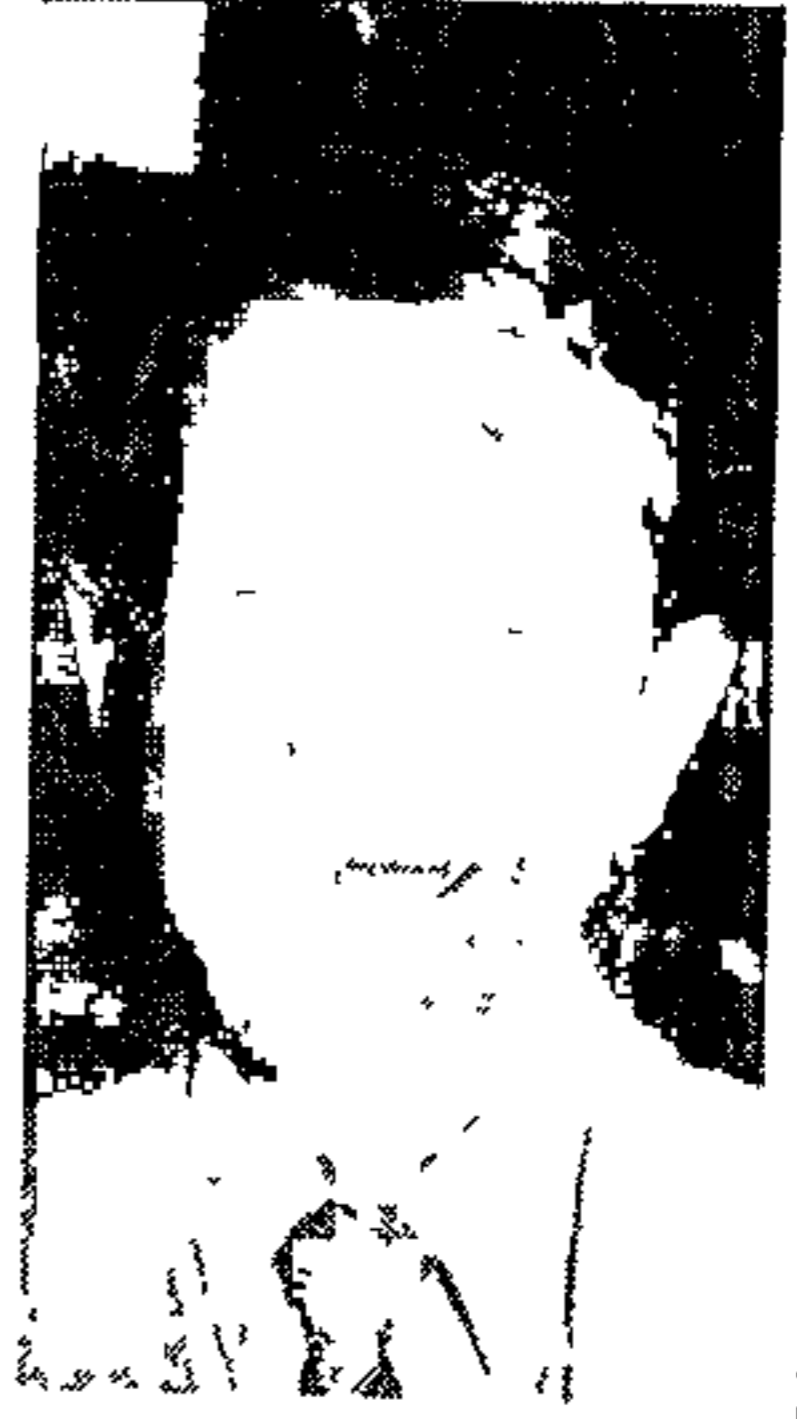
ment's responsibility to agree on a development that will benefit our city"

No decision had yet been taken on whether to sell or lease the land owned by his department, the Cape Director of Education, Dr S W Walters, said in response to inquiries

The developers of the Clarendon Gardens complex were not concerned at the possibility that the education department might refuse to sell the land, however.

This land was not necessary to the project, Mr Pat Flanagan said. The development would go ahead on the remaining two pieces of land.

The situation regarding the municipal land was unchanged, the acting administration manager, Miss Cynthia O'Hara said



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# Appeal for strict control of Beacon Bay power tariffs

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**

**EAST LONDON** — The Beacon Bay Ratepayers' and Civic Association has appealed to the mayor of Beacon Bay, Mr Henry Breytenbach, for "strict control" of electricity tariffs following an operating deficit of nearly R57 000 at the end of last year.

In a press statement, the chairman of the association, Dr J Slabbert, said the municipality had told him in writing that the main reason for the deficit "was a deliberate decision by the municipality in early

1987 to increase consumer tariffs by only 10 per cent when Eskom increased its tariff by 12 per cent"

In an earlier report, the Beacon Bay town treasurer, Mr A J Dijkers, confirmed that only a 10 per cent power tariff hike had been instituted.

"This decision received much favourable publicity at the time, but now, unfortunately, it is clear that it was a major error based on some inadequate budgeting as the deficit has accumulated to R56 594 in less than a year," Dr Slabbert said.

"This is an ill-omen for consumers in Beacon Bay as the link between Eskom and the municipality's tariffs has come to an end.

"An important safe-

guard for the consumers in Beacon Bay has now been removed.

"The municipality can now increase electricity tariffs at any time and at any level above the Eskom tariff."

Dr Slabbert said that the association requested that the municipality should assure residents that the link with Eskom tariffs would be maintained unchanged even though legally no longer required.

"No credit accrues to the mayor and his councillors in this matter of the electricity tariffs.

"We have placed our trust in them to see that our interests are protected, that we are not overcharged for municipal services and that municipal budgets are adhered to," Dr Slabbert said.



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# Gardens: queries tabled in Parliament

from CHRIS FREIMOND

CAPE TOWN — Questions about the proposed Clarendon Gardens development in East London were tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The Progressive Federal Party spokesman on education and MP for Pinetown, Mr Roger Burrows, asked whether the Cape Education Department had considered selling a piece of land in East London to the developers of the complex.

If so, he wanted to know when and why it had been sold, where the land was situated, how big it was and the purpose for which it was

to be used

He asked whether the department had made a final decision on the land, and, if so, what the decision was, when the sale would be concluded and who had made the decision

He also asked whether the land would be sold by public auction, and if so, when. If it was not to be sold by public auction Mr Burrows wanted to know why not, who it would be sold to, for what price and when

The questions are expected to be answered by the white "own affairs" Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, within the

next few weeks

● A site meeting for tenderers for Clarendon Gardens will be held in East London today

In a notice in the Daily Dispatch yesterday, tenders were invited by the developers, Elcorp, for "earthworks and civil engineering for site preparation" for the complex and a new sports field

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said he did not think there was anything abnormal about the site meeting, but until the final deed of sale had been signed, the developers did things "at their own risk"

Mr Kumm also said the municipality had re-

ceived a letter from the developers indicating that they wanted certain amendments made to the deed of sale document

He said he would be looking into the matter, but did not know what the requested amendments entailed

Asked if the amendments meant that the whole deed of sale would have to be reviewed by the council

again and then by the administrator, Mr Kumm said this would depend on what type of amendments were called for

"If they are basic material changes which affect the original agreement, then they will have to be submitted back to the action committee. If they are simply run-of-the-mill administrative changes, we will handle the matter," Mr Kumm said

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# Cause for halt in fencing soccer stadium unclear 263

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The cause for a delay in the completion of a wall and railing being built around the North End soccer stadium is unclear.

The final go-ahead to fence the stadium was given by the Indian Management Council (IMC) on January 28, the scheduled completion date being in time for the Easter tournament next week-end.

A total of R24 000 was needed for the fencing, R18 000 of which come from the city council.

Initially R18 000 had been allocated for improvements to tennis courts, but after an IMC suggestion the council decided that the soccer stadium was utilised more and in need of improvement, a member of the IMC, Mr James Lazarus said.

The House of Delegates agreed to donate the R6 000 balance needed to complete the fencing.

Mr Lazarus said he was not sure if the money, from the House of Delegates, which had been delayed, had arrived. He said the matter would be clarified in a meeting of the IMC on Tuesday.

There had also been a "lot of rain which probably also caused a delay", he said.

He said if workers put in overtime, the fencing could be completed by the Easter weekend, as originally scheduled.

Another IMC spokesman said the problem was "out of our hands" and rested with the Parks Board.

The director of cultural and environmental services, Mr Albert Janse, said there had

been no delay in completing the fencing, but "about 50 metres" of fencing still had to be constructed.

He said funds for completion had run short, and all that was needed was the approval for "R1 000 to R2 000" from the council, which he was sure would be given.

He said the matter was "a normal administrative thing".

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# G'town councillors agree: no party politics in council

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GRAHAMSTOWN — City councillors unanimously agree there should be no party politics in local government

The mayor, Mr Dick Attwood, said party politics in the council were just not on

"We must operate within the framework of the Local Government Ordinance. We don't deal with party political issues," he said

Party politics did influence local government, he conceded.

"But until now we have kept them out of the council chamber even though we may differ in our political affiliations," he said

"I'm not interested," the doyen of council, Mr Gideon Krige, said

"I'm a moderate. I never thought local government had anything to do with party politics. They have never influenced my decisions and I don't believe council should be run on these lines," he added

If councillors had to toe a party line it would deprive them of their rights as individuals to exercise their own judgments, Mr Krige said

"I would prefer local government to remain a-political," the deputy mayor and a member of the President's Council, Mrs Martha Olckers, said

The council was involved in the grass roots running and day-to-day organisation of peoples' lives. Party politics could mask the real issues, she thought

"I can't see any benefit in introduc-

ing party politics into local government. I think it would be totally wrong"

There had never been any party political divisions in the Grahamstown council, another councillor of long standing, Mr Mick Hanley, said

"Local government issues are not party political issues. I don't like the idea personally," he added

"I think party politics are out of place in local government," Mrs Pamela Paton said

Councillors should be chosen for their personal qualities. The issues they dealt with were everyday bread-and-butter matters

"And that is how it should be. I'll stand in October but never for a political party," Mrs Paton said

"I sincerely hope we can keep party politics out of council," Dr Brian la Trobe said

Grahamstown was too small. It had been great that people with widely differing views had been able to keep politics out in the past

His views were shared by another former mayor, Mr Leon Reich

"I'm not in favour of it. Nor will I be guided by any party political line. I think we should just get on with what is in the interests of the community," he said.

If party politics were introduced in local government here, several councillors would not stand again, Mrs Gail Boy said

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## Powers of coloured, Indian committees to be clarified 263

**PORT ELIZABETH —** About 150 powers which may be taken over by coloured and Indian management and local affairs committees will be published in the Government Gazette

This was one of the decisions at the 10th meeting of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs here yesterday

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said because of the uncertainty which existed on which powers management and local affairs committees could take over, these powers would be published in the Government Gazette

The October elections and training were other topics discussed

Mr Heunis said in view of a decision by the Standing Committee on

Constitutional Affairs that divisional councils in the Cape Province be phased out by June 30, 1990, the council had decided elections for divisional councils would not be held this year

The terms of office of divisional council members would be extended until regional services councils had been instituted.

In view of the forthcoming municipal elections in October, Mr Heunis said the council had proposed that people registered as voters on the Parliamentary voters rolls in the Cape Province could vote in the municipal elections

The council had also proposed that special votes should be allowed in the municipal elections

Mr Heunis said both

these proposals still had to be considered

Mr Heunis said it was possible for all levels of government to work together towards the common good of their region, province and country

The chairman of the Algoa Regional Services Council (ARSC), Mr James Kleynhans, said it was the first time such an influential body had met in Port Elizabeth.

He said in the past nine months the ARSC had built bridges through communication. It was at the moment busy with 19 projects totalling R22m — DDC

# Heunis arrives in EL

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EAST LONDON — The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, arrives in East London this morning to attend the East London North constituency's in-house party conference today

The MP for East London North, Mr Callie Badenhorst, said yesterday that the meeting was an annual event

"We have done our preliminary planning and now we will be thrashing out the details with Minister Heunis, who is the Cape leader of the National Party

"The wives of the national party members, involved in the meeting, will be addressed by Mrs Alida Heunis at a luncheon meeting"

Mr Badenhorst denied that the meeting had anything to do with the MP for East London City Mr Peet de Pontes' business involvement with convicted drug smuggler, Vito Roberto Palazzolo

"This is an annual meeting and has nothing to do with Mr De Pontes"

Other functions arranged for Mr Heunis include a trip to Mpongo Park game reserve and a Mongolian braai in the evening



The MP for East London North, Mr Calle Badenhorst, and his wife Marlene (left) visit the Mpongo game park with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and his wife Alida, at the weekend.

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## NP makes plans for 1989

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — The annual meeting of the National Party's East London North constituency, had gone "very well" the MP for the constituency, Mr Calle Badenhorst, said yesterday.

The meeting, at the weekend, was attended by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris

Heunis.

Mr Badenhorst said the meeting had been called to plan the year ahead.

He added that Mr Heunis had been invited in his capacity as leader of the Cape branch of the National Party.

"We dealt with all our actions for the year and certain expansion programmes as well," Mr

Badenhorst said.

He reiterated that the meeting had nothing to do with the business connections between the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and the convicted drug smuggler, Vito Roberto Palazzolo.

Mr Badenhorst said he did not know if the National Party planned to take any action against Mr De Pontes.

# Skunk remark sparks uproar in EL council

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — During a rowdy city council session last night, the doyen of the council, Mr Robbie de Lange, strongly condemned published comments that East London was the "skunk of South Africa".

Some members of the public were called to order during the meeting for clapping and murmuring remarks in response to comments by councillors

Mr De Lange moved that the council should express its strongest disapproval of a statement earlier this month by the past president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr Nico Cloete, in which East London was described as "the skunk of South Africa". After much debate, Mr De Lange later chose to withdraw his motion

Mr De Lange said it was with "a keen sense of regret" that he read his motion, but added that he felt duty-bound to do so

During his 44 years of service on the council, he had never heard such a "degrading" statement, he said. While he had always held Mr Cloete in high regard, he had "no option to put his motion" as Mr Cloete's statement implied that all councillors fell into the category of skunk.

During the heated debate that followed, several councillors voiced their embarrassment and after the meeting they said they did not know "where to hang their heads"

Mr De Lange said the matter of "in-fighting" in the city council had to be cleared "once and for all"

He said that eight years ago, prior to "the so-called National Party take-over", Progressive Federal Party councillors had held all the chairmanships and had made all the mistakes that the Nats were now accused of making

Mr De Lange challenged Mr Cloete to substantiate his remarks and said anyone who could say that "certain accusations and questionable activities by people in public office had made East London and its surroundings the skunk of South Africa" could not be held in regard and belittled the city

He said one did not hear the Sakekamer or

the Border Chamber of Industries making such statements

Turning to Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, Mr De Lange said he had "crawled into council under the NP" and now made accusations against other people

Mr De Lange then directed a comment to the press to inform the public of how many council meetings Mr Len Cooper had missed

At this stage several other councillors were simultaneously directing comments at Mr De Lange and, after calls that he had spoken for over 10 minutes, Mr Errol Spring said "We can't let this go on"

Mr Donald Card said Mr De Lange had given further fuel to greater publicity on the council situation

It was unfortunate that all councillors were put in the same boat

"The bickering has only taken place due to certain councillors arguing against certain processes," Mr Card said

He mentioned caucus meetings where, he said, "unfortunate problems arose" as well as the last mayoral induction when, he said, Mr De Lange had gone around getting NP councillors' support for his son

"A lot of ill-feeling came out of that election and it was Mr De Lange who created that little problem," Mr Card said

The communications departments, and

He raised the Clarendon Gardens issue and said that certain councillors had pleaded with Mr Phillip Rohtbart to resign after his conviction on fraud charges

He also referred to matters involving the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and mentioned another councillor, Mr Willem Morris

"I disagree with Mr Cloete I do not like being called a skunk or the city of East London, but I congratulate Mr Cloete for being outspoken on such a sensitive issue," Mr Card said

Mr Spring said one could argue over semantics and words like "skunk", but he agreed with Mr Card's statement

He said businessmen were concerned with council activities and the action of councillors and the council should "be sensitive" to the people they represented

"East London is the talking point not only in the city, but all over the country and we as public representatives are responsible for the poor public image," Mr Spring said

"Let us rather be positive and admit that something is wrong and invite representatives from the various organisations to talk about the problems and look at ways of turning it about," he said

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**Council  
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EAST LONDON — The city council decided here last night to note the boycott of action committee meetings by the Indian Management Committee (IMC) and moved that the increase in members' allowances granted to them last year would be withdrawn with effect from next month.

This withdrawal would be "until such time" as the IMC representatives returned to action committee meetings.

The recommendation was carried with a seven to six vote with three councillors absent

The chairman of the directorate of finance and administration, Mr Errol Spring, said that he was not prepared to move this motion.

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said that he had discussed the matter with the local government official in the CPA and told the council that they should be careful not to add to the confrontation between the council and management committees. —

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# Uproar in city council

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The city needed investors and entrepreneurs to create employment and strengthen the economy. No-one would invest in the city while "we carry on as we are"

Mrs Elsabe Kemp suggested that everything that had been said should just be noted. She did not agree with either what Mr De Lange had said or what Mr Card had said.

The council should not decide whether it was a skunk or not.

Mr Bassingthwaighte said "In fact we do stink. If you can't smell it, open your ears"

He said he could bring executive members of both the Sakekamer and the Border Chamber of Industries who would agree that the council stank.

Mr Ivan Zulman said he agreed with Mrs Kemp and Mr Spring and said press coverage added to the negative image the public had of the council.

Mr Whitaker said he was going to keep quiet on the issue, but told Mrs Kemp that "we are the skunks of East London" and what was needed now was how that was going to be changed.

He said the NP had already lined up 16 candidates for the council and as long as decisions were made at caucus level problems would continue.

Mr Rohtbart said he had "great pleasure in seconding" Mr De Lange and challenged whoever stood against him in Ward 3 in October to see if they could get him off the council.

Mr De Lange said that when he had moved his motion, "it was not with any aggression" and he respected his colleagues.

He was glad everyone accepted that they were in one boat. "With emotion I say that I will protect everything that is in this city"

He expressed the hope that matters would

improve during the last remaining months before the next election. He was happy to withdraw his motion "in the interest of peace and trying to get the council together"

Mr De Lange's original motion was withdrawn and Mr Card's motion, supported by Mr Spring's motion, was defeated.

A final combined motion — based on Mrs Kemp's call to note the comments made and not to vote whether they were skunks or not, and Mr Spring's call for discussions with representative commerce and industry — was agreed.

Those in favour were the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, the deputy mayor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr De Lange, Mr Patrick Kay, Mrs Kemp, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Rohtbart and Mr Zulman. Those against were Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Card, Mr Snell, Mr Spring and Mr Whitaker. Mr Morris, Mr Cooper and Mr Joe Yazbek were absent.

# IMC calls for Braelynn to become EL ward

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Council yesterday proposed that Braelynn be made a ward of East London, which would give them voting rights

The proposal was suggested by the chairman of the IMC, Mr E R Vengadajellum, at an IMC committee meeting after the deputy chairman, Mr R Moodley, proposed that applications be made to the Cape Provincial Administration, local government and House of Delegates to give the IMC direct presentation on the council at all levels

He said there was no reason for the IMC to participate in the October elections of the council as they had no say in the decision-making of the city council

He said that the members of the IMC were continuously belittled and ridiculed by certain members of the council and he demanded the IMC committee be treated as equals

In response to the council's withholding of increased allowances to

the IMC, when they had voted to boycott Action Committee meetings, the deputy chairman said the IMC could not be threatened by money, as they had the interests of the community at heart

A letter sent to Mr A Rajbansi by the IMC, asking for advice on the matter, had not yet been replied to, but the minister was due to visit East London in April

Mr Moodley said the council had no right to grade Indian councillors and he rejected the idea of allowances and the increase of city councillor's increases

He and Mr Vengadajellum wished the development of a public playground be finished by June, as the funds were available

The deputy chief city engineer, Mr Brick Bradford, said not all funds were available as the application to the House of Delegates had just gone through and a reply was awaited

The IMC also voted to ask the Action Committee to consider the privatisation of Braelynn extensions 8, 9 and 10

This followed a propo-

sal by Mr Moodley, who said privatisation would enable housing to be established quicker and better prices obtained.

A city councillor, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaite, asked whether privatisation was possible and Mr Bradford said he was in favour of the concept, but it required funds and land and privatisation would not be able to proceed until extensions 8 and 10, which are privately owned, were zoned in terms of the Group Areas Act

Mr Vengadajellum rejected a proposed sale by auction of 8 plots in Braelynn Extension 3, recommending that the plots be sold to people on the waiting list.

He said that if a public auction had to take place, the plots might be bought by the same owner and this would end in a legal quandary

The chairman said the normal procedure for sale of land in the Indian community was to sell privately, because of the limited amount of land available to them

# R2m boost for EL's beaches

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## Louw demands strict control

Daily Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON.** — More than R2 million has been made available to the East London City Council by the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and his executive, for improvement to Eastern Beach and Leaches Bay.

This development comes after a meeting earlier this week between Mr Louw and the MEC for local government, Mr Piet Schoeman, at the request of the three MPs in the East London area, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, the MP for East London North, Mr Calle Badenhorst, and the MP for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue

A statement released on Mr Louw's behalf said that, of the R2 million, R500 000 would go to the upgrading of Eastern Beach, while R1,5 million would be used to upgrade Leaches Bay

Mr Louw said that further amounts had been approved in principle for approved city council projects for Eastern Beach, Nahoon Point, Rifle Range and Fullers Bay

This financial support is in addition to the R1 026 000, which had already been given in the current financial year for resort development

"This financial assistance is subject to the East London city council urgently examining the introduction of effective control measures on beaches, the possibility of charging of entry fees and the exercising of control over numbers," Mr Louw said

"The city council must also introduce strict measures to prevent socially unacceptable behaviour on beaches, the disruption of traffic and must examine methods ensuring the local inhabitants have access to their own beaches"

Mr Louw requested the East London council and neighbouring local authorities to carry out needs determinations to identify projects for future implementation and submit these to the investigating team of the Institute of Planning and Research at the University of Port Elizabeth

He said that this team

had been appointed by the Cape Provincial Administration to conduct a coastal survey between the Chalumna and Kei rivers

Mr Louw said he appealed to the city council to co-operate and, in his turn, offered his co-operation to ensure the orderly use of beaches in the East London region

"I and my executive committee express our deep concern over the overcrowding of beaches which occurs from time to time and which is accompanied by socially unacceptable behaviour and the disruption of traffic," Mr Louw said

He said he was sympathetic to the concern of the city council regarding this problem

Mr Louw said that another cause for concern was the fact that little or no coastal development had been undertaken by the governments of Ciskei and Transkei, which "consequently worsens the overcrowding of beach facilities in East London and other coastal towns"

Mr Louw said he would undertake to "direct the necessary appeals through the prescribed government channels in an attempt to obtain the co-operation of the aforementioned governments with a view to beach and coastal development"

"This would then relieve the pressure on South African beaches," he said

Mr De Pontes, who originally called for a meeting with Mr Louw and Mr Schoeman on the beach issue, said last night that the meeting had been "very successful"

"I sincerely hope that all concerned will now co-operate fully in order to ensure the safe and harmonious use of our beaches," Mr De Pontes said

Mr Radue and Mr Badenhorst could not be contacted for comment last night

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**Jalc denies  
election (263)  
complicity**

QUEENSTOWN — The chairman of Jalc Finance Pty Ltd, Mr Chris van Rensburg, has dissociated his company from any involvement in the municipal by-election held earlier this month.

The town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, was to investigate Jalc's involvement in the election and following his inquiries, Mr Van Rensburg wrote to Mr Gerber denying any complicity in the election — DDR

# Residents up in arms about street lighting

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — Residents of Milner Estate, particularly in Scott Road, have complained about numerous street lights that are out of order, and say they are getting no response from the municipality

The municipality, however, says that it conducts weekly checks and keep records of complaints. It only has a record of one complaint which it says has been attended to

A Scott Road resident, Miss H T Sanders, said that there was about four or five street lights out at the moment

"They have been out for about five weeks now"

Miss Sanders said that she and quite a few other people she knew of had complained about the lights, and had received promises that they would be repaired

A pensioner, Mrs I K L Lottering, said that when she got up late on Sunday night she had seen three lights out in Scott Road

"There was hardly any light at all — I have been living here for 34 years and over the past few months what I have seen of the lighting has been very poor"

She said that she had phoned the municipality a number of times and her neighbours had requested her to do likewise on their behalf

Another resident, Mr K G De Bruin, said that a light near his home had been out since last Tuesday

The city electrical engineer, Mr Harden Beck, said a patrol checked the lights each week and at last Tuesday's check all the lights were working

He said that a another patrol was scheduled to do another inspection

According to their records, a report of a street light which was out of order was received on Friday February 26. The light was repaired on Monday February 29

Since then no further complaints have been recorded, he added

# Litter: De Lange appeals for a cleaner EL

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EAST LONDON — The mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, appealed to residents here yesterday to observe an ongoing anti-litter campaign and to help where possible in keeping the city clean.

"East London has always been attractive to tourists and while the warmth and friendliness of its people continues to find praise with visitors, the increasing evidence of litter is most detracting."

He said the city council was being inundated with complaints about the "filthy state of our streets" and several complaints had come from visitors who had been most uncomplimentary in their remarks.

"There is no doubt that our carelessness is doing the image of our city no good at all."

"Each and every citizen can assist by depositing their litter in the nearest trash can."

"It remains the duty, responsibility, and obligation of everyone to dispose of their rubbish in a correct manner, and if we all strive to be more litter conscious then our city will again become known as one of the cleanest in the republic of which we can

all be justifiably proud."

He said the council was concerned about the cleanliness of the city.

He said that while it was an ongoing anti-litter campaign, it was particularly relevant now with the Easter weekend coming up and the Cape Province Municipal Association congress here later next month when about 800 delegates and their wives would be in the city from all over the Cape Province — DDR

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# Council against job discrimination

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IN the interests of avoiding misconceptions, please allow me to correct some statements made in your recent report, "Council's job racism", which I considered to be a little unfairly stated.

First of all, there was no racism in embarking on an overseas recruiting campaign. As stated in my previous explanatory letter to you, the shortage of qualified and experienced people in specialist job

categories such as municipal accountants, electrical engineers with power station experience, and data and computer technicians (this during a boom period when the private sector was drawing away staff from the public sector), forced the Council to look elsewhere for the staff required to maintain the city's services at the required level.

I stated previously that the cost of the recruiting, retaining and fulfilling the contracts was complex to calculate, but can assure you that it is only a portion of the amount claimed by you. Although the terms of the three-year contracts with the overseas staff should be confidential, the recruits did not "visit the UK once a year at Council's expense". In fact, in terms of their contracts, each of the recruits received a return fare at the end of the contract period.

You refer to the recruits who absconded (without honouring their contracts). Of the 56 people recruited, four did not complete their contracts. Many remained on after the completion of their contracts, and today, seven years after the recruitment programme was launched, 19 are still on the permanent staff. I regard this as a good record.

## Not enough concern

I REFER to the article on Ivan Toms SOUTH (10-16 March)

In an introductory paragraph, your reporter states: "It is surprising to find that a significant number of whites vigorously oppose a system that protects their privileges with such intensity."

I find this a strange attitude, indicating as it does either one of two viewpoints on the part of the writer.

Either the writer believes that most whites are by definition idiotic and/or morally perverse; or else she believes that it is in fact logical, rational and appropriate for white people to support the current regime.

I cannot agree with either of these viewpoints. I believe it is surprising there are not far more whites involved in the freedom struggle.

-J NICOL

## Israel going way of SA

WE wish to place on record our extreme disquiet at the action of the Israeli defence force and the Israeli police on the West Bank and in Gaza over the past few weeks.

As Jews who have taken considerable pride in the achievements of Israel - not least because of its stated commitment to democratic principles - we are filled with dismay at the reaction to the protest in the territories.

We have condemned similar behaviour in South Africa and, as active and identifying Jews, feel compelled to condemn such action on the part of the Jewish state.

As South Africans we have firsthand experience of a government in which the rule of law has been eroded steadily over the past 40 years, and

civil liberties have been replaced by increasing repression.

From the context of our experience we wish to emphasise that peace and stability can only be achieved by open-ended political negotiation where the parties to the negotiation process have been freely elected by their constituents.

Any attempt at negotiation, when coupled with repressive measures, is doomed to failure and can only lead to increasingly authoritarian policies.

For this reason, we urge our fellow Jews in Israel NOT to proceed along the path which has led South Africa into its vicious cycle of civil violence.

This letter has been submitted to the Israeli press.

-JEWS FOR JUSTICE

It is true that there are only about 150 Africans in the Council's employ. This comes about through: The Western Cape's traditional Coloured labour preference approach of the past, and the fact that with the removal of Langa and Nyanga from Cape Town's municipal control, many African employers were taken over by the Development Boards.

Allow me also to repeat that the City Council resists any form of racial discrimination. However, in many cases, qualification alone is not sufficient when others have the appropriate experience needed to ensure that the City's services continue to be provided at the highest level possible. While numerous people, of whatever race, may seem to be reasonably well qualified academically, when one is choosing between such and someone who, besides qualification, also has the experience to walk in and do the job well, where would one's choice normally fall?

DR. S. EVANS  
TOWN CLERK

# Call for objections to castle land rezoning

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EAST LONDON — Residents in the area of the famous Soffiantini castle which dominates the Nahoon skyline, have been sent notices calling for objections to the rezoning of the area

A senior municipal administration official, Miss C O'Hare, said that the notice had been sent out calling for objections to an application for the rezoning of the property on which the castle stands from special residential area to general residential

area, for the purposes of erecting townhouses on it

Miss O'Hare said that special residence meant a single dwelling could be erected on the property, while general meant more than one dwelling could be built

Objections have to be handed in by May, 9

Miss Soffiantini said she had not received the notice herself and was very upset about it

One of Mrs Soffiantini's neighbours, Mrs D Kriedemann, said she

had received the notice and intended to object

"We do not want townhouses there, the castle has been there for years and is part of East London," she said

"But like Clarendon Gardens I suppose no one will take any notice," she said

The administrator of the trust created in terms of late Mr John Baptist Soffiantini is Mr Patrick Whittaker

Mr Whittaker's legal adviser, Mr Mike Chubb, said that Mr Whittaker

had instructed a firm of surveyors to apply for the rezoning of the land with the view that the best possible value of the land is realised when it is ultimately sold

Mr Chubb said it would take several months until the rezoning is completed

He added that it was not the intention of administrator to develop the property or to make any material alteration to the castle before its sale — DDR



# Gardens: Louw urged to speak to ratepayers

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has been asked to visit the city, urgently to address a public meeting to explain why there is nothing he can do to prohibit the construction of the controversial R60 million Clarendon Gardens shopping centre here.

The request has been made by the chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw.

In a letter to Mr Louw, Mrs Shaw said that she had been advised by a city councillor that he (Mr Louw) had intimated that there was nothing he could do to assist the CRA and that they must bring an interdict against him.

She said that ratepayers of East London had already spent R30 000 on doing just that and that the cost of a court case would be about R200 000.

It was devastating to know that this enormous expenditure was considered to be the only way to stop the building of a complex when it was so totally wrong, Mrs Shaw said in the letter.

She said that the CRA believed that "there had never been so many objections submitted both to the rezoning of the land and the sale by private treaty — over 8 000 reasoned objections".

She criticised the sale price of R17 a square metre, saying the ratepayers of East London were being done down to the tune of something like R5 million.

Expropriation of at least part of the land for

the future development of the three schools surrounding the property under dispute, was one suggestion they made.

"Another suggestion is that if we go ahead with the interdict that you will not oppose it. If you let it stand then all proceedings would be stopped by court order," she said.

Mrs Shaw said the CRA felt that it was clearly within Mr Louw's power to "stop the madness" that had cost East London not only money, but also animosity and anger.

She said there was a total mistrust of government and municipal officials at all levels as she had indicated to the State President.

The only way Mr Louw could bring credence to government was for immediate action to stop the complex and insist on "the correct and logical development for East London on the 44 hectares of South African Transport Services' wasteland which adjoins the central business district".

"I request that you please visit East London as a matter of great urgency as soon as possible after the Easter holidays, to address a public meeting to explain to the ratepayers why you are powerless to stop this unwanted complex and to allow us the opportunity of appealing personally to you to save us the enormous expense of a court case, with the destroying notoriety which such a case will cause to the detriment of East London — a city already labelled the skunk of South Africa," Mrs Shaw said.

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**Town clerk storms out**

QUEENSTOWN — The town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, stormed from the Queenstown Management Committee meeting after only ten minutes.

The incident occurred when the chairman of the committee, Mr Richard McCaskill, called for confirmation of the minutes of a special meeting held on March 14.

Certain members disagreed with the wording of the resolution regarding the committee's apology to the town clerk. They contended that they had voted in favour of the chairman correcting a statement he had given the press to which Mr Gerber had taken exception, and that he, personally, should apologise to the town clerk.

After some discussion, Mr W Jasson moved that confirmation of the

minutes be delayed for six months. Mr Gerber advised the chairman that the rules of order required minutes to be confirmed or amended at the next meeting and did not provide for the delay.

Mr Jasson said that as he did not have a copy of the rules with him, he did not know if Mr Gerber was right or not. Mr Gerber asked if his word was doubted. Mr Jasson denied that he had said so, only that he did not have the rules of order.

A heated argument followed, resulting in Mr Gerber storming out. The meeting decided to discuss the matter in committee. Mr McCaskill would issue a press statement later.

Mr Gerber was unavailable as he was away on leave —DDR

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# No confidence in EL city council says IMC deputy

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON.— The statement by the outgoing president of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Mr Nico Clóete, in which he called the city the skunk of the country, was so true, the deputy chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr R Moodley, said yesterday

Mr Moodley said he had no confidence in the city council, simply because of what had been happening, what with certain charges, together with the fighting between the political parties represented on the council

"We don't need people who make decisions just for the sake of making decisions

"What we need is expertise, in order to make progress, of which there has been none to be proud of in the last few years," Mr Moodley said

He also condemned "some of the councillors" for continually downgrading the Indian, and coloured management committees and practising "simple apartheid"

"We as an Indian community are proud to have good businessmen and expertise," he said

Mr Moodley expressed the feeling that the city council should make Braelynn a ward in the municipal elections in October

"In this way two members of the IMC would represent the Indian community on the city council," he said

Mr Moodley said he also disagreed with the recent salary increase given to the city council, saying that the money should rather have been spent on beautifying the city by doing things like fixing the roads, which "are a disgrace"

# Walsh pays off debt to city

Daily Dispatch Reporter

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The debt of the Greater East London Publicity Association, Mr Ted Walsh, has repaid his contribution to the city council in full, the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, confirmed yesterday.

Mr Kumm was, however, unable to confirm the exact amount.

As the city council discussed the matter in a closed committee meeting at the end of last month and a special minute was taken, no municipal officials are legally permitted to divulge any further information — including the exact amount.

The debt of R64 370 arose when Mr Walsh received overpayment through a second agreement, after being employed by the municipality before becoming director of the publicity association.

Mr Walsh received R700 a month from this agreement in addition to contributions to a pension scheme, medical aid and other benefits.

At the same time he was receiving a separate salary from the publicity association.

When the city council became aware of the situation, they took a confidential decision on "pink paper" providing for Mr Walsh to repay the money in parts at specific intervals.

However, these decisions were leaked to the media through undisclosed sources, finally resulting in two resignation bids by Mr Walsh.

The first set were not accepted by either the publicity association or the Border Metropolitan Corporation (Bomedco).

The second resignation notices to the two organisations were accepted shortly afterwards when Mr Walsh re-offered his resignations as he felt that "his continued connection with these associations could be seen to be prejudicial to these organisations which are very dear to me".

Stemming from over payments during the period January 1983 to mid-1987, Mr Walsh then owed the municipality R64 370.

In February it was reported in the Daily Dispatch that, following the repayment of certain amounts, Mr Walsh then owed the municipality R41 000.

A councillor, Mr Donald Card, said of the repayment "It is very honourable of Mr Walsh to have collected all the money and repaid it at once. He could have paid it off over a period of time."

It could not be established if any payments were made before the balance of the gross amount was settled sometime within the last 10 days.

Mr Walsh will continue working at the publicity association and Bomedco until the end of this month.

MR WALSH

# New director of publicity to be named next week

Daily Dispatch Reporter

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An announcement naming the successor to the outgoing director of the Greater East London Publicity Association, Mr Ted Walsh, is expected to be made next week after a city council's action committee meeting here.

The chairman of the association, Mrs Elsa Kemp, said yesterday that the board members had unanimously asked Mr Walsh to stay on for an extra month until the end of April.

Mr Walsh handed in his resignation to the publicity association and the Border Metropolitan Corporation (Bomedco) where he was executive director to leave their employment at the end of last month.

Mrs Kemp said that, as the association was in the process of moving from their old premises at the city hall to their new premises in the old public library, Mr Walsh had been asked to continue his service for another month.

"An item is planned to be discussed at action committee on Monday and straight after that we will probably release a statement," Mrs Kemp said.

The chairman of Bomedco, Mr Errol Spring, said yesterday that the situation with Bomedco was the same as that of the publicity association.

"What with Easter and the move to the new premises, Mr Walsh will continue until the end of this month," Mr Spring said — DDR

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# Minister to meet <sup>2/3</sup> with IMC

EAST LONDON — The Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Delegates, Mr R Bhana, will attend a meeting here today to discuss problems between the East London city council and the Indian Management Committee (IMC)

This was revealed by the deputy-chairman of the IMC, Mr R Moodley, last night

Mr Moodley said that issues to be discussed were

- The IMC having representatives on the City Council Action Committee

- The sale of property belonging to local authorities by public auction

- The price of land in the Indian community, plus further undisclosed matters — DDR

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Firemen  
can now  
become  
super-fit

EAST LONDON — To assist local firemen in their quest for peak fitness required to meet the physical demands of their job, the fire station in Fleet Street now has its own gymnasium

The gym, which is subsidised by the city council, will be used on a regular basis, starting on Monday

A sub-officer at the fire station, S/O V. Smith, said that it would be compulsory for firemen to workout in the gym

"It will be one hour a day for both day shift and night shift

S/O Smith said that the gym had cost in the region of R15 000 to install

He said that a local gym instructor, Mr. Skip Bradfield, would be conducting a course tomorrow to show the firemen how to use the equipment properly

The equipment in the gym includes two exercise bicycles, small weights and multi-purpose training machines, among other things

S/O Smith said that the gym did not include a sauna

"We hope to get a sauna installed in the future," he said

"There are showers, however, but we built these awhile back." —  
DDR

# IMC will return to committee meetings

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) decided to end its boycott of the city council's action committee meetings after meeting with the Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Delegates, Mr R Bhana, and city councillors yesterday

After the meeting Mr Bhana said that he felt the meeting had gone "extremely well"

"We were able to clarify the views of both the IMC and city council on various issues

"In the light of assurances by the city council, the IMC has made a decision to attend action committee meetings," he said

Mr Bhana said the boycott of the action committee meetings by the IMC should not be seen as "a game of protest politics", but rather

an attempt to show their frustration at the way certain issues were handled

Mr Bhana said that another issue that was discussed at the meeting was council's decision to sell plots in Braelynn on public auction

"The House of Delegates will never support plots being sold on public auction, because there is such a shortage of housing," he said

"It was decided that the matter would be reviewed at the next action committee meeting"

A city councillor, Mr Errol Spring, who chaired the meeting yesterday, said that it was always of value to bring a person of a higher level, like a minister, to help sort issues out

"This can only be of benefit to the community at large," he said

"Mr Bhana has always been a friend of East London's as well."

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr R Moodley, said the city council and the IMC had been able to "iron out problems" between them.

Mr Moodley said that Mr Bhana had said he would take the matter of equal salaries for city councillors and IMC committee members to the "highest level".

"Another matter that was discussed was the voters roll qualifications," he said

Councillors present at the meeting were Mr Donald Card, Mr Eric Whitaker, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout and Mr Phillip Rohtbart

Also present were the whole IMC committee and heads of all municipal departments.

her office door

South Africa was also accused of being responsible for her death but the country suggested it was a result of internal division in the organisation itself

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que and definitely not for the acts of violence which flow from it.

"This is also true as far as struggles going on within the ANC are concerned," Mr Botha said



The Minister of Health Services and Welfare in the House of Delegates, Mr R. Bhana, with Mr Errol Spring, who chaired yesterday's meeting attended by city councillors and the Indian Management Committee.

# Beacon Bay, Kaffraria Divisional Council Municipality to establish a new refuse site

EAST LONDON — Residents of Beacon Bay have objected to the proposed rezoning of a portion of Ducats Outspan to enable the municipality to establish a new refuse site

The rezoning application was presented to the Kaffraria Divisional Council and discussed by the works committee, which has forwarded the subsequent objections to the Beacon Bay municipality for comment

The committee noted that a further report

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would be submitted for consideration once a reply had been received

A spokesman for the Divisional Council said most of the complaints had concerned the possible smell and pollution of the area

He said he had consulted the Department of Water Affairs and was satisfied that the method that would be used for the disposal of refuse was of such a nature that the surroundings would not be polluted

The department had identified the site as the most suitable place for a dump and had said it would be properly maintained and constantly monitored (263)

"Everything that is dumped is buried within an hour and no refuse is burnt, to prevent air pollution

"The Divisional Council would never sanction an uncontrolled dump that could pollute the surroundings," he said



# Du Toit: beach meeting not political gathering

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — Tonight's meeting to gauge response to the AWB-initiated Save Our Beaches Campaign was a ratepayers' meeting and not a political gathering, the chairman of the organising committee, Mr John du Toit, said yesterday

Mr Du Toit, who is deputy chairman of the AWB branch here and a member of the Conservative Party, said he wanted to stress that the meeting was not an AWB meeting but was "mostly a ratepayers' meeting"

However, Mr Du Toit later confirmed that the campaign was an AWB project. The deputy

chairman of the two-man committee is Mr Nic Slabber, who is also an AWB executive member

"We're doing it for the ratepayers of East London, we don't want to be tied down. The white ratepayers are entitled to a fair shake," Mr Du Toit said

"We want people to come and voice their opinions and if they have different opinions we want to hear them"

Asked whether people with opposing views would be permitted to speak in the light of the removal of Mr Gus Goble at an AWB meeting in the Orient Theatre recently, Mr Du Toit de-

clared that Mr Goble had been removed and said he had a video recording to prove it

Mr Du Toit said the campaign was launched specifically to handle the beach issue. A 600-signature petition opposing the opening of beaches to all races was handed to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, in February

Mr Du Toit said if they had the support of 1 000 people, the city council would have to take notice

"We are hoping to fill the city hall"

He said the council was not interested in "our problems" and kept passing the buck

The council had removed signs at the beaches illegally because the beaches had never been opened to all races, he said

Mr Du Toit said he did not know whether an invited representative of the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw's office, would attend. He said a letter had been received saying the matter had been referred to the MEC, Mr Pieter Schoeman, but no response had been received from him

The councillors of East London, Beacon Bay, and Gonubie have also been invited to attend the meeting

# EL MP cleared by law <sup>2/11/48</sup> society <sup>(263)</sup>

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday the Cape Law Society had cleared him of allegations that he had tried to over-charge clients.

