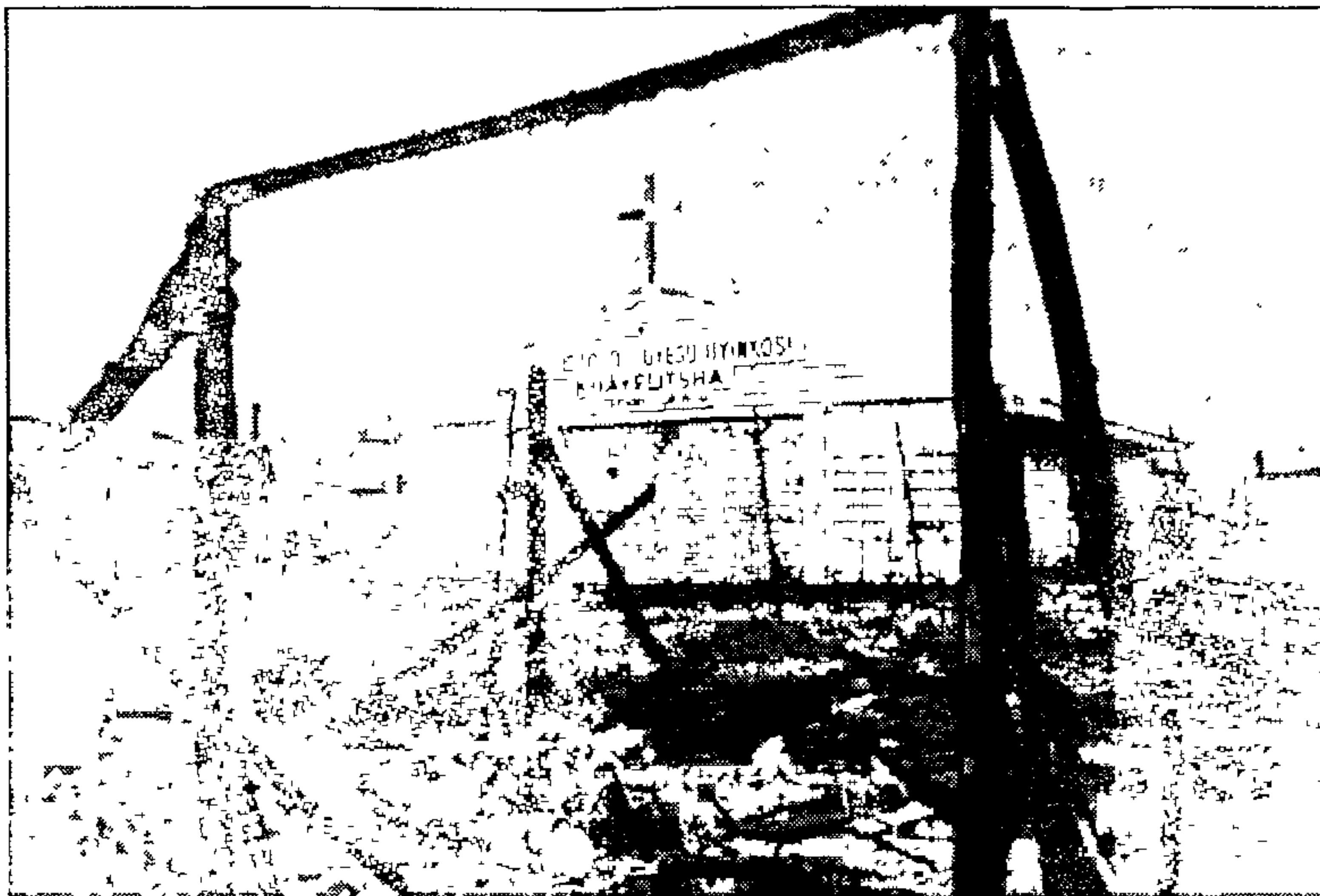


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Hopefully the terrain of political struggle will move from the streets into parliament

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WESTERN CAPE Chris Louw
and Mondli waka Makhanya

THE Western Cape — one of the two provinces which has eluded the ANC's grasp — is set for bruising fights between the major parties in coming months as they learn the politics of forced coalition.

Led by NP hardliner Hernus Kriel, the region has already seen its first skirmishes. In the altercation over the election of the provincial assembly's deputy speaker, for which both the NP and the ANC put forward nominations, the likely line-up of smaller parties took embryonic shape, with the African Democratic Party and the Freedom Front siding with the NP and the Democratic Party throwing in its lot with the ANC. The NP won that round, with being Arnold de Jager appointed.

The other battle has been over cabinet positions. There was concern that the NP would use its control of the cabinet to monopolise key portfolios and use them to reward the coloured voters who voted it into power. But after tough horse trading, the most important of the 11 portfolios — seven for the NP and four for the ANC — have been evenly spread between the two parties.

Once the two big guns have tested each other's strengths and weaknesses and worked the animosities of the bitter election campaign out of

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their systems, the need to run a successful coalition government will simply force them to co-operate.

Said University of the Western Cape political studies head Vincent Maphai "Despite deep tensions in the Western Cape, the NP and ANC will be under pressure from the national government to accommodate each other."

Kriel, who constructed his election campaign around anti-ANC rhetoric, will be subject to a range of constraints if he plans to buck the ANC.

Blacks, in the minority and less urbanised than their counterparts in Soweto, for example, they would fiercely resist policies that work against them.

In addition, coloureds may come to realise that the the ANC is not the ogre it has been painted to be. If the party succeeds in other provinces, support for the white-dominated NP could dwindle in the Cape. The NP needs to make a success of the region to extend its black support

base in other provinces

"The Nats have tasted power, and they are going to want power again," says political analyst Seshi Chonco.

There is, moreover, a strong tradition of political activism among ANC-supporting coloured intellectuals and students. Adept in boycott and mass-action tactics, they will be watching Kriel's every move.

Kriel has made conciliatory noises in the past two weeks, stressing that the NP's policies are in broad agreement with those of the ANC. He has stated that he has no problem with the ANC's Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) as long as funds can be found to finance it.

While the NP has kept the key police and housing portfolios, the ANC has secured two important "social delivery" positions central to the implementation of the RDP: Health and Welfare, and Roads, Transport and Public Works.

The generally well-regarded Kobus Meiring holds the Finance and Expenditure portfolio. During his years as Cape administrator, Meiring established ties with community organisations.

Regional ANC chairman Allan Boesak's position as Economic Affairs minister is also central. ANC regional secretary Lerumo Kalako takes the post of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism minister — tourism plays a vital role in the Western Cape economy.

Battle for the balance of power in West Cape

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EARLY signs are that the Western Cape may get a coalition government in which the election frontrunners will be represented in a joint "cabinet".

This possibility emerges from predictions of a close finish between the National Party and the African National Congress, with a prospect of the balance of power held by the Democratic Party and/or the Pan Africanist Congress in the provincial parliament.

Such a scenario, based on the latest published opinion polls, was widely predicted on the eve of this week's election.

Whether the trend will be borne out by voting patterns at the polls remains to be seen later this weekend when the results are expected.

Should a coalition government emerge for the Western Cape, the provincial "cabinet" is almost certain to include at least three and perhaps four of the premier candidates.

The most likely four are Hernus Kriel (NP), Allan Boesak (ANC), Hennie Bester (DP) and Patricia de Lille (PAC).

The first three demonstrated during one of the final political debates of the election campaign that they were all in the mood for reconciliation, tolerance, peace and co-operation between all groupings. And, there have been reports of ANC plans for a post-election pact with the PAC.

This attitude, which augurs well for possible coalition moves, came to the fore at a

■ The shape of the new Western Cape government is expected to become clear as soon as the full results of the election in this province are known.

debate arranged by the Stellenbosse Aktuele Aangeleentheidskring (SAAK) at the University of Stellenbosch last week.

Mr Kriel said his first priority would be reconciliation among all the people of the province. Dr Boesak said he would try to heal the wounds caused by racism in the election campaign.

Mr Bester said the essence of democracy was the culture of tolerance.

However, he said the DP would not go into a coalition with either the NP or the ANC, but would judge each issue on its own merits.

The latest published opinion poll — conducted by Markinor — gave the NP 33,4 percent of the vote, the ANC 31,3 percent, and the DP 10,5 percent, with the DP almost doubling its support between November and March in the provincial election.

This would give the ANC 14 seats in the Western Cape parliament, the NP 15 and the DP five. It also would give the ANC seven of the Western Cape-elected seats in the national assembly, the NP eight and the DP two.

Mr Bester has estimated the DP's support in the Western Cape at between 10 and 30 percent of the vote. He has repeatedly emphasised that the DP could hold the balance of power in a close finish between the NP and the ANC.

Meanwhile, the PAC's premier candidate Patricia de

Lille said that, as in the case of the DP, the PAC also could end up holding the balance of power in the Western Cape parliament if neither the ANC nor the NP won an absolute majority.

Some analysts have said the black vote could be the "wild card" that could upset all pre-election opinion poll results. They note that no accurate count is available for the Western Cape's rapidly growing black population.

Estimates of the number of black voters vary from the Home Affairs Department's estimate of 334 228 to the 1,5-million estimated by the Association for the Promotion of the Western Cape's Economic Growth (Wesgro).

The rapid population growth is shown by the burgeoning squatter settlements on the outskirts of Cape Town, especially on the Cape Flats.

Another uncertain factor has been the effect of Muslim parties on the NP's and the ANC's bid for support among coloured voters. If the Islamic Party and the African Muslim Party were to draw a substantial part of the coloured vote, this could seriously affect the NP's and the ANC's performance in the Western Cape election.

Whatever the outcome, analysts say the chances are strong that coalition politics will play a role in the Western Cape. A similar possibility is foreseen for the Northern Cape where the NP is expected to win a majority of the votes.

Poll crisis in EC

Sowetan 28/4/94
THE lack of voting materials in the Eastern Cape has reached crisis proportions and four million extra ballot papers are being printed, the IEC said yesterday.

At a briefing the IEC admitted the crisis and said it has launched an internal investigation into how the situation developed.

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IEC media officer Mike Chandler said there were fears some areas could become violent due to voter anger.

In some areas polling stations have had to close. In Tsolo in Transkei about a quarter of a million voters were still waiting by late this afternoon for the polling stations to open.

The IEC said it hoped to have two million ballot papers printed by midnight last night and the other two million by today. The Commission said the IEC nationally had suggested all voting stations stay open 24 hours.

IEC director of monitoring Mark Anstey said "It appears that the national plan underestimated the volume of equipment and resources for the exercise" — *Ecna*

(Report by A Trench, 47 Oxford Street, East London)

Thousands at vote in Cape

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By Themba Molefe
Political Correspondent

■ KEEN VOTERS

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TURNED up at polling stations in the Western Cape with eager voters forming kilometres-long queues from as early as 5am yesterday

Kilometres-long

queues at 5am:

"I feel great," said Dr Allan Boesak, African National Congress premier candidate for the region as he cast his vote in Somerset West

IEC officials," The PAC's Patricia de Lille said IEC media liaison officer for the Western Cape Mr Tyrone Seale told *Sowetan* that the PAC had been assured presiding officers and monitors at the polling stations would be non-partisan and "respect the rights of parties"

It was the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, who stole the show yesterday

He denied there was any conspiracy to rig the election. Meanwhile, in coloured townships in the region battle lines were drawn with the contest clearly between the National Party and ANC

Archbishop Tutu arrived at the Uluntu Centre in Khayelitsha to loud cheers and ululation from the voters

Yesterday, the second day of voting, saw the hoisting of South Africa's new flag in Cape Town at midnight on Tuesday

The Pan Africanist Congress laid an official complaint yesterday claiming that voting was rigged in Mitchells Plain, Gugulethu, Nyanga, Old Crossroads, New Crossroads, Khayelitsha, Hanover Park, Hermanus and Fackretton

Racist four-letter words were thrown around in Manenberg as voters' emotions ran high

In Khayelitsha, Gugulethu and Langá the contest was between the ANC and PAC. There were no posters or flags of the traditionally white parties in sight

"We suspect this was done in conspiracy with

Hung parliament: who'll call the shots?

South 27/4 - 3/5/94

By Quentin Wilson

IF it comes down to a tight election tussle between the ANC and NP, and the results are close, the smaller parties might have the final say in deciding which of the two carries the most clout. And they could decide who becomes Western Cape premier.

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In the advent of a hung Western Cape parliament, where neither the ANC nor the NP emerges with a clear majority, parties such as the PAC and DP could become hefty decision-making levers

The question was reviewed last week in a debate between three of the premier candidates in Stellenbosch — the ANC's Mr Allan Boesak, the NP's Mr Hernus Kriel and the DP's Mr Henne Bester

"Just who will become prime minister of the Western Cape if neither the NP nor ANC have enough voting power to install their first choices?"

When asked how his party would swing — either to Kriel or to Boesak — the DP's Bester refused to commit himself

While last week, the PAC came out and said they would "stop Kriel at all costs", the DP is leaving its options open

If DP leader Mr Zach de Beer

gets his way, the DP will opt for the party who can give them "the best deal" in return

"It is a little too early to show our ammunition first," said De Beer, "We will have to see what we can get out of it" (263)

De Beer's view was echoed by another DP leader, Ms Dene Smuts. "That is how politics works. If one of the parties can offer us a suitable portfolio on the cabinet, or choose to implement an important part of our policy, then we will back that party"

Both Kriel and Boesak have called on the DP to make their choice known to voters before polling begins.

"It is simply not fair for those who are thinking of voting for the DP," said Boesak, during last week's debate, "Will they be voting for me as their prime minister, or Kriel?"

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NP expected to win in western Cape

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EDWARD WEST

CAPE TOWN — Political academics believe the NP will win the western Cape regional vote by a small majority

Stellenbosch University political studies head Prof Hennie Kotze said two polls in which he took part indicated the NP would win up to 50%, having won over coloured voters. About 57% of western Cape voters were coloured, 20% white and 23% black

He predicted that the ANC would follow a close second, with the gap in support widening considerably for the DP, PAC and Freedom Alliance

NP support among the coloured community was stronger in urban areas. Rural communities tended to favour the ANC, possibly because attitudes on apartheid were more pronounced in those areas, he said.

Kotze expected voter turnout in

the region to be 70%-75%, with the turnout higher among blacks at about 80%. The PAC would probably draw greater support in the Cape than in any other region, but was expected to win just 8%-15% of the western Cape's black votes (263)

University of Cape Town political science professor Robert Schrire said the NP could draw 47% to 53% of the regional vote. The ANC had failed to break through to white and coloured voters, he said

Research showed oppressed groups tended to identify themselves with groups higher up the social ladder. The coloured community appeared to have adopted a "better the devil you know" attitude to the NP. The ANC was likely to come a close second.

The election campaign in the western Cape had been more overtly racial in nature than in other regions and the DP had given an impression of being an elitist whites-only party

Schrire believed at least 20% of voters were undecided, particularly in the coloured community. He believed most of these would vote against the ANC.

University of the Western Cape political scientist Keith Gottschalk said it appeared the NP would win the Cape. He too believed the DP portrayed an elitist image

Factors militating against an NP victory were the ANC's switch in its election campaign from mass meetings to door-to-door canvassing and whether population estimates were accurate

Report by E West, TML, 122 St George's St, Cape Town

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NP accused of takeover plan

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□ Order for equal allowances opposed

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

AN order to pay management committee members allowances equal to those of city councillors is part of a National Party plan to take over Cape Town, says Frank van der Velde

The city council has asked the Transitional Executive Council to block the scheme, which will cost ratepayers more than R1,5 million

"The NP is manipulating the tricameral system in spite of their saying it is dead," said Mr Van der Velde

He said transitional legislation defined management committee members as part of the statutory grouping

On a transitional council, city councillors would have to share half the seats with management committee members. With committee members outnumbering councillors by two to one, this could mean a significant shift in power

Mr Van der Velde said the council should refuse to allow the huge allowance increases

Unless the scheme was stopped, "this city will be taken over by the

NP, which cannot do it any other way"

Dick Friedlander said he was amazed by the provincial administration decision at this point in the history of local government

"On the eve of changes to local government, this will mean an enormous burden on ratepayers," he said

Arthur Wienburg said the scheme was a disgraceful attempt to curry favour with management committees in an election period

Executive committee member Neil Ross cited examples of management committees' thin agendas

The huge allowance increases for members of what were purely advisory bodies was "part of the gravy train", he said

But, the council could not break the law by refusing to make the payments

Mr Ross said he had met Deputy Minister of Local Government Yakoob Makda about the issue and was certain the council had taken the right route in tackling the issue

(News by C Sawyer, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

focus on elections

Sowetan 26/4/94

In these days of political electioneering, the Western Cape, where NP leader FW de Klerk has turned the coloureds against the blacks, is loaded with racism, writes **Themba Molefe:**



IT IS CALLED the Cape of Good Hope because Jan van Riebeeck "founded" it in 1652, but to Simon the caterer, South Africa's first democratic election in his province is loaded with naked racism

"The National Party will win the Western Cape because of the coloured vote. It is its campaign ticket here," says Simon. His first name will suffice, as he prefers

"De Klerk has turned the coloureds against us (Africans). That's why I say this campaign will see racial tensions rise in the Western Cape, especially between those who are not white"

Simon is a regular guy who wants the best for his young family and he is not alone in his thinking. It is only a day to final election count-down

Says a journalist "The African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress are running for their money in the Western Cape. The ANC will win, all right, but not with the coloured vote"

Coloureds are in the majority in the province and are crucially situated for the State President's purposes. Afrikaans as a language is, for starters, a unifying factor

The brown Afrikaners, as coloureds are called. Cape Town is the seat of Parliament and it is where Nelson Mandela's election posters were torn down by De Klerk's supporters on Sunday

But, as South Africa's 22 million voters get ready for their date with destiny, centuries of white rule also draw to a close

Campaigning parties were obliged by law to cease electioneering on Sunday. The outcome of the historic poll will be known by the weekend

While this is so, and the Western Cape gets set for an election photo-finish, it is the NP that is confident of victory in the region and also in the Northern Cape

The battle royal for the Western Cape saw both the ANC and NP claiming victory was assured. ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said his party had been able to "turn around our campaign in the past few weeks and reverse the tide completely"

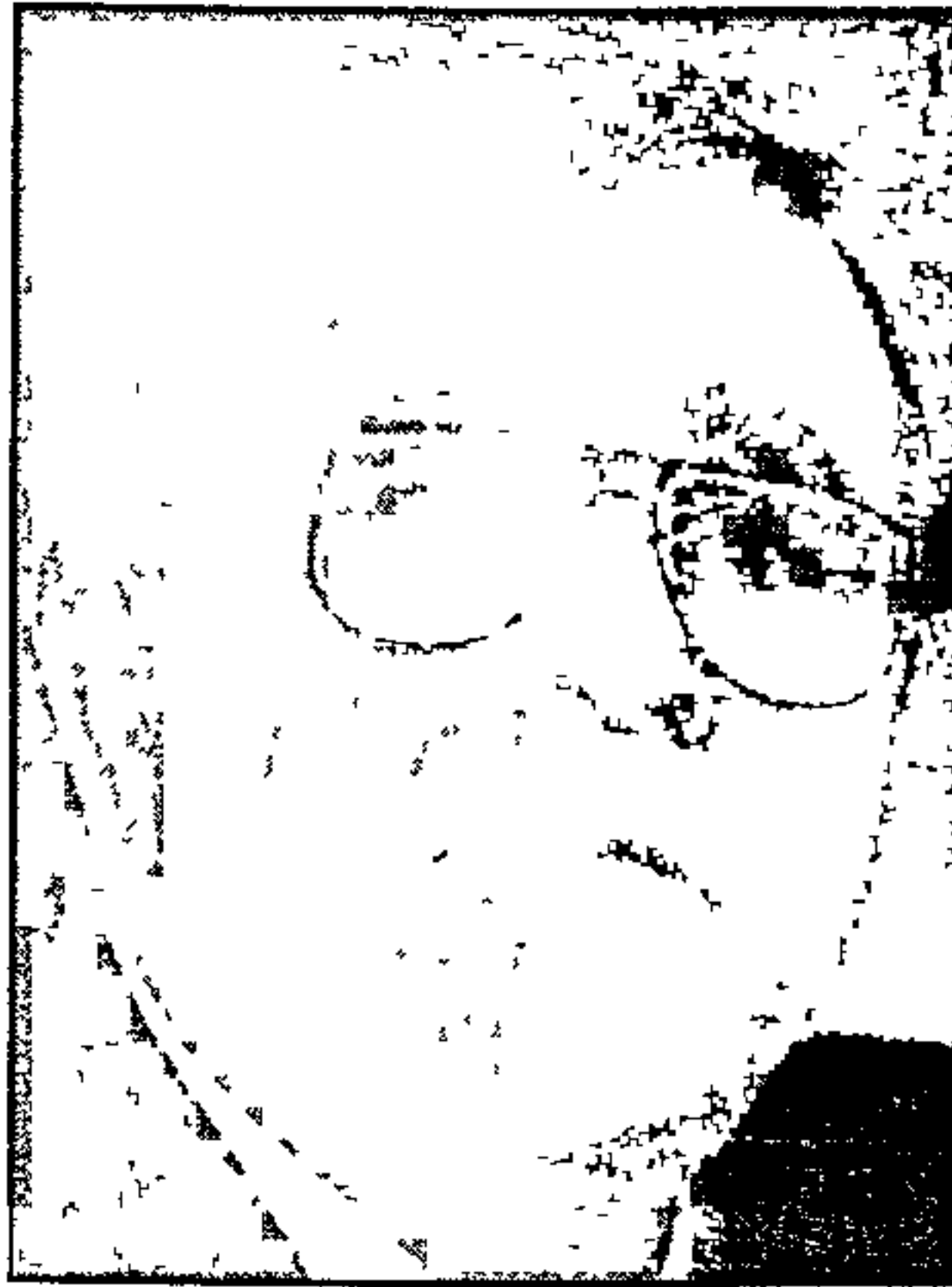
De Klerk told about 10 000 supporters in Cape Town that there could "be no doubt" about an NP victory. NP Western Cape premier candidate Hernus Kriel put it this way "The Western Cape deserves an NP victory"

It is therefore with this in mind that Simon the caterer says the election in his province will be fraught with racism. He says "This election is between blacks and whites, it is about colour, not issues and hence the NP uses its old strategy of divide-and-rule and goes for the coloured vote"

Generally, the ANC is the party to watch in the Cape. Its support is enormous in black townships. It is confident it will get 93 percent of the African vote, according to a local survey

The Democratic Party believes it will get some black votes and has mounted posters in Gugulethu and because it is always attacked, its

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The NP's Hernus Kriel.



The PAC's Patricia de Lille.

workers get into the township to put them up even at 2 30am

Reports here indicate that the rightwing Freedom Front, the one led by General Constand Viljoen, is gaining ground in the Western Cape

It is said the FF has been inundated with calls from English-speaking voters who are impressed by Viljoen's TV appearances

A chilling factor behind this notion is that a *volkstaat* fragment in the region could include both white and coloured Afrikaners "If we had just two more months we could really swing things," says Viljoen

The Pan Africanist Congress, not given a chance to win anywhere, has its hopes in the townships. According to a survey, it has its core support where it matters most, the squatter camps of Crossroads and Kayelitsha

But it is the coloured vote that matters in the Cape. The most prominent campaigners are Hernus Kriel of the NP, the PAC's Patricia de Lille and the ANC's Allan Boesak

However, although it is anybody's guess, the NP hopes to capture this region but it is the ANC that must and will emerge the victor here. The PAC, as well as the National Council of Trade Unions, have said they would consider a pact in order to stop an NP victory

This should justify Simon's assertion, as the



The ANC's Allan Boesak.

mainly black parties forget their own fights to pull together to stop the former white oppressor from gaining a province in the country's first nonracial election

All-out bid to thwart poll violence

AN all-out effort is underway in the Western Cape to ensure a peaceful election

Peace Committee members, the Independent Electoral Commission and the security forces have joined hands to keep violence to a minimum

Two thousand Peace Committee monitors will be on duty next week to monitor activities outside the voting stations and at least 1 400 IEC monitors, with the security forces, will monitor activities inside

Police are reluctant to provide details of their plans for next week, but have confirmed that every available officer will be in the field

Of particular concern to Western Cape peace workers is gang activity in areas such as Manenberg, Heideveld and Bonteheuwel and the rural areas, where tensions between farmers and labourers have been running high

Other possible flash-points are Khayelitsha and Crossroads where a tenuous peace exists. Peace workers fear violence may follow announcement of the election result

"Just how much violence and how quickly it spreads will probably depend on who wins this region," Francine Joss of the Western Cape Peace Committee said this week.

Co-ordinate

Ms Joss said the Peace Committee would work closely with police to limit violence

"We've set up several joint operating centres to co-ordinate peace-keeping activities on a 24-hour basis over the next week"

Negotiations are underway between the police and the Peace Committee for monitors to try to resolve conflict before security forces intervene

The security forces, too, have set up a joint operations centre on the Foreshore from which all their activities will be co-ordinated. Eleven regional nerve centres have been set up at each of the district police headquarters and IEC monitors and representatives from the various political parties have been granted unlimited access

Police spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd

SI Times [Cimetro]

By NAZEEM HOWA

said police would work 12-hour shifts and on Wednesday and Thursday administrative members would also be on operational duty.

Central business areas and routes leading to polling stations would be intensively patrolled and the police presence on suburban trains increased

Col Dowd said measures had been taken for safety on the N2

national road, including more patrols. The police air wing would be used.

The South African Defence Force, police reserves and other law enforcement groups would support police

● The Peace Committee has a 24-hour toll-free number (0-800-223342) where potential conflicts can be reported

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G'town cleared in staff probe

CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

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GRAHAMSTOWN City Council has been cleared by a provincial probe into a controversial decision to retrench and re-hire senior staff

But payment of compensation to some staff when the scheme was cancelled is to be investigated by the auditor-general. The council last year retrenched top officials and re-hired them on contract, sparking a row and allegations of politically unacceptable unilateral restructuring.

Administrator Kobus Meiring said the inquiry had shown the scheme "was a bona fide attempt by Grahamstown City Council to ensure continuity in its top structure".

The scheme was cancelled, but some officials were then paid R60 000 to "compensate" them for the scheme being dropped.

The provincial committee investigated the legality of the "retrench and re-hire" scheme, whether employees were intimidated by senior staff and whether the council issued false or misleading information about the scheme.

The committee said there had been no intimidation and the council had acted in good faith and had not intended to spread false information.

Pension funds were adequately protected against such schemes, the committee said.

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Hennie has
his DP eye
on W Cape
top spot

DAVID BREIER

Weekend Argus Political Staff

DEMOCRATIC Party Western Cape leader Hennie Bester says he will demand to be made premier of the province if the DP wins the balance of power in next week's elections

Mr Bester said he had decided to "up the stakes" because the DP's figures showed it was gaining ground against the National Party and the African National Congress

A few weeks ago, Mr Bester told Weekend Argus that if the DP won enough votes to hold the balance of power between Henus Kriel of the NP and Allan Boesak of the ANC, he would "horsetrade" to get the best deal for the DP. At that time, he was talking of a couple of seats on the provincial executive council.

Late this week, however, Mr Bester said he had decided to "go for broke" because the DP support was increasing so rapidly that it would be a major player in the province.

If the DP held the balance of power in the province, Mr Bester said he would push for a DP-led provincial Exco with himself as premier as a compromise candidate between Mr Kriel and Dr Boesak.

But, Dr Boesak said Mr Bester's suggestion of himself as a compromise choice for premier was "totally out of the question" and "really ridiculous".

"The DP support is such that no such option can be realistically considered and Hennie Bester knows that," said Dr Boesak.

Mr Bester was putting himself forward as premier "because it offers him a way out of answering the question of who he will support. It's a form of escapism".

NP Western Cape spokesman Hennie Smit said Mr Bester was "living in an illusion". He said Mr Bester's demand was "very far-fetched" because the NP would win an overall majority in the province.

(Report by D Breier, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

iKapa hired firm without tender

Staff Reporter

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A SMALL private refuse firm working for the iKapa Town Council was placed in charge of an additional 13 000 households overnight without being required to tender and any valid contract having been drawn up, a commission of inquiry heard yesterday

iKapa only discovered 14 months later that they had paid SA Bio-Tech about R8 million for refuse collection in the vast iKapa townships although the company was not contractually bound

Mr Deon Adriaanse, former iKapa town

clerk and currently acting chief executive, told the commission in papers that the then-chief executive Mr Jacobus Olivier had not been authorised to grant the extension to SA Bio-Tech

Mr Olivier admitted he had not ascertained whether SA Bio-Tech, which only serviced a single area, had the capacity to collect refuse from all 13 townships

He denied he had favoured SA Bio-Tech, claiming refuse collection was in a state of crisis after regional authorities ended their services in early 1993

"We decided it was so urgent we didn't

need to put it out to tender," he said

However, Mr Adriaanse said it was "very strange" that he had been unable to find any trace of the alleged contract despite a systematic search through iKapa's files

It was only when the matter came under the scrutiny of the Supreme Court that the contract came to light in the wrong iKapa file, in the wrong numerical sequence, he said

"I got the impression from the way it was filed that it had been intentionally inserted in the wrong file at this later stage," said Mr Adriaanse

Tussle of the titans for country support

□ Tough election battle in Boland, West Coast areas

TOS WENTZEL
Political Staff

A TOUGH battle is on between the National Party and the African National Congress in the Boland and West Coast areas. Both claim they are doing well and will win and they strongly dispute the other's claims.

The National Party also is confident it has won back most of its white support and that rightwingers will vote for it.

The Democratic Party appears to be trailing but there are indications that it is gaining support, especially among coloured voters.

It is also likely to score through some white voters supporting the party on the regional ballot while voting for the National Party nationally.

In the case of the Pan Africanist Congress, there is little visible activity. The party has little money or organisation.

In Ashton, one of its few country organisers, Mr "Billyboy" Xabela, said the party was the underdog, although it was having a good reception, especially in black areas.

The problem, he said, was that the party had few resources. He still hoped it could draw some 20 percent of the vote.

The Freedom Front, which started late in the campaign, has a small but dedicated group working for it, but there is little evidence of the organisation in the Boland, although recently the leader General Constand Viljoen drew a crowd of 1 500 at a meeting.

One of its Western Cape candidates, Mrs Eleanor Lombard, said it was the general's image as someone who had not been a politician and who had a clean past which was the party's biggest drawback.

According to her, there is unexpected interest in the party among English-speaking and coloured people.

A staunch Conservative Party leader in the strongly rightwing area of Rawsonville, Mrs Trienie du Toit, said rightwingers would not vote. But Mrs Lombard said indications were that many would in fact support the Freedom Front.

There is great uncertainty and

some disinterest especially among coloured people and a large number may not vote. In some areas this group might make up 25 percent or more of potential poll.

Among the parties the big race is now on for these votes.

Street interviews on trips through the Boland to Paarl, Worcester, Robertson and Ashton and surroundings, and up the West Coast in Darling and Malmesbury confirmed that many potential voters had not decided yet or would not say who they would support.

The ones who most spontaneously proclaimed their support — for the National Party — were coloured people. The NP's "new" party propaganda has got through to them, and many also express apprehension about the ANC and a black government. President De Klerk enjoys high credibility.

The ANC often appears to be associated with violence in the minds of platteland voters.

In areas like Robertson canvassing results of the NP shows upward of 80 percent coloured support but NP organisers concede that there is a lie factor.

The ANC accuses the NP of racism and scare tactics and complains of lack of access to some farms where farmers try to influence their workers.

In some areas, especially in Robertson and Ashton, arrangements to give parties access for meetings in farming areas are working well.

Black support for the ANC appears to be fairly solid in the country areas while it has negligible white support.

The National Party and the Democratic Party claim some black support but maintain that these people cannot say so openly because they fear intimidation.

The ANC in turn claims that there is growing white interest.

In the Boland the toughest fights between the National Party and the ANC are in Worcester and Paarl.

In Worcester NP canvassing figures show overwhelming coloured support for the NP as they do in Robertson, Paarl, Malmesbury and Darling, but the ANC disputes this.

In the Malmesbury area there are indications that some CP sup-

porters will vote Nationalist, as a protest against the ANC.

ANC Worcester chairman Riyahd Williams and election committee chairman Ebrahim Wehr claimed strong and growing coloured support and solid black support. They conceded that few whites supported the movement but said interest was increasing with a number of white paid-up members.

They believed the ANC could win in the area. It was telling people it could provide them with a better life and reminded them of the suppression of the past.

Worcester's NP secretary Mr Johannes du Plessis maintained the party was doing "very well" and there was evidence in the streets that it had many enthusiastic coloured workers.

The DP in the area is not dependent according to chairman and candidate Cedric McNeil.

He said many people were not inclined to vote for the ANC because of an image that it was connected with violence and because of mass action.

The NP's past was still counting against it.

Although the DP started out late its clean image and the watchdog role it could play was drawing support, he said.

In Paarl, a DP spokesman made similar claims. Here the huge black township Mbekweni is a no-go area for the NP and the DP.

In Malmesbury and Darling, the NP is claiming overwhelming support, something that is disputed by the ANC.

It suddenly also has become apparent that many white voters who could vote in the old system also need voter education, which has been directed largely at first-time voters.

Many people do not understand the new proportional representation system where there are no constituencies with candidates linked to them. There is also some uncertainty about the two ballots, one for the National Assembly and the other for regional government.

The question of the secrecy of the vote kept cropping up with people being apprehensive about this.

(Report by T Wentzel, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Residents, Council in library row

BY SABATA NGCAI

Manenberg residents are angry at the City Council for refusing to train local residents to run their library which was closed last month.

City Council spokesperson, Mr Ted Doman, said "We will be re-introducing apartheid by doing so"

Mr Doman said there might be people from other areas who wanted to work in Manenberg (263)

He said the library was closed

because the safety of the staff was threatened by gang-related violence South 2214-

However, residents said they were "sick and tired" of paying for a library they did not use. 26/4/94

Spokesperson for the Manenberg Civic Association, Mrs Faldela de Vries, said there were local people who were capable of being librarians and needed training (S)

"We want the City Council to hand over the library keys so that we can run it," Mrs De Vries said.

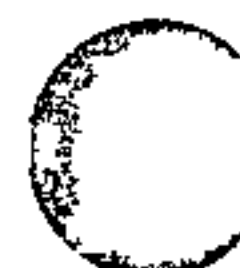
"This is capacity building and not apartheid in disguise ()"

"The council has re-introduced apartheid by employing only coloured staff in all coloured areas."

Mrs De Vries said the council was claiming that gangsters threatened library staff to achieve its objective of relocating the library to the lower end of Manenberg

However, Mr Doman said it was a "long-term" objective to relocate the library. ()

"We will not accept that, and none of the staff members were personally threatened by the gangs," Mrs De Vries said



Ikapa officials accused of manipulating tenders

□ 'Loss of nearly R1-million incurred', inquiry told

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DAVID YUTAR, Staff Reporter

THE Ikapa Town Council manipulated tender figures to favour one waste removal company contrary to regulations — at the same time incurring a loss of nearly R1 million — the Swart commission of inquiry has heard

Ikapa town engineer Boet Vermaak said Ikapa's chief executive officer Jacobus Olivier and treasurer Ian Grisdale had "manipulated figures" when assessing tenders for waste removal contracts to favour the firm SA Bio-Tech

Although SA Bio-Tech was late in submitting its tender for a township waste removal contract during 1991, the firm's head wrote a letter to the council as a result of which tenders were once again opened and the tender eventually awarded to SA Bio-Tech

Mr Vermaak told the commission of inquiry into maladministration in the council's affairs that, whereas only two removals a week were in fact necessary, Mr Olivier had "interpreted" tenders so as to indicate

that four removals a week were needed

He said the firm Waste Control had submitted a tender which was "much cheaper than SA Bio-Tech's lowest tender"

A report by independent investigator Eric Fry which was handed in to the commission said this manipulation had resulted in a loss of R895 587 to the council

The report showed that Waste Control would have done the work at considerably less cost to the council

According to the report, SA Bio-Tech quoted R2 308 387 for the work and Waste Control R1 412 800

The report said "This seems to illustrate that although SA Bio-Tech's unit price was R2,45 for a five-year contract and Waste Control's unit price was R3 for a one-year contract, by manipulating the number of weekly removals, Ikapa has incurred a loss of R895 587"

Mr Vermaak told the commission that Mr Olivier became aggressive and "his attitude changed towards me from the moment I pointed out that acceptance of that (SA Bio-Tech's) tender was against regula-

tions"

He said SA Bio-Tech's initial Brown's Farm contract had been extended at the end of August 1992 while he was on leave for two months

When he returned to work in November he found the extended contract had been modified (ostensibly by treasurer Ian Grisdale) to allow the chief executive officer to "negotiate with SA Bio-Tech to accept their tender"

He said that after he had pointed out that SA Bio-Tech must have known what tender prices were when they submitted their tender, tenders were reopened

He and Mr Olivier had an argument when Mr Vermaak accused Mr Olivier of being the person responsible for making tender prices known to SA Bio-Tech

"Had I realised SA Bio-Tech and Agra Waste (another company which tendered) were one and the same company I would have seen that as an irregularity and would definitely not have recommended that SA Bio-Tech get the tender," said Mr Vermaak

Waste: iKapa paid too much

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Staff Reporter

AN oversight by senior iKapa Town Council officials, which enabled the weekly rate of township refuse collection to be doubled, resulted in an overpayment of about R1 million to a private refuse removal company, the commission of inquiry into iKapa heard yesterday

A report by commission investigator Mr Eric Fry also revealed that irregular tender procedures resulted in the appointment of the refuse firm SA Bio-Tech, which only voiced its interest in a letter about a month after the tender date expired

iKapa town engineer Mr Boet Vermaak said yesterday that the town treasurer, Mr Ian Grisdale, and the chief executive officer, Mr Jacobus Olivier, had then

'Irregular tender process'

made provision for SA Bio-Tech to increase refuse collections from two to four per week, although two were adequate

The resulting overpayment was calculated at R1 154 066

Mr Vermaak said Mr Olivier became aggressive when he pointed out irregularities in Bio-Tech's appointment, "although until this point we had a good working relationship"

Although Mr Vermaak was in charge of refuse removal for

iKapa, he said Mr Grisdale and Mr Olivier had sidelined him in matters concerning SA Bio-Tech

'Controls lacking'

According to the report, if the tender had been awarded to the first applicant, Waste Control, which had tendered for two collections per week, iKapa would have saved R895 587

"This is also another illustration of the lack of adequate administrative and financial controls at the iKapa council," the report noted

To compound matters, it was discovered 14 months after SA Bio-Tech was awarded the tender, and had claimed R600 000 per month in fees, that no binding contract had ever existed between the firm and iKapa which had been billed about R8 million for refuse removal up to that point

Councils 'cannot agree' on boundary

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Municipal Reporter

DEEP differences among members of the Western Cape Regional Services Council over where the boundaries of a new metropolitan council should be made it impossible for the RSC to formulate a boundary proposal, Mr Clive Keegan said

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the RSC yesterday, he said his council's views differed greatly from those of Strand, Somerset West, and Gordon's Bay, which were also represented on the RSC

Within less than a month, the Administrator of the Cape is expecting a recommendation from the RSC about where the boundary should be

Chairman Mr Piet Loubser said the

RSC need not make a "hard and fast" suggestion on where the boundary line should fall

"The working group is required to take note of the different points of view," he said "It may point out alternatives"

He favoured giving evidence to the newly formed board, instead of "being passive"

Councillor Mr M G Swart of Kuils River said the RSC might have important information that nobody else had

Mr Keegan insisted that whatever the working group came up with should be submitted to the full RSC before it goes to the Demarcation Board, even if a special RSC meeting had to be called

Major Atlantis relief plan may spark election row

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

THE government has announced a multi-million rand relief plan for Atlantis, dismissing a request by the Atlantis Forum that no details be made public before the election

The announcement by House of Representatives Minister Jac Rabie, chairman of the cabinet working group on relief measures for Atlantis, is expected to provoke a major election row

Mr Rabie said the Atlantis Forum had accepted all the relief measures "but requested that no announcement be made to the press or the public until after the elections"

However, he added "As chairman of the cabinet working group, I wish to make these measures known. It is important that residents are now made aware of these relief measures

"The decision has nothing to do with the elections or politics. A great task awaits all participating parties to make Atlantis the elite development of the Western Cape," he said

Relief measures announced today total about R150-million and include

- Reducing the loan debts for Wesfleur — part of Atlantis — by more than R20-million,
- Extending the R7 500 capital subsidy to all unsold serviced sites in Wesfleur (R34,1-million),
- Writing off rent and instalment arrears of R9,8-million,
- Depreciating service charge arrears by R13,3-million, and
- Referring overdue rates totalling more than R11-million to the administrator to be handled in terms of an agreement on finance and services

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

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iKapa: Claims contradicted

Staff Reporter

THE glamorous executive head of a private refuse removal company operating in iKapa townships, who claimed she handed R500 000 in cash to the poorest squatter families, was yesterday contradicted by her general manager at the iKapa commission of inquiry

Ms Jacoba Louw, the head of SA Bio-Tech — which had been contracted by the bankrupt iKapa town council — said she had personally given the money in R500 handfuls to the poorest 1 000 squatters. It had taken her about a month.

Yesterday SA Bio-Tech general manager Mr Johannes van der Walt claimed the cash was given "in packaged envelopes in a big sack" to squatter leaders who gathered groups of up to 60 "needy" squatters at a time. He said it had taken "four to five months or a year".

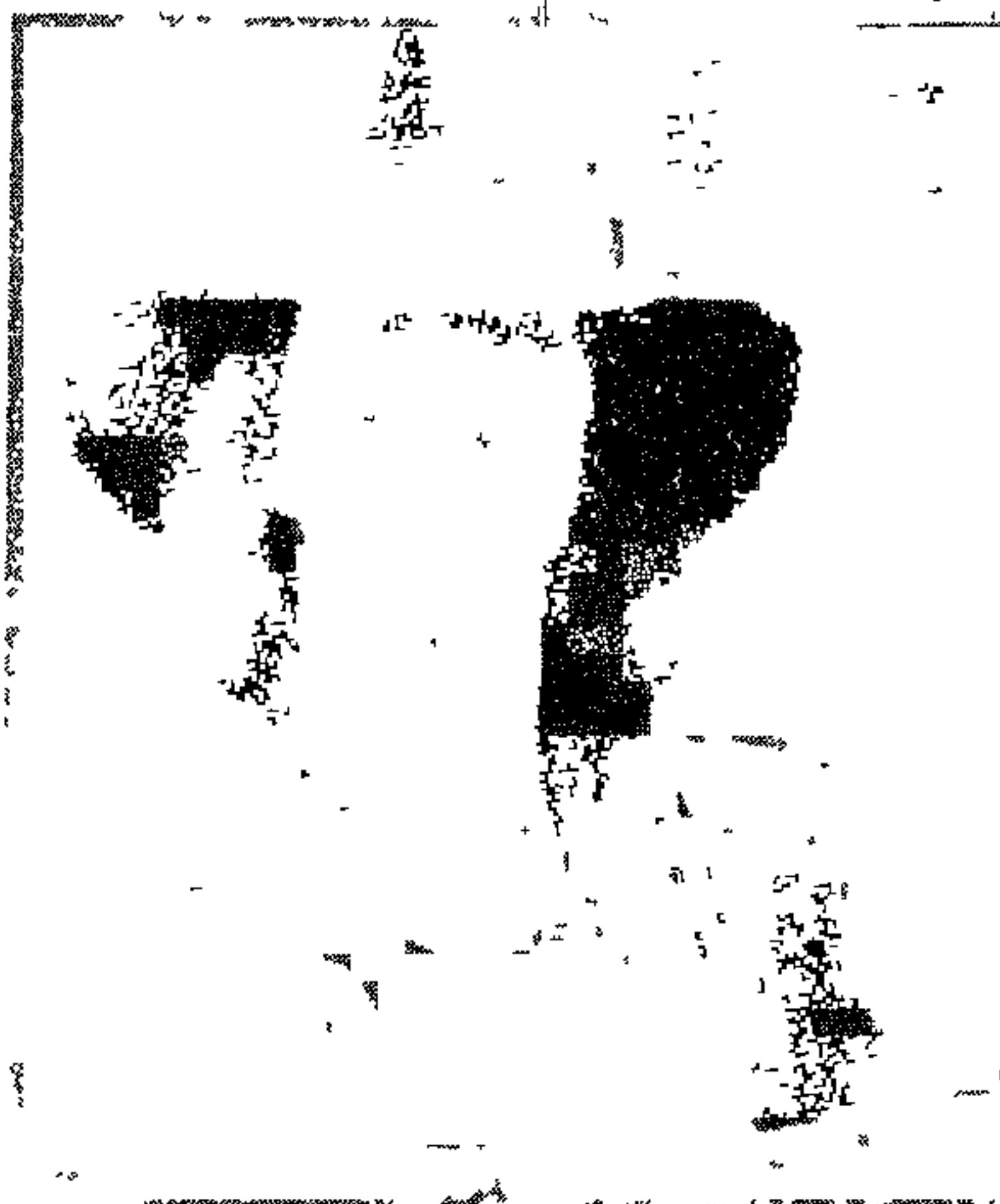
However, the R500 000 was only cashed in August 1993, according to Ms Louw who initially marked the cheque as a donation from SA Bio-Tech to the Western Cape United Squatters' Association.

Ms Louw claimed the donation was made for humanitarian reasons and as a form of "third world advertising", as it was not possible for SA Bio-Tech to remove refuse in squatter camps without making "donations".

However, Mr Van der Walt was adamant that donations were not a prerequisite to operating in squatter areas as SA Bio-Tech had been welcome there since early 1992.

The inquiry continues

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EVIDENCE ... Ms Jacoba Louw, head of privatised waste removal for the iKapa Town Council, arriving at the iKapa commission of inquiry yesterday

Picture CLIVE SMITH

CPA decision blow to council reserves

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□ Huge increase for management committees

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A PROVINCIAL administration decision that management committee members must get the same allowances as city councillors means Cape Town City Council reserve funds will plunge by R1,6 million.

The huge allowance increase for management committee members is to be backdated to January last year, causing the R1,6 million one-off payment.

After the initial payment, monthly spending on local government politicians' allowances will soar.

The city council is to ask the Transitional Executive Council to block the move.

Council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said it was "patently absurd" to pay management committee members the same as councillors because their workload was far less.

Councillors last year voted to slash their allowance increases, and this year refused an allowance increase.

The provincial community services branch said the CPA executive committee had instructed the city council to implement equal allowances in terms of a proclamation in the official gazette.

The proclamation applies to all councils in the province.

Councils may apply to the Administrator for exemption. After the election the role of provincial administrators will be taken over by premiers.

There are nine management committees under the jurisdiction of the city council.

The committees, set up under apartheid after "coloured" voters were struck off municipal voters' rolls, have no financial power and lack the decision-making authority of the city council.

Cape Town is a grade 15 municipality, the highest rating

for a council.

The committees serve areas of varying size, from Athlone to Strandfontein.

Membership of committees varies from five to 18, and gradings from four to 11.

Cape Town's 29 city councillors are each paid monthly allowances of R1 915, while members of the lowest-graded management committee are paid R493 a month.

● The report of a commission of inquiry into last year's valuations saga is to be handed to the provincial executive committee next Monday, provided all three commissioners have signed the report.

A spokesman said the report had been completed but officials were still trying to get in touch with one of the commissioners to sign the report.

Monday's meeting is the last scheduled meeting of the provincial executive committee under the present constitution.

Ikapa refuse removals lost R4,7 m a year — treasurer

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99 percent of staff were unqualified, treasurer tells commission

DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

THE bankrupt Ikapa Town Council was losing R4,7 million a year from its township refuse removal service, the Swart Commission of Inquiry into maladministration has heard

In evidence former Ikapa treasurer Ian Grisdale said he was aware the council was running at a loss, and of serious shortcomings in productivity, but efforts to change affairs always seemed to come to naught

He also told the commission that "99 percent of Ikapa's staff were unqualified for the jobs they were doing"

Mr Grisdale told the commission the R4,7 million figure was calculated by using the total number of settlements and multiplying it by four (the number of removals a week) and the number of weeks in the year

The figure was based on the 60c difference between the price quoted for refuse removal by a private firm, S A Bio-Tech at R2,45, and that charged by Ikapa — R3,05

In spite of the difference in price, Ikapa was not making any profit from the service it provided to township dwellers, the commission heard

Mr Grisdale, who described himself as "a strong disciplinarian" who expected staff to deliver the goods, admitted all was not as it ought to have been among council staff and that refuse removal was "very inefficient"

Staff were in the habit of knocking off at noon and failing to do their work properly, often playing games on council computers when they were supposed to be working.

"I knew many problems needed to be addressed" said Mr Grisdale who admitted "I can't say why they weren't."

He suggested the existence of a strong union might have been one of the reasons productivity remained low

He said these matters, resulting "in the complete downfall of Ikapa", were mentioned in every report he submitted to chief executive officer J J Olivier and the council, but "nothing seemed to get done and it was a case of everything continuing in the same old way"

When Gesie Lategan, who is leading evidence before the commission, put it to Mr Grisdale that people were paying a lot more for refuse removal than in other municipalities, Mr Grisdale just shook his head saying, "I can't recall"

"Didn't anyone query the high amount being charged for refuse removal," asked Ms Lategan

"I know it was raised at one council meeting I can't remember what was done ...", said Mr Grisdale

Mr Grisdale showed the commission a stencilled "death threat" he had received while he was treasurer at the council.

Received in August last year, it read "Unless you resign from the puppet municipality of Ikapa forced on the oppressed by the regime will deal with you in the appropriate way"

"Apla One settler One Bullet"

Mr Grisdale said this threat had caused his family to become jittery and had been one of "major reasons" for his resignation in January this year

He added his wife also received several telephone calls in which his life was threatened

The commission continues today

J Swart, assisted by P le Roux and W Wagenaar, heads the commission Ms Lategan is assisted by Santie Croeser-Van der Westhuizen



Demarcation Board men may quit

□ Potential conflict of interests of members on agenda for meeting

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

POTENTIAL conflict of interests of several members of the newly appointed Demarcation Board, which will recommend solutions to boundary disputes in metropolitan Cape Town and rural areas of the Western Cape province, will be on the agenda at a board meeting this week.

Chairman Fanie Cloete said options to be discussed included the possibility that some members could quit the board or leave the posts that could cause perceptions of a conflict of interest.

Board members would be required to keep an open mind on disputes. They could be asked to "go on record" with undertakings to be impartial.

But resignations from the 16-member board were unlikely to delay its work because investigations could proceed with a reduced membership.

Members of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum are deadlocked on boundaries of the metropolitan forum area.

The Administrator — and, after the election, the provincial premier — will rule on boundary disputes in co-operation with the provincial committee on local government.

Detailed terms of reference have not yet been given to the board.

Its hearings will be open to the public and Press but deliberations will be behind closed doors.

Notice that the board has been asked to investigate a boundary dispute will be given in the Press, and parties directly involved will be contacted in writing.

The period within which people or groups wanting to make submissions will have to respond to the board has not been decided.

Professor Cloete said that in cases such as the Cape Town metropolitan dispute there was already a lot of evidence to draw on. The board would decide whether to undertake any further investigation.

It was difficult to say when the investigation of metropolitan Cape Town boundaries would be completed.

Professor Cloete said board members were qualified in town and regional planning and were familiar with local government issues.

● Members of the board are

Professor Cloete, a Stellenbosch academic, vice-chairman Basil Davidson, an African National Congress town and regional planner, Robert Cameron, lecturer in public administration at the University of Cape Town, Willem Wagenaar, former town clerk of Paarl, Pierre Claassen, senior lecturer in town and regional planning at Stellenbosch University and a former president of the Institute of Town and Regional Planners, F F S Gqiba, a consultant for the Independent Development Trust, Nikki Holderness, Simon's Town councillor and former mayor, John Marshall, former town clerk of Bellville, Herman Bailey of the Rural Foundation, J A H Coetzee, Vredendal town councillor and attorney, D de la Cruz, J Gelderblom, chairman of the Klein Karoo Regional Services Council, Thami Mgwevela, worker on community projects, F E Prins, deputy chairman of the Brée River RSC and former mayor of Worcester, Adrian Sayers of Cosatu, and Amanda Younge of the ANC town planning department.

iKapa staff 'were inept'

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 99% of iKapa town council staff were unqualified for their posts, productivity was abysmal, work quality poor and attempts to upgrade staff had been unsuccessful, the iKapa commission of inquiry heard yesterday

This was the evidence of former treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale, who said his staff disliked him because he refused to allow them to leave early or use iKapa vehicles for private errands, although his female staff were occasionally given time to shop and have their hair done during office hours

iKapa had a "lackadaisical working environment" where some staff played games on their computers, read books at their desks and knocked off at 12 noon,

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'99% not
properly
qualified'

he said

"Productivity and the standard of work were low. Although some attempts were made to train the staff, I don't believe it's been very successful. 99% of the staff are not qualified for the work they are doing"

The commission heard that iKapa buyer Mr Sarel Marais, after facing disciplinary action for irregularities in his department, was reinstated as an assistant accountant although he de-

clared himself "incompetent" and was given no help in performing his new duties

Mr Grisdale resigned from iKapa in January

The commission also put evidence to Mr Grisdale that more than R100 000 had been wasted in buying relatively expensive refuse bins for Browns Farm, and R14 000 was wasted on relatively expensive stopcocks

Not satisfied

Commission representative Mrs Gesie Lategaan alleged the orders for these supplies were kept below R5 000 each to bypass the need for formal tender procedures

Mr Grisdale was unable to satisfy the commission with an alternative explanation of why supplies had been ordered in this manner

The inquiry continues

■ Cape Town city councillors will have to work much harder when the interim constitution comes into force on April 27.

JEAN LE MAY

Weekend Argus Reporter

A NIGHTMARE workload faces town and city councillors after this month's elections.

One of the implications of the interim constitution, which comes into effect on election day April 27, is that town and city councillors will be forced to spend far more time on the job instead of leaving affairs largely to officials

However, while the politicians will have to work much harder they will also be obliged to work more in the open, with freer public access to the council's files

And much work will fall on the Constitutional Court, and consequently the legal profession, until all the intricacies are ironed out

This is the background to a report prepared by Cape Town city planner Neville Riley and put before this week's meeting of the executive committee, where it was noted for consideration later

The future workload will be "a nightmare", executive committee member Neil Ross told Weekend Argus this week.

He was referring specifically to the provision which effectively outlaws delegation to officials of everything related to town planning

"Up to now, officials in the city planner's department have been delegated with most matters affecting town planning," said Mr Ross

"They then make recommendations to the town planning committee, which consists of elected councillors supported by officials, which then makes its own recommendations to the full council

"But now all these matters will have to be handled and approved by the full council, the executive committee or the town planning committee.

"It has been estimated that the town planning committee, for instance, which currently handles 300 to 400 matters a year, will have to consider 3 000 to 4 000 applications — a tenfold increase

"Some of them are very minor matters, for example somebody may wish to encroach on a building line by half a metre or make a small building alteration

"The new law could mean that the town planning committee meets almost full-time," concluded Mr Ross.

Other constitutional provisions for which the council will have to adapt its present procedures have been outlined in Mr Riley's report, which was prepared originally for the council's legal advisers

The implications of the new constitution on the council's functioning were grave, said Mr Riley

"Challenges to the constitutionality of the council's actions can be expected on many fronts

"It is imperative that appropriate action be taken to meet the challenge of operating in an environment of constitutionally entrenched rights"

In his report, Mr Riley said that

■ The Bill of Rights lays down that no level of government may act in any way which is in conflict with the constitution and in particular with the fundamental rights as outlined in the Bill of Rights

All laws and regulations will be subject to this test "The ranges of issues which have to be taken into account when considering an application have been considerably widened"

Whenever a person's rights are infringed by a council action, that person is entitled to challenge it

In the past, only neighbouring landowners and residents were entitled to object to a planning decision, but now any person acting in his own interest or in the interests of any group or class or in the public interest may do so

The council will have to hear out anybody who objects and "there can be no arbitrary, capricious or partial action on the part of the council", said the report

■ The right of access to information is specifically laid down, which "limits issues which the council may handle on green paper" — that is, confidentially, said the report

"It will also require a new approach to public access to council files"

■ The section dealing with property "elevates the protection afforded to development and (zoning) use rights to new heights"

The city planners will have to watch out that rights acquired under the Bill of Rights are not infringed. If the value of somebody's property is lowered because of a planning action the city council could be sued by all property owners affected in the same way, and could be liable to pay compensation

"This will have serious implications for metropolitan restructuring"

■ The Bill of Rights says that everybody has the right to an environment which is not detrimental to his or her health or well-being

"This section will need clarification, probably by the Constitutional Court. It could have a major impact on the council," said Mr Riley

Council 'nightmare'

Constitution to increase politicians' workload 'tenfold'

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Firm 'handed squatters cash'

Staff Reporter

A WASTE removal company contracted by the bankrupt iKapa town council had handed out R500 000 in cash to 1 000 of the poorest squatter families, the iKapa commission of inquiry heard yesterday

Ms Jacoba Louw, the head of SA Bio-Tech, said the firm had done this because they were "fed up" with their begging — and it was good advertising

She said she had made out a R500 000 cheque as a donation from SA Bio-Tech to the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa), whose chairman is Crossroads strongman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe

However, she said she had "not trusted Mr Nongwe" and had instead cashed the cheque, and

Head 'did not trust Nongwe'

then distributed it in R500 handfuls to the poorest 1 000 squatter families in the camps where SA Bio-Tech removed refuse

As a result of her "social upliftment" endeavours, Ms Louw said, she had been made an honorary member of Wecusa, and offered to show the commission her membership card

She said the cheque had never been made known to Wecusa,

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which did not have a bank account, and "I did not trust Mr Nongwe with that amount of money"

However, Mr Nongwe had occasionally been given R200 or R500 out of the fund "to buy food for his children", and he had lied to the commission when he insisted he had never received cash from SA Bio-Tech, she said

All her labourers, and at times there were hundreds, were employed by the political squatter leaders because "you do nothing in those areas without the blessing of political leaders"

She said her decision not to give the cheque to Wecusa was reinforced by the discovery that a squatter leader had been selling SA Bio-Tech's donations of food and blankets to the squatter community he represented

The inquiry continues today

CAPE

We'll win Western Cape, says Boesak

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African National Congress Western Cape leader Allan Boesak is sure the ANC will win in this region, in spite of the opinion polls showing it well behind the National Party. In a conversation with **TOS WENTZEL** of The Argus political staff he also maintained that the ANC's ambitious reconstruction and development programme was not unrealistic.

Q: Opinion polls show the NP well ahead in the Western Cape. At this late stage of the election campaign, how do you think the ANC will fare?

Boesak: I think we will fare very well. There is no doubt in my own mind that the ANC will win this election in the Western Cape. I do not know on what basis these opinion polls have been done, or the size of the samples, but my experience, wherever I go, completely contradicts them in almost every respect.

Q: Don't you think it is important all the same to urge your followers to accept the result of the election? Is it not perhaps politically dangerous to create such high expectations?

Boesak: It is not a high expectation. It is not an unrealistic expectation that the ANC will win in this region. Our expectation to win has got nothing to do with the fact that should the ANC lose this election, its supporters will accept that.

Q: What do you think of your main opponent, Her-nus Kriel?

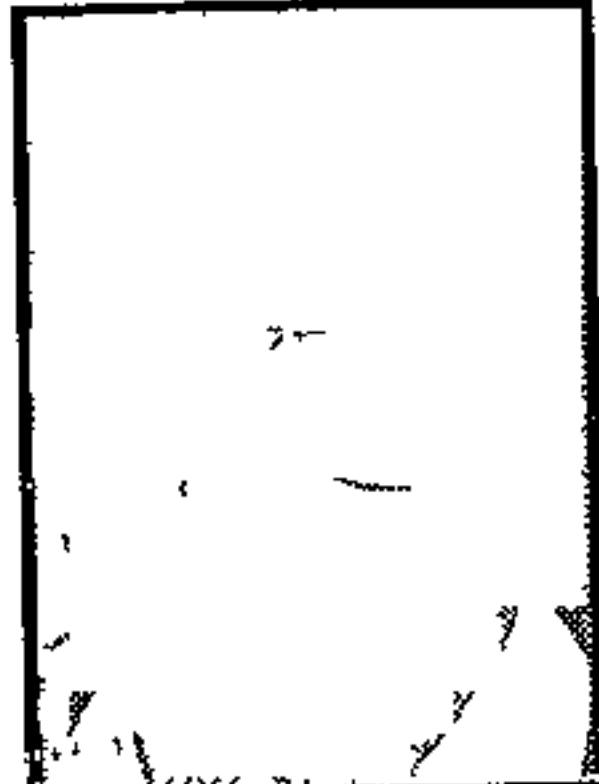
Boesak: Mr Kriel is a unique kind of politician. His record as a politician and as Minister of Law and Order is well known and I think people will keep that in mind when they vote.

Q: What does the ANC propose for the Western Cape?

Boesak: The ANC in the Western Cape has taken the reconstruction and development programme that we worked out nationally and we have worked out what that means for the Western Cape specifically. When the ANC talks about a million houses that need to be built in the first five years, we know that for the Western Cape the shortfall is 330 000 units.

We know the situation of health services in the Western Cape and where we need clinics, different kinds of day hospitals — not the kind of day hospital that the NP has provided for our people.

We have worked out that almost three-quarters of a million of the unemployed are in the Western Cape. So we now have a target in terms of job-creation.



Allan Boesak

So the ANC's plan is not just a broad, vague vision that we take from the national programme. The ANC's plan for the Western Cape means that a reconstruction and development programme for our country has been broken down in terms of needs of the area specifically.

One of our priorities would be to create the unity we need to make sure that race relations in the Western Cape will be setting an example for the rest of the country. I remain convinced that if we want to make South Africa a non-racial, open democracy, it has to begin in the Western Cape.

Q: It's sometimes said that the ANC won't be able to afford all it has promised.

Boesak: People say that, but I do not believe that is true. The ANC has not only worked out the reconstruction and development programme in terms of what is needed, we have actually accounted for it.

Q: The ANC has also been accused of intolerance because of the way in which some of its followers have disrupted NP and Democratic Party meetings, and have sometimes prevented Mr De Klerk from speaking. What are you telling your followers about the need for political tolerance?

Boesak: First of all we have made the general call and we keep on repeating to our people that if they go to a political meeting they can protest if they wish, but they must not disrupt the meeting so as to make it impossible for the speaker to speak.

Apart from that, I keep on reminding people that we mustn't forget that going to political meetings, putting tough questions, heckling, that is part of the cut and thrust of politics in South Africa. We mustn't all of a sudden expect that everybody should be angels if we have a very highly emotional kind of campaign, as we have at the moment.

Q: Your opponents are saying that you are not the suitable candidate for ANC leadership in this region. Among other things you are said not to be drawing coloured support.

Boesak: I don't like talking about my own popularity. One has one's detractors. The fact is that the ANC has twice elected me chairman in this region. We had an open democratic fight for the premiership between Advocate Dallah Omar and myself. I won that fight. I go out there and I see for myself I have been enthusiastically received in places like Worcester and Mitchell's Plain. So I don't even bother really to respond to questions about my own popularity.

Q: You are no doubt aware of stories and gossip about your lifestyle and your private life doing the rounds. What do you say about this? Sometimes you seem to be hankering to return to the pulpit instead of being in politics.

Boesak: Those are two separate questions. I suppose it is unavoidable, seeing the kind of campaign the Nats are waging in the Western Cape, that they will use that, and in a sense I've accepted that, and it doesn't bother me.

People respond to me in terms of what I am doing now. People know that the most important thing in my past is not my divorce. The most important thing in my past is my record of what I have done for my people, what I have been willing to go through, the times that I have spoken up when nobody else wanted to or could and the way I have tried to lead my people through some of the most difficult years of the apartheid era. People respond to me on that basis.

The second question about the hankering back to the pulpit does not mean that I am not committed to what I am doing now. I have said in a letter to Mr Mandela, at the time when I had to make a decision whether to go back to the church or remain in politics, that for me politics is a calling. It is as strong as the calling to preach every Sunday because it is an opportunity to bring into practice the principles of justice.

(Report by T Wentzel, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Squatter chairman denies getting aid

□ No knowledge of cash cheque for R500 000

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DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

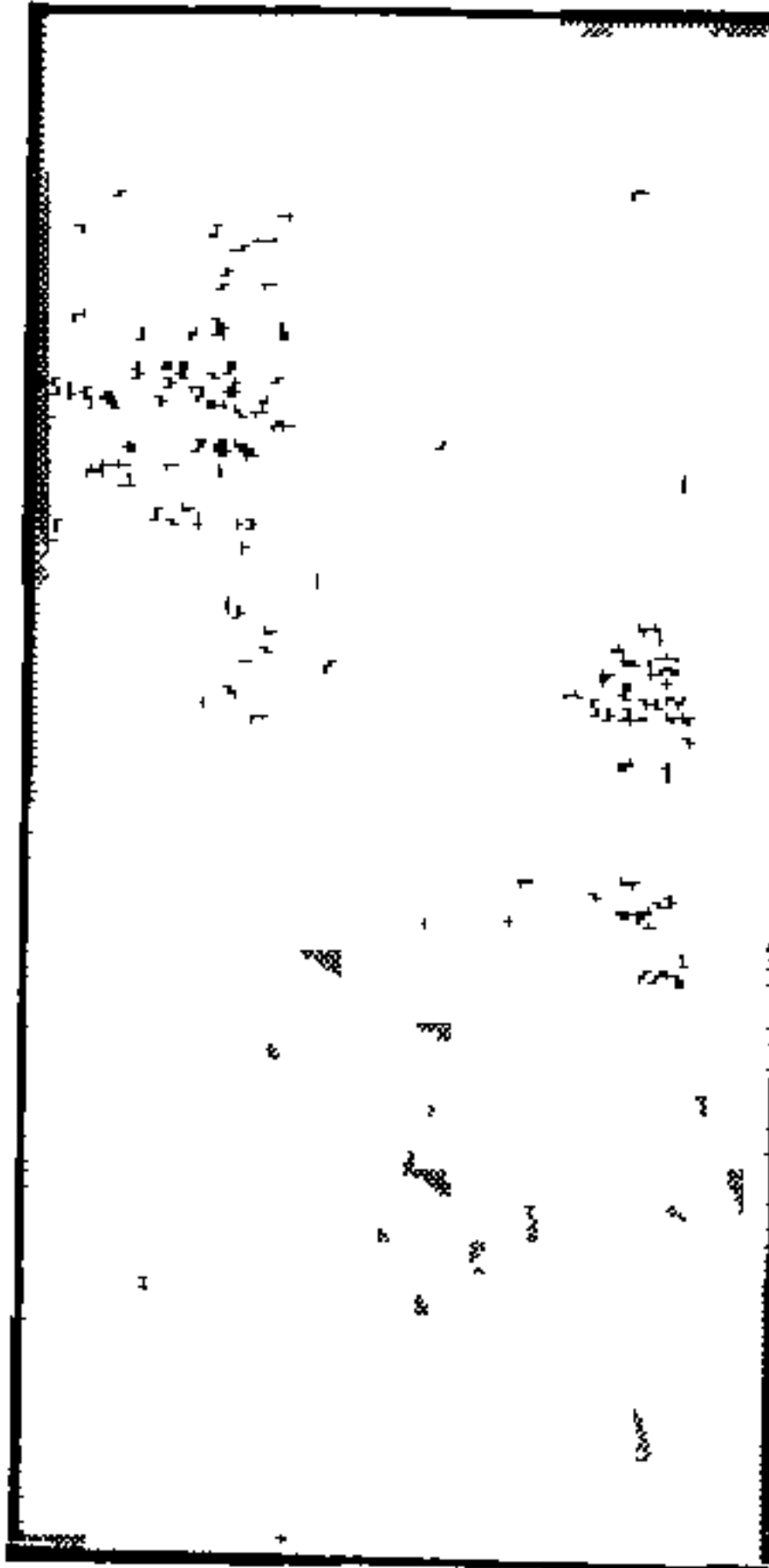
JEFFREY Nongwe, chairman of the giant Western Cape United Squatters' Association, has told the Ikapa Town Council inquiry he knew nothing about a R500 000 cash cheque said to have been donated to the union by a waste removal firm last August

Mr Nongwe, who is standing as a candidate for the PAC in the elections, first adamantly insisted to the commission that S A Bio-Tech, the firm to which Ikapa paid almost R11 million over four years for waste removal, never gave any financial assistance to Wecusa

He said the firm had done immeasurable good in the way of rendering services for the community and had periodically donated food, clothing and blankets when the need arose

But asked whether the firm had donated money to Wecusa, Mr Nongwe strenuously resisted the suggestion, emphasising that no financial support of any kind had been received from the company

Later Gesie Lategan, leading evidence before the commission, put it to Mr Nongwe that the commission was in possession of a copy of a cheque to the value of R500 000 made out by S A Bio-Tech as a donation to Wecusa on August 2, 1993



Jeffrey Nongwe

"I don't know anything about this cheque," said Mr Nongwe

"I would like the commission to give me a copy of the cheque so that I can look at it"

Mr Nongwe denied knowledge of any agreement between Wecusa and S A Bio-Tech in terms of which the firm would erect an office building for the union, which would then be shared by it and Wecusa

However he did concede that

Wecusa had approached the firm and asked it to "build an office no matter how small" but said it had not "answered yes or no" saying merely "we will see"

Mr Nongwe asked the commission to "come and see for itself how bad conditions in the squatter camps were" and made an impassioned plea to it to allow S A Bio-Tech to return to the community

He said the waste removal firm had ensured that "for the first time we were treated like human beings" and their services had made the areas "clean and fit for human occupation"

Since they had been "removed" from the community the inhabitants had returned "to square one" and filth and starvation were the order of the day

Since 1970 people in Crossroads had been "living in water" he said

"We hold the government and Ikapa responsible for the increase in violence and crime in our communities" he said

"If your commission cannot bring S A Bio-Tech back to our communities I have nothing more to say to you"

J Swart is heading the commission assisted by P Le Roux and W Wagenaar

Mrs Lategan is assisted by Santie Croeser Van der Westhuizen

Inquiry told of R500 000 'gift'

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A SQUATTERS' association — headed by Crossroads strongman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe — was given R500 000 by a waste removal company employed by the bankrupt iKapa Town Council, a commission of inquiry heard yesterday

Testifying before the commission yesterday, Mr Nongwe said he did not know of the payment, but asked the commission to reinstate SA Biotech, as it had rendered "important positive change" in the townships and "for the first time our areas became clean and fit for human habitation"

The cheque, now in the commission's possession, is dated August 2, 1993 and is marked as a donation from SA Biotech to the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa), of which

Squatters plead for services

Mr Nongwe is chairman

A report by a commission-appointed investigator revealed that almost R11 million had been paid by iKapa to SA Biotech over four years, although the council could have removed refuse itself for only R4 million. The Cape Town City Council recently disclosed that iKapa's shortfall at the end of December 1993 was R59 million and would be R72,9 million in the next financial year.

With the collapse of iKapa, ser-

vices in Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu and New Crossroads have been paralysed, leaving residents to face flooding and mounting health risks as winter approaches

Mr Nongwe claimed that SA Biotech had never made cash contributions to Wecusa, but had supported squatters with food and blankets.

These handouts had dried up since the company ceased operating in the townships

Over 50 township residents were bussed to the commission in Woodstock yesterday, where they murmured support for Mr Nongwe's appeal for the resumption of services

Mr Nongwe urged the commission to see for themselves "how filthy the area has become and how the rats and mice run around"

The inquiry continues today

Blacks may be the wildcard in the Cape polls forecast

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By NAZEEM HOWA

THE Western Cape's rapidly growing black population could hold the key to the battle between the ANC and the National Party for political control of this region.

Both parties have focused much of their campaigns on coloured voters in the belief that whoever wins a majority of these votes will take the region.

The NP has been shown to be ahead by all polls taken before the cut-off date earlier this week which outlawed opinion polls until after the election.

But now the black vote, which the ANC says it is confident of winning, is being seen as the wildcard that could sweep the party to power in the Western Cape.

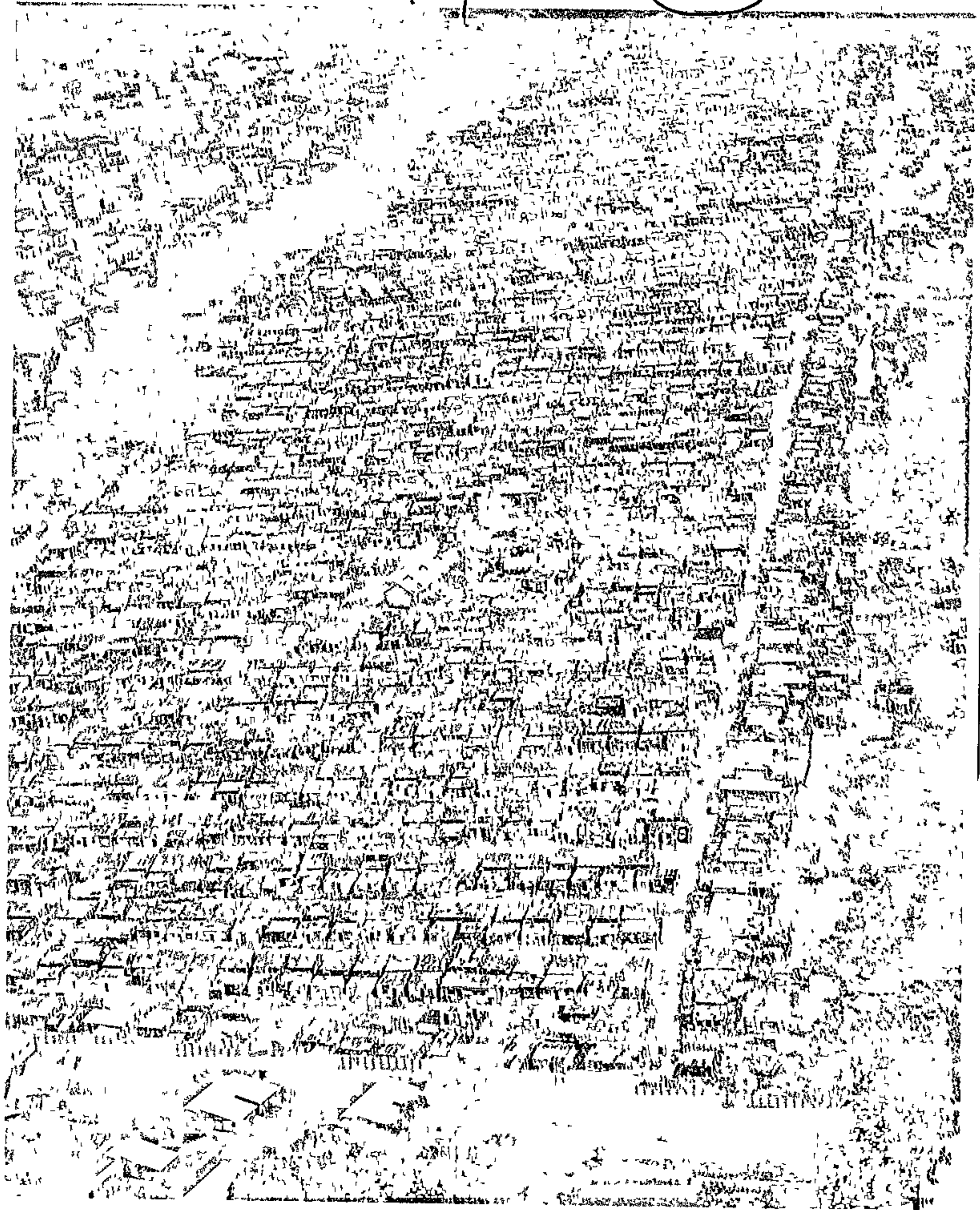
No accurate count is available for the black population which has grown substantially over the past decade or so — especially since the laws that made the Western Cape a coloured preferential area was scrapped a few years ago.

Estimates of the number of black voters vary from Home Affairs' 334 228 to the 1.15-million estimated by the Association for the Promotion of the Western Cape's Economic Growth (Wesgro) — and this variance could substantially alter opinion poll findings during the past few weeks.

An indication of the population growth is found in the burgeoning squatter settlements on the outskirts of Cape Town. Most observers say the region's black population has shown substantial growth over the past 13 years.

According to Wesgro, numbers have increased four-fold from 225 000 in 1980 to 1.15-million today. But they, too, are not absolutely convinced that their figures are correct.

Political surveys completed before the 21-day pre-election period outlawing the publication of poll results have predicted a NP victory in this region. However, observers believe these surveys have failed to take cognisance of the rapid increase in the black population and



HUGE GROWTH . The burgeoning squatter camps on the outskirts of Cape Town provide some idea of how the black population has grown. Picture. AMBROSE PETERS

their results may be suspect due to the sample not correctly reflecting the number of blacks in the Western Cape.

A major hurdle which faced pollsters was the lack of information about the black numbers. The last census conducted in 1991 by the government was not fully extended to the black population. Instead, aerial photographs were taken and estimates prepared from them. These figures, observers believe, may be unreliable.

Another wildcard that could alter the poll predictions is the huge swing vote with more than 20 percent of eligible voters still either undecided or not prepared to publicly state which party they will vote for.

Analysts confidently predict that the bulk of white voters will support the NP, while most blacks will support the ANC. Indications are that at least 50 percent of coloured voters will vote NP, with the rest up

for grabs.

Another unknown factor is what percentage of the black population has identity documents or voter registration cards allowing them to vote.

Voter-education workers have also expressed concern about the literacy levels in the black areas.

One worker said that during mock elections voters used the party colours and pictures of the party leaders to cast their ballots.

"Quite often they were

confused between the pictures of Nelson Mandela and Clarence Makwetu, with the PAC benefiting from the confusion," one voter-education worker said.

Wesgro has estimated the current population for the newly demarcated Western Province region at 4.4-million, of which 2.35m are coloured, 1.15m are black and 900 000 are white.