Mr De Pontes said he had received a letter, dated March 30, from the director of the law society, Mrs I. M. Hofmann.

In the letter she said the society had not been responsible for a report in the March 27 edition of the Sunday Times which said that the society might take action against him.

He said the issue to which the report was referring was an old one

"I think it is just people wanting to embarrass me, especially with my involvement with the Palazzolo affair," he said.

Mr De Pontes said the letter stated that the council had investigated whether in fact he had attempted to "over-reach" his clients in the matter and had found that he had not done so

"The report in the paper appeared from nowhere, without reference to myself or the law society," Mr De Pontes said.

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# CMC turns down plot application

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EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) yesterday decided not to reconsider the application received from a black man to purchase a plot in a coloured area, as requested by the Minister of Housing, Agriculture and Local Government in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry

In a meeting on January 12, the application from Mr J Ntsonkota to purchase a plot in Durban Road, Parkside, for residential purposes was refused

Mr Curry requested that the CMC reconsider the application in view of the facts that Mr Ntsonkota was married to a coloured woman, that his children attended a coloured school and that their home language was Afrikaans

A member of the committee, Mr A V Green, said that the CMC was not racist, but according to the law its function was to provide accommodation for coloured people

He said that there were a number of black

people living in coloured areas and no one had undertaken a witch hunt to remove them

However, the plots which became available for sale were to be offered to people as they appeared on the waiting list, he said

"This man is not on the waiting list and will not be unless he is reclassified as a coloured," he said

The newly appointed chairman of the committee, Mr D W Alexander, explained that if Mrs Ntsonkota applied to buy the land, she would also be refused as she would be classified according to her husband's race

The newly appointed vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr W J George, said that the MP for Border, Mr Peter Mopp, had recently made a statement in the press, challenging the Labour Party to tackle the Group Areas Act and Mr Curry was now trying to clear the air by asking the CMC to reconsider the application

Mr Alexander said

that Mr Mopp was trying to ridicule the East London CMC and that in all his years on the CMC he had spoken out against blacks in the coloured community

He challenged Mr Mopp to stay next door to a black person.

"He is sitting in Parliament and he cannot even change the Group Areas Act, yet he expects us at third tier level of government to change it," he said

"Let Mr Mopp move out of East London into the Ciskei and then he can say he is living as a true South African," he added

Another member, Mr J H Alexander, pointed out that if one application by a black person was accepted there would be many more

Mr Green said coloured people were crying out for homes, and were unable to get them.

"Seeing Mr Curry has taken a stand on this case, let him make a stand for all the others who want houses," he said — DDR

# New chairman, vice-chairman <sup>263</sup> elected by CMC

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) yesterday elected a new chairman, following the absence of the former chairman since the beginning of the year

The vice-chairman and acting chairman during the absence of the chairman, Mr D W Alexander, was elected chairman in the absence of any other nominations

The former chairman, Mr J F Temmers, was transferred for six months to Victoria West Secondary School, Victoria West in January

Following a meeting in February a letter was sent to Mr Temmers requesting him to relinquish his position

Mr Temmers replied that he agreed it would be in the interests of the CMC if he were to resign and therefore tendered his resignation.

He added that he wished to remain a member of the CMC

As the position of

vice-chairman was then vacant, the CMC voted Mr W J George as the new vice-chairman

At the meeting a decision was made that Mr A V Green and Mr D W Alexander would attend the next four Action Committee meetings and Mr W J George and Mrs L B George would attend the following four

Mr Green was also appointed to attend the evaluation/staff advisory committee as an observer as provided for by the Director of Management Services

Mr Alexander expressed his disappointment that the CMC representative was only allowed to serve on this committee as an observer and Mr Green was asked to point out the CMC wished its representative to be granted full membership of the committee

The CMC also agreed to attend a training course for management committees in June —  
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# R1.5m centre for Braelynn

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EAST LONDON — A R1.5 million community centre, library and clinic is to be established in Braelynn extension for the use of the East London Indian community

The chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr E. L. Vengadajellum, said funds for the project — which includes swimming pools, club facilities and squash courts as well as a library and clinic — had been granted by the House of Delegates

Draft proposals for the complex have been presented to the council's action committee for approval

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr R Moodley, said the IMC had approved the preliminary plans in February this year and were waiting for the council's initial

approval while planning was completed

"The Indian community of East London has been deprived of such facilities and the IMC has urged that the matter receive council's urgent attention," he said.

Construction of the community centre is proposed to take place in three phases.

Phase one will include construction of the community centre building itself, parking facilities, a swimming pool, fencing and gates

The club room, squash courts, courtyard, store-rooms, changerooms, infant pool and landscaping will take place in phase two, and a diving pool, water slide and terraced seating will be added to complete the project.

Mr Vengadajellum said the IMC hoped construction would begin before December.

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) has warned the city council to take note of a statement by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that local authorities should "work hand in hand with management committees".

In a report submitted to the council's action committee on Monday, the chairman of the IMC, Mr E R Vengadajellum, said his committee "takes a dim view of constantly being ridiculed and belittled by certain councillors".

"As a management committee, we are part and parcel of the council and we deserve to be treated as such, even though we do not have

the vote, which we will have soon.

"Mr Heunis has made it quite clear that local authorities should not make life difficult for management committees," he said.

Mr Vengadajellum said the IMC would be entrusted with new powers which would be gazetted soon.

"The council should find a new communications system to deal with us. It is a right and not a condition that we attend action committee meetings and the council should not threaten us by holding a gun to our heads and saying 'Toe the line, or else,'" he added.

● The city council has noted a representation from the IMC that allowances to committee members should be the

same as those granted to councillors.

The deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr R. Moodley, said he had spoken to the Minister of National Health and Welfare in the House of Delegates, Mr R. Bhana, who had indicated that he did not believe the council could differentiate between the two.

In his report to the action committee, Mr Vengadajellum said the aim of the members of the IMC was to "work for the good of the people".

"They can deprive us of our full allowances, but that is not the end of the world. We of the IMC do not care about money.

"We receive all the information we need and we know 'officially' where we stand," he said.

● The tenders for the construction of 78 houses in Braelynn 6 have been approved by both the IMC and the action committee.

Mr Moodley said he was "concerned" that North End residents should be moved as soon as possible.

"I have mentioned the condition in which they live to Mr Bhana, as this is of great concern to him in his portfolio of Minister of National Health and Welfare".

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# Sports meeting exclusion causes anger

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The new chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D W Alexander, has expressed his anger at being excluded from a meeting at which sporting facilities for coloureds was discussed

The meeting, requested by the Border Council of Sport and attended by municipal officials, was held in order for the former to discuss its desire to be involved in how money allocated for sporting facilities should be spent

The amenities manager of the Directorate of Cultural and Environmental Services, Mr Rob Horn, reported to the CMC that he had met with the Border Council of Sport to discuss its grievances

He reported that the main problem was that not a single facility had been developed in full and that considerable time had passed since earlier developments ceased

In his report, Mr Horn said he suggested to the council that they wait for the allocation of R175'000, presently be-

ing considered by the House of Representatives

The delegation expressed its concern at how the money would be spent and said it would come back to Mr Horn to give its views on this

He said the delegation then requested a meeting at mayoral level and the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, had indicated his willingness comply with the request

He had asked the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, to set up the meeting, to be attended by the CMC, for the end of April

The CMC's chairman, Mr D W Alexander, said that the CMC should have been involved in the meeting and that the Border Council for Sport had snubbed them

A member of the CMC, Mr A V Green, said that the council was also frustrated and the CMC should not belittle its efforts, but should rather work with them

The vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr W J George, suggested that the CMC wait until the meeting with the mayor before continuing discussion on the issue. This was agreed

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Lack of funds for play areas — report

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — There is a serious lack of funds to repair playgrounds, a report to the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) by the Director of Cultural and Environmental Services has revealed

The report also revealed the poor state of playgrounds in coloured areas

Nine playgrounds were reported as having been damaged or having equipment stolen

The report on the playgrounds in Peffer-ville and C C Lloyd township, said "all equipment extensively damaged"

A spokesman from the department, Mr M Bentall, told the committee that due to cuts in the budget there was only R33 available for playgrounds for each of the 36 playgrounds in East London each year.

The vice-chairman of the CMC, Mr W J George, said that although the damage to the playgrounds was caused by vandalism by his own people, he still felt that they should be repaired.



# SBDC under fire from EL city councillor

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**  
EAST LONDON — The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) has come under fire from a local city councillor for wasting public and sponsor's money and "achieving nothing in the city"

A councillor for the Quigney ward, Mr Eric Whitaker, said the SBDC provided "protected employment for government lackeys" and paid them extravagant salaries

The claims were rejected by the SBDC, with a spokesman saying the corporation had approved some R3 million in loans to small businesses in East London, all less than R100 000, in under a year

Mr Whitaker said that, from his own experience, he believed the SBDC should be investigated as private sponsors and the public were entitled to know what was happening to their money

He said he had applied for premises in the Lock Street business

hive recently and had been told that, because he employed 14 people, his concern was too big for the hive

"Yet, another businessman I know who employs four people, applied for premises and was told that he was too small

"The only positive thing to come out of the SBDC was the shoe shiners in Oxford Street and even they appear to have fallen through

"I am sure it is not necessary to continue the farce of paying high salaries to officials who create opportunities that are bound to fail"

The Eastern Cape and Border regional manager of the SBDC, Mr Danny Mansell, said Mr Whitaker would "have to substantiate the things he says if he is to be taken seriously"

He said he regarded the SBDC as apolitical

"We cannot afford to become involved in politics, although there are times when we have to approach the government to change laws that

are hampering the creation of small businesses

"As for the claim of extravagant salaries, I can only say that we like to see our staff as professional people who are fairly compensated for the work they do"

Mr Mansell listed the R1,2 million Lock Street Jail project, the R1,7 million conversion of Sats property to an industrial park for small, medium and big businesses, and factory flats on the West Bank worth R2,5 million as proof that the SBDC was active in the city

He said the office here had created both factory flats and a commercial project in Mdantsane, and was investigating the establishment of a shopping centre in Duncan Village to cater for existing or new small businesses

"In the past 11 months we have approved over R3 million in loans for small businesses in the East London area, all of them under R100 000 each"

The SBDC took a big knock every year with bad debts, but had nevertheless made a profit every year since its inception.

On Mr Whitaker's personal experience in applying to the SBDC, Mr Mansell said "The number of people employed by an applicant is irrelevant. However, the largest hive at the Lock Street jail is 110 square metres and that is a restriction on the size of a business. Nobody is too small for the SBDC. It might be that we would need to look at the viability of a business before allocating a hive, subject to a successful loan application"

The SBDC had helped create or maintain some 160 000 jobs through small business loans totalling R180m

"Any applicant is welcome to discuss his problems with us. If I can do anything to help clear up any misconception for Mr Whitaker, I would be only too pleased to hear from him," Mr Mansell said

# Rogers slams King MP for attack on opponents

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EAST LONDON — The former MP for King William's Town and member of the executive of the Independent Party, Mr Pat Rogers, yesterday accused the present MP for King William's Town, Mr Ray Radue, of subsiding into a position of subservient observance



MR ROGERS

Mr Rogers was reacting to Mr Radue's speech in Parliament in which he attacked political opponents to the left of the government, including the Independent Party

"Mr Radue, who previously espoused fairer views and joined the ranks of the Nationalists in the hopes of influencing them from within, has simply subsided into a position of a subser-

vient observer of what is expected from a new member," Mr Rogers said

He added that this did not cheer the people of the region

Mr Rogers said Mr Radue had "distinguished" himself by his latest statement by laying strong claim to joining

the ranks of the party faithful, "queuing for a chance to turn the handle of General Magnus Malan's total onslaught organ"

"His contribution in this debate is a bitter disappointment from one who, enjoying the privilege of a legal education, fails to present the people of this area with any indication of how South Africans should tackle their problems"

Mr Rogers said that Mr Radue's reference to Christianity was "mind boggling", adding that it would please everyone to know just how he managed to equate the record of his party and its discrimination against South Africans on the grounds of colour

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# CRA members ready to stand up and be counted — chairman

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EAST LONDON — The chairman of the City-wide Ratepayer's Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, has stated that the members of the organisation were willing to "stand up and be counted"

Mrs Shaw was responding to a challenge by Miss Helene de Lange — the sister of the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange — to name the members of the CRA in order to establish whether it was truly representative of East London's ratepayers

In her response, Mrs Shaw said the names of the members of the CRA were "confidential to the association"

The CRA was a properly constituted organisation with elected committee members, she said

"The inaugural meeting last year was attended by over 200 people, including members of Miss De Lange's family

"It was formed to



MRS SHAW

assist in the forthcoming municipal elections and because of the general dissatisfaction of concerned ratepayers at what we believe is the mismanagement of municipal affairs, the caucus system in the council and the behaviour of certain councillors and municipal officials

"In fact we are so keen that we have twice presented petitions containing some hundreds of signatures — only 25

are required — requesting a public meeting to voice our concern"

Mrs Shaw said they had requested a round table discussion with city councillors, the mayor and the administrator of the Cape province, Mr Gene Louw, to convene a meeting to give ratepayers a chance to vote for or against Clarendon Gardens

All of these requests had, however, been turned down

She said Elcorp had also turned down an invitation to a public debate

"We have nothing to hide," Mrs Shaw said

She added that the CRA had proof that 7 000 people objected to Clarendon Gardens

These included "our own engineers and town planning department, the CPA advisory board, school committees, parent teacher associations, all the top authorities in the country and 87 per cent of Selborne ratepayers"

Daily Dispatch Reporter  
GRAHAMSTOWN

Special votes would be introduced for all local government elections on October 26, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced here yesterday

At the official opening of the R38-million 12 km southern bypass he said that special legislation making special votes possible in local elections had now been passed

October 26 would see "the greatest national elections ever held" simultaneously, Mr Heunis said

"All South Africans will participate in the

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elections of their local authorities I can think of no more important day in the constitutional history of South Africa," he said

He made a special plea to all who were entitled to register as voters to register

"Please participate if we are ever to succeed in sharing power, division of power or devolution of power, local government will be the most important step on the road to success," Mr Heunis stated

The most important role in history was played by citizens in local government Government was an art which must be learned.

"I have no doubt that efforts will be made to intimidate people and prevent people from casting their votes," he said

The intimidators were people for whom democracy was not the end goal objective

"They have a dangerous system in mind We shall have to take

special steps so that people are able to participate," Mr Heunis said

It was for this reason that special votes would be introduced

He paid tribute to the Grahamstown City Council for their efforts in securing the bypass

The development of national roads also contributed to another national resource, tourism

He expressed a hope that the Grahamstown bypass would assist the development of the tourist industry.

"Let it also be a permanent reminder that we have other roads to build — to the minds and hearts of people," Mr Heunis said

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## Congress begins today

EAST LONDON — The four-day Cape Province Municipal Association (CMPA) congress begins here today

A total of 500 delegates from all over the Cape are expected to arrive

Some of the delegates began arriving in the city over the weekend

Today's congress will be the 81st congress of its kind

Various papers will be presented and discussions on issues pertaining to municipalities throughout the area will be held

The administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, will officially open the congress at a closed function tonight  
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# CAPE TOWN GROWS TO 1000000 CITY IN CRISIS

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**By ANDRE KOOPMAN**  
**CAPE TOWN** faces a crisis in health, housing, employment and administration as the city's population is expected to explode from the present 1,1 million to between 2,6 and 3,5 million by the year 2000.

City Planner Mr David Jack warned yesterday in his annual report for 1987 that this "unprecedented" increase would have to be dealt with out of "limited and diminishing resources". And other city fathers joined in the warnings that the city faced a potentially desperate situation if the challenge of its exploding population was not met.

Dr Reg Coogan, the MoH, said that if the various estimates of greater Cape Town's population at the turn of the century — set at over 2,6 million by Mr Jack and as high as 3,5 million by the Deputy Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver — "turn out to be true, we will have tremendous crisis". The prevalence of socio-economic diseases such as tuberculosis — which was already running at epidemic proportions in the Peninsula — would inevitably soar with a rapidly growing population which did not enjoy good housing, adequate nutrition and a generally higher standard of living, he said.

The only hope of keeping the population down was family planning, which was

entirely dependent on "the social upliftment" of the underprivileged. "It's a hard battle but it can be won — I don't despair as this has been achieved already in the US and Europe," he said. Speaking at a Community Chest function yesterday, Mr Oliver said it was ominously clear that "hard times" lay ahead. "Like so many cities in the developing world, Cape Town has not been able to evade and fully address serious problems of urban growth such as insufficient housing, unemployment, inadequate education and ill-health. Moreover, by the turn of the century, our population will jump to 3,5 million, with

750 000 jobseekers eagerly and perhaps, vainly hoping to enter the job market in just the next 12 years.

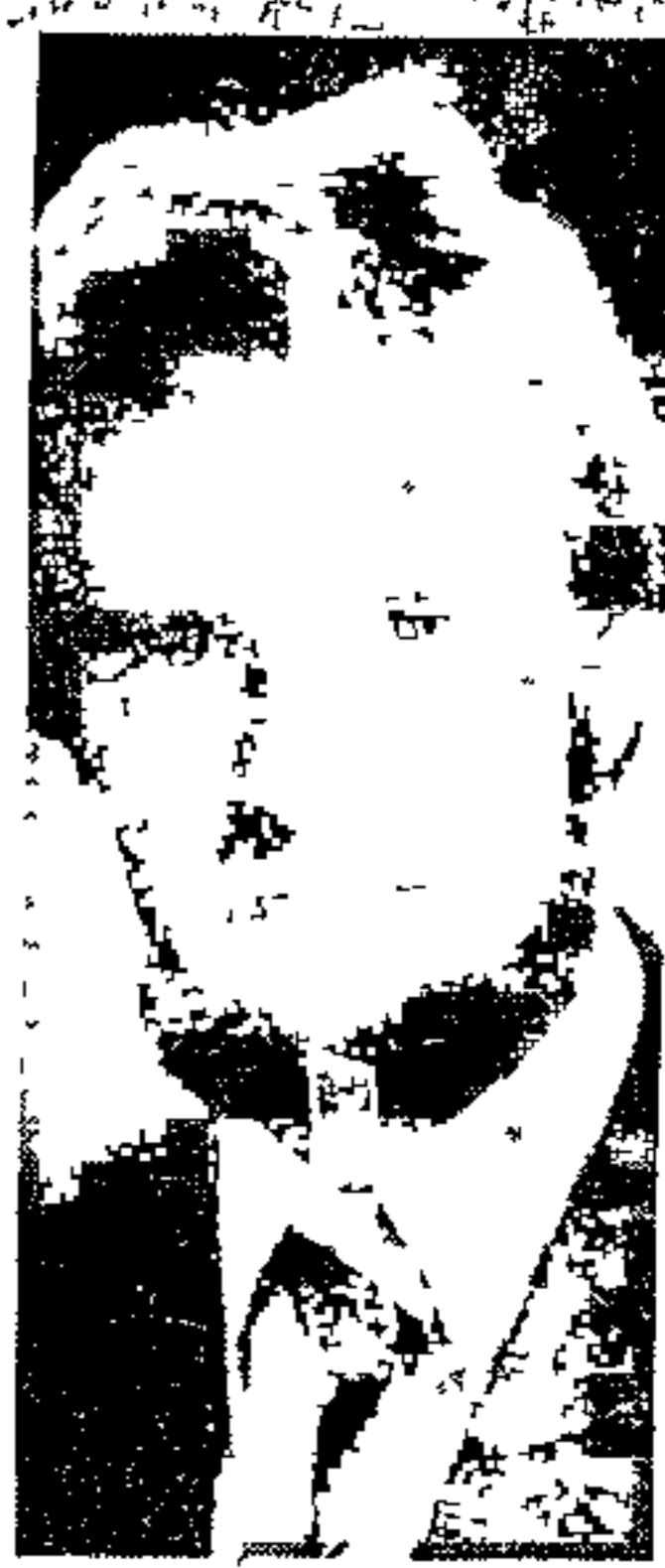
"It is very clear that we face a future where demands on our infrastructure will increase, while material resources will not grow apace."

Mr Arthur Wienburg, a member of the Council's housing committee, said the city would be facing a crisis of "disaster proportions" if the population continued to expand at its present rate.

City Engineer Mr Des Riley concurred with Mr Oliver's assessment of the employment crisis facing the city, saying adequate job opportunities would be a major concern.



Mr David Jack



Mr Gordon Oliver

# Delegates told of dangers of political in-fighting

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by DAVE MARRS

EAST LONDON — The president of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA), Mr S Immelman, has called on political parties to ensure that smaller communities are not prejudiced by political in-fighting in the 1988 municipal elections

Mr Immelman was addressing delegates at the 81st CPMA congress in the Orient Theatre last night

He told municipal representatives from all over the province that, despite a strong feeling at the 1987 congress that party politics did not have a place in third tier government, the run-up to the election was already revealing the opposite

"Perhaps it is right that party political expression is reflected at the third tier level now that the second tier — provincial government — has disappeared

"It is only right that local government should carry out the policy of the government of the day

"However, I must warn you we dare not allow the community to be torn and divided

after the election battle"

He said he was convinced that, in the interests of ordered local government, political parties should treat their involvement in municipal elections responsibly

A code of conduct for local authorities had been set in booklet form and distributed to CPMA members

"The primary object of this code is to provide councillors, officials, and ratepayers with guidelines as to what, from an ethical point of view, is expected of them

Public knowledge of this code would enhance the image of councillors and officials, but could simultaneously serve as irrefutable evidence against those councillors who did not abide by the contents of the code

"Let this code serve as a positive image builder for local authorities in general"

Mr Immelman said he was convinced that a minimum of authoritarian involvement in the country's economy was essential

"In a country like South Africa, the cre-

ation of personal prosperity is the only way of fighting socialism and communism

"Prosperity is a stimulant of natural growth and progress while excessive involvement by the state often creates the illusion of prosperity — with catastrophic consequences such as a high inflation rate and high personal taxes"

Local authorities should guard against privatisation placing an increased burden on the taxpayer

There should be competition or a public monopoly could simply be replaced by a private monopoly

The question was not whether privatisation should occur, but rather when and how it should occur, he said

"Deregulation must be phased in cautiously to retain the ordered and harmonious implementation of all activities by authorities"

With regard to the role to be played by employers' associations in municipal labour matters, Mr Immelman said difficult and sometimes sensitive labour problems had been resolved successfully in the past year, to the advantage of

all parties concerned

Labour relations would always be a specific part of management by local authorities and more attention should be paid to this facet of local government

"Although everyone attempts to retain peace and harmony on the labour front, it must be borne in mind that, despite lawful claims, stipulations and regulations, the principle of affordability carries a high premium for all communities

"It is essential that local authorities organise themselves in the same way as the trade unions do. Greater attacks are expected from both registered and unregistered trade unions and it is to the advantage of each local authority to join an employers' organisation," Mr Immelman said

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# Give "new system" a chance congress told

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EAST LONDON — Local authorities had a right to be critical in their approach to the implementation of Regional Services Councils (RSCs), but a new system should be given the right to show its potential

The president of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CMPA), Mr S Immelman, was addressing delegates to the CMPA congress here last night

He said it was possible that RSCs would not be fully implemented by July 1, 1988. If this was the case, divisional councils would not be

phased out and would have to apply taxes for another year to be able to settle their budgets

"If the implementation of RSCs takes place after October 1988, it is possible that elections will have to be held in RSC areas," he said

The services rendered by divisional councils fell under general affairs and within the jurisdiction of RSCs. Current divisional council personnel would merely carry on their duties under a different council and name, he said

"Another fear that we must dispel is that RSCs

will develop into 'kingdoms'

"The RSCs must develop so that they never stand apart from the local authority or the community"

Referring to the Regional Services Councils Amendment Bill of 1987, Mr Immelman said the most important aims of the bill were to increase representation, to streamline administrative processes by establishing rural councils, and to provide the administrator with powers to demarcate and establish RSCs without the concurrence of the ministers concerned.



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Confidentiality  
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proposal accepted

EAST LONDON — A proposal to tighten up local authority confidentiality by forcing those in possession of confidential documents to take "reasonable steps" to ensure they were not disclosed was accepted by the CPMA congress here yesterday

An alternative proposal which would have made it a criminal offence for the press to publish any item known to be confidential was not accepted

The two proposals were submitted to the congress by Cape Town, following the publication of detailed city council executive committee discussions on a "highly confidential" matter

The matter was reported to the attorney-general in an attempt to

force the reporter to disclose his source so that action could be taken for a breach of the municipal ordinance.

However, this could not be achieved and as the result of comments made by a member of the attorney-general's staff, the Cape Town city legal adviser had discussions with him on suggestions regarding the relevant section of the ordinance

Concern was expressed that the section does not indicate how items marked "confidential" should be dealt with by authorised people once they have such items in their possession, giving room for evasion of the intent of the section

Two alternatives were suggested for consideration

One was that the section be altered to make it an offence to deal with confidential items negligently, so that others would be enabled to obtain access to them without overt action by the authorised person

The second suggestion was much wider, providing not only limitations to certain categories of person only, but making it an offence for any person who came into possession of confidential items or information therein under restricted

circumstances to disclose such to any other person.

In this way members of the press who obtained such documents or information knowing that it was confidential, would be precluded from conveying the contents to others on penalty of a criminal offence

The second measure was considered "extreme" and not justified by the quality of the confidentiality of the bulk items dealt with by local authorities

It was felt that the first proposal could be implemented by ensuring that any authorised individual in possession of confidential items should take "all reasonable steps" to ensure that such document, particulars or information was not disclosed, published, communicated or made accessible to any uninitiated person

The Cape Town delegates at the congress expressed their concern that while councils had to be seen doing their work by the people they were responsible to, certain areas needed to be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality protected

They said, however, that in the latter circumstances, the individual should be answerable

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# Various motions put before 81st CPMA congress

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**EAST LONDON** — Various issues pertaining to local authorities Cape Province were discussed at the 81st Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here yesterday.

Present were 500 delegates from local authorities throughout the province, the administrator, Mr Gene Louw, the MEC for local government, Mr P J Schoeman, the president of the CPMA, Mr S Immelman, other officials

Motions before the

congress included

● A motion submitted by Boesmansriviermond that regulations for smaller local authorities who were entering the field of computerisation be looked (passed),

● Hopefield's motion that audit money local authorities must pay be lessened (passed),

● Beaufort West's proposal that the regulations in terms of the sale of leave be changed (passed),

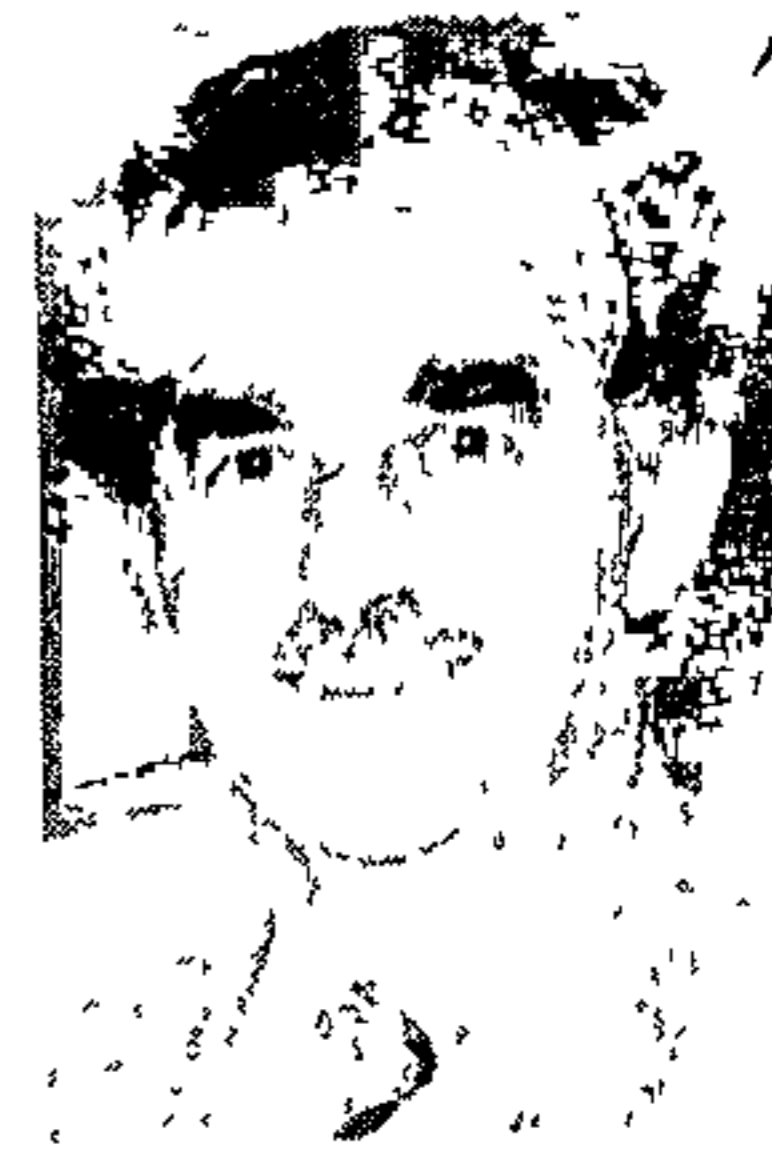
● Ladismith's motion that the regulations governing leave be changed to provide that local

management officials must take a minimum period of leave a year (to be investigated),

● George's proposal that councils be given the power to release theatres from paying rates (passed),

● Parow's submission that local authorities be compensated for the loss of revenue caused by abolition of trade licence fees in Regional Services Council areas (investigating),

● Parow's motion that the administrator have the right to decide on the names of new townships (passed),



MR LOUW

● Port Elizabeth's motion that the fee for post midnight trading permits be increased (withdrawn),

● Cape Town's, Vredenburg and Saldanha's motions that the Land Use Planning Ordinance be amended to allow local authorities to levy fees in respect of applications under the ordinance

The congress continues today with a morning session followed by an afternoon of leisure activities. The congress closes tomorrow

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## Increase in election deposits approved 263

EAST LONDON — A motion that council election deposits payable by candidates be increased was approved by the Cape Province Municipal Association congress here yesterday

Submitted by King William's Town, the recommendation was that the ordinance be amended so that a council other than a village council might by special resolution require that

candidates deposit an amount not exceeding R300 or an amount not exceeding R500, as the administrator might determine

The present deposits are R50 or R300

It was said that the value of this original amount was at present equal to R645 and that a deposit of R50 was "insignificant and totally inadequate"

# Appeal committee proposal for local bodies accepted

EAST LONDON — The proposed establishment of a committee to deal with appeals by local authorities against decisions by the Administrator was accepted by the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) here yesterday

It is to be submitted to the provincial executive committee for consideration

The proposal submitted by the Cape Town city council to the CPMA congress said that it "often" happened, the administrator took a decision without giving reasons in connection with applications relating to the Land Use Planning Ordinance

A spokesman for the Cape Town city council said the administrator, Mr Gene Louw, had often made decisions which were in "sharp contrast with the recommendations of local authorities" which did not have delegated powers

These also ignored the wishes of the residents of an area which was affected by such applications, he said

The proposal would be "more in keeping with the government's declared policies of de-

volution and decentralisation"

He cited an incident in Cape Town recently which had caused the council embarrassment when the administrator had reversed a council decision.

Such incidents were not good for the reputation of a local authority when "applicants felt that decisions made by the local authority could easily be reversed by higher authorities"

The Cape Town representatives said the move would "depoliticise" the whole planning process and reduce the risk of introducing suspicion

Mr Louw said he wanted to emphasise the fact that such decisions were not made on a political basis, but based on planning grounds and restrictions

The MEC for local government, Mr P J Schoeman, said that in recent years he was aware of six or seven incidents where the executive council had made decisions in connection with land use planning issues of which about three had been the same decisions made by the relevant local authorities

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**Office-bearers re-elected**

EAST LONDON — Both the president and the vice-president of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) were re-elected for another term of office during the association's congress held here yesterday

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Mr S Immelman, of De Aar, was unanimously re-elected president for another year's service as was the vice-president Dr D E W

Schumann, of Stellenbosch

Mr Immelman was first elected president in 1985 and has served as such since then.

In thanking the 500 delegates for their support, Mr Immelman said he appreciated the trust they had placed in him

Mr Schumann said it was an honour to serve the association for another term of office and to support it. — DDR

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**Congress splendid — Louw**

EAST LONDON — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday that the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here had been "splendid"

In his farewell remarks Mr Louw said that the possibility existed to attempt to withhold planned political influences in the municipal council elections later this year

Mr Louw reflected on friendships made in past municipal service years and those renewed, and said that they were friendships which remained with one

He thanked the mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, and local councillors for their ef-

orts in hosting a successful 81st CPMA congress and wished the city well

"May it go well with East London and ever better with congress," Mr Louw said

During the course of yesterday's proceedings several delegates expressed their thanks to the city for their enjoyable stay and social events organised by the mayor and city council

After yesterday morning's session, delegates were given the opportunity of taking part in sport and visiting a nearby casino, while 40 delegates chose to accompany naval vessels for a trip out to sea

The congress closes later today



MR LOUW

# Union to fight 'racism'

CAPE TOWN'S municipal workers are inundating their union with further claims of "racist employment practices" in the City Council

This follows a recent expose in SOUTH of job discrimination in the City Council which revealed that it had spent more than a million rand on recruiting immigrant white staff from Britain - some of whom later absconded.

It also showed that only 150 African workers are employed by the council in a staff complement of 15 000

According to officials of the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), the council's messengers met again last week to discuss their grievances.

This follows an earlier petition in which they claimed they had been overlooked for promotion to posts which were later filled by whites

Union officials said the latest reports from workers rebutted the assertions of the Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, that it was fair to all workers.

Evans said in a previous statement the council resisted "any form of racial discrimination"

He said all appointments were based primarily on merit and that there was equal pay regardless of sex or race.

Union officials said, however, the reports that emerged indicated that council's workers were "far from happy".

The workers have now instructed the union to take up the matter in a "serious way".

## Council messengers protest over promotion

SAFETY demonstrations of the Cape Town City Council messengers over the promotion of a white staff member to a senior position in the council's maintenance department, led to a protest in the city centre last week.

## Recruits 'in a million' abscond

Flashback. SOUTH'S expose on racism in the City Council

The general-secretary of too serious and the union Samwu, Mr John will have to do something Ernstzen, said the union had fought discrimination a national union had in the council for over 20 years

"The matter was getting the Cape Town branch

"Racism will no longer be tackled as an isolated issue but as part of a national problem

"If this causes tension with the City Council, then just too bad. But we cannot tolerate racism and discrimination in any form any longer," he said

The union officials said the stand taken by the messengers was "fully in line with the policy of the union"

"The union is opposed to all forms of discrimination on grounds of colour, race or sex. The union's view is that the municipal sector has been a victim of the whole apartheid structure in South Africa as well as apartheid practices."

They said the workers' demands that appointments be made on a nonracial basis and they were not prepared to recognise "racial divisions"

They said the council's implementation of "the laws passed by the Government" was reflected in its employment structure which "is based on discrimination"

The officials said the council had never recruited black immigrants.

"Council often rushes to point out that blacks do not have the qualifications or experience

"The answer to that is that they have never been allowed to get the qualifications or the experience because of the practices of the City Council and other employers," officials said

They said the chances of qualified blacks getting jobs "are remote"

"In addition, look at the council's grading schedule and salary scale. Why does it always benefit those who are at the top who all happen to be white? Why do council's lowest paid workers, who happen to be black, have to beg and fight for a living wage?"

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## SABC called on to tell of changes

EAST LONDON — The SABC was called upon to tell local authorities timeously when it planned to withdraw or alter services in their areas by delegates to the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here yesterday

The motion was submitted to congress by Riversdal and the issue was debated by delegates

● A motion proposed by Great Brak River that the retirement age for municipal officials be lowered was unsuccessful

It was felt that this would be counter-productive in the current situation where difficulty was being experienced by some municipalities in employing suitably qualified people in certain positions.

● A motion for municipalities to reassess their electricity tariffs in relation to Eskom tariffs direct to consumers was approved by congress

Submitted by Bonnievale, the proposal called for the purchase price municipalities paid to Eskom be structured so that it be competitive with prices paid by consumers direct to Eskom

The motivation behind the proposal was that Bonnievale provided electricity within and outside its borders to farmers and found that certain farmers who bought electricity directly from Eskom paid less than the municipality

It was further motivated that if the situation was not improved it was doubtful if affected municipalities would secure new consumers. — DDR

DID 21/4/88

## Office-bearers re-elected

EAST LONDON — Both the president and the vice-president of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) were re-elected for another term of office during the association's congress held here yesterday

Mr S Immelman, of De Aar, was unanimously re-elected president for another year's service as was the vice-president Dr D E W

Schumann, of Stellenbosch.

Mr Immelman was first elected president in 1985 and has served as such since then

In thanking the 500 delegates for their support, Mr Immelman said he appreciated the trust they had placed in him.

Mr Schumann said it was an honour to serve the association for another term of office and to support it. — DDR

DID 21/4/88

## Congress splendid — Louw

EAST LONDON — The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday that the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here had been "splendid"

In his farewell remarks Mr Louw said that the possibility existed to attempt to withhold planned political influences in the municipal council elections later this year

Mr Louw reflected on friendships made in past municipal service years and those renewed, and said that they were friendships which remained with one

He thanked the mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, and local councillors for their ef-

orts in hosting a successful 81st CPMA congress and wished the city well

"May it go well with East London and ever better with congress," Mr Louw said

During the course of yesterday's proceedings several delegates expressed their thanks to the city for their enjoyable stay and social events organised by the mayor and city council

After yesterday morning's session, delegates were given the opportunity of taking part in sport and visiting a nearby casino, while 40 delegates chose to accompany naval vessels for a trip out to sea

The congress closes later today

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## Chinese official lauds twinning

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EAST LONDON — A representative from the Republic of China yesterday told the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here that the twinning of cities between South Africa and China served to draw the countries closer together.

Mr David Wu thanked the president of the CPMA, Mr S Immelman, of De Aar, for the opportunity of being invited to attend congress

He said "close ties existed" between the two countries.

He said that the Republic of China had six cities "twinned" with cities in the Cape Province, one of which was East London which is twinned with Taiwan's Keelung

He said the concept of twinning served as a vehicle for strengthening "very good friendships"

He said he shared the belief that in the future twinning would enforce the growing closeness between the Republic of China and South Africa



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# Clarendon school in bid for more playing fields <sup>263</sup>

EAST LONDON — Clarendon Girls High School urgently needed three more playing fields as it was "an impossible situation" for 900 girls to share one hockey field, the school's principal Miss J Stuart-Watson, said yesterday.

She said the school had been negotiating with the municipality to use the John Griffin playing fields near the school with no result.

"We have been using the East London show ground fields, which adjoins the John Griffin area."

The land forms part of the area designated for the Clarendon Gardens shopping complex.

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said yesterday that one of the conditions laid down in the Declaration of Intent dated April 30, 1987 was that the developers of the Clarendon Gardens

shopping complex "shall be responsible for the provision, at their cost, of the playing fields - viz eight winter sportsfields (rugby sized) and that they would be in useable condition prior to existing individual fields being taken out of commission".

Mrs Shaw said another condition was that "the developers shall be responsible for the cost of an environmental impact study to be undertaken in regard to provision of four sportsfields on the old tip site east of the Nahoon Garden refuse tip".

"On December 21, 1987 after a delay of eight months it was resolved that four sports fields would be sited at the Nahoon Garden Refuse Tip and four fields would be sited on land west of Chester Road in Leaches Bay.

"However the director of culture and environment services (Mr Albert Janse) said the

"two areas were not suitable", but that as Elcorp had already completed their design plans, they would claim costs of R51 120 and that they would, because of the delayed start of construction of the fields, request that the clause regarding handing over the fields in playable condition be deleted or amended.

"Now after 16 months there are still no playable fields. We trust that when the deed of sale comes up for review, the councillors will take care to ensure that no conditions are deleted or altered to be detrimental to the ratepayers," she said — DDR.

## Man chokes on dentures

KUALA LUMPUR — A 33-year-old factory supervisor died after swallowing his dentures while playing badminton.

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# RSC 'chaos' threatens

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Cape Times 2/16/88

By TONY SPENCER-SMITH

THE orderly development of many of the Cape Peninsula's top residential areas is in danger of breaking down because the Western Cape Regional Services Council (RSC) cannot cope with the demands on it.

An RSC official — who cannot be named because he is not allowed to talk to the press — said yesterday that there was "an incredible shortage of staff" and the RSC just did not have the resources to operate efficiently.

And Mr Roger Hulley, the chairman of the Constantia Valley Ratepayers' Executive, said there was "administrative chaos" within the RSC.

Sources approached during a Cape Times investigation said that in a number of cases, homeowners and others had in desperation gone ahead with building projects without the plans having been passed because they could not afford to wait any longer.

Mr Hulley said "The RSC is completely overwhelmed in trying to carry out its temporary town planning functions, resulting in serious dislocations.

"The RSC system generally is chaotic. It was implemented without proper advance planning and staffing, and important areas like Constantia, Hout Bay and Melkbosstrand have become orphaned areas.

"There are problems all over the Cape where RSCs have taken over from divisional councils, as in Port Elizabeth and East London," said Mr Hulley, who is also MP for Constantia and the PFP representative on the Cape Provincial Standing Committee of Parliament.

The RSC official said tremendous backlogs of plans waiting to be passed were building up, and some very important town planning decisions were having to be taken without enough time for them to be properly looked into.

A spokesman for the RSC said the allegations were being investigated and the organization would reply at a later date.

Mr Hulley said the RSC had taken over the town planning functions of the former Cape Divisional Council on a temporary basis, until such time as areas like Constantia could become local councils and handle these matters themselves.

"We have a very big problem in Constantia, now an orphan area without formal representation on the RSC or anywhere else," he said.

Another problem for the RSC is that many decisions — sometimes on minor building matters — have to be referred to the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works.

## Admin a problem for city building

Staff Reporter

GETTING building plans passed by the Western Cape Regional Services Council can be a lengthy and frustrating process, says a Cape Town man.

Yesterday he told the Cape Times of the difficulties he had experienced after he submitted plans for an extension to his house on February 3.

He was told when the plans were handed in that approval "would take at the most six weeks", and therefore gave the go-ahead to the architect to arrange for the foundation trenches to be laid for inspection.

After three weeks he discovered the Health and Town Planning still had to pass the plans.

An inquiry on March 4 proved the first in a seemingly endless series, with calls frequently not returned, and a "very embarrassed" official telling him the situation at the RSC was "chaotic".

The plans were finally passed on February 13 — two-and-a-half months later and about one day before the pouring of the concrete.

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# Developer extols virtues of Clarendon Gardens 263

**Daily Dispatch  
Reporter**

EAST LONDON — No changes would be made to the declaration of intent or to the deed of sale for the Clarendon Gardens shopping complex, a spokesman for the developers, Mr Vic Snyders, said yesterday

Mr Snyders, of RMS Syfrets, was replying to a statement by the chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw

Mrs Shaw had said that city councillors should ensure that the conditions laid down in the declaration of intent were not altered in any

way that would be detrimental to ratepayers when the deed of sale came up for signing

"We have no knowledge of any changes being made to the declaration of intent or to the deed of sale," Mr Snyders said

"As far as we are concerned the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, and the municipality of East London have approved of the Clarendon Gardens project as well as the rezoning of the sports fields

"We have had overwhelming support from the national chain retailers, without excep-

tion, and none of them feel that there is anything detrimental to their existing shops.

"A number of national chain retailers not presently represented in East London will open retail outlets in Clarendon Gardens

"There will be more parking bays in the complex than there are parking meters in the central business district of East London," Mr Snyder said

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said she would like to study what Mr Snyders had said before making a comment

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(2) Yes

(a) 8

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Boshof	1986-88	R80 000
Bethule	1986-88	R140 000
Ficksburg	1986-88	R70 000
Fouriesburg	1986-88	R80 000
Heilbron	1986-88	R300 000
Hertzogville	1986-88	R200 000
Ladybrand	1986-88	R650 000
Ladybrand	1986-88	R175 000

(3) Yes

(a) 3

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Boshof	1988-90	R80 000
Jagersfontein	1988-90	R200 000
Trompsburg	1988-90	R150 000

## TRANSVAAL

(1) Yes

(a) 11

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Diepmeadow (Johannesburg) (2)	1986	R2 000 000
Soweto (Johannesburg) (2)	1985	R925 000
Reagile (Koster)	1986	R60 000
Letsope (Otrosdal)	1987	R135 000
Tigane (Hartebeesfontein)	1987	R180 000
Borloelo (Swartruggens)	1987	R50 000
Vukuzakhe (Volksrust)	1987	R74 500
Emgwanya (Waterval-Boven)	1988	R40 000
Massiseng (Lydenburg) (1)	1986	R213 000

(2) Yes

(a) 3

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Mamelodi (Pretoria)	1986	R100 000
Soweto	1986	R200 000
Emziniom (Bethal)	1986	R15 000

Where	When	Cost
(a) 14		
(b), (c) and (d)		

Where	When	Cost
Mamelodi East (Pretoria)	1988-89	R2 000 000
Tembisa (Kempion Park)	1989-90	R1 500 000
Ratanda (Heidelberg)	1989-90	R1 000 000
Impumelelo (Devon)	1989-90	R250 000
Alexandra (Sandton)	1990	R2 000 000
Diepmeadow (Johannesburg)	1988-89	R750 000
Evaton (Vanderbijlpark)	1988-89	R2 500 000
Kagiso (Krugersdorp)	1990	R1 300 000
Siyathemba (Balfour)	1988-89	R512 000
Kwazamokuhle (Hendrina)	1988-89	R200 000
Phola (Ogies)	1988-89	R200 000
Emthonjeni (Machadodorp)	1988-89	R70 000

## CAPE PROVINCE

(1) Yes

(a) 20

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Riche	1987	R145 986
Kwanongqaba	1986	R208 930
Khayelitsha	1986	R586 000
Khayelitsha (Site C)	1985	R142 000
Khayelitsha	1985	R1 089 000
Cross Roads	1987	R435 000
Thembaleszwe	1987	R124 000
Lingeletu	1987	R265 000
Snakho	1987	R296 000
Kwamndubu	1987	R75 000
Umasizakhe	1987	R432 000

(2) Yes

(a) 1

(b) Ndulu

(c) 1986

(d) R34 775

(3) Yes

(a) 47

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Rumi	1987	R183 000
Kwanonzamo	1987	R113 000
Mavuya	1987	R15 000
Wongalethu	1987	R102 000
Masakhe	1987	R57 000
Khayamandi	1987	R54 000
Vuyolwethu	1988	R93 900
Kwanobuhle	1988	R209 000
Kwanoyoli	1988	R160 000

(2) Yes

(a) 18

(b), (c) and (d)

(a) 18

(b), (c) and (d)

## NATAL

(1) Yes

(a) 18

(b), (c) and (d)

Where	When	Cost
Kulhwano	1989-90	R150 000
Valspan	1988-89	R110 000
Bongai	1988-89	R200 000
Lukhanyisweni	1989-90	R250 000
Ditlong	1988-89	R250 000
Mziwabantu	1989-90	R250 000
Boipelo	1989-90	R250 000
Huhudi	1989-90	R225 000
Sabelo	1988-89	R250 000
Nompumelelo	1988-89	R250 000
Tyolotha	1989-90	R328 000
Sidesawwa	1988-89	R300 000
Khayelitsha — Vil-lage 2 Town 1	1988-89	R1 002 000
Khayelitsha — Vil-lage 3 Town 2	1988-89	R1 002 000
Kruspad	1988-89	R1 002 000
Philippi	1990-91	R1 152 000
Khayelitsha — Vil-lage 1 Town 2	1990-91	R1 152 000
Nyanga, KTC	1989-90	R1 900 000
Khayelitsha — Vil-lage 2 Town 2	1991-92	R1 325 000
Khayelitsha — Vil-lage 5 Town 3	1991-92	R300 000
Nkululeko	1988-89	R250 000
Mzomomhle	1988-89	R550 000
Nyara	1988-89	R75 000
Katkatu	1988-89	R94 187
Bhongweni	1988-89	R6 352
Gompo Town	1988-89	R859 000

Where	When	Cost
Howick South	87/88	R24 000
Wyebank	87/88	R40 000
Westgate	87/88	R777 293
Northdale	87/88	R5 490 000
Veldenvlei	84/85	R466 000
Scottburgh	84/85	R14 213
Scottburgh	85/86	R212 360
Scottburgh	86/87	R16 035
Vryheid	84/85	R465 500
Mandini	85/86	R30 000
Tongaat	85/86	R780 000
Tongaat	87/88	R600 000
Tongaat	85/86	R356 000
Umlhali Beach	86/87	R25 000
Umlhali Beach	85/86	R600 000
Canelands	85/86	R351 447
Cato Ridge	85/86	R385 001
Brunville	87/88	R385 001
Itsokele	87/88	R100 000

Where	When	Cost
Shelly Beach	86/87	R150 000
Kranskop	87/88	R92 587
Yellow Wood Park	85/86	R14 000



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(1) Yes	(b)	(c)	(d)	(1) Yes	(c)	(d)
(a) 7				(a) 17		
	Sandersville, Heilbron	1985	R96 800			
	Bothaville	1985	R431 288			
	Wesselsbron	1986	R354 000			
	Rouxville	1986	R125 000			
	Virginia	1987	R2 000 000			
	Welkom	1987	R2 964 000			
	Kgotsong, Bothaville	1987	R217 500			
(2) No						
(3) Yes						
(a) 28						
(b)	Bethlehem	1988	R2 331 000			
	Allanridge	1988	R660 000			
	Hoopstad	1989	R306 000			
	Excelsior	1989	R306 000			
	Maokeng, Kroonstad	1989	R1 000 000			
	Kurlawanong,					
	Odendaalsrus	1989	R480 000			
	42nd Hill, Harrismith	1989	R300 000			
	Meloding, Virginia	1989	R160 000			
	Megheleeng, Ficksburg	1989	R160 000			
	Mangaung, Bloemfontein	1989	R160 000			
	Phrintona, Heilbron	1989	R200 000			
	Matwaberg, Senekal	1989	R200 000			
	Masilo, Theunissen	1989	R200 000			
	Warden	1989	R306 000			
	Reddersburg	1990	R306 000			
	Hertzogville	1990	R300 000			
	Boshof	1990	R300 000			
	Koppies	1990	R400 000			
	Rammuloetsi,					
	Viljoenskroon	1990	R180 000			
	Thembalihle, Vrede	1990	R180 000			
	Petsana, Reitz	1990	R180 000			
	Phomolong, Hennenman	1990	R180 000			
	Manyakeng, Wesselsbron	1990	R180 000			
	Manyatseng, Ladybrand	1990	R180 000			
	Thabong, Welkom	1990	R900 000			
	Luckoff	1990	R200 000			

Kofffontein	1990	R200 000
Fauresmith	1990	R200 000

NATAL

(1) Yes	(b)	(c)	(d)
(a) 17			
	Bhongweni, Kokstad	1985	R96 000
	Brackenham, Richardsbaai	1986	R205 000
	Bruntville, Mooi River	1986	R96 000
	Canelands	1985	R130 000
	Cato Ridge	1986	R152 500
	Dunbe, Paulpietersburg	1985	R96 000
	Glenridge, Glencoe	1987	R251 000
	Ispingo	1987/88	R1 838 000
	Lamontville	1985	R197 500
	Lennoxton, Newcastle	1987	R400 000
	Port Shepstone	1985	R200 000
	Richards Bay	1987	R1 400 000
	Shallcross	1987	R306 000
	Silhemble, Glencoe	1987	R96 000
	Steadville, Ladysmith	1985	R96 000
	Tongat South	1987	R665 900
	Valley View, Ikopo	1985	R37 000
(2) Yes			
(a) 1			
	Paulpietersburg	1987	R90 000
(3) Yes			
(a) 10			
(b)	Cool Air	1988	R167 200
	Craigeburn	1989	R481 500
	Dassenhoek, Pinetown	1988	R819 300
	Gingindlovu	1988	R98 800
	Imbali	1988	R85 000
	Kwambonambi	1988	R66 800
	Park Ryme	1988	R161 300
	Shakaskraal	1989	R155 500
	Umlahlstrand	1988	R283 000
	Waterval	1989	R438 000

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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For written reply

General Affairs

Overseas visits

564 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Whether he or the Deputy Minister of Transport Affairs undertook any overseas visits in 1987, if so, (a) which countries were visited and (b) what was the purpose of each visit,
- (2) whether he or this Deputy Minister was accompanied by any representatives of the media on these visits, if so, (a) what were the names of the journalists involved, (b) which newspapers or radio or television networks did they represent, (c) to which countries did each of these persons accompany him or this Deputy Minister and (d) why,
- (3) whether any costs were incurred by the South African Transport Services and/or the Department of Transport as a result, if so, what total amount in that year in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Yes
- (a) Various countries in Europe
- (b) To discuss transport matters
- (2) No
- (3) No

Deputy Minister of Transport Affairs

- (1) Yes
- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) Private study tour and vacation
- (2) and (3) Fall away

Overseas visits

576 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (1) Whether he or the Deputy Minister of Education undertook any overseas visits in 1987, if so, (a) which countries were visited and (b) what was the purpose of each visit,

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- (2) whether he or this Deputy Minister was accompanied by any representatives of the media on these visits, if so, (a) what were the names of the journalists involved, (b) which newspapers or radio or television networks did they represent, (c) to which countries did each of these persons accompany him or this Deputy Minister and (d) why,
- (3) whether any costs were incurred by the Department of (a) Education and Training and (b) Development Aid as a result, if so, what total amount in that year in each case?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) Yes, The Minister of Education and Development Aid

- (a) Hong Kong and Taiwan
  - (b) A housing and education study visit in respect of Hong Kong
- At the invitation of the Republic of China in respect of Taiwan

- (2) No
- (a) Falls away
- (b) Falls away
- (c) Falls away
- (d) Falls away
- (3) (a) No
- (b) No costs were incurred by the Department of Development Aid as a result of (2)

Air traffic controllers: reduction of training period

797 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

Whether the Department of Transport intends reducing the training period for air traffic controllers in South Africa, if so, (a) when (b) what is the (i) present and (ii) proposed training period and (c) how do these training periods compare with those laid down by airlines in other developed countries?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- No
  - (a), (b) and (c) Fall away
- The honourable member's attention is, however, drawn to the fact that the total training

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For written reply

General Affairs

Natal: land proclaimed for residential purposes

5 Mr T ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (a) How many hectares of land in Natal have been proclaimed for residential purposes for Whites, Coloureds, Indians and Blacks, respectively, (b) how many hectares of the land so proclaimed for each of these race groups are (i) undeveloped and (ii) owned by private individuals and (c) in

respect of what date is this information furnished?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- (a) Whites — 97 786 ha  
Coloureds — 6 811 ha  
Indians — 37 944 ha  
Blacks — 3 881 ha

have been set aside as development areas

- (b) Of the land set aside for Blacks, 1 938 ha were undeveloped and 89 ha were privately owned. Corresponding information is not available in respect of the other groups
- (c) 31 March 1988

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For written reply

General Affairs

Mooi River/Midmar pipeline

10 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Water Affairs

- (1) Whether the Mooi River/Midmar pipeline is in operation, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will come into operation, if so, when did it come into operation,
- (2) (a) what is the actual cost of constructing this pipeline and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,
- (3) whether any compensation was paid to landowners for devaluation of their properties as a result of the construction of this pipeline, if not, why not, if so, what total amount was paid in compensation,
- (4) whether any legal costs were incurred as a result of the construction of this pipeline, if so, what did these costs amount to,
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

- (1) No, but it is fully operational

- (a) The scheme was constructed as an emergency water scheme during the drought of 1983 to provide a greater degree of assurance of supply, as well as for future drought periods
- (b) The scheme will again be brought into operation when the demand for water in the area of supply of the Umgem Water Board increases. The scheme was first brought into operation during January 1984 and pumping took place for intermittent periods until February 1985, when pumping was discontinued

- (2) (a) The actual total cost of construction of the scheme (including *inter alia* pipelines, pumps, pump stations and servitudes) amounts to R24 247 000
- (b) February 1988

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- (3) Yes. An amount of R554 794,78 was paid to landowners as compensation for servitudes
- (4) Yes. The legal costs, excluding the cost of the registration of servitudes incurred by the State Attorney, to date amount to R64 457,42
- (5) No

New community halls built

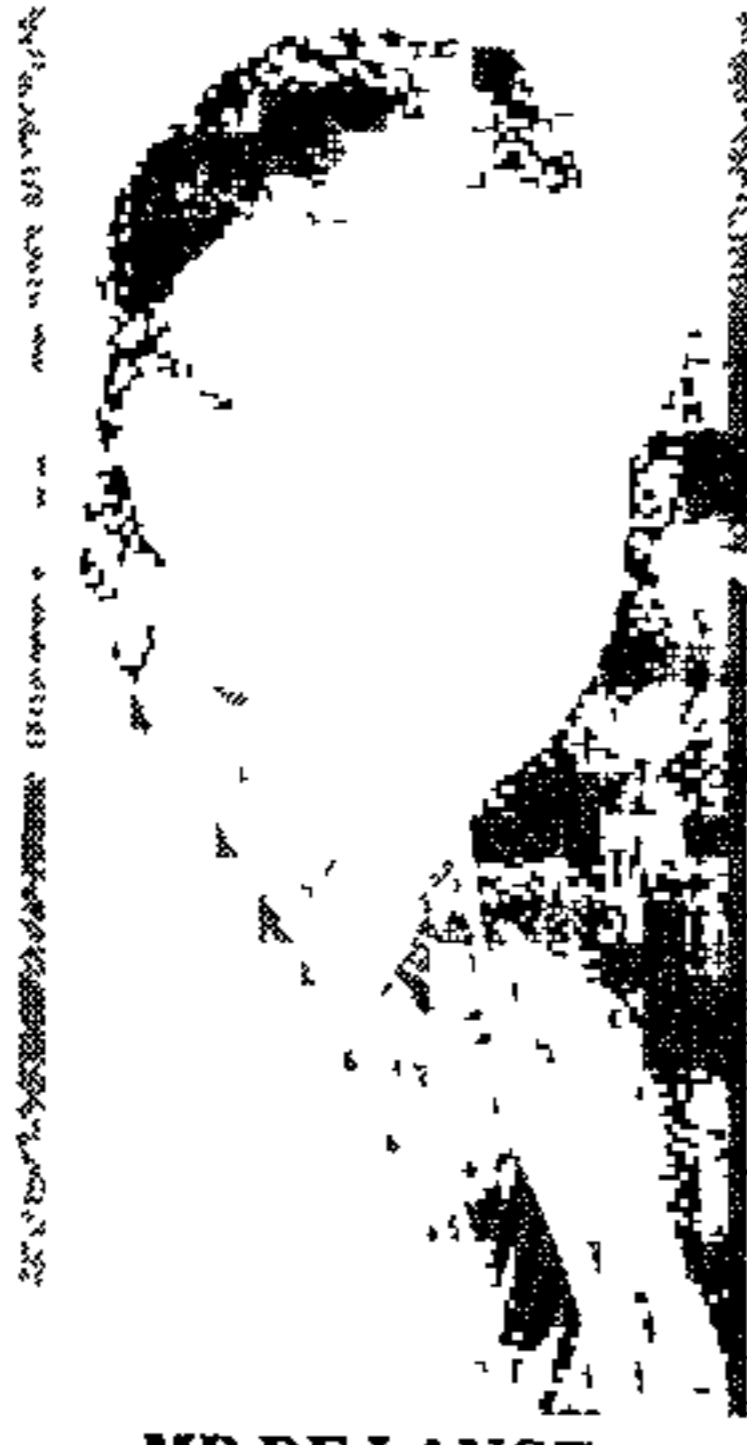
11 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

- (1) Whether any new community halls were built by local authorities in the latest specified period of three years for which figures are available, if so, (a) how many, (b) where, (c) when, and (d) at what total cost, in respect of each specified local authority,
- (2) whether any extensions were effected to existing community halls by local authorities during the above period, if so, (a) how many, (b) where, (c) when, and (d) at what total cost, in respect of each specified local authority,
- (3) whether any new community halls are being planned by local authorities for the next three years, if so, (a) how many, (b) where, (c) when, and (d) at what total estimated cost, in respect of each specified local authority?

THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

ORANGE FREE STATE

(1) Yes	(a) 11	(b), (c) and (d)	Where	When	Cost
			Arlington	1986-88	R50 000
			Bloemfontein	1986-88	R687 179
			Dealesville	1986-88	R30 000
			Edenburg	1986-88	R112 000
			Fhuresmith	1986-88	R100 000
			Heilbron	1986-88	R300 000
			Philippolis	1986-88	R52 000
			Smithfield	1986-88	R60 000
			Springfontein	1986-88	R60 000
			Trompsburg	1986-88	R80 000
			Welkom	1986-88	R634 892



MR DE LANGE

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**De Lange elected**

EAST LONDON — The mayor of East London, Mr Robert de Lange, was elected an executive member of the Cape Province Municipal Association at the congress here yesterday

Mr De Lange was not aware of his successful election until much later yesterday afternoon after his return from the sod-turning ceremony at the new Fish River Sun casino in Ciskei.

He said last night that he was "very honoured and pleased" about the election and believed it was a responsible position particularly as far as the community of East London and surrounds was concerned

Mr De Lange said he hoped he would be able to contribute to the benefit of the city and its ratepayers as well as to the local authority in general.

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# Authority devolution backed by delegates

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EAST LONDON — The active devolution of greater authority from the Provincial Administration to local authorities was unanimously backed by delegates at the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) congress here yesterday

The Port Elizabeth delegation, which proposed the motion, said that higher authorities had already stated that existing policy provided for the greater devolution of power to local authorities

A Port Elizabeth representative said it was noted that the devolu-

tion of power was taking "a long time"

While experts told one it was happening, it was not being seen to be done

He expressed the hope that movement would be seen

He cited examples that frustrated and hampered local authorities in operating along sound business principles through long delays in waiting for permission from the central government, when local authorities were best placed to make such decisions

Representatives from Cape Town supported

the motion and added that the issue had been a cause for concern in local authorities for a long time

Decisions on minor matters could not be made by the local authority best suited to make such decisions timeously and in the immediate interests of all concerned

The MEC for local government, Mr P J Schoeman, said that it was the government's policy fur-

ther to devolve power, but it was a time-consuming process as individual issues were considered

Delegates would be pleased to know that copies of an eight-page document were on the way to them notifying them of a number of items which could now be decided at the local authority level

He warned though that local authorities should be prepared for the greater responsibility they would have with the subsequent devolution of power to them

Reports by Pam Agnew

## Motion to delegate erection of roadside advert boards passed

EAST LONDON — A motion requesting that power to authorise the erection of advertising boards next to proclaimed roads within municipal areas be delegated to local authorities was passed here yesterday.

Proposing the motion, Cradock said the erection of advertising boards as well as other structures next to proclaimed roads, within as well as outside municipal areas, fell under the jurisdiction of the provincial road engineer.

It was felt that the legal criteria were greatly restrictive

In most cases the city council believed a sign could well be approved, but following application to the Cape Provincial Authority (CPA), the provincial roads engineer had rejected it

Arguments that signs distracted motorists' attention from driving were found to be unacceptable

It was argued that the erection of advertising sign-boards stimulated economic growth in the towns

The Cradock delegate

expressed the hope that this item was included in the government's list providing for the devolution of power to local authorities for decision-making

The MEC for local government, Mr P J Schoeman, said government was prepared to follow up the matter



The town clerk of East London, Mr Les Kumm (left), and the acting town clerk of Milnerton, Mr Syd Wood, were at the congress being held at the Orient Theatre yesterday.

## Councillors' pink ticket exemption bid thwarted

EAST LONDON — City councillors get pink tickets too — and will continue to receive them following an unsuccessful bid by East London councillors to gain exemption from parking fines

The Cape Province Municipal Association congress heard that the association's executive committee had resolved to recommend to the congress that East London's motion proposing free parking for councillors while attending council business not be supported

However, it appears that councillors in Durban are exempt from parking meter fines

The relevant section in the municipal ordinance exempts certain emergency vehicles such as police, fire-brigade and ambulance vehicles from

being offenders while stopping at certain places

It was the hope of the city council that this section be amended to include councillors attending to council business, as they often found parking to be unavailable in the vicinity of functions and the expiry period of parking meters too short

The executive committee was of the opinion that the CPA was "hardly likely" to accept the proposal and it was not expected that the National Road Safety Council would approve it either

It was the opinion that a councillor would be placed in a difficult position if members of the public received tickets for an offence and a councillor did not, especially where the offences occurred at the same place.

## Call to maintain grading of local authorities

EAST LONDON — The government would be asked not to lower the grading of a local authority when certain services were transferred to a Regional Services Council, the CPMA decided yesterday

The decision followed a motion tabled by Port Elizabeth at the association's congress last year and which had been referred to the executive committee

The matter was raised at the congress here yesterday

Provision was also made that the same should apply to services being transferred to a local authority for a specific population group

The Port Elizabeth delegation said local authorities were graded by means of a special formula comprising 13 factors

This grading determined employee remuneration

The executive committee resolved that the United Municipal Executive of South Africa be requested to make representations to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that the grading of existing local authorities not be reduced as a result of transfer of services



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Cape Times 22/4/88 (263)

# Cape RSC funds in a mess — Curry

Political Staff.

MR DAVID CURRY, the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House Representatives, said yesterday that he would not support the creation of further regional services councils in the Cape until funding problems had been sorted out.

He called for a change to the basis on which the financial arrangements for the RSCs were

made  
Mr Curry said he had taken over the local government function in two RSCs on the undertaking that deficits in the budget, previously funded from general rates, were met by the treasury.

The RSCs were experiencing problems because they did not have those funds.

He said the problem was a "symptom of the basic problem

underlying the checkmate situation at local government".

There was not "a proper formula to decide on an equitable distribution of the income generated by all communities".

More powers and functions could be taken at local level in order to promote the upliftment of "our people".

He wanted "our rightful share of income generated in business areas where we buy

and in industrial areas where we work"

Citing Mitchell's Plain as an example, Mr Curry asked whether it was fair to say that one-quarter of a million people there did not offer income advantages to the Cape Town City Council

If their buying power and work force they represented were taken away, Cape Town would be that much poorer

<sup>DID 22/4/88</sup>  
**Ciskei**  
**airways**  
**seeks** ~~(108)~~  
**hostesses**

EAST LONDON — Ciskei International Airways has advertised for air hostesses, but there is still no indication as to when the scheduled flights will begin

A Ciskei Airways spokesman said that the airline's general manager, Captain Mike Potter, was away and according to company policy only Capt Potter could make press statements

Commercial flights between Bisho and Johannesburg were scheduled to start in mid-February but were postponed due to technical problems.

Last month Capt Potter announced that the airline hoped to start scheduled flights towards the middle of April — DDR

# 81st CPMA congress

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**Vote for coloured, Indian members to be investigated** ~~(23)~~

EAST LONDON — A proposal that coloured and Indian management committee members be allowed to vote when they attend council meetings would be investigated in detail before a final decision was made, the CPMA decided here yesterday

The motion proposed by Port Elizabeth was discussed at the last day of the congress

It was decided that the motion would be referred to the CPMA's executive committee for a full investigation into the proposed changes of the municipal ordinance and their implications before a decision was taken

The proposers said that in terms of the existing regulations, when a management committee member attended a committee meeting of its local authority, the member would be subject to the rules and regulations applicable to members of that local authority

**HOMEGOODS**

CMC <sup>D: D 23/4/88</sup> accused of <sup>(263)</sup> being out of touch

EAST LONDON — Residents of the Buffalo Flats suburbs, Vergenoeg and Fynbos, have accused the Coloured Management Committee (CMC) of being out of touch with the needs of the coloured community

They say there have been no public meetings to discuss the lack of amenities in the area, or to explain the proposed sale of housing to present tenants, despite repeated requests

The CMC chairman, Mr Daniel Alexander, could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

A spokesman for the residents, Mr Desmond Jaegers, said an association was being formed to put up new candidates for the October municipal elections

He claimed to have approached Mr Alexander several times during the past year, to bring the state of the houses and roads to his attention

"There are no facilities for our children to play. No swimming pools, no community centres or maintained sports fields."

Mr Jaegers added that few of the suburbs had clinics and people were being injected and handed medication out in the street.

The houses that had been offered for sale were "falling apart" and had not been maintained since they were built three years ago

"We want to talk to the CMC and ask them why the facilities are so bad when there was R40 million available at the start of the project"

He challenged the House of Representatives MP for the area, Mr Peter Mopp, to arrange a public meeting, together with the CMC, to explain the situation to the coloured community

Mr Mopp could not be contacted in Cape Town yesterday — DDR

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

Own Affairs

Management committees/local authorities constituted

4 Mr C R REDCLIFFE asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

- (1) How many (a) (i) management committees and (ii) other Coloured local authorities had been constituted, and (b) wards were there in the area of each such committee and local authority, as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

- (2) on what dates were the most recent general elections held for these committees and local authorities,

- (3) whether any vacancies have occurred on these committees or local authorities since the above-mentioned general elections were held, if so, (a) how many vacancies were caused by (i) resignations and (ii) any other specified factors and (b) how many of these vacancies have since been filled by way of by-elections?

THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) (a) (ii) 228

(ii) Local Affairs Committees — 20 Management and Advisory Boards — 24 and Municipality of Paalisdorp

- (b) The areas of jurisdiction of the following Management and Local Affairs Committees (Natal) and Management/Advisory Boards are divided into wards

CAPE PROVINCE

Number of wards

Allwal North	4
Beaufort West	4
George	4
Grabouw	3
Grassy Park	5
Mamre (Management Board)	5
Kimberley	6
Kraaifontein	3
Macassar	4
Melton Rose	4
Oudshoorn	4
Paarl	4
Port Elizabeth	10
Bellville South	3
Scottsdale	3
Vredenburg-Saldanha	4
Worcester	3

TRANSVAAL

Alberton	5
Boksburg	5
Johannesburg	13
Rooipoort	5

NATAL

Durban	5
Pietermaritzburg	5

ORANGE FREE STATE

All Management Committees	1 ea
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The remainder of Committees and Management/Advisory Boards in all other provinces including Paalisdorp

- (2) 1983 (Management/Local Affairs Committees) 1 ea
- 1985 (Management/Advisory Boards)

- (3) Yes
- (a) (i) 382

- (ii) Disqualification — 66 Deceased — 46
- (b) Information not readily available

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Indian women: applications to train as cabin attendants

44 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

- (a) How many applications to train as cabin attendants were received from Indian women during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) how many of these applications were (i) successful and (ii) unsuccessful?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

- (a) and (b) (ii) Statistics regarding applications are not longer kept and is not readily available. It will take much time and expense to gather such information
- (b) (i) Nil

Own Affairs

Pupils/school psychologists' ratio

41 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) (a) What was the ratio of pupils to school psychologists at schools falling under the control of his Department as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what criteria are applied in the appointment of these psychologists.
- (2) whether school psychologists are required to be registered with the South African Medical and Dental Council, if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) (a) Mainstream Schools — 9 121 pupils
- 1 School Psychologist
- Special Schools — 486 pupil
- 1 School Psychologist as at 3 March 1987

- (2) Yes

University of Durban-Westville financial accountability

42 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (1) Whether the University of Durban-Westville is accountable to him for the funds allocated to it by his Department, if not, why not, if so, (a) what procedure is followed in this regard, (b) when did the university last account to his Department and (c) what is the present state of the finances of the university,
- (2) whether he will make available to this House a financial statement on the affairs of the university, if not, why not, if so, when,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) Yes
- (a) In terms of the Universities Act, the University is obliged to furnish the Minister with audited financial statements
- (b) As at the financial year ending 31 December 1986
- (c) Financial statements for 1987 are still being finalised by the University
- (2) Yes — as soon as it is available
- (3) No

Teachers/subject advisers/heads of departments/planners/inspectors appointed

44 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Education and Culture

- (a) How many (i) teachers, (ii) subject advisers, (iii) heads of departments, (iv) planners, (v) inspectors and (vi) chief inspectors were appointed by his Department in 1987 and (b) what are the names of the persons who were appointed in that year as (i) heads of departments, (ii) planners, (iii) inspectors and (iv) chief inspectors?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (a) (i) 853
- (ii) Nil

# Chairman denies CMC out of touch with needs

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Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Coloured Management Council (CMC), Mr Daniel Alexander, has rejected claims that the CMC was out of touch with the needs of the coloured community.

Responding to a statement by Mr Desmond Jaegers, who said he was speaking on behalf of the residents of the Buffalo Flats suburbs, Vergenoeg and Fynbos,

that people were handed medication in the streets, Mr Alexander said Mr Jaegers had not "allowed himself the opportunity to see if there were any clinics within the coloured areas".

Mr Alexander said that Mr Jaegers had challenged the Labour Party to come to the fore, "and my advice to him is to join or to forget".

Eight people had been nominated at an LP meeting to stand in the October elections.

They were Mrs Esmé du Plessis, Mrs A. Mienie, Mr D. W. Alexander, Mr J. H. Alexander, Mr D. M. Mentoor, Mr A. K. Roberts, Mr A. V. Green and Mr D. Tokoms.

"The party as a whole will spell out its election policy to the people as soon as it meets on a national and regional level," Mr Alexander said.

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# PE on move and mayor tells why

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Daily Dispatch  
Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — This city is on the march. So says the mayor, Mr Solly Rubin, who can quote 20 good reasons for saying so

Mr Rubin has arranged a series of lunches to meet captains of commerce and industry in the city

Yesterday, at the second get-together, he listed a score of recent developments which suggested that Port Elizabeth was on the move

● The demand for labour is improving and in some sectors jobs are now chasing people,

● There has been an average 25 per cent increase in the wages of black workers,

● There has been a notable surge in the local tourist trade,

● The number of black buyers applying to buy houses is on the increase,

● The value of building plans passed is improving countrywide, but particularly in Port Elizabeth,

● The price of local white housing has risen due to strong demand,

● Prime Computers has sold a R4,5m computer package for the Mossgas project,

● The same company has opened a full branch in Port Elizabeth,

● A major new vehicle air conditioner factory has opened and will supply both local manufacturers and the export market,

● The African Hide-Exotan group has opened a R4,5m facility

in the city.

● The Imperial Truck Hire organisation has opened in Port Elizabeth,

● Foreign — but unspecified — capital is flowing in to create more manufacturing capacity,

● Both Volkswagen and Delta motor companies are gaining greater shares of the national vehicle market, "to such an extent that we are now back where we were before Ford left",

● Between 400 and 500 people are returning to Port Elizabeth each month while the number leaving is negligible,

● The building and motor trades are providing more jobs VW up to about 8 000 and Delta up to about 4 000,

● Port Elizabeth will handle at least a third of the Mossgas construction work, "be it jackets, modules, piles whatever"

● In June the national City Lodge group will begin building a major hotel on the Playland site on the beachfront,

● There have been two major sales of erven for township development — one in Humewood and one in Walmer

Mr Rubin said there are also two national trends which will be of particular help to Port Elizabeth

● The annualised inflation rate for March was down to 13,4 per cent, the lowest in about three years, and

● The balance of payments continues to show a healthy surplus

EAST LONDON. — The Clarendon Gardens project would finally represent a R100 million injection into the city and was by far one of the most exciting projects for the region, the managing director of Syfrets RMS, Mr Pat Flanagan, said last night

He was speaking at a R100 000 leasing launch for the controversy-dogged project being developed by Elcorp and co-ordinated by Syfrets. The project has been on the drawing boards for more than two years and sections of ratepayers are still trying to halt it

Last night a confident Mr Flanagan said the developers were just waiting for the city council to sign the deed of sale and that they hoped to be on site in the third week of May

"We hope to open the complex by the following Easter. Everything is ready, the financing is there and we have already gone out to tender on the steel works and other aspects which should be tied up by next month," he said.

In his address which preceded an eight-minute high-powered audio visual which captured the location of the project with several aerial shots of the city and marketed it as a complex for the future, Mr Flanagan hardly alluded to the objections to the project, and merely said the developers respected all people's views.

"We are professional property developers who have gone through it all before. I was involved in Eastgate where there also were objections. Today, because of that project, Bedfordview stands out as one of the fastest

# Clarendon Gardens: R100m EL boost?

DID 28/4/88

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business editor

growing and most viable towns in the country

"We foresee the same thing happening in East London where people should ditch the idea that this is just another shopping complex. It is not. It meets the demands of the present and the future, offering a good tenant mix, providing parking for 2 000 cars with the most easily accessible site from all the parts of the city.

"It is precisely because of its crucial siting that there is controversy

"Tomorrow's world lies in an era unknown and undiscovered, yet Clarendon Gardens will form East London's shopfront to the future, presenting a shopping centre ahead of its time where opportunities constantly abound"

Mr Flanagan said major anchor tenants were signed and sealed to occupy 20 000 square metres of the 36 000 square metre letting space available. These include an OK Hyperama with 14 500 square metres, Woolworths with 3 000 square

metres and the rest divided among Ackermans, Markhams, Truworths, Foschini, Edgars, Russells, Bradlows, CNA, Ster Kinekor and a newcomer to the city, Clicks

"We are professional property developers and, when I say so, I mean these tenants are signed and sealed"

The Woolworths store would incorporate the company's food selling outlet, which would be a new facility for East London.

"I want to emphasise that these chains have said that they will not be closing their downtown outlets. These would undergo major refurbishments which would constitute more major investment in the city"

Mr Flanagan said there were about 50 satellite shops still available and, judging by the two-night lull, these would be gone soon.

"Even people who were against the complex have come forward for accommodation because they realise what an exciting prospect the project is for the city and the region"

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# Queenstown voters urged to register

QUEENSTOWN — Tomorrow is the last day on which municipal voters here can register on the voters' roll for the national municipal elections on October 26

The acting town clerk, Mr. Antonie de Klerk, yesterday urged voters to check that their

names were on the roll. The forthcoming elections are considered so important that a municipal traffic officer has been detailed to patrol the central business area in his motor vehicle today and tomorrow, using a loud hailer to remind voters to register — DDR



# R4,8 million sub-station for Queenstown

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — An electrical injection sub-station of 66KV, estimated to cost R4,8 million, is to be built by the municipality on the western boundary of the town in the vicinity of the J J Serfontein High School

This will be the third injection sub-station for the town

The acting town clerk, Mr Antonie de Klerk, said the council was providing now for future development as existing sub-stations would be unable to cope with the electricity load by 1991

The new sub-station was a three year project and it would be possible for the council to finance it without increasing electricity tariffs, Mr De Klerk said

He accepted that ratepayers would query the necessity of an additional sub-station when the town had its own power station and Eskom power

However, studies had indicated that even with the two sources of power the existing sub-stations would not cope with the demand in a few years, Mr De Klerk said

"The council is delighted that at the beginning of the year, when most other municipalities had increased electricity tariffs, Queenstown had not done so. Now it is able to provide a multi-million sub-station at no extra cost to consumers"

If the provision of the proposed injection sub-station had to be funded by a loan — over 25 years at 16 per cent — interest and redemption payments would have been R598 000 annually

This would have meant an increase of over 5 per cent in the electricity tariff, Mr De Klerk explained

● The council has reacted strongly to the numerous power failures experienced here recently

Mr De Klerk has been authorised to convey the council's concern and displeasure over the breaks to Eskom and to request that the matter receive urgent attention

The situation is also to be reported to the Border Regional Development Association as other towns in the area have also experienced similar failures

The council feels that advantage must be taken of every possible channel to have the matter rectified

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# Mayor appointed to committee

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QUEENSTOWN — The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has appointed the mayor, Mr Gerrie Coetzer, to the Regional Development Advisory Committee

Coetzer said he was proud to be able to serve the community in this capacity

Mr Coetzer is also president of the Border Regional Development Association while the town clerk, Mr Peter Gerber, is the association's secretary — DDR

In accepting the council's congratulations, Mr

Daily Dispatch Reporter  
EAST LONDON — A dream born out of frustration with the lack of entertainment facilities in the city took a large step towards coming true at the official launch of the new Kings Hotel and Leisure Centre here yesterday

The launch was attended by the mayor, Mr Robert de Lange, who congratulated the developers on their initiative in providing the facilities for East Londoners and attracting revenue to the city.

He said the project had the full support of the city council and represented a "tremendous investment" in the future of the city

The centre, which replaces the now demolished Kings Hotel, will

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An entertainment dream about to <sup>263</sup> come true in EL

have cost R40 million once all phases of development are complete

The managing director and co-director of the developing company, Baumkers Pty Ltd, Mr Norbert Baumker and Mr Brian Kinnear, celebrated the end of months of negotiations with franchise holders and tenants, contractors, financiers and architects

Mr Kinnear said the final design of the centre was a combina-

tion of an idea he had while driving in the city on a Friday night trying to find entertainment, and a desire by Mr Baumker to expand the Kings Hotel and create a focal point for entertainment on the beachfront

"I was just so frustrated trying to find a place where young people can relax and enjoy themselves that I decided that if I couldn't find one, I would create one. When Norbert and I met, our ideas fitted together perfectly and things have taken off

from there."

The first phase of the development, the leisure centre and a 72-suite hotel block, will be constructed on the old Kings Hotel site, which is already owned by Mr Baumker, and will be completed by November this year and March 1989, respectively

An additional 110 suites will be constructed on municipal land that is in the process of being re-zoned

Mr Baumker said the delay in the launch of the project had been due to the need for a re-design after council objections to an overhead walkway bridge in the original plan, and an objection to the acquisition of land on which phase two construction is intended

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## Man convicted for attempted fraud

# BRU may consider council election

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Dispatch Reporter

**EAST LONDON** — The Border Rugby Union (BRU) would declare "open warfare" on the city council if the union did not get the council's written assurance on six points concerning the proposed new sports complex to replace the present BRU grounds.

At a meeting of executive and player representatives of BRU affiliated clubs, it was decided that if these assurances were not given within 31 days, the BRU would nominate members to stand in the forthcoming council elections.