(News by N Howa, 122 St Georges Mall, Cape Town)

GOOD RAINS

People more willing to listen to the ANC:

By Mzimasi Ngudle
Political Staff

AFTER three years of drought, good rains last year promised not only good harvests of rich maize crops but hopes of better things to come in the rustic Eastern Cape communities

And the African National Congress's crusade to win the hearts and minds of more than 6 million people in the region has struck at the right time

And the fact that Mandela's birthplace is in the region, the third most densely populated after Natal and the PWV, looks like a bonus for the ANC

Most of the region's more than 5 million blacks hold Mandela in high esteem. The general feeling is that "Mandela is ours before anybody else"

People have identified the good rains with the name and person of Mandela

"Ingathi izakulunga lento kaMandela," (Looks like Mandela will deliver) old men muse as they look at their well-fed oxen and sheep

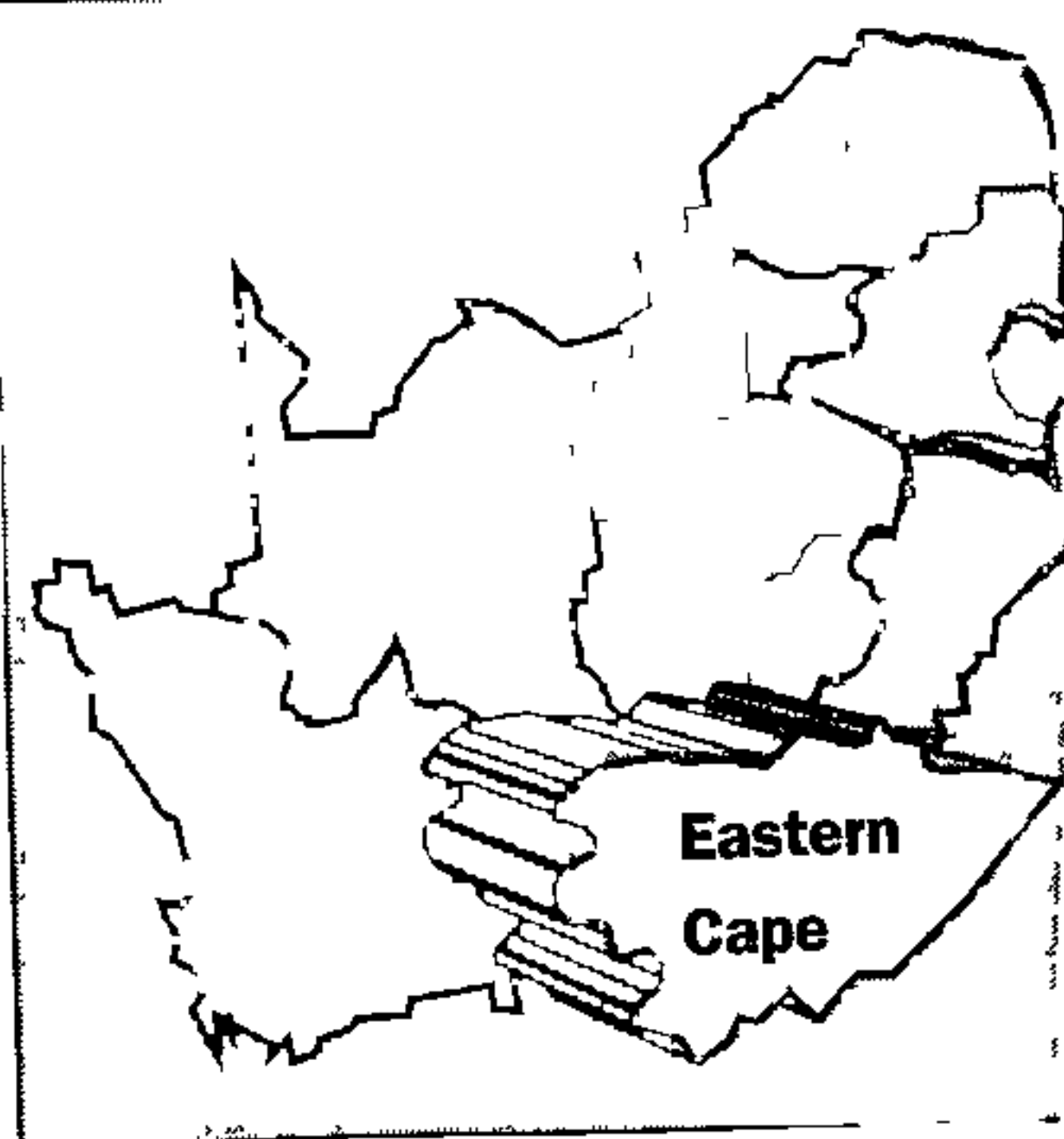
Tacked on green trees and signboards in the few shops that serve the rural communities, ANC posters have replaced some tobacco adverts. In the place of "BB best blend" one now finds pictures of Mandela with the slogan "Jobs, Peace and Freedom"

And jobs is what the people in the region are desperately looking for. Many have been driven to far-flung areas in search of work

Mrs Tozana MamBhele's only fear is that De Klerk "will come and kill us if we vote for Mandela"

The murder of five youths in the SADF raid

Eastern Cape



Vital statistics

last year still echoes loudly in Transkei.

State President De Klerk's "monstrous" image still hovers throughout the length and breadth of the homeland, long after the raid

By the look of things, and with the homeland's popular leader, Major-General Bantu Holomisa, on an ANC ticket, by far the greatest support will be for the ANC

An ominous spectacle for the ANC is the number of spoilt ballot papers the organisation can expect from the homeland's largely illiterate community

Voter education programmes, albeit performed with zeal by independent and partisan agencies, have hardly had an impact

Patches of support for the Pan Africanist Congress are confined to a few identifiable areas like Cala, Engcobo and Ngqelem

The minimal PAC support is not a cause for jubilation to Holomisa. Although campaigning on an ANC ticket, he feels strongly that the PAC should come up second strongest

"I am worried these guys may not do well," said Holomisa who enjoys the confidence of both the ANC and PAC supporters

Population as at June 1993

Total of persons 18 years and older 6.2 million

Whites 372 000

Coloureds 430 000

Asians 16 000

Blacks 5 4 million



There will be 26 seats to the provincial legislature.

Graphic: J Tsatsi

ANC will be running the show in the Eastern Cape border region

Mrs Nomalungelo Vaaboom (44), a domestic worker, said she will vote ANC because "they come to us and explain everything"

However Vaaboom's colleague, Mrs Aurelia Apolisi (46), will vote for the PAC "I joined PAC because my children joined it," she said

Others like Lizo Mbolekwa (46) were still undecided "There are so many parties I don't know which one to vote for. I'll decide a few days before elections," he said

● Tomorrow we will look at OFS.

In Transkei there are no cleavages between the two organisations. It is simply a question of degree and not of difference

Particularly striking was the National Party's absence in the homeland and its scant presence throughout the Eastern Cape

NP offices in King William's Town were empty and locked. An NP employee we found next to the offices said the offices were still new and yet to be opened. An agreement has been reached allowing the National Party to open offices in Umtata. From the look of things the

Where Mandela the rain man is revered

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POLITICS ANC may get Eastern Cape vote in spite of voter illiteracy

An ominous spectacle for the ANC is the number of spoilt ballot papers the organisation can expect from the homeland's largely illiterate community

Lean times for council as draft budget is cut

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council's draft capital budget has been cut back to keep it inside a 10 percent growth limit set by the executive committee

But, provisions for the Olympic bid and decisions by the state about several multi-million rand items are likely to put the budget under pressure

Further cutbacks to projects could be needed to keep the budget in limits

Acting city treasurer Peter Lever said initial draft estimates by council departments totalled R597,2 million. This was R82,7 million over the growth limitation.

Exco has set a provisional rates increase of 9,5 percent

Mr Lever said a working group had met three times to cut spending to bring it below the limit

At the first meeting, departments had said the provisions made were the minimum to sustain current service levels and to meet demands for improvements by councillors and the community

The group had had to accept the cuts, said Mr Lever

The state treasury, which controls growth in capital spending by municipalities, already had accepted council spending on certain major projects.

Mr Lever said there were other projects for which the council should apply for state approval

These included R2-million improvements to Mitchell's Plain stormwater, R70-million for work on electricity switching stations in Roggebaai, Woodstock and Grassy Park, R2,3-million for the Palmiet water scheme, R10-million for expropriating Table Mountain Cableway, and R9,4-million for a new "bale and rail" system of getting refuse to cleansing depots

Mr Lever said provision should be made for the costs of the Olympic 2004 bid

An economic study report had estimated city council spending on the bid as R13-million in 1994, R76-million in 1995 and R81-million in 1996

If the state did not approve any of these items as special expenditure, reductions would have to be made elsewhere

DP may hold balance of power in Western Cape

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

WITH just over three weeks to the elections, the Western Cape is up for grabs and the DP could end up holding the balance of power in the region.

The extent of the response of coloured people when they vote will be decisive.

Opinion polls have shown mini-

mal support for the premiership candidates of all parties in the Western Cape, and these leaders may be having a negative influence on their parties' support.

The ANC tried to counter the apparently low perceptions of its premiership candidate, Dr Allan Boesak, by announcing that Peninsula Technikon rector Mr Franklin Sonn was joining its campaign full-

time

According to the opinion polls, this may be too late.

The latest poll — commissioned by the Sunday Times — gives the NP 33,4%, the ANC 31,3% and the DP 10,5%, with the DP almost doubling its support between November and March in the provincial election.

This would give the ANC 14 seats

in the Western Cape Parliament,

the NP 15 and the DP five. It would also give the ANC seven of the Western Cape-elected seats in the National Assembly, the NP eight and the DP two.

The Sunday Times poll, conducted by Marknor, also indicates that Western Cape voters are the most likely in South Africa to vote for different parties nationally and re-

gionally.

If this is the case, the NP is likely to benefit nationally because of the high standing of President F W de Klerk among coloured people — 33% of who favour him — and the low standing of the ANC's Mr Nelson Mandela, among coloured people — just 4% favour him.

A large number of voters in the Western Cape are undecided

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Wavering voters hold the key in regional battle

S Times 31/4/94

THE National Party has drawn ahead of the ANC in the race to control the Western Cape — but the ANC in the provincial elections. It would appear they want to ensure the ANC does not get a two-thirds majority nationally and are also impressed by President F W de Klerk

Four months of bruising electioneering, including several apparent violations of the electoral code of conduct, appear to have shifted the allegiances of large numbers of voters, according to the latest Pulse of the People poll

The poll also shows that, perhaps more than anywhere else in the country, voters in the Western Cape will make use of the two-ballot system to vote for one party for the national government and another for the provincial government.

On a national level, the NP has performed well with its support among willing and able voters increasing from 33 percent in November to 38 percent in March when the update poll was conducted.

On this level, the poll shows it has held on to its white support (about 40 percent) and increased its support

among coloureds by about five percentage points to 55 percent. *(263/270)*

But 14 percent of the whites and eight percent of the coloureds who said they would vote NP nationally indicated they would support the DP and, to a lesser extent, the ANC in the provincial elections. It would appear they want to ensure the ANC does not get a two-thirds majority nationally and are also impressed by President F W de Klerk

Nearly 33 percent of coloured voters said they were in favour of Mr de Klerk whereas just four percent said the same of ANC president Nelson Mandela.

The dithering among NP supporters could also be the result of uncertainty over the choice of unpopular Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel for regional premier. A recent Markinor poll showed he was less popular than ANC candidate Allan Boesak

Because of the vote switching, support for the NP in the provincial elections has remained static at 33,4 percent (33,3 percent in November).

Support for the ANC in the National Assembly elections in the Western Cape has dropped from 42,9 percent to 31,3 percent. It has shed significant numbers of coloured and white voters, but retains the support of a massive 94,1 percent of black voters in the Western Cape.

According to the poll, support for the ANC among coloureds and whites is higher for the provincial elections. But this is offset by the fact that about six percent of black voters who said they would vote ANC nationally are undecided about who they will vote for in the provincial elections

As a result, support for the ANC in the provincial elections is at 31,1 percent — only just less than for the national elections

Of all the parties, the DP showed the most dramatic improvement in the provincial elections, nearly doubling its support from 5,7 percent in November to 10,5 percent last month. This will give the DP five seats in the 42-seat provincial legislature and a place on its executive.

The poll shows the DP is winning back white voters from the NP. It now has the backing of 18,6 percent of whites as opposed to 11,3 percent in November. Its support amongst coloured voters has also improved marginally

If this voting trend survives the last few weeks of the campaign, the NP, with 15 seats on the provincial legislature, will need the support of the DP and at least two of the smaller parties to assemble an absolute majority of 22 out of the total 42 seats.

But a high 12 percent of voters are undecided and they will determine the outcome in at least five seats. The trend in voting patterns so far favours the NP

(News by: Ray Hartley, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

Woman tops list of Freedom Front candidates in the Western Cape

ANOTHER woman has emerged in the Western Cape's premiership stakes as Constand Viljoen's newly-formed rightwing Freedom Front enters the election fray

Eleanor Lombard, a former Conservative Party election opponent of the National Party's Hernus Kriel, is top of the Freedom Front's list of Western Cape provincial candidates and has been named as the movement's candidate for prime minister

The main line-up for prime minister of the Western Cape is now Henne Bester (Democratic Party), Allan Boesak (African National Congress), Patricia de Lille (Pan Africanist Congress), Hernus Kriel (National Party) and Eleanor Lombard (Freedom Front)

Mrs Lombard entered politics in 1984 when she stood as a CP candidate against Mr Kriel in a parliamentary by-election in Parow. Mr Kriel, a former provincial councillor, won the election and became an MP.

Subsequently, Mrs Lombard became involved with Carel Boshoff's Afrikaner-Vryheidstigting (Avstig) and went to the World Trade Centre, Kempton Park, as a member of Avstig's negotiating team. She is also a member of Avstig's citizens' council.

She is an ardent supporter of Professor Boshoff's planned Afrikaner volkstaat in the north-western Cape, which she believes is the most viable of the volkstaat options put forward so far.

Professor Boshoff and other members of Avstig are also backing the Freedom Front and are among its election candidates.

Mrs Lombard, a former teachers' training college lecturer, told Weekend Argus the Freedom Front was gaining support in the Western Cape not only from National Party members, but also from members of the Inkatha Freedom Party

"We are astonished at the public response so far," she said.

She regarded General Viljoen as South Africa's "voice of reason". "With his military background he is providing a silent power. This, accompanied by his sound and sober judgment, makes him the right man at the right time. He is certainly in tune with South African realities and we believe he can negotiate a better deal for us than Mr De Klerk and his team can do"

Mrs Lombard said the provision made at a late stage for the establishment of a volkstaat council in the new constitution would enable the Freedom Front to continue



Picture HANNES THIART, Weekend Argus

□ **FRONT TEAM:** Some of the Western Cape election candidates for General Constand Viljoen's Freedom Front line up in their campaign office at Melkbosstrand, from left, Pieter Grobbelaar, Ernst van Zyl, Pat Móhr and Eleanor Lombard, back, who is also the the FF's candidate for provincial prime minister.

negotiations after the elections

Other Freedom Front candidates in the Western Cape include Dr Chris Jooste of Vredendal, Mr Ernst van Zyl, a councillor and former mayor of Kraaifontein, Mr Pieter Grobbelaar, a company director and farmer of Stellenbosch; Dr J A de Wet of Plettenberg Bay, Mr Pat Mohr, a Cape Town businessman, and Mrs Hester le Roux, a housewife and former teacher.

Outlining the party's policy, Mr Grobbelaar said the Freedom Front stood for a confederal system of government, was committed to the promotion of peace and security, was against communism

in any form, and wanted a larger measure of federal autonomy in the Western Cape than provided for in the present constitution

Mr Grobbelaar said that if about 80 percent of the 2,4 million voters in the Western Cape voted in the election, a total of about 1,8 million votes would be cast. He estimated the Freedom Front could get about 10 percent of these votes.

This would mean about five seats in the regional parliament

The Freedom Front is conducting its Western Cape campaign from an office in Melkbosstrand — ☎ 553 1656.

(News by F S Esterhuysen, 122 St George's Mall Cape Town)

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Council bans 'hate paraphernalia'

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PARTY-POLITICAL "hate paraphernalia" may not be worn, distributed, or displayed by any Cape Town City Council staff member during the run-up to the election

The council has developed a clear code of conduct for its employees, setting out what they may and may not do in the workplace

Ordinary T-shirts, badges, caps and buttons in party colours will be viewed with tolerance, the council says — except in the case of material that could be construed as "hate material"

Counter staff who serve the public, however, will not be permitted to wear, distribute or display any party paraphernalia.

Employees may not distribute political pamphlets, on or off council premises, while on duty

Nonracial forum approved

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■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The Central Witwatersrand Negotiating Forum — in effect, the restructured Metropolitan Chamber — has been given the official stamp of approval to set up a nonracial Transitional Metropolitan Council around Greater Johannesburg

This forum is one of only three approved to date by the Administrator of the Transvaal and the Committee for Local Government for the PWV Province (2db)

The others are the Greater Benoni and Greater Alberton

forums, which will set up transitional local councils

The PWV local government committee has also considered applications from the Greater Pretoria Metropolitan Forum, the Greater Springs Forum and the North-East Rand Forum

Initially, the Central Witwatersrand Forum will cover the area of the regional services council

At a later stage, additional areas — such as Midrand, Edenvale and Bedfordview, areas north of Sandton and Randburg and south of Ennerdale — might be drawn in.

NP announces 'vision' for W Cape

By ANTHONY JOHNSON

THE NP plans to rename the Western Cape the Cape Province of Good Hope and make Afrikaans, English and Xhosa the official languages. Announcing the party's "vision" for the region under a future NP government last night, premier-designate Mr Hermus Kriel said the NP would be seeking maximum independence from central government.

This included a provincial constitution, an own flag and emblem and frequent regional referenda on the constitution and other issues.

The NP also proposes a multi-party regional executive based on proportional representation should remain in force for at least 15 years. He said the NP was convinced that Cape Town should remain the seat of government in a new South Africa

He said an NP government in the Western Cape would have three major priorities after the election. These were promoting reconciliation between the various parties, ending political violence and reducing the crime rate.

● An NP government in the Western Cape will give its "fullest support and co-operation" to Cape Town's bid for the 2004 Olympic Games, Mr Kriel

said. "In addition, we will see to it sufficient funds are transferred from central and regional treasuries for allocation towards permanent infrastructural improvements. "Extensive promotion of the region's international image over the next decade until 2004 will stimulate investment from local and international sources."

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Poll gives Cape Nats an absolute majority

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE National Party could win an absolute majority in the Western Cape in the April 26/28 election with one survey showing more than two-thirds of coloured voters backing the NP

On the basis of the second Institute for Multi-Party Democracy

survey, which polled 2500 people in the region in February, it was calculated the NP would win 52,2% of the actual vote, with the support of 72% of the whites, 68% of the coloureds and 1,6% of blacks

The ANC was backed by 34,5%, with 81,4% support from blacks

and 25% of coloureds and only 3,6% of whites

The DP was supported by 6,3%, the PAC by 4,2%, the IFP by 0,8% and the right-wing by 1,6%

In the coloured community, the ANC attracted the most opposition while the DP was a clear second choice, behind the NP

New council affirmative action plan

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By PETER DENNEHY

Municipal Reporter

EMPLOYEES of the Cape Town City Council are going to have to brace themselves for at least a five-year period of "affirmative action" if the council endorses a draft agreement with its three unions today.

An affirmative action officer will be appointed, to be based in the human resources department, but reporting to the town clerk and to an "affirmative action board" made up of two nine-a-side teams.

One team will be made up of union or staff association members and the other of departmental representatives or executive committee members. Where they fail to reach consensus, decisions will be made by a two-thirds majority.

Disadvantaged persons are defined as those who have been subjected to past discrimination on the basis of race, gender or disability.

The disability may even be psychological or mental as long as a doctor thinks it is treatable and subject to stabilisation.

Those who are white can take comfort from one of the clauses of the comprehensive agreement: "No employee shall have their (sic) services unilaterally terminated by council, solely as a result of affirmative action."

The agreement also says that affirmative action shall refer to a strategy and process "to be used for a limited period of time" to attain equal opportunity objectives.

West Cape a 'worry' to ANC

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

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THE ANC has publicly admitted that its leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, is "worried" about the outcome of the election in the Western Cape

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Its secretary-general, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, said in Cape Town over the weekend that the ANC faced its hardest battle against the NP in the Western Cape

"This region is daily in the mind of Nelson Mandela. He worries about what is going to happen here," he said

"President Mandela is worried about the Western Cape because he does not want it to be governed by a 'policeman' (Mr Hernus Kriel), who will mess up the economy in this region"

Mr Ramaphosa was opening a conference on the ANC's draft "reconstruction and development programme"

Deep fears

Poll predictions that the National Party's Western Cape premier-designate, Mr Kriel, could win, should act as an impetus for ANC supporters to work harder, he said

Mr Ramaphosa's openly expressed concern reflects deep fears in ANC ranks that on the basis of current trends it will not win the Western Cape outright and worries that the Democratic Party could hold the balance of power in the region

He said ANC supporters should "take on the Nationalists and expose them for what they are — the same racists of the past who shouted 'swart gevaar'"

"The NP is now falsely claiming that the ANC is using racist slogans such as 'kill a coloured and kill a farmer'" He was, however, confident the ANC would win in the rest of the country

The ANC would implement its reconstruction and development plans to give better lives to all people

Mr Ramaphosa also said the ANC would call the shots in Natal after the election, just as it would call the shots in the rest of South Africa



ANC RALLY . . . The main hall of Hewat College by ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa

Socio-economic plan 'workable'

By CHRIS BATEMAN

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THE ANC's comprehensive socio-economic plan had been scrutinised by the world's top financiers and investors and declared "workable".

This was said by ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa in speeches to crowds of 700 and 900 at Kraaifontein and Athlone respectively yesterday

A small throng of NP supporters used a loudspeaker to taunt ANC supporters leaving the Hewat College hall in Athlone, but both rallies went off peacefully. A police presence in Kraaifontein was larger than that in Athlone.

Promising a "ground up" inclusive democracy which would rebuild "from the ashes of apartheid", Mr Ramaphosa said the World Bank, IMF and international governments had all encouraged the ANC to "proceed full speed to implement this plan".

He said unlike the NP, which was canvassing on bankrupt racist policies, the ANC believed in nation-building to ensure the diverse richness of the country made all South Africans proud.

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Nats to win most votes in W Cape poll

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A NEW opinion poll shows that the National Party will win most of the votes in the Western Cape region in next month's election — but that it will not have an overall majority.

A feature of the poll is that 24,2 percent of eligible voters say they will not vote, are not sure that they will vote or say they will "try their best" to vote.

According to a Market and Opinion Surveys poll done for the Institute for Multiparty Democracy, the NP will gain 35,5 percent of the vote, the African National Congress 27,5 percent, the Democratic Party 4,7 percent, the Pan Africanist Congress 3,7 percent and the Inkatha Freedom Party 1,1 percent.

The results have been analysed by the political science department of the University of Stellenbosch.

The National Party is likely to gain 52,4 percent of the white vote, 42,5 percent of the coloured vote and 1,3 of the black vote.

The ANC is given 3,7 percent of the white vote, 72,5 percent of the black vote and 18,4 percent of the coloured vote.

For the DP support in these groups is 11 percent white, 0,6 black and 4,1 percent coloured.

For the PAC there is no white support, 0,3 percent coloured and 15,3 percent black support.

The IFP is given 4,2 percent white, no black support and 0,4 percent coloured support.

A sample of 2 500 voters in the Cape Town metropolitan area stretching as far as Atlantis, Wellington, Stellenbosch and Strand was interviewed.

The poll showed that voter apathy, uncertainty and confusion were most clearly present in the coloured community.

While almost 90 percent of whites and 94 percent of blacks indicated that they would vote or try to, this figure was 76 percent among coloured people.

Violence and intimidation could have the most immediate effect on the turnout of voters. Nearly 20 percent of the total electorate would not go to the polls because of this.

The drop in turnout is more steep in the coloured and white communities, from 82,8 to 57,5 among whites and 65,4 percent to 45,5 among coloureds, than in the black community — from 85,7 percent to 74,1 percent.

Most coloured and white voters see the ANC as the most likely source of violence.

The analysis says a disconcerting observation is the high election expectations of a victory among PAC supporters. In the present survey this is the case among 50 percent of PAC supporters.

"It is conceivable that the election result might come as a rude shock to them and there is no way of telling what the armed members might get up to under those circumstances."

A feature was the weakness of rightwing groups in the area — no more than 1,5 percent of the total population and 5,4 percent of the white group.

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Nats set for W Cape victory

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■ The Western Cape is likely to become an island of NP support in an ANC-dominated South Africa.

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NATIONALISTS are expected to trounce the African National Congress in the Western Cape next month as coloured voters throw their weight behind President De Klerk.

The majority coloured vote in the province has swung the balance in favour of the National Party as most whites support the NP and most blacks support the African National Congress

New information pointing to a likely National Party victory in the Western Cape is continuing to emerge from ongoing research, making the province an exception in South Africa where most other regions are likely to be ANC-dominated

A Human Sciences Research Council/Markdata poll published this week shows the ANC is heading for a massive win at national level.

The ANC could get as much as 72 percent of the vote throughout South Africa with the NP a distant second at 19 percent and the pro volkstaat Freedom Front receiving 5 percent

But in the Western Cape, it is understood, the trend is reversed with the NP now expected to get slightly more than half the vote. This would give the NP an overall majority in the provincial parliament without the need to form a coalition

It means that Minister of Law and Order Hennis Kriel is likely to become Western Cape premier even though he personally has little support in the province — Nat supporters admire Mr De Klerk

The ANC appears to be well behind with little more than a third of the vote. The Democratic Party has shrunk to relatively minor proportions at about 6 percent and the Pan Africanist Congress has become a contender to win a couple of provincial seats with 4 or 5 percent of the vote

There is negligible support for the rightwing in the Western Cape and the maverick parties appear to be wasting their time

Coloured voters, who form 57 percent of the provincial electorate, have swung the balance in favour of the NP. About 60 percent of coloured people who go to the polls are expected to vote Nat

But the relative apathy among coloured voters could count against the NP as there is expected to be a higher percentage poll among blacks, who form 22 percent of the province's voters — whites are about 21 percent

It appears that the Goldstone Report implicating police generals in hit squad activities may have little effect on the election result even if it damages Mr Kriel's image. This is because Nat supporters are not voting for Mr

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Nats tipped to trounce ANC in the W Cape

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Kriel but for Mr De Klerk who has so far avoided implication in the scandal

The trend towards the NP in the Western Cape has also been confirmed in a Markinor poll, published by the SABC this week

This shows Mr De Klerk's huge popularity in the province especially among coloured voters, leading to 74 percent of coloured voters favourably inclined towards the NP

By contrast, the ANC and its leader Nelson Mandela have fairly unfavourable images except among black voters, according to Markinor

Negative views of the ANC and Mr Mandela among coloured voters predominate over positive ones by a 42 percent to 33 percent margin, and among whites by 46 percent to 42 percent

(News by D Breier, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

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CITY's emergency service personnel threaten to down tools if salary increases aren't met. LOUISE MARSLAND and CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT report

HUNDREDS of Johannesburg traffic officers went on strike over a pay dispute yesterday, leaving some rush-hour intersections without pointsmen and police to assist at accident scenes.

Ambulance personnel and firemen are now also threatening to strike, saying they have not received salary increases they were entitled to six months ago

But Johannesburg's recently appointed executive director of public safety, Mike Davis, said yesterday afternoon that the situation had been resolved "at the moment" He denied that there was a strike and said "only a couple" of traffic officers were unhappy with their pay packets

Discussions

"A perception developed among traffic officers and expectations weren't met as far as salary adjustments were concerned Discussions took place this (Friday) afternoon between our human resources department, the unions and the traffic department The matter has been satisfactorily resolved and will be taken further during the salary negotiations "

However, members of Johannesburg emergency services told WeekendStar yesterday that traffic police were not manning radios and had not been available the entire day to attend to traffic accidents "The SAP has been doing all the motor vehicle accidents and pedestrian accidents for us today "

At about midday yesterday, traffic policemen began pulling into the traffic department HQ in Village Street on their motorcycles and patrol cars, allegedly to join their colleagues who were gathering in the courtyard in front of the building

Before the WeekendStar team was ordered off the premises, several infuriated traffic officers complained about their salaries

One said the officers had been negotiating with management for more than six months and the issue had still not been resolved The officers said they were told that the department was being restructured

Several angry officers held up their salary slips to prove their case One, with a gross salary of R2 556, received R653 this month after deductions Another, who earned R1 930, took home R721. And yet another displayed his February and March salary slips His net salary for both months was "nil".

Refusing to have their names published for fear of victimisation, the officers said most of them had families and could not survive on the meagre salaries they received

"I sold two cars and some furniture. I just can't make it on this salary," said one Another officer said he had a wife

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and child to take care of and a home to maintain — and he had not been paid a cent for two months (26/6)

One angry officer said it was ludicrous that the Johannesburg City Council could afford the recent Johannesburg Jamboree celebrations and wanted the Olympics to be held in the city when it could not afford to pay them decent salaries

Unhappiness within the public safety department over salaries began when the department was restructured last year Traffic and emergency personnel say they

strike

26/3/94 were told they would get increases in October last year The increases never materialised

"Even though it is illegal for emergency personnel to strike, everyone is very unhappy and talking about strike action We don't even know whether we will get increases now in the new financial year," said one member of the emergency services.

Davis said he was unaware of any officers receiving no salary at all "If there is this type of situation, I will investigate "

Joh'burg traffic police go on strike

Joh'burg officers up in arms over pay



FIST OF FURY: A disgruntled traffic officer at yesterday's fiery protest meeting in Johannesburg

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iKapa council

'wasted' R7m

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Staff Reporter

THE iKapa town council could have saved R7 million if it had done its own refuse removal instead of using private firms, the Steyn Commission of inquiry heard yesterday.

Mr Eric Fry, a special investigator appointed by the commission into corruption and maladministration in the iKapa town council, said in a report handed to the commission that payments made to Biotech for refuse removal had amounted to almost R11m over nearly four years.

If the refuse removal had been done by the iKapa municipality itself it would have amounted to just over R4m for the same period, he said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that any iKapa official involved with informal tenders and quotation purchases must have known of malpractices which were committed so blatantly."

Mr Fry said he had been instructed to report on the possibility that town engineer Mr C J Vermaak may have been intimidated by the chief executive officer, Mr J J Olivier, and town treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale.

"I am of the opinion this was a distinct possibility because of the domineering character of the two compared to the more reserved manner of Mr Vermaak," he said.

He also found that orders below R10 000 were being given to avoid formal tender procedures which had to be used for orders above that amount and Datron Builders and Decorators received 41 orders involving almost R400 000, he said.

Don't bite off more than you can chew, council told

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town's Transitional Metropolitan Council has been told do not bite off more than you can chew

A metropolitan forum report, released today, recommends that the council have a primarily policy and financial role, with a small bureaucracy — leaving implementation to "sub-structures" like local councils and utility companies

"Sub-structure" councils would keep control of decision-making, implementation of projects, local service provision and a "considerable proportion" of local fiscal resources

Powers and functions listed in the Local Government Transition Act for metropolitan councils include bulk supply of water and electricity, bulk sewerage purification, metropolitan land use and transport planning, arterial metropolitan roads, passenger transport, traffic, abattoirs, fresh produce markets and refuse dumps

Others are cemeteries and crematoriums, ambulance and fire brigades, hospital services, airports, civil protection, metropolitan libraries, museums, recreation facilities, environ-

ment conservation, tourism and economic development

The metropolitan council will take over regional services council levies, will get and distribute grants from central and provincial governments and will be authorised to borrow and lend money for projects.

The report recommends a probe into extending metropolitan powers at a later stage

It recommends that the council step in to render services in areas without "metropolitan sub-structures" — equivalent to local councils

Areas affected by this are Hout Bay, and parts of the Cape Flats formerly served by the Cape Divisional Council and Western Cape Regional Services Council.

Recommendations in the report will have to be debated and finalised before May 2.

The report said metropolitan government should limit itself to handling matters which could not be managed at "sub-structure" or local level.

"Local government affects people's daily lives more than any other level of government. It must not be remote and inaccessible"

Red tide 'unchanged'

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TRYING to find logic amid the air of acrimony in the Cape Flats coloured townships is a task best left to the extremely patient. Nothing there makes much sense during this election period. Which is perhaps why the African National Congress' appeal to the logic of the voters will not rescue it from almost certain defeat at the hands of the National Party on April 27.

While the ANC is fighting its election campaign on issues, with carefully devised policies and persuasive arguments, the Nats are using the much more effective weapon of rumour, fear and mass hysteria.

For a large portion of the working-class population of the Cape Flats, this election is not about jobs, peace and freedom, as the ANC would have it. It is about whether the "kaffirs" should be allowed to rule in which case coloured people will supposedly lose their jobs, their houses and — God forbid — the blacks may even want to marry their daughters.

This is territory where the word kaffir is bandied about more liberally than in ultra-conservative Ventersdorp. Numerous stories abound about how they will storm across the railway line from Gugulethu Crossroads and Nyanga immediately after the elections to take coloured homes. And everyone swears their uncle or brother overheard "them" making these plans at their workplaces.

"Julle gaan shit daai dag (You're going to shit that day)" a not-too-sober Manenberg resident warned me on Sunday just in case I was also eyeing his house.

When Nelson Mandela joined other ANC heavyweights such as Trevor Manuel and Jay Naidoo in a blitz of Western Cape townships last weekend, he tried to send a message of reason and to calm the hysteria that is reaching a crescendo in the coloured townships. Your houses will not be taken away, he told them, instead a million more will be built. Affirmative action does not mean coloured jobs will go to blacks, more

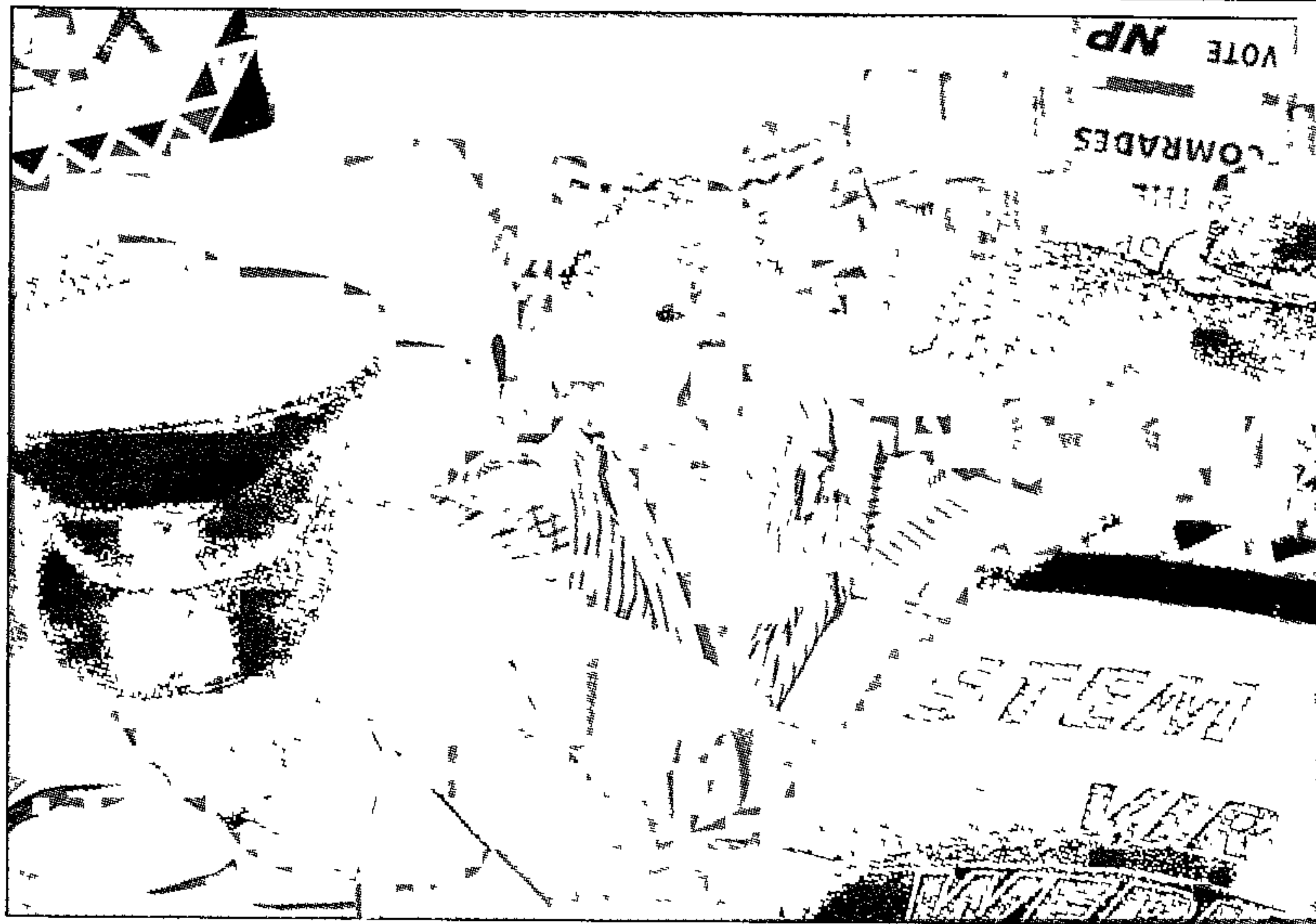
In the coloured Cape Flats, Mandela's just a 'kaffir'

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In the coloured townships of the Cape Flats, FW de Klerk is definitely the man man and the idea that 'kaffirs' may rule the country is the cause of much hysteria. **Mondli waka Makhanya** finds out why.



Ons stem . Police struggle to hold back NP supporters carrying Nat election posters during Nelson Mandela's visit to Manenberg last weekend

PHOTOGRAPH NIC BOTHMA

than two million jobs will be created and affirmative action will advance coloureds, blacks and Indians.

This appeal to reason went down well with the already converted who had come to hear Mandela speak. But for the rowdy, drunken crowds of NP supporters, the ANC president may as well have been speaking to the mountains.

The NP supporters, who dogged

Mandela wherever he went, were not going to buy any assurances from this "gangster who should be grateful to De Klerk for releasing him". In Grassy Park they chanted "coloured strangler", and in Manenberg they brought him a plate of dog food.

The Nats have taken the lead in the area simply by using bush telegraph. Word has spread that *die kaffirs gaan julle huise wegvat* (the kaffirs

are going to take your house away) — and rumour and fact have become inseparable.

"You see," one Manenberg resident told me, "if we let Mandela get power in the Cape, that will be the end of the coloured nation." To which his friend added emphatically "*Julle kaffirs moet terug Transkei toe gaan. Dié is nie julle land nie* (You kaffirs must go back to Transkei

This is not your land)."

Another resident said she would never vote for Mandela because the next thing the blacks would want to marry her daughters. She would never allow that to happen because "*julle mense het te groot dinges* (you people have things that are too big)". This question of size, she further volunteered, was the reason she would not sleep with me.

ANC branches in the coloured townships have been hard at work distributing copies of a Marike de Klerk newspaper interview in which she called coloureds "non-people" and "leftovers", but this has been to no avail. Most residents refuse to make the connection between Marike and FW de Klerk.

Annetta, a resident who said she was forcibly removed from District Six by the boere, admitted dislike for Hendrik Verwoerd and BJ Vorster because "they were terrible men", but said De Klerk is the man who can be trusted to protect the coloureds from the blacks.

"You see," she explained, saliva spraying through a gap between her front teeth, "we cannot vote for the blacks. Blacks cannot rule. Look what happened in Bophuthatswana. And you can't trust the coloureds either, *hulle is almal skelms* (they are all rascals)."

Even the Democratic Party, which is selling itself to coloureds as the white alternative to the Nats, seems incapable of displacing De Klerk's mythical status here. "The DP have been coming and asking us to vote for them. But most people don't even know what DP is. I don't like them because they are too rich."

Which is why Annetta's vote is going to De Klerk. "You can trust a boer. If a boer promises you something, he will give it to you. So I trust that man."

When De Klerk tours the Cape Flats in the next few weeks, he is likely to get a much better reception than Mandela did from the coloureds. And he need not promise them houses or jobs, just protection from the people across the tracks.

Ikapa man denies allegations

KARIN SCHIMKE, Staff Reporter

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AN Ikapa Town Council employee has testified that his work often was frustrated due to understaffing, the fact that he was in a "war zone" and requests for money to upgrade facilities went unanswered

John Walters, assistant director of community services, was in charge of libraries, sports fields, old-age homes and community centres

Yesterday, he testified before the commission of inquiry into corruption at Ikapa that he was expected to deal with security, but this was not part of his official job description

Mr Walters said he had never been reimbursed for his long hours or the work he did which fell outside his job description. He had to work twice as hard not to neglect his department or the safety of employees, the community and council property

Requests to upgrade facilities often were denied or evaded

"For example, we had only one soccer field in Langa and 36 soccer clubs, each of them with up to eight teams

"Whenever I asked for money to help these people, I was told there was none or that management had not decided on the request

"Eventually, I turned to community leaders and friends and acquaintances in other organisations whenever I needed something to assist these people"

Mr Walters admitted he often got free goods from some of the council's clients, but said that these were to sponsor community functions

"The only things I ever asked for were refreshments when there were functions at some of the community centres. I never received any gifts for myself from any of Ikapa's clients"

He also denied being paid R1 000 by Mike Baartman of Springbok Patrols to make recommendations to council to retain the security company's contract. This was in line with Mr Baartman's earlier testimony, when he denied such a transaction

He denied allegations that he received free trips and holidays from Springbok Patrol

"All I ever received from them (Springbok) was a personal loan from Francois Baartman (one of the directors) who is a personal friend of mine. I have paid back half the money and Francois knows that I will pay the rest as soon as I can"

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Forum races against time

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LOCAL government negotiators in the Western Cape face their most trying period over the next few weeks as they race against the clock to meet the May 2 deadline for installing a transitional metropolitan council.

Negotiators are striking compromises on is-

...sues previously considered non-negotiable in a bid to get the process back on track.

Most surprising of the compromises struck this week was one to circumvent one of the clauses of the Local Government Transitional Act.

In terms of the proposal, every elected member of a local government organisation has a right to a seat at the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum. This would mean that the Forum would need to be

By NAZEEM HOWA

enlarged to 1 500 delegates (263)

However, statutory delegates at Thursday night's Forum meeting proposed that all councillors give up their automatic right to a seat on the Forum as a 1 500-member forum would be impractical. It was eventually agreed by the Forum that all present local authorities be approached to consider the proposal.

Negotiators expect general agreement from councils and this minuted agreement would then allow the Forum to proceed as it is presently constituted.