The BRU's president, Mr Ronnie Grobler, said the six points were:

- That the BRU obtain a written guarantee from the council relating to the BRU's occupation in

the new complex

- That all further maintenance work at the present BRU ground be charged to the municipality until the new complex was built

- That the tenure of the BRU be extended until the new complex was ready

- That the siting of the complex be favourable to rugby players so that they would not have to travel far out of town to play

- That the ad-hoc committee consult with schools to see if the siting of the complex was suitable to them

Mr Grobler said that he had received a phone call from a city councillor, Mr Errol Spring, who said that he did not want a confrontation with the BRU

Mr Grobler said that Mr Spring had assured him that rugby would receive better facilities in the new complex than they already had

Contacted for comment after the meeting, Mr Spring said that sporting facilities in East London were inadequate

"We as councillors have a responsibility to East London to enable

"This whole thing is all just pie in the sky," he said

"If we looked to our rugby clubs, we could find men prepared to stand for council," he said

Mr Allen said Clarendon Gardens and all the controversy surrounding it was the greatest thing that could have happened to rugby

He said that if the BRU approached the various school committees, they would get "moral, financial and every other kind of backing from them"

Mr Grobler said that the BRU had nothing to hide and were going to be "frank and candid" in their dealings with the council

He said that the BRU would give the council time to consider the six points and if it did not, the BRU would act

"We would then change our strategy and become aggressive," he said

"The city council decided at a meeting on Monday night that the appointed ad-hoc committee consider the feasibility of selling the BRU grounds to light industrial development, using the proceeds to build a new sports complex incorporating all

sports

national and even international standards"

Mr Spring said he felt that all sporting bodies should be consulted in connection with the new sporting complex

"In the interim until the complex is built, the council will cater for the needs of the various sports"

Mr Spring said that it would be 10 to 15 years before the complex was completed

"This is really my vision and goal and fighting doesn't get us anywhere," he said

"We are in this together and the BRU must not worry, because they will never lose out"

After Mr Grobler's address, the meeting was opened to club members to voice their opinions

A local sports writer and former member of the BRU executive, Mr Ted Allen, said that if the city council had suggested selling the BRU grounds in 1934 when Border rugby was "riding the crest of the wave", the councillors would have been "lynched"

Mr Allen said the opposition the BRU had received from a city councillor, Mr Donald Card, could "just be sour grapes" on Mr Card's part, because he was "out in the rugby cold"

Mr Allen wanted to know "where the devil" the council would find the land and funds necessary to build a sports complex

# Board hears <sup>DID 29/4/88</sup> reaction to proposed council <sup>263</sup>

Daily Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — The Demarcation Board under the chairmanship of Mr Justice A P Myburgh, from Pretoria, sat here yesterday to hear representations from authorities affected by the establishment of a regional services council for this area

The provisional boundaries established by provincial authorities, included areas of the Stormberg and Drakensberg divisional councils and the eastern portion of the Grootrivier divisional council

The Drakensberg D C opposed the proposal saying it preferred a regional services council formed on its own while Grootrivier preferred to be incorporated into a regional services council which included the Midland divisional council

Stormberg D C accepted the proposed new boundaries but felt the area was too large to be cost effective. The Barkly East municipality concurred that the Drakensberg D C should form a regional services council while Dordrecht agreed with Stormberg in that the proposed area was too large and preferred to be in a council which incorporated the Stormberg D C

Elliot municipality supported the proposed boundaries and proposed that Queenstown become the headquarters of the regional services council. The municipalities of Burgersdorp and Jamestown agreed

Jamestown urged that Queenstown's boundaries should not be divided between councils

The chairman of the Stormberg D C, Mr J H Esmeyer said that his council felt that smaller regions would be more cost effective

Mr Justice Myburgh enquired if the amalgamation of the magisterial districts of Queenstown and Cathcart with East London would be a viable proposition

He stressed that the establishment of regional services councils was to create uniformity in the country and explained that in the Transvaal councils were most effective when services in large regions were rendered on an agency basis

Mr Esmeyer said such an amalgamation would not work

Dr Teunis Schlebusch, from Queenstown town

council, asked if province had thoroughly researched the impact of such changes

He said he could not see any cost effectiveness because of the size of the area and added that it required smaller councils

Referring to comments by representatives at the board's meetings in Aliwal North and Burgersdorp about inheriting the problems of a corridor area in the event an amalgamation, Dr Schlebusch listed improvements for various groups provided by his council

He said the problems referred to were exaggerated and outlined industrial, commercial, professional and educational services open in Queenstown to neighbouring states

Dr Schlebusch said he could not see any benefit from a union between Queenstown, Cathcart and East London because the areas had diverse interests

Dr Schlebusch asked if provincial officials could prove that the proposed region would be cost effective but would not accept the explanations given by officials at the meeting

The chairman agreed with Dr Schlebusch that documents at the meeting did not contain proof that the new area could be managed cost effectively

Dr Schlebusch stressed the importance of a smaller regional services council for the Queenstown area and agreed that the Stormberg D C, which incorporated Queenstown, Cathcart, Molteno, Tarkastad and Sterkstroom, together with Dordrecht and possibly Elliot and Indwe, would be preferable as a regional services council to that proposed by province

Mr Justice Myburgh explained that province had provided for the proposed boundaries to be altered if they proved impractical after the regional services council had been implemented

He said the board's meeting in East London today would conclude findings but it would take a few weeks to collate facts and submit recommendations to the administrator

Regional services councils should be operative in the Cape this year, the judge said

Mr Justice Myburgh said

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# Pensions <sup>1643</sup> for city <sup>79/14/88</sup> councillors <sup>263</sup> on the way

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

PENSIONS for city councillors are about to become reality with Cape Town City Council's decision to join the national municipal pension fund.

Two months ago councillors voted themselves increases in their basic allowances to the maximum allowed, R1 000 a month.

The council agreed behind closed doors yesterday to join the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund, Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander announced today.

## DRAFT RULES

In terms of the draft rules relating to the pension benefits for councillors of local authorities Act of 1987 each council must decide by July 1 if it wants to join the fund.

Individual councillors have until July 1 to decide if they wish to become members. After the October 26 municipal elections membership will be compulsory.

Members will have to be 60 years old and to have served for at least eight years to qualify for benefits, which reach the maximum after 15 years.

## COUNCIL PORTION

Councillors' contributions are expected to be 10 percent of their allowances. The proportion to be paid by the local authority has not yet been decided, but the City Treasurer, Mr Donald Geyer, estimated that this would be 35 percent.

At present rates this would be about R200 000 a year "or one-eighth of one percent of the rates", Mr Friedlander said. "And there are indications that it may be even less."

However, he added, "the principle is that it will be self-funding."

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# Gardens: councillor warns of disaster

Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A city councillor and chairman of the Central Business District Association (CBDA) here, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighe, yesterday warned of the impending disaster local residents would face if the proposed Clarendon Gardens project went ahead

He was commenting after the leasing launch earlier this week by the developers of the R60-million shopping complex

He said three aspects raised by the managing director of RMS Syfrets, Mr Pat Flanagan, at the function, "should concern East Londoners and prove conclusively what a disaster we are heading for".

The list of big businesses wanting to get into Clarendon Gardens read like "a who's who" of existing down-town businesses

"Yet, Mr Flanagan said that these retailers would not leave the city centre, but would in fact upgrade their existing

shops. What nonsense I don't believe him and ask him to place this guarantee in writing — which he will not do.

"When the time comes for these retailers to close their shops in town he will merely say East London cannot justify the additional investment — the CBD is going to be raped," Mr Bassingthwaighe said

"Mr Flanagan said there was going to be more parking at Clarendon Gardens than in the city centre. Lack of parking has been almost the sole cause of degeneration of our present city centre and the blame lies at the feet of the city council, who have made little or no planning for this and have allowed the city centre to degenerate

"The council, through bad planning, saw to the degeneration of the city centre and when this had taken place, threw it out the window without a single attempt at trying to put matters right.

"Mr Flanagan is right

People go to where parking is readily available"

Mr Flanagan had used Bedfordview as an example of development during his speech at the launch

"Who is he trying to fool? Selborne and surrounding areas are developed to capacity. Selborne is the highest rated residential area. Maybe additional development can take place in the hospital aisles or on the front lawn of Clarendon School

"What he forgot to mention was that no environmental impact study has yet been made. No extensive traffic study was made and no consideration was given to what alternative developments could have taken place. And certainly due consultation of the people of East London was not taken

"Unfortunately financial returns are more important than the interests of the city," Mr Bassingthwaighe said

● The chairman of the



MR BASSINGTHWAIGHIE

Citywide Ratepayers' Association (CRA), Mrs Gwen Shaw, said yesterday that the anti-Clarendon Gardens campaign was "alive and well"

She said if people thought the development was "a fait accompli" that the project was going ahead because of the leasing launch, they were mistaken as it was still going to be contested

"The campaign is very much alive and well. We are just waiting for the deed of sale," Mrs Shaw said

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**Boundary  
agreed  
by board**

EAST LONDON — The Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas (DLGA) sat here briefly yesterday and announced that the proposed Regional Service Council (RSC) here would have the same boundaries as those existing under the Kaffraria Divisional Council area.

The board, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice A. P. Myburgh, sat to hear further evidence from people who had lodged objections.

Mr Myburgh said yesterday after the "three minute" meeting that no objections had been raised as far as the proposed Kaffraria boundaries were concerned and it had been resolved that the divisional boundaries stand as the boundaries for the RSC.

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# Pension scheme unfair to ratepayers Wassenaar

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By PETER DENNEHY

PENSION fund expert Dr Andreas Wassenaar has slammed the generous pension scheme which Cape Town city councillors have voted to join as being "unfair to ratepayers".

Mr Dick Friedlander, the chairman of the council's executive committee, announced at a press conference yesterday that the council had agreed on Thursday to become a member of the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund.

Mr Donald Geyer, the City Treasurer, estimated the scheme would cost R200 000 a year, and Mr Friedlander said this was 0,12% of rate income.

Every local council in the country will have to decide by July whether to join or not, in terms of draft rules relating to an Act of Parliament passed last year, Mr Friedlander said.

He has 27 years' service on the council, but said he was "not going on pension". Councillors with a mini-

imum of eight years' service would be eligible to draw benefits when they reached the age of 60, he said.

For each year of service, they would be able to receive one fifteenth of their monthly allowance.

Those who had 15 years' service or more would receive a pension equal to the full monthly allowance payable to a currently-serving councillor in the post that the claimer had held.

Councillors' contributions would amount to 10% of their allowances, and the council would contribute a figure in the order of another 35%, though this figure had not been fixed.

Mr Wassenaar said that a 35% employers' contribution was "extremely high".

"Only the people who can spend ratepayers' and taxpayers' money can afford to do that," he said. "I feel it is unfair to the ratepayers."

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# Council agrees to buy small buses

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EAST LONDON — The city council approved the purchase of four new small municipal buses at a cost of R600 000 at last night's closed action committee meeting.

The chairman of the committee, Mr Neville Randall, said after the meeting that the buses would be used for "in between" services when it was not viable to use

the large municipal buses.

• The council also acknowledged the donation of a mobile clinic from funds raised through the Christmas Stamp Fund.

Mr Randall said the council was pleased about the mobile clinic.

The vehicle has already arrived in the city from Pinetown and will be handed over officially on a date still to be determined.

• The council rejected an application from the Rag committee of the University of Port Elizabeth to permit students to erect a stall in front of the City Hall to sell boerewors rolls in June.

Mr Randall said, however, the council did not want to turn down the application completely and had agreed to put a proposal to the students to use Buxton Street on June 26, from 8 am to 1 pm for their fund-raising effort.

# Leader: IP to contest municipal elections on selective basis (263)

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — The Independent Party intended to contest the national municipal elections on October 26 on a selective basis, the IP's leader, Dr Denis Worrall, told a lunch-time meeting here yesterday

Asked why the party planned to be selective in its campaign, he said the IP respected the feelings in some municipalities that party politics be kept

out of municipal affairs  
Dr Worrall said a statement that would define the party's viewpoint and its intentions for these elections would be issued next week

He said the government was not giving South Africans the necessary sense of vision for the future and participation in general and local government elections was one platform from which the IP could spell out options for the people

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For written reply

Own Affairs

Greater Mitchell's Plain area, housing units built with state funds

1 Mr P C HARRIS asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

(1) With reference to the Greater Mitchell's Plain area, how many housing units have been built with State funds in (a) Westridge, (b) Rocklands, (c) Portlands, (d) Woodlands, (e) Lentegeur, (f) Beacon Valley, (g) Eastridge, (h) Tafelsig, (i) New Woodlands and (j) Strandfontein,

(2) how many of these housing units in each of the above-mentioned areas (a) have been sold and (b) are being rented by the present occupants.

(3) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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- (1) (a) 4 042 units  
 (b) 4 951 units  
 (c) 4 562 units  
 (d) 1 693 units  
 (e) 5 661 units  
 (f) 3 634 units  
 (g) 3 294 units  
 (h) 5 014 units  
 (i) 1 642 units  
 (j) 961 units

(2) (a) Sold

- (a) 4 041 units  
 (b) 4 950 units  
 (c) 4 562 units  
 (d) 623 units  
 (e) 5 659 units  
 (f) 1 081 units  
 (g) 1 085 units

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- (h) 2 381 units  
 (i) 1 642 units  
 (j) 961 units  
 (b) Rented  
 (a) 1 unit  
 (b) 1 unit  
 (c) nil units  
 (d) 1 070 units  
 (e) 2 units  
 (f) 2 553 units  
 (g) 2 209 units  
 (h) 2 633 units  
 (i) nil units  
 (j) nil units

(3) From June 1975 till January 1988

Community Facilities Fund, administration by Cape Town City Council

3 Mr P C HARRIS asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

(1) Whether his Department (a) has in any way been involved in, or (b) has been informed of the existence of, a certain fund which is administered by the Cape Town City Council and whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, if so, (i) to what extent is his Department so involved, (ii) what is the (aa) name and (bb) purpose of this fund and (iii) how is the money for this fund collected,

(2) whether he will furnish further information on this fund, if not, why not, if so,

(3) whether the proceeds of this fund, or part of the proceeds thereof are utilized for the provision of community facilities in

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) (a) No  
 (b) Yes

(i) Falls away

(ii) (aa) Community Facilities Fund

(bb) The purpose of the fund is

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the establishment of an alternative source of finance for the provision of community facilities

(iii) Money for this fund is obtained from the profits realised from the sale of vacant land which had been purchased with Housing Funds and from charges levied in the rent and purchase prices

(2) Yes

(3) (a) 1980

(b) (i) R3 646 419,36

(d) R2 816 520,10 as at 30 June 1987

(ii) R1 449 685,13

The amounts quoted above are for the period 1 January 1980 to 30 June 1987. The amount collected and spent in each year is not available

(c) (i) Capital estimates for the 1988/1989 financial year have not yet been approved by the Cape Town City Council and can accordingly not be furnished

(ii) Falls away

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# Cathcart <sup>P/D 11/5788</sup> begins to expand — town clerk

by YVONNE MARSHALL

QUEENSTOWN — After a stagnant period of several years, expansion in Cathcart is slowly beginning.

The town clerk, Mr Andre van Vuuren, said that while there had not been expansion, there had not been regression either, and there were no empty houses or business premises in the town. Cathcart had, however, lost its only industry, a sawmill, to Alice where it had the benefit of concessions.

“Progress within the town limits is being made but, understandably, this is slow. We are a small community and

the council does not want to burden ratepayers.”

Recent progress included the building of a new township to the south of the town comprising 52 erven, of which 12 were already serviced, and approval of a subsidy for extensions to the existing sewerage plant, and development of the remaining 35 erven in the coloured township.

Sewerage extensions would cost R1 million and had become necessary since the establishment of the town, Katikati. Essential services for that town were provided by the Cathcart municipality.

Of the 47 erven in the coloured township, 12

were developed and occupied. A loan application for R110 000 had been made to fund the first phase in developing the remaining stands.

The town council was also contemplating another reservoir to supplement the three existing ones which served Cathcart and Katikati.

Included in the council's plans to promote the town was a trout hatchery which was being established below the Koch Dam, northwest of the town.

Streams and dams near the town would also be stocked to attract visitors. If the venture was successful the

council would consider improving facilities at the caravan park, about one kilometre from the dam.

# First black firemen show their skills

By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN'S first squad of 22 black firemen, who have just completed a tough three months of training, put on a display of fire-fighting and life-saving skills at an end-of-course parade at the Epping fire station yesterday.

The Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, complimented them on their smartness and said the city was proud of them.

Eight firemen are from Crossroads and 14 from Khayelitsha. Five have not yet passed the course, but will be kept on at a lower salary than they would otherwise have got and be

given another chance to pass. "We could not drop our standards," Cape Town's chief fire officer, Mr Joop Hamel, explained yesterday.

The firemen work for the town committees or councils of Crossroads, Khayelitsha and Cape Town. They were trained by personnel of the Cape Town fire brigade.

Eight of the new firemen will be stationed at the Epping fire station and 14 at Mitchells Plain.

Mr Muller said the council's contribution to their training could only benefit the whole region.

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# Draft pension scheme opposed

By PETER DENNEHY

A PENSION FUND for town and city councillors has draft rules which allow local authorities to pay pensions to former councillors

Cape Town's city treasurer, Mr Donald Geyer, confirmed this yesterday, saying the trustees of the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund would have to approve a recommendation from the council concerned.

The council would also have to pay the "actuarial cost" of "buying back", for pension purposes, years the beneficiary had served on the council, Mr Geyer added

Mr Arthur Wienburg, a city councillor who strongly opposes the pension scheme, has calculated that if the council opts to allow councillors to "buy back" years, it would be possible in one particular case to pay in R2 000 and then receive, on retirement, a gratuity of R30 000 and a monthly pension of R2 500 for the rest of one's life

This package of benefits could cost the ratepayer about R300 000, he said, and maintained that the scheme "cannot be justified either morally or economically"

Mr Geyer said the draft rules for the scheme had been drawn up by United Municipal Executive officials and actuaries. The rules apply to all local authorities, including management committees, which opt to join the scheme

Tomorrow the City Council will decide whether it will allow its own councillors to "buy back" service, or even whether the council will buy it back for them



# Members of GRA choose issues as individual portfolios

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GRAHAMSTOWN — Members of an expanded executive of the Grahamstown Ratepayers' Association (GRA) have chosen issues which they will regard as their individual portfolios

It is issues like traffic, health and outdoor recreation on which each will keep a watching brief. They will also welcome feedback and input from residents, it was revealed at this week's executive meeting

Rhodes University's director of computing services, Mr Mike Lawrie, volunteered to take on the job of public relations officer for GRA

The director of development at the 1820 Foundation, Mr Jacques Lorraine, will concern himself with publicising Grahamstown

Outdoor recreation and open spaces is the slot Mr Roger Rowswell will fill, while Mr Mike Dacombe will monitor traffic affairs

Historical preservation will be watched by Dr Mary Knowling and the secretary of the Grahamstown Historical Society, Dr Tim Williams

Dr Williams, a specialist qualified in public health, will also look after the health portfolio

Mr Bobby Mortimer

will monitor charges for municipal services

It is possible that other portfolios will be developed as the need is indicated

● The GRA has registered an objection to cluster housing being built on government land in Worcester Street, suggesting alternative land be offered the South African Police, it was reported

Objections must be lodged by May 20, the chairman, Dr Beverley Ramstad, said

● A public meeting about regional services councils (RSC) would be held in July, she said

Speakers would be a political scientist and co-author of a newly-published book on local government, Government by the People, Mr Chris Heymans, a city councillor and the Grahamstown representative on the Algoa Regional Services Council (ARSC), Dr Brian la Trobe, and the town clerk, Mr Lionel Pienaar

"Mr Heymans has made a national survey of RSC's and will introduce the topic," Dr Ramstad said

The impact of the ARSC on the Grahams-town municipality would be analysed by Mr Pienaar

● The GRA had written to the relevant authorities about the potential danger of the bypass junction on the Port Elizabeth road, the secretary, Dr Dennis Hughes, stated

● The public, including Girl Guides, school pupils and Gold Shield award candidates, should be mobilised to clean up and beautify Mountain Drive, he said  
"Lets do something positive," he said

## Rising Moslem population

NEW YORK — American Moslems are expected to surpass Jews in number within the next 30 years, becoming the country's second largest religious community after Christians, according to reports  
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Householders to pay 12 percent more this year

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# City rates rise

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S rates are to rise by 12,4 percent as the city's total expenditure for the coming year jumps to R1,134-million.

And householders can expect an increase in the electricity tariff of at least 12 percent later this year.

Last year the municipal rates increased by an effective 7,5 percent as the budget topped R1-billion for the first time.

The rebated rate for residential properties now stands at 3,36c in the rand, while the full rate is 4,54c in the rand.

In his budget speech at a special City Council meeting yesterday, executive committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander said "the spirit of optimism" about the economic future had been "replaced by a far more cautious attitude, suggesting a possible cooling of the economy"

## Agreed proportion

The city needed to co-operate with the Government to combat inflation and limit spending. However, economic development was a prime goal because it was essential for future well-being

"The Government has announced its intention to meet the full agreed proportion of municipal rates on State properties and R25-million — R5-million more than for the current year — has been allowed."

Referring to the electricity tariff increase, Mr Friedlander said a combination of sales growth and relatively favourable bulk supplies from Eskom "should enable the tariff increase to be restricted to 12 percent later in the year".

Although productivity had improved, an "inevitable" deterioration in the standard of some services such as street cleaning and maintenance of road verges had meant more staff needed to be taken on

Staff salaries would be pegged for the present. Increases from July 1988 would be contrary to the Government's call for wage restraint, he said.

Last year's budget reflected a need for tight control after the depletion of the city's reserves as a result of unexpected expenses and reduced income.

"Happily, the discipline imposed by improved budgetary procedures, both in capital and operating estimates, has shown that a large local authority can react favourably to a crisis," he said

In fact, a surplus which had been built up would enable the creation of a working capital reserve with an initial R10-million.

Mr Friedlander announced a small concession for the elderly. The limit in each category of the rates rebate scheme goes up by R100 of monthly income.

Mr Friedlander said the city was looking to more involvement with the private sector. One major area was the redevelopment of Cape Town's waterfront.

It was vital for the Government to co-operate by declaring the development an open area to provide the main investment incentive.

# Councillors vote to 'pay in' to pension

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## Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town city councillors have voted themselves the right "to pay in for past service" to boost their eventual pension payouts.

The council agreed behind closed doors yesterday to extend the benefits available under the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund. Similar secrecy surrounded the original debate last month on whether or not to join the fund along with cities such as Johannesburg.

Unlike the system in the Public Service, councillors will only be able to "buy back" years they have actually served.

The council has set aside about R3,4-million of its reserves over 10 years to pay for the scheme, which also covers management committee members. This was based on a "worst scenario", said Mr Dick Friedlander, the executive committee chairman. "It assumes that everybody will want to take advantage of this benefit."

## DECISION

This latest development comes two months after councillors increased their basic allowances to a maximum of R1 000 a month.

"The decision to extend the benefits was taken in terms of the rules of the fund," said Mr Friedlander.

Present councillors have the option of joining the fund and of buying back completed service ("We prefer to call it paying in," said exco member Mr Louis Kremer).

Future councillors will be compelled to join the fund. However, it was possible that not all councillors would opt for buying back, Mr Friedlander said.

Other councils might decide not to have this benefit, he added.

All their councillors would thus start from scratch at the inception date of the fund, no matter how long they had served before.

Although the rules allowed a local authority to foot the entire bill for buying back service, Cape Town's councillors will have to chip in. Their contribution will be 10 percent of all their allowances over the years.

## AVERAGE

Members will have to be 60 years old and to have served for at least eight years to qualify for pension benefits, which reach the maximum after 15 years.

Payouts will be based on a councillor's "average emoluments" taking into account various positions he may have held during his period of service. The mayor, deputy mayor and chairman and members of the executive committee get up to four times the average councillor's allowance.

An "average" councillor who had served 10 years to date and wished to buy back would have to pay in about R3 600, Mr Friedlander said. Somebody who retired at the end of this year after 15 years on the basic councillor's allowance would have to pay in about R5 000.

City Treasurer Mr Donald Geyer confirmed that the rules allowed somebody who was not even a sitting councillor to qualify for the buy-back.

"However, any application for such benefits would have to be well motivated," Mr Friedlander said. "I imagine it would be a rare occurrence."

If councillors left the council before the eight-year qualifying period their pension contributions would be refunded, probably with nominal interest added, Mr Geyer said. "Buy back" payments would not be refunded.

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# Councillors vote for bigger pension payouts

**Municipal Reporter**

CAPE TOWN city councillors voted yesterday to allow themselves to "pay in for past service" and thus increase their eventual pension fund payouts.

Mr R M Friedlander, the chairman of the executive committee, revealed yesterday at a pre-budget press briefing that the council had taken this decision a few hours earlier at a meeting behind closed doors.

"Paying in" for past service was not the same as "buying back" unserved years, as was possible on other pension schemes, he said. Councillors would only be able to "pay in" for years they had actually served before the pension scheme was created.

Rules of the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund would allow the City Council to "pay in" the entire amount for councillors' past service, Mr Friedlander said.

However, councillors had felt they "should pay in something themselves", so those who wished to purchase past service would pay in 10% of

their aggregate allowances.

The council — and ultimately rate-payers — will pay a portion equivalent to 35% of the allowances, according to present guidelines.

Mr Friedlander said the average councillor with 10 years' service would have to "pay in" R3 800 to ensure that his years of service all count for pension purposes. Someone with 15 years would have to pay in R5 500, he estimated.

Mr Louis Kreiner, who is also on the executive committee, said R3,4 million would have to be set aside for the pension fund of both councillors and management committee members, but very little of it would be from this year's budget.

A harsh critic of the scheme, councillor Arthur Wienburg, said earlier this week that he felt it was unfair that councillors should be able to pay in now to purchase — cheaply — past service done in times when allowances were low and money had a very different value.

# Austere city budget rise welcomed

By PETER DENNEHY

BUSINESSMEN welcomed the City Council's austere 12,4%-rate-rise budget yesterday, but the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), representing tenants, urged the council to reconsider impending rent increases

The new rate, effective from July 1, will be 4,54 cents per rand of municipal valuation, as against the current rate of 4,04 cents.

However, the 26% rebate for residential properties reduces the effective rate for homeowners to 2,99 cents in the current year, and 3,36 cents as from July 1

This means that a house in Claremont with a municipal valuation of R25 900, now paying R774 a year, will pay R870 in rates in the next financial year, a Constantia house with a municipal valuation of R57 810, paying R1 728, will pay R1 942, a Harfield Village house with a valuation of R10 710 paying R320 will pay R359, a Milnerton house valued at R3 850, paying R115, will pay R129 and an Athlone house valued at R18 370, paying R549, will pay R617.

Rents in the council's housing estates will also rise by 15% or R10, a month, whichever is lower, from July 1. Mr Ted Doman, the council's public relations officer, said most rent increases would be between R6 and R7

Mr Henne van Wyk, Cahac's chairman, said the increases were "disturbing" as they came at a time of wage freezes and high unemployment.

Mr Neil Ross, a member of the housing committee, proposed that rates should be increased by an additional 1% to raise R1,62 million with which to subsidize rents in the housing estates or maintain council houses.

Only four other coun-

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cillors — Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Peter Parkin and Mr Eric Merrington — supported him, and the motion was lost.

On the other hand, Mr Arthur Wienburg proposed that the rates increase should be 2% lower, at 10,4%.

The resulting deficit should be made good by removing R3,4 million from the council's financial reserves and scrapping the councillors' new pension fund, he proposed

R3,4 million is the amount which will have to be set aside over 10 years for the pensions fund. Only one other councillor, Mr Ian Iversen, voted with Mr Wienburg.

Mr Richard Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee, said the most important goal for the coming year had been to restrict the rate increase "to the lowest possible level" while maintaining the present level of services and encouraging new development. He also hopes to build up capital reserves

Mr Michael Boyes, president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, said restricting the rate increase to 12,4% "will certainly lend weight to the national effort to get inflation under control, and this is to be welcomed"

He added that his one regret about the budget was that the civic patrol had been shelved, as it would have made the city a safer place.

Other features of the budget are that electricity tariffs will increase by 12% at the beginning of summer. Water prices have already increased by 9% from April

The usual 26% rebate on rates for all residential properties has been retained. Income limits within which the aged can qualify for further rebates have been raised by R100 in all the income categories between R400 and R700 a month

The 12,4% rate increase will bring in an extra R20,3 million to the city's coffers.

Yet the total budget amounts to R1 133,9 million. Vast amounts within the budget, for example most of the funds for houses and roads, come from the central government or the provincial administration.

Estimated capital expenditure within the next year will be R267 million, while operating expenditure should amount to R866 million

Operating costs are divided up into R450 million for the council's trading services (electricity, water, markets and the abattoir), R39 million for housing and R378 million for general services such as cleansing, libraries, drainage, fire services and civic halls

Last year's City Council budget of R1 014 million was the first to surpass the billion-rand mark.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the housing committee, said the council would be able to build only 1 060 houses this year, its second-lowest total since 1979

She expected only R49 million for coloured housing from the government this year. The council would also get 4 000 serviced sites, yet it needed and was capable of building 8 000 houses a year if it was only provided with the land and funds, she said.

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# New group says CMC needs fresh blood

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**Daily Dispatch Reporter**

**EAST LONDON** — Fresh blood is needed on the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), because members of the coloured community are crying out for change.

The chairman of the New Management Group, Pastor George Fritz, said yesterday that his organisation had called three public meetings, for June 6 (Parkside), June 7 (Pefferville), and June 8 (Buffalo Flats).

He said that his committee, which had recently been formed, consisted of 20 people and that the committee had

15 people who were prepared to stand for the CMC in the forthcoming elections.

Mr Fritz said the present city council also needed to be replaced "because they don't work hand in hand with the CMC".

"The city council likes having around men like those on the CMC, because they don't open their mouths," he said.

Mr Fritz said issues such as the state of roads and houses, as well as the allocation of houses were of great concern to his committee.

He said Pefferville was "not fit for people to live in", while Buffalo Flats had become a "dumping area".

"If these guys were doing their jobs, we wouldn't have these problems."

"Another cause for concern is the pirate taxis which operate in our areas. Some of those cars are in a disgusting state," Mr Fritz added.

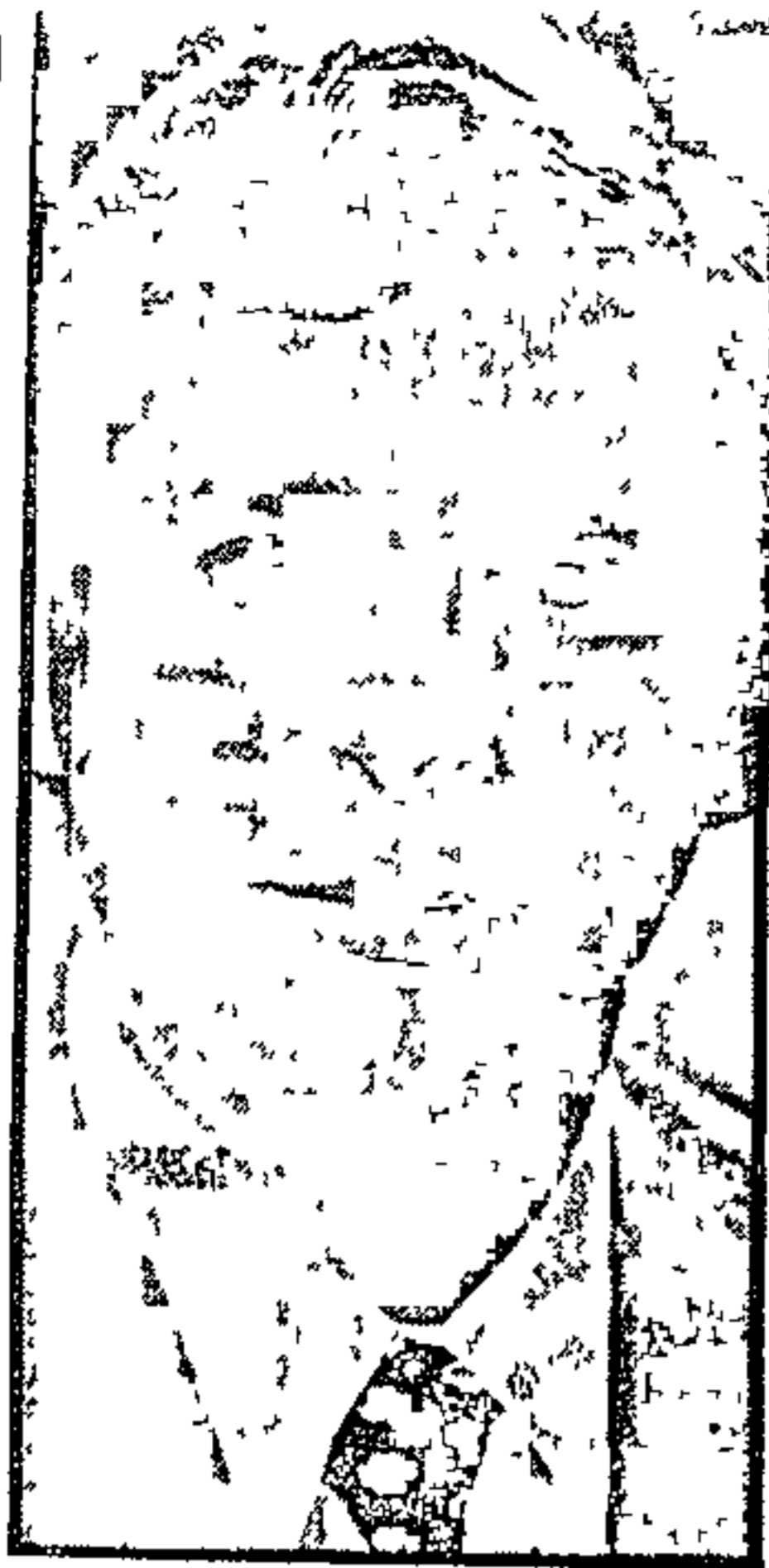
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San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf in October 1978.

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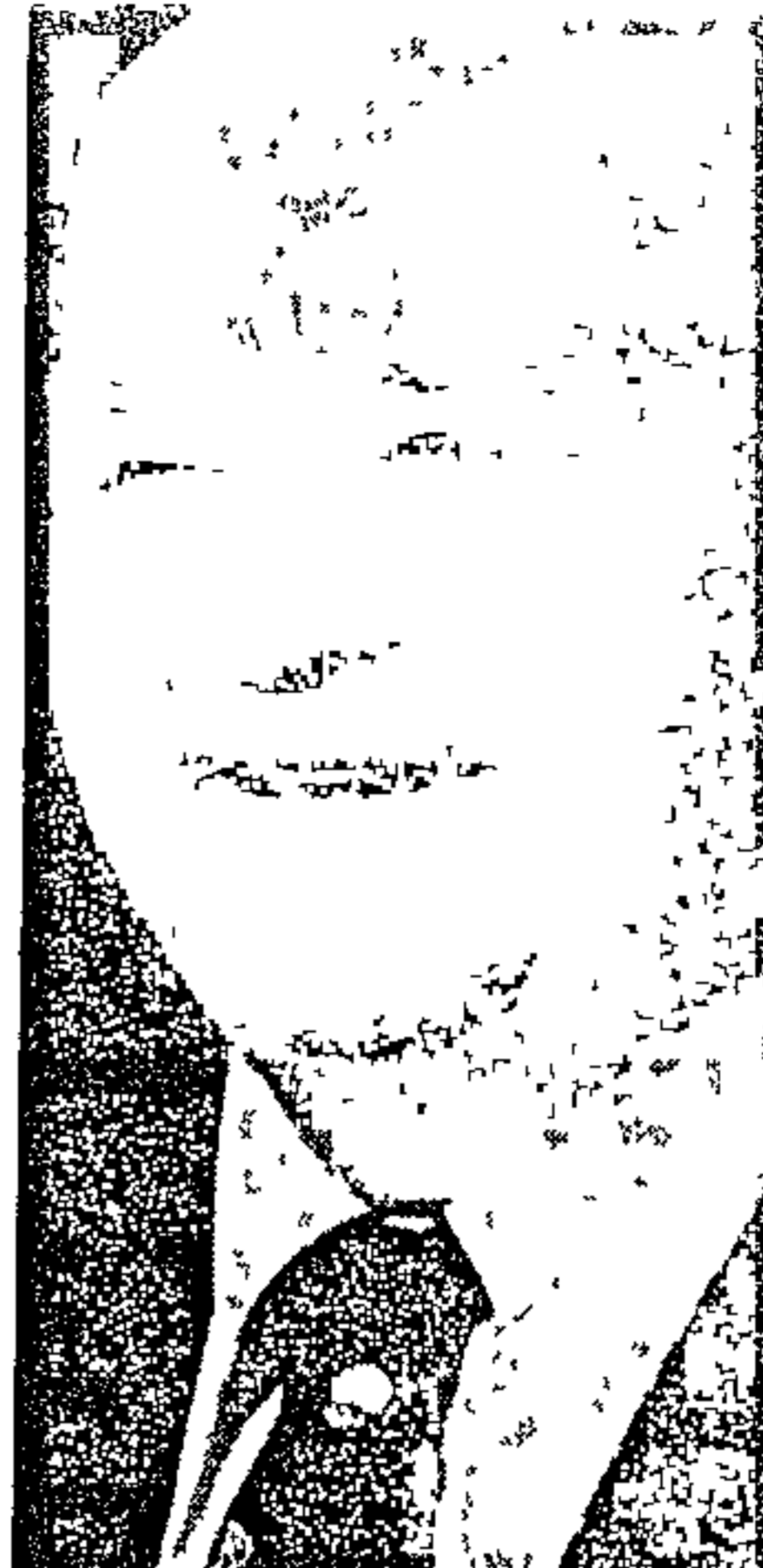
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Mr Arthur Wienburg



Mr Donald Geyer



Mr Dick Friedlander

# What the council tried so hard to conceal . . .

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**F**EW subjects can have been debated so thoroughly and so hotly by the Cape Town City Council in recent years as the decision to join the national pension fund for councillors.

This is speculation, of course: the debate took place in secret despite several attempts to have it in the open. Details of the final debate this week were buried in a separate, secret minute book. Not even the voting may be made public.

What was it the council fought so hard to conceal?

The Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund was created in terms of the Draft Rules for the Pension Benefits for Councillors of Local Authorities Act of 1987.

Councils have until July 1 to join the fund. Councillors may still refuse to join now, but after October 26 they will have no choice — as "new" councillors they will be compelled to join.

Members will have to be 60 years old and to have served for at least eight years to qualify for pension benefits, which reach the maximum after 15 years. Members with eight years' or more service who leave before retirement will start being paid at 60

Payouts will be based on rates of pay ruling at retirement taking into account a councillor's "average emoluments". At various stages he may have been paid up to four times the average councillor's allowance (presently R1 000 a month) if he was mayor, deputy mayor or on the executive committee.

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Councillors' contributions to the fund are expected to be 10 percent of their allowances. The Government will have to decide what the council will have to pay (the "employer's portion"), but the City Treasurer, Mr Donald Geyer, has estimated 35 percent

At present rates this would cost the city about R200 000 a year "or one-eighth of one percent of the rates", said a councillor, Mr Dick Friedlander. However, he added, "the principle is that the fund will be self-funding".

Yet, according to one of the fund's main critics, Rondebosch councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, 35 percent is more than double what Cape Town puts into pensions for its municipal workers and nearly three times the average contribution nationally. And the rules allow the council to contribute as much as 50 percent, he says.

Cape Town has also accepted the fund's "pay in for past service" provision. Unlike the public service pension fund, this will allow councillors to pay in only for the years they served

If other councils decide against this benefit — it is not compulsory — their councillors will have no way of gaining compensation for past service

Although the rules allow a local authority to foot the entire bill for the "pay-in" scheme, Cape Town's councillors will contribute 10 percent of all the allowances paid to them over the years.

The council has set aside about R34-million of its reserves over 10 years to pay for the scheme, which covers management committee members, too. This assumes that everybody will want the benefit.

Mr Geyer confirmed that the rules allowed someone who was not even a sitting councillor to qualify for the pay-in scheme, although this would be "rare" and would have to be "well-motivated"

If members left the council before the eight-year qualifying period, their pension contributions would be refunded, probably with nominal interest added, Mr Geyer said. "Pay-in" payments would not be refunded.

According to figures provided by Mr Wienburg, if a councillor who has attained the highest office in the council and served for more than 15 years elected to "pay in" the maximum for past service, he would receive:

- A gratuity of about R30 000 and

- A monthly pension of about R2 500 for the rest of his life and "generous benefits" for his widow.

This package has been calculated to cost the ratepayer about R300 000. For this the councillor would pay a maximum of R2 000.

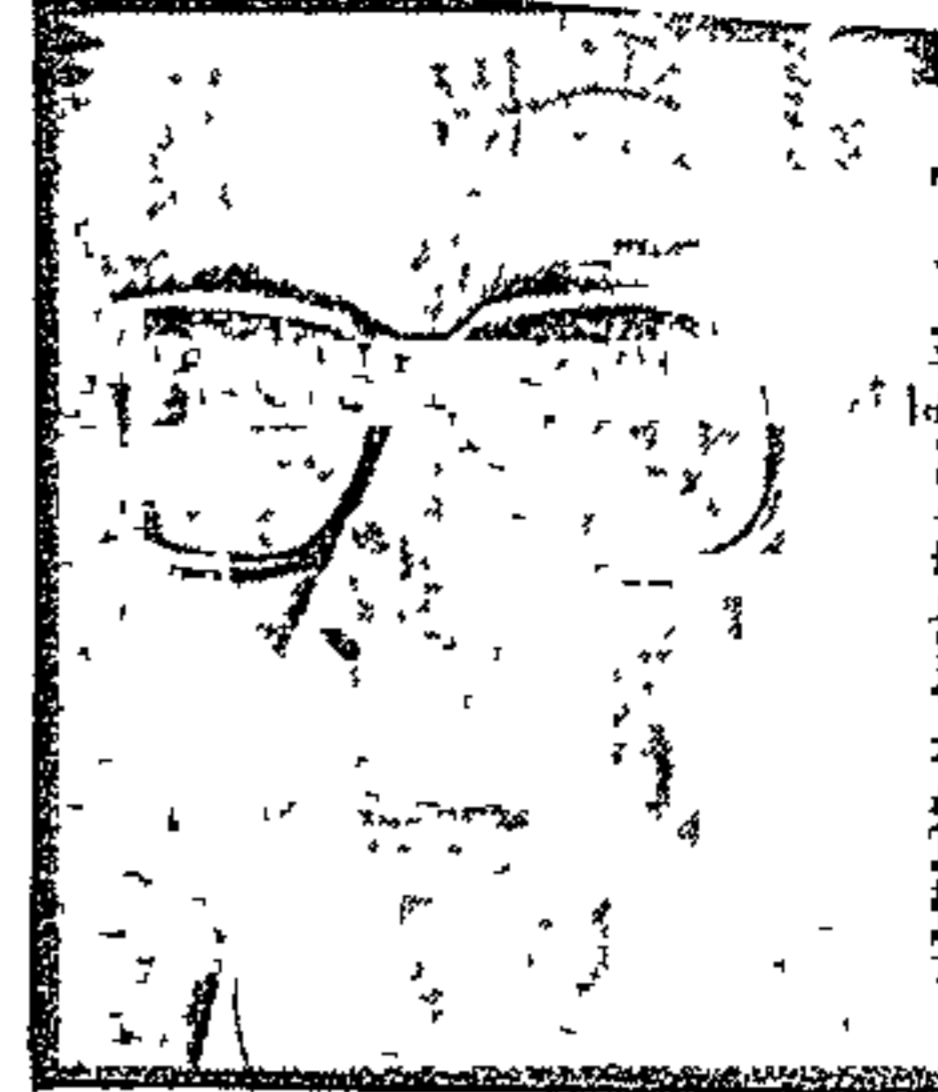
Mr Friedlander said an "average" councillor who had served 10 years to date would have to pay in about R3 600. Somebody who retired at the end of this year after 15 years and never rising above the basic councillor's allowance would pay in about R5 000



Mr John Muir



Mr Chris Joubert



Mr Eric Merrington

# Are city councillors worth their salt?

By ANTHONY DOMAN, Municipal Reporter

IT has been, financially speaking, not a bad few months for Cape Town's city councillors.

● In January they voted themselves 61 percent increases to R1 000 a month — the maximum allowed by the Provincial Administration

● By April they had joined a national pension fund offering terms far better than the private sector average.

● This month they accepted the option of "paying in" to the pension fund for past service — again at bargain rates.

Today, senior office-bearers such as the mayor and the chairman of the executive committee are paid as much as R4 000 a month.

Management committee members now get up to R800. The Athlone chairman's allowance more than quadrupled from R560 to R2 400.

Are they worth it?

Being a councillor can mean hard work. A typical schedule could involve fielding telephone calls and letters daily. Occasionally, on-site inspections are necessary. Add several hours more for ward work.

"Forward planning" and research are time consuming. "A 10-minute speech could take up to three hours to prepare," one councillor said.

On average a councillor could attend at least two committee meetings and a full council meeting every month — a total of about 11 hours. Preparation for meet-

ings would take another seven or eight hours.

Direct costs could include secretarial services, stationery, stamps, transport and telephone calls.

Most councillors hold down jobs or run businesses of their own. On present allowances, many say they end up out of pocket.

If it is such a grind, why do they do it?

The predictable answer would be "to serve the community". Yet, without being unduly cynical, there is no denying that this "service" has a certain allure. Consider the perks: allowance and pension, political clout, business contacts and the cocktail circuit.

Earlier this year, when the Cape Town City Council increased its allowances, a handful of protesting councillors were drowned out by the majority chorus.

Even those who opposed the increase agreed that expenses for certain "full-time" office-bearers such as the mayor and chairman of the executive committee warranted increases.

However, Mr John Muir warned councillors against "being bought" and becoming part of a "gravy train".

However, Mr Leon Markovitz hit back sharply, saying that some people spent "a tremendous amount of time" being councillors. A councillor also had a duty "whether he earns R600 or R1 000 a month to give a percentage of that money — and a large per-

centage — to charitable organisations".

Mr Arthur Wienburg was against drawing councillors from the ranks of "fat cats". Paying appropriate fees would also result in a more professional approach, he said. "People here are governing a city with a budget of R1-billion."

Mr Eric Merrington said his job prospects and pension could have been harmed because he had had to take time off for council business

"I unashamedly need that R1 000, but I believe I deserve it," said Mr Merrington, a pensioner. "A person who puts in my amount of work should be paid the salary of an MP"

Mr Chris Joubert said "We are not prepared to do community service and to be out of pocket — and I don't believe my ratepayers expect that."

What do ratepayers say?

An executive member of an Athlone civic association said services in the management committee area did not warrant increased allowances "I think most people are indifferent to the committees," he added. "But in a way we shouldn't be — it's our money, after all."

Naturally, he who pays the piper calls the tune

City ratepayers' association chairman Mr William Combrink summed it up. "If capable and hard-working city councillors do their job diligently, R1 000 could be considered fair. Otherwise, the electorate have the solution."

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# Walkouts mar final day of committee sittings

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CAPE TOWN - The final day of the two-day sittings of the provincial committees was marred by "walkouts", with the Conservative Party, the Labour Party and the Progressive Federal Party, all absent from the Cape Provincial committee at one stage

Only Mr Louis Hollander (LP, Britstown) remained

The CP once again walked out of the Transvaal and Cape Provincial debates yesterday, although their counterparts in the Orange Free State and Natal did not follow suit

Representatives of the CP all raised the same technical point, alleging that the provincial committee meetings were ultra vires

At one stage during the Cape debate only the National Party members remained in the chamber

The CP members left after the chairman, Dr Helgard van Rensburg, ruled against their objection to the sitting

The LP and the PFP walked out in protest against a speech by a member of the executive committee, Mr Pieter Schoeman

Later, after they had returned, the PFP left again, when Dr Van Rensburg ruled against a point of order raised by the PFP chief whip, Mr John Malcomess, on a question of the amount of time allowed to the administrator and executive

The administrator, Mr Gene Louw, then stated that Mr Malcomess had not even taken part in the debate, to which the PFP chief whip retorted "I would do if you gave us time"

The PFP then walked out

The earlier walkout by members of the LP was initiated by the MP for Haarlem, Mr Charlie Green, who told the committee that the LP had refused an invitation to lunch from Mr Louw because of insults from Mr Schoeman

"We can eat together but we can't swim together," he said

Mr Green said that, if Mr Schoeman continued in the same manner, members of the LP would have no alternative but to leave the chamber

Speaking on a point of order at the start of yesterday's proceedings in the Cape Committee, the CP MP for Ermelo, Mr Moolman Mentz, said what was taking place at the committee was null and void

# Flood relief thefts: Workers keep jobs

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By CHRIS STEYN

SEVENTY-THREE municipal employees convicted of stealing emergency supplies intended for flood victims at Upington are to stay in their jobs.

This was confirmed to the Cape Times yesterday by Upington's deputy town clerk Mr C P Schutte, who said the town council decided on Monday night that the workers had been "punished enough".

Seventy-three of the 74 municipal officials arrested by police were found guilty in the local magistrate's court last month of unlawfully appropriating emergency supplies intended for flood victims. They all pleaded guilty and the court imposed fines ranging between R100 and R200 each — to be paid to the Disaster Relief Fund.

The remaining accused will appear in court today.

Mr Schutte said the town council decided that the punishment by the court had been sufficient. "All the stolen goods were recovered and the workers paid the fines imposed by the court.

"The council gave the workers a final warning. But it was decided not to take any further action," he said.

Upington's district police commander, Major Bertie Viviers, said the police investigation was started when the municipality received information that one employee had appropriated some flood relief supplies — including food and blankets.

The suspect, however, informed on a couple of accomplices, who in turn gave detectives the names of dozens of other people involved in the theft.

Major Viviers told the Cape Times that "about a truck-load full" of supplies were stolen. These included food, blankets, sleeping mats and clothing.

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# Referendum call over councillors' pensions

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

ANGRY ratepayers are demanding a referendum to test the legality of the Cape Town City Council's membership of the councillors' pension fund under a "pay in for past service" scheme which could cost the city millions

The chairman of the Southfield/Naruna Rent and Ratepayers' Association, Mr Dennis Phillips, said today members "unanimously" backed a referendum proposal at a meeting this week.

"We will be writing a letter to the Town Clerk, with copies to ratepayers' associations in the other 16 wards," he said

"We do not want to pay extra

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rates just to support this pension benefit. Councillors should be doing their work as a service — not for what they can get out of it"

## SECRET DEBATE

After a secret debate the council last week voted, also in secret, to allow councillors to "pay in" for past service

It is expected that the council, as the "employer", will contribute R3,50 for every rand councillors pay to the fund

The City Treasurer has estimated this will cost the city more than R200 000 a year at present rates.

In addition R3,4-million has been set aside for councillors who want to "pay in" for their past service.

# Mild reaction to city council budget for financial year

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Daily Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — There was mild reaction yesterday to the city council's budget for the 1988/89 financial year

The chairman of the Citywide Ratepayers' Association, Mrs Gwen Shaw, said the CRA would meet today to discuss the budget before issuing a statement

The spokesman for the Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association (Amalinda), Mr Andy Jeans, accepted that there must be increases

in the rates but objected to what he described as the "squandering of public money".

Mr Jeans condemned the "large handouts of money to such organisations as Bomedco. To date we haven't seen any benefits from the Republic of China visits here in East London"

"We totally oppose the increase of councillors' allowances and the forthcoming pension schemes"

He also slated the damage done to the

Orient Theatre parking area when steel tent pegs were driven into the tarred surface to erect a tent for the conference of the Institution of Municipal Engineers of Southern Africa

Mr Jeans said the association was pleased to see that privatisation was being considered by the council

The chairman of the Border Chamber of Industries, Mr Leo Borman, said the electricity and water tariff increases would affect some industries more than others but would not have serious implications if the percentage increases were below the inflation rate

"If there was more industry in East London, it would relieve the burden on the ratepayer," Mr Borman said "That is why we are trying to encourage more industry here"

Mr Borman lauded Mr Spring's attitude towards privatisation in his budget speech. Mr Spring recommended that the council investigate the privatisation of services such as grass cutting and street cleaning

Mr Borman said privatisation should be examined closely

"The council should move in that direction as soon as possible so the private sector can start tendering for the various services," he said

# Louw says CPA dedicated to the removal of racism

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CAPE TOWN — The Cape Provincial "government" was committed to removing hurtful racial discrimination in the province, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said in parliament yesterday.

But he warned that the executive committee had to operate within the law and in terms of government policy, even if individual members of the committee disagreed with these policies.

Mr Louw, who was replying to the debate in the Parliamentary Committee on Cape Provincial Affairs, said that, as

from March this year, everyone employed by the provincial authorities had equal benefits — including rights to medical aid and pensions — and all appointments were strictly on merit.

"There is no discrimination based on colour when it comes to appointments in the Provincial Administration."

Mr Louw said library apartheid was being phased out in the Cape because the executive committee believed these facilities should be opened to all races. He said R27 million of the R30 million allo-

cated for recreational facilities during the current financial year was being spent on open facilities.

The executive committee was bound by the provisions of the Separate Amenities Act in regard to the opening of beaches and any changes in the law were the responsibility of parliament, he said.

But added that it could make recommendations to the government and that he understood that individual members of the committee would use public platforms to express their own views.

"My Exco and I go out of our way to implement our policy in such a way as not to be hurtful, but please don't ask me to transgress the law."

Although a few years ago 70 to 80 per cent of the libraries in the Cape enforced apartheid, now only 12 per cent did so, and 90 per cent of the funds spent for the erection of new libraries went to black and brown areas, Mr Louw said.

"We are continuing with our desire to open all the libraries."

However, at the Stutterheim library where there were only nine chairs, 300 black chil-

dren arrived there at one time to study.

Admission to libraries should not be dealt with on a racial basis but a system should be developed so that all people could use libraries on an orderly basis, Mr Louw said.

He also said that the R1,35 million allocated during the last financial year for sports facilities had helped more than 50 local authorities to provide these facilities in brown areas.

During the current financial year, R1,632 million had been allocated for sports facilities, he added.



MR LOUW

# Councillor bids to stop pensions

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By CHRIS STEYN

CITY councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg has threatened the executive committee of the City Council with an interdict unless it suspends its controversial decision to join the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund, and agrees to debate the issue in public.

In a letter to Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the Exco, Mr Wienburg said he had obtained legal advice to the effect that the council's decision to debate the joining of the pension scheme in closed session was "invalid".

Mr Wienburg sought an assurance from Exco that it would not act upon the "ultra vires" decisions taken regarding the pension fund, and that the matter would be brought before council in open session.

"Should I not receive your assurance that decisions to join the fund and to contribute ratepayers funds in respect of the past service benefits will not be acted upon, you will leave me with no alternative other than to seek an interdict from the Supreme Court preventing you on embarking on such a course of action," wrote Mr Wienburg.

Legal opinion obtained by Mr Wienburg was that the council had "misdirected" itself by excluding the public from the pension fund debate.

Mr Friedlander confirmed last night that he had received Mr Wienburg's letter but was not in a position to comment as he had not had an opportunity to study the legal opinion.

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# Council slams claims of race discrimination

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DR STANLEY EVANS, the Town Clerk of Cape Town, has contested claims that "non-white" employees of the municipality were the victims of racial discrimination in their salaries and rates of advancement

He was reacting to an article in South before that newspaper was banned, and to a letter from Mr B Figaji, vice-rector (academic) of the Peninsula Technikon

Both the newspaper and the letter claimed the composition of the council's staff "did not reflect the non-racial policy so often articulated by councillors"

Few coloured employees occupied highly-paid positions in the council hierarchy and only 150 of the 15 000 or so employees were African, they claimed

Dr Evans replied by providing figures and tables, some of which showed that the municipality had 4 374 white employees, 10 898 coloured, and 148 black.

In the top salary category of over R40 000 a year, there were 203 whites, three coloureds and no blacks. In the lowest category of his table of figures, below R15 000 a year, there were 1 302 whites, 9 846 coloureds, and 119 blacks

## No blacks in top 70

Mr Figaji had said there were no black people in the top 70 positions in the council. Dr Evans replied that only two applications for such posts had been received from members of the so-called "coloured" group between mid-1986 and early this year.

One had been from a candidate outside the service who did not meet the minimum requirement, and the other had been from a labourer within the service who had applied for the post of city librarian, he said.

Mr Jan van Eck said he was not convinced that active steps were always taken to ensure that the council's policy of appointment on merit "became visible"

There was a perception, he said, that the council was "not necessarily going out of its way" to ensure that more black and coloured staff were promoted.

An equal opportunity policy should be "an active" one, he said, and the council should use junior staff in capacities which would give them the necessary experience to progress upwards on merit.

# Pensions: How the councillors voted

By PETER DENNEHY

DETAILS have emerged of how Cape Town city councillors voted during the controversial debate behind closed doors on whether to join a pension fund that will cost ratepayers about R3,4 million over the next 10 years

Previously unobtainable documents revealed to the Cape Times yesterday showed that a former mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, proposed that the debate should be held in open session.

Mr Frank van der Velde seconded this, but the motion was defeated by 14 votes to 15. A division was called, with the following, slightly different, result:

Thirteen voted for an open session. They were councillors Sam Gross, Ian Iversen, Chris Joubert, Clive Keegan, Leon Markovitz, John Muir, Peter Muller, Gordon Oliver, Kenneth Parkin, Neil Ross, Frank van der Velde, Jan van Eck and Arthur Wienburg.

The 16 who voted against it were councillors Dick Friedlander, Hugh Frost, Jack Joffe, James Johnson, Joan Kantey, Louis Kreiner, Sol Kreiner, Eric Merrington, Peter Parkin, Alan Powell, Joe Rabinowitz, Emil Riese, John Sonnenberg, Eulalie Stott, Llewellyn van Wyk, and Kosie van Zyl.

Five councillors were absent: David Bloomberg, Rupert Hurly and Norman Osburn were on leave. Mrs Esmé Chait and Mrs Bronnie Harding were also not present.

After much argument, the motion

was put that the council should join the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund and make its contribution towards the scheme.

Twenty-four councillors voted in favour, and six against. Their names do not appear on the minutes of the meeting, but councillors Ian Iversen and Arthur Wienburg asked that their votes be recorded against the decision to join.

The details came to light because the council uses a system of dark and light green paper coding for minuting sensitive matter at its meetings.

Items on light green paper — such as the voting in the pensions debate — can be released to the public after the council has made its decisions. Items on dark green paper remain secret.

● Some further facts about the fund emerged yesterday. One is that councillors who turn 60 and are eligible for the full pension will also get a lump sum "equal to final pensionable remuneration" for a year.

If a councillor/pensioner dies within five years of starting to receive a pension, his or her spouse continues to receive full pension for the balance of the five years, and thereafter receives 75% of the pension.

● Mr Arthur Wienburg has threatened court action over the decision to hold the debate behind closed doors and has insisted the Council hold a public referendum on the desirability of the pension fund.



# Council denies racism — but some have doubts

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

ACCUSATIONS that Cape Town City Council has a racist employment policy have been denied, but councillor Mr Jan van Eck says he is not sure "active steps" are being taken to ensure a non-racial policy.

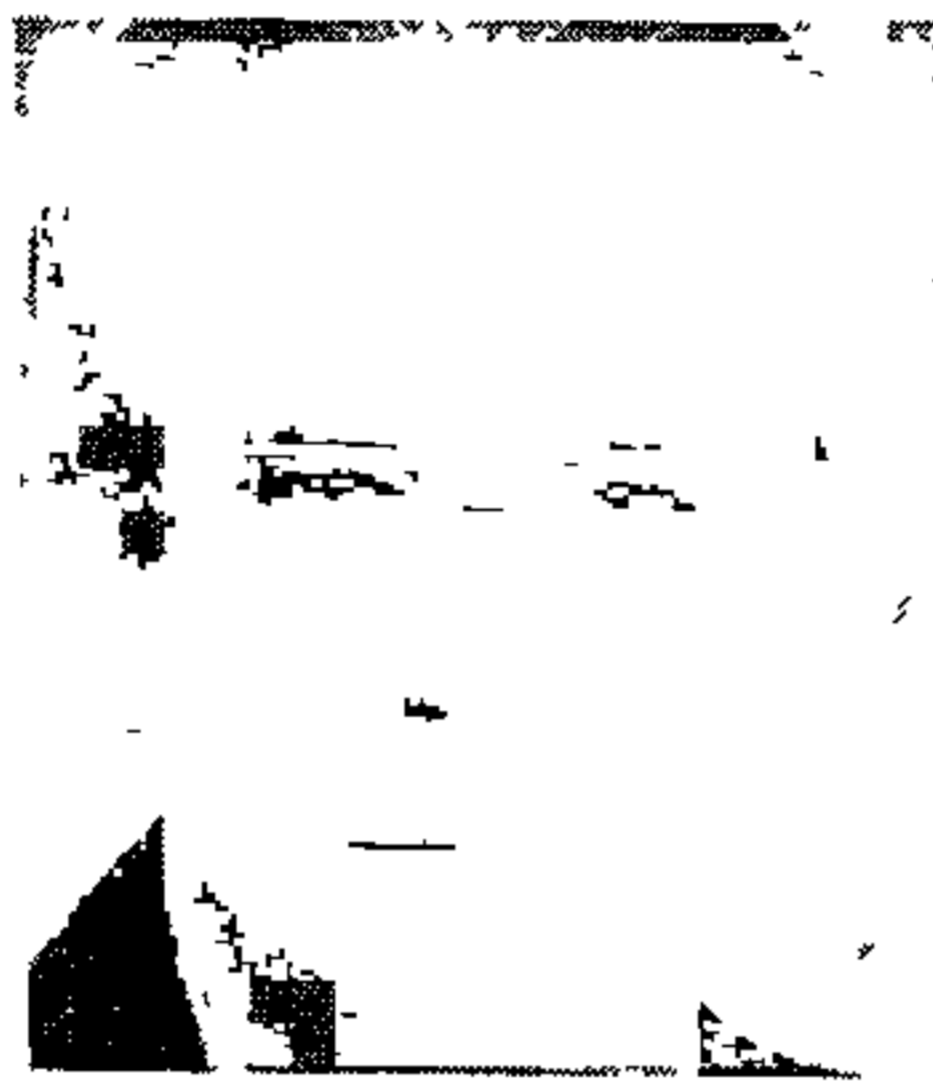
Mr van Eck was speaking at yesterday's monthly council meeting on a report on "racial discrimination regarding advancement within the Council's service"

"Although I accept and most employees accept that the policy of the council is one of appointment and promotion based on merit, I am not convinced that active steps are always taken to ensure that this policy becomes visible," said Mr van Eck

In the report, town clerk Dr Stan Evans denied accusations of racism.

Mr Brian Figaji, vice-rector (academic) of the Peninsula Technikon, had written to all councillors saying council staff did not reflect "the non-racial policy so often articulated by councillors"

According to Dr Evans, the council's staff was made up of



Dr Evans

4 374 white, 10 898 coloured and 148 African employees

Most of the coloured employees (9 846) earned less than R15 000 a year and 203 whites earned more than R40 000 — compared to only three coloureds. The highest-paid Africans (three) earned between R25 000 and R30 000

Dr Evans confirmed that contract staff had been recruited abroad but said they were "highly specialised and skilled"

Staff were preferred over outsiders to fill vacant posts.

Dr Evans said that only two applications had been received from coloured people for any of the "top 70 positions" from July 1986 to January this year

One was from a council labourer who applied for the position of City Librarian.

The council's policy was equal pay for equal work, he said

Mr van Eck said he had conducted his own investigation over several months. The "de facto" situation had convinced him that a further probe was needed to ensure that people who were not white had opportunities in practice — not just in theory

He did not want to embarrass the council but wanted to help it to be seen by its own black and coloured employees as a true equal employment company

● According to a report on the council's employment practices on disabled people, tabled as a result of a motion by Mr Frank van der Velde last month, the council employs 20 disabled people, among them a paraplegic, several with "limb disabilities" and a few who are deaf

"Twenty people is just not good enough. What we need is a policy of affirmative action," said Mr Neil Ross

The matter was referred back to the executive committee for further investigation

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# Pensioners Row: Council to act 'urgently'

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
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Against were Mr Friedlander, Mr Jack Frost, Mr Jack Joffe, Admiral James Johnson, Mrs Joan Kantey, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Eric Merrington, Mr Peter Parkin, Mr Tony Powell, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, Mr Emil Riese, Dr John Sonnenberg, Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mr Llewellyn van Wyk and Mr Kosie van Zyl.

On leave were Mr David Bloomberg, Mr Rupert Hurly and Mr Norman Osburn. Mrs Esmé Chait and Mrs Bronnie Harding were absent.

The council eventually voted 24-6 in favour of joining the scheme. Mr Iversen and Mr Wienburg asked for their votes to be recorded against.

However, subsequent investigations have revealed that at least 10 of the councillors are strongly opposed to the principle of a pension fund.

THE City Council is to take urgent action on the row over its secret decision to spend millions on a councillors' pension fund.

The move follows calls for a ratepayers' referendum and a threat of legal action.

Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander told the council at its monthly meeting yesterday that he had not had time to consider the latest developments in the pensions controversy. However, the executive would treat the issue as a "matter of exigency".

Ratepayers' organisations criticised the pension plan during a public "budget briefing" yesterday.

## "Under consideration"

One speaker referred to it as "a shocking state of affairs" and demanded to know why it had been kept secret.

Mr Friedlander told another speaker, Mr John Kilian of the Ward 16 Ratepayers' Association, that he could not say what effect the fund would have on rates.

"It is still very much under consideration," he said.

City councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg and the Southfield/Naruna Rent and Ratepayers' Association have demanded a referendum to test ratepayers' opinion on the issue.

Mr Wienburg has also threatened to take the council to the Supreme Court after obtaining legal opinion suggesting that it exceeded its powers in debating the fund in secret.

The fund will cost the city more than R200 000 a year. An extra R3.4-million of city reserves, over 10 years, has been put aside to cover an additional benefit allowing councillors to "buy back" past service.

Meanwhile the veil of secrecy over the decision has been partially lifted with the release of previously confidential minutes showing that the council voted 24-6 to join the fund. All debates on the pension fund have been held in secret.

A bid to have the decisive debate on April 28 held in public was defeated when Mr Leon Markovitz's motion, seconded by Mr Frank van der Velde, lost by 15 votes to 14. After a division the count changed to 16-13 against.

## Voted against

Voting for an open session were Mr Sam Gross, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Markovitz, Mr John Muir, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mr Kenneth Penkin, Mr Neil Ross, Mr Frank van der Velde, Mr Jan van Eck and Mr Wienburg.

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# Coloured councils plan consolidation

## Municipal Reporter

PLANS to consolidate the six coloured management committees in the Cape Town municipal area into a single body — perhaps a coloured city council — are well advanced.

The Cape Town City Council approved of these moves yesterday, after first re-stating its "firm belief that the only acceptable and workable form of local government for the City of Cape Town is direct representation of all its citizens on the City Council, irrespective of race"

According to a report from the executive committee (exco), Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, had asked Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, to investigate consolidating the six management committees into one.

This unified committee would then be divided into "a number of wards" prior to the 1988 general municipal elections

Comments have been called for and should be submitted by June 10, and then a Demarcation Board will consider the matter on June 14 and report on it to the administrator, Mr Gene Louw.

Exco noted that in 1974 and 1976, the

council resolved to ask the authorities to amalgamate the management committees in the council area into a single committee with wards

Merging the six management committees into one would lighten the administrative burden, exco said. The council's "bureaucracy" would have to deal with the council and one management committee instead of with the council and eventually as many as 10 other bodies

The six which exist at present are Athlone and District, Kensington, Wynberg/Wittebome, Retreat, Woodstock/Walmer Estate, and Schotsche Kloof

Consolidation would limit the numbers of management committee members to well below 70, the report said (there are 34 city councillors). It suggested each ward should have just one member "to ensure a committee of a reasonable size"

There should be an equal number of voters in each ward, exco recommended. It also tentatively suggested that there should be "a possible relationship between the number of management committee members and rateable value"

The council resolved to support the consolidation of management committees "as a step towards achieving a unified local government structure for Cape Town"

# Council 'too slow to take on disabled'

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council was yesterday accused by some of its members of "not doing enough" in the way of employing physically handicapped people.

At its monthly meeting, the executive committee listed 20 "disabled persons" employed by the council and including a blind telephonist, a deaf and dumb typist, three deaf data encoders, a paraplegic control room operator, and several administrative staff members with limb disabilities.

Mr Kenneth Penkin, who said a figure of 20 disabled persons of a staff of 15 000 seemed "very low", was supported by Mr Emil Riese and said that several big companies had a policy of ensuring that 3% of their staff complement were disabled persons

"In England it's obligatory," Mr Riese added

Dr John Sonnenberg said he could not believe that as few as 20 people in the employ of the council had physical disabilities.

He also took exception to a statement in the report before council that the public had to be provided with an efficient service, as he said it was a "backhanded slap" to disabled people

## Affirmative action

Mr Neil Ross urged the council to adopt a policy of "affirmative action", as its record in regard to disabled persons was "not good enough"

Mrs Eulalie Stott opposed this, saying that unemployment among able-bodied persons was so appalling in this city that she could not support giving preference to handicapped people. Applications from disabled persons were considered on their merits

Dr Sonnenberg replied that no preference was being asked for, but the City Council was the largest employer in Cape Town and should set a good example.

The item was referred back to the executive committee by a vote of 18-2

The council will soon spend R8 000 on a ramp to provide access for people in wheelchairs to the Muizenberg Walkway. Stairs were built there in error, contrary to a council resolution.

# Pension scheme put under the microscope

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CITY and town councils in the Tygerberg are investigating the proposed pension scheme for councillors.

Some of the councils have accepted the scheme in principle but are waiting for more information from the United Municipal Executive before taking the matter further.

Durbanville's town council had taken a preliminary decision on the matter, but had provided funds so that it was not caught unawares, said town clerk Mr Dennis Smit.

Brackenfell had accepted the proposal in principle and would be discussing it again tonight, Mr Wessel Visser, the town clerk, said.

Bellville had accepted the

concept in principle, but the council management and financial departments were investigating the matter further, said public relations chief Mr Steve Gouws. The council was waiting for additional information.

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The Goodwood Town Council had discussed the matter and postponed a decision until its meeting in two weeks' time, said town clerk Mr Friedel Conradie.

He said: "As officials we have made provision for the fund, but this must not be seen as acceptance. It will depend on what the council decides."

Mr Johnny Barnard, town clerk for Parow, said his council would discuss the matter at its meeting tonight.

# City councillors' views on pensions

By ANTHONY DOMAN, Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Councillors' pension row has taken a new turn with the council agreeing to lift the lid on its decision to spend millions on "past service" benefits.

The veil of secrecy over the pension debate — held entirely "in committee" — has led to calls from ratepayers for a referendum.

What the councillors said:

**Mr Peter Muller, Mayor:** Generally speaking, with the disappearance of the Provincial Council, local government is the only stepping-stone for somebody who is an aspirant politician. On balance, a pension fund for councillors who have served a certain minimum number of years is a good thing. I am a firm believer that councillors must also contribute. As for the buy-back scheme, it is something individuals will have to look at carefully.

**Mr Dick Friedlander:** I support it. I don't intend taking the full past service option, but there are councillors who may benefit by it.

**Mr Frank van der Velde:** I am disgusted with the way this thing was handled. The council should at all times be accountable to the electorate. In principle I accept some form of recompense provided it is reasonably related to service. I will not be buying back service.

**Mr Rupert Hurly:** Unfortunately I was away on leave for five weeks so I missed the debates. However, I had no intention of going into the fund unless I was sure there was a fair deal for the ratepayers.

**Mr Arthur Wienburg:** I don't believe we should have a fund but I am prepared to accept the concept of a fund in line with standard pensions. If councillors want to buy back service they should pay the full amount — not just 10 percent. Finally, I believe that it ill behoves councillors of the Mother City to crawl behind closed doors to enrich themselves at ratepayers' expense.

**Mr Neil Ross:** I resent the fact that it was discussed in committee. I will not be buying back service.

**Mr Gordon Oliver, deputy Mayor:** I am against the whole thing in principle. I don't believe I can accept that ratepayers should take care of me in my old age.

**Mr David Bloomberg:** If a pension scheme has been introduced for municipalities countrywide I see no reason why Cape Town should not be part of it. Times have changed — when I came into the council 20 years ago we did not receive an allowance.

**Mr Sam Gross:** I am very definitely against the pension. Councillors are already well compensated. Being a councillor is extended community service in an honorary capacity for no reward.

**Mrs Bronnie Harding:** The main debate took place in committee and I was not there. I really would not like to comment for publication.

**Dr Jack Joffe:** A majority of the council accepted the principle of joining a national fund

and I don't want to express any views.

**Mr Hugh Frost:** I am not in favour of it whatsoever. I feel that a councillor is elected not for any financial gain.

**Mr Sol Kreiner:** A democratic decision was taken to have the vote in committee. Basically I abide by that decision. I would prefer not to comment.

**Mr Chris Joubert:** I am very happy with the idea. If this was only for Cape Town I would be against it but it is countrywide. In any case, after having been part of this decision I must still stand up and be counted before my ratepayers.

**Mr Ian Iversen:** In principle it is wrong and it was outrageous to discuss this in secret. I am not going to take up ratepayers' money in addition to the allowance I get.

**Mr Eric Merrington:** It is quite a good thing.

**Mr Kenny Penkin:** There is a move, led by the Government that remuneration should be paid to elected representatives. I have no problem with that. In regard to payment for past service, the city has an obligation to compensate councillors for the tremendous amount of time they have put into their work in the past.

**Dr Joe Rabinowitz:** Ten years ago I might have given you a completely different answer. I opposed all increases in allowances. But today nobody does anything for anyone else without payment. I am the only silly ass who thinks differently.

**Norman Osburn:** I don't have any objections in principle, provided the fund is dealt with in a proper way according to certain parameters. I have no personal interest in the fund. I believe that every matter of major public importance should be debated in the open.

**Mr Peter Parkin:** I have always been opposed to a council pension scheme which includes a buy-back option. The matter should have been discussed in open council.

**Mr Joan Kantey:** The fund was not initiated by Cape Town and as far as we know the other big cities are going in. I don't think it is a bad thing. The volume of work has increased enormously.

**Mr Llewellyn van Wyk:** In principle I am not in favour of a pension fund, but having had it approved by Parliament it does not make much sense that Cape Town should not take part.

**Mr John Muir:** I am against it. I believe it is a perk being offered as a result of the tricameral Parliament system.

**Mr Kosie van Zyl:** I would prefer not to comment.

**Vice-Admiral James Johnson:** It is a reasonable thing if you consider the amount of work a councillor has to do. It should be emphasised that this is a national fund.

**Mr Clive Keegan:** If you are going to attract the right sort of people in a city which has a budget of more than R1-billion, and if you want competent young people to take an interest in the running of the city you are going to have to make it financially rewarding for them.

CAPE TIMES 30/1/78

# Council pension debate: More moves this week

Municipal Reporter

MORE revelations are going to emerge about the way Cape Town city councillors voted behind closed doors during various debates about their pensions.

On Thursday, councillors discussed the increasingly sensitive pensions issue again, also behind closed doors, but this time they decided to review and rescind last Wednesday's decision to "minute the debate separately".

Mr Ted Doman, the council's public relations officer, confirmed this on Friday.

Placing last Wednesday's debate about buying back pensions in a separate minute book meant that it would remain secret.

Details of a debate late last month on whether or not to join the pension fund in the first place have already been published by the Cape Times.

This debate was not separately minuted, so eventually the decision and voting had to be released to the press.

In the same way, some details of the buy-back debate should emerge this week.

Meanwhile, there has been a great deal of speculation over the identities of the six councillors who voted against the pension scheme from the first.

Two are Mr Arthur Wienburg and Mr Ian Iversen who had their votes against the scheme recorded.

The other four may not reveal who they are, as the debate was not open to the public. However, it is known that Messrs Sam Gross, Peter Parkin, Hugh Frost and Gordon Oliver have also opposed joining the pension scheme.

Others, like Mr Frank van der Velde, were not opposed to a pension scheme as such but did object to the "pay in or buy back" provisions and the amount the council would have to contribute.

# Councillors ask Mayor for public meeting on pensions

By PETER DENNEY

ELEVEN Cape Town City Councillors — roughly a third of the total — have signed a letter petitioning the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, to convene a public meeting in the City Hall to discuss pensions for councillors.

Mr Arthur Wienburg, who opposes the pensions, said yesterday that section 204 of the Municipal Ordinance, number 20 of 1974, laid down that a third of the councillors may petition the mayor to convene a meeting on any matter of public interest.

Mr Wienburg, who wrote the letter and collected the signatures, added

that the mayor was not obliged to call the meeting.

The councillors who signed the request are Mr Wienburg, Mr Peter Parkin, Mr John Muir, Mr Llewellyn van Wyk, Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Kenneth Penkin, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mr Jan van Eck, Mr Rupert Hurly, Mr Ian Iversen and Mr Chris Joubert.

Mr Muller confirmed last night that he had received the petition.

"I will peruse the relevant ordinance and consult with the acting town clerk. In the light of those consultations, I will make a decision regarding this request later (today)," Mr Muller said.



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**Mayor refuses call  
for pension meeting**

**Municipal Reporter**

THE Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Peter Muller, yesterday refused to call a public meeting on the controversial pension scheme for councillors — in spite of a request from 11 councillors that he should do so.

He confirmed that he had received the request to call a meeting, but said the petition did not comply with the provisions of section 204 of the Municipal Ordinance.

"I am therefore not obliged to call a public meeting," he said.

The City Administrator, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, said the ordinance required that a third of the councillors sign it.

"There are in fact 34 councillors, not 33, so 11 of them do not constitute a third," he said.

Mr Muller pointed out that a special council meeting had been called at 12.30 today "specifically to adopt the minutes of a council meeting held on May 18 in order that they should be made public".

Councillors made several decisions regarding pensions at that meeting.

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# Open-to-all quiz on city pensions row

By DICK USHER, Staff Reporter  
PENSIONS for councillors will come under public scrutiny at a meeting on June 14.

The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Peter Muller, said that as there was considerable public interest in the proposed pension fund and "much confusion and uncertainty," he had called the meeting to give people an opportunity to understand fully its implications and to ask questions

Councillors made their opinions on the issue public yesterday at a special council meeting called to open minutes, previously secret, of a May 18 council meeting at which the controversial buy-back aspect of the national scheme was adopted

The chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, read a statement which said the matter had been discussed in committee because it was felt a more objective debate was likely and details of the scheme had not been fully adopted.

"However, there appears to be an impression in some quarters that the council dealt with the matter in committee in an endeavour to conceal its intentions.

"This has adversely affected the credibility of the council and may have led to the integrity of councillors, many of whom have served the city with loyalty and devotion over a considerable period of time, being questioned"

Dr John Sonnenberg said the matter needed quiet and dispassionate debate. Rebukes and innuendoes in the media did not make him feel ashamed

Mr Ian Iversen said that by voting in secret the council had achieved the opposite of what it had been trying to achieve.

### "Plea in mitigation"

Mr Sam Gross said Mr Friedlander's statement was like a plea in mitigation.

"We're now in the dock with the public accusing us of doing wrong things. The consequences should have been foreseen"

Mrs Eulalie Stott and Mr Emil Riese pointed out the time councillors spent on civic matters

● According to the minutes, councillors who voted for the buy-back scheme were Mr David Bloomberg, Mr Friedlander, Mrs Bronnie Harding, Dr Jack Joffe, Admiral James Johnson, Mr Chris Joubert, Mrs Joan Kantey,

Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Leon Markovitz, Mr Eric Merrington, Mr Muller, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Kenneth Penkin, Mr Tony Powell, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, Mr Riese, Dr Sonnenberg, Mrs Stott, Mr Llewelyn van Wyk and Mr Kosie van Zyl

Against were Mr Jack Frost, Mr Gross, Mr Iversen, Mr John Muir, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mr Peter Parkin, Mr Neil Ross, Mr Frank van der Velde, Mr Jan van Eck and Mr Arthur Wienburg

Mrs Esmé Chait and Mr Clive Keegan were absent and Mr Rupert Hurly was on leave.

Mr Bloomberg, Mr Friedlander, Mrs Harding, Dr Joffe, Admiral Johnson, Mrs Kantey, Mr Louis Kreiner, Mr Sol Kreiner, Mr Markovitz, Mr Merrington, Mr Parkin, Mr Penkin, Mr Powell, Mr Rabinowitz, Mr Riese and Dr Sonnenberg voted for the minutes to be kept separate.

Mr Gross, Mr Iversen, Mr Joubert, Mr Muir, Mr Muller, Mr Oliver, Mr Osburn, Mr Ross, Mrs Stott, Mr van der Velde, Mr van Wyk and Mr Wienburg voted against.

Mrs Chait, Mr Frost, Mr Keegan, Mr van Eck and Mr van Zyl were absent. Mr Hurly was on leave

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# Mayor does about-face on public pension talks

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By PETER DENNEHY

THE Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Peter Muller, has decided to call a public meeting to discuss pensions for councillors after all — but not in the City Hall.

Arch-opponent of the pension scheme Mr Arthur Wienburg, together with 10 other councillors, asked the Mayor earlier this week to call a meeting in the City Hall.

On Wednesday, Mr Muller refused. He said the petition did not comply with the provisions of section 204 of the municipal ordinance.

However, he issued another statement yesterday in which he said he had made arrangements for a special information meeting "of councillors and the public" at 6pm on June 14 in the lecture theatre of the Civic Centre.

"I trust that this event will afford any interested parties an opportunity of fully understanding the implications of the proposed pension fund and asking any questions they may have," Mr Muller said.

In another about-face yesterday, the full City Council held a special meeting to adopt the minutes of a previous meeting on the "buy-back" issue, held in committee on May 18 and separately minuted, in order to make those minutes public.

Mr Richard Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee, said there appeared to be an impression "in some quarters" that the council had initially dealt with the matter behind closed doors "in an endeavour to conceal its intentions".

There were two main reasons why the matter had been discussed in committee, he said.

"It was considered at the time more likely that an objective debate based on the merits of the proposed scheme would take place if the matter were considered in committee," he said.

"Secondly, the details of the scheme had at that stage not been finally adopted."

Previously confidential minutes showed that Mr Leon Markovitz had proposed the separate minuting. Those who voted against it were Mr Sam Gross, Mr Ian Iversen, Mr Chris Joubert, Mr John Muir, Mr Peter Muller, Mr Gordon Oliver, Mr Norman Osburn, Mr Neil Ross, Mrs Eulalie Stott, Mr Frank van der Velde, Mr Llewellyn van Wyk and Mr Arthur Wienburg. Five councillors — Mrs Esmé Chiat, Mr Hugh Frost, Mr Clive Keegan, Mr Jan van Eck and Mr Kosie van Zyl — had been absent, and Mr Rupert Hurly had been on leave.

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# Bleak road ahead for city workers

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By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

PRIVATISATION and dwindling funds have raised the threat of unemployment for Cape Town City Council's road construction workers, who face a bleak future without enough work to keep them going.

During this financial year they will "barely be kept fully occupied" and next year will be worse, city engineer Mr Des Riley has warned.

For some years the road-building department's annual volume of capital work had steadily shrunk in real terms, Mr Riley said in a report to the utilities and works committee.

A further blow was a privatisation guideline requiring public tenders for main road widening projects costing more than R150 000. This would "seriously reduce" the amount of work available.

"There will not be enough work in 1988/89 to keep them fully occupied unless unexpected work is generated by the private sector or the State," Mr Riley said.

He asked for permission to undertake six road-widening projects, each costing more than R150 000, in the coming year.

Consideration had been given to reducing staff, either by retrenchment or by "natural wastage", he said.

However, retrenchment had "many ramifications" and was not recommended.

"Natural wastage will be a slow process dependent on retirement and resignation, but will have to be pursued if the volume of work continues to decrease."

Reducing the workforce too much would be imprudent, he said.

"Some recent tenders for small jobs have been much higher than the cost of carrying out the work departmentally. Moreover, it is essential to maintain an adequate workforce to carry out urgent work at short notice."

● The committee has supported Mr Riley's request in principle.

# Pension for councillors: Can the city afford it?

CAPE TIMES 9/6/88 (263)

**From C B HUGO (Newlands):**

COULD you please inform your readers of the hours and duties of an ordinary city councillor? It is very difficult for an ordinary citizen to find out.

How many meetings do they attend per month? How many hours of work? I was under the impression that it was a part time temporary occupation, with councillors voted in for four years at a time

I also thought that they were not paid salaries but, to reimburse themselves for travelling expenses, entertaining expenses, and so on, given an allowance for the period of their stay in office

How is it possible that someone who does not receive a salary is awarded a pension? I understand that his pension is awarded after eight years of service.

Thus, a person could be elected to the council when they were 28 and receive a pension from the council when they were 36. This seems very possible.