However, the Forum runs the risk of conservative councillors objecting to the proposal and this would then necessitate fundamental changes to the Act or the Forum being enlarged to 1 500-members. Either of these steps will cause considerable delay.

While few expect the May 2 deadline for the implementation of a transitional metropolitan council to be met, negotiators are determined to have the new structure in place as soon as possible after that.

Divided

Though few are prepared to commit themselves to dates, there seems little doubt that the new body will take over the management of the region before the end of June, the end of the financial year for most local authorities.

A growing consensus within the Forum is for broad agreements to be struck to enable the transitional structure to start work at the start of the new financial year.

Difficult issues such as the demarcating of internal boundaries will be left for the new body to sort out as negotiators feel an "organic" relationship would have developed by then.

Several delegates believe that the question of internal boundaries will

probably be the most difficult issue to resolve.

In terms of the Local Government Transitional Act, the Cape metropolitan area will be divided into several primary local authorities. Heated debate is expected about how the primary local authorities will be demarcated.

Already, smaller forums have been started in several areas to work on proposed internal boundaries and much debate has been generated about which primary authorities should take responsibility for areas like Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, Khayelitsha and Mitchells Plain.

Plan for new municipality in city

Municipal Reporter

THE Good Hope Alliance's Cape Town branch has formulated a new proposal for the establishment of a municipality stretching from Woodstock to Wynberg.

On the one side, it will be bounded by the mountain, and on the other by the M5 and Black River Parkway

Mr David Erlough, who participated in drawing up the proposal, said it was esti-

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mated that the southern suburbs municipality would contain some 200 000 residents

A large well-organised municipality would be able to "maintain effective co-ordination" with the Metropolitan Council, instead of being overshadowed by it, his draft paper says

Working Group One of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is addressing the boundaries issue right now, co-ordina-

tor Mr David Schmidt told the forum this week

He said the outer boundary of the metropolitan area had to be established first Comment from non-statutory groups (former non-participants in apartheid local government) in "fringe towns" like Paarl, Stellenbosch and Somerset West was still being awaited before the group could submit its report.

The tentative report date was April 7

Last hurdle for local govt

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By PETER DENNEHY

AFTER a successful meeting last night, only one major stumbling block remains in the way of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum being legally recognised as the body that will decide on the future of local government throughout Cape Town.

Once it gains recognition from the Administrator, the forum will be able to make legally-binding decisions on all local authority boundaries and powers.

It will be able to decide who will serve on a transitional metropolitan council and on all the councils below it until local elections are held at the end of this year.

Agreement has yet to be reached on the forum area's boundary, but last night a way was agreed upon to get around a legal problem that could have led to forum membership growing to an unwieldy 1,400 members.

In terms of the Local Government Transition Act every member of every local authority body should to be allowed onto the forum.

But Mr J P J Adriaanse of Parow suggested that every local authority body in Greater Cape Town should be asked to agree to limit the numbers of its representatives, and that they should vote at the forum on a weighted basis. This was accepted.

One item on which agreement could not be reached yesterday was over whether the Inkatha Freedom Party should be on the statutory or non-statutory side. Neither side wanted the IFP on its team, so the Administrator will be asked to decide.

Parliamentary revamp bodes well for city

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Contractors are working around the clock to complete an estimated R5m revamp of state buildings in Cape Town's Parliamentary precinct by the end of April

The refurbishments, according to political analysts, indicates that the city's future as a parliamentary capital is secured, for the time being anyway

The eight buildings being refurbished are the Marks building, the Belvedere building, 100 Plein Street (the old Barclays Bank building), Goede Hoop (the old Presidents' Council building), HF Verwoerd, Parliament Chambers and Parliament itself

All the buildings are owned by the state except for two floors of Parliament Chambers which are being let

According to regional director of the Department of Public Works, Johan van Wyk, most of the work being undertaken besides enlarging the main chamber of the House of Parliament comprises partitioning and refurbishing of existing Parliamentary office space

In all an additional 1000m² of new office space is to be provided

A department spokesman said they were having to reduce the size of most of the offices to accommodate the expected extra personnel in the same floor area "It is all rather difficult as we are not certain how many people we will have to house," she said

Council debate ends in walkout

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A THREE-HOUR Cape Town City Council meeting to debate constitutional issues ended inconclusively when Arthur Wienburg walked out.

The stalemate came on the eve of a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum plenary to debate a crucial question of membership.

Exco asked councillors to accept a legal opinion that the "Good Hope Centre option" be used to constitute the forum.

This option provides for all members of local government bodies to be members of negotiating forums

Request for smaller, workable management body

In metropolitan Cape Town, this would mean a forum of 1 500 delegates.

Councillors approved an amendment authorising its delegates to press for a smaller, more workable forum or management body.

Exco chairman Clive Keegan said the "Good Hope Centre" option meant an unfair dilution of Cape Town's negotiating strength.

Mr Wienburg accused exco of being "deceitful" by not allowing councillors to see a legal opinion on the representation question earlier.

There was a sharp exchange when Mr Keegan asked Mr Wienburg to withdraw the allegation of deceitfulness.

The legal opinion had been debated at meetings of the ad-hoc constitutional committee, to which all councillors were invited.

Mr Wienburg asked for councillors who were not members of the Democratic Party caucus to be fairly represented in the council delegation for talks.

He opposed the amendment to press for a more workable and

smaller forum because it could prejudice his right to representation.

Ruth Ortlepp said a caucus of statutory groups in the forum had agreed the Good Hope Centre option was unwieldy.

"If every member at a meeting of 1 500 delegates spoke for a minute, we would be there for nine days."

Kenny Penkin said he had not been given full details of "where we are going" in local government transition.

Dick Friedlander said the council

had a responsibility to make the act work.

"But we can't possibly do so with a Tower of Babel with 11 languages and 1 500 members."

Neil Ross said Administrator Kobus Mering had said he could not officially recognise the forum because management committees were not properly represented.

Mr Ross said the 90-day deadline set by the act could not be accomplished.

Frank van der Velde said the real issue was the future of Cape Town as some ratepayers' associations were trying to carve up the city.

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Cape negotiating forum hindered by discord

Municipal Reporter

HOPES are high that the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is set for official recognition, enabling restructuring of Cape Town local government to start in earnest.

But a clear difference remains between the Cape Town City Council and negotiating partners on both sides of the table about membership issues.

Cape Town councillor Neil Ross said last night the forum should adopt the "Good Hope Centre option" because it was legally bound to do so.

This would mean a forum of up to 1 500 delegates.

Mr Ross said real work would then be delegated to an executive committee and working groups, with huge plenaries acting as rubber-stamps.

Parties ranging from Tygerberg councils to the African National

Congress and Pan Africanist Congress opposed this.

They argued for a smaller, more workable forum, even though it would not strictly conform to the law.

Forum co-chairman Willie Van Schoor agreed with Mr Ross that

Progress made on civic finance and staffing

Municipal Reporter

WORKING groups of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum are forging ahead with probes of the financing and staffing of Cape Town's new local government.

Forum co-ordinator David Schmidt said a report on the powers and functions of the Transitional Metropolitan Council could be expected early next week.

May 2 is the deadline for setting

the Local Government Transition Act required representation be given to all members of all local government bodies.

"It makes one wonder what went on in the minds of the drafters of the act," Mr Van Schoor said.

But a workable forum could be

up the council, but the forum may apply for an extension.

A working group has begun discussing how many members the metropolitan council should have.

A joint meeting of all three forums working groups could be held to discuss the future of the administration of the Western Cape Regional Services Council.

Mr Schmidt said the establishment of metropolitan substructures,

set up by continuing with present proportions of representation, he said.

Nothing the deadline for setting up a Transitional Metropolitan Council was 45 days away, Mr Van Schoor urged delegates not to stall the process.

akin to local councils, was being discussed.

It had not been decided whether to set these up simultaneously with the metropolitan council or whether to phase them in later.

A working group on finance and services was planning a 1994/95 budget.

It was hoped that a final report on outer boundaries of the forum area would be ready by mid-April.

discord

"The people of the Western Cape have their eyes on us, they have great expectations of the forum."

Go-chairman Nomandla Mfikeo said the aim of the forum was to improve services for people deprived by apartheid.

She said the provincial administration was making deals "above the head" of the forum.

"Is that a disregard for the forum, or because we are taking too long to get under way?"

"We cannot go on month after month, discussing membership."

Mr Ross said the forum failing to comply with the law could expose it to court action.

Should a dissident councillor take the forum to court or appeal to the administrator, legal opinion given to the forum was that the objector would win.

The next forum plenary is on March 30.

iKapa council picks up pieces

THE crisis-hit iKapa Town Council is to return to normality today following a meeting between its members, the Cape Town City Council, the Cape Provincial Administration and various community organisations

iKapa Town Council acting chief executive officer Mr Deon Adriaanse said yesterday it had been agreed to deal "one by one" with the many problems in the Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu council

"Services are back to normal and we're back in office," he said

The Cape Town City Council's assistant city administrator, Mr Ben van Rensburg, said the meeting had been held to obtain certain information so a report could be made to the council's executive committee

The City Council had been asked to play a facilitating role in restoring services to an acceptable standard, but a number of political issues had to be addressed, he said

The specifics of how services would be normalised had not been discussed but the City Council, Mr Van Rensburg said

iKapa admin 'has virtually collapsed'

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Municipal Reporter

NO emergency intervention by the Cape Town City Council in running the crisis-ridden iKapa Town Council would be taken until this is endorsed and supported by the community, iKapa staff and the trade unions involved in the area, according to exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan

Mr Keegan said yesterday that services in those suburbs were deteriorating and the administration had virtually collapsed

Mr Deon Adriaanse, chief executive officer of the iKapa Town Council, confirmed yesterday that his administration's offices had been closed since last Monday

Mr Keegan said discussions are taking place between the Cape Town City Council, community leaders in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga, and municipal staff who work there, to explore ways in which the City Council can help

The Cape Times was told that the workers were concerned about getting their pay at the end of the month, and keeping their jobs

Mr Adriaanse said an ongoing inquiry into the affairs of the iKapa Town Council (and alleged corruption within its administration) had played a rôle in bringing about the office closures

He said the iKapa Town Council, CPA and other roleplayers were discussing improving services and amenities in the iKapa area

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Cape Town may

run Ikapa council

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CAPE Town City Council has been asked to take over the running of Ikapa Town Council.

The request was made by Administrator Kobus Meiring.

Ikapa, the subject of an official inquiry in past months, last week closed its offices without notice.

A city council spokesman said Cape Town was willing to assist with administration, provided the community and Ikapa staff agreed to the arrangement.

Talks were being held with civic groups and other non-statutory organisations

Boundaries: Optimism reigns

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FRANS ESTERHUYSE
Weekend Argus
Political Correspondent

AN early solution to the controversial issue of boundaries for the Cape metropolitan area is not yet in sight.

But the main players in the debate seem determined to find an acceptable solution to the problem, also as far as inclusion of key Boland towns is concerned.

The outcome could even be a negotiated plan for including some towns and excluding others.

Mr Wilhe van Schoor, co-chairman of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF), is optimistic that the boundaries question can be resolved by the players themselves without hav-

ing to resort to demarcation procedures, which undoubtedly will delay the process.

He told Weekend Argus yesterday it was important that agreement be reached and that the question of boundaries be settled. Unless this was done, no local forum in the area could be recognised officially.

Mr Van Schoor also seemed confident that the present time-scale for setting up local government structures could be adhered to, because of the progress made so far by the CMNF.

Mr Van Schoor said there were only two outstanding issues to be resolved before the CMNF could get official recognition.

These were the question of membership and representation, and the forum's founding document. These matters were now being dealt with by technical

committees and would be debated at the forum's next plenary session on Thursday, March 17, where full reports also would be made by the working committees.

Good progress was being made. It was now a matter of urgency that recognition of the forum should take place.

Asked for his response to the idea of introducing a fourth tier of government for individual local towns, Mr Van Schoor said "I am totally against it."

He was convinced the present concept of third-tier government, to include metropolitan government and its sub-structures, was the best. Mr Van Schoor claimed that all along this had been his personal opinion, which now had been reinforced by his observations during a recent tour of cities in America, Canada and Brazil.

City coffers drained by rates fiasco

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CLIVE SAWYER

Municipal Reporter

RESERVES in Cape Town City Council coffers have been sapped by last year's rates fiasco. The controversial valuation roll cost R11 million in fruitless spending.

And the council stands to whittle funds in its parking areas development fund from R23 million to R11 million by June next year.

In spite of its name, the fund has been dipped into as a useful source of money for capital projects.

But because it is used for grants and not loans, it will halve by next year.

Meanwhile, interest charges could account for more than 20 percent of next year's budget.

The executive committee last year set a 10 percent growth limit on the operating budget.

This was in anticipation of a Department of Finance ruling expected in the next two months.

The ruling is made annually to prevent councils getting in debt over their heads.

Not accounted for in the draft estimates was an expected R50 million for Olympic-related projects.

Details of this are expected later.

This emerged during a special meeting of the utilities and works committee to scrutinise draft capital estimates.

■ Future finances at the Cape Town City Council have come under pressure because of the rates rumpus.

The estimates, which run to more than 200 pages, are used to shape the budget.

Approval of individual items does not necessarily mean they will go ahead, because they are subject to further debate once reports on need and cost are finalised.

Yesterday's meeting saw some shifts in spending.

Tony Powell succeeded in winning more funds for improvements to streets, including pavements, and providing kerbs and channels.

Noting that estimates had halved spending on these items, Mr Powell said ratepayers wanted suburban streets kept up to standard.

Roads engineer Duncan Short said money had to be shifted to other projects to maintain the network of major roads, because of cuts in provincial subsidies.

The committee boosted spending on footways and kerbs by R800 000.

Mr Powell spoke out again about a proposal to spend more than a million rands on the central city pedestrian network.

The proposal includes R1 million to brick-pave Adderley Street pavements between Bu-

reau and Strand streets, and shift street lamps and kerbs.

Thibault Square will get a R850 000 brick paving, with landscaping that was "pedestrian-friendly and vagrant-proof" a planning official said.

Frank van der Velde said "Have you put spikes on the benches?"

Mr Powell asked whether the spending was really necessary, considering the greater need for spending in the suburbs?

The committee agreed to split the spending over two years.

There was a victory for Muizenberg councillors Abe Katz and Joye Gibbs, who persuaded the committee to move R400 000 from another item to enable completion of much-needed parking on Muizenberg beachfront.

Mr Van der Velde protested a metropolitan transport decision to start revamping computerised traffic lights in Bellville, leaving Cape Town waiting for another two years.

Inefficient traffic lights in the central city annoyed him.

"By the time I get to council meetings I am frustrated and angry," Mr Van der Velde said.

"And he takes it out on us," quipped a colleague.

PAC looms as Western Cape power broker

■ PAC support in the Western Cape appears to be growing rapidly, giving the Pan Africanists a chance of sharing power in the province.

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Weekend Argus Political Staff

THERE are growing signs that Pan Africanist Congress support is taking off in the Western Cape as the PAC draws black support from the African National Congress

Election analysts say the ANC has been concentrating much of its electioneering on winning coloured support from the National Party, neglecting its black constituency which is being drawn to the PAC.

PAC support is now believed to be strong enough to win it a few seats in the 42-member Western Cape parliament, giving the PAC a chance to win the balance of power in the event of a "hung parliament" where no party has an absolute majority.

While all signs are that the Nats will be the biggest party in the province, beating the ANC into second place, there is no guarantee the NP will win an overall majority of more than half

The Democratic Party which is struggling to maintain a strong foothold in the province, has already said it will deal with the highest bidder if neither the NP or ANC premiership candidates command an overall majority. The NP candidate is Henus Kriel and the ANC's is Allan Boesak

Patricia de Lille, the newly-nominated PAC candidate for the Western Cape premiership, told Weekend Argus that if the PAC held the balance of power in the province, the "issues" would determine which party it would support

Ms De Lille said the key issue for the PAC was housing and the PAC would support

whichever party would provide the most housing

"There is plenty of State land immediately available for housing that is lying vacant at present," she said

Ms De Lille stressed the PAC was not talking of taking land for housing from the "haves" to give to the "have nots" as there was sufficient State-owned land which could be used for the purpose.

She attributed the growth of PAC support in the Western Cape to the strategy of organising the PAC into small five-member cells where members were motivated to each recruit five members.

The concentration on small house meetings rather than on mass rallies had given the PAC "quality membership" on which to base its support, she said.

Election analysts point to a number of additional factors which have strengthened the PAC's hand

One of these is the sheer luck of being drawn first by the Independent Electoral Commission. This means the PAC will top the ballot papers for both the national and provincial elections while the ANC is buried in the middle. The NP appears last on almost all lists

A more significant factor favouring the PAC at provincial level is the double-ballot system where separate votes are cast for the National Assembly and the provincial legislature

Research has shown that many first-time voters who are ANC supporters will vote for the ANC on the national ballot and the PAC on the provincial ballot in the mistaken belief that the provincial ballot is for their second-choice party.

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STILL NO PAY FOR DELFT 'STREET CLEANERS'

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BY SHANNON NEILL (263)

MORE than 250 Delft residents who swept the streets and cut down bushes in their area over a month ago have still not been paid.

They were "employed" by the four-member Delft Unemployed Association which claimed it had a 10-day contract to cut down trees

While the contract only allowed for 100 people to be paid to cut trees, the association hired an extra 160 people to sweep the streets

They worked from Tuesday to Friday and were then told to stop as there was no money to pay them

Mr Harold Appollis, one of the founders of the association who claims he is a community leader, said "We were holding a protest here against the poor services the Regional Services Council (RSC) provide us with

"The people knew they were working at their own risk and might not be paid"

Residents who worked deny this One of them, Mr David Morgan, said "We know nothing about a protest action or working for free

"We are just unemployed and looking to put food in our babies' stomachs and light in our homes

"Appollis told the pastor to come to the people and ask us to work. We worked and now he won't pay us Appollis hired us and he must now pay us"

Appollis admits there was some confusion about whether the workers understood that sweeping the



NO PAY: Delft workers feel they've been cheated out of pay

streets was a protest against the RSC but denies it was his job to make sure people understood

Mr James Slabbert, director of special affairs in the House of Representatives, said if the workers

could supply 4 000 signatures from the community saying they did the work and should be paid, his department would help them

To date only about 2 000 signatures have been collected

Nats seek racist enclave — Boesak

By **Alan 11/3/74**

ELECTIONEERING gathered momentum in the Western Cape and elsewhere in spite of the Freedom Alliance's announcement that it would stop all negotiations on taking part in the election as a protest against events in Bophuthatwana (263)

ANC Western Cape leader Allan Boesak told a meeting in Kraaifontein the National Party wanted the region to remain a racist enclave in a democratic South Africa

He accused the NP of running a campaign on the basis of racism because it did not have a better programme, policy or past than the ANC

"Nor can it offer a better future or leadership. All they are saying to you is that you cannot vote for a kaffir. It's wrong, it's shameful, you cannot do that"

"You will vote for the NP but (to them) your child will remain a hotnot, your neighbour will remain a kaffir."

If people voted for the NP's racist campaign, then such voting was against the will of God, Dr Boesak claimed. "It is not God's will to look down on other people," he said

Disciplinary action would be taken against rightwing students who heckled, jeered and threw eggs at Minister of Constitutional Development Roelf Meyer at a University of Pretoria campus meeting yesterday

This was said by university vice-rector Theuns Erasmus, who apologised to Mr Meyer after the heated meeting

A vociferous group of rightwing students, waving Conservative Party and "vierkleur" flags, continuously chanted "Constand, Constand (Afrikaner Volksfront leader Constand Viljoen)" and "Volksstaat, Volksstaat" throughout Mr Meyer's speech

The eggs did not hit Mr Meyer, who said there was no difference between radicals of the African National Congress and the CP

Two men died in two attacks on the Sebokeng hostel, police reported

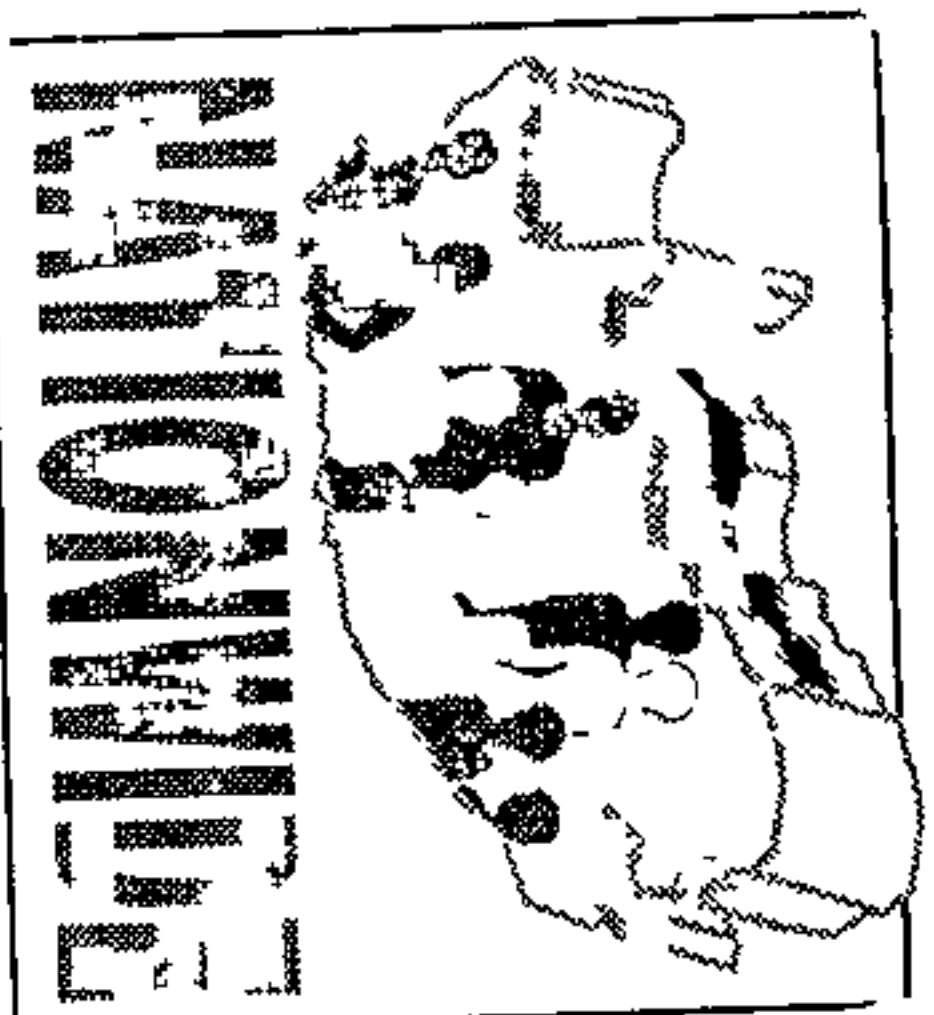
Kopana Hlamadana, 38, and Solomon Nghuwana, 31, died after being shot during AK 47 rifle attacks on their rooms in the hostel

Representatives of 356 rural communities have told ANC president Nelson Mandela that it is time his party started to look beyond the fears of white farmers to the fears of the dispossessed that their landlessness will not be solved

This demand was one of several registered by 14 rural delegates who met Mr Mandela and other ANC representatives in Johannesburg yesterday

"Vasbyt" This was the message Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel gave to anxious residents of the Border corridor when they complained to him yesterday about the rising tide of violent crime in their region

During a day of meetings with businessmen, farmers, professionals, city councillors



and police, he also promised to go back to Pretoria and see what he could do about boosting the number of policemen in the area

The trial of nine Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging members accused of murdering four black people and attempting to murder three others at a bogus police roadblock near Randfontein last year was again postponed in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday after the accused's defence advocate withdrew from the case

However, three pro deo advocates were appointed and Mr Justice D Marais postponed the trial to Monday following assurances from the advocates that they would be ready to proceed

South Africa does not deserve a government with strong African National Congress representation, National Education Minister Piet Marais said in Caledon last night

He told an enthusiastic, foot stomping audience of about

250 "We must work hard to give the ANC the hiding of its life in the election"

He said the ANC was making promises which it could not afford to keep

"There is no such thing as a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. To keep its promises, the ANC will have to tax us so much we will be brought to our knees"

President De Klerk's Northern Transvaal roadshow ended on a high note in Pretoria yesterday when he addressed 1 000 flag-waving supporters

The gathering was the first major multiracial NP rally in the city, and clearly signalled a major surge in the party's Northern Transvaal support

In his speech Mr De Klerk hinted at a target of 8.9 million votes nationwide for the NP in the election

"But it will take hard work, we must not be complacent about our success so far," he said

No progress was made at last night's crucial talks on international mediation between the ANC and the IFP, and the two parties are scheduled to continue their discussions today

Last night's meeting, which ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa had hoped would finalise details on the proposed mediation, was bogged down by debate on the unfolding drama in Bophuthatswana
(Compiled by H S Robertson, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Councillors walk out of budget meeting

□ No quorum after row about computer costs

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

A WALKOUT by two Cape Town city councillors brought a premature end to a crucial R80 million budget meeting

Leon Markovitz and Arthur Wienburg walked out of the special meeting of the amenities and health committee yesterday, leaving it without a quorum

Mr Wienburg walked out moments after calling Chris Joubert an irresponsible committee chairman, and then refused to withdraw the remark

The meeting had debated only 30 pages of a 220-page set of draft capital estimates

From the start, Mr Wienburg challenged several items of spending

Capital estimates are a rough projection of spending needs, subject to approval by the council. Individual items each have to be approved by standing committees before full details can be finalised

The break came over a request for R100 000 for computer equipment

Civic amenities director Jack Klopper said this was to enable computerised bookings for civic amenities, processing summons-

es, and for a secretary to get a personal computer

Mr Wienburg said the amount was ludicrous because the equipment could be bought for less than half the money. He said staff were "purposely padding the estimates to enable them to shift money around later, to spend on something they want"

Mr Markovitz asked whether complaints of inefficiency had led to the request for spending

He was told the secretary was using a typewriter, and the branch wanted to "come into line" with other council departments which used computers

Mr Wienburg said it was unnecessary for a computer to be used for bookings

Mr Markovitz said giving every secretary in the council a computer would cost millions of rands

Mr Wienburg said the computer equipment item should be cut to R50 000, but Mr Markovitz rejected this because insufficient detail had been given to decide on an amount

Mr Wienburg accused officials of "taking money from the pockets of ratepayers"

As Mr Markovitz rose to leave, Mr Joubert asked him why he was going

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Mr Markovitz replied "I had intended to leave quietly. But for years I have felt this is a rubber-stamp type of meeting and my time is too valuable to deal with matters in this fashion"

Mr Markovitz said the standing committee budget reviews were unnecessary because exco made changes without reference to committees

Mr Joubert pointed out that Mr Markovitz was a former chairman of the amenities committee. Mr Markovitz said he had fought the system at exco

When the spending was accepted — by Mr Joubert's casting vote — Mr Wienburg said this had been done after "scant justification". He said Mr Joubert was irresponsible, and walked out

Mr Joubert apologised for Mr Wienburg's behaviour

"We have tried to run the city efficiently. At exco meetings we strive for productivity, efficiency, and cutting down. But there is a destructive attitude in some councillors"

After an adjournment for tea while the committee attempted to get a quorum, Mr Joubert adjourned the meeting

The timetable allowed for another special meeting before March 19, he said

Keegan defends paid leave for ANC man

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□ Not corruption but 'small contribution towards normalising local government'

SHARON SOROUR
Labour Reporter

CITY council executive committee chairman Clive Keegan has denied "corruption" over African National Congress parliamentary candidate and local government negotiator Salhe Manie being granted special leave

Mr Keegan said it was clear that "considerable misunderstanding" surrounded the relationship between Mr Manie, vice-chairman of the Local Government Negotiating Forum, and the council

"This is not a tale of corruption, but of a small contribution by the council towards the normalisation and democratisation of local government"

There has been public criticism that Mr Manie has not worked a full week for the city council since September, 1989, or a full day since January 29 last year, yet has been on full pay with benefits all the time

In a letter to The Argus, the council was accused of subsidising the political activities of Mr Manie, the ANC and the Communist Party

Mr Keegan said the execu-

tive committee (exco) was satisfied Mr Manie had "fully accounted for time off granted to him"

Mr Keegan said "the main reason for Mr Manie's special leave is for him to fulfil his roles in the various forums presently negotiating local government reform"

He said "It is one of the paradoxes of our political transition that we are compelled to treat Mr Manie on two parallel planes. On one hand he is an electoral adversary, representing a party whose ideology is hostile to that of a DP-con-

trolled council, while on the other hand (whether we like it or not) he is a partner in the orderly move towards a new civic stability"

Mr Keegan stressed the arrangement with Mr Manie was agreed to only in July last year, not four years ago

In 1991, when Samwu approached the council to negotiate a recognition agreement, exco turned down a request that 10 shop stewards be accorded full-time status to undertake union business

But because the union represented 75 percent of council

employees, exco resolved to deal with the request for time off sympathetically "should the circumstances warrant it"

In July last year when exco met Mr Manie, then a shop steward and Samwu chairman, it was pointed out that because of the changing political situation, Samwu had become increasingly involved in local government restructuring

"The concomitant role of the union's main office bearers had increased significantly and, as a result, the time off previously granted was inadequate

Mr Manie's role in particular

had changed considerably and his role as Samwu chairman was being affected

Conceding that his role as a senior local government negotiator was important, exco granted Mr Manie the necessary time off

Factors considered were the role he played in the finalisation of the Local Government Transition Act and the finalising of Chapter 10 of the Interim Constitution

Mr Manie was also involved in national negotiations on restructuring the public service and was a member of the National Economic Forum

Forum in attempt to streamline structure

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THE Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum is set for official recognition if it can resolve issues of membership

The deadline for the forum to nominate a Transitional Metropolitan Council is May 2

The forum steering committee has been holding bilateral talks with local government bodies, including local councils, management committees and ratepayers' associations.

A major obstacle in the debate on membership is a section of the Local Government Transition Act which casts a wide net by allowing all local government bodies representation

It is reliably understood that management committees have asked for one representative each

If the Cape Town City Council was, by the same token, to be given only one forum representative it would be outweighed by management committees

Steering committee co-chairman Willie van Schoor said 10 proposals for structuring membership were being thrashed out by a technical committee

It was hoped to find a workable compromise between the forum being inclusive and being of a practical size

The forum wanted to settle the question by negotiation rather than by taking legal opinion

There is disagreement between statutory and non-statutory sides about whether trade unions should be members of the forum

A working group on outer boundaries for the forum is a thorny issue because of opposition by seven Boland and Helderberg towns to inclusion. It is expected to have a final report ready within two weeks.

Other working groups, on finance and personnel issues, are preparing reports

The forum will hold its next plenary on March 17 in the Cape Town City Council chamber.

The role of the forum will be to decide the powers and functions of the Transitional Metropolitan Council, and to nominate councillors

Responses to metro plan for outer boundaries

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

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RESPONSES to proposals for outer boundaries of the Cape Town metropole range from outright acceptance to allegations of imperialism.

- Atlantis Development Forum proposed widening the borders. ARG 5/3/94
- Bellville City Council said the metropole should go no further than Blue Downs and Bloubergstrand.
- Cape Town Chamber of Commerce said the RSC boundary could be used provisionally.
- Cape Town City Council said Stellenbosch, the Strand and Somerset West should be included, but Paarl and Wellington left out.
- Durbanville Town Council said the fringe towns should decide for themselves
- Durbanville's African National Congress branch said the town should be in the metropole.
- The Good Hope Alliance said the boundary was "too extensive" and should be cut back in the west.
- Kuils River and Milnerton councils accepted the proposals.
- Pinelands said the Boland towns should be excluded.
- Strand Community Action Committee said the Helderberg should be in the metropole.
- Stellenbosch Agricultural Society and Stellenbosch Ratepayers' Association — which said Cape Town was being imperialistic — were among the Boland bodies to reject incorporation.

Boland towns united against 'big city'

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CONFLICT over whether seven "fringe" towns in the Boland and Helderberg will be under the jurisdiction of the new Cape Transitional Metropolitan Council seems set to drag on until a provincial demarcation board is appointed.

The disagreement about the future of the towns is a major obstacle to badly-needed reform of Cape local government.

The towns — Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek, Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay, yesterday told a Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum public hearing they did not want to lose their sovereignty to a new metropolitan government.

And, while they would co-operate with forum working groups where their interests were affected, they rejected full membership because they did not want to be bound by forum decisions.

The forum's "boundaries working group" is to compile a final report for the steering committee and plenary. It seems unlikely a compromise with the fringe towns will be found.

Local government MEC Piet Schoeman said arrangements would have to be made — with the agreement of the powerful new multi-party provincial committee on local government — for an investigation by a demarcation board still to be appointed.

A proposal by a metropolitan forum working group to use Western Cape Regional Services Council boundaries as interim borders for the metropole drew responses from more than 35 town councils, business and civic bodies.

Informed sources said opposition to inclusion in the metropole seemed relatively united among statutory and non-statutory groups, while opinion in the Helderberg differed, with some non-statutory groups wanting to be included.

Consultant Dennis Moss, speaking for the seven fringe towns, told the public hearing the impression created in the Press of a conflict between the towns and the forum was false.

"We want only to find a solution which is the best for all concerned.

"We could not find any significant evidence to support the inclusion of the fringe area which would improve the functioning of the Cape Town met-

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'Bolandigheid', pride in 300 years of autonomy

possible to local authorities.

Cape Town City Councillor and boundaries working group member Neil Ross asked Mr Moss whether there was a case for including some towns, like Stellenbosch and Somerset West, in the metropole.

Mr Moss said there were some towns which fitted in the metropole more than others — but it was most natural for them to be with each other.

"There is a sense of belonging, of *Bolandigheid*, and including us will damage that"

People did not see themselves as part of metropolitan Cape Town.

He acknowledged there was a case for sub-regional co-ordination, but said metropolitan government was not needed for this co-ordination.

The constitution provided for only three tiers of government — and in greater Cape Town, the metropolitan council would be the third tier. Metropolitan sub-structures which replaced town councils would be subject to the wishes of metropolitan

government. Three hundred years of sovereignty would disappear, he said.

Committee technical adviser Gys Hofmeyr said the "remoteness" of metropolitan government was an inevitable implication of the new system.

The argument "the metropole ends where the mountains do" was wrong, he said.

Stellenbosch mayor Koos van Schoor said no one had any experience of metropolitan government.

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ropolitan area as contemplated in the interim constitution or the Local Government Transition Act." (263)
The metropolitan area was so huge — twice the size of the Los Angeles metropole — it was like a sub-region

"The proposal moves away from the intention of the Act, which is to bring government to the people"

Internationally, the trend was to shift as much power as

Audit spurred waste removal

Staff Reporter

THE amount of waste removed by a private waste removal company increased about nine-fold when internal auditors observed its performance, according to the assistant town engineer of the Ikapa Town Council

Mr Francois van Niekerk was giving evidence yesterday be-

fore the Swart commission into irregularities and maladministration in the council

A graph produced by Mr Van Niekerk after the findings of the auditors showed that in the week the company was monitored, 450 tons of waste was apparently removed

In a normal week about 53 tons of waste was removed from

Brown's Farm in Philippi, he said

Mr Van Niekerk said that despite the apparent increase in the amount of waste removed by SA BioTech, there was no increase in the amount of waste being dumped at the Swartklip dump near Khavelitsha

The hearing continues

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PE makes council history

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — This city made history last night when it became the first major centre to reach agreement on a non-racial transitional local council to replace apartheid local government structures

A two-hour meeting of the One City Forum in the former Wool Exchange building culminated in the 18 member organisations signing an agreement which had been three years in the writing. If all goes according to plan, the new council could meet early next month

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Several local rule options on the cards

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Demarcation board may be asked to arbitrate

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town city council could put several options for new Peninsula local authorities to the local government demarcation board, instead of endorsing only one.

A proposal to the council is for at least four options for "metropolitan sub-structures" equivalent to new town councils which will be set up when metropolitan government is introduced and present councils abolished.

Options include cutting up the present Cape Town city council into smaller authorities or retaining it as a large "core city" within the metropole.

It is reliably understood that the council may pass on its options to the demarcation board to arbitrate.

Several proposals for redrawn municipal boundaries have been put forward, including those by Bellville city council, the African National Congress and the town councils of Durbanville, Milnerton and Pinelands.

The boundaries committee of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum will meet tomorrow to hear evidence from several groups, including seven "fringe" Helderberg and Boland towns, on outer boundaries for the metropole.

Opinion is divided among statutory bodies in the seven towns about whether they should be included in the forum area.

While white town councils are opposed to inclusion, management committees said in talks with a delegation from the statutory caucus they wanted to be included in the metropolitan forum.

The statutory bodies resisting inclusion in the metropolitan forum have been asked to take part so that they can argue the case for eventual exclusion from the Transitional Metropolitan Council.

The financial standing and needs of black local authority areas are being investigated.

The main work of the metropolitan council will be to improve municipal services in impoverished areas.

● A decision on a rezoning application to build five-storey flats in Springbok Road, Green Point, high on the slopes of Signal Hill, has been postponed.

The town planning committee will ask developers to build

a model of the development. If the developers refuse, the committee will go ahead with a decision.

The town planning department has recommended approving the rezoning.

Committee member Llewellyn van Wyk said the effect the flats would have on the view of Signal Hill from below was crucial. "This is a beachfront development, it does not belong up there," he said.

Ikapa: Staff 'played games'

Staff Reporter

STAFF at the Ikapa town council allegedly played computer games on two computer systems which Ikapa bought and maintained for more than R1m but only operated at five percent of their capacity, a commission of inquiry heard yesterday

Mr Deon Adriaanse, the acting chief executive officer at Ikapa, when asked if staff using the computers were playing computer games, sending messages to each other and using them as word processors, said "it was possible"

Mr Eric Fry, a retired municipal treasurer appointed by the commission to investigate Ikapa's affairs, told the commission Ikapa had spent almost R1m employing consultants to help them use the computers when the council had an accumulated deficit of about R200m in 1992, and even now both systems were not working to the benefit of the council

He testified that only one computer system was needed at Ikapa and as a result of the bungle the council had to pay R147 000 a year to maintain them

He said the two computers, bought in April and November, 1992, at a cost of R246 000 and R254 526, respectively, only operated at about five percent of their full capacity because the council did not have staff trained to operate them

Depleted

The council had engaged two consultancy firms to report on the computerisation of Ikapa's data processing which was being run on a manual basis and the total cost was R983 000, he said

Mr Hannes Smit, one of the consultants, was subsequently employed by Ikapa as acting town treasurer. Mr Smit was not a member of the Municipal Accountants Board, which should have approved his appointment, but he did have a B Comm degree, he said

Mr Fry said qualified people were needed to control the operators of the system

In his evidence Mr Adriaanse said the two computer systems were needed to provide data to enable Ikapa to make sound business decisions

The funds to buy the two computer systems had come from their cash reserves which were now depleted, he said

Mr Adriaanse denied that there was mismanagement in buying the computers and did not accept they were only used to five percent of their capacity

Ikapa man ⁽²⁶³⁾
admits bad
management
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EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

THE purchase of two computers for hundreds of thousands of rands by Ikapa Town Council when it was financially in the red would have minimised mismanagement and irregularities, the commission of inquiry into corruption and maladministration in the council heard today

Acting Ikapa chief executive officer Deon Adriaanse agreed under cross-examination that there was mismanagement in the council

His admission conflicted with his testimony yesterday

Today, Mr Adriaanse told the commission he was stating "as a fact" there were irregularities in the council.

Mr Adriaanse said the computer system, which he had been "fighting for for a long time", could have prevented the mismanagement, using as an example a case where one company would use two different names and tender for the same contract.

"The computer would have shown it," he said.