I think we must think very carefully before we adopt the policy of treating city councillors as though they were paid officials of the government who are therefore eligible for a government pension.

Previously, in provincial service, if one was on the temporary staff, one was not eligible for a pension or other benefits.

No temporary teacher, for example, could be eligible for a pension or pay into a pension fund.

How much is this going to cost the city? Particularly now, with the pay-back amount in the region of R4 m.

There is a lot else that we can do with that R4 m And in the future? Is every councillor that has ever served on the council for eight years, that is two terms, eligible for a pension?

Surely this is going to cost the city a great deal of money?

The argument goes that if we do not give pensions then only wealthy people, or wives whose husbands are the bread-winners, will be able to serve on the council.

I would say this is the sort of person

we require. A man who has made money and therefore doesn't need a pension for life will know how to master the city's finances.

A senior person has valuable experience and prudence and could serve the city well.

Also, he has a pension so doesn't need to be given another He therefore can remain independent of the government. Is the pension scheme not tied to government policy?

**The Municipal Reporter writes:** *City councillors are indeed not paid salaries. They are granted allowances which are intended to reimburse them for their expenses and perhaps also remunerate them for time spent on council business. Several of the 34 city councillors are in "full-time" employment, outside of the council.*

*Yet apart from the once-a-month day-long council meetings, they are each expected to serve on a standing committee and attend its meetings.*

*How much time is devoted to council matters depends on the individual councillor.*

*The record of meeting attendances is available to the public on application to the council.*

*Demands on the time of the executive committee members are so great that they cannot hold conventional jobs as well.*

*Mr Emil Riese, for example, said he had attended 153 meetings in a year, plus three ratepayers meetings a month. He was also required to go out on inspections every few days and to see many members of the public who sought interviews with him.*

*City councillors will only get their pensions when they reach the age of 60, although they become eligible after a minimum of eight years of service.*

*The cost of the pension scheme, according to the council, is that R3,2 m will have to be placed in the financial reserves over a period of 10 years.*

*The pension scheme is not tied to government policy.*

*Yet the government did initiate the scheme, and the council chose to join it (Editor, Cape Times)*

# Pensions referendum call ruled out of order

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By PETER DENNEHY

A CALL for a referendum on the controversial issue of pensions for councillors was ruled out of order at a lively meeting attended by about 150 people in the Civic Centre last night.

While several speakers from the floor supported this call, the mayor, Mr Peter Muller, said he had "made it quite clear from the beginning that this is an information meeting".

He told the proposer of the motion, councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, that the proper forum to move such a motion was the council chamber.

Most of the speakers were opposed to the pension scheme, though some, including former Chamber of Commerce president Mr Phillip Krawitz, spoke in favour of it.

An Observatory resident said the 37% council contribution to the fund compared poorly with the "mere 17%"

it contributed in respect of its own employees' pension fund.

"It's an absolute disgrace," he said. "It only serves to line the pockets of the city council."

City advocate Mr Essa Moosa asked whether the meeting could "give the council a mandate", but Mr Muller said that only a meeting held in terms of section 204 of the Municipal Ordinance was empowered to do this.

"This meeting can only guide us," Mr Muller said, adding at the end of the two-hour meeting: "We will certainly take cognizance of your feelings."

Mr Krawitz, paraphrasing Winston Churchill, said: "Never in the history of Cape Town has so much been done by so few for so few rewards."

Another speaker from the floor disagreed: "Never has so much been taken by so few from so many," he said.

# Ratepayers slate council pension fund

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By CHRIS STEYN

THREE Cape Town ratepayers' associations yesterday added their voice to growing public opposition to the city council's decision to join the Municipal Councillors' Pension Fund.

The Clifton-on-Sea and District Bungalow Owners' Association, the Ward 17 (Muizenberg) Ratepayers' and Civic Development Association and the Mitchells Plain Ratepayers' Association called on the council the rescind its decision

Their call came on the eve of a public meeting to discuss pensions for councillors. The Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, reluctantly agreed to call a special meeting for 6 tonight at the lecture theatre of the Civic Centre after 11 councillors urged him to do so. He initially refused.

In another about-face following widespread opposition to the pension scheme, the full city council recently held a special meeting on the "buy-back" issue, convened in committee last month and separately minuted, in order to make those minutes public

The Clifton-on-Sea and District Bungalow Owners' Association, which comprises Clifton, Glen Beach and Bakoven, said in a letter to the Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, that the association objected to the "undemocratic and clandestine way" in which the matter was dealt with in "secret" meetings.

It also objected to an amount of R3,2 million — 17% of the city's reserves — "being raided and used for the self-enrichment of a few councillors at the expense of the ratepayers".

The Mitchells Plain Ratepayers' Association called on the council to call a referendum.

In a letter to Dr Evans, the association stated: "Council is forever complaining that there is no money for the improvement of amenities but now they vote themselves a pension."

The same sentiments were echoed in a letter sent to Dr Evans by the Ward 17 Ratepayers' and Civic Development Association.

It "deplored the decision taken by certain city councillors to debate and vote in secret on a pension fund scheme for themselves that would be financed by ratepayers' money".



**IN THE FIRING LINE:** Councillors and council officials at last night's meeting.



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**PENSION MEETING:** Part of the crowd of about 150 who attended last night's public meeting at the Civic Centre to hear the controversial municipal councillors' pension fund explained.

# Pension fund cost estimate to be revised

By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

EARLY estimates of the cost to the city of the municipal councillors' pension fund — expected to run into millions — will have to be revised, says Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the City Council's executive committee

Mr Friedlander was speaking at a public meeting to explain the fund at the Civic Centre last night. The meeting was called after an outcry over the decision to join the fund with an additional "past service" benefit after a secret debate.

Mayor Mr Peter Muller, who chaired last night's meeting, refused a call by councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg and advocate Mr Essa Moosa for a referendum.

The meeting was not empowered to take any decision or to mandate the council, he said. It was merely for information.

Mr Friedlander suggested that the audience of 150, including officials of several ratepayers' associations, was not representative of all ratepayers.

## "Part of a trend"

The fund was established in terms of an Act of Parliament passed in February, Mr Friedlander told the meeting. The country's 600 local authorities had until August to decide to join or not. They could not decide to form their own fund.

The fund was "part of a trend" which had come about because of a "tremendous increase in commitment" by councillors.

Deputy city treasurer Mr Roy Tyler said councillors would now pay 13 percent of their allowances (previously 10 percent) into the fund and the lo-

cal authority 32.5 percent (previously 35 percent).

The estimated annual cost to the city for all 34 councillors and 36 management committee members was R301 000, he said.

Compared with the council's total wage bill of R337-million in the 1988/89 budget, this was a "comparatively small amount".

## Self-funding in time

The past service "buy-back" option would allow councillors to pay in only for service they had actually rendered, he said. Contributions would not be based on actual amounts received over the years, as announced earlier, but would be assessed individually.

For past service councillors will pay the minimum of 12.5 percent of the actuarially assessed contribution, with the city paying the rest.

The scheme should become self-funding in time, actuary Mr Jacques Malan said.

Former Chamber of Commerce president Mr Philip Krawitz said some councillors and mayors had sacrificed their businesses in the service of the city. The sum asked for was not excessive.

A Mr MacManus of Observatory said that the 32.5 percent paid by the council was "excessive" compared with the national pension average of 12.95 percent.

Mr Malan replied that the level of contributions was high because of the benefits.

Mr Ron Sherlock of the Camps Bay Civic Association said "Whatever you say, it is self-enrichment at the cost of the ratepayers who are already paying excessive rates."



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**Call for  
debate on  
pension <sup>263</sup>  
scheme**

Staff Reporter

THE Rondebosch Ratepayers' Association (RRA) has come out strongly against Cape Town City Council's proposed pension scheme for councillors

The RRA said in a statement yesterday that a resolution was adopted at their annual general meeting to call on the City Council and its Executive Committee to halt the implementation of the plan.

The residents also resolved that the council provide full information regarding the aims, operation and cost of the proposed scheme to the people of Cape Town, and to reopen the matter to public council debate, after councillors have had reasonable time to ascertain the views of their ratepayers

RRA said they supported the principle of reasonable recompense for the time and expertise of city councillors in carrying out their duties

"But we are seriously concerned at the apparent secrecy and haste with which the proposed pension scheme for councillors has been dealt with"

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## Meeting on councillors' pension vote

Staff Reporter

A SPECIAL public meeting will be held in the Muizenberg Pavilion tonight at 8pm to discuss, among other things, the decision of city councillors to vote themselves pensions

The meeting has been organized by the Ward 17 Ratepayers' Association, whose executive has already issued a statement deploring council secrecy in the matter. Among those expected to attend is the MP for Simon's Town, Mr Harry Dilley

There will also be discussion on the Mardi Gras, proposed new road developments, and the proposed building of a township east of Prince George's Drive

Pension fund 'changes are a sop'

By JIM FREEMAN

THE City Council's decision to reconsider some of the provisions for joining the municipal councillors' pension fund is "no more than a sop to ratepayers", says council member Mr Arthur Wienburg

The amendment to the provisions of the decision to join the fund is to be discussed at tomorrow's monthly meeting of the council Mr Wienburg said he would be tabling a motion that the council rescind entirely its decision to participate in the controversial fund, saying "there is no moral justification for councillors to be paid for their services"

A public outcry arose when the pension fund scheme was adopted recently, as ratepayers were faced with paying an extra R1 million a year in projected costs

A report by the executive committee said the changes to the draft rules of participation had led to a considerable increase in what the council would have to pay

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# Council to debate pensions issue

## Municipal Reporter

OPEN public debate on the controversial issue of pensions for city councillors and management committee members looks set to rage for several hours today at the council's monthly meeting

Arch-opponent of the pension scheme Mr Arthur Wienburg has tabled a motion that the council's two major decisions on the issue — to join the fund and to allow councillors to "buy back" years of actual service — should be rescinded

A note on the agenda shows that Mr Frank van der Velde had also intended submitting a mo-

tion to rescind the pension decisions, and would have done so had Mr Wienburg not got in before him

Mr Wienburg will also ask for details of the correspondence which the council has received on the subject from ratepayers' associations, members of the public and any other sources

The pro-pensions lobby appears, from the agenda, to be on the retreat now that the pension fund rules have been changed by the trustees of the fund

The powerful executive committee also recommends that the council rescind both its earlier decisions, but adds that it should join the fund afresh and allow a

provisional "buy-back", or "pay in" as it is officially called

Should the rules permit it, or be amended to permit it, the council's contributions should be limited to two-thirds of the total, exco says, and the councillor or management committee member should pay the other third

Exco recommends that the council should reduce its share of contributions to a ratio "more in keeping with that applicable to outside funds generally as well as its own staff pension fund"

In respect of the "buy-back", exco recommends that participants should contribute at such a rate as may be necessary to ensure that the total council share shall not exceed R2,7 million

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# Council pensions to 'cost less'

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By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

DECISIONS regarding pensions for councillors were rescinded unanimously at yesterday's City Council meeting and retaken in such a way that the scheme will cost ratepayers less

The council voted 20 to seven to rejoin the pension scheme and 17 to 10 to allow councillors to "buy back" just eight years of actual past service, instead of 15 years, as was previously the case

Mr Richard Friedlander, the chairman of the executive committee, said it was recommended that individual councillors would have to contribute 15% of their allowances, even though the rules at the moment stipulated it had to be 13%

"We will have to go to the trustees and say that we regard it (15% contributions) as fair, reasonable and equitable"

The council also decided that the "buy-back" would not be allowed to cost it more than R2,7 million, "which is R1,5m less than would have been the case had we not made adaptations"

If the amount threatened to exceed R2,7m, participating councillors would have to "pick up the tab", Mr Friedlander said

Mr Hugh Frost (better known as Jack), said he had no problem with the principle of a pension fund, but did have a problem with this one, as it was a national fund over which the council had little control. One senior Johannesburg official stood to get a R48 000 cash payout and R4 000 a month

"How can any pension fund support that?" he asked, and predicted it would head towards bankruptcy and have to increase the contributions

"Our ratepayers will have to pay to keep the fund afloat, while councillors from all over the country draw benefits"

Mr Arthur Wienburg said one reason for the city of New York going bankrupt was that ever-higher salaries, perks and pensions were extracted from it

He revealed that the average age of a Cape Town councillor was 55, and at least a third of them were unemployed. Mr Leon Markovitz (a man of private means) wanted to know whether he was included in that figure

Mr Wienburg elicited a storm of interjections when he asked who would take part in the "buy-back". During all the hubbub, Mr Wienburg brushed off a remark from Mrs Esmé Chait, beside him, by saying "Quiet, wench!"

Gallant Dr Jack Joffe asked the mayor whether "a councillor may call another councillor by another name?"

## 'On the take'

Mr Wienburg withdrew his comment. Later, he had to withdraw another remark when Mr Clive Keegan objected to his phrase "on the take", which Mr Keegan (who will not take part in the "buy-back") said implied councillors who took part were behaving in a "dishonest, if not criminal" manner

Mr Louis Kreiner had his speech cut short when the mayor ruled that it was too directed at the actions of one councillor (Mr Wienburg) and off the topic

Mrs Eulalie Stott said that when a commercial firm introduced a pension scheme it was usual for it to offer long-standing staff an opportunity to pay in for past years of actual service, rather than treating everyone the same as the "new boys"

'Woodman, spare that tree'

Municipal Reporter

TOUCH a tree and you strike a chord in the heart of Cape Town — or words to that effect, a debate on eradicating alien plants seemed to suggest.

Mr Frank van der Velde called a for stop to wiping out alien vegetation, which will cost the council R168 480 this financial year.

Previously he had been able to hike along Table Mountain paths in shade. Now his shade was being taken away, he said.

And out on the Cape Flats, he added, trees such as the Port Jackson were regarded as weeds but provided valuable firewood.

Mr Jan van Eck slammed what he described as an "anti-tree attitude"

Cutting down stone pines on the Grootte Schuur estate recently was a prime example

However, alien intruders were destroying indigenous vegetation, said Dr John Sonnenberg, describing their relentless progress as "spreading like a cancer over the mountain".

# Council backs off bid to limit pension costs

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By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council will press for major changes to the national municipal councillors' pension fund to limit the cost to the city — expected to run into millions

This follows an outcry from ratepayers and a shock increase of nearly R1-million in projected costs

After a debate lasting 2½ hours, marked by angry ex-

changes, the council resolved at its monthly meeting yesterday to join the fund on condition it could reduce its outlay.

However, it is uncertain whether the rules of the fund, expected to represent virtually all the country's 600 municipalities, will allow this

Councillors will qualify for pension benefits at the age of 60 after a minimum of eight years' service. Maximum benefits are reached after 15 years, when contributions cease

According to latest estimates

the council would have to pay R301 000 a year as the "employer" contribution, plus the equivalent of R4 225 000 for a buy-back benefit for councillors who want to be compensated for past service

The council wants to change the rules to cut its buy-back costs to R2,7-million by increasing councillors' contributions and limiting the benefit to eight years' service

The proposed councillor/council ratio for future regular contributions to the fund

should also be changed, the council has decided.

Under present rules a total of 45,5 percent of the councillor's monthly allowance (equivalent to R455 for Cape Town) is to be paid into the fund. The councillor will pay R130 and the council R325 as the "employer" contribution

However, Cape Town wants this to be R150 from the councillor and R305 from the council

Earlier the council had decided to rescind its resolutions

of April 28 and May 18 in which it had decided to join the fund with the buy-back benefit.

The council has also decided that its Executive Committee will make recommendations and representations aimed at cutting the cost to the council

Arch-critic of the fund Mr Arthur Wienburg said the proposals to cut the council's commitment to the buy-back from R4,225-million to R2,7-million were a bluff "It is not how much you save but how much you spend," he said

# Curry warns Council: Play ball with CMICs

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By ANTHONY DOMAN  
Municipal Reporter

PLAY ball with coloured management committees or suffer the consequences, Local Government Minister Mr David Curry has said in a stern warning to the "obstructionist" Cape Town City Council

Mr Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, earlier threatened to cut off coloured housing funds to the council unless the committees were in charge of planning and control

Acting Town Clerk Mr Gys Hofmeyr wrote to Mr Curry asking him to clarify this and to correct "any misunderstanding or incorrect impression".

The council had tried its best to provide housing and had even gone beyond the guidelines set by the Government, Mr Hofmeyr said

Management committees had been consulted "at all relevant times".

It was inaccurate to label the council "obstructionist" because it had fulfilled and even exceeded its legal obligations towards management committees.

"The days of seeing the management committees only in an advisory capacity are past," Mr Curry replied in a letter to be tabled at a meeting of the Kensington Management Committee

"Until direct representation on local government level becomes a reality, the transfer of final decision-making powers to management committees is the name of the game"

He proposed a joint council-committee working group. But the council would ultimately have to take a back seat to the committees

"I must bring home to you in no uncertain terms the importance of transferring final decision-making powers regarding certain matters that affect the interest and welfare of their community," he wrote

The committees shared the council's sentiments about an open, non-racial municipal franchise, he said. But "the needs of the coloured community are so great that participation in present local government structures is necessary to address and alleviate those tremendous needs".

Although the council itself opposed the present local government system, it nevertheless continued working as a whites-only body

The committees were meant to advise the local authority on its community's needs. However, the local council still had overriding authority and "in practice these committees have never operated entirely satisfactorily".

Several committees have already been allowed to perform administrative functions and others even take part in full council meetings

# PE city councillors against pension fund

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — Nearly two thirds of councillors on the Port Elizabeth City Council, including the mayor and deputy mayor, are opposed to the council joining the pension fund for councillors and members of management committees.

Sixteen out of 26 have voiced their opposition, seven have said they are in favour, two have reserved comment and one cannot be contacted.

Yesterday six councillors — deputy mayor Mr John Vieira, Mr Aubrey Braude, Mr Rick McKiever, Mr Charles White, Mr Frans Marais and Mr Brian Brooks — came out in opposition to the fund.

All had earlier reserved their views until it came up for debate at a meeting of the city council last month. However the council decided by a slender majority not to debate or vote on the issue, and referred it back to the Policy and Resources Committee, which meets again on July 19.

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# Four to quit City Council

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## Municipal Reporter

FOUR Cape Town city councillors have declared themselves unavailable for the October 26 national municipal elections.

They are Mr Peter Parkin, former Mayor Mr Kosie van Zyl and MPs Mr Jan van Eck and Mrs Esmé Chait.

The rest of the councillors are expected to stand for re-election, although two are uncertain Mr Arthur Wienburg said he had not yet made up his mind and Mr David Bloomberg is out of town

## Two jobs too much

The departure of Mr van Zyl and Mrs Chait means that both seats will fall vacant in Ward 7 (Foreshore, eastern part of Cape Town, part of Salt River, Maitland, Ndabeni, Kensington, Epping Industria and Thornton)

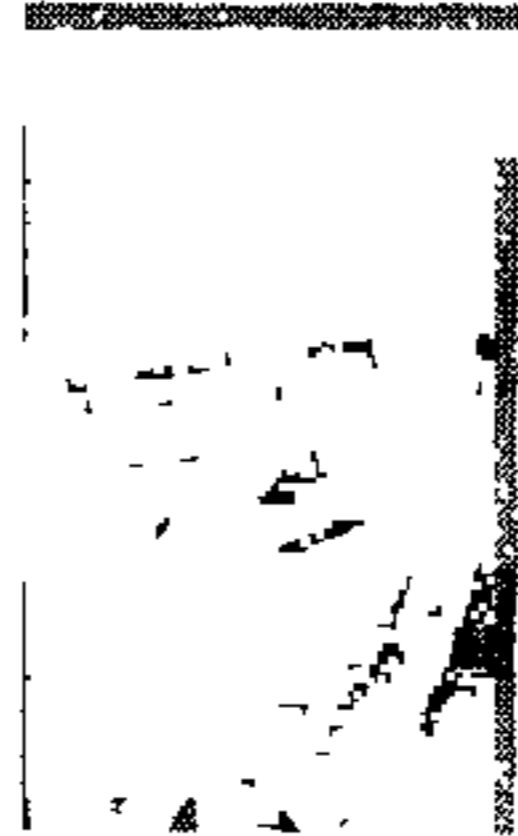
Mr van Zyl is retiring after 13 years' service

Mrs Chait, with three years' service, said she would be unable to do justice to two jobs "It is with regret that I have to say that I will not be standing," she said.

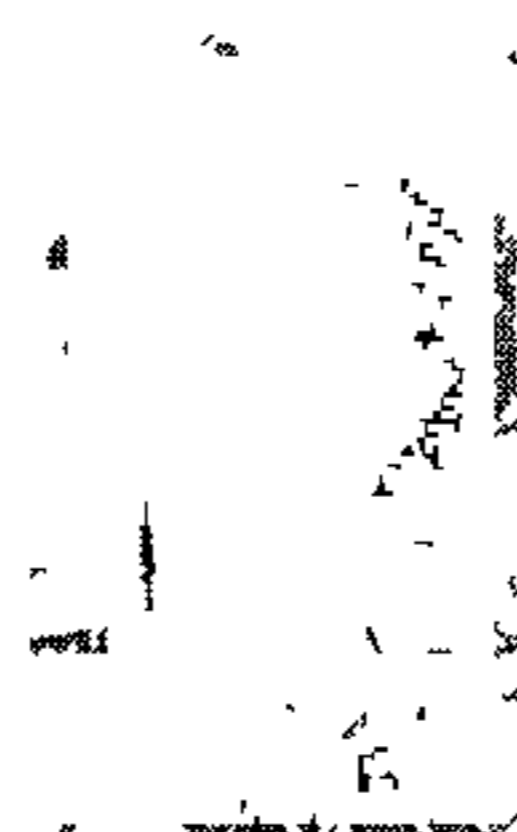
Mr van Eck cited a conflict between his ward and constituency boundaries as the reason for his decision to quit Ward 13 (Athlone, Crawford, Rondebosch East, Lansdowne, Wetton, part of Claremont, Kenwyn)



Mr Peter Parkin



Mr Kosie van Zyl



Mrs Esmé Chait



Mr Jan van Eck

"About 90 percent of the ward lies outside my Claremont constituency," he said "Staying on as ward councillor would mean double work"

## Commitments

He said he would not contest any neighbouring wards, which might be more suitable, because the incumbents had a "progressive" approach

Increasing business commitments were behind Mr Parkin's decision He represents Ward 10 (University Estate, part of Woodstock, part of Salt River, Observatory, Mowbray, part of Rosebank, Sybrand Park)

"I will be back one day, possibly in Ward 14," he said

"I would like to add that I have the highest regard for the good work done by the council and in particular its senior officials It has been a pleasure and a privilege representing Ward 10"

## Top E Cape townships snub black councils

CAPE TOWN 20/7/88  
Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Only one of the six major black local authorities in the Eastern Cape was being run by its own mayor and councillors, a Cape Provincial Administration spokesman for the department of local government said

This comes after disclosures that the Ibhayi City Council in Port Elizabeth had virtually ceased to exist and that it was being run by a white administrator, Mr Barry Erasmus, with former councillors acting as advisers. The former councillors were still getting council allowances

Mr J J le Roux, deputy-director for local government at the CPA, said only Rini Town Council in Grahamstown was being run by councillors

Mr Le Roux said Mr Erasmus, as administrator for both Ibhayi City Council and Kwanobuhle Town Council, was in charge of civic affairs for 347 000 people in Port Elizabeth and 129 000 people in Kwanobuhle, including Kabah and Despatch townships

He said Ilingelihle in Cradock and Graaff-Reinet's black local authorities were also being administered by white administrators

Humansdorp's townships were being run by appointed board members under the control of an administrator, said Mr Le Roux.

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# George refuses Lawaai-kamp rent

By MONICA GRAAFF

LAWAAIKAMP residents wishing to pay their July rent and service charges have been turned away by the George municipality, a spokesman for the George Civic Association, Mr Melford Notshokovo, said yesterday

This was confirmed by Mr A B de Swart, chief of health and housing at the George municipality, who said he had received instructions from the town clerk, Mr C P du Plessis, not to collect any more rent from Lawaai-kamp

Mr Du Plessis said Lawaai-kamp residents were informed

on May 31 that they must leave the area and that housing was available at Sandkraal, Sapa reports

"We have not cut their services but have refused to accept rent and service payments. If we accept payment we also accept that they are legally entitled to stay," Mr Du Plessis said

According to Mr Kobus Pienaar, the legal representative for the community, about 120 notices have been served on households and about 102 had filed intentions of defence

So far two eviction orders against households, which did not file intentions of defence, have been granted by the

Supreme Court.

A spokesman for the National Council Against Removals said residents had paid their rents ever since the George municipality took over the area in 1976

Seeing this action as yet "another pressure" from the municipality "to force us to leave Lawaai-kamp", the George Civic Association issued a statement late on Wednesday that said "the municipality cannot wish us away by refusing our payments"

The Civic Association said it was "puzzled that the municipality should suddenly and without explanation refuse payment after years of accepting our payments without rendering adequate services"

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LONDON — The International Press Institute has protested to the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, over the proposed introduction of a register for journalists

And two foreign chambers of commerce in South Africa yesterday urged Mr Botha to reconsider the regulations

Referring to the new restrictions as being "drafted in vague and ill-defined terms", the IPU condemned them as "a reprehensible step".

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The American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa and the South African German Chamber of Commerce and Industry noted that in terms of the latest regulations, certain organisation such as chambers of commerce would have to register "due to the extremely wide description"

● The Star Bureau in Washington reports that the US State Department has said the tighter government controls on SA journalists and news agencies "were unwarranted and should be withdrawn".

● See Page 11.

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**Council says no pension**

PAARL. — The Paarl Town Council decided at its monthly meeting on Tuesday that it will not introduce a pension scheme for its 10 councillors. The mayor, Mr Jan de Necker, said that the initial costs to the ratepayers for a pension scheme was R624 000 and after that R54 000 a year. Most of the Paarl councillors are retired and are already receiving a pension.

Investigated alternative uses for  
all, the council decided yester-

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IN a move to further the privatization of council activities, the City Council yesterday agreed to appoint, as a "test run", a private-sector firm to act as project managers on a scheme to build 71 houses in the Bo Kaap. The consulting firm will take over the functions of the council's quantity survey and building and production branches on the project.

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THE pedestrian bridge at Clovelly Halt railway station is to be demolished in favour of a pedestrian level-crossing, the council resolved yesterday.

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A BY-LAW preventing the distribution of handbills and advertisements was yesterday passed by the council. The placing of handbills on motor cars was also prohibited.

#### Too late for classification

##### DEATHS

LARKIN — Trudi, passed away peacefully 28th August 1988 after a long illness courageously borne. Fondly remembered by Michael, Anne, Clare, Alexandra, Jane and Steven. May she rest in peace. Funeral 31st August 1988 at 11am at St Pauls Catholic Church, Somerset West. Donations in lieu of flowers to World of Birds.

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# Reassurance asked on city pension fund

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By PETER DENNEHY

PENSIONERS and employees of Cape Town City Council have collected 3 432 signatures among themselves to a petition requesting reassurance that their pension fund will not be "tampered with".

The management of the Cape Town Municipal Pension Fund has responded by calling a public meeting in the City Hall at 7 30pm tomorrow.

City treasurer Mr Donald Geyer, the principal officer of the fund, will address the meeting which will be chaired by Mr Leon Markovitz, chairman of the management committee.

Signatories to the petition come from both the largely white South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME) and the mainly coloured Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association.

Mr John Bondietti, secretary of SAAME, said yesterday that "a certain city councillor" who was referred to — but not named — in the petition had

upset many people with statements he had made in public on the council employees' pension fund.

One suggestion had been that the City Council should not subsidize the annual cost-of-living-related increase in pensions it paid out, or subsidize them to a lesser extent, he said.

In March this year, Mr Arthur Wienburg said at a press conference on the city pension fund that an ordinance required the City Council to pay, in the event of a Municipal Pension Fund shortfall.

Pensioners were at present entitled to an annual increase of 75% or 80% — depending when they retired — of the Consumer Price Increase each year, he said.

He wanted the council to ask the Administrator of the Cape to reduce the percentage pension increase to 60% of the CPI a year.

● Another council workers' meeting is to be held in the City Hall this evening to discuss wage and salary offers which the executive committee has made to its employees.

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**Pay boost  
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PAY increases of up to 15 percent have been offered to Cape Town City Council staff as part of a job evaluation scheme

The Cape Town Municipal Workers Association is to discuss the offer tonight. Further negotiation with the council is likely.

Certain groups of staff have been offered five percent, others 10 percent and some lower-paid groups up to 15 percent.

The council began the scheme in collaboration with its staff unions in mid-1987.

It undertook to introduce market-related salary and wage adjustments from July 1 and to consider these adjustments annually.

According to the council, "market related" means salary and wage scales in various job categories being linked to a market rate which may differ according to job grades

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**Vehicles found**

**THOHOYANDOU** — Thirty-nine motor vehicles stolen in South Africa have been recovered in Venda — Sapa.



# Elections: Khayelitsha strongman 'favoured'

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Special Correspondent

A GROUP of Khayelitsha residents who are "desperately keen" to stand in the municipal elections allege that the authorities are giving preferential treatment to the township's "strongman", Mr Mali Hoza.

The Cape Provincial Administration has denied the allegation, however.

The complainants are a group known as the Joint Action Committee, comprising seven men and one woman, who claim they have considerable support in parts of Khayelitsha, principally areas in Site C and Site B.

Speaking through their chairman, Mr Thomas Ngwane, 35, they said they were concerned at the treatment they had had from officials of the CPA since they arrived in Khayelitsha.

They allege that

- Officials regard Mr Mali Hoza of the Lingeletu Committee as the only black leader in the shack settlements

- When Site B was established in 1986 they initially negotiated with the authorities, but subsequently Mr Graham Lawrence of the CPA told them that if they had problems they should negotiate through Mr Hoza

- Last year Mr Lawrence submitted a letter to the Demarcation Board, claiming that Mr Hoza had an 80 percent following in the community. This, they allege, is an overstatement

- All their inquiries about the election, the voters' roll and how they should go about putting up candidates have been ignored.

The Joint Action Committee, like other committees in Khayelitsha, was formed by vigilantes during the unrest of 1985 and 1986 in Crossroads.

Its members are Mr Ngwane, 35, (chairman), Mr R Fulane, 32, Mr S Nyandeni, 37,

Mr S Nyuthu, 37, Miss N Damon, 35, Mr I Ngwilisa, 55, Mr A Gobingca, 39, and Mr J Tutu, 40.

In reply to the complaints, Mr Lawrence said it was common knowledge that the Joint Action Committee had been "at odds" with Mr Hoza and his followers for some time. Numerous meetings had been organised by the CPA to try to resolve their differences.

It was not correct to assume that one group was favoured at the expense of the other.

This type of allegation was, however, not uncommon when meetings and negotiations of a delicate nature were conducted, very often in an emotionally-charged atmosphere.

The Demarcation Board to which Mr Ngwane referred sat twice and representations from all interested parties were received and heard, including those of Mr Ngwane's group. The proceedings were a matter of public record.

Allegations that the Joint Action Committee had been ignored in preparations for the October municipal elections were untrue.

An open meeting was held on August 5 in Site B Khayelitsha. Mr Ngwane's committee was well represented. The electoral officer for Khayelitsha explained the process in detail to about 200 representatives of the various community groups of Khayelitsha.

Mr Lawrence said it was the "sincere desire" of the CPA that Mr Ngwane and his group would contest the elections "whereafter a proper and democratically obtained mandate can be obtained to serve as a basis to address the various community matters he alleges are being subjectively administered by others.

"I invite all 'community and action groups', including Mr Ngwane and his followers, to ensure that their names appear on the voters' roll for Khayelitsha to enable them to vote on October 26," said Mr Lawrence.

The Argus team arrived promptly, but the mayor was "busy in a meeting". When he emerged he said he had been misinformed about the purpose of the visit.

"I don't have time for such elaborate issues," he said. Eventually he proposed a "20 questions" by correspondence

Q: When did you become involved in politics?  
A: I joined the then local advisory Board (Langa) in 1970.

Q: What motivated you?  
A: I love to promote the status of the black man in this country.

Q: What are the activities of the Ikapa Town council? How are its members elected?  
A: To look after the interests of the community and promote

its image in general. Members are democratically-elected by means of ballot votes.

Q: How much support does your committee enjoy in the townships?  
A: Our support in the townships is low.

Q: What is the difference between the council and original town committee?  
A: The town committee has no executive powers but the council does have such status.

Q: How does the council raise funds?  
A: By collecting rent and service charges.

Q: How will the October elections be run?  
A: Nominations will come from all interested candidates and they will contest 21 wards.

Q: What will your manifesto be in the elections?  
A: My manifesto will be based on housing and an effort to seek land for development

and industry in order to provide job opportunities.

Q: In 1983 you reportedly said you were "not perturbed by the low percentage" poll in the elections. (You received 347 votes to opponent's 207).  
A: To maintain percentage is not important at the moment. What is required is progress, that is the system must produce goods.

Q: Some people perceive structures such as the council as "government puppets". What are your views on the issue?  
A: As long as the government persists with structures peculiar to certain sections of the community and not to others, such governments may be termed anything — may be derogatory or even puppets, as you say.

Q: Some organisations in the black community, such as the UDF and Azapo, are restricted. They are not allowed to operate freely, so to speak. Any comment on this matter?  
A: All legitimate organisations should be allowed to take part.

Mr Roland Njoli

## Langa councillor Njoli is mystery candidate

By VUYO BAVUMA  
Staff Reporter

LANGA councillor and mayor of the Ikapa town council, Mr Roland Njoli, 68, remains something of a mystery candidate in the October elections after turning down repeated requests for a face-to-face discussion about his plans.

The mayor's response to initial approaches for an interview did not vary: "I'm too busy," he replied.

Finally, after repeated telephone calls, he agreed to meet us in his office on Friday, July 22.

Some of these are re-printed below.

Because there was no opportunity for dialogue, the written questions and answers provide little insight into the personality, aims and philosophy of this former bank clerk, who could be a key figure in the "black" community elections in a little more than two months' time.

Mr Njoli was born in Lady Frere in Transkei and was educated at the Langa High School.

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# City pay talks go to conciliation board

Labour Reporter *AF645 19/8/88*  
WAGE negotiations for part of the City Council's workforce have gone to a conciliation board.

Those represented by the South African Association of Municipal Employees rejected the council's pay offer and called for a cost-of-living increase independent of the council's job-evaluation scheme on which its offer was based

A board sitting on Wednesday was adjourned to next Friday.

Employees represented by the South African Municipal Workers' Union, an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, also rejected the council's pay offer.

They demanded a R4-an-hour minimum, R184 a week, and "acceptable adjustments"

of not less than 14 percent for other grades of workers

According to the union, the council's offer of a 15 percent maximum increase with effect from July 1 would mean an increase on the minimum wage of R17,80 a week, bringing them to R136,45

Union officials were not available for comment on negotiations.

# Tutu snubs Mayor over call on elections

Cape Times 1/9/88



Staff Reporters

THE Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Desmond Tutu, last night snubbed the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, by not attending the civic ceremony in which Dr Richard van der Ross was awarded the freedom of the city.

The snub followed a report in yesterday's *Burgher* which said Mr Muller was "extremely upset" by the call made by Archbishop Tutu on Anglicans not to participate in the October municipal elections.

Archbishop Tutu made the call at the installation on Sunday of the new Dean of Cape Town, the Very Rev Colin Jones.

Mr Muller reportedly said that he "almost walked out of the (St George's) Cathedral" when Archbishop Tutu made the call.

Archbishop Tutu's secretary, Mr John Allen, last night confirmed that the archbishop did not attend the freedom of the city ceremony, in which Dr Van der Ross, former rector of the University of the Western Cape, became the fifth freeman of the city.

Mr Allen said the archbishop had intended to go to the function "in spite of the fact that some people in the community would have questioned his attendance."

"But in view of the Mayor's response to his call, the Archbishop decided not to attend," Mr Allen said.

He said Archbishop Tutu had telephoned Dr Van der Ross to say that he was pleased at the honour being bestowed on him and explained why he felt that he could not attend



the ceremony

"Dr Van der Ross said he understood the bishop's position," Mr Allen said

At last night's colourful ceremony, Dr Van der Ross joined Professor Chris Barnard and Cardinal Owen McCann in accepting the freedom of the city

He said that Cape Town was the centre of "liberal, idealistic policies committed to the

return and retention of personal and public liberty" and that it was in Cape Town that people should reach out to one another "so that these values may be retained"

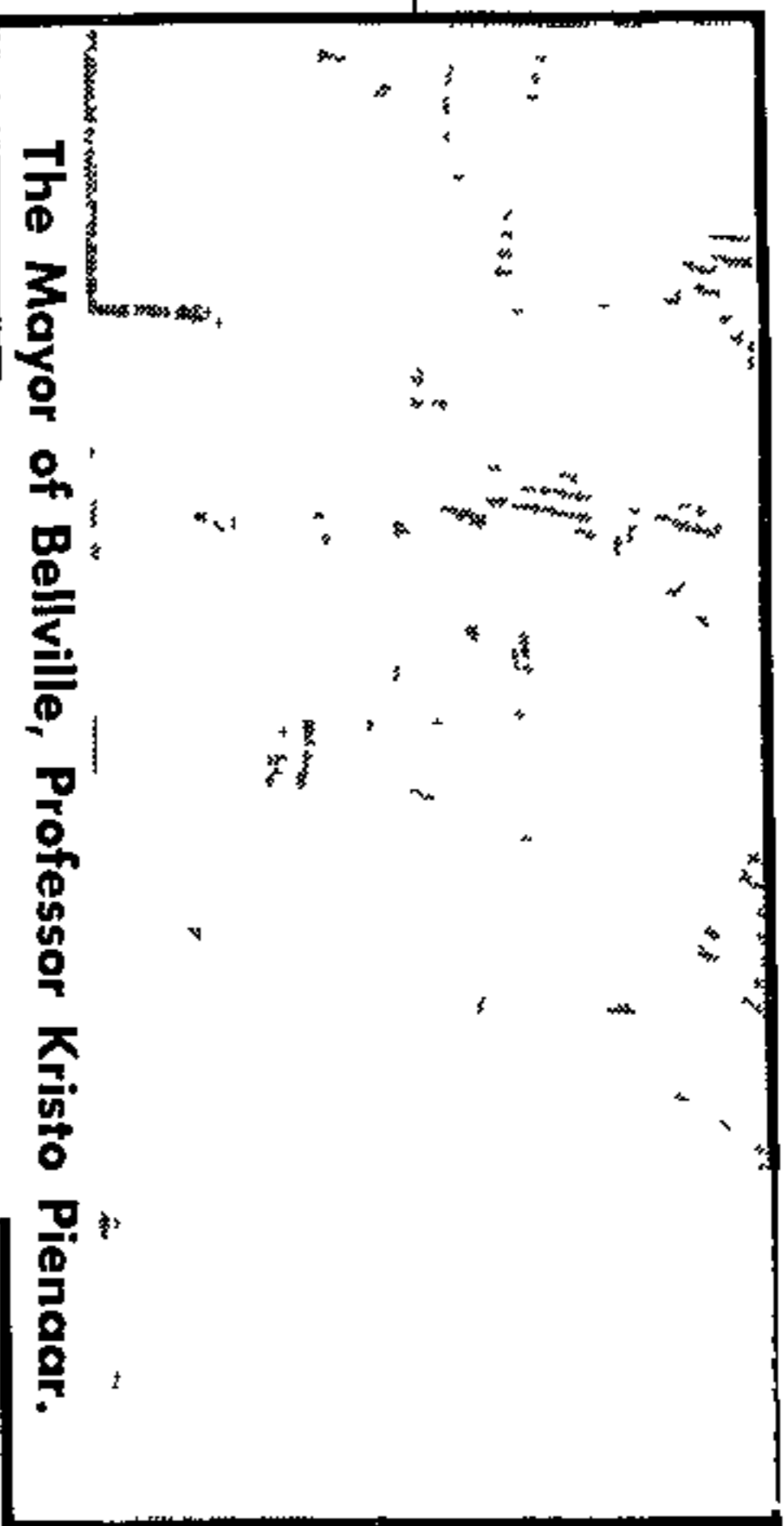
He regarded it as imperative that all South Africans should use every opportunity to seek peaceful solutions to problems of co-existence in "the land we share and love"

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## FREEDOM OF CITY

Dr Richard van der Ross signs the roll of honorary freemen of Cape Town. From the left are councillors Mr Dick Friedlander and Mrs Eulalie Stott, the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, and Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans

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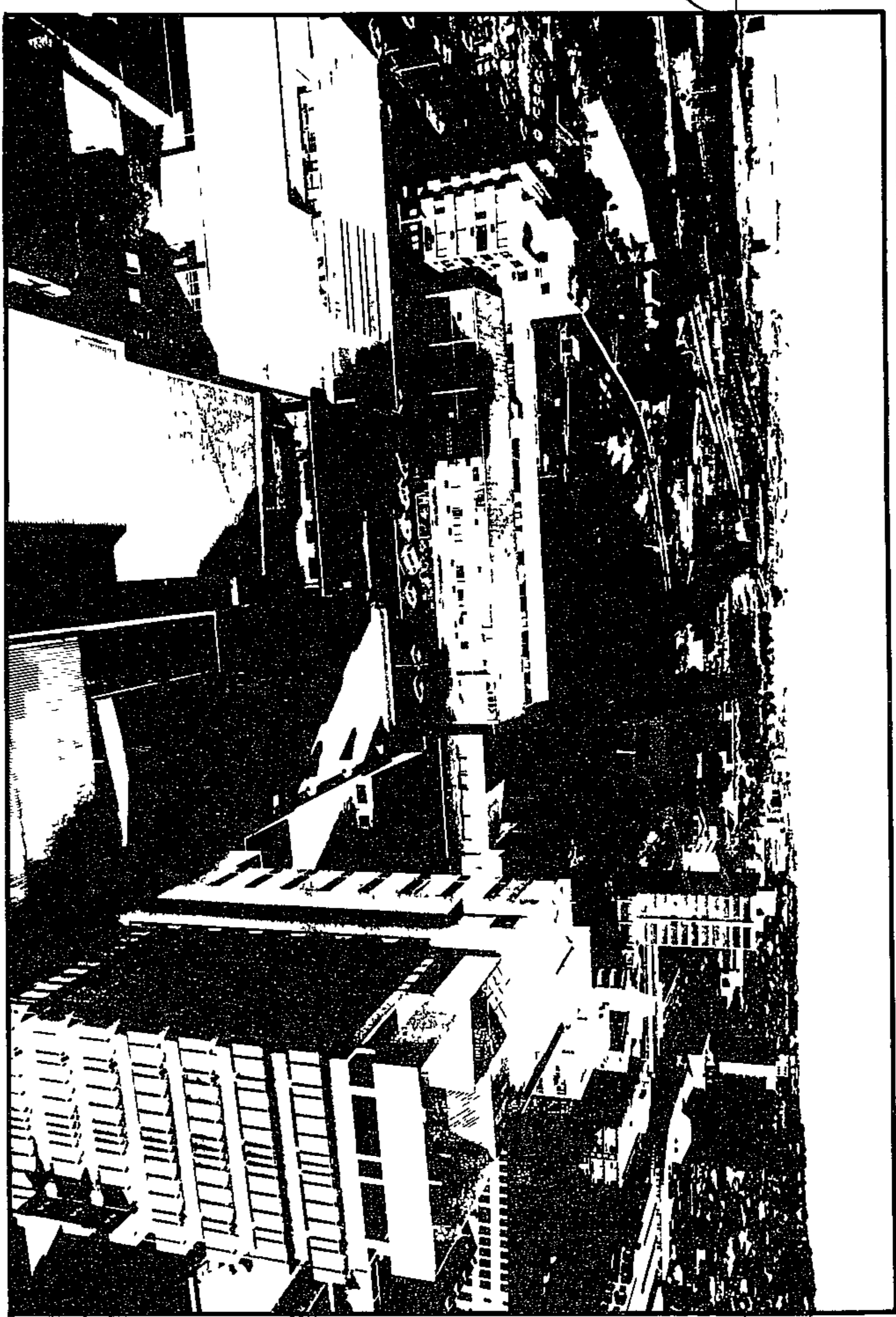


The Mayor of Bellville, Professor Kristo Pienaar.

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# Bellville says secrecy is the 'perfect' council system

## That's why monthly meetings of the city council can take as little as 15 minutes



**M**ONTHLY city council meetings in Cape Town take six to eight hours, but in Bellville they can take as little as 15 minutes because, the council says, it has the "perfect" system: all debate takes place in the secrecy of the committees

The system adopted by the Bellville City Council means there is very little or no debate at monthly meetings while Cape Town's meetings are often marked by lively, sometimes heated, discussion

The difference between the Peninsula's two cities lies in the construction of the council committee system

In Bellville, all 10 city councillors belong to the three main committees where issues are worked out in private and resolved long before they reach open council. The result is an invariably dull month-end meeting where the mayor merely calls out the number of each item for formal vote — and the council rubber-stamps decisions taken in committee.

"From our point of view, our system works perfectly and we don't think a lot of people would attend open meetings anyway," said Bellville Town Clerk Mr John Marshall. Very few members of the public do attend

meetings. But if they were open the Press would attend and issues would be reported

In Cape Town, there are also few people in the public gallery in spite of the fact that some entertainment can be expected from the debate. The Press attends all debates

Where Cape Town differs from Bellville is in the fact that not all its 34 councillors are members of all the committees, which precludes prior agreement and often there is dissent in open council

Bellville and other Tygerberg councils argue that open debate is fruitless because of apathy on the part of ratepayers — as evidenced by poor public attendance at meetings. A counter-argument that this is the result of boredom caused by the system is justifiably swept aside by pointing out Cape Town's public attendance figures

However, Cape Town ratepayers at least have the opportunity of reading in newspapers how well their councillors are representing them, something which is not possible in Bellville

Committee meetings are generally closed, but agendas are available to the media and decisions taken are made public on inquiry. According to the municipal ordinance,

By **ARNOLD KIRKBY**  
Tygerberg Bureau

staff and legal matters and land acquisition are automatically put on "green paper" — to be debated behind closed doors. Provision is also made for subjects considered sensitive or prejudicial to the wellbeing of the municipality to be put on green paper

Mr Marshall says only staff and land acquisition are put on green paper

But all matters are debated in secret anyway. Is this secrecy cause for alarm? No, say most ratepayers' associations

Councillors representing them attend ratepayers' meetings and give reports. The associations are satisfied with the answers they get. But others are not as happy

Bellville's *modus operandi* is not unique in the Tygerberg

Open council meetings in Parow, Goodwood and Brackenfell normally last less than 45 minutes, following the Bellville pattern. With the exception of Durbanville, the open agendas merely give headings, brief synopses and recommendations on the items to be voted on

Some ratepayers' associations feel they are being left out in the cold, especially when contentious issues arise

Mr Rudi van Zyl of the Brackenfell Ratepayers' Association feels that no information is given in open agendas

Mr Steve Hayward, chairman of the Edgemoor (Goodwood) Ratepayers' Association, said the councillors' national pension fund issue should have been handled in the open because it affected ratepayers' pockets directly

Open Goodwood Town Council meetings were merely "window dressing", starting at 7.30pm and ending at 7.50pm

"All the nice easy things which are not contentious are voted on and the rest is done in committee," he said

"We said we wanted the pension issue debated in public so we could see how they voted after which we would decide whether to support them in the next election"

In contrast, the Kraaifontein Ratepayers' Association has asked its council to be more selective about what it debates in open council. Kraaifontein is the only Tygerberg town

where debates get heated and where councillors do not pull punches

The association feels the town and council get a lot of negative publicity

"We have asked the council to be more careful with what is discussed in open council," said the chairman, Mr Henjue Dippenaar

But there is claimed to be a "rebel" element in the council which feels strongly about telling the voters exactly where it stands

Mr S S van Deventer, who has been a member of the association and the council for many years, is unrepentant about speaking his mind. "We don't hide things in Kraaifontein, we air them. We are not rubber stamps"

The Mayor of Kraaifontein, Mr Willie Hamby, said his council encouraged open debate

The Mayor of Knysna River, Mr Willem Rossouw, said his council had open debates which sometimes lasted two hours or more. Very little was discussed in committee, he said

SA Media Council for SWA hearing

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AN investigation panel of the SA Media Council is to sit for the first time in Windhoek.

The panel will sit on September 26 to consider complaints lodged with the council against the Windhoek Observer.

The council said in a statement at the weekend that complaints by the Namibian police and, in a separate issue, by members of the public deal with photographs and editorial matter which allegedly contravene the council's code of conduct.

The police complaint relates to photographs published in the Windhoek Observer on January 23 and April 23 on the grounds that the editor did not exercise "due care and responsibility with regard to the presentation of brutality, violence and atrocities".

The public complaint deals with allegedly indecent or obscene material which appeared on June 25 and in subsequent issues.

Council chairman Mr Louis de V van Winsen will preside. — Sapa

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Staff Reporter

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# Council Workers Protest

By PETER DENNEHY

THOUSANDS of City Council workers gathered in the concourse of the Civic Centre early yesterday morning in protest against what they regard as inadequate wage and salary rise proposals

They said they would remain there until the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, had spoken to them. Meanwhile, services in several council departments were maintained by skeleton staffs only.

Mr Muller and the chairman of the execu-

tive committee, Mr Richard Friedlander, addressed the crowd by megaphone from a landing one level above the concourse shortly before 9am.

Shop stewards with megaphones maintained firm discipline, and at one stage even asked the crowd to move away from the entrance to the Podium Hall, where the Conservative Party was holding a meeting.

Workers shouted such slogans as "R4 minimum" (referring to R4 an hour) and "14%". It is understood that the council has offered a 7.5% increase for all categories of

employees between labourers, who may get up to 17% more, and middle management, who may get 12.5% more. Neither the union nor the council would confirm this.

Mr Muller thanked the workers for their orderliness and for their contribution to the city.

"We are aware that inflation undermines the value of your money, and that our increases are, in many cases, not enough," he said. "I am aware that there is great dissatisfaction among some of your members." "All! All!" chanted the crowd.

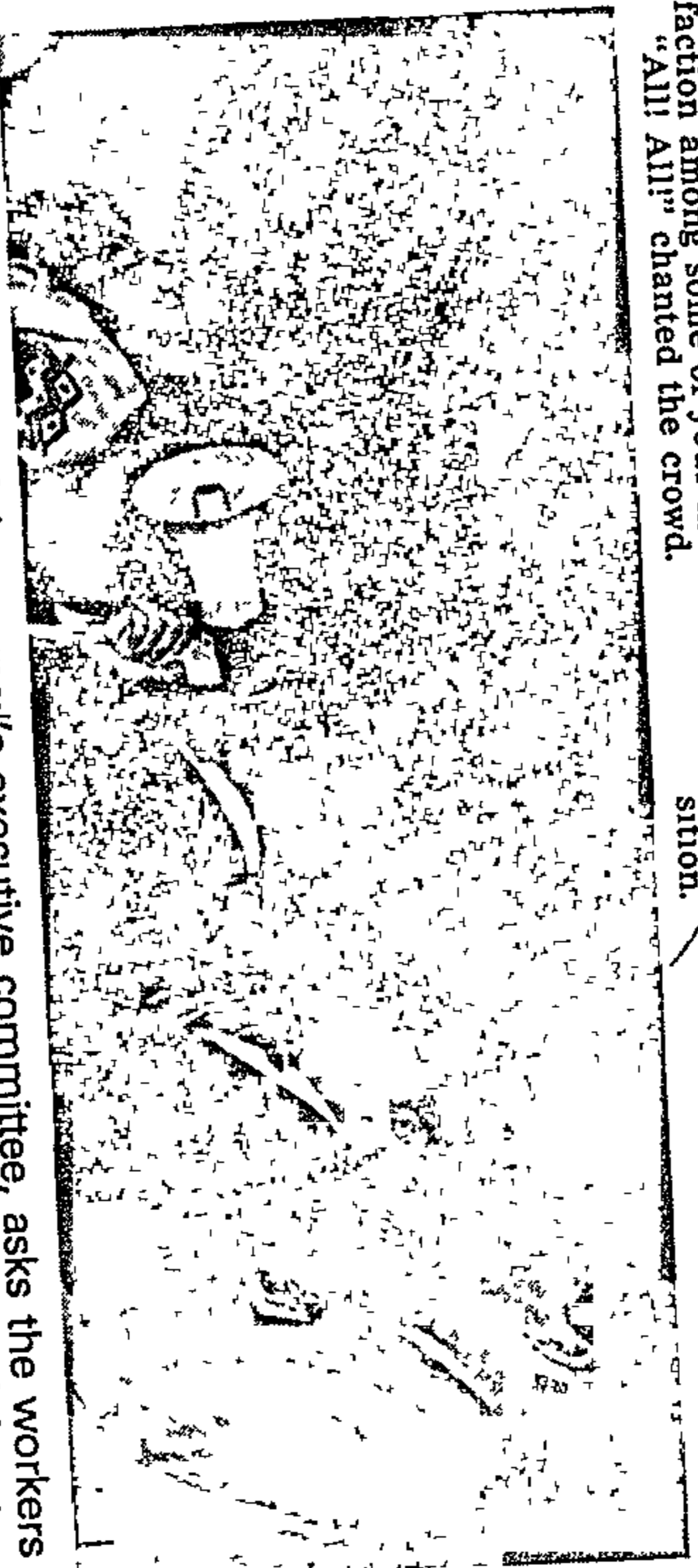
Mr Friedlander said negotiations were still under way, and that workers had made their point and should resume their work. He would not promise anything.

Mr John Ernstzen, general secretary of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, suggested the workers should move to the Exhibition Hall, which they did, and later they dispersed on the advice of the union. Negotiations will continue on Monday, according to both the union and the council. Union branch secretary Ms Merle Brown said the council had undertaken to review its position.



LEFT: Council workers gather in the Civic Centre yesterday. Second from the right is the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, and on the right is the City Administrator Mr Gys Hofmeyr.

RIGHT: Mr Dick Friedlander, chairman of the council's executive committee, asks the workers to return to work while negotiations with the union continue.







the sport training fields around Green Point Stadium. Picture RICHARD BELL

# Council workers elect court action

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## Staff Reporter

WAGE negotiations between the City Council and its 15 500-strong workforce — represented by two unions — continued yesterday, with about a third of the workforce electing to take the council to the industrial court for arbitration.

Mr Ted Doman, a spokesman for the City Council, said late yesterday that wage negotiations were still in progress between the council and the black South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU), which repre-

sented about two-thirds of the workers

The white South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME), representing about 4 400 municipal workers, yesterday decided to take the council to court to ask for arbitration, secretary Mr John Bondietti said

Mr Doman said SAAME had asked for an increase from 5% to 10% in the wage offer to employees in the middle of the council's salary scale. Council had offered 7,5% but this had been rejected by SAAME

Mr Bondietti confirmed this. Thousands of SAMWU workers

gathered in the Civic Centre concourse last week to protest against what they regarded as inadequate salary proposals.

Apart from the disruption to services caused by this demonstration, Mr Doman said yesterday that no council services had been affected during the negotiations

Spokesmen for SAMWU could not be obtained for comment yesterday

● Last year council cleansing workers staged a four week go-slow which ended in workers accepting a 10% or R17 a week increase from council.

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# City council to ask govt for civic patrol

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN City Council resolved unanimously yesterday to approach the Minister of Law and Order for funds to enable it to establish a 16-man civic patrol under the command of the traffic manager, Mr Wouter Smut

Councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg, of Rondebosch, proposed the motion yesterday in the hope that the council would be able to implement a decision taken in 1986 to establish such a crime-prevention patrol

"The minister has recently given greater powers to search people and premises and to make arrests) to municipal officials," he said. This effectively re-

## city council

moved one of the major obstacles cited by the former Minister of Law and Order against establishing a civic patrol

Mr Neil Ross, for Green Point, said personal security was "the number one issue" for voters, and he had noticed security doors all over his ward

"In the last 15 months I have met 150 people who had recently been mugged in broad daylight," he said. "There is no doubt that our community needs a preventive patrol"

too, although the cost would be enormous

Mr Jan van Eck said that whether the police or the council financed the patrol, the public would pay for it in the end anyway. It was wanted by the ratepayers and the council should provide it

He could not understand, however, why the government would not pay for municipal police — hopefully of good quality — in Cape Town, when they provided them in black townships countrywide

Mr Dick Friedlander said he had been told in July that 80 students of Bishop Lavis Training College had since March been deployed on foot in the central business district on weekends



Mr Arthur Wienburg

# Point gym: City pushes to up rental

By PETER DENNEHY  
Municipal Reporter

THE controversial Point Health Centre on Green Point Common could convert half its gymnasium to a drinking area, and have half its patrons drinking outside — but the Council would be powerless to stop it, Councillor Mr Neil Ross said yesterday

He was opposing a proposal that the Council agree to The Point applying for a wine and malt liquor licence, since both parties had agreed that the monthly lease should be increased from R1 655 a month to R2 000 a month for the first five years

"We have agreed today to put up the rental of a put-put course (not part of the scheme) from R1 500 a month to R3 500 a month," said Mr Ross

He said the story of the Point had been "a sad saga", and that councillors had been "babes in arms" when it came to dealing with "people of financial muscle and clout"

"I wish that we could have charged a more realistic rental on The Point — the executive committee has not served the interests of the city. It was not our view that a restaurant should be permitted on the Com-

mon. We might as well have asked Wimpy to come on to the Common. It must not be allowed to happen again"

Mr Peter Parkin interjected and said he believed the rental should have been R15 000 a month

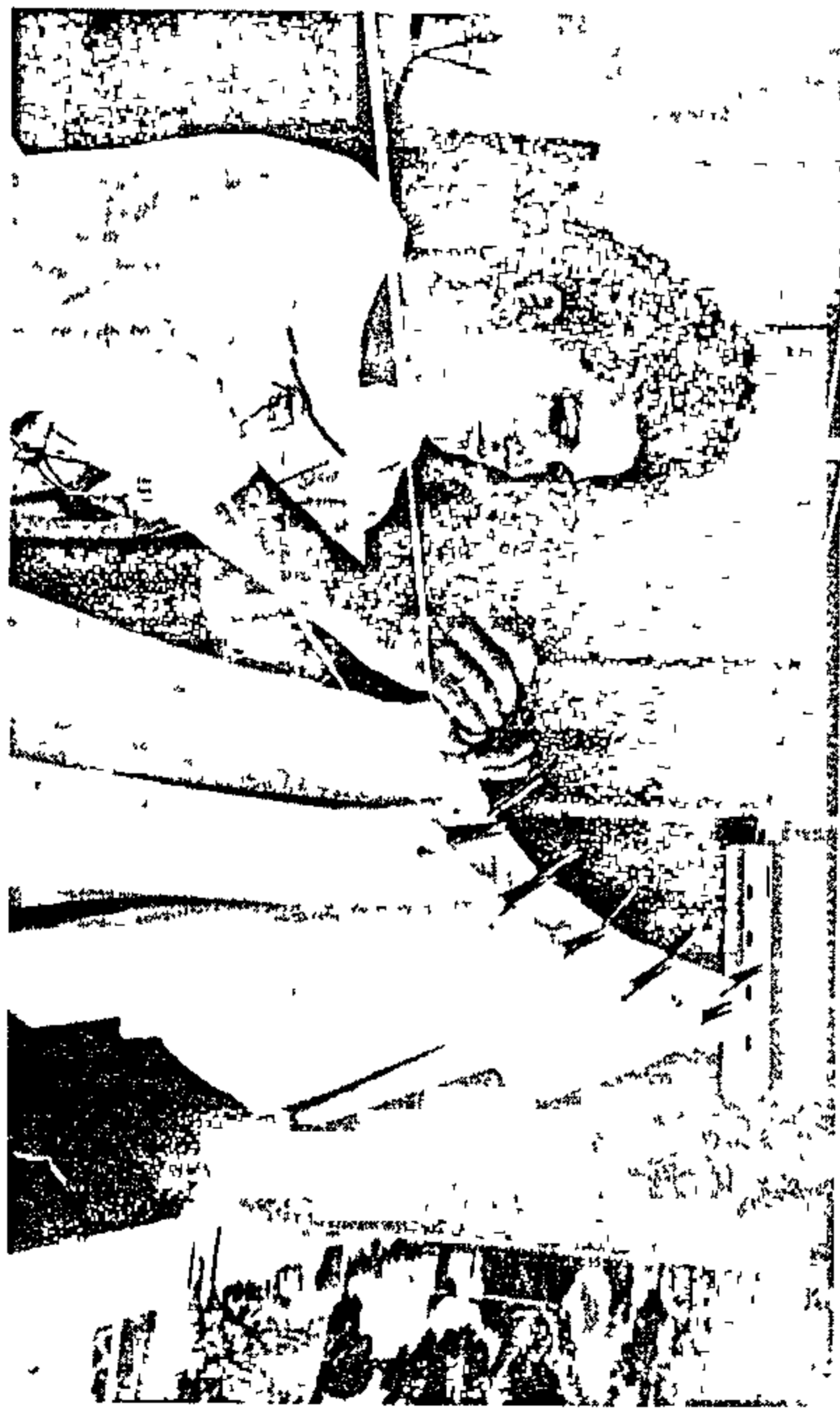
But councillors Richard Friedlander, Eulalie Stott, Frank van der Velde and Jack Frost defended the Point. Mrs Stott said the Council had got a "very good deal"

"The citizens want sports facilities," she said. "The developer could have invested his (R7.5) millions elsewhere and got interest of some R204 000 a month. At the end of 35 years, it's ours for nothing"

Mr Frost said other clubs on the Common had liquor licences. Mr Van der Velde said "I agree we have been suckers about the lease, but let's get out of this business of refusing liquor licences"

Mr Friedlander said the Council itself had approved plans incorporating a bar area, it had already given its consent to a club liquor licence, and it would be unreasonable for the council to change its mind now

However, a majority in the council apparently thought differently, and the matter was referred back to the executive committee for reconsideration by eight votes to five



DRIVING TOURISTS AWAY? Mrs Johlene Fourné of Vedehoeek, the mother of an 11-month-old baby, hangs out washing on her balcony while she still may

Municipal Reporter

HANGING washing on your own balcony may soon become illegal in certain areas

Councillors at yesterday's monthly meeting said the practice was unsightly

Mr Chris Joubert, a councillor for Sea Point, suggested that the town planning committee should try to prevent drying washing from being "visible from any public street"

Mr Joubert said he did not intend the proposed by-law to apply to areas

## Laundry on show might not wash

Municipal Reporter

of the Cape Flats where residents had to hang washing on balconies to prevent their clothes being stolen

"I have been asked for help by a block of flats bordering on a prestige development on the Sea Point beachfront

"Neighbouring municipalities have by-laws in terms of which some-

thing can be done about this washing, but Cape Town has not

"People from five-star hotels come out and see flimsy ladies' night-clothes hanging out. That is not unattractive, but their big blankets with holes in them are"

He asked whether those who claimed they had nowhere else to

hang their washing could not erect a screen to hide the laundry

"We want a uphold certain standards," he said

Mr Jack Frost supported Mr Joubert's motion

Mr Frank van der Velde suggested that people should put their washing "on green paper and hide it from the public"

(When the council is unable or unwilling to disclose to the public matters under discussion, they are "tinted on green paper"

## City's shoppers get more parking

Municipal Reporter

TWO parking areas in the city — the Station Forecourt and Tullbagh Square — will be converted into pay-and-display lots, it was decided at a city council meeting yesterday

The maximum parking allowed would be two hours on the Station Forecourt and one hour at Tullbagh Square

Mr Frank van der Velde said that short-term parkers in the city had great difficulty in finding places to park

### Commuters

Retailers believed the city would remain alive only if shoppers could be brought into the central business district

"If we cater mainly for the motor car commuter, we would have to spend hundreds of millions to get cars into the city, and millions more to have them park all day there"

It was not the city's job to provide for people who took their private cars into the city but did not need them there during the day

"It is our job to ensure that public transport is sufficient and comfortable," he said

Mrs Eulalie Stott said it was a "cold hard fact" that businesses were moving out of the city centre if their staff could not get parking there

"I asked one of the two big companies in my ward why they did not locate on the Forecourt," she said. "They said it was because their staff could not get parking there"

Mr Van der Velde said parking on the Forecourt was under-utilized



# Town clerk apologises to judge

Staff Reporter

A CAPE TOWN judge yesterday accepted the "unqualified apology" of Port Nolloth town clerk Mr Lukas Groenewald, who recently told an articted clerk he would demolish squatter homes despite a court order.

Mr Justice H L Berman, who issued the order on Tuesday, demanded an apology on Wednesday afternoon after hearing that Mr Groenewald had told the articted clerk he was "gatvol" with the legal proceedings.

When Mr Theo Barnard, counsel for the municipality, disputed the articted clerk's authority to contact the town clerk, the judge replied "If my order is transmitted by a street sweeper, it remains an order I expect his

apology."

In a statement read to the court by Mr Barnard yesterday, Mr Groenewald said his utterances had to be understood in terms of conflicting court orders which first allowed, then denied him the right, to demolish squatter tents.

The judge yesterday agreed to squatter Mr J M Luwalala's amended application that 149 other Tentedorp and Bloukamp squatters be granted an order restraining the municipality from demolishing or removing their tents.

Mr Justice Berman said he would issue an order on Monday.

The hearing continues today at 9 15am.

Mr J Gauntlett, instructed by Mallinck, Ress, Richman and Cloenberg, of Cape Town, appeared for the squatters. Mr Barnard was instructed by Van der Spuy and Partners of Port Nolloth.

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## Court sets aside Administrator's order

Supreme Court Reporter

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday set aside a decision by the Administrator of the Cape to establish a new local authority in Khayelitsha

The case is a sequel to a notice in the Government Gazette which granted local authority status to the new area of Lingeletu-West

Ikapa's mayor, Mr Roland Njoli, said his council was the duly appointed local authority for Khayelitsha, Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu and stood to lose assets, staff and revenue

to the new local authority

In September last year the Administrator asked the Demarcation Board to hold an inquiry to advise him on the desirability of Ikapa's area of jurisdiction with sites B and C in Khayelitsha excluded

Sapa reports that the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, has given notice in the Supreme Court that he is to appeal against the ruling

Mr Justice CT Howie and Mr Acting-Justice B Hoberman presided. Mr L R Dison SC, with Mr Pat Gamble, appeared for Ikapa. Mr W G Burger SC and Mr W J Louw instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the Administrator

# Wages: City Council to pay R30m more

Municipal Reporter

SALARY and wage increases which Cape Town City Council has granted its staff for the current year will increase its total wage bill by 11%

Mr Ted Doman, public relations officer for the City Council, confirmed this yesterday, and said the entire annual salary adjustment would cost the council R30 million

Provision for the cost of the salary adjustment had been made in the current budget, he said

Adjustments were generally "in the order of between 19% and 9%", he said, with the higher increases awarded mainly in the lower categories

"Differentiated adjustments have been made to various job categories and grades "as indicated by market conditions"

In previous years council used to negotiate across-the-board general increases

Mr Doman said the settlement concluded (this year's) negotiations with the Cape Town branch of the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu), which is non-racial, and with the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame), which is for whites only

The new wage rates will be in effect from June this year to June next year.

**Municipal Reporter**

A LAST-MINUTE bid to stop tomorrow's municipal election in Khayelitsha failed in the Supreme Court yesterday

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, was given leave to appeal against last week's Supreme Court decision setting aside the establishment of a new Khayelitsha local authority, Lingeletu West, separate from the Ikapa Town Council

After Mr Justice C T Howie granted leave to appeal, Mr L R Dison SC, for Ikapa, asked for an order that the court's earlier decision (setting aside the creation of a separate Khayelitsha local authority) should come into operation in the meanwhile

Mr Dison argued that if the election went ahead, the successful litigants would be deprived of the fruits of their application until the appeal was heard

Mr W Burger, SC, for the Administrator, said that "It (Ikapa) is defined by the areas of which it consists. A by-election will have to be held for the reconstituted Ikapa area"

He argued that allowing the election, which had already "run 80% of its course", was preferable to aborting it at the last minute

The decision was between holding a possibly invalid election, and holding a possibly invalid by-election at some later date, he argued.

Mr Justice Howie ruled that Mr Dison's application had failed, and he said he would give reasons later.

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## Betrayed on pay, say council workers

By DICK USHER  
Labour Reporter

A CALL for a no-confidence vote in the South African Association of Municipal Employees local committee over the recently concluded pay negotiations has been made in a petition circulating among municipal employees

The petition seeks a special meeting, "as it is the only way we can vent our strong feelings of disgust and betrayal at the hands of the very people who are supposed to look after our interests"

Today Mr Peter Rist, branch president, denied reports that he had resigned

### HATE-MAIL

"I have only indicated to the committee that I will not be available for re-election when my term of office expires in November," Mr Rist said

Since the announcement of the settlement a rash of pam-

phlets and cartoons attacking the deal have been circulating among City Council staff

Mr Rist said he had had several articles of hate-mail

The salary negotiations had led to a great deal of unhappiness, he added, because a uniform cost-of-living offer was not made, but a differentiated offer in which lower-paid employees and branch and department heads got better increases than those in between

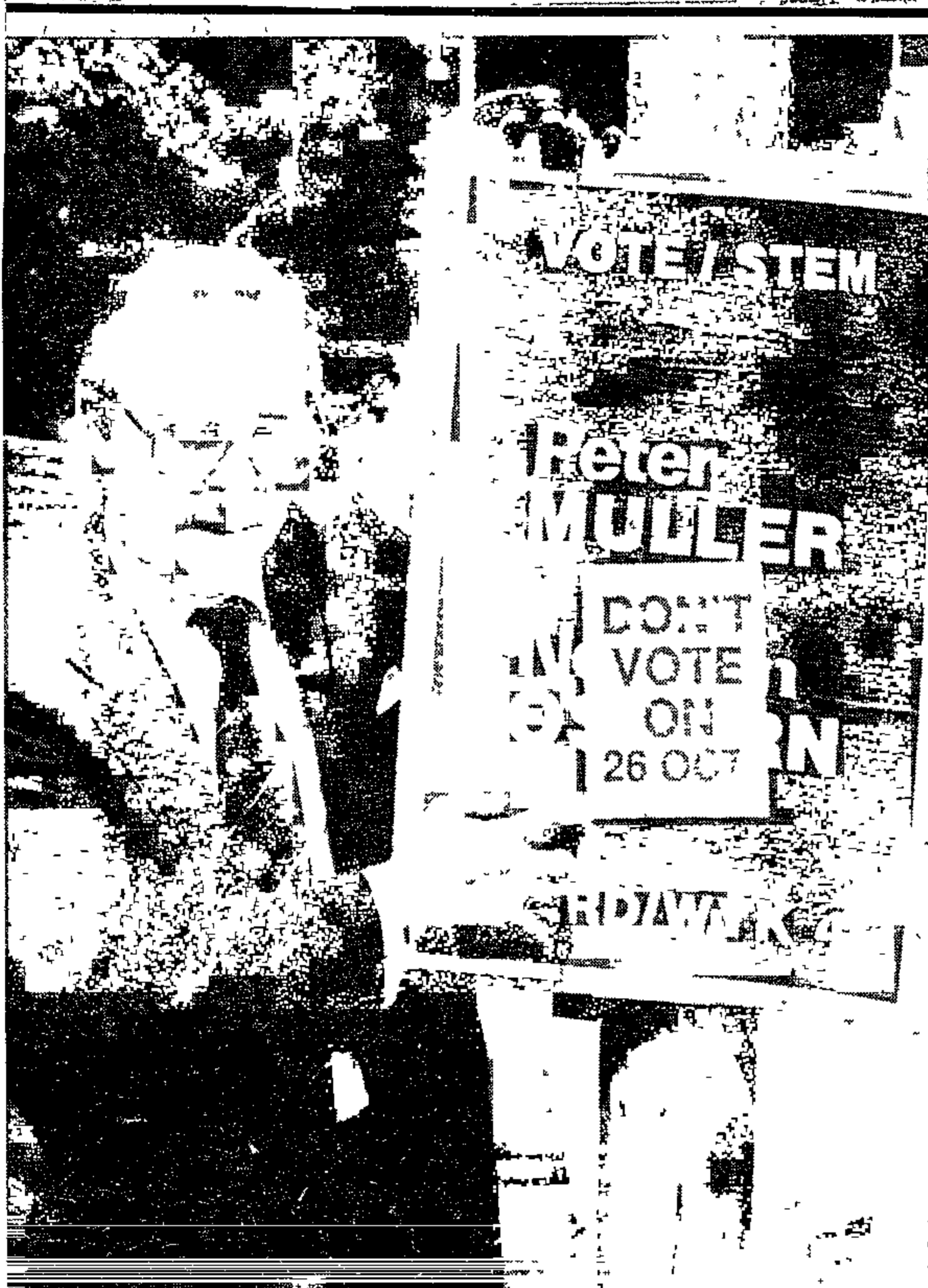
The committee had accepted the council's offer because it was a matter of urgency on which the council required an answer by a specific date

"Saame has expressed its unhappiness with the settlement and as a result, in the near future we will be taking appropriate steps to ensure that all our members get a fair deal from July 1989"

Misinformation had not only put the integrity of the committee in question but had confused members

"This will be rectified by a comprehensive statement which will be issued shortly," Mr Rist said





**DEFACED** ... Mr Norman Osburn, running mate of the Mayor of Cape Town, with one of his election posters on which vandals have superimposed an illegal message. Mr Osburn urged voters in the Gardens area to reject racism in today's election.

Picture **GLENN SHERRATT**

## E Cape township election postponed

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**GRAHAMSTOWN** — The Supreme Court here has ruled that all prior votes in the municipal election in the black township of Dukathole at Aliwal North are null, and void, resulting in the postponement of today's election in the township

These developments follow a successful court application by three Aliwal North residents, after the local electoral officers had refused to accept their nominations as candidates for election to the Dukathole Town Council

In a decision handed down in the Supreme Court, Grahamstown, on Monday, Mr Justice Van Rensburg ordered the electoral officers to accept the nominations of the three applicants

The three applicants are Mr John Lietsiso, Mr John Jika, and Mr Mark Mohelepi

The co-ordinator of black municipal elections in the Eastern Cape, Mr Danie Bezuidenhout, says that in the light of the court ruling, the Administrator of the Cape has decided to postpone today's election for the Dukathole Town Council — Sapa

### Votes, not seats, the issue

#### Political Staff

**VOTES** and not seats will be the overriding political factor in today's nation-wide municipal elections for more than 7 500 local representatives

The outcome of the NP and CP battle could determine immediate government strategy and could decide the pace of the reform programme

Political observers, divided on the prospects of the various parties agree there should be a record poll

# Prior voting a success in black areas

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) claimed yesterday that prior voting in the Cape had been so successful that "any rumours of the elections being a failure" had been "squashed"

Some black areas would be reasonably represented even without today's voting, it said

Groups opposing the elections, including the UDF, are unable to respond to these claims in the press because of government restrictions

Dr Annelie Rabie, a public relations officer for the provincial administration, said in a press release yesterday that 20,9% of the 264 562 registered black voters in Cape wards where elections were being held had already cast votes

"This in itself is a significant percentage in view of the historic tendency of municipal elections to record low voting percentages," she said

In the Western Cape, where elections were being held at seven black towns, 27 265 or 36% of the 75 589 registered voters in wards where voting was happening had already cast votes

She did not mention that Khayelitsha, which has a total population officially estimated yesterday at some 200 000, is the only Cape Town township where voting is taking place. It has 67 000 registered voters, 35% of whom have already voted, according to figures before a court this week

A possibility exists that the Khayelitsha election may be declared inva-

lid if the Appellate Division upholds a recent Supreme Court decision setting aside the separation of the Khayelitsha local authority from the Ikapa one, which runs the other black Cape Town suburbs

In Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu and Crossroads there will be no election because not enough candidates could be found

In the Northern Cape, Dr Rabie said, the average black voting percentage was 45,3% so far. One town recorded a 76,5% vote

In the Eastern Cape, excluding the 144 342 voters of Ibhayi at Port Elizabeth, 21 towns recorded an average percentage poll of 46,3% of registered voters, she said

This was an "exceptional achievement", considering that two years ago the councillors of 42 local authorities resigned because of the actions of "leftist elements"

The CPA said 16 different coloured management committees in the Cape had registered a prior voting percentage of over 61%, and 19 white councils already had percentage polls between 21% and 30%

Black polling booths open today at 7am and close at 9pm. Others open at 8am and close at 7pm, unless other times have been fixed by local authorities

The first results are expected to come in at 10pm tomorrow

Tomorrow's Cape Times will carry most of the results and an assessment of how the voting went

Liquor outlets will be open for business as usual today

## Police guard 'guns down candidate'

PORT ELIZABETH — A candidate in today's Ibhayi City Council election was fatally wounded by an Ibhayi policeman early yesterday morning, police said

PE People's Party candidate Mr Morris Zipotete Thomas, 35, was shot outside his Zwide house

There are as yet unconfirmed reports that an Ibhayi municipal policeman, who was on guard at Mr Thomas's house, was shot in the head. Police said the matter was under investigation

A 30-year-old member of the Ibhayi municipal police appeared briefly in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday in connection with the death of Mr Thomas

He was not asked to plead and the case was postponed to November 23

According to Mrs Nozuko Thomas, the wife of Mr Thomas, her husband went to investigate after he had been woken by shots fired outside his house

"After he had opened the back door we heard him calling for help, saying 'They have shot me', before he collapsed"

"I noticed a municipal policeman who had been guarding the house standing outside the door of the kitchen. He said he had been shot in the head," Mrs Thomas said

Police said Mr Thomas was allegedly shot when he went to an outside toilet about 12 25am

"Shortly after midnight, Mr Thomas left his house, apparently to go to an outside toilet," police said

"A person was seen moving around in the backyard of the house by a guard, who allegedly thought the person was an assailant. Shots were fired"

## Vote, urges Assocom

JOHANNESBURG — The Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry appealed to the business community yesterday to be aware of its stake in the outcome of the local government elections today

It said that whatever the personal views of businessmen in regard to the elections in general, or in relation to particular political parties or groupings, the business community had to make its influence felt by voting in the elections

"Local and regional authorities are rapidly becoming a focal point for both national and local issues and are a sphere in which business can have a positive impact on the quality of government"

"Where practicable, and if requested, businesses should give employees sufficient time off from work to cast their votes, and to use to good effect the corporate vote available to them — Sapa

## Randburg a test for PFP

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The PFP's political future is on the line in today's Randburg town council elections

PFP claims that it has largely overcome the crushing setbacks of last year's general election will be severely tested in this town and the adjoining northern suburbs of Johannesburg

In 1982 the PFP won Randburg, but lost control after a series of resignations. The chairman of the town's NP-controlled management committee, Mr Frans Lourens, believes that debacle and the NP's smooth administrative record have all but killed off the

PFP's chances

Complicating the local election scenario is the CP, which has put up three official candidates for the first time. The NP already has two unopposed candidates and the PFP one. Seven seats are needed to control Randburg's 13-ward council, one of the few municipalities not to be enlarged by delimitation

PFP leader Mr Andre Jacobs believes the CP will fail to take any wards and are only of "nuisance value"

The PFP is in with a definite chance, he says.

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# Hoza's men win in Khayelitsha



Mr Mali Hoza

By PETER DENNEHY

SQUATTER leader Mr Mali Hoza and his 19 men have won a landslide victory in Khayelitsha, the only black area in Cape Town where an election was held.

Mr Hoza himself polled the highest number of votes, 16 739, and all his men had over 14 000 votes. The results were announced in Khayelitsha yesterday to a small but enthusiastic audience consisting of about 70 women who sang and danced.

Mr Hoza's team won all positions available on the 20-seat Lingeletu West local authority.

The next highest number of votes, after Mr Hoza's men, was the 7 277 which went to Mr R Fulani, an opponent of the Hoza group.

The poll was 43,4% of the 67 867 registered voters in Khayelitsha.

The Khayelitsha election was not

run on party political lines, but Mr Hoza's group had been opposed by a coalition called the Joint Action Committee, which was politically to the left of his group.

Each voter could vote for up to 20 candidates. Only a few papers were spoiled — 27 at Khayelitsha Resource Centre polling station, 39 at Green Point and 22 at Site C.

Mr Hoza said in a brief speech that he was aware of the acute housing shortage in Khayelitsha, and he hoped the government would "lend an ear when we put forward our demands".

Mr Hoza is a businessman who owns a fleet of taxis and lives in Site C, one of the squatter areas.

The successful candidates and their voting totals were Mr Mali Hoza 16 739, Mr M Goniwe 14 923, Mr V Gocini 14 891, Mr M Gxowa 14 770, Mr J Vanto 14 720, Mr T Vanto 14 707, Mr D Zono 14 697, Mr L Bonye 14 694, Mr M Gubayo 14 696, Mr M Tungwana 14 599, Mr M Maqula 14 562, Mr G Magqaza 14 550, Mr E Jazile 14 478, Mr L Booli 14 462, Mr A Mqoboka 14 444, Mr F Somtunzi 14 287, Mr W Mame 14 248, Mr J Nonjaca 14 026 and Mr S Masile 14 005.



Mr Peter Muller

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## City needs faster reform — Mayor

Staff Reporter

FASTER political reform was essential for the prosperity of Cape Town and the Western Cape, the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, said today.

The government was the "custodian of Cape Town's future" and its decisions would have a direct bearing on whether the city realised its "potential and prosperity", he said in a review of the mayoral year.

Mr Muller said Cape Town was economically dependent on exports and desperately needed foreign investment capital and wider international exposure.

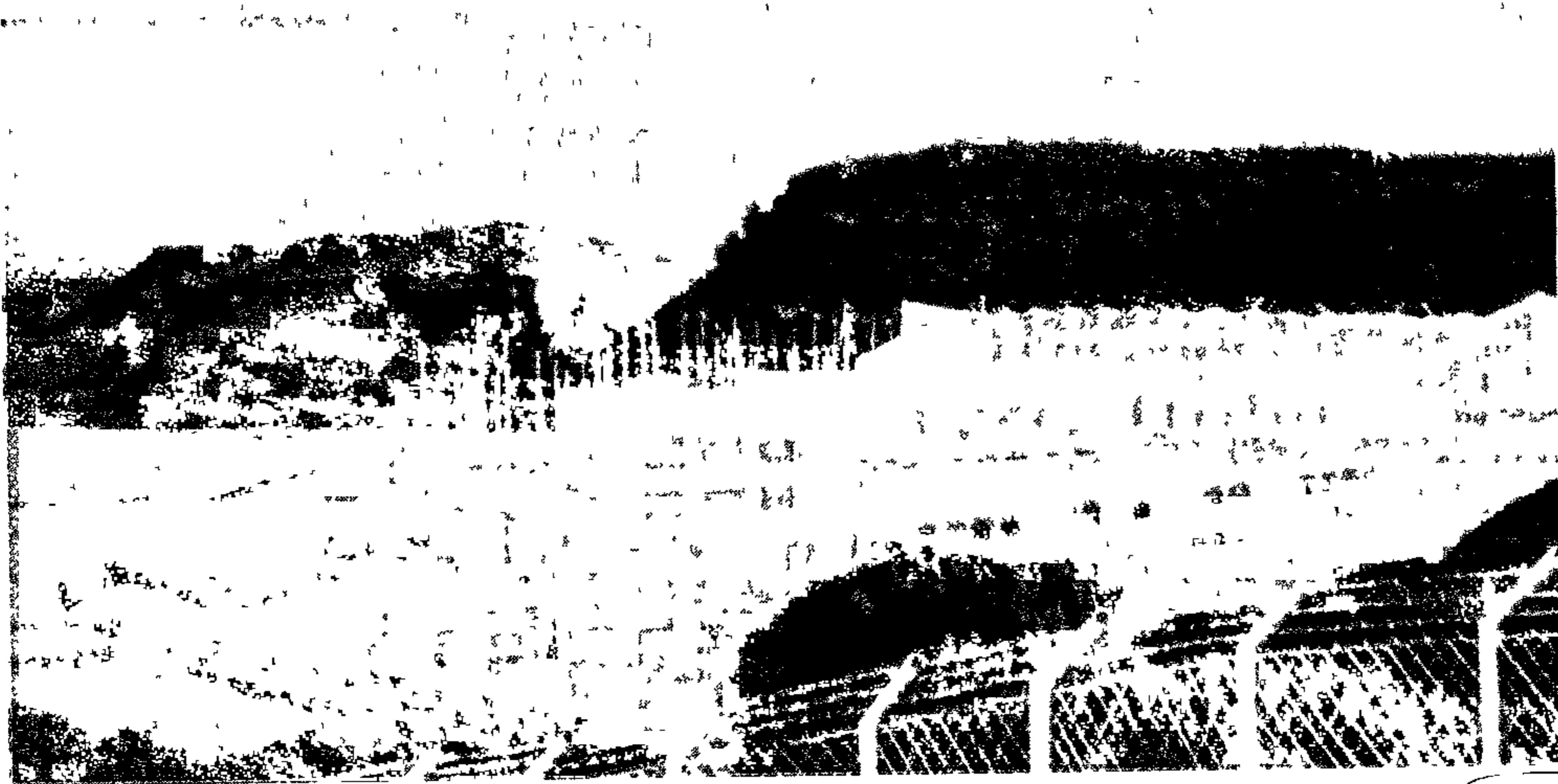
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But he warned that the international perception that South Africa was unwilling to quicken change would "necessarily and adversely" affect Cape Town's relationship with the world.