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Kriel a liability in NP's bid for Western Cape

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Mondli waka Makhanya

LAW and Order Minister Hernus Kriel is proving the weak link in the National Party's quest to wrest control of the only region within its grasp

Kriel, the NP's candidate for the Western Cape premiership, has kept a very low profile in the regional campaign prompting some observers to conclude the NP is deliberately keeping him out of the public eye because of the low esteem he has in coloured communities and instead allowing the more popular FW de Klerk to do the legwork

However, the NP's chief election strategist in the region, Melt Hamman, said NP strategy was to "promote the NP, the NP being the state president"

Kriel is said not to have been a favourite of coloured delegates at the party's regional congress but the much larger contingent of white delegates won the day

Both the Democratic Party and the ANC are exploiting Kriel's poor image to woo the sought-after coloured vote from the NP. They are both focusing on Kriel's failure — in his capacity as the country's chief law enforcer — to halt spiralling gang violence on the Cape Flats. Addressing a rally in the coloured township of Macassar, ANC economics head

Trevor Manuel attacked Kriel for failing to contain the violence and apprehend the Station Strangler — the serial killer haunting the coloured suburb of Mitchell's Plain. "In Manenberg it's the law of the Clever Kids and the Americans that rules and in Mitchell's Plain it's the law of the Station Strangler that rules," Manuel told the crowd, urging them to reject Kriel. "Ons kan dit nie toelaat nie (We cannot allow it)"

DP candidate for the regional premiership Hennie Bester reckons the NP strategy is to hide Kriel and "have him come in on the back of FW.

"In his candidature Kriel will be promising the people peace and prosperity. But since he became law and order minister, on average 40 people a day die in this country and most of the deaths in the Western Cape are of a criminal nature," said Bester, whose party hopes to skim a significant portion of the coloured vote from the Nats.

Price-tampering allegations heard

Staff Reporter

AN assistant accountant at Ikapa allegedly urged a company dealing with the council to inflate their prices, a commission of inquiry into alleged corruption at the Ikapa town council heard yesterday

In an affidavit handed in at the hearing, Mr Paul Morkel of Uniforms Unlimited said Mr

Sarel Marais told him in June 1991 that his prices should be inflated "because the old man wants his cut"

Asked who the "old man" was Mr Marais said he referred to members of his senior staff as "old man", but denied it was Mr Ian Grisdale, the former town treasurer at Ikapa

Under examination Mr

Marais said he could not recall having this conversation with Mr Morkel *ET 13/94*

Several times while he was being questioned Mr Marais, who is employed in the treasury department at Ikapa, said he could not recall events in his dealings with Mr Morkel

Asked if he was friendly with Mr Grisdale or if he had

ever visited him at his house, Mr Marais denied this

Earlier evidence by witnesses was that they were "best of friends" (263)

Mr Marais was charged with fraud in 1991 after Mr Morkel alleged he had asked for his prices to be inflated. He was acquitted of the charge in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court.

ARG 1/3/94
**Metropolitan
forum delays
plenary again**

Municipal Reporter

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THE Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum has postponed its plenary session for a third time, but there is confidence that local government restructuring will stay on track.

Negotiators from the statutory side of the forum are meeting "fringe" councils from the Boland and the Helderberg on whether the towns should be included in the metropole.

The towns announced in January that they did not see themselves as part of the Cape metropole.

Public hearings on the outer boundaries of the metropole are to be held on Friday.

It is likely these will be dominated by a discussion about the fringe towns.

Forum steering committee co-ordinator David Schmidt said there was optimism that forum working groups would have proposals on procedure ready in time for the plenary, postponed until March 14.

Amendments to the forum's founding document were under way to enable it to be recognised in terms of the Local Government Transition Act

Inquiry finds Ikapa went on spending spree while in the red

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

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ARG 1/3/94

THE Ikapa town council spent hundreds of thousands of rands on two computers when it was financially in the red, a commission of inquiry investigating corruption and maladministration in the council has been told.

Eric Fry, a retired municipal accountant appointed by the commission to look into Ikapa's affairs, also told the commission that Ikapa had spent almost R1 million employing consultants to help them use the computers properly.

At the time of buying the computers the council was R200 million in debt.

He said the computers, bought in April and November 1992, cost R246 000 and R254 526 respectively and worked at only five percent of their capacity because the council did not have staff trained to use them.

He said R147 139 was spent maintaining the second computer. He did not know how much it cost the council to maintain the first computer.

He told the commission the coun-

cil had also engaged two consultancy firms to look into the viability of the two computers at a cost of R983 000 from August to December last year.

"But to date both computer systems are still not working to the benefit of the council," he said.

One of the consultants, Hannes Smith, was subsequently employed by Ikapa as acting town treasurer.

He said Mr Smith, a qualified accountant, was not a member of the Municipal Accountants Board, a body which should have approved his appointment.

Asked if the post had been advertised, Mr Fry said he could not establish this.

Asked if the bottom line was that Ikapa had spent R1 million on consultancy fees, Mr Fry said this was the case.

He told the commission that his own views were that because the systems were not being fully used he believed the restructuring and engaging of qualified personnel was important.

He said there were two vacant posts at Ikapa and they needed to be filled by competent qualified personnel.

Blacks query ANC wooing of coloureds

ART 28/2/94

□ Mbeki warns NP could win in W Cape

VUYO BAVUMA
Staff Reporter

BLACK businessmen want to know why the ANC is wooing Western Cape coloureds at the expense of Africans, and why ANC-aligned structures appear to frustrate the development of small business in the townships

About 100 businessmen, including Cape Democratic Taxi Association operators and Khayelitsha spaza owners, were addressed by ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki at Club Ubuntu at the weekend

Mr Mbeki called throughout his three-day visit to Cape Town for Africans in the Western Cape to "cross the railway lines and join hands with the coloureds so the National Party of apartheid is defeated" in the elections

He said there was a danger the NP might win if the Western Cape's oppressed people were still caught up in apartheid-cre-

ated problems.

Kenneth Mqgagho, who runs Club Ubuntu, Guguletu's only nightclub, asked what the ANC was doing to win the African vote

"The ANC has focused on the coloured people to win their votes. As much as we would like to extend our hands to the coloureds, what's the ANC doing to win the African votes?"

He said coloureds had historically always been favoured in the Western Cape.

Mr Mbeki said the ANC was strong on the principle of non-racialism and could not introduce programmes that "favoured one group at the expense of another"

"The Africans already understand the need for the government to be changed. But this is still a problem for the coloureds, that's why we are devoting our resources to explain this"

Khayelitsha businessman Sam Tuntubele said black business-

men might hesitate to vote for the ANC when some of the movement's structures were virtually at war with small business.

In D M Block, Khayelitsha, he said, small businesses were being destroyed by hooligans within ANC-created structures and the "worst thing is that even the ANC cannot stop this".

In Guguletu small business owners were robbed almost daily.

Mr Mbeki said he sympathised with the plight of the businessmen and advised them to take up the issue with the ANC office.

Bus company owner Peter Motale of Guguletu asked what the ANC would do to rectify inadequate traffic control in Guguletu and Nyanga

Trevor Manuel of the ANC's national executive council said these problems would be rectified in the ANC's reconstruction and development programme

(News by V S Bavuma St George's Mall Cape Town)

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Local government debts to be written off

Municipal Reporter

TRANSITIONAL city and town councils will not inherit current local government debts, said Andrew Boraine, a member of the Transitional Executive Council and local government...

Mr Boraine said different types of debts were owed to different bodies. Some creditors were government departments facing extinction under a new dispensation...

And in a move likely to send shock waves in local government circles, Mr Boraine said he doubted ratepayers associations could count themselves among non-statutory ranks...

In metropolitan areas countywide ratepayers associations have demanded to be on the opposite side of the table from established local government...

Mr Boraine said the purpose of local government forums was to broaden representation in the debate on the civic future...

The Local Government Transition Act is there to create inclusive and representative bodies, but is not there for parties to get double representation...

Bodies which had taken part in municipal elections in the past would be seen as statutory, he said...

It was crucial to get past constitutional issues about forums to financial issues...

These included levels of services, tariffs, ensuring payments for services, grants, loans, and whether electricity should be used to augment metropolitan or municipal offers...

Metropolitan govt in position by May

Cape Town is getting up to a gallop in the race for nonracial metropolitan government

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town could be ready to appoint its first nonracial metropolitan council before the May deadline...

Potential pitfalls still facing the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum included potential deadlocks on controversial issues such as membership, said steering committee co-ordinator David Schmidt...

He admitted progress to this point had been slow. Unresolved issues included the non-participation of Helderberg and Boland "fringe" towns...

"But come 1994 the wheels of progress have started to move fast." There was a spirit of co-operation among forum members and public interest and debate was growing...

"In every community people are drawing maps," Mr Schmidt said, referring to the tussle over future municipal borders. Recognition for the forum in terms of the act was "priority one"...

This meant some amendments to the founding document, to which the steering committee had agreed already. Talks were in progress with greater Cape Town's 32 "coloured" management committees, which wanted direct representation on the forum for all members...

The Cape metropole had a services crisis. The provincial administration had a strategic management plan to tackle this crisis but this had to become part of the forum process, Mr Schmidt said...

A working group on personnel issues was to do an audit of local government staff. This working group would debate procedure to reorganise local government administration, and interim staffing arrangements for the Transitional Metropolitan Council...



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. New city planner David Daniels will move into Neville Riley's office on April 1 if he survives the Cape Town Marathon today. He should do, as Mr Daniels is a veteran of several Comrades and Two Oceans marathons. His dream — that the Cape Town Marathon will be the official Olympic Marathon in 10 years.

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Governments set to do battle in two-tiered fight for public funds

for public funds

Municipal Reporter

THE man tipped to be the next Minister of Local Government foresees a struggle over money between metropolitan and regional governments...

It is a struggle which will worsen if different political parties control different levels of government, Institute for Local Government head Thozzile Botha said...

"If there is hostility, provincial government could try to reduce the tax bases of the metropolitan council." And Mr Botha — who also heads the African National Congress local government department — challenged a National Economic Forum proposal to take away electricity income from local authorities...

Slashing away electricity, a significant contributor to municipal coffers, could create "untold misery and conflict", Mr Botha said. Options for future metropolitan government included a potentialised legislative and executive authority, or a service delivery agency...

Metropolitan government was essential where local councils were delivering services of different standards, and there was an uneven distribution of income...

Some were supplied by Eskom and the rest by Cape Town City Council. This caused a huge disparity in tariffs, while white areas had credit electricity meters and black areas had pre-payment meters, leading to political tension...

Mr Botha said the final constitution would settle the relationship between second and third-tier government. The interim constitution put local government under the power of provincial parliaments...

"Given provincial governments will be competing for revenue, they may want to take over sources of revenue traditionally used by metropolitan councils." In some cases, metropolitan areas could be richer than provinces...

A provision in the interim constitution, that all local government finance would have to be channelled through provincial parliaments, should be reviewed, Mr Botha said. It was not necessary that all services should be provided by the same authority. "There may be different arrangements which do not correspond with political boundaries"...

Economic recovery needs viable cities

Municipal Reporter

A WORLD Bank report on metropolitan finance said national economic recovery would be impossible without properly functioning cities. Rates increases and new local taxes could be introduced to combat shoddy standards of services in poor black areas...

But there was a willingness to make progress, African National Congress member and city councillor Margaret Winter told the seminar. (News by C Sawyer, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

property rates increases, the report said. It warned that any direct borrowing by cities would have to be regulated. Poverty, poorly defined property rights and problems of enforcement would make it difficult to collect property rates and user charges, the bank said. "Second-best fiscal instruments could be used to generate revenues from black communities." These included a cut of value-added tax and payroll taxes. Cities might not be able to absorb a rapid increase in new responsibilities and simultaneously finance service backlogs. If fiscal decentralisation were to occur, the best options for local government would be: A system of surcharges on personal income tax, An assortment of excise and motor vehicle taxes...

PE mayor runs into flak over holiday plan

AP 26/2/94 (263)

PAT CANDIDO
Weekend Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Polish-born Charles Garai, who is more than likely the last white mayor of the city, seems to have a knack of upsetting people.

Now he and his wife, Anne, have lost out on all expenses trip to his hometown after the city council turned down a proposed trip to Europe this week.

The city council voted by a comfortable majority against ratepayers financing a trip to Hungary for the two.

Mr Garai was among 11 councillors who voted he should go but there were 15 votes against a recommendation by the policy and resources committee that about R10 000 should be spent on the trip.

Mr Garai, who became mayor in a shock caucus vote last year when as National Party member he managed to outmanoeuvre the Democratic Party deputy mayor, was invited to the town of Pecs after a Hungarian-born doctor had made a trip home.

■ Dogged by controversy — ranging from coming to work in shorts to allegations of punching a young cyclist during a fun ride — Port Elizabeth mayor Charles Garai has run into another problem: the refusal by his council to pay for a trip to Europe for Mr and Mrs Garai.

After the committee recommended that Mr Garai and his wife should be sponsored there was a flurry of letters in the Press criticising the decision. Some rather irate callers even suggested they would support it only if it involved a one-way ticket.

Last year, after behind the scenes jockeying for position, the petty party politics between the Democratic Party and the Nats were dismissed as "meaningless" and a "waste of time" by the ANC who predicted that the next mayor would be truly representative of the city.

Even his induction was not uneventful.

There was confusion when a fire alarm was accidentally activated and the microphone was faulty.

Then a teenage cyclist Stefan Louw claimed he was hit in the stomach by Mr Garai, a keen cyclist, during a race at Jeffreys Bay.

In the final stretch of the race Stefan Louw, 17, from Pretoria, was involved in a clash with Andrew Garai, 18, and Andrew came off his bicycle. Cycling officials investigated the incident, but refused to take any action on the grounds that the race was a fun ride.

Then this summer when Mr Garai started pitching up at the mayor's parlour in shorts and an open neck shirt to beat the heat, it was too much for the traditionalists.

His "projected relaxed image" caused another spate of letters to the Press about his unacceptable attire.

50% saved after refuse firm sacked

EDWARD MOLOINYANE

Weekend Argus Reporter

COSTS for refuse removal in areas under the jurisdiction of Ikapa Town Council decreased by at least 50 percent since the services of a private company doing the job were terminated last year

Boet Vermaak, an Ikapa Town Council engineer, said this in evidence before the commission of inquiry investigating corruption in the council

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Mr Vermaak was appearing before the three-man probe for the fourth time since it started last August

He said the services of SA Bio-Tech, a private refuse removal concern, were terminated after a Supreme Court order in November declared the contract invalid

Mr Vermaak said the company charged the council R602 000 a month for removing refuse in Brown's Farm

Since the termination of the contract, Ikapa was spending

R307 500 for the same job, the commission heard

Earlier this week, the commission heard that there was widespread dissatisfaction among the Ikapa Town Council workforce and residents about the privatisation of refuse removal and other services as fewer jobs were available

The hearing continues on Monday

J Swart is heading the commission, assisted by P le Roux and W Wagenaar. S Croeser van der Westhuizen is leading evidence

City council gives ANC man special leave for 'key' role

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□ Election candidate hasn't worked full week since '89

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

COUNCIL employee and African National Congress parliamentary candidate Salie Manie has not worked a full week for the city council since September 1989

Mr Manie last worked a full day on January 29 last year

Executive committee chairman Clive Keegan said this in reply to a question from councillor Arthur Wienburg

Special leave was given to Mr Manie several times last year

Exco resolved on February 3 that Mr Manie should resign from the council if elected to

parliament

"Should he be unsuccessful he could remain in the council's service should he so wish," Mr Keegan said

Mr Manie was given his full salary and a transportation allowance

Mr Keegan said the allowance was the council's contribution to the transition process, because Mr Manie played a key role in local government negotiations

Mr Manie said he had stood down as chairman of the Municipal Workers' Union late last year

"As a member of Cosatu I am vice-chair of the Local Government Negotiating Forum, one of the main functions

of which is to co-ordinate and oversee implementation of the Local Government Transition Act

"I play a key role in ensuring that this legislation is interpreted correctly as it will oversee the demarcation and election process, the setting up of forums and creation of new transitional local authorities."

He added that he was involved in restructuring the civil service, and was a member of the National Economic Forum

He was not paid for these roles

He could not guarantee that the performance of these functions would not be construed by other parties as political cam-

paing

"The bulk of my activity will be dealing with transitional issues," he said

Mr Manie said he would give notice to the council to terminate his employment when elected to parliament

"Obviously, for administrative reasons, the period of this notice will have to be agreed on when election results are known"

He said public knowledge of his involvement in transition had brought favourable comment about the city council's positive contribution to capacity-building and stability during transition

(News by C Sawyer, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Probe told of dirt removals

EDWARD MOLOINYANE (263)
Staff Reporter ARG 25/2/94

A FORMER Ikapa Town councillor and a senior council official irregularly employed a private-sector, refuse-removal company for Brown's Farm squatter camp, the commission of inquiry into corruption and maladministration in the council was told

A witness also testified yesterday that the high-ranking council official conducted after-hours interviews with job seekers who were subsequently employed for the private company

The witness, whose identity the commission ruled be kept secret for his own safety, said he was approached in January 1991 by Denys Lobi with the offer of a job as truck driver for the council

The man testified that he knew Mr Lobi well

He said Mr Lobi took him to the offices of Ikapa's then-chief executive officer J J Olivier, where six other men were waiting to be interviewed for jobs

Mr Lobi left him there and Mr Olivier and a Mr Heynes, introduced as a lawyer, interviewed the men over two days

On both occasions the inter-

views were conducted — on a Wednesday and Thursday — after 5pm, the witness said

He said all the men got the jobs — he as a refuse-removal truck driver to serve Brown's Farm and the six as assistants on his truck

"On the Friday I was asked to fetch a truck from Parow and brought it to the Ikapa Town Council premises where Mr Olivier and the lawyer inspected it," he said

He realised when in Parow, where he was introduced to the company's management, that their new employer was SA Bio Tech, a private refuse removal company

At no stage during the interview was their new employer identified

"I did not know during the interview that we were being employed by SA Bio Tech. I thought it was Ikapa," he told the commission

He said the rest of the men were told to start the following Monday in Brown's Farm, where "Heynes" gave them refuse bags because there were no rubbish bins. They worked under the supervision of a "coloured" man

The witness, who earned R450 a week (which was brought to Brown's farm by Mr Heynes and a "tall white woman") said that for the next six months the group stopped work daily at 1pm or earlier because the "place was small and not too dirty"

Asked if SA Bio Tech provided free medical services and other social services to the community, the witness said the "tall white woman" supplied Brown's Farm children with sweets every Thursday

Asked by commission chairman Mr J Swart about their working conditions, the witness said they were warned never to join a trade union

"They always said they were prepared to meet with us to hear our grievances but whenever we tried to arrange a meeting, one or the other (Olivier and Heynes) would say his colleague was in Johannesburg and we never got to meet them"

The witness, who wore an SA Bio Tech T-shirt, said he was fired last July after he refused to work at 2am after the disruption of services because of violence

The hearing continues

One refuse truck for squatters

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Legal fees for Ikapa were 'reasonable'

CT 25/2/94

Staff Reporter

A DRIVER who was employed by SA Bio-Tech, a private company which was contracted by the Ikapa Town Council to remove refuse at the Brown's Farm squatter camp, yesterday said he was only supplied with one removal truck and six runners for the whole area

The driver — who may not be identified for fear of victimisation — says early in 1991 he was taken for an interview by former Ikapa town councillor Mr Denys Lobi to the Ikapa offices after office hours

He was testifying at the commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities at Ikapa Town Council serving Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu

The witness said he was under the impression he was to work for the Ikapa Town Council but at the interview he was informed he was to drive a refuse removal truck for SA Bio-Tech to service Brown's Farm in Philippi

The witness said he was fired by a Mr Van der Walt, a manager at Bio-Tech, in July 1993 because he had refused to start work at 2am

Asked if SA Bio-Tech had rendered medical and feeding services at the camp, he said he was only aware that "a manager" from Bio-Tech, Ms Jacoba Sessa, handed out sweets to children on Thursdays in the squatter camps

ALL legal charges levied by attorneys Bornman and Hayward on the Ikapa Town Council had been "reasonable" and the firm had been "mandated and properly appointed in the normal course of business", the firm said in a statement yesterday

The firm was responding to a report in yesterday's Cape Times about a letter of complaint by former Ikapa town councillor Mr Denys Lobi to the Cape Law Society

Mr Lobi complained to the Law Society that Bornman and Hayward were irregularly appointed as attorneys for the Ikapa Town Council and had benefited hugely over the past nine years

Bornman and Hayward said their fees and charges to Ikapa had been reasonable and that the company had not benefited "hugely", as claimed by Mr Lobi

Answering Mr Lobi's claim that Ikapa had paid more than R500 000 to the firm in 1993, Bornman and Hayward said that whatever had been paid during 1993 by Ikapa was "also inclusive of expenses incurred on behalf of Ikapa"

The Law Society has said it is not the proper forum to deal with the complaint, saying it should be referred to the commission of inquiry into the Ikapa council or the council's superior authority

Ikapa: Law group 'not forum for complaint'

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CT 24/2/94
Staff Reporter

COMPLAINTS by former Ikapa town councillor Mr Denys Lobi that there were irregularities in the appointment of his former employer's lawyers should be dealt with by the Commission of Inquiry or the council's superior authority

This was said yesterday by Law Society Director Mrs Ingrid Hoffmann, who added that the Cape Law Society was not the proper forum as it only dealt with touting by lawyers and not their appointment.

Mr Lobi had complained to the Law Society that Bornman and Hayward were irregularly appointed as attorneys for the Ikapa town council and had benefited hugely over the past nine years. He claimed the ITC had paid more than R500 000 to the firm during 1993.

'Kickback fees' denied

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Staff Reporter

TWO directors of Springbok Patrols yesterday vehemently denied allegations they had paid Ikapa town council officials money to retain the council's security contracts

Mr Mike Baartman, the executive director of the company, and his son Mr Francois Baartman were testifying at the judicial commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities and maladministration at Ikapa town council

In evidence Mr Mike Baartman denied two Ikapa officials — Mr Ian Grisdale and Mr John Walters — had been paid R1 000 each over a period of six to eight months

However, Mr Francois Baartman said he had loaned Mr Walters R5 000 on two occasions, and while only half had been repaid, Mr Walters was still "a friend"

Regarding allegations made by previous witnesses that Springbok Patrols supplied security guards at no cost to Mr Grisdale's home, Mr Mick Baartman said it was possible, as it was their strategy to "look after big clients"

He also denied claims by previous witnesses that his firm had housed Ikapa officials free at his Durban mansion or had taken them on all-expenses-paid holidays, or that they had skimmed on security guards at Brown's Farm

Burton to oversee poll

CT 23/2/94
Political Staff

FORMER national president of the Black Sash Mrs Mary Burton has been appointed provincial electoral officer in the Western Cape, the Independent Electoral Commission confirmed yesterday (263)

She is to be assisted by Ms Ruth Lewin, who will also be an electoral officer.

A Mr Schoeman of the Department of Home Affairs had been appointed administrator in the Western Cape, said IEC spokesman Mr Viv Naicker

He also said the names of all the provincial electoral officers would be released tomorrow

Mrs Burton, who lives in Cape Town, is a key member of the Black Sash's Legislation Watch group. This was the first civil liberties body to criticise the Transitional Executive Council for deciding not to implement the clause of the Abolition of Political Restrictions Act which would have abolished the controversial detention without trial provisions — section 29 — of the Internal Security Act

MP tells of death threats

Staff Reporter

DETAILS of death threats against a member of parliament investigating corruption, the disappearance of his files on the case and the existence of a Boere Mafia in Cape Town emerged in the Ikapa Town Council corruption hearing yesterday

In his testimony the MP, ANC

member Mr Jan van Eck, also said that

● Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring had said, after being made aware of the allegations, that he "could not find any justification" for an inquiry,

● Most senior Ikapa and CPA officials appeared to be trying to "cover up",

● An unidentified man had

phoned him, saying the people involved in corruption had already killed and would do so again

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Furthermore, in October last year he discovered his file containing the evidence had disappeared from his office in Parliament, and he was informed of a Boere Mafia which operated in Cape Town

'Premiers' discuss Cape government

Political Correspondent

THE three candidate Western Cape premiers from the major contenders in the region — the National Party, the ANC and the Democratic Party — had talks today with Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring.

The men are HERNUS KRIEL, ALLAN BOESAK and HENNIE BESTER. (263)

The meeting, requested by Mr Kriel, is understood to have focused on logistical aspects of administering the province after the election.

One matter thought to have been discussed is possible venues for the new Western Cape parliament. ARG 22/2/94

The National Party is known to be particularly keen on using the old Provincial Council chamber in the Provincial Administration offices in Wale Street

The old President's Council building, adjacent to Tuynhuys in the parliamentary complex, has also been suggested.

(News by M Morris, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Commission inspects

Ikapa council's work

CT 22/2/94 Staff Reporter (263)

MEMBERS of the Swart Commission of Inquiry investigating corruption and maladministration in the Ikapa town council inspected the council's work in Guguletu and Brown's Farm yesterday

The three-man commission, under the chairmanship of Mr J Swart, visited the Fezeka stores building and the Guguletu police station

They also visited Brown's Farm squatter camp to assess the council's refuse removal service

ANC metro proposals slammed

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Staff Reporter

ANC proposals for a strong metropolitan council which gets "a major proportion" of rates from municipalities below it, were slammed by the Good Hope Alliance last night

Mr Gordon Merrington, chairman of the Alliance, said the ANC was seeking "absurd levels of power" for the metropolitan body

According to the ANC proposals, the

metro "must have the role of co-ordinating the budgets of all state bodies in the area, including local councils, to make sure that these budgets follow policy guidelines"

It also says that all rates from commercial and industrial properties in Greater Cape Town must be handed over to the metro, which would then redistribute these

"It does not make an awful lot of sense

The ANC seemed afraid of the power of existing large municipalities, and wanted to take this away. On the other hand, large municipalities would be landed with the huge costs of upgrading areas which needed services," Mr Merrington said

● Mr David Erleigh, chairman of the Southern Suburbs Ratepayers' group, said the proposals amounted to the legal impoverishment of municipalities

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Membership challenge to civic bodies

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

CIVIC and ratepayers' associations in metropolitan Cape Town face a long-overdue challenge in coming weeks — to prove just how wide their support bases really are

The Local Government Transition Act requires would-be members of local government forums to apply in writing, submitting their constitutions, list of office bearers, activities — and their membership

Provincial administration local government constitutional expert Donald Craythorne said associations probably would be able to choose between submitting full lists of members or making sworn affidavits about their support

Lying about their support would be fraud, he said

Asked who would monitor whether anyone was cooking their books to try to get political clout in the forum, Dr Craythorne said this should be up to political parties

Meanwhile, the future of the present shape of the forum itself is uncertain

The Act requires forums to

■ Civic and ratepayers' associations are facing the challenge of proving how wide their support bases are — while the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum itself could be set for changes

be set up within 90 days of promulgation, which happened on February 2

Although the forum was constituted formally in November, the makeup of its representation did not match the provisions of the act

All existing local government bodies, including management committees, should be directly represented on the forum

At present management committees — widely regarded as discredited — have no direct representation

This could mean the forum, which already has applied to Administrator Kobus Meiring for recognition, could have to go back to the drawing board before it tackles nuts-and-bolts issues such as boundaries and finance and services issues

The ultimate goal of the forum is to form a nonracial, appointed local authority to serve until the first universal adult franchise municipal elections are held

Once a transitional metro-

politan council is in place — although there are doubts that this can be achieved before the May deadline — profound changes to budgets will ensue

The metropolitan authority's taxing power could mean primary local authorities — town councils within the metropole — would have to include provision for metropolitan levies in their budgets

It is not certain at this stage how much more ratepayers in individual municipalities will pay, but the goal of redistribution of wealth is expected to mean hikes in rates, or whatever other form of local government taxation is in use in transition

Changes to voting qualifications mean a huge departure from the traditional franchise based on ownership or occupation of fixed property

All South African citizens, and foreign citizens with permanent residence, will be allowed to vote in local government elections, provided they can prove their address "with a

valid document"

This will include "permission to occupy" forms given to dwellers in informal settlements, effectively giving a municipal vote to squatters

Others who will qualify include anyone liable to pay assessment rates, service charges, rents or levies — extending the vote to absentee property owners in holiday resorts

But eligibility to be a councillor in a new South Africa has been limited

No one who is a member of the National Assembly or Senate, or who is disqualified to be, can stand for election to a local authority

And if you are in arrears for anything from rates and rent to payments for a dog licence or traffic tickets, forget it

Those who do successfully woo voters to take their place in the first elected councils will find themselves under greater strictures than present councillors

A code of conduct has been written into the Act — with a provision for alleged offences to be investigated by the town clerk and reported to the auditor-general, attorney-general or ombudsman for action

Matie vice-rector objects to inclusion

Staff Reporter

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STELLENBOSCH should not be incorporated into the Cape Metropolitan region because this would be undemocratic as the university has had no say in deciding that "fringe towns" become part of the metropolitan regions.

So said Professor Christo Viljoen, Stellenbosch University's vice-rector (Operations), in a statement released yesterday

Prof Viljoen said the incorporation of Stellenbosch into the Cape metropolitan region could also change the character of the town, cause it to lose its autonomy and cause unnecessary increases in taxation and university study fees.

He said the university was "reluctant" to get involved in local politics but Stellenbosch University had had no say in the deciding that fringe area towns be incorporated into metropolitan regions, and this was "not in accordance with the spirit of democracy"

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Ciskei to become part of EL forum (263)

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THE Ciskei government could be granted full status on the East London local government negotiating forum, if the Cape Provincial Administration in consultation with Transitional Executive Council's provincial committees find a way to bypass existing legislation.

The Local Government Transition Act precludes the TBVC governments from local government negotiations until

after their reincorporation. But the East London negotiating forum see it as essential for Ciskei to have full representation since Mdantsane is part of the metropole and therefore must be included in the negotiations.

Ciskei is an observer at the forum. The homeland has formally applied to be granted full membership — Ecna

Eastern Cape profile

Population:
More than 4,7 million
Expected to top 6 million in year 2005

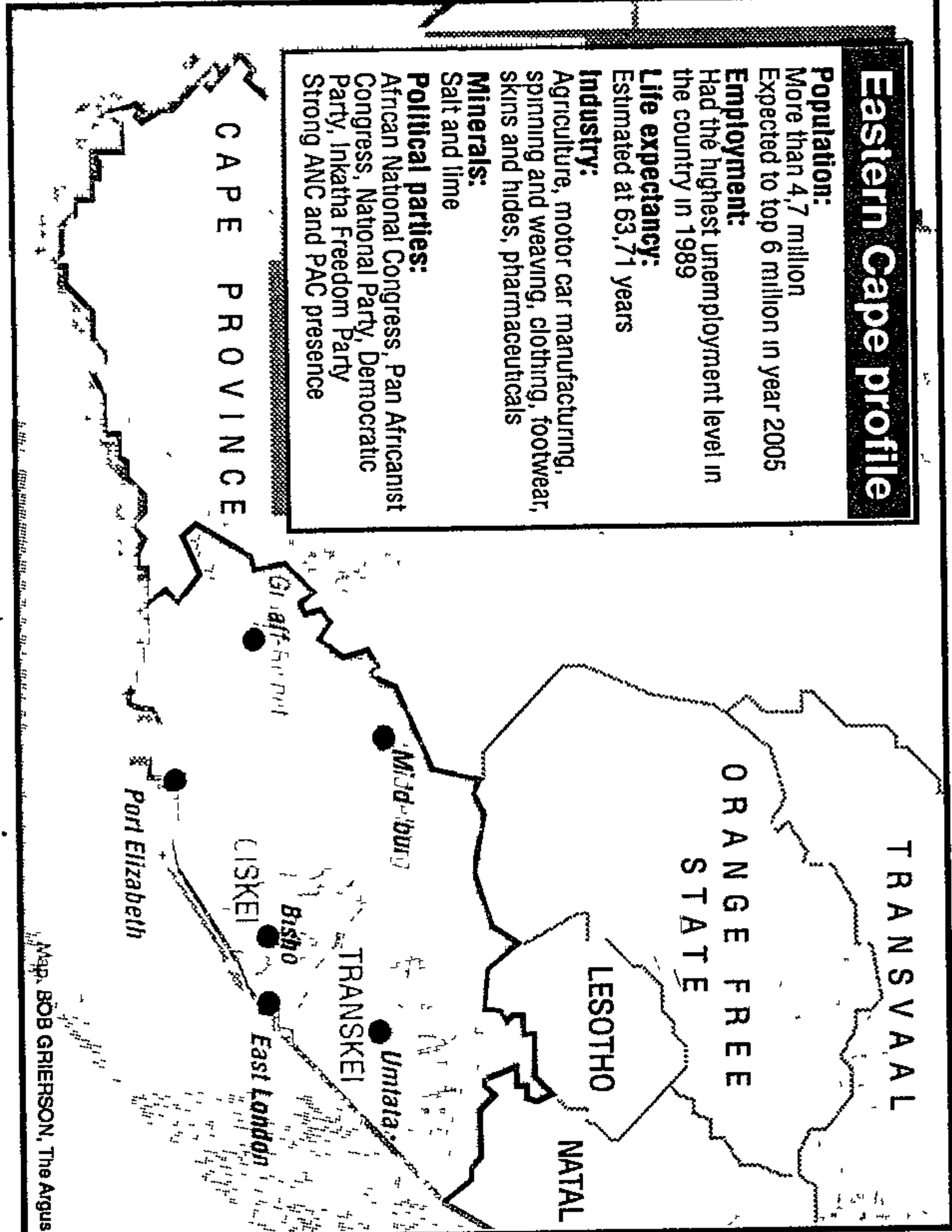
Employment:
Had the highest unemployment level in the country in 1989

Life expectancy:
Estimated at 63,71 years

Industry:
Agriculture, motor car manufacturing, spinning and weaving, clothing, footwear, skins and hides, pharmaceuticals

Minerals:
Salt and lime

Political parties:
African National Congress, Pan Africanist Congress, National Party, Democratic Party, Inkatha Freedom Party
Strong ANC and PAC presence



E Cape could cripple ANC govt

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SAM SOLE

Weekend Argus Reporter

TREATED for decades by the National Party as poor cousins and subjected to balkanisation in Grand Apartheid's social engineering experiments, the Eastern Cape is today beset by a legacy of corruption, duplication and maladministration.

So much so that it has the potential to cripple a new regional African National Congress government, despite its likely overwhelming electoral majority.

The ANC is expected to win handsomely in this region, an assessment even its opponents concede. A recent commercial poll gave the movement 41 of the proposed 52 seats in the regional parliament.

Rory Riordan, director of the Human Rights Trust and an ANC member, feels this assessment may be a little optimistic, but not very. "There are huge chunks of this region, the Transkei, the Ciskei, the Bor-

der corridor, where only the ANC and the PAC have any profile at all. Sitting in the metropolitan areas, where the DP and the NP are given wide media coverage, you can get a very false impression of how things stand. Opinion is divided on the extent of support for the PAC in the region.

"There's strong support for the PAC in Transkei and some areas of the Eastern Cape such as Queenstown," says Janet Cherry, a senior politics lecturer at Rhodes University. "The support is probably higher than the five to 10 percent being estimated at the moment."

Ms Cherry believes the party could gain as many as five seats on the provincial legislature.

A survey among blacks by Geoff Wood and Jan Coetsee of the Rhodes

sociology department last year put PAC support at 15 percent, but Mr Wood is sceptical about the movement's capacity to capitalise on its strength on the ground.

"The PAC has the historical knack of snatching defeat from the jaws of success," he said.

Mr Wood believes that disputes over the ending of the armed struggle will continue right up until the elections. "They've fought these internal battles for years, they're not going to stop now," he said.

"The ANC is also fighting an interesting election in this regard. They are totally ignoring the PAC. They are fighting an American-style campaign with lots of money and exposure. Especially in the rural areas, people are going to vote for the most viable party."

Mr Delpoit was close to the Eastern Cape security establishment. Questions were also asked about his role on a state board awarding development contracts to building companies, one of which was owned by his son.

But the Nats will win a clear majority among white voters in the region, Ms Cherry believes, though she thinks the party has lost support among the coloured community.

For opposition parties the coloured vote is going to be crucial, says Mr Riordan.

"The coloured vote will determine the size of the National Party and the survival of the Democratic Party."

Ms Cherry believes coloureds in the Eastern Cape will divide evenly between the ANC and the DP, with a small percentage going to the NP.

The DP party list remains dominated by white liberals, many of them academics, but Cherry believes the

The PAC, by contrast, has a lack of organisation and financial backing, though they have been effective in, for instance, organising among the chiefs in Transkei.

Transkei is a bit of a wildcard, says Ms Cherry. An internal ANC report on the region (leaked to the media) found complacency, corruption and nepotism dogging the top structures of the party. The ANC head office has acted to address some of the problems and Eastern Cape premier designate Raymond Mhlaba has also stepped in.

Transkei military leader General Bantu Holomisa's appearance on the ANC elections list may also be a double edged sword, says Ms Cherry. "My impression is he's not that popular in Transkei. He's not seen as having done very much to improve things there."

The disputes between senior members of PAC in Transkei and the organisation's national leadership have been well publicised.

Other opposition parties the Nats and the DP appear to have been unable to break with the past.

The NP list is dominated by whites, a number with question marks about their apartheid past, premier designate Tertius Delpont chief among them.

party may do slightly better than the one seat predicted by polls.

Martheanne Finnemore, who tops the DP regional nomination for the national assembly, naturally concurs. "The coloured community is a big-growth area. They are concerned about ANC domination. In the townships, I believe, there are an increasing number of people concerned about intimidation. Even if it's a small percentage, it's a huge potential growth area for us."

She complains that the DP has suffered severely from intimidation. "Our black members have had threats from street committees, had stones thrown at their houses and so forth. One man who went to an Azapo meeting was beaten up for five hours and accused of being a DP spy."

Azapo, which in the 80s had significant support in the Eastern Cape, has mounted an organised boycott campaign, holding several public meetings and distributing pamphlets and posters.

It has been blamed for some incidents of violence in black townships around PE in the past few weeks, an allegation which has been denied. It is not, however, expected to have a great impact on the election outcome.

Powerful six-member group named to help run province

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CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

A POWERFUL six-member committee, drawn from across the political spectrum, is set to share the reins of Cape provincial government with Administrator Kobus Meiring.

A mixture of veteran activists, a trade unionist and people from within the tricameral system, the committee will oversee local government transition throughout the province.

The Local Government Transition Act requires the administrator to make decisions with the six-member committee.

The committee members are:

● Clive Keegan, chairman of the Cape Town City Council executive committee and a former mayor.

● Eddie Kulsén, a member of the Association of Management Committees and leader of a 1989 management committee

investigation of direct representation in local government for all

● Wynand Malan, a Vredenburg-Saldanha town councillor and a member of the Cape Province Municipal Association executive.

● Salie Manie, a former Cape Town chairman of the South African Municipal Workers' Union and a city council employee since 1984. He is a member of the African National Congress regional executive.

● John Neels, regional vice-chairman of the South African National Civic Organisation and former co-chairman of the Western Cape Economic Development Forum.

● Hilda Ndude, co-chairman of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, was publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front. She is an executive member of the ANC Women's League.

'Get on with job', worried officials told

Municipal Reporter

COUNCIL officials worried by instructions to finish a valuation of all Cape Town properties within two years were told just to "get on with the job" by former town clerk Don Geyer.

Assistant valuation officer Emil Weichardt told a provincial commission of in-

quiry today that officials had pointed out there could be flaws in pre-1990 valuation rolls because properties had not been inspected for many years.

He estimated the last time all properties were inspected was in 1966.

The 1990 roll used computer modelling to finish the job in the short time allotted.



W Cape leaders state aims

Political Staff

THE ANC would bring legitimacy and stability to South Africa's growth and democracy, its candidate for the Western Cape premiership, Dr Allan Boesak, said yesterday.

"We will bring the kind of participation by ordinary people that no other party can offer," Dr Boesak said at a Cape Times/Seeff breakfast, attended by 220 Cape Town business people.

However, the Democratic Party candidate for Western Cape prime minister, Mr Hennie Bester, said the lesson of the world was clear and that was government ultimately destroyed jobs, and free enterprise created jobs.

The National Party's Mr Gerald Morkel, who spoke in the place of the party's premiership candidate, Mr Hernus Kriel, said any intervention in the economy by his party would be minimal and only to meet the demands of social justice and the eradication of socio-economic backlogs.

Dr Boesak said that if non-racialism failed in the Western Cape, democracy would fail in SA.

Mr Bester said the DP believed the Western Cape had a strong advantage in at least three fields, the services sector, high technology and tourism, and Cape Town should become the services centre for the continent.

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Clovelly opts for Peninsula

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By CLAUDIA CAVANAGH

CLOVELLY residents who attended a meeting last night indicated unanimously that they wanted to be included in a south Peninsula local government initiative as opposed to a Constantia one

The well-attended meeting was arranged by the Kalk Bay, St James and Clovelly Ratepayers' Association to inform residents on the

variety of local government proposals currently under discussion

Mr Demetri Qually, a Ward 17 observer on the Joint Municipal Studies Group, said the ward could inform its own local government, or join either the south Peninsula or Constantia initiatives

He said geographical and socio-economic factors as well as the viability of the area, should be considered before a decision was taken

Cape voters in election tizz

Half of province's whites among April 27 'don't know's'

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HUGH ROBERTSON, Political Editor

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MORE than one in 10 voters in the coloured community do not intend casting a ballot in the April election — and nearly half of all white voters in the Cape Province do not know for whom they will vote.

These are findings of The Argus-Marketing and Media Research poll

The poll was conducted from November 29 to December 29 last year among 2 751 randomly chosen voters who were interviewed in their own homes, in their own language, by trained interviewers. Other details of the poll were published in The Argus last week.

The Cape Province was polled as a single entity and no separate polling was done in the Western Cape, which is to be a region on its own under the new constitution and in the April election.

Results indicate 11 percent of potential voters in the coloured community do not intend to vote at all, and that 33 percent remain undecided about which party to support.

Compared with a similar poll two years ago, the number of undecided in the community has risen by 13 percent.

But the degree of uncertainty is far higher among whites. A whopping 45 percent say they do not know which party they will support, compared with only 10 percent two years ago.

The high percentage of undecided voters in the Cape — far greater than the national average of 25 percent — is likely to make the Cape the most hotly contested battleground in the election.

Other findings show that:

- Slightly under 31 percent of whites in the Cape say they will support the NP; only eight percent will back the Conservative Party (compared with 17 percent two years ago), and the Democratic Party has the support of 8 percent of whites, compared with 22 percent two years ago.

- The National Party remains the first choice of 46 percent of coloured voters, down from 52 percent two years ago. Support among coloured voters for the ANC was 13 percent — the same level as two years ago, but coloured support for the Democratic Party has dropped from 13 percent to 8 percent.

- The Inkatha Freedom Party is supported by few coloured voters. A statistically negligible number of coloured males support the IFP, while only 4 percent of "coloured females" favour the party (up from 3 percent two years ago).

- According to the poll results, coloured females tend to be more conservative than coloured males, with women supporting the NP in greater numbers (50 percent) than males (42 percent), and males supporting the ANC in comparatively higher numbers (19 percent) than females (8 percent).

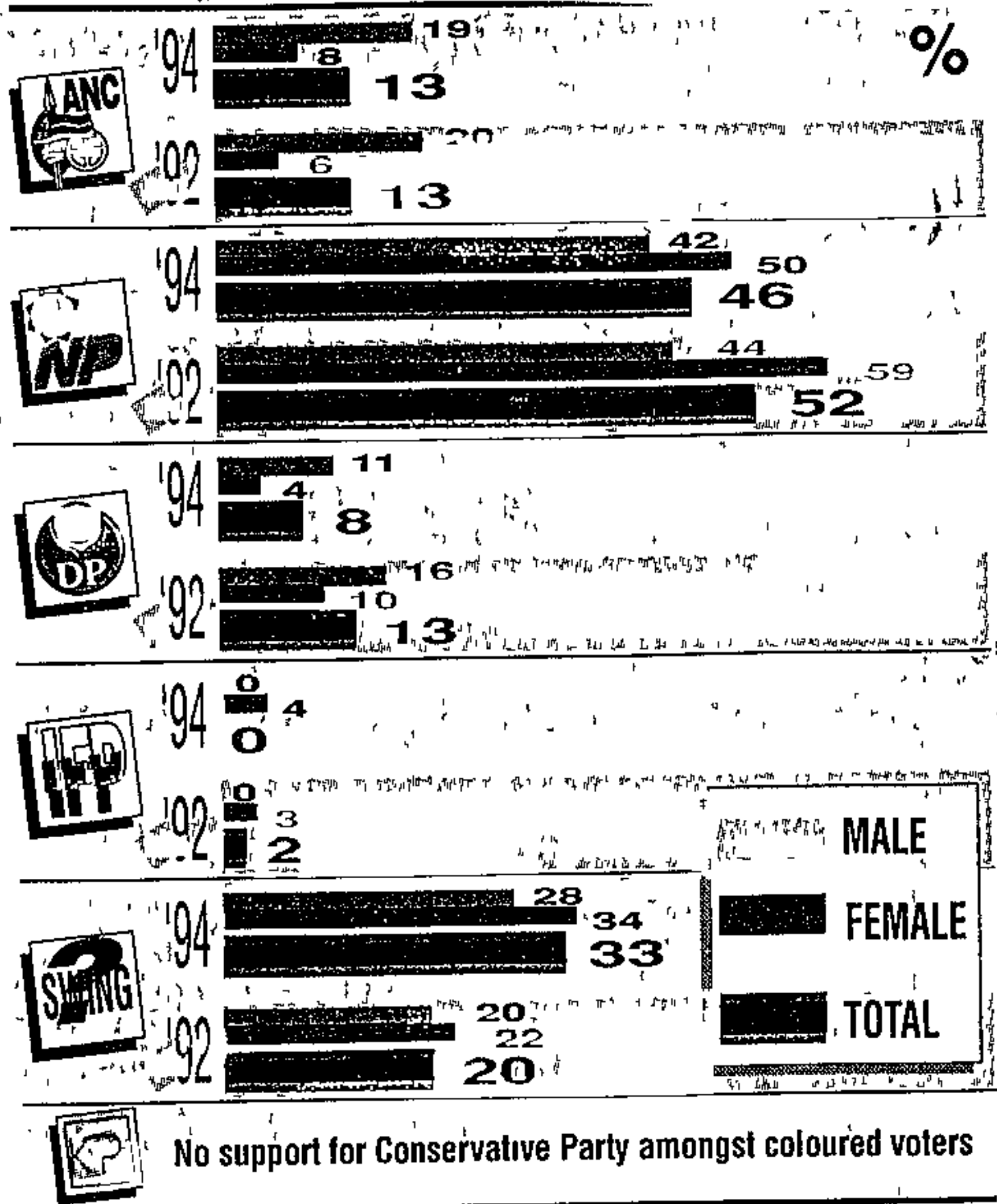
- The DP, likewise, has more than twice as many male supporters as female supporters (4 percent to 11 percent) in the coloured community.

- Support for the Conservative Party is non-existent in the coloured community, a situation which has not changed over the past two years.

- Looked at in total, the Cape — including the Eastern Cape and Border — shows the ANC with 45 percent of the total vote of all groups, the NP's 21 percent and the DP's 4 percent.

- In the Cape Province as a whole, only 2 percent of whites support the ANC, to 88 percent of blacks and 12 percent of the coloured community.

- Overall, the NP has lost 16 percent of white support in the province compared with two years ago, while the DP has lost more than half its white supporters.



Houses, homosexuality feature on election line

TOS WENTZEL
Political Staff

ARGUS readers covered a wide range of subjects from housing subsidies to homosexuality to the future of the African National Congress in the first series of questions in The Argus's new election service, On the Line

On The Line is designed to establish what voters feel about the emerging South Africa — their hopes and fears, their worries and expectations — and to invite political leaders to respond

Political leaders have agreed to answer a representative selection of the questions. These will be published in The Argus

One of yesterday's questions, aimed at all parties, was whether there would be housing subsidies for civil servants in the new South Africa

Another asked all leaders their attitude to "the important issue" of homosexuality

Another reader asked President F W de Klerk how often he had opposed apartheid measures as an MP in the caucus and as a minister in the cabinet

ON THE LINE



Nelson Mandela was quizzed on the question of white teachers in blacks schools, why the ANC was allied with the Communist Party and if the ANC would change the constitution if it had a landslide victory

• Questions to On the Line can be phoned in to 488-4157. After the electronic signal state your name and telephone number, and then dictate your question and the leader to whom it is addressed. We will not publish the names of questioners but we need them for reference purposes

Treasurer too busy to produce simple report

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□ Council overloaded after rates crisis

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

OVERLOADED with work — and deep in the aftermath of the valuation roll crisis — the city treasurer's department has been unable to produce a "user-friendly" financial report.

City treasurer Eddie Landsberg said it had been hoped to produce a report "more understandable to the man in the street than detailed financial statements"

But other work had had to take preference, including

- Input related to local government transition,
- Preparation of this year's budget,
- A probe into the "on-cost" system,
- Responses to adverse audit reports, and
- Deployment of staff to handle property rates problems

In his report for the financial year to June, 1993, Mr Landsberg said capital expenditure totalled R348 342 555

The city council transferred R10 million from its tariff stabilisation fund to a provision for bad debts for electricity in October, 1992, and another R5 million at the end of June, 1993

The unappropriated surplus carried forward in the operating budget was R43 million

The municipal valuation of immovable property at the end of the financial year was R6,7 billion

● A R4 million project to implement a new system to improve receipting, banking and recording of money by the cash office has been mooted

The office was the centre of a controversy in 1992 after revelations of backlogs which forced staff to keep

unbanked cheques in shoeboxes, causing a huge loss of interest

Since then many procedural changes had been made, to good effect, it was reported

The project will include the purchase of new computer systems.

● A council computer's incapacity to accommodate the turn of the century — expected to cause the system to fail in six years — was the fault of the programme and not the hardware itself, it has been pointed out

● Buttresses and main arches in the Good Hope centre are cracking, a city planner reports

The cause was "alkali aggregate reaction" caused by the stone aggregate reacting with water

There was no danger to the building, and repairs would cost about R200 000

● The principle of imposing levies on vehicle licences and fuel to raise funds for metropolitan transport needs should be accepted, the utilities and works committee decided

The principle will be forwarded to a future Transitional Metropolitan Council

The metropolitan council will be asked to approve a policy that all funds raised from these levies be paid to the metropole, not to regional government, and that regional government contribute to metropolitan transport funding

● A concrete median barrier should be built on Table Bay Boulevard from the railway bridge to Marine Drive, the utilities and works committee has decided

The project, expected to cost about R650 000, is to be put to the executive committee.

Road safety would be improved significantly, council reported

Council nod to new boundary proposal

Staff Reporter

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THE City Council yesterday accepted a proposal for the outer boundary of the new Cape Town metropolitan area

The new boundary includes the previously excluded areas of Paarl and Wellington and will fall under the authority of the planned Transi-

tional Metropolitan Council

The acceptance of the new boundary follows the extension of the Western Cape Regional Services Council boundary to include a small farming area west of Atlantis and the water catchment area south of Malmesbury. To facilitate the holistic management of False Bay, the Hangklip/Pringie Bay area was also included

in the new metropolitan boundary. In a brief council meeting yesterday the proposal was accepted with only three councillors voting against the new boundary. Mr. Neil Ross opposed, including Paarl and Wellington, saying it was "creating a mini-region" and not a metropolitan area. He said it would set the region on a

"collision course" with the metro-pole and would "castrate the region to deliver services" to the hinterland

The proposal will be submitted to the Boundary Committee of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum which makes recommendations to the Administrator, who makes the final decision

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City councillors split over new boundaries

□ Week to go until deadline for submissions

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WITH a week to go to the deadline for submissions, the city council has not been able to make up its mind about future metropolitan boundaries.

Councillors split yesterday over whether Paarl and Wellington should be included in the transitional metropolitan council area

The executive committee recommended excluding towns east of a line near Stellenbosch, but said boundaries should be re-investigated before the first local government elections

Deputy-mayor Llewellyn van Wyk, opposing the recommendation, said it was a mistake be-

cause it was made on purely technical grounds

Wesgro, the regional economic development agency, had said Paarl and Wellington were too important economically to be excluded from the metropole, Mr Van Wyk said

The exco recommendation would be used against the city council by Boland towns which wanted to be excluded from the metropole, he said

Mr Van Wyk said the present regional services council boundaries should be used to define the metropole

Frank van der Velde, supporting Mr Van Wyk, said it was wrong to assume the present system of property taxation would be retained

Neil Ross said the Local Government Transition Act did not allow political considerations to be used when deciding boundaries

He warned against the metropole being so big it would be a "mini-region"

Norman Osburn asked Mr Van Wyk to withdraw his amendment, and that the matter be sent back to exco for further consideration

Mr Van Wyk's amendment — to use the RSC boundaries — was approved by 14 votes to 10

Arguing for referring back to exco, Mr Osburn said a report on the financial implications of including or excluding the towns was needed

The reference back to exco was approved by 16 votes to nine

'Ikapa spent R1m on invalid deal'

DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

THE Ikapa Town Council spent more than R1 million for services performed in terms of a non-existent contract, the commission of inquiry into financial irregularities at Ikapa Town Council has been told.

Cornelius Vermaak, chief city engineer at Ikapa, told the commission that only in May last year when he received a fax from attorneys acting for waste removal company, S A Bio-Tech, did he realise there was in fact no valid contract.

The contract awarding a tender to S A Bio-Tech for refuse removal from Brown's Farm was entered into during September 1992.

In May the council was informed by its attorneys that the contract had been cancelled and was null and void.

By that time S A Bio-Tech had received an excess monthly payment of R74 000 for over 2 000 non-existent houses in the township.

The contract was the subject of a protracted Supreme Court battle last year between Shoreham Investments CC trading as S A Bio-Tech and the Western Cape United Squatters' Association (Wecusa) against the Ikapa council.

The crux of the litigation was the validity of the company's tender for refuse removal from Brown's Farm and its extension to include Khayelitsha and other black areas.

The matter was eventually settled with the contract declared invalid and S A Bio-Tech being ordered to pay R500 000 of the council's costs.

Mr Vermaak said the contract had never been submitted to council as required by normal procedure.

He said he had not consulted chief executive officer J J Olivier about the validity of the contract because Mr Olivier had been away at the time.

He said he always suspected Mr Olivier to have been "intimately involved" with the awarding of the contract to S A Bio-Tech.

Mr Olivier had seemed reluctant to act, even after S A Bio-Tech threatened Ikapa with legal action.

The fiasco led to the Administrator of the Cape asking Mr Olivier and other council members to resign.

R8m paid out 'for nothing'

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Staff Reporter

IKAPA Town Council paid a waste removal company over R8 million for services which were never rendered, a commission of inquiry into corruption in the Ikapa town council heard yesterday

Chief engineer for Ikapa, Mr Boet Vermaak, told the commission that SA Bio Tech had been paid R600 000 a month for 14 months although no contract with the company existed

Mr Vermaak said irregularities were evident from the start of the council's relationship with the waste removal company

When notice for tenders for a waste removal company were advertised, only one tender was received on time. A second arrived a few days late, and a letter from SA Bio Tech — not a tender —

'Refuse was never removed'

arrived after the other two bids had been made public

Ikapa treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale told the council it had the authority to accept any tenders, including one from SA Bio Tech but Mr Vermaak disagreed, and administrator Mr Faan Naude agreed to advertise for another tender for the contract

Two bids were received for the contract, both of them apparently

from SA Bio Tech, said Mr Vermaak

He said the council accepted the SA Bio Tech bid because another bid from a company called Agra Waste had a high risk escalation formula, which would prove too costly

It later transpired that SA Bio Tech's lawyer, Mr Johann Heyns, collected the refundable tender deposits from both companies which had bid for the contract

In May last year, said Mr Vermaak, Ikapa's lawyers informed the council that the contract with SA Bio Tech did not exist. The council had been paying some R600 000 a month for their services

Mr Vermaak said previous attempts to get Mr Heyns to produce the contract were unsuccessful, and it was also absent from Ikapa's own files

The hearing continues

Revised metro plan sent back for debate

Staff Reporter

A REVISED proposal for a new metropolitan outer boundary, which excludes Paarl and Wellington, has been referred back to the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF) for further debate

The move came during the month-end sitting of the City Council yesterday, when several councillors questioned the economic wisdom of excluding Paarl and Wellington

A CMNF working group submitted the proposal last week and said the

new boundary was a revised version of the present boundary of the Western Cape Regional Services Council

The new boundary encompasses the entire Peninsula, Atlantis, Stellenbosch, and the Helderberg, but excludes Paarl and Wellington

Several councillors called for the proposal to be referred back to the CMNF, saying the decision to exclude Paarl and Wellington from the present boundary could have long-term financial implications for the Western Cape

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De Villiers and Kriel top NP lists for Western Cape

TOS WENTZEL
Political Staff

CAPE National Party leader Dawie de Villiers and Minister of Law and Order Hennis Kriel top the National Party candidates on the Western Cape national and regional lists for the April election.

At electoral colleges of representatives of party branches in Stellenbosch and Worcester at the weekend Dr De Villiers,

MP for Piketberg, was chosen as the Western Cape platteland area's top candidate with 96,7 percent of the vote.

Mr Kriel, MP for Parow, topped the metropole list and will be the party's candidate for the premiership of the Western Cape.

Candidates for the National Assembly in the Cape metropole are: David Graaff, Frik van Deventer, Sakkie Pretorius,

Francous Jacobsz, Myburgh Streicher, Piet Marais, Anna van Wyk, Maretha Badenhorst, Koos Albertyn, Esmé Chiat, R T Rhoda, N Theron, Pauline Cupido, Harry Dille, Peter Harris, Stan Simmons, Abdul Mohamed, C M Morkel, Paul Kleinschmidt and W J Scheepers.

For the provincial parliament in this area: Hennis Kriel, Willem Doman, Gerald

Morkel, Peter Marais, Adriaan Jordaan, Peter McKenzie, Martha Olickers, Quarta-du Toit, Annette Reynecke, Jean-Pierre Gerber, Themba Nyathi, Nic Isaacs, Mark Wiley, Neels Ackermann, Cecil Herandien, Henry Cupido, Lous Kremer, Annette van der Merwe, André Eckermans, and James Kuyler.

For the National Assembly in the platteland area. Dawie de Villiers, Nick Koornhof, Abe

Williams, Hennie Smit, Melt Hamman, Mario Mashier, Chris Wyngaardt, Glen Careise and Melchor Johnson.

For the provincial parliament in this area Lampie Fick, Arnold de Jager, Ryno King, Kobus Meiring, Piet Meyer, Alta Rossouw, Anwar Ismael, A Versfeldt, Koos Lloyd, J N Malan, Abe Williams, Gert Kotzé, Lester Samson and Melt van der Spuy.

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Andrew tops DP list for W Cape

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

DEMOCRATIC PARTY national chairman and MP for Gardens, Mr Ken Andrew, heads the party's Western Cape list of candidates for the new national parliament

The DP's regional electoral college decided yesterday on most of the top positions for the national list, but by late last night the issue of the premiership — between Mr Hennie Bester or Professor Richard van der Ross — and the DP's list for the regional legislature had not been finalised.

The top half of the 14-person Western Cape list for the central parliament is dominated by sitting MPs, but party activists — particularly new DP members from the coloured community — fill most of the remaining positions

The candidates are ranked in the following order: Mr Andrew, Mr Jasper Walsh (MP for Pinelands), Mr Colin Douglas (DP Youth leader), Ms Dene Smuts (MP for Groote Schuur), Mr Roger Hulley (MP for Constantia), Mr David Curry (MP for Pniel), Mr Johannes Fortun, Mr Andhor Marks, Mr Kobus Koopman, Mr Joe Maart, Mr Denis Marinus and Ms Alison April. The fifth and 14th positions are reserved for Southern Cape candidates.

Ikapa worker ²⁶³ claims he was offered a bribe

□ Contractor 'wanted lever on officials'

DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

AN IKAPA Town Council employee was offered a bribe to provide information prejudicial to senior council officials, a former employee has told the commission of inquiry into maladministration and corruption in the council

The commission ruled that the man, who worked for the council between 1985 and 1992, should remain anonymous because of threats in the past

The witness told the commission that in June last year, almost a year after he had left the council's service, he had received a call from chief executive officer J J Olivier offering him the opportunity to make a "nice sum of money" if he co-operated by giving certain information on council officials

That evening, an attorney by the name of Heyns had phoned him saying he represented SA Bio-Tech, a firm that had a multi-million rand contract with the council to remove refuse from black townships

The next day, the witness visited Mr Heyns's office and was again informed that the owners of SA Bio-Tech were "prepared to pay him" for any information he had on 10 senior Ikapa officials

The witness said he could not remember all the names on the typed list handed to him, but recalled sever-

al, including those of Ikapa administrator Faan Naude, town secretary Deon Adriaanse, engineering head Boet Vermaak and senior engineer Nicholaas Pieterse

He said the names of the chief executive officer and other senior officials, such as town treasurer Ian Grisdale and assistant town engineer Johan Nieuwoudt, were conspicuous by their absence

He said Mr Heyns had said his client felt the people on the list had "hassled" him and he was looking for "something to use against them"

The witness also told the commission that, acting on instructions from his senior, Johan Nieuwoudt, he had "invented" a bogus company that served to submit fictitious tenders so that two other companies, A A Plumbing and A Abader Plumbing (actually one company), could submit appropriately lower tenders

He admitted suspecting all was not above-board

He said Mr Nieuwoudt "knew everything" about the phony arrangement

In return, Mr Abader would give Mr Nieuwoudt certain "kickbacks", which he would personally deliver to his office on Fridays

The three-man commission under the chairmanship of J T P Swart continues on Monday

Santie Croeser is leading evidence before the commission

Court hears of bogus firms

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'Bribery attempt was taped'

Staff Reporter

A COMPANY owner blew the whistle on corruption in the Ikapa town council, according to evidence presented to the commission investigating maladministration and irregularities in the council.

It emerged in the evidence of Mr Craig Langford, a senior Ikapa auditor, that Ikapa buyer Mr Sarel Marais approached the owner of Uniforms Unlimited, Mr Paul Morkel, and asked him to inflate the prices of uniforms the council intended buying, "because the old man (Ikapa treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale) wanted his cut".

The transaction never went through as Mr Morkel made a recording of the conversation with Mr Marais.

He then handed the recording to Mr Langford together with a statement he made to the police.

'Officials

used Ikapa

resources'

of councillor Mr D Lobi, during working hours, and using materials and labour from the council.

The witness also gave evidence of intimidation by his superior, Mr Johan Niewoudt. He alleged Mr Niewoudt wrote a statement and signed his (the witness's) name on it. In the statement the witness "admitted" doing work on the home of officials, using Ikapa materials.

At this time the commission of inquiry was already sitting, and Mr Niewoudt allegedly told the

Staff Reporter

EVIDENCE of bogus and non-existent companies putting in bids for tenders, officials who used Ikapa town council resources to renovate their homes and allegations of intimidation emerged in a hearing yesterday by the commission of inquiry into corruption and maladministration in the Ikapa town council.

The three-man commission ruled that the witness who gave evidence yesterday may not be identified as he fears for his own and his family's safety.

The man was employed by the council from 1988 to 1992 when he worked in the job creation department. He said that on two occasions he and a work crew carried out renovations to the home

Ikapa: Court told of 'free holidays'

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Staff Reporter

EVIDENCE of holidays in exchange for kickbacks and tender irregularities was heard yesterday at the commission of inquiry into maladministration in the Ikapa Town Council.

The three-man commission is hearing evidence relating to financial irregularities and maladministration of the Ikapa Town Council.

Mr Achmat Abader, the owner of two companies, AA Plumbing and A Abader Plumbing — which were contracted by the council — said in evidence that even though the council had a contract with Incedon for plumbing supplies, they bought supplies from Suburban Hardware at higher prices.

Mr Abader said Suburban Hardware often bought equipment and sup-

plies from Incedon because their prices were lower.

Former town treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale received a holiday to Durban — by yacht — from Suburban Hardware, Mr Abader said.

Evidence of tender irregularities emerged when Mr Abader told the commission he would submit tenders from both his companies for a single job, adding that the council "did not know" he was the owner of both companies.

Mr Abader said of the 20-plus informal tenders he had been contracted for by the council, only two were below R10 000.

Informal tenders of R10 000 or more can only be granted by the council in situations of extreme emergency.

The hearing continues today.

A Petition for a Referendum on the Cape Republic

We of the Cape Province *refuse* to vote for politicians
until the constitution they serve under has been approved.

On June 10, 1909 Natal Colony approved the Union by referendum.

On October 5, 1960 the four Provinces approved the Republic by referendum

On April 27, 1994, the Cape wants the constitutional referendum
the government promised us. *It is our right.*

I, the undersigned, call for a referendum by all the people of the Cape
Province to reject the proposed Constitution [B212D - 93 (GA)], and to
approve a return to self-rule as The Cape Republic, which shall protect the
rights of all minorities and encourage free enterprise.

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29,000	45,000
3,750,000	6,102,000 .

Gross Domestic Product:
73 billion Rand

Area: 645,767 sq km (larger than France, Belgium & Switzerland combined)

Government: has it powers constitutionally limited, minorities strictly protected by law, encourages job-creation, small businesses and free enterprise

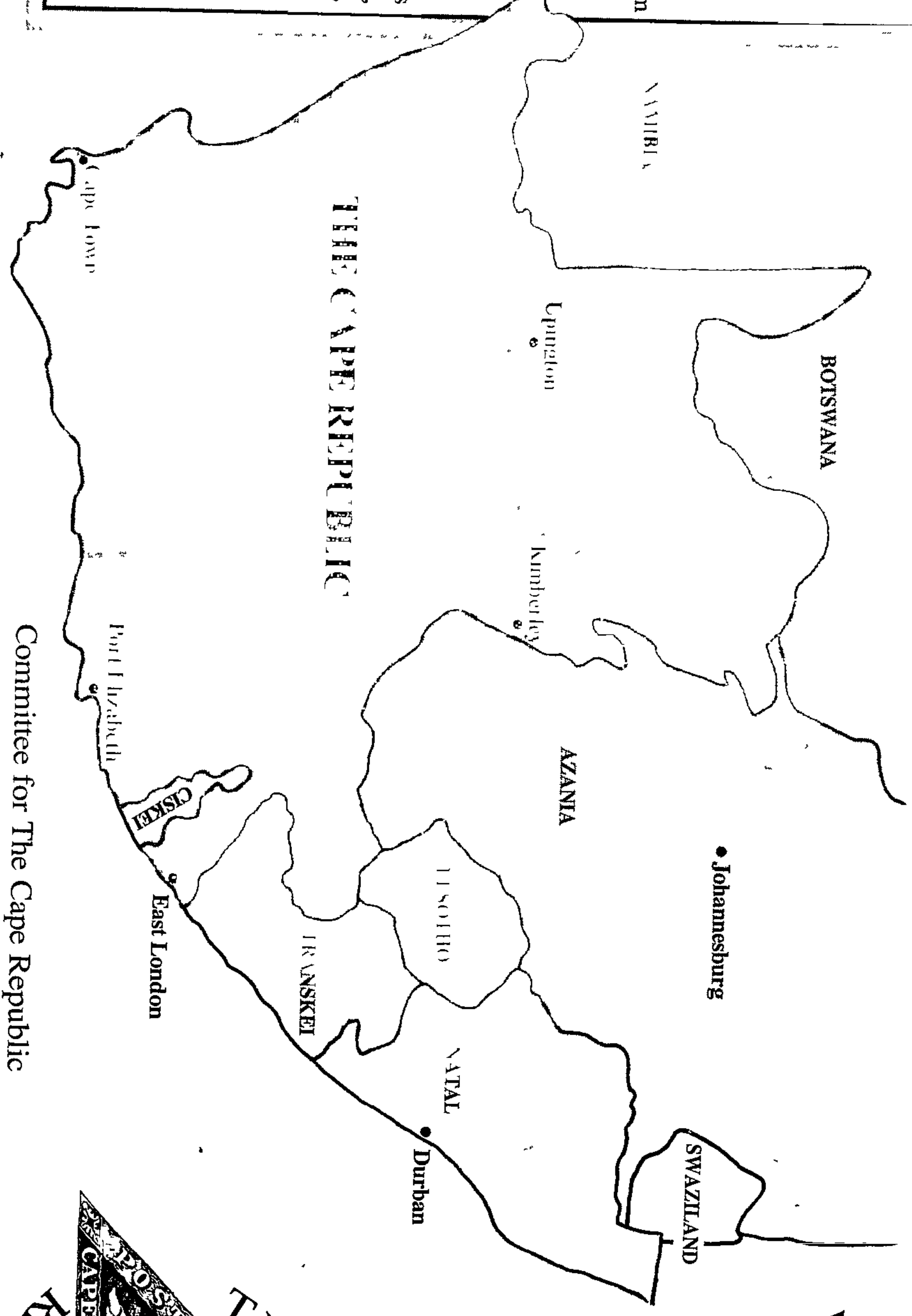
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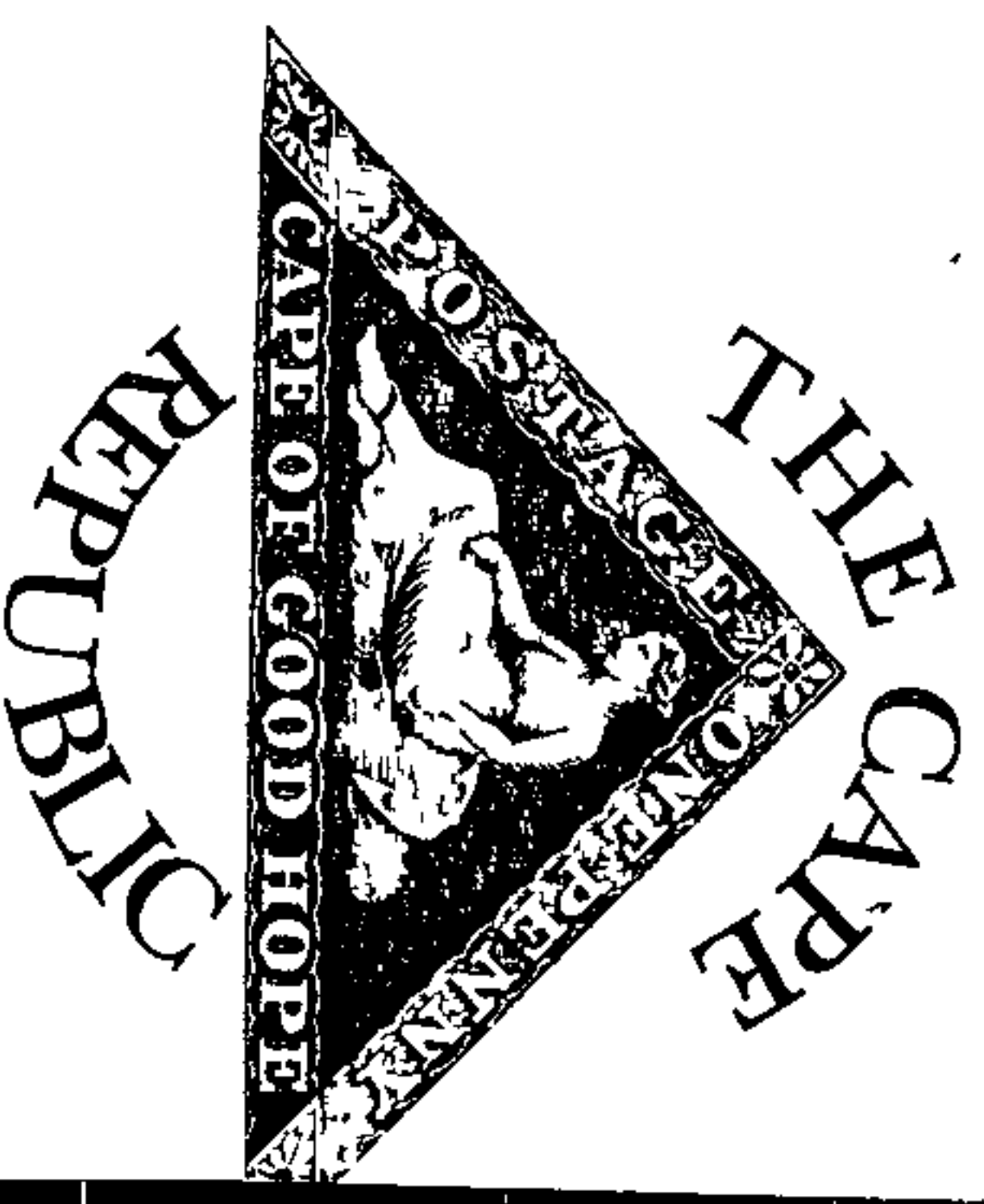
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Council clashes with forum on new boundaries

□ Technical versus political approach

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

DEBATE about future metropolitan boundaries has begun in earnest, with a Cape Town City Council report taking issue with draft proposals by a metropolitan negotiating forum working group.

The working group has proposed using the Western Cape Regional Services Council boundaries as metropolitan boundaries.

Cape Town has proposed a smaller metropole, omitting Wellington, Paarl, and large areas east of Stellenbosch.

City planning official Roy Gentle said Cape Town had used technical criteria, including the water table, in its calculations.

Boundaries proposed by the working group seemed to have been influenced by political factors.

The proposal seemed "an easy way out" and was not sufficiently motivated, he said.

The boundary proposed in the city council report would be put to the council for approval next week.

Mr Gentle said it would be uneconomical for a metropolitan authority to service an area more than 50 km away.

Capacity of bulk services, such as

water, limited an area of supply.

If Cape Town's water supply area became too large, additional allocations from the Department of Water Affairs would be needed.

Mr Gentle said advantages for an area of incorporation in a metropolitan area included:

- Consumers in the Transitional Metropolitan Council area would benefit from economies of scale and reduced unit costs for services.

- Local authorities outside the TMC area would have to develop their own infrastructure, or buy services from the TMC.

- Metropolitan governments would be seen as appropriate "bankers" by international development financiers.

- The Metropolitan Council would be able to draw on a large pool of technical and foreign expertise, such as World Bank advice.

- Local authorities represented on the TMC would be able to influence decisions on land use, housing, economic matters and tourism, and.

- Competition between town councils to attract investors would become unnecessary.

The metropolitan forum was expected to extend its deadline for comment on its boundary proposals to the second week in February.

More forum meetings seen

Municipal Reporter

MEETINGS of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum will have to be held far more often to keep pace with the demands of local government transition, a city council briefing has been told.

Council official Chris Blackshaw said issues likely to be hot topics at the forum were membership and internal boundaries between local authorities in the metropolitan area.

The Local Government Transition Act, expected to be promulgated soon, gives metropolitan areas and towns 90 days to set up forums which will appoint transitional councils.

The Cape metropolitan forum has given notice to the provincial administration it intends applying for formal recognition in terms of the Act. But it is expected that the forum will simultaneously apply for an extension to the 90-day deadline.

Mr Blackshaw said it would be difficult for negotiations on the metropolitan boundary to be finalised within the deadline. While the Act made allowance for extensions, there were indications these would be given "only in extreme cases".

Once a transitional metropolitan council was set up, it would decide on its functions, picking from a list in the Act.

Huge Ikapa bank 'scam'

Staff Reporter
IKAPA officials deposited cheques worth millions of rand in their private bank accounts over weekends "by mistake", a commission of inquiry into irregularities at Ikapa Town Council heard yesterday

It was alleged the money was deposited to earn interest for the officials

Truckloads of bricks were also allegedly used to build holiday homes for officials, senior auditor Mr Craig Lester Langford told the commission

Mr Langford said Ikapa investment cheques totalling several million rands would be paid into an individual's bank account for a weekend — "supposedly in error" — before being properly deposited on the Monday

Mr Langford said at one stage an Ikapa employee, a Mrs Fourie, had approached council administrator Mr Faan Naude at the Goodwood offices with a suitcase full of documents containing details of how irregular payments were made

Nothing was done because Mr Naude received a "kick-back" of about R12 000 a year from officials, Mr Langford alleged

'Officials creamed interest'

He said "truckloads" of bricks were obtained from Ikapa's brick-making plant and taken to Hermanus and Ceres, where former town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence and former Ikapa chief executive officer Mr J J Olivier were building holiday homes

Mr Sarel Marais, an Ikapa buyer, had asked the owner of Uniforms Unlimited to inflate the prices of uniforms because "the old man (Ikapa treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale) wanted his cut" When the accounts were paid the difference was allegedly split between the men

He (Mr Langford) had obtained a statement from the owner of the business and this and a tape recording were handed to an external auditor

He told the commission that Mr

Grisdale had told him Mr Olivier was in "some sort of financial difficulties" and could not obtain a second bond

Mr Grisdale had arranged a second bond for Mr Olivier that increased his housing subsidy

When he went to Mr Olivier's house to investigate he could not find any additions and did not know what had happened to the money, Mr Langford said

He had been told that councillor Mr Dennys Lobi had been involved in a scam in which rooms at hostels officially let at R6 each were sub-let for up to R50

"As far as I know this was done with Mr Grisdale's blessing When I left it was still going on"

A former Ikapa councillor succeeded in having his evidence heard in camera

In an affidavit he said he had been attacked, shot at, had petrol bombs and handgrenades flung at his house and had received anonymous threatening telephone calls since 1985

He said his evidence may assist the commission but he feared for his life

Commission chairman Mr J Swart ruled that the man could testify in camera

The commission continues tomorrow

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'Vote buying' management committee backs down

By Shannon Neill

A FOUR-week sit-in at the Elsies River management committee offices, has ended with the committee relinquishing control over housing allocation. (263)

South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco) members took over the offices on December 8 to protest against the way the management committee allocated houses

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The demonstrators claimed the National Party-supporting committee "did not follow the council lists and gave the houses unfairly to their own supporters".

Western Cape Regional Services Council chief executive officer, Mr Dan van der Berg, said the RSC would investigate any allegations of mismanagement of housing allocation if proof of this was provided.

Sanco also claims management

committee members were using their positions to get support for the NP in the forthcoming elections

The management committee will no longer be involved in the allocation of houses. In future houses will be allocated by the RSC strictly according to the waiting list with some consultation with Sanco.

Sanco has expressed dissatisfaction that the management committee has not been disbanded.

ANC names E Cape capital

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KING WILLIAM'S TOWN has been nominated by the ANC as the regional capital of the new eastern Cape province, a highly placed regional ANC source has confirmed.

However, the source said, the ques-

tion of the capital and the nomination lists for the central and regional governments have still to be confirmed by the ANC national executive committee before an official announcement is made - Ecna

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“New members” of town board fired on

STEFANS BRUMMER

Weekend Argus Reporter

POLICE fired teargas and birdshot during a confrontation this week after the “newly-elected board of management” in the town of Saron demanded that keys and the authority to govern be handed over by the chairman of the incumbent board.

The “election” was held only a week before the signing into law of the Local Government Transition Act which envisages interim power sharing between statutory and non-statutory groups in local government.

Now questions are being asked about the legal validity of the election and lawyers have been briefed with a view to making a Supreme Court application to have it declared legitimate.

Saron is one of 24 coloured trust areas in the Cape administered by boards of management, the equivalent of town councils.

Trouble started in Saron in 1992 when R24 000 was discovered missing from the board of management offices.

In October eight people were elected under the auspices of the residents’ association, which wanted them to take their seats with the members of the incumbent board under the proposed statutory/non-statutory power sharing agreement.

Residents’ association spokesman James Titus said the incumbent board had refused, saying the national agreement had not been finalised.

In December there were two occupations of the board of management offices by the residents’ association.

On December 15, during the second occupation, the eight residents’ association candidates drew up an agreement, co-signed by Hannes Smut, chairman of the incumbent board, to hold “free and democratic elections” for a completely new board in January.

Here the accounts differ. Mr Titus said the proposal for a freshly elected board, as opposed to a power sharing agreement, had originated with Mr Smut. But Mr Smut said he had signed the document under duress and warned the election would be “illegal”.

Mr Smut said “There were 70 to 80, maybe even 100 of them. Came 10pm they said they would keep me there. I said, ‘If you take that attitude, draw up the document and I shall sign for your illegal election’”.

The election, boycotted by the incumbent board of management, was held on January 13, 14 and 15. It was supervised by the Network of Independent Monitors, but the Peace Committee did not send monitors, preferring that several matters be clarified first, including the election’s legality since the Local Government Transition Act had not yet been signed.

ANC officials took an ambivalent attitude. ANC rural organiser Julian Davids said although the ANC “did not want to get involved technically as it would politicise the election”, it nevertheless recognised the vote as legitimate because it recognised the December 15 agreement between the negotiating committee and Mr Smut.

He said the residents’ association had informed Cape Administrator Kobus Merring and the responsible minister in the House of Representatives of the intended election, but had not received replies.

“If the administrator and the minister did not deem it necessary to react, certainly the community was entitled to act as it did”.