Mr Muller said "I find myself concluding, as my predecessors have done, that political events at a national level continue to exert a considerable influence on the operations of my council.

"Against this background it is essential for Cape Town that the reform initiative be accelerated.

"The city's economy, dependent as it is on the export of agricultural products and other raw materials, desperately needs foreign investment capital, more tourists and fewer restrictions on its economic activities — be they imposed locally or through sanctions."



An artist's impression of the proposed development.

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## Public meeting about Plett harbour

By Melanie Gosling

People opposed to the building of the controversial small boat harbour at Plettenberg Bay will have a chance to voice their objections at a public meeting arranged by the Cape Provincial Administration for November 21 at the site of the

development

Conservationists regard the meeting as an important breakthrough for the Cape Administration which, they say, has not used public participation in planning

The director of conservation for the SA Wildlife Society, Mr Keith Cooper,

said his organisation had written to the Administrator, Mr E Louw, asking for a public hearing

"We welcome the meeting because we believe planning should be done with the people, not on the people," he said

The townhouse and small harbour develop-

ment of 120 townhouses, slipways, moorings and workshops has been criticised by many residents and conservationists

A spokesman for the Cape Administration said the administration's planning advisory board had been asked to hear evidence from the objectors

on site on November 21.

After considering the objections, the board will then make a recommendation to the Administrator

Anyone who wishes to submit objections against the development should telephone Mr J Myburgh at (021) 45-0640

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# Pensions will cost YOU an extra R164 000 a year

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## Municipal Reporter

THE councillors' pension scheme, which has already cost Cape Town more than R2-million, will add R164 600 a year. And that is almost sure to go up in line with council allowances.

The City Council has paid R1 678 369,68 to buy back service for 17 councillors and R460 060 for 26 management committee members.

It was planned to use the city reserves to pay for the buy-back.

In addition, monthly contributions to this national fund will cost the city R114 400 for councillors and R50 200 for management committee members.

These details were released at yesterday's monthly council meeting in reply to questions by councillor Mr Arthur Wienburg.

The cost of the scheme was based on councillors' allowances, which varied according to the offices they occupied. Up

to eight years of service could be bought back.

Executive Committee chairman Mr Dick Friedlander, with two years each as mayor, deputy-mayor, Executive Committee chairman, four years as deputy-chairman and two years as an Exco member, is in line for the biggest payout.

## BIGGEST PAY-OUT

The city has paid R266 702,31 as its 87,5 percent share of his past service purchased. Mr Friedlander's 12,5 percent contribution is about R38 100.

The council's 87,5 percent contributions for the others who bought back, all at 12,5 percent, are:

Mr Louis Kreiner R226 502,54, Mrs Eulalie Stott R212 284,80, Mr Emil Riese R184 983,75, Mr David Bloomberg R130 126,50, Mr Kosie van Zyl R121 451,40, Mr Leon Markovitz R97 991,99.

Mrs Joan Kantey R78 926,40, Dr John Sonnenberg R78 926,40, Dr Jack Joffe R70 761,60, Mr Sol Kremer R67 954,95, Mr Joe

Rabinowitz R59 194,80.

Mr Peter Muller R32 489,10, Mr Norman Osburn R21 772,80, Mr Chris Joubert R18 054,64, Mr Ken Penkin R10 241,70.

These amounts were calculated for the council by an actuary

Mr Clive Keegan joined the fund but did not buy back and new councillor Mr Klaas Basson joined but, not having past service, did not qualify for the buy-back.

Vice-Admiral James Johnson also elected to pay in but lost his Ward 17 seat and was disqualified because he did not have enough service.

In future the council will pay R325 a month as its share to individual councillors who are members of the pension fund.

However, senior councillors such as the Executive Committee chairman will receive considerably more. The contribution for Exco chairman Mr Friedlander and the Mayor, Mr Peter Muller, is R1 300 a month.

# 'Buy-back' to cost R1,7m

By PETER DENNEHY

RATEPAYERS will have to foot a whopping R1,7 million bill to cover their share of the cost of Cape Town city councillors' buying-back their past service for the purposes of a controversial pension scheme.

This was disclosed at the City Council meeting yesterday in response to a question by Mr Arthur Wienburg, who has vociferously opposed the councillors' pension scheme all along and will not participate in it.

When a councillor buys back his years of service, he pays 12,5% of the current cost of contributions, and the City Council has to provide the other 87,5%.

The cost to the council for each councillor who bought back service is as follows: David Bloom-

berg (who has nearly 20 years service) R130 126,50, Richard Friedlander (nearly 28 years service) R226 702,31, Dr Jack Joffe (no longer on council) R70 761,60, Chris Joubert (nearly five years) R18 058,64, Joan Kantey (16 years) R78 926,40, Louis Kreiner (14 years) R226 502,54, Sol Kreiner (12 years) R67 954,95, Leon Markovitz (eight years) R97 991,99, Peter Muller (10 years) R32 489,10, Norman Osburn (10½ years) R21 772,80, Kenneth Penkin (nearly two years) 10 241,70, Joe Rabinowitz (16 years) R59 194,80, Emil Riese (16 years, no longer on council) R184 983,75, Dr John Sonnenberg (16 years) R78 926,40, Mrs Eulalie Stott (over 27 years) R212 284,80, and Mr Kosie van Zyl (14 years, no longer on council) R121 451,40.

Councillors may buy back only eight years of service, and it has

to be service which has actually been rendered.

The only one of the ten new councillors who has joined the fund is Mr N J S Basson.

Mr Clive Keegan has kept to his promise not to participate in the buy-back option.

Each month, the council pays in R8 937,50 to the fund for all its members as its share of the total contributions. In the 1988/9 financial year, it will pay R114 400 for all of them.

The council contribution towards the pension fund is R325 a month for each ordinary councillor, and more for the executive committee and the Mayor.

And, thus far 26 management committee members have joined the fund too, and the council has spent another R460 060 as its share of their bought-back service.

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# No quorum for municipal union

Municipal Reporter

WHITE municipal employees of Cape Town called a meeting yesterday to depose committee members who voted to accept the council's annual pay increase offer — but not enough members turned up to form a quorum

Mr Peter Rist, chairman of the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (non-political) (SAAME) said at the meeting that 423 people, or 10% of the membership, had to attend to make up a quorum

Only 389 members came, according to the attendance register, so after half an hour the meeting was postponed to next week

At next week's meeting, any number of people will constitute a quorum, in terms of the constitution

In response to a question from the floor, Mr Rist said 1 305 members of SAAME had signed a petition rejecting the council's pay offer

Yesterday's lunch-time meeting had been called to discuss a motion of no-confidence in the negotiating team members who had voted to accept the council's offer, and demand their resignations

On September 12 a majority of SAAME members rejected the pay offer, which started at 7,5%, and demanded that SAAME take the matter to court

Conciliation took place, and the offer was raised to 9% (though departmental heads got 20%) The 1 305-signature petition was then handed to the SAAME team, but it accepted the council offer

Members felt betrayed, according to a written motivation

Last night another meeting was held Two items on the agenda were the removal of the words "non-political" from the union's name, and the opening of its ranks to all regardless of race



# Community service <sup>(213)</sup> in council

By BRONWYN DAVIDS  
Staff Reporter

THE City Council has endorsed community service as an alternative to imprisonment by providing positions in all its departments for people convicted of crimes ranging from murder to drunken driving.

This reflects the line taken by the courts after the government's decision this year to expand the system of community service sentences.

The decision was based on the Department of Justice's belief that community service would serve the needs of offenders and the community better than imprisonment.

The high prison population led to other sentencing options being considered, of which community service was one.

The courts have discretion in the type of service offenders perform and are assisted by Nicro (Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders).

Nicro statistics show that from February to November this year 92 people were placed in community service, with 10 cases still pending.

Community service sentences cater for the convicted person who is not a danger to society allowing him to pay for his misdeed by serving the community, instead of sending him to prison at the taxpayer's expense, to be exposed to negative and harmful influences.

Mrs Isobel Hancock, a senior Nicro social worker responsible for co-ordinating community service orders said the benefits were numerous as offenders remained in society with their families.

"The offender does not have to face readjusting to society and he is able to make reparation for harm done by rendering unpaid service to organisations needing voluntary help.

"The offender also benefits from appreciation, which boosts his or her self-esteem and confidence. Low self-esteem is often the reason the crime was committed in the first place."

## Suspended sentence

"It is not a soft option because the server has to work very hard in his or her spare time without payment. For instance, instead of lying in the sun these holidays, there will be many people involved in serving their community.

"Community service orders always come with a suspended sentence and probation as it is both a punishment and a right."

Careful selection is made by a panel who look for a degree of stability and a sense of responsibility and remorse in the offender.

The panel examines previous offences, the seriousness of the offence, family, personal, health, work and financial circumstances, other sentencing options like a treatment order and identify strengths and weaknesses.

The panel which includes about two Nicro social workers, two probation officers and members of the family will examine the motivation of the offender to assist the community. They also consider the protection of the community.

Standard criteria for community service are the offender must be over 15, be willing to undertake community service, have accommodation and stable links in the community and must have been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment.

Personal well-being and psycho-social problems experienced are all taken into consideration. The server also visits a probation officer at least once a month. All this results in the building of a support network which promotes independence.

If the server shirks responsibility by not fulfilling conditions of regular attendance, sobriety, punctuality and co-operativeness he is referred back to court. The court may then apply the suspended jail sentence.

Included in a list of about 70 placement agencies are municipalities, hospitals, clubs and schools for the handicapped, advice offices, children's and old aged homes, museums, Kirstenbosch Botanic Gardens, churches, police stations and training centres.

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# 'Too much power vested in Exco'

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

AN INORDINATE amount of power was vested in the Cape Town City Council's Executive Committee (Exco) and council officials were able to exert a "not inconsiderable influence" on council policy

This is the conclusion reached by University of Cape Town academic Mr Robert Cameron. He has completed a study of the council between 1976 and 1986. It appears in the latest issue of *Politikon*, published by the Political Science Association of

South Africa.

But Mr Clive Keegan, an Exco member, said that in his experience the contrary to Mr Cameron's thesis was true. He said every decision Exco took under delegated powers was reported to the full council.

"There is a vast amount of work which could be delegated to council officials," Mr Keegan said. "Council tends to become so bogged down in day-to-day matters that there is little time for the vision-making that is essential for this council to enter

the 21st century properly prepared."

Mr Cameron said half of the city councillors in the period 1986-1988 were card-carrying members of the PFP Cape Town was "arguably the most anti-apartheid white local authority in the country"

However, not all the policies it adopted were liberal, he said. Expenditure was skewed in favour of its middle-class white constituency, he claimed. The council says "coloured" areas are subsidised by rate-payers as a whole

Spectrum

# Philippi stables and riding schools may be banned

**S**TABLES and riding schools may be outlawed from Philippi, the so-called Cape larder, because they are incompatible with important farming activities there and the exploitation of rich deposits of silica

The guide plan recommends that Philippi should be proclaimed a reserve for horticulture with a provision to allow the exploitation of silica

It defines horticulture as the farming of fruit, vegetables, cut flowers and ornamental shrubs and says Philippi's farmers are running "one of the most profitable branches of farming in the Western Cape"

and silica deposits are sterilised and drift sand problems are created which do not help the vegetable industry"

turn for Philippi farmers

The plan says the removal of sand dunes for building should be allowed conditionally

grain and mixed farming are the main activities and it recommends that the urban sprawl of the city should be limited to protect agricultural land

yield agricultural land into smallholdings "because the land generally becomes agriculturally unproductive"

However, it notes that the exploitation of "demersal" fish has been appreciably increased as a result of the extension

# Vast city changes planned

Since 1968, however, the intrusion of semi-agricultural activities, such as stabling and riding of horses, has created problems

Highlighting Philippi's importance, the guide plan says that — excluding tomatoes, potatoes and onions — it provides more than 80 percent of the vegetable requirements of the Epping market

In broader terms, the guide plan says the lack of minerals and other similar natural resources in the wider metropolitan area is "compensated for to a certain degree by the good agricultural land and water-rich mountain areas"

Areas around Cape Town where it recommends agriculture should continue are Constantia, Tokai, Philippi, the Tygerberg hills and the Fisantekraal area

● The Cape Town metropolitan area is not expected to derive any short-term advantage from the extension of South Africa's fishing zone from 12 to 200 nautical miles, according to the guide plan

The plan adds "It appears that, except for seasonal rises, the metropolitan area's fishing industry has already reached its peak as far as pelagic fish, lobster and shellfish are concerned"

**G**REATER Cape Town will have to become a denser metropolis with vast new housing schemes and more heavy industries if it is to pay and house a rapidly growing population into the next century.

Furthermore, feeding the millions who will be living in the region at the turn of the century and guaranteeing them a reasonable quality of life will mean rigorously protecting rich agricultural land and conserving irreplaceable tracts of wilderness.

These are the chief themes of the guide plan

With the population expected to increase by about a million in the last 10 years of the century — from about 2,7 million to 3,65 million — the guide plan focuses on the economy and the prospects for jobs.

It says agriculture, a slow-growing sector, cannot be expected to provide many more jobs and that the metropolitan area's relatively slow economic growth needs a boost from industry.

The shortage of land both for housing and factories — and the need to conserve natural and agricultural assets — means industrial and residential development will have to be more compact.

### Land still available

Philippi, Monwood and Borchard's Quarry are vital for providing jobs for the people of Khayelisha and Mitchell's Plain. Other areas singled out are Eerste River, Blackheath, Milnerion, Kraaifontein and Brackenfell.

"As far as the wider metropolitan area is concerned, about 2 560 hectares of vacant land zoned industrial is still available for development — but while this might appear sufficient for medium-term needs, it is not all situated favourably in relation to residential areas."

The relative shortage of industrial land points to Atlantis in particular as a key future satellite of the Peninsula.

The guide plan says "If the metropolitan area's industrial base is to be better balanced, further diversification must take place into the metal-processing industries, where the region has not played a very important role until now. To achieve this it would appear as if the axis development to the Saldanha Bay area should be increased, since Saldanha is the most obvious link with important mineral-rich areas.

"The establishment of Atlantis Diesel Engines may also make an important contribution to the diversification into the metal-processing sector.

"If this development can be seen as the start of a process

The guide plan for the Cape metropolitan area — formally ratified in today's Government Gazette — lays down principles that will shape the way people live, work and play in the Peninsula into the next century, writes MICHAEL MORRIS.

Eight years in the making, it is intended as a guide for the planners of today and tomorrow who face a host of problems associated with rapid urban development.

Its approval by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, comes after a protracted process of research and debate in the government, provincial administration and city and town councils in the region.

The guide plan does not infringe any existing rights, nor does it create any rights. Built into it is a mechanism for amendments and a five-yearly revision.

Mr Heunis's report says the plan "must not be regarded as the end product of the planning process, but rather as a set of guidelines for future spatial development".

The report recommends that the guidelines be constantly monitored "with a view to adapting the plan on a continual basis."

# New rail routes are planned for the Peninsula

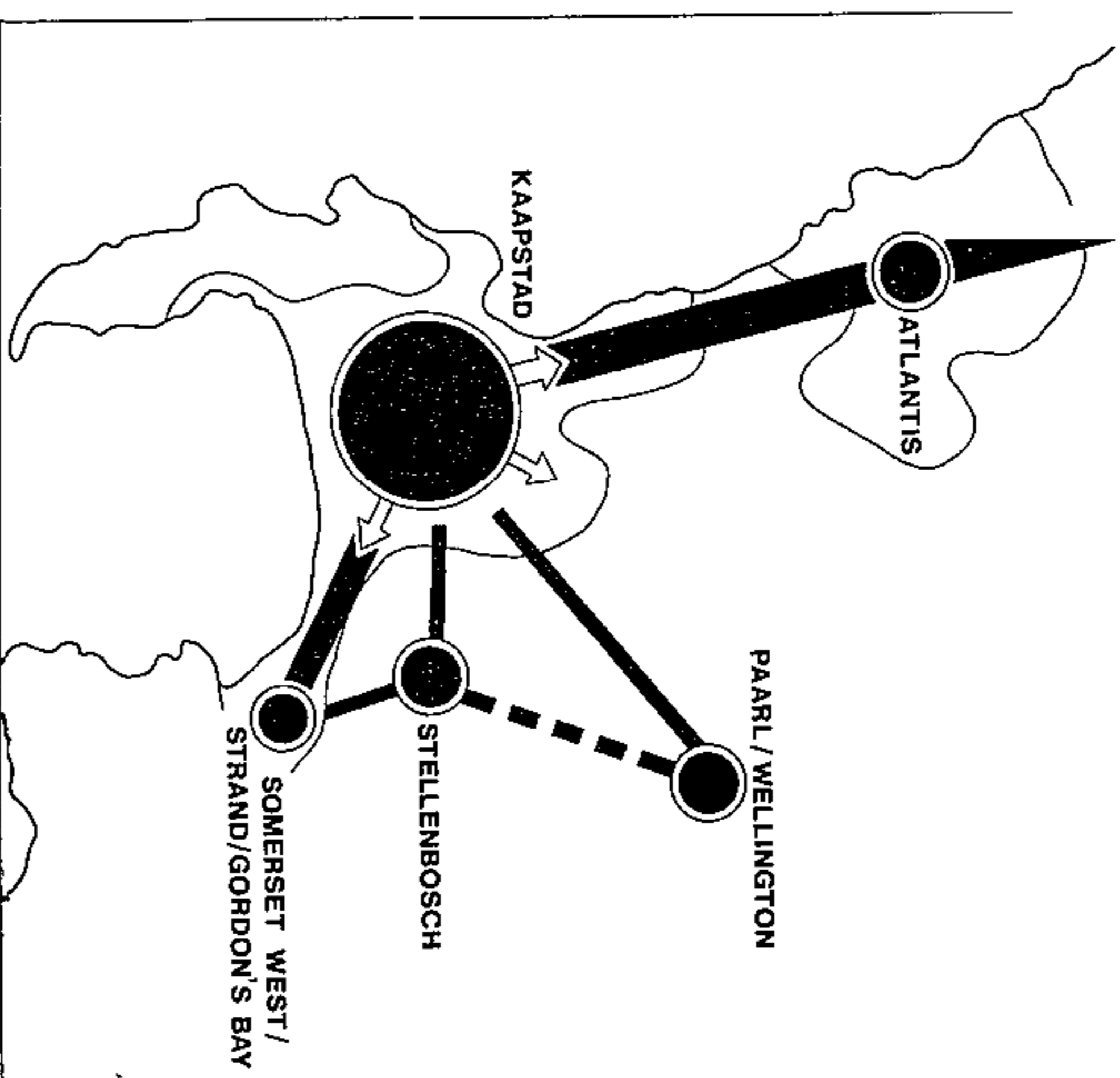
**N**EW rail routes planned in the Peninsula include lines from Mitchell's Plain to Strandfontein and back to Lansdowne and from Wetton to Nyanga.

There are also plans to extend the Khayelisha line towards Macassar on the coast. A fork from this line is to link up with Kuils River.

These are outlined in the guide plan, which also recom-

mends either a conventional suburban rail line or a light railway or bus service eventually to serve the proposed residential areas north of Milnerton, north of Kraaifontein and Durbanville.

Future road and railway developments, the plan says, should be "routed in such a way that good agricultural land, nature areas and access to beaches are not cut up,



**LEFT.** This is what the guide plan for the metropolitan area describes as an "idealised long-term metropolitan structure" which seeks to balance protection of the environment and agriculture with a need for more land for housing and industry.

The Peninsula dominates, with future industrial and housing development spreading along the Atlantis corridor on the West Coast and into the Hottentot's Holland basin in the region of Somerset West, the Strand and Gordon's Bay.

Expansion of Paarl, Wellington and Stellenbosch will be limited by the need to conserve rich agricultural land.

sterilised or impeded" New transport routes should be planned to mesh with "multi-nodal" urban development that provides working and shopping opportunities within easy reach of residential areas.

The guide plan says the city's present low residential density is at least partly to blame for the fact that mass

public transport is not profitable and roads are overloaded with private cars.

● The plan recommends that in future it is not possible to meet the need for expanded facilities for smaller aircraft at D F Malan or Fransfontein, a new airport will have to be developed outside Greater Cape Town.

The proximity of the Athlone sewerage facility to the

main route into the city from D F Malan Airport — and complaints about the smell from visitors — clearly made an impression on the guide plan committee.

They say "The identification of new areas for sewerage works and dumping sites in the vicinity of airports must take place in consultation with the Department of Transport."

that will gain momentum as a result of its own linkage effect and the decentralisation measures, it can make a contribution to consolidation of growth in the metropolitan area

"One of the reasons the Cape could not attract these industries was the lack of space. This is overcome in Atlantis"

Cape Town will retain its role as the primary business centre of the region, but the guide plan recommends secondary business areas, one of which would probably be the Bellville-Brackenfell concentration

Unexploited natural resources are silica deposits in Philippolis and kaolin — used in making porcelain — in the Noordhoek and Kuils River areas

The plan says there must be controls on environmental impact



The Minister of Constitutional Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

## Warning on water

CAPE Town will have to recycle its water — and possibly also desalinate sea water — to keep abreast of demand in future, the guide plan says

It forecasts that demand for water in the metropolitan area will exceed supplies after the turn of the century

Recycling is suggested as the easiest and cheapest way of making water last. It is estimated it will be possible to reclaim a quarter of the water used

Other sources for the future could be the Palmiet and Elands rivers and underground water from the Cape Flats

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## Row on Group Areas Act skirted

CAPE Town's guide plan does not address the Group Areas Act controversy, but the authors believe the northern suburbs will remain a white enclave "in the future".

Nor do they believe the settlement patterns of the various population groups throughout the region will "differ greatly from the present in the foreseeable future".

The guide plan says the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr

Chris Heunis, "will decide on the group areas character of certain areas from time to time"

In a Press statement, Mr Heunis says the plan "only identifies land for certain land uses, including urban development, and does not specify a group character for the land concerned".

It adds: "Although of necessity certain facts with regard to the group character of certain areas had to be accepted during the compilation of the guide plan, it is not the task

of the guide plan committee to determine the group character of particular areas."

● The guide plan forecasts an increase in the population of the Peninsula from 1,7 million in 1980 — when the last census was conducted — to about 3,6 million at the turn of the century. The black population is expected to show the biggest increase.

● The Cape Town City Council decided recently to ask the government to declare the whole of the city an open area

## Nature reserve may be turned over for housing

THE Driftsands Nature Reserve near D F Malan Airport may have to be turned into a housing estate to meet future needs, but other natural assets should be carefully protected, the guide plan says

While emphasising the importance of protecting coastal and mountain areas, river banks, streams and vleis and retaining water courses as open space, the guide plan says that when planners consider reserving nature areas they must balance the size and quality of the reserve against the need of the land for urban development

"A sound balance between the land uses must be found

"It is primarily against this background that consideration will have to be given to the future utilisation of the existing Driftsands Nature Reserve south-east of D F Malan Airport for urban development instead of nature conservation"

However, the guide plan also warns that the Peninsula's "indigenous plant life, considered some of the richest in the world, is being increasingly threatened and displaced by urbanisation, farming and exotic plants"

Areas singled out for conservation include parts of the Tygerberg hills, the Paarlberg area, the fynbos area on the slopes of Bothmaskop at Stellenbosch, Klervlei, the vleis of Paarden Eiland, the central area of the Kenilworth

race course, the Kuils River flood plain, portions of the False Bay coast, part of the Gustrouw Flats near the Strand and the Blouberg area

It also warns against development damaging the aquifer areas of the Cape Flats.

Recommended controls on pollution include restricting land uses likely to cause air pollution to sites north-east of residential areas, not allowing highly pollutant uses within five km of the coast, or any sources of pollution near Table Mountain or on the leeward side of the Hot-tentot's Holland mountains

The guide plan also says existing pollution must be assessed before new factories are established and efforts to cut the pollution level in the city centre and harbour area must be stepped up

● In conjunction with conservation, the guide plan says the Peninsula's natural assets should be assessed in terms of their recreational value and their "important role" in South Africa's tourist industry

The tourist potential of the metropolitan area "can be further expanded with local, national and international needs in mind"

Bays and harbours singled out for facilities for pleasure boats and small fishing boats are Granger Bay, Witsand Bay, Schuster Bay, Miller's Point, Kapteynsklip, Hout Bay, Kalk Bay and Marina da Gama

# Whites-only councils for 6 Peninsula areas

Municipal Reporter

CONSTANTIA, Tokai, Hout Bay, Llandudno, Melkbosstrand and Bloubergstrand will soon get representation on the Regional Services Council

Regulations provide for the establishment of local councils exclusively "for the white population group"

The areas lost their local authority representation when the Cape Divisional Council was abolished to make way for the Regional Services Council

The areas are not included in any municipal area, so nobody on the RSC represents them

But yesterday regulations were promulgated in the Government Gazette which could end their "orphan" status

Mr Amie Venter, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the

House of Assembly, said yesterday his department had received various representation from communities in the Cape, Transvaal and Natal for the establishment of such local councils

The first such local councils would be established soon, he said

This could end overtures which the Cape Town City Council made last year to have Constantia and Hout Bay included in its municipal area

Constantia, Tokai, Hout Bay and Llandudno have a combined population of more than 28 000. One of the options open to them would have been to form a municipality of their own

Mr Venter indicated that the government would not budge on the issue of racial exclusivity for these local councils, which he said is in accordance with the 1983 constitution

# Dissension in Saame ranks

IT could hardly be said that this year's negotiations between the City Council and the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) have been characterised by peace and harmony in the union

The branch represents about 4 500 municipal staff, membership is restricted to whites in terms of the national union's constitution, and is a closed shop in that employees have to belong to either Saame or the South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu)



Bickering, backbiting (not to mention backstabbing) and highly-charged personal attacks abounded, especially since a special meeting in September which rejected the council's pay offer

There is even dispute about what exactly was decided at that meeting, with the official version being that the meeting's rejection mandated the committee to negotiate the best deal possible,

while some elements of the membership claim that a decision that it should be taken to the Industrial Court was coupled to the rejection

Matters were not helped by the settlement which was finally struck in which lower paid staff got about 15 percent, the great majority in the middle 9 percent and branch and department heads from 15 to 20 percent

Dissatisfaction about the conduct of the negotiations led to a petition demanding that Saame take the matter to court, signed by about 1 300 members, being presented before the settlement

## Tangled skein

During the period between the meeting and the settlement a stream of cartoons and notices, along with a tangled skein of rumour and innuendo, appeared to sweep municipal offices — if the number of reports that came through my telephone was anything to judge by

You've also got to wonder what happened to municipal productivity

With elections to the branch executive due shortly after the settlement the level of dissension, if anything, increased. Even once the elections were over it didn't die down and allegations of irregularities in the conduct of the ballot have been made to head office in Pretoria

On the other hand, while lots of people seem ready to talk and criticise, when it comes to the business of making the union work they don't seem to be so quick to respond

## No confidence

An annual meeting due last Monday was postponed to this week because there weren't enough members for a quorum and a special meeting this week for a motion of no confidence in the committee members who voted to accept the council offer suffered the same fate

People in the union tell me that lack of attendance at meetings is a fairly regular occurrence

As always, while there is probably much that union officials could do towards rectifying matters, the final solution is in the hands of members themselves

Like government, you get the union you deserve

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# Council workers ask leaders to resign

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Staff Reporter

CITY COUNCIL employees yesterday voted for the immediate resignation of some executive members of the Cape Town branch committee of the SA Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME)

The poll followed charges that members of the executive committee had accepted the council's pay offer, despite it being rejected by SAAME members.

Yesterday's special meeting, attended by 421 council employees, was convened after Mr NJ O'Connor tabled a motion of no confidence "in the committee members who voted to accept council's pay offer"

After conciliation SAAME settled for a 9% increase for lower grades, 15 to 20% for branch heads and 20% for departmental heads, Mr O'Connor said

SAAME branch secretary Mr Jack Bondietti said the 17-member executive committee would meet today to formulate a response to the call for resignation



# A second chance for city

By NEVILLE DUBOW, Professor of Fine Art at the University of Cape Town

**SECOND** chances are not given to many cities, particularly within a period of four decades.

With the official launching of Victoria and Albert Waterfronts (Pty), a privately owned company whose mandate is to revitalise the Cape Town waterfront, the city has a chance in the late 1980s to make up for what went wrong in the 1940s.

The 1947 Foreshore plan had as one of its objectives the construction of a monumental approach from the harbour to the city.

It was called, grandly, "The Gateway to South Africa." It was thought at the time (wrongly, as it turned out) that the Duncan Dock would provide newcomers to South Africa with their first sight of the city. Waterside approaches were devised to emphasise a monumental approach to the site of the Civic Centre.

Things did not happen that way. It soon became clear that the entry to South Africa would be an airport, not a port. The Civic Centre was placed in another position.

## Dismal disappointment

The Foreshore development we can now say (with few, I imagine, wanting to disagree) has turned out to be a dismal disappointment. The city is isolated and alienated from its waterfront by a dull, underused Foreshore and a ribbon of roads. This much is common cause.

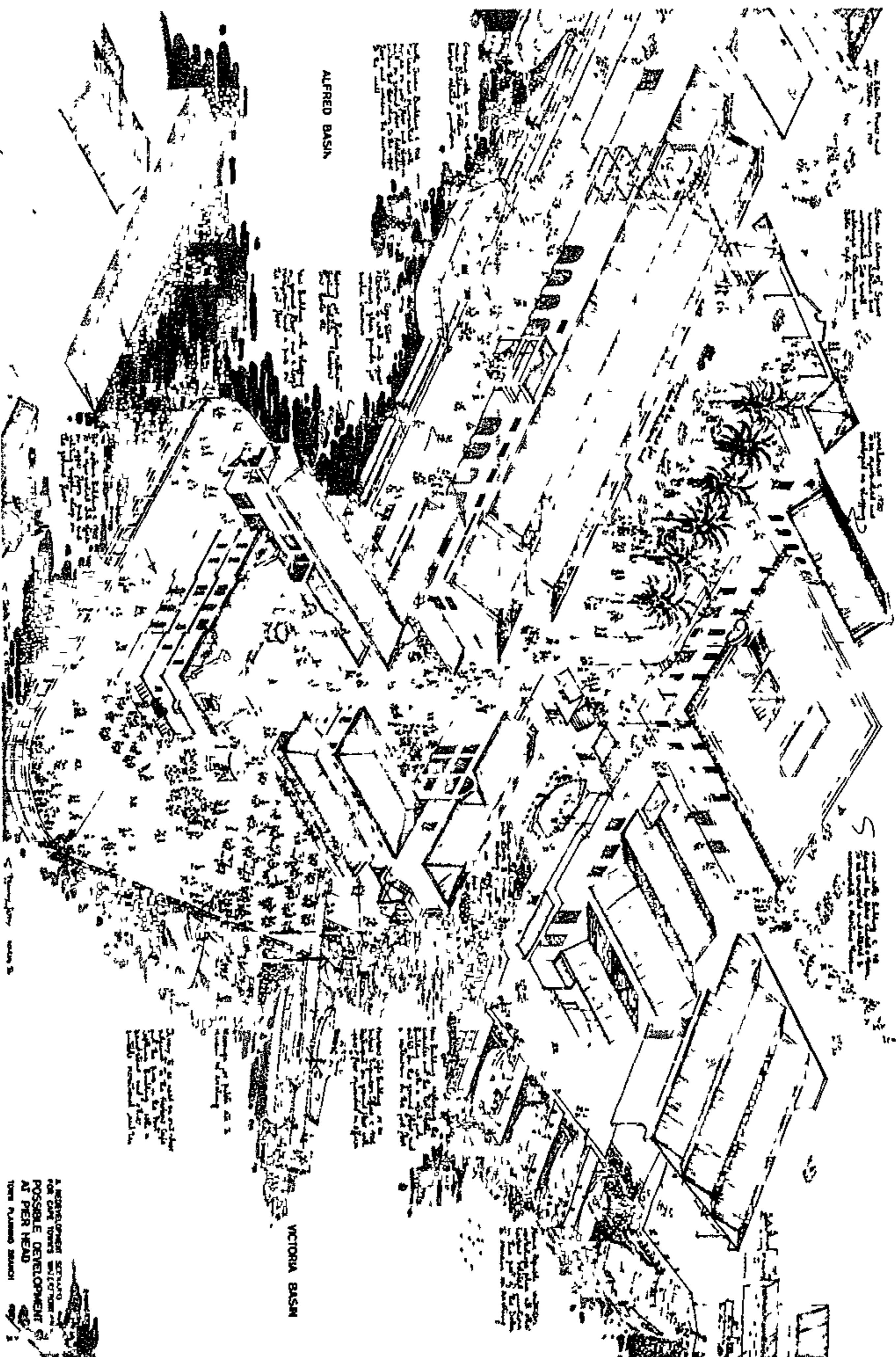
We now have a chance to offset our loss.

What chance does this new proposal have of succeeding over other proposals to reconnect the city to its waterfront? The significantly new element is that South African Transport Services, who own the land concerned, have now entered the arena as promoters of the scheme.

The Victoria and Albert waterfront is wholly owned by Sats in consultation with a liaison committee representing the Cape Town community. Professor Brian Kantor, head of the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town, will be the non-executive chairman of the new company.

With the appointment of a managing director the scheme will get off the ground. The assets of the company can be simply stated. These are open to proposals for private development.

Seven areas for development have been indicated. The first area around the existing pierhead, between the Alfred and Victoria Basin, is



## Making up for what went wrong on waterfront in '40s

the obvious place for development to start.

This has the greatest concentration of buildings of architectural interest, including the Harbour Cafe, the Port Captain's office, and the Clock Tower. It has been the site of successful pierhead festivals.

A development scenario from the city planners' office shows a mix of new uses for existing buildings with suitable infills. Existing warehouses, the Port Captain's building and the Harbour

Cafe building will be supplemented by new buildings, plugging gaps and creating courtyard areas.

A feature of Cape Town folklore is part of this area. This is the Penny Ferry (now 55c), which would be given a new lease of life and might even allow it to bring its price down.

The ferry connects with the most interesting building of the harbour, the 1890 Clock Tower. This building houses the old

skippers' waiting and reading room — the most elegant room in Cape Town. This splendid glass-lined octagonal room cries out for uses which may include receptions, meetings and the like.

The catalogue of other potential uses for other areas is vast, and it is not the purpose of this article to make an inventory. Rather, it is to point to the fact that Cape Town has been given a splendid chance to do something right. The initiative now rests with the private developers.

If one compares the Cape Town waterfront with other successful developments all over the world, one thing becomes strikingly obvious. Cape Town has more going for it initially than virtually any other overseas harbourfront scheme.

I have seen several of these — in Toronto, Vancouver, London, Boston and elsewhere. None of these begins to offer that mix of natural elements with which Cape Town is so richly endowed. Those who went on a har-

bour tug ride on the evening of the launch will know the particular magic that Cape Town's old harbour has to offer.

Essentially this is the fact of a working harbour against the backdrop of the city bowl and mountain. A great feature of the present proposals is that the harbourfront retains its working aspect.

There will still be fishing boats. It will not be turned into a marina with rows and rows of glass fibre yachts

The other vitally important factor is one of linkages. The most attractive way of establishing the link would be the most characteristic. In other words, a water link via a canal.

This may logically start from a suitable point in Coen Steytler Avenue, where it clears the freeways in the direction of West Quay Road.

Monorails are another obvious thought. They have been features of international expos throughout the last couple of decades and are permanent fixtures in many cities.

In the future, when things really get under way, our thinking may get bold and incorporate the features of both monorail and canal in other words, an elevated waterway. This may sound fantastic, but 19th century canal engineers had no problems taking water-filled viaducts over gorges and ravines. The problems are not insoluble.

What this all means, of course, is that the city metaphorically, with its back to the mountain looking at the bay, will now turn to the north-west. We will close our right eye on the Foreshore with resignation.

Our left eye will be firmly fixed on what happens in the harbour area. The challenge is profoundly exciting.

There is a long history of things that have gone wrong in this city since the 1940s. At long last we have the chance of getting something right, of making amends, of bringing the waterfront to the people and the people to the waterfront.

There is no lack of architectural and aesthetic skill to draw on. What is required now is directorial intelligence, control and development of the resources.

The new company has made an encouraging start. It is for Cape Town now to respond.

## Municipal workers' no-confidence vote

Labour Reporter *ARGUS 13/12/88*  
NO immediate action is to be taken over a vote of no confidence in several executive committee members of the Cape Town branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame)

The vote, taken at a postponed general meeting yesterday, was a result of dissatisfaction in the association over this year's pay negotiations with the City Council

The motion of no confidence sought the resignation of executive members who voted to accept the council's pay offer

Mr N J O'Connor, who circulated a petition to call the

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meeting, claimed that the majority of members at a special meeting in September voted to reject the offer and for Saame to take the matter to court

He said Saame was "morally obliged to come back to members before final acceptance of the offer"

Mr Jack Bondietti, branch secretary, said today the matter would have to come before a committee meeting for a decision

He could not say who the affected members were

But members claimed today

that the union's by-laws expressly made a general meeting the supreme authority and that the committee members in question were therefore bound to resign

They also questioned the legitimacy of a committee, which included people who had been asked to resign, taking a decision on the motion calling for their resignations

Meanwhile, legal advice is being taken on allegations of irregularities in the elections of new branch office-bearers considered at the association's annual meeting last week

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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

### ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

#### DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

No. R. 2563 15 December 1988

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF BUFFALO BAY

I, Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister of Local Government and Housing, acting under section 2, read with section 6 of the Local Councils Act (House of Assembly), 1987 (Act 94 of 1987), hereby—

(a) establish with effect from 20 December 1988 a local council to be known as the Local Council of Buffalo Bay for the area as defined in Schedule 2 hereof,

(b) determine that the said local council shall consist of 7 (seven) members, and

(c) appoint the members of the said local council as mentioned in Schedule 1 hereof for a period of one year

A. A. VENTER,  
Minister of Local Government and Housing

#### SCHEDULE 1

#### Members of the Local Council of Buffalo Bay

Mr A M Wessels  
Dr C J F Human  
Dr J C Basson  
Dr T L Conradie  
Mr J Crafford  
Judge J C H Jansen.  
Mr J D Kritzinger

#### SCHEDULE 2

#### Description of area of the Local Council of Buffalo Bay

The area comprises of the following properties.

(a) Portion 1 of the farm Walker's Point (Diagram 7960/1947),

(b) Portion 2 of the farm Walker's Point (Diagram 10527/1959)

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## GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWING

### ADMINISTRASIE: VOLKSRAAD DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR, BEHUISING EN WERKE

No. R. 2563 15 Desember 1988

#### INSTELLING VAN DIE PLAASLIKE RAAD VAN BUFFELSBAAI

Ek, Abraham Adriaan Venter, Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising, handelende kragtens artikel 2, gelees met artikel 6 van die Wet op Plaaslike Rade (Volksraad), 1987 (Wet 94 van 1987)—

(a) stel hierby met ingang van 20 Desember 1988 'n plaaslike raad in wat bekend staan as die Plaaslike Raad van Buffelsbaai vir die gebied soos omskryf in Bylae 2 hiervan uiteengesit,

(b) bepaal hierby dat bedoelde plaaslike raad uit 7 (sewe) lede bestaan, en

(c) benoem hierby die lede van bedoelde plaaslike raad soos vermeld in Bylae 1 hiervan vir 'n tydperk van een jaar

A. A. VENTER,  
Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur en Behuising

#### BYLAE 1

#### Lede van die Plaaslike Raad van Buffelsbaai

Mnr A M Wessels  
Dr C J F Human  
Dr J C Basson  
Dr T L Conradie  
Mnr J Crafford  
Regter J C H Jansen  
Mnr. J. D Kritzinger

#### BYLAE 2

#### Beskrywing van die gebied van die Plaaslike Raad van Buffelsbaai

Hierdie gebied bestaan uit die volgende eiendomme

(a) Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Walker's Point (Kaart 7960/1947),

(b) Gedeelte 2 van die plaas Walker's Point (Kaart 10527/1959)

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Staff Reporter

LOCAL authorities in the Cape will enter the new year with far more powers than at present, as the CPA takes steps to devolve more authority to municipal level

The powers relate especially to land usage. Procedures for the approval of development proposals are expected to be speeded up.

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, said yesterday that the largest transfer of powers from his administration to third-tier government would take place on New Year's Day. Further comprehensive amendments had been made to the Land Use Planning Ordinance, he said.

This followed the devolution earlier this year of more than 100 statutory sub-clauses dealing with voters rolls, valuations and financial matters, among others.

Mr Louw said more powers had been transferred to local authorities this year than in the past 20.

The land-use amendments were the result of a year-long investigation by four officials and would result in fewer delays with development proposals, he said. They provided for the acquisition of more powers by local authorities to enable them to consider the subdivision of land. They included the power to consider certain rezoning applications.

"The impetus behind this move was the further consolidation and meaningful expansion of the concept of third-tier government," he said.

# Local govt gains powers

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