Monitor Val Rose-Christie said the number of voters had been 938, considerably more than in 1988 when the incumbent board was elected.

“It was a perfectly free and fair election, very well organised. I must congratulate them on that”.

On Monday a large residents’ association group marched to the police station with a memorandum for Mr Smut, demanding that he hand over the board of management authority and keys.

He refused to fetch it and the crowd went to his house. Tempers flared.

Boland organiser for the SA National Civics Organisation, Cupido Rogers, who was on the scene, said people on Mr Smut’s premises had

thrown darts and a stone at the crowd.

A stone was returned by a member of the crowd and he appealed for calm. **(263)**

Mr Rogers said he had been negotiating with police officers when police started firing teargas, followed by birdshot. One shouted “Shoot the pigs”.

Later youths gathered behind Mr Smut’s house and stoned police and police vans.

“By that time I had withdrawn, I could not control the people anymore. **RR 4-22/11/94**”

He said police had fired again, and at least 18 people had been injured, two “somewhat seriously”.

Police spokesmen said 14 people had been treated in hospital. They said Mr Smut had laid a charge of trespassing against the crowd and they started arresting people.

“During the arrests by the SAP, the group stormed the front door of Mr Smut’s house. After stones were thrown in the direction of SAP members, they were forced to act. An SAP vehicle and two private homes were damaged in the process”.

A spokesman said four rubber-shot rounds, three birdshot rounds and five teargas rounds had been fired. No complaints of misconduct had been made against the police, but an undertaking had been given to the Peace Committee to investigate the matter.

DAVID YUTAR, Staff Reporter

A JOB evaluation system which was a "comedy of errors", a bogus computer consultant being paid R120 an hour and R7-million spent in 15 months on township refuse removal were just some of the irregularities at the Ikapa Town Council

This emerged at the commission of inquiry into council maladministration which has been sitting at the Woodstock Hospital since last August

Senior Ikapa Town Council accountant Basil Berowsky made these and other allegations during the commission's hearing yesterday

Mr Berowsky said there was "no control over the council's job evaluation system" and employees were arbitrarily upgraded without complying with standard procedure

"Certain people as low as level 18 (labourers) were elevated to level nine (artisans) without having to show their qualifications," he said

In the normal course of events, employees would have to undergo a 'trade test' to qualify for such upgrading

He said that, as a result, these employees received up to R60 000 back-pay and automatic salary increases until taking pension

"People would lodge their application for a job evaluation, wait a few months and lodge another"

He said that eventually the Cape Provincial Administration had to be called in to scrutinise the entire evaluation system

From September 1992 to November 1993 the council paid out about R7-million (increasing each payment by R450 000 a month) to S A Bio-Tech for township refuse removal with the resultant loss of 100 council jobs

Chief executive officer J J Olivier would "personally deliver a cheque a day after the invoice was received instead of waiting for the 30 to 35 days as the council was entitled to do"

In May 1992, the council appointed Hannes Smit of Solutech to investigate the computer network

Mr Smit, although presented as an expert, "had a limited knowledge of computers" and "was unable to write a programme"

He was paid R120 an hour by the council

He was responsible for introducing four new computer systems, which were bought rather than leased when "everything we wanted to do could be done with the existing system", said Mr Berowsky

Mr Berowsky said the system was still not operative to this day

He said council administrator Faan Naude received R1 000 to attend one council meeting a month, for which he was given official transport

Another council official in the town treasurer's department, placed in control of township water works, was never available

"I had to phone him about faulty meters," said Mr Berowsky

"For 90 percent of the time he was not available and I was told he stayed at work until 10am after which he would push off home or otherwise be on sick leave permanently"

The three-man commission has adjourned until Monday January 24

Sitting on the commission are J Swart (chairman), P le Roux and W Wagenaar

Santie Croeser has been appointed to lead evidence before the commission

● A witness who was to testify before the commission yesterday died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Tuesday

Ikapa senior accountant tells of council's costly 'comedy of errors'

Refuse removal expenses rocket to R7 m, computer fundi paid R120 an hour

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Meiring faces tough battle

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

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Blacks 'denied posts' at Ikapa

Staff Reporter

A BLACK accountant told the commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration in the Ikapa town council that blacks were denied posts in the council — and that witnesses who would be appearing before the commission had been intimidated.

The woman, a qualified accountant who was downgraded to chief clerk, told the commission that when she asked why she had been denied a post, she was told she would never get a higher post "until Mandela is president".

It was also heard that some white personnel employed by the

council did not have the necessary qualifications.

The commission heard that one white official, the head of the department of community services, only had woodwork and diving certificates in his personal file.

It ordered that three of the witnesses who gave evidence yesterday may not be identified as they feared intimidation.

Underqualified

The accountant, who has been employed by the council in the finance department since 1987, told the commission she was downgraded to chief clerk although she has continued doing the work of a senior accountant.

The woman alleged that she

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and some of her black colleagues "were treated like messengers and clerks", and jobs were given to underqualified people. She said she applied for a job as a senior accountant at Browns Farm, but was told the posts had been frozen. Later, she said, white senior accountants at Ikapa got the posts and continued at Ikapa, drawing two salaries.

She told the commission that she had been warned by her superior, Mr Carl Potgieter, not to testify. She said "I told him I'm not guilty of anything and I will tell everything".

An official in the legal department told the commission that people with only school qualifications were getting jobs intended for university graduates.

Meiring in bid for top post

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

ADMINISTRATOR of the Cape Mr Kobus Meiring is in the running to be the National Party's nominee for the premiership of the Western Cape province

But he faces a tough nomination contest within the NP against Minister of Law and Order Mr HERNUS KRIEL, who has declared himself available for the post

Both Mr Meiring, the former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and former MP for Paarl, and Mr Kriel, a former Cape MEC and the MP for Parow, have stated they will stand for the Western Cape parliament in the April 27 election

Mr Meiring said yesterday he would serve the NP in whatever capacity the party wanted

Despite his caution, it is an open secret in NP circles that Mr Kriel and Mr Meiring are the frontrunners for the party's nomination for the premiership

Kriel also in the running

The NP in the Western Cape votes on Saturday January 29 at a meeting in Worcester for its regional nominations both for the Western Cape parliament and for the regional representatives in the national assembly

The results of the NP voting are expected to be released only after its federal congress at the World Trade Centre, to be held in February four years after President F W de Klerk's historic speech on February 2, 1990

It could also postpone any decision on its nominee for the premiership until after the April 27 election, but now that the ANC has opted for Dr Allan Boesak as its candidate, it may be forced to

decide between Mr Kriel and Mr Meiring before the election

Because of his involvement in direct negotiations with the ANC and civic groups about various issues, including the redevelopment of District Six, and his lead, shortly after he became administrator in 1989, in scrapping beach apartheid, Mr Meiring has obvious appeal to voters who support reform, particularly coloured voters who do not want to vote for the ANC

Mr Kriel, on the other hand, with his tough law and order image is a wily politician with deep roots in the Western Cape, even though he has been more involved nationally since he became a cabinet minister

Mr Meiring has been involved in politics for 20 years — he was elected MPC for Paarl in 1974

Theoretically, the NP would only have to make choice about its nominee for the position if it did well in the elections in the Western Cape, but it could lose votes if it avoids doing so during the election campaign

Tighter security for city fathers

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Staff Reporter

SECURITY is being tightened up on the fifth floor of the Civic Centre in the wake of "mob" sit-in demonstrations that gave city councillors and staff cause to fear for their safety

Executive committee members were unable to get into their offices on the fifth floor during the Tafelsig demonstrations and it was believed some of the demonstrators had been armed, according to deputy city administrator Mr Attie van der Merwe

A conference room has been set aside on the building's concourse for meetings and round-table discussions. Electronic access is being installed on the fifth floor

Invasion

Executive committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan said the "nerve centre" on the fifth floor, which included the mayoral suite, town clerk's suite and executive committee offices, had always been too vulnerable and accessible

The Tafelsig invasion had "brought the matter to a head", Mr Keegan said "It just indicated the ease with which large numbers of people could walk in"

The director of security services, Mr John Fletcher, declined to say what measures were being taken

There were other reasons for the updated measures, he said. The upcoming active local government election campaign was one reason for the upgraded security measures

"We must have better control. This building is designed for access to the public, but people were misusing it," Mr Van der Merwe said

Games played on computer, Ikapa council inquiry told

DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporter

A SENIOR Ikapa Town Council official had expensive computer equipment installed unnecessarily, the commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration of the council's affairs has heard

Andile Keith Mashalaba, an Ikapa internal auditor, told the commission yesterday that after Johannes Smit was appointed head of the council's data processing department in August, 1992, he had new computers installed that made the electronic typewriters redundant

"The computers were used only for transmitting messages" a function that could easily have been performed by the typewriters, said Mr Ma-

shalaba

"We were kept in the dark about how the computers worked," he added

Mr Mashalaba said Mr Smit, a "sickly person who wore bandages on his head", used to play computer games and read newspapers during working hours

In October Mr Smit was appointed acting town treasurer after Ian Grisdale was suspended

Mr Mashalaba said the internal auditors were obstructed and their reports were ignored

He said Ikapa chief executive officer J.J. Olivier had a conference room, air conditioning and showers installed at his office at the council's expense

He said no proper register

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for leave was kept and employees took leave "without recording the fact"

One employee "on sick pension was booked present while getting a full salary every month"

Another internal auditor, Mpumelelo Liberty Manjati, told the commission that an employee received his full salary of R5 105 while booked off on sick leave

The commission, under the chairmanship of J.T.P. Swart, was appointed by President De Klerk at the request of Administrator Kobus Meiring after the findings of an informal investigation

The other commissioners are P Le Roux and W Wagenaar
The hearing continues today

Proposal on W Cape boundary

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□ Forum invites debate

SHARON SOROUR, Staff Reporter

DETAILS of a proposed outer boundary for the Cape metropolitan area have been released for comment by the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

At a meeting yesterday, forum co-chairman Wilhe van Schoor said the boundary recommended for the area, which would ultimately fall under the Transitional Metropolitan Council, was the present boundary of the Western Cape Regional Services Council.

This encompassed the entire Peninsula, Atlantis, Wellington, Paarl, Franschoek, Stellenbosch and the Helderberg, but excluded Malmesbury in the north and Grabouw in the east.

Mr Van Schoor emphasised the recommendation was not final, and the discussion document would be sent to as many organisations as possible for comment.

He said submissions had to be made in writing by February 7. If organisations wished to comment verbally, an appointment would have to be made with the steering committee.

The Cape Metropolitan Forum was established to negotiate the creation of transitional structures of local government in the Cape metropolitan area and comprised a large number of local authorities and organisations.

Local authorities which have not joined the forum include Stellenbosch, Somerset West, Gordon's Bay, Strand, Paarl and Wellington.

The forum must reach agreement on a number of issues, including outer and inner boundaries of transitional metropolitan substructures (local councils) and the powers and functions of the Transitional Metropolitan Council, within 90 days of the promulgation of the Local Government Transition Bill, expected to take place on January 20.

The forum's proposals go to the Administrator for approval.

Mr Van Schoor said the discussion document proposed that the outer boundary for the Cape Metropolitan Area serve as the boundary of the Transitional Metropolitan Council, which would be established later this year.

Boundaries determined for the pre-interim phase could be revised before local elections were held.

According to working group co-chairman Pierre Uys guidelines for determining boundaries of transitional councils were laid down by the Local Government Transition Bill.

"The guidelines must be used by the forum and the Provincial Demarcation Board when it makes its decisions."

Factors which had to be taken into account included natural features like mountains, coastlines and rivers, the geographical location of people in cities, towns, villages and rural areas forming a unit for the purposes of efficient metropolitan government, boundaries of existing municipal or regional bodies, for example the existing boundary of the Western Cape RSC and municipal boundaries, the extent to which an area formed a functional economic unit with links between businesses, factories and residential areas, and the cheapest, quickest, easiest way to supply and maintain services such as water, electricity, sewerage and stormwater drainage.

The Bill allowed the forum very little time to make decisions, but it did allow the boundary of the metropolitan area to be redrawn after the Transitional Metropolitan Council was established and before local elections took place, Mr Uys said.

"It may be desirable to agree to a boundary which is provisional at this point. This approach has the advantage of allowing the forum to reach agreement on this matter fairly rapidly."

"At the same time it allows for more informed decision-making to take place before a final decision is made."

● Comments, in writing, must be submitted to The Secretariat, Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, 2 Anson Road, Observatory 7925
☎ 471 280

The document is available in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa.

New metropolitan boundary proposed

Staff Reporter

THE boundary of the Western Cape Regional Services Council has been adopted as the proposed outer boundary for the Cape Metropolitan Area.

Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum co-chairman Mr Willie van Schoor said yesterday the proposed boundary could become the area of jurisdiction of the Transitional Metropolitan Council (TMC).

The area, which includes the Peninsula and Cape flats, is bounded in the north by Atlantis, Paarl and Wellington, and in the east by Franschoek, Somerset West and Gordon's Bay. It

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excludes Malmesbury and Grabouw

Mr Pierre Uys, co-chairman of the forum's Working Group 1, which produced the document, said submissions on why the proposed borders should be changed must be based on technical — and not emotional or political — reasons.

Comments must be submitted to The Secretariat, Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, 2 Anson Road, Observatory 7925 before February 7. Organisations which want to make verbal comments should write to the secretariate or telephone (021) 47-1280 to arrange an appointment.

Top men quit from councils administering Khayelitsha

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

ACTING Lingeletu West town clerk Gerhard Ras and suspended Ikapa Town Council treasurer Ian Grisdale have resigned

Mr Ras, who worked for the council for 4½ years, said he decided to quit because of "unbearable pressure" and the volatile political situation in Khayelitsha.

His wife, who worked as welfare officer for the council for three years, has also left

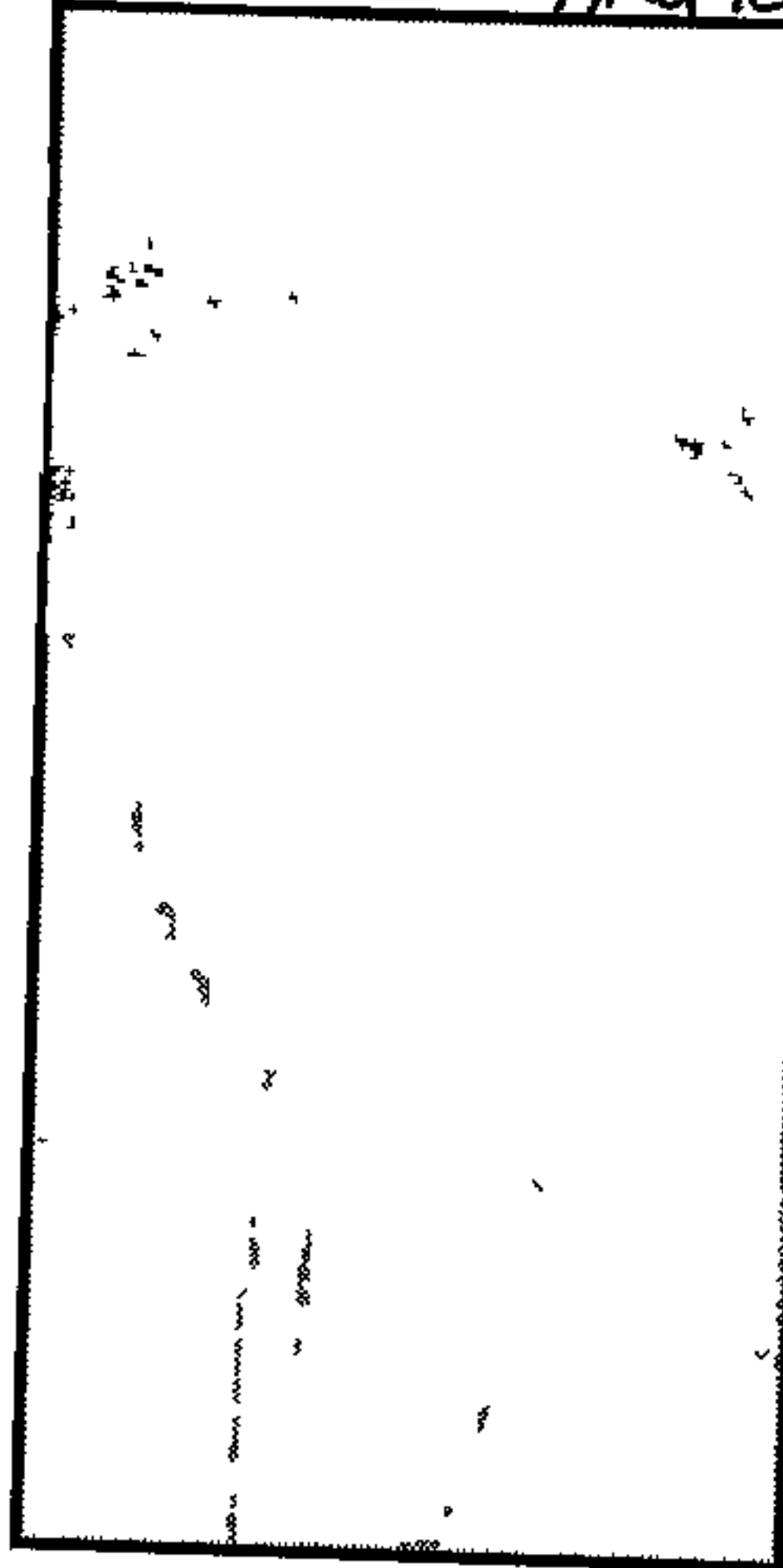
Mr Ras said that since taking over as acting town clerk he had had to change his home telephone number because of threats to his life and he "could not take it any more"

The occupation of the Lingeletu offices by residents in protest against the council — who subsequently resigned en masse — and the sit-in by Pan-Africanist Congress supporters which lasted for more than a week last year happened when Mr Ras was at the helm

"After four years as town secretary and since I was made acting town clerk after Graham Lawrence fell ill in 1992, it was getting to a stage where I as an individual could no more handle it," he said

"I had to go for psychological treatment and it was recommended that in view of the circumstances I make a change in my work environment"

Mr Ras, who said he had always viewed himself as a "career



Gerhard Ras

administrator" said white officials were regarded in the communities in which they worked as "part of the old apartheid order"

They were "sacrificed" by the government to do the "apartheid work"

"When pressure was brought on us and the council by opponents of the system in the communities we served, we received no support from the authorities but were expected to carry out the apartheid work," he said

Mr Ras said he had established an estate agency and, "frankly I don't see myself ever going back to Khayelitsha"

Lingeletu acting town clerk Wouter Loots said Mr Ras and his wife were the only ones who took "early retrenchment packages" offered to all staff as the council was financially in the red

According to Ikapa town engineer Boet Vermaak, Mr Grisdale resigned in a faxed letter dated December 31

Mr Grisdale's name featured prominently in a commission of inquiry probing alleged financial irregularities in the council

The commission, still in progress, was appointed by President De Klerk at the request of Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring after the findings of an informal committee of investigation

Mr Grisdale was suspended in October "while a matter relating to malpractices is investigated," the council said last year

But the Supreme Court declared his suspension without pay invalid and without force or effect last month

Mr Vermaak said the resignation letter, addressed to the chief executive officer, was received on January 3

He said it gave no reasons for his resignation and the matter would be dealt with next week when council lawyers reported for duty

Mr Grisdale could not be reached for comment at his home in Constantia, where his telephone remained engaged

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Ikapa treasurer resigns

SUSPENDED Ikapa Town Council treasurer Mr Ian Griesdale has resigned from the council with effect from February 1

Mr Griesdale featured in allegations of corruption currently being investigated by a commission of inquiry into alleged maladministration and bribery at Ikapa

He is expected to give evidence before the commission in due course — Sapa

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Payout plan under scrutiny

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PORT ELIZABETH
ST 12/11/44
The Auditor-General has completed a report on the Grahamstown city council's controversial "golden handshake" scheme for officials

But the report is to remain secret until January 24 or February 28, to give the council a chance to consider it.

The scheme involved a plan to retrench five top municipal officials with full pension payouts and to re-employ them on five-year contracts

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At the moment, the
focus is on the
future and the
possibilities of
the year 2020.



FAURE TREATMENT PLANT: The new treatment plant will increase Cape Town's water treatment capacity by 500 megalitres a day when phase two is completed in 1997.

Pictures HANNES THIAFT, Weekend Argus

■ With the rapid growth of Cape Town's population, planning for the city's future water needs is a priority for the City Council. (263)

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

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CAPE Town will be drinking recycled sewage or desalinated sea water by the year 2020 — at a price.

"We are already looking at desalination and have accepted that, ultimately, this is where the future lies," city engineer Arthur Clayton said earlier this week.

"Within the next 20 to 25 years our natural resources will all be exploited and we will have to resort to desalination, which is very costly"

The Water Research Commission — a Pretoria-based government body — was busy conducting a series of research projects aimed at reducing desalination costs, he said.

With demand for water growing at 4,5 percent a year, Cape Town is battling to keep up with demand.

The Department of Water Affairs — who do all the planning and construction of dams — supplies the city council's water needs

The council, in turn, is the bulk supplier to the entire metropolitan area, seeing to the requirements of a rapidly expanding population presently hovering around three million

Mr. Clayton said consumption was expected to rise even further as standards of living improved. The development of a water-conservation ethic must, however, become a priority

"Water in South Africa is still very cheap compared to the rest of the world," he said.

City households consumed an average of 350 litres a day — dropping to the 30 litres a day consumed by the Vrygrond squatters

Until Phase 1 of the Faure treatment plant is commissioned at the end February the city can supply a maximum 1 100 megalitres of potable water a day.

■ And for the past several months — ironically,

Restrictions from January 6

WATER restrictions will be in force across the Western Cape from dawn on January 6 until the completion of Phase 1 of the Faure treatment plant at the end of February.

Ironically, even if the Faure plant is not ready by then, the restrictions will be dropped in March as demand starts to drop.

The only areas unaffected by the restrictions will be Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Simon's Town.

Detailed planning for the Faure plant began in 1989 after the Department of Water Affairs granted the city a temporary allocation from Theewaterskloof dam.

"We planned to bring it in at the

end of 1994 and it was inevitable there would be some form of restrictions this summer.

"But council said no, we should finish it a year earlier, so we accelerated our implementation programme aiming at completion by November 1993

"However, for reasons beyond the city's control — including inclement weather in early winter and time lost to labour disputes — we are now aiming for the end of February," Mr Clayton said

He scoffed at criticism over the work-stoppage at the Faure treatment plant between Christmas and New Year.



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□ **AWAITING COMMISSION:** Pipes near Mitchell's Plain await coupling to the new Faure treatment plant

following heavy winter rainfall — consumption has come dangerously close to that figure

The capacity will increase by 500 megalitres a day once Faure Phase 1 comes on-line. A further 500 megalitres a day can be expected in 1998 on completion of phase-two

“At the present rate of consumption the taps will simply run dry,” Mr Clayton said.

With industry due to start the new year on January 10 and plenty of hot summer sunshine to come, the city was compelled to impose “mild” restrictions

The Faure plant will augment the six treatment plants presently in commission at Steenbras, Wemmershoek, Voelvler, Blackheath, Constantia Nek and Kloof Nek.

“After Faure, around 2020, the next treatment plant could well be a desalination plant, but we are looking at extending the existing treatment plants as well.

“The problem is if you increase your treatment plant's capacity you have to increase your pipe capacity — a costly business,” Mr Clayton said.

“Water is a precious commodity, a limited natural resource. It has to be treated as such.

“The restrictions are a precautionary measure. If we allowed people to continue to use water indiscriminately we would just not be able to meet the demand. We must look at water-demand management. Without lowering the quality of life and by developing a water conservation ethic, we could make the existing resources last a little longer,” he said.

“It is not unrealistic to aim for a 10 percent saving.”

Water measures a 'precautionary' bid

THE water restrictions to be imposed on January 6 are described by City Engineer Arthur Clayton as being of a "mild" and of a "precautionary" nature. The last time water consumption had to be controlled in Cape Town was in 1972/73.

Compared to restrictions imposed elsewhere in the country in the past, Cape Town's paled into insignificance.

The harshest measures Mr Clayton could recall were imposed in East London in the 1950s.

The situation there was so desperate, they put sea water into the reticulation system while tankers distributed potable water door-to-door.

Durban, the PWV area and Port Elizabeth all bit the bullet during the eighties.

Durbanites were limited to a maximum of 400 litres a day while residents of Port Elizabeth could use 500 litres per household.

Failure to comply with the restrictions resulted in hefty surcharges.

And for several years residents on the Rand were strictly controlled, watering of gardens being limited to just a few hours a week.

Mr Clayton said harsher restrictions included:

- Limiting watering of gardens to a few hours a week;
- Stopping watering gardens altogether;
- Stopping car washing and pool filling; and, harshest of all, rationing.

The City Engineer has suggested several long-term water-saving

■ While Cape Town's forthcoming water restrictions are not drastic, it is advisable to conserve water.

Almost 60 percent of water supplied in the Cape is for domestic use, 35 percent going to watering gardens, Mr Clayton said.

Dealing with industrial use first, he said industry rarely took the cost of water into account in costing their products because water was so cheap.

"It would pay industry to manage water consumption. They'd be surprised how much they could save."

Turning to domestic users, Mr Clayton had several aces up his sleeve.

■ People should shower in preference to bathing,

■ They should fix leaking taps and pipes immediately,

■ They should plant undemanding indigenous plants in their gardens,

■ Water sprinkling systems should be well-maintained and managed,

■ Use a hose rather than a sprinkler whenever possible,

■ Fit modern cistern controlling devices to their toilets, and

■ Cover swimming pools whenever possible.

But, most important was the development of a water-conservation ethic, Mr Clayton said.

"Be aware of your water consumption and manage it accordingly," he said.

Ikapa officials falsified matric results

Staff Reporter

FRESH evidence of corruption emerged at yesterday's commission of inquiry into maladministration at the Ikapa Town Council where it was heard that certain senior officials submitted falsified matric certificates — including one male official who submitted a certificate from an all-girl school

Yesterday internal auditors em-

ployed by the council said reports of their investigations into irregularities were not submitted to the chief executive officer of the council or the external auditors

A three-man commission is investigating alleged financial irregularities and maladministration in the Ikapa Town Council

Mr Andile Mashalaba, an internal auditor for the council since 1989,

said several Ikapa officials, including a senior auditor, Mr L C Langford, town secretary, Mr Wynand Geldenhuis and two clerks, Mrs N Mhlakane and Mr T Ntsohi, were fired because they had submitted false matric certificates

The internal auditors alleged that copies of their reports into suspected irregularities were not sent to Ikapa's external auditors, Coopers and

Lybrand the irregularities encountered by the auditors was an official who retired in April 1992 due to ill health, yet continued receiving his monthly salary of over R5 000 until October of that year

The hearing continues today. The three-man commission is headed by retired magistrates Mr J T P Swart, Mr P J Roux and the former town clerk of Paarl, Mr W J Wagenaar. Ms Santie Croeser has been appointed to lead evidence and arguments relating to the inquiry

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False identity figures given

PRETORIA — Of the 80 000 illegal immigrants repatriated annually by South Africa, 0,3 percent had managed to obtain false identity documents, Home Affairs Minister Dame Schutte said (263)

He was responding to allegations at a news conference in Pretoria that his department, in its haste to process identity documents, had also issued them to non-South African citizens

Mr Schutte said yesterday his department had gone out of its way to ensure all documents enabling the electorate to vote were "absolutely credible" with references to source documents — Sapa

Group bids for Cape republic

MICHAEL MORRIS
Political Correspondent

A NEW pressure group has launched a bid for a referendum to endorse a call for a Cape republic and rejection of agreements negotiated by most of South Africa's major political groupings at Kempton Park

The Committee for the Cape Republic spells out its aims in a full-page advertisement in The Argus today

It has launched a petition with a target of 100 000 signatures

Spokesman and committee member Tim Miller, a US citizen with mining interests in

Kenya, said he expected the authorities to grant the request for a referendum if the campaign achieved the 100 000 target

"If we achieve that and they ignore us, we will launch a tax revolt," he said

Mr Miller said the organisation was independent of existing political parties, but stood for free enterprise and entrenched protection of minority rights

The official languages of the Cape republic would be English and Afrikaans only

A "Cape constitution" would be drawn up soon

Mr Miller said the people of the Cape had the right to decide for themselves whether to be part of South Africa, or go it alone as a republic (263)

The committee comprised 10 people, but Mr Miller said he was able to divulge the names of only two other members at this stage — Bernice Peters and consultant Marilyn Thompson

The remaining seven names would be released "later"

● Mainstream parties have dismissed the notion of a Cape republic as economically and politically unworkable and naive

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Apartheid may live on in Cape govt

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By NAZEEM HOWA

THE Western Cape is likely to be the only major metropolitan area in South Africa which will still have apartheid-based local government structures after the April elections.

The 90-day deadline for installation of non-racial transitional councils expires on May 2, and negotiators believe they will be unable to meet this deadline.

Negotiations in the region were last month suspended for four weeks because several delegates were on a study visit to investigate local government in Africa, the United States and South America.

There now seems to be broad support within the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum for the May 2 deadline to be extended.

Negotiators plan to approach Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring this week to request an extension of the deadline.

This was confirmed by Clive Keegan, chairman of the city council's executive committee, who was this week appointed by the Transitional Executive Council to a six-member committee to share the reins of provincial government with Mr Meiring.

Other members of the Provincial Committee for Local Government are Eddie Kulsen, Wynand Malan, Salie Manie, John Neels and Hilda Ndude.

Reliable sources said it was likely that this extension would be granted.

Mr Meiring will have to consult the six-person Provincial Committee about the forum's request, which makes it a virtual certainty that the deadline will be extended.

Reasons for the delay, according to Mr Keegan, include the lengthy overseas visit by several Forum delegates and the political complexity of the Western Cape.

"No other negotiating forum has brought together the broad spectrum of political groupings that we've had to deal with," he said.

Further delays have been caused by the slow progress being made by two of the three technical committees appointed by the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

"Of particular concern to me is the slow progress being made by the technical committee on finances and services. It is essential that this committee completes its work before any restructuring takes place," he said.

The committee investigating boundaries has already completed its work, while the committee probing administrative processes is making good progress.

● Seven rim towns in the Western Cape Re-

gional Services Council area are still refusing to join the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum.

The towns, which say they want to retain their individual rural character, are Wellington, Paarl, Franschhoek, Stellenbosch, Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay.

Some of the towns have already formed negotiating forums for local statutory and non-statutory interest groups.

News by Nazeem Howa, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town.

GREAT ESCAPE WINNER



WINNING WAYS . . . Mrs Marjorie Caile of Fish Hoek won first prize, a weekend at a luxury hotel and R2 000, in last week's Cape Metro Great Escape competition.

An ecstatic Mrs Caile said this was the first time she had entered a competition. She has chosen to spend her weekend at the V & A Hotel at the Waterfront.

Ten runners-up each won R250: Mr D A Lang of Cape Town, Mrs J Schneider of Sea Point, Mr P D Follentine of Kensington, Mrs V M Fabian of Kenilworth, Mr P Burger of Grassy Park, Mrs J M Hefele of Belhar, Mrs I M Dorby of Fish Hoek and Mrs L D Pelsler of Stellenbosch.

● Turn to page 6 for details of this week's Great Cape Escape competition. Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

Ikapa accountant 'could not question' tenders

DAVID YUTAR (263)
Staff Reporter ARG 19/1/94

A SENIOR Ikapa Town Council accountant was told not to question suspicious tender quotations, the commission of inquiry into irregularities and maladministration in the council has been told.

The inquiry is being held at Woodstock Hospital.

Carl Phillip Potgieter told the three-man commission he was employed by the council as a stores accountant and worked under departmental head Jan Cilliers.

Mr Potgieter said he had little co-operation from his seniors and this hampered his work.

He said he found it strange that written tenders for work done by outside firms were all for amounts "just below R5 000".

"I pointed this out to my senior, Mr Cilliers, who couldn't explain this but said he would take it up with the departmental head."

Eventually Mr Potgieter was told that town treasurer Ian Grisdale had said he was "not authorised to question the amounts".

Mr Potgieter said that as head of his department he signed to confirm that orders were in order and according to regulations.

He would also check to see that the departmental head had signed.

He admitted he had no way of determining whether companies (tendering for work) existed or not.

To allay his suspicions he later tried to telephone the companies concerned to check the quotations. But he was told by Mr Cilliers that Mr Grisdale had instructed them "not to question quotations by phoning firms".

"I found it strange that I was not to question quotations," said Mr Potgieter.

Mr Potgieter said that other quotations, sent by fax, had clearly been tampered with, and amounts altered.

When he asked about this he was told to accept only the original amounts indicated.

Earlier yesterday another accountant employed at the council — the commission ordered that her name was not be published — told how she had been downgraded to a chief clerk without any explanation.

When she complained to her departmental head John Woudberg she was told she would "only get a higher post when Mr Mandela became president".

He said even then he would "frustrate me and work my case".

"I was so stunned, I was speechless," she said.

The hearing, which has been sitting since October last year, continues today.

'R7m refuse bill but no homes'

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Staff Reporter

MORE than R7 million was paid by the Ikapa town council to a refuse removal company for services to thousands of houses which did not exist, a commission of inquiry heard yesterday

Senior accountant Mr Basil Berowsky said there were only 960 houses in the KTC squatter camp, yet SA Bio-Tech was paid for services to 8 263 houses

He said monthly cheques of about R456 000, for services to 10 squatter areas, were signed by town treasurer Mr Ian Grisdale and chief executive officer Mr J Olivier. He said this was "very strange as the CEO never features in payment"

Mr Berowsky said Mr Grisdale "evaded" signing cheques after other waste removal companies asked why they had not seen a tender for the account

He added that cheques were always personally delivered by Mr Olivier and drawn immediately

Mr Hannes Smit, "a so-called computer expert" appointed to introduce a new computer system, knew little about computers and could not write a programme, Mr Berowsky said

- Mr Johan Nieuwoudt, one of the senior officials implicated in the irregularities being investigated, died of a heart attack on Tuesday evening

The commission continues on Monday

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Meeting told of local authority rights riddle

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□ Councils briefed about change

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CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

LOCAL government in greater Cape Town would have "fewer rights than Pofadder" during transition, a special Cape Province Municipal Association meeting has been told

Representatives of Western Cape municipalities were briefed at Goodwood Civic Centre yesterday on the implications of the Local Government Transition Act, which became law last week.

Goodwood town clerk Dave Wilken told the meeting statutory groups would have to stand together to attempt to influence decisions of the metropolitan negotiating forum

The Cape had not been directly represented at Kempton Park talks

At this stage of change, "the only answer is to form a political bloc"

When it is formally constituted in terms of the Act, the Cape Met-

ropolitan Negotiating Forum will be empowered to finalise the boundaries of the area over which it will have jurisdiction

Half the forum will represent "statutory" groups, including city and town councils and management committees, and the other half "non-statutory" groups, which include civic associations and political groups

The forum will appoint a Transitional Metropolitan Council, which is expected to take over the functions and powers of taxation of the regional services council

Within the metropolitan area, councillors drawn from statutory and non-statutory ranks will be appointed to new primary local authorities, which will take over from existing town councils

In local government circles, opinions differ on whether the Cape metropolitan area will be able to set up a metropolitan council within the April 20 deadline set by the Act, but extensions to the deadline may be granted

We'll win (2b3) in W Cape, says Kriel

Political Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG —
The National Party
would "undoubtedly"
win the election in the
Western Cape, Mr Her-
nus Kriel, said last night

Mr Kriel, who was for-
mally named yesterday
as NP choice for prime
minister for the Western
Cape by the party's fed-
eral council, said he was
"thrilled" at the nomina-
tion

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The NP's head council
also named Dr Tertius
Delpont as the NP's can-
didate to be premier of
the Eastern Cape, Dr
Kraai van Niekerk, as
the party's choice for
premier of the Northern
Cape, and Mr George
Bartlett for premier of
Natal/KwaZulu

Triumvirate shares a common bond in Cape

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By CHIARA CARTER

KAKAMAS might be an unfamiliar spot on the map to most people, but the Kalahari town has a special meaning for two of the men vying for political leadership of the Cape

The African National Congress's Western Cape chairman, Dr Allan Boesak, and National Party Minister of Law and Order Mr Henus Kriel were born in Kakamas

The Democratic Party's candidate for premiership of the Cape, Mr Henne Bester, also has rural roots he grew up in the Boland

That is not all the "men who would be king" have in common

All three have listed similar priorities for the Cape jobs, security, housing and education

Most important, all three are committed to building up the region

At 30, Mr Bester is the youngest Mr Kriel is 53 and Dr Boesak, 49

Mr Bester and Mr Kriel trained as lawyers, while Dr Boesak was a Dutch Reformed Church minister

Mr Kriel completed his schooling in Wellington and graduated from Stellenbosch University

Two decades later, Mr

ALLAN BOESAK

Bester followed in his steps

Born in Paarl, Mr Bester attended school in Wellington. He studied at Stellenbosch and Cambridge universities

Dr Boesak's family moved to Somerset West after the death of his schoolteacher father. The family lived there in impoverished circumstances until 1962, Dr Boesak's matric year, when they had to move under the Group Areas Act

HERNUS KRIEL

Dr Boesak entered the ministry and his first congregation was in Paarl (263)

Again apartheid intervened and his church building was declared whites-only

After six years of study in the Netherlands, where he gained his doctorate, Dr Boesak joined the Bellville South congregation

By 1980, his political views had been well-publicised. Two years later, he became an international figure when he persuaded the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) to declare apartheid a heresy

He was elected president of the WARC and became a patron of the United Democratic Front

After details of his private life made head-

HENNIE BESTER

lines, Dr Boesak left the ministry and resigned as president of the WARC

He bounced back to prominence the follow-

ing year when he was elected chairman of the ANC in the Western Cape

Like Dr Boesak's, Mr Bester's political career was shaped by the turbulent years of the 1980s

As a student, he was a member of the Maties group who proposed to meet the ANC's banned youth league in Lusaka in 1985. The group's passports were withdrawn

Mr Bester stood for the DP in Stellenbosch in 1989 and two years later became the DP's candidate for Green Point

He was elected leader of the DP in the Western Cape last year

Mr Kriel served first on the Divisional Council and later on the Cape Provincial Council and the executive committee

He was elected to parliament in 1984 and was appointed to the Cabinet as the country entered an era of reform and negotiations

Three 'PMs' face to face

07/2/94 (263)

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE three candidates named so far for the Western Cape premiership clashed in a public debate for the first time last night, revealing considerable differences

They faced pertinent questions from a hot-headed audience at a live broadcast of CCV's new debate programme, Newline, last night

More than 400 supporters of the National Party, Democratic Party, ANC, PAC and the Workers Organisation for Socialist Action (Wosa) filled the Civic Centre and waved banners, posters and flags

Afrikaans election songs competed with African freedom songs and the more heated members of the audience shouted insults such as "liar" and "crook" at the candidates

Debate on box sets new trend

Questions from the audience were about housing, health, education, crime, violence and the economy

A member of the PAC's central committee, Mr Kwedi Mkalipi, and Wosa's Mr Omar Parker also took part in the debate

Another television political debate, on TV1's Agenda, was broadcast last night from Grahamstown

Neither broadcast gave much information that had not been stated before but they marked the arrival of sometimes noisy

television debate that could play a significant role before the elections

No major political blunders were made and the participants stated the positions of their parties with vehemence

In Cape Town, Dr Allan Boesak said the ANC represented the aspirations of ordinary people, and Mr Hernus Kriel said the NP had changed South Africa and had brought it to the brink of an election

Mr Hennie Bester, DP, said neither the ANC nor the NP would obtain enough votes to be able to run the Western Cape on their own and they would have to depend on the DP

Mr Mkalipi said the PAC had condemned the attacks on the St James Church and the Heidelberg Tavern, and Mr Parker said Wosa supported the nationalisation of key industries

They're a running away from the Big Apple — Khavellitsha" — commented Cape Town city councillor Neil Ross, voicing an opinion expressed off-the-record by several other people.

His comment highlights the real problem behind the confusion over draft proposals for the boundaries of the Cape Metropolitan Area (CMA).

Many Boland spokesmen talked freely of the grand plans they had for developing their own black townships, but jibbed at the prospect of helping to provide housing and services in the townships and squatter camps springing up around the Peninsula.

The boundaries will be used in the race-based voting for interim councils for the next five years. In the Western Cape the formula is heavily weighted in favour of blacks, so local authorities in the Boland are showing distinct signs of the NIMBY syndrome. Not In My Back Yard.

Although they were invited to form part of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum (CMNF) when it was established last year, Boland towns refused to join. They are now loudly protesting about their inclusion within the boundaries of the proposed CMA.

Stellenbosch, Paarl, Franschhoek, Wellington, Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay are

sent to the survey, the team of experts," Mr Van Schoor told Weekend Argus.

"We shall be handing a summary of the team's report to the negotiating forum's task force next week, but the gist of it is that this is largely a rural area and has nothing to do with a metropolis.

"There is no reason why farmers and farmland should be included in a metropolitan area, which would be unmanageable because of its size.

"The present area of greater Cape Town is about 1 400 square kilometres. If the Boland area is included it will be close on 3 750 square kilometres — but it will only add another 400 000 people.

One of the first duties of the CMNF is to submit an agreement to the administrator on boundaries of the metropolitan area — within 90 days of the promulgation of the Local Government Transition Act. The Act was promulgated on February 2.

A working document has been produced by the Regional Services Council (RSC), the city council and the urban land commission of the Western Cape economic development forum.

It recommends that the CMA should cover the present boundaries of the RSC area — from Cape Point to Atlantis, taking in the entire magisterial districts of Paarl, Wellington, Stellen-

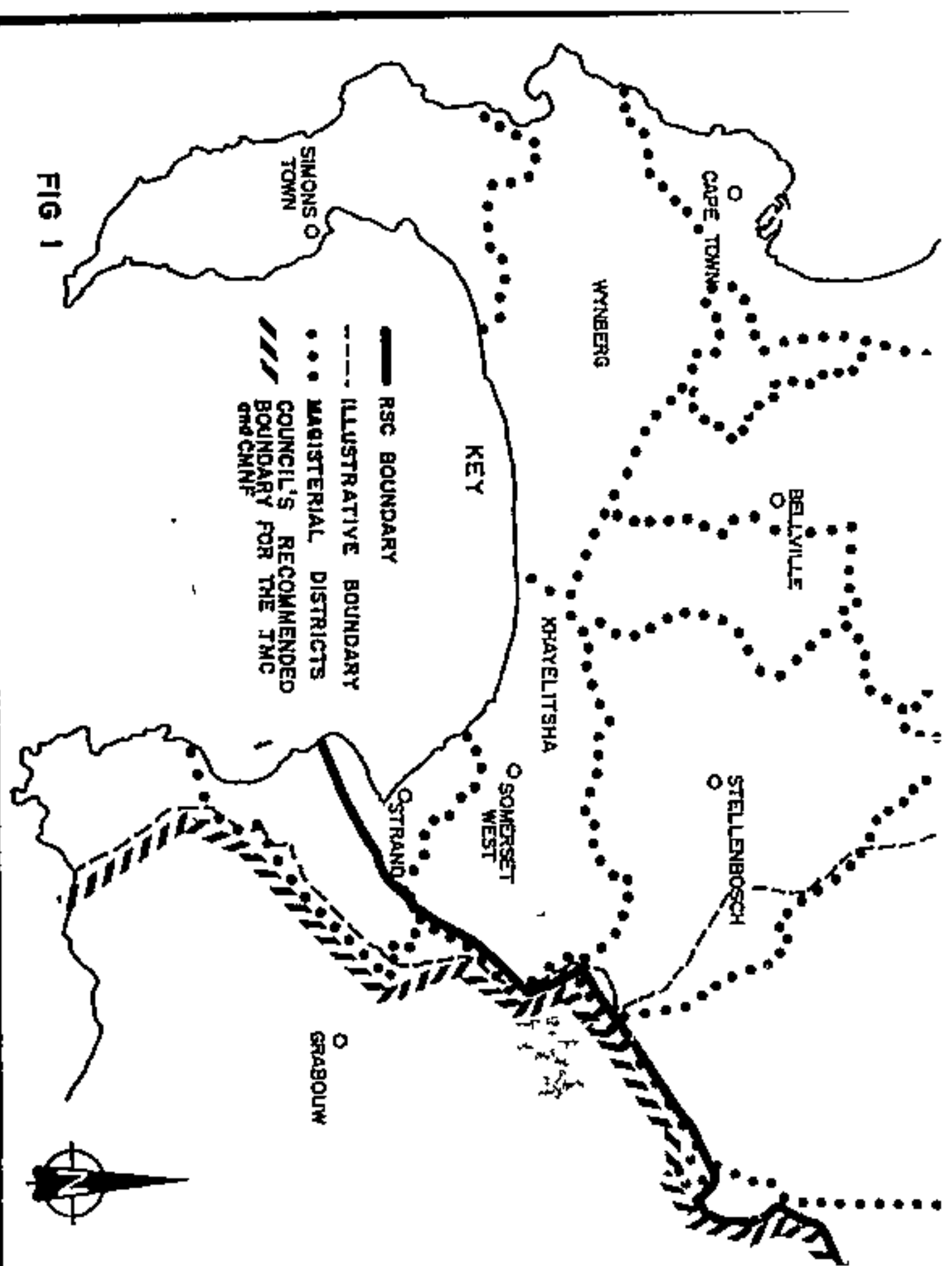


FIG 1

NEW FRONTIERS: The Cape Town city council this week decided to extend the boundary of the Cape Metropolitan Area, now being negotiated to take in farmland to the west of Atlantis, the water catchment area in the Malmesbury district and the False Bay coast as far as Pringle Bay — an area of about 3 750 square kilometres.

Stellenbosch, Somerset West and Strand.

Overall, the proposals were "radical and far-reaching, very different from what we have become accustomed to," said David Bridgeman, director of Wesgro.

"This is not surprising, because there was the widest possible consultation, from the

RSC and city council planners to squatter representatives.

"From an economic perspective, the proliferation of 67 local councils at six or seven different levels is a potential Achilles Heel.

The report said that, although fears had been expressed about urban sprawl over farmland and the winelands, more than 19 000

town council yes every

"This implies an area starting at Bloubergstrand and along the northern boundaries of Goodwood, Parow, Bellville, Durbanville, Brackenfell and Kraaifontein, then southwards along the boundary of Kuils River and Blue Downs to the sea (at Macassar)".

Bellville would have no objection to the inclusion of Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay, said the statement.

These towns, however, have drawn back from the proposals and are joining the mayors' forum.

"We've never seen ourselves as part of Cape Town," said Wellington's mayor Johan Mouton.

"We can't see how a metropolitan authority 80 km away is going to concern itself with a little place like Wellington.

"We're making our own arrangements out here. There is a lot of talking to be done with our people. We have to get to know them."

Eduard Beukman, mayor of Paarl, said the people of Paarl were unanimous about not becoming part of the Cape metropolises.

"I think it's a little arrogant of the Cape Town forum to decide what is going to become of Paarl. We are getting together with the people of Mbekweni to make that decision."

No way, not in my backyard - Boland

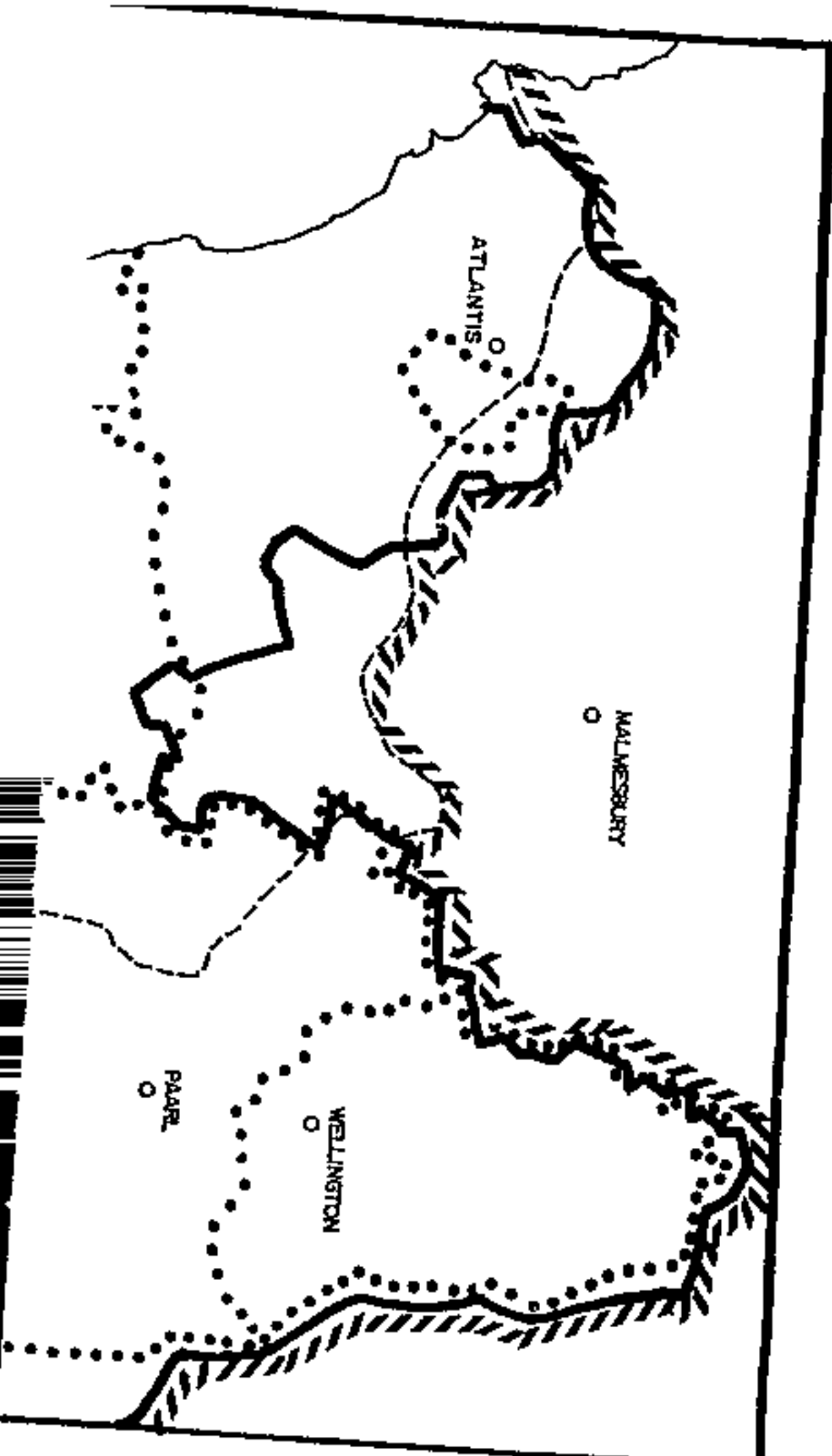
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■ By forming their own mayors' forum — instead of joining in negotiations for a Cape Metropolitan Area — Boland towns are "running away from the Big Apple of Khayelitsha", according to city councillor Neil Ross. **JEAN LE MAY** reports.

EVERYONE would like to be part of a big metropolis in the Western Cape as long as it doesn't include Khayelitsha, Weekend Argus found during interviews about the metropolitan boundary dispute this week

getting together at the last minute to establish their own mayor's forum of fringe towns under the chairmanship of Koos van Schoor, mayor of Stellenbosch
"We are havin an objective,



hectares of vacant and under-utilised land was already available within the inner metropolitan area

"Developing this land with an appropriate framework will ensure that efficient use is made of resources and that an effective urban structure is created. This will directly address the needs of the poor."
But Bellville, for one, does not concur. "The boundaries should be as near to the present spatial development as possible," said a statement from the Bellville

RSC accused of racism in Atlantis

ALLEGATIONS of racial discrimination have been levelled against the RSC by the Atlantis Management Committee

The committee claims that racial factors have meant the local white-administered Fire Department has superior facilities to those of the coloured-dominated Traffic Department

The committee wants both units housed in the superior Fire Department building

RSC spokesman Mr Piet Lourens denied discrepancies were due to racial considerations

He said they could not be accommodated in one building because the residential area made the Traffic Department more accessible to the public and the Fire Department was in an industrial area for safety reasons

RSC demo — peace monitors move in

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PEACE monitors have moved into the Atlantis offices of the Western Cape Regional Services Council after 30 people were ordered to end their occupation of an administration building in Westfleur.

Police were expected to act against African National Con-

gress, Atlantis Residents Association and Congress of South African Trade Unions members after RSC lawyers ordered them to leave.

Police liaison officer Raymond Dowd did not rule out the possibility of action

Western Cape Peace Committee monitor Sakkie Pot-

gieter said peace monitors were inside the RSC administration building and keeping an eye on the situation

Residents' association spokesman Carl Cloete said RSC buildings in Westfleur, Avondale and Saxon Sea were occupied because "we want rent, water and electricity arrears to be scrapped".

Fortress Hoza being built to fend off 'ANC attacks'

□ Khayelitsha ex-mayor's politics forces him behind high walls

EDWARD MOLOINYANE
Staff Reporter

PAST associations with apartheid structures have returned to haunt former Khayelitsha mayor Mali Hoza, who has been building a mini-fortress around his huge shack at his Site C headquarters since joining the National Party

He and former Crossroads mayor Johnson Ngxobongwana were included in the National Party list for the Western Cape Provincial Legislature announced last week

Mr Hoza's name is 21st on the list, Mr Ngxobongwana's is 15th, and provincial executive member Themba Nyati is 22nd

Although he has had his fair share of attacks from political organisations in the "progressive movement" for serving in government structures — including the Khayelitsha council since 1988 — he stayed put because the National Party government accorded him protection in the form of an around-the-clock police guard on his home

Since he joined the National Party in January, however, life ironically has become sheer hell for Khayelitsha's once most-feared, but in some quarters most-admired and revered man

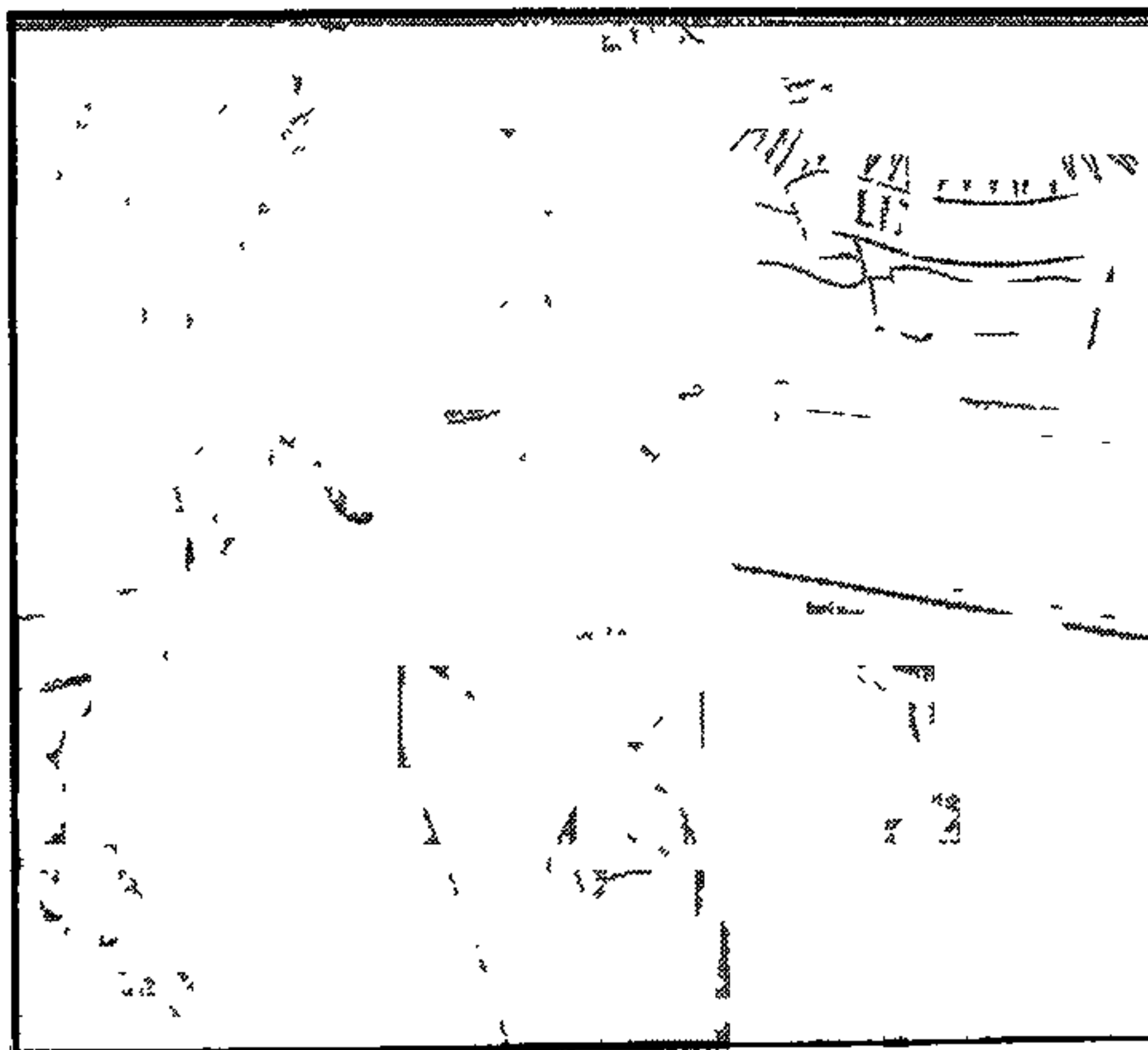
The National Party government withdrew the police guarding Mr Hoza and other councillors and their families after the Lingeletu Town Council was forced by political organisations to quit en masse last year

Mr Hoza, who now lives in

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Khayelitsha ex-mayor MALI HOZA

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Picture LEON MULLER, The Argus

NEW AFFILIATIONS: Former Mayor of Khayelitsha Mali Hoza in his official garb. Now that he's swung his allegiance to the National Party he has been under fire from the ANC

virtual fear for his life, said in an interview he was building a huge brick wall for protection from African National Congress supporters who have vowed to remove him from "the people" at all costs because he "is not fit" to live among them

One part of the wall, about three metres high, already stands prominently among the

shanties in Site C

Mr Hoza said two attempts on his life had been made in January alone — one in Ciskei and the other in Site C

At a Ciskei village, he was visiting a relative whose house was petrol-bombed and burnt to the ground by toyi-toying youths baying for his blood on January 13

"They said they did not want me there because of what I was doing to people in Cape Town. On my return, a petrol bomb was thrown at my house, but the attackers were driven off by my people

"They say they do not want me here (in Site C), but there is nowhere I can go. I also belong in this country like everybody else," he said

Although he seemed ill at ease during the interview, Mr Hoza spoke enthusiastically about his new political home

Mr Hoza said "I joined the Nats because they want to go forward. The National Party is a new party and not the old apartheid one. There is a bright future for all of us, especially since President De Klerk released political prisoners and started negotiations, leading to the elections to which we all look forward"

Asked about his support, he said he still had a large following, but some supported him "silently" because they feared intimidation

But, if the elections were fair and free of intimidation, he was sure to take thousands and thousands with him to the National Party, for which there was much enthusiasm among his followers, he claimed

A National Party branch in Khayelitsha was already in the offing, said Mr Hoza

Atlantis ⁽²⁶³⁾ launches survival ARG 15/2/94 campaign

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Business Editor

THE community of Atlantis has launched a campaign involving trade unions, industry and residents to save the town from sinking — as did its mythical namesake.

At a meeting yesterday, attended by industrialists from around the country, the Atlantis Forum and Industrial Group set out to sell the industrial town as a haven where solutions to many of the problems of the country were being found.

The speakers told prospective investors the community had a common goal — to ensure the survival of their town.

Forum chairman Noel Williams said the community had come a long way since the days when there was no co-operation between industry, the unions and the residents, when all sorts of concessions were given to industry and nothing to the residents. They were the dark years of Atlantis.

Now it had been accepted that the town had a common problem that could be solved only with the co-operation of all the players.

The meeting at Atlantis was initiated by Derek Riley of the national Motor Industry Task Group, who arranged for senior representatives of major South African companies to attend.

The speakers emphasised that many of the problems being experienced in other parts of South Africa were already being resolved in Atlantis because the community had set itself a common goal.

Danny Oliphant, the Cosatu representative, said for the first two years the forum had been a talk shop. Members of the community needed to find each other.

The intention was to stabilise the community and then get it to grow in a multi-faceted campaign, which would include the whole community playing a role in upgrading its own environment, training and retraining people and attracting investment.

Anger over proposed base for peacekeepers ARG 15/2/94

□ 250 sign Melkbosstrand petition

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

MELKBOSSTRAND residents are upset over the decision to establish the country's second training base for the National Peacekeeping Force in their midst.

But spokeswoman for the force Major Muff Andersson appealed to residents to "give it a chance" we are involved in a very difficult and brave project"

About 1 400 soldiers are to be trained at the same Koeberg facility which churned out hundreds of "kitkonstabels". The training of the peacekeeping force is due to start this week.

A petition signed by about 250 residents calling for an urgent meeting to discuss the issue was handed to a representative of the Melkbosstrand local council (a division of the Regional Services Council) last night.

A spokesman for the local council was not available for comment but it is understood the council will not object to the establishment of the training camp as Koeberg falls outside its jurisdiction.

Resident Andre van Wyk said yesterday that Melbosstrand did not need a military presence, and reports emanating from the peacekeeping force's base at De Brug, near Bloemfontein, were causing disquiet in the "safe and quiet" community.

He said residents feared the peacekeeping force was dominated by former MK soldiers (some of whom might have criminal records or carry disease) and that a general lack of discipline could prevail.

He said the presence of people like Communist Party executive member Ronnie Kasrils on the Transitional Executive Council's defence sub-council, and the appointment of former Venda Defence Force strongman Major-General Gabriel Ramushwana as

chief of the force added to the disquiet.

"Most people live here for the peace and quiet and don't want any nonsense."

"We don't need those people here ... the nearest place they can be deployed is 30-40 km away on the N2."

Residents had not objected to the training of kitskonstabels at Koeberg as they were "disciplined and subject to stringent medical examinations", said Mr Van Wyk.

Major Andersson said reports on conditions at De Brug had been "wildly exaggerated" and gave the assurance that peacekeeping force members were neither dominated by MK soldiers nor riddled with disease.

There had been 16 cases of tuberculosis at De Brug out of a population of 3 150 soldiers, "which hardly amounts to an epidemic", and a few cases of malaria. She said illnesses occurred in all military groups.

There had been a single incident of racism at De Brug in which people had chanted "Kill the Boer, kill the farmer", for which certain trainees had been dismissed.

Regarding the calibre of trainees generally, Major Andersson said all NPF members were trained soldiers who would lead "a very regimented existence".

"If the training at De Brug is anything to go by, Melbosstrand residents have absolutely nothing to worry about."

"They march for their meals and march to the toilets ... it's absolutely extraordinary. And you cannot tell who formerly belonged to MK, the Venda army or anything else," she said.

The training course would last roughly six weeks, starting with a week's instructor training, another week's leader group training, followed by a month's battalion training.

Boesak warns of NP 'Hotnotsland'

RIVERSDAL — Western Cape coloureds will be ruled in a National Party "Hotnotsland" (Hottentotsland) if they failed to win the region for the African National Congress, claims ANC Western Cape premier designate Alan Boesak.

Addressing more than 500 people in the Riversdal civic centre yesterday, Dr Boesak said the NP apparently intended putting R120 million into an all-out effort to secure a West-

ern Cape election victory. "The NP has been put to shame by its 14 to 15 percent slice in national polls and will do all in its power to win the only region it can — the Western Cape."

He warned ANC supporters against being lulled into complacency by his party's strong showing in national surveys.

"The NP's intention in the Western Cape is to lead the region saddled with F W de Klerk-

and (Law and Order Minister) Hernus Kriel, while the rest of the country is celebrating its freedom with Nelson Mandela as president."

Dr Boesak's wife Elna shared the stage along with ANC Simon's Town MP Jannie Momberg, who said the coloured vote would be decisive in determining ANC victories in the western and southern Cape.

— Sapa

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Atlantis threatens not to vote

By Shannon Neill

POLITICAL parties can forget about securing votes in Atlantis unless they roll up their sleeves and get down to solving the problems of this far-flung area, according to the local civic association.

"We will not vote unless some political party takes responsibility for the people of Atlantis and the problems here," vowed

Atlantis civic chairperson, Mr Roy Nagan.

His stand follows years of conflict between the community and various administrative bodies over rent and service arrears. Nagan believes all arrears should be

The latest controversy erupted when the Regional Services Council (RSC) announced a decision about arrears would only be made in June this year.

Nagan claims this is a move to keep the community quiet until after the elections.

But a spokesperson for the Cape Administrator, Mr Frikkie Odendaal, said: "The reason we put a moratori-

um on arrears until the end of June is to give the RSC and the Administrator time to investigate the whole question."

This is not a political move, I agree the history of Atlantis is political, but this issue should not be politicised. The decision to settle the question in June was made for practical, not political reasons.

Nagan disagrees. "People must understand that when you start looking at Atlantis you have to start with the history of the place." Eighteen years ago it was earmarked to become a coloured homeland, and subsidies to promote local industry were introduced. But after these subsidies were cut, factories closed down and members of the community could no longer find jobs, he explained. Nagan also complained about the lack of

infrastructure in Atlantis. "Our magistrate is in Malmesbury, but our police are managed from Cape Town.

"Besides one supermarket there are no shops in Atlantis, so people have to shop in Cape Town, and it becomes very expensive.

"We don't even have a municipality - the Regional Services Council manages us under contract from the government. So who do we turn to when there are problems?" asked Nagan.

"When you look at our situation, it is not surprising people are in arrears. The community needs help to get back on its feet. The politicians are all big talk, but so far they haven't done a thing."

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MOST rates income, including all rates from business and industry, will be paid to the new Transitional Metropolitan Council, according to an African National Congress document.

The council will redistribute wealth among new local councils, some of which will be financially weak and dependent on handouts.

A metropolitan council with 70 members, half nominated by "statutory" bodies — existing local authorities — and half by "non-statutory" organisations, is proposed.

Greater Cape Town would be carved into about 25 municipalities, but not all of these new councils would be truly non-racial.

This was because it would be difficult to amalgamate big townships like Khayelitsha with white and coloured areas.

It is reliably understood the document has no official status and was drawn up to stimulate debate on new municipal boundaries when metropolitan government is set up.

If adopted, it would spell the end of the Cape Town City Council's domination of the greater city area.

Options included severing the Cape Flats and most of the southern Peninsula from the city council's control.

A new Cape Town local council would include Atlantic suburbs, the city bowl, and a few of its present suburbs, with a northern border near Kensington and a southern border near Constantia.

Proposals for new metropolitan rule include

- Most rates income from local authorities should be handed over to the metropolitan council, including all income from business and industry.
- The financial viability of a local council was "not relevant". Areas unable to finance themselves would be supported by the metropolitan council or even central government.
- In the outer metropole, a single unified council will be set up for each town.
- Some rural areas around small towns will be included in new non-racial municipalities.
- Single councils will be set up for Paarl-Welington, and Strand-Somerset West-Gordon's Bay.
- In drawing boundaries, the risk of racial conflict within and between local councils should be reduced.

ANC branches have been urged to respond quickly to the proposals because of the May deadline for transitional local government.

The document said an important role for the Transitional Metropolitan Council would be distributing resources among local authorities.

Local councils which did not have industrial and shopping districts would have to be helped with money from other areas. This was why all business rates should be paid to the metropolitan council.

The metropolitan council should be financially strong enough to raise money for loans on behalf of weak local councils.

Branches in rural areas were asked to give ANC local government negotiators guidance on where their areas should be incorporated.

Guidelines proposed for drawing new municipal boundaries included

- Effective local democracy and accountability
- Efficient service provision
- Non-racialism
- Reducing costs and bureaucracy
- Not undermining metropolitan co-ordination and reallocation of resources

The document said local democracy was best in "very small" councils like Pinelands and Constantia.

Services provision was best in "medium-sized" councils serving populations of 150 000 to 250 000 people.

(News by C Sawyer, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Rates income to be paid to new transitional council, says ANC

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□ Proposal to carve greater Cape Town into 25 municipalities

CLIVE SAWYER, Municipal Reporter

CAPE

'Kaalkop' attracts coloured support

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THE National Party in the Western Cape faces a dilemma other political parties will envy while confident that it can win comfortably in the region, it is finding its canvassing figures, especially among coloured voters, "too good to be true"

It aims to net 60 percent of the coloured people, the largest block of 1 260 000 voters in the area. The results of intensive canvassing in coloured areas show support for the NP far above 60 percent

Apart from the coloured people there are 660 000 white, 426 000 black and 20 000 Indian voters in the region. There may well be more blacks eligible to vote

According to the party's Cape strategy committee chairman Melt Hamman MP, the party aims to get some 70 percent of the white vote, 25 percent of the blacks and 60 percent of the Indians

Mr Hamman concedes that the target for blacks appears to be high but he says it is "realistic"

He says that "something appears to be stirring among the black voters", something that may benefit the NP

Some polls have found that there is a "gatvol" factor developing among the black middle class. There is some uneasiness in this group about the ANC especially on issues like unrest, school boycotts and a young hooligan element which has been intimidating people and trying to get money from them under the guise of collecting funds for the ANC.

Nationalist workers believe that support for the NP among blacks will not emerge accurately in canvassing figures but they are confident that a large number of blacks will in the end vote for the party

The problem remains one of access to some blacks areas but organisers maintain that this is improving. The party has a number of black candidates

Then there's the riddle of the coloured vote. In part the

high support for the NP may be voters trying to get rid of canvassers by telling them that they will support the party. This is something likely to affect all parties

The biggest problem the NP faces is to get coloured voters to the polls. There is a propensity not to vote in this group, probably because of apathy and lack of information

The "lie factor" among coloured voters appears to be very high. No party can by polling day be really sure about its support in this group

Among the factors counting in the NP's favour is a fear for blacks and the ANC among many coloured people, the perception that the ANC is racist and bound to favour blacks and misgivings about the integrity of the ANC leadership in the region, according to Mr Hamman

To observers it appears as if coloured thinking on the NP has undergone a remarkable change in the past few years. In spite of the wrongs they suffered in the past under measures such as the Group Areas Act and job reservation many coloured people are now prepared to forgive the Nats

According to Mr Hamman, many say that in spite of all that was done to them they feel the NP regime had a respect for life. They do not feel the same about the ANC

The other factor, in the coloured community as in others, is the good image of President De Klerk. He is well liked for his non-aggressive stance and on the Cape Flats people are talking about voting for "die kaalkop" (the "bald one")

Mr De Klerk's "roadshows" in the Western Cape have been a great success and Pik Botha is coming soon. The President is due to address a

rally here just before polling day

The NP is stepping up its house-to-house canvassing and its propaganda efforts in the coloured community. It has many voluntary workers under the leadership of coloured MPs

The transport arrangements for polling day will be crucial. The party is also working to have polling booths as near to voters as possible

The Nats appear to be winning their other big battle getting back their traditional white supporters who have drifted off, disgruntled by the way negotiations were dragging on and rightwing propaganda that the government was just giving in to the ANC

One uncertain factor is how the Democratic Party will fare. National Party organisers concede that the DP may now do far better regionally with the two-ballot system

There are indications that many whites, not traditionally Nationalist supporters but now "De Klerk Nats", will vote for the NP for parliament but for the DP regionally. The DP is countering Nationalist propaganda that a vote for the DP is a "waste" because all votes count under the proportional representation system being used for the first time in the election.

If an efficient organisation alone can win an election the Nats should "walk it" in the Western Cape region

In contrast to what appears to be a highly centralised ANC organisation, the NP is going for maximum decentralisation, with local party structures running their own campaigns with minimum interference from the head office at 40 Burg Street in Cape Town

Each magisterial district has its own party district council and branches with their own budgets and funds

The NP is pacing itself and is determined not to "peak" too early before polling day. There will be a high-pressure final fortnight or so in its campaign.

(Report by T Wentzel, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Town clerks may be given the boot

□ New faces at municipal VIP table

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Municipal Reporter

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GEORGE. — Town clerks and treasurers could be ousted to make way for new appointees when control of local government changes hands

The man tipped to be the next Minister of Local Government, Thozamile Botha, surprised delegates to the Cape Province Municipal Association by challenging the practice of top council officials coming up through the ranks

In the United States and Germany, new officials were appointed with each change of government, he said.

From its opening, the 87th annual congress of the CPMA promised to be like no other

While the 500 delegates represent those currently in power in town councils, there were new faces at the VIP table. They were Mr Botha, head of the ANC department of local government and a member of the provincial committee on local government, Salie Mame

Both were guest speakers, the first "non-statutory" leaders to address such a congress

Mr Botha said transition in local government could take years, but this was no excuse to be idle

"You will see demonstrations, strikes and boycotts unless there is real change, (not just) black faces instead of pink ones"

He urged councils to make scrapping racist by-laws a priority

People were looking to the congress to foster non-racial democratic government

Responding to confusion about the requirements of the Local Government Transition Act, Mr Botha said it was not meant to be a technical document. It had been passed to prevent racist local government continuing after the election

He urged delegates to stop fighting about definitions of which should be statutory and non-statutory when setting up town forums on local government

Mr Botha attacked the National Party, Democratic Party and Conservative Party for attempting to get double-representation on forums by trying to be on the non-statutory side

Demarcation boards should integrate cities and towns racially

Arrears of black local authorities should be written off as soon as transitional local authorities were set up, he said

Mr Mame said the point of forums was to bring into the system people who had used protest to get services

A backlog of services had built up over the years. Unless this was addressed "it is a bomb which will blow up in all our faces"

Mr Mame said deprived communities needed help

Administrator Kobus Meiring noted that the congress would be the last of its type, because the Cape Province is to be divided into three

In what amounted to a valedictory address, Mr Meiring said he had seen "unbelievable" changes in his five years as administrator

He said demarcation boards, to resolve metropolitan and municipal boundary disputes, would soon be set up for the three provinces

A possibility in the Western Cape Province was one for metropolitan Cape Town and one for the rest of the province

Mr Meiring said there was a lot of confusion in towns about setting up forums, especially about the definitions of statutory and non-statutory

"A forum should not be a battleground where each group strives for supremacy"

Failure to reach consensus would mean the administrator and provincial committee and local government would have to step in to make a ruling

Mr Meiring said deadlines for setting up transitional metropolitan councils could be extended, provided progress was being made in forums

He said debts owed to black local authorities by township residents should be written off, because trying to collect the money was futile

● Town councils in the Cape are to be asked to unite against profits from electricity being taken from them

A tentative legal opinion says it would be unconstitutional to take the electricity profits away from municipalities

In a motion to the congress East London City Council said the use of electricity profits by organisations outside municipal control should be "strongly resisted"

The National Electrification Forum has proposed restructuring the electricity industry.

East London council said profits from the sale of electricity were used to subsidise other municipal services

"If these profits were no longer available, these services would have to be curtailed or ratepayers would have to pay higher rates"

A legal opinion commissioned by the CPMA said the chapter of the Interim Constitution which dealt with local government "was not a model of clarity and lucidity"

The chapter contained contradictory provisions, which meant the lawyers could not guarantee their conclusion

"Nevertheless it is our view the draft constitution has probably entrenched the exclusive right of local government to supply electricity to those in its area of jurisdiction"

(News by C Sawyer, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Springbok's father tells how he 'helped' Ikapa men

□ Inquiry hears of R10 000 in loans and air trips to witchdoctor

STEFANS BRUMMER
Staff Reporter

AN Ikapa town councillor and official were "helped" by the security company Springbok Patrols, controlled by the family of Springbok rugby player Wahl Bartmann, a commission of inquiry has heard

Group managing director Abraham "Nick" Bartmann, father of Wahl, and another son, director Francois Bartmann, yesterday admitted knowledge of R10 000 in personal loans to an official, and trips for a councillor and his son to see a traditional healer in East London

Both Bartmanns were testifying in Woodstock before the judicial inquiry appointed by President F W de Klerk into alleged corruption at Ikapa town council. Earlier evidence included allegations of kickbacks, tender malpractices and payments for services never rendered

Mr Francois Bartmann, in charge of Springbok Patrols in Natal, said he met Ikapa's head

of council security, John Walters, on a marketing assignment before Ikapa contracted Springbok. In time they became friends and would talk "about rugby and so on"

He later invited Mr Walters to stay in a Durban flat owned by his father (Mr Bartmann, Sen). Mr Francois Bartmann said Mr Walters had not stayed a week as alleged, but "a day or two". He stayed free

He admitted authorising two R5 000 loans to Mr Walters. "His wife was seriously ill and he had no funds"

He said he did not hand over the money himself, it was "probably" done by the Cape section of Springbok Patrols

He said Mr Walters repaid R5 000 to him personally, and he kept it

Co-commissioner W J Wagenaar "If you ordered Springbok Patrols to give the loan to Mr Walters, why did you keep the repayment?"

Mr Francois Bartmann "I can do with my money what I want"

Santje van der Westhuisen, who leads evidence before the

commission "But you are not the only director"

Mr Bartmann also acknowledged that Springbok Patrols had paid for air fares and car rental for a councillor Lobi and his son on a trip to East London to see a "witchdoctor"

He said William Barlow, then in charge of the Cape section of Springbok Patrols, had paid the money and, after the trips, approached him for reimbursement

"I think he (Mr Barlow) was scared to talk to my dad about it"

Mr Bartmann said he would not necessarily have approved that kind of donation more than once, had he prior knowledge "It can become a habit"

But he reimbursed Mr Barlow both times "I felt sorry for him"

Mr Bartmann, Sen, testified that he had no knowledge of Mr Walters staying in his "very luxurious" Durban flat, but said he would have approved

He said a Springbok Patrols-sponsored trip for Mr Walters to their training centre in Johannesburg was standard com-

pany practice

He denied ordering Mr Barlow to pay Mr Walters R1 000 for a letter from another security company

Mr Bartmann snr said he knew of the R10 000 paid to Mr Walters and that R5 000 had been returned. A transaction of that nature was "not practice" in the company, but "I know that Francois and Mr Walters became very good friends"

He said he knew of only one occasion when Mr Lobi and his son had been flown to East London at Springbok Patrols' expense. He was not happy when he heard of it "I said we cannot fly people if we do not know exactly what it is for"

He condoned the trip afterwards because Lobi "had a problem" — but he would not have approved of a second trip

Asked whether "helping" Mr Walters and Mr Lobi could be seen as marketing, he said "I think you can say that, even though the R10 000 was a loan"

The three-man commission is chaired by J Swart, assisted by P J Roux and W J Wagenaar

New city planner was once retrenched by the council

ROGER FRIEDMAN
Staff Reporter

CAPE Town's new city planner is a former victim of the Group Areas Act who was retrenched by the city council and nearly emigrated to Australia when he could not find a planning job in the city.

Fulbright scholar David Daniels, 49, replaces Neville Riley who retires at the end of March

"My vision for Cape Town is to make it one of the greatest cities in the world. But more important to me is dealing with the poverty and under-development. Poorer people should have their basic needs addressed," Mr Daniels said in a wide-ranging interview last night.

Initially he plans to focus on management. "There are several areas we can improve on because efficient management structures are crucial to maintain a vision."

Chairman of the council's technical committee for District Six, Mr Daniels is one of the two council nominees to serve on the District Six Trust that will deal with the reallocation of the controversial area.

"I started my career as a teacher at Harold Cressy when forced removals were just starting. And as a group areas refugee myself — we were thrown out of Diep River — I have always felt a very strong affinity with District Six."

After teaching for several years Mr Daniels joined the council's planning department in 1973 on a temporary basis before being retrenched in 1976.

He says of this experience: "We still have people employed on the temporary or 'hire and fire' basis, which is of great concern to me. Even people in our own department have no security. I intend to look at this."

After completing a master's degree at the University of Cape Town, he won a Fulbright scholarship to study for a second master's in planning at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Still in the United States, he entered



David Daniels

a doctoral programme but decided he wanted to be a "practitioner, not an academic" and returned to the Mother City in 1981.

"I returned very fresh, hopeful and keen to make a contribution. It was quite a shock when I couldn't find a job so I taught in Mitchell's Plain for six months."

He decided to emigrate but a position at the Urban Foundation kept him in the country. "I am glad I stayed."

His work for the Urban Foundation included managing several self-help housing projects so his logical next step was an appointment in the House of Representatives where he ended up director of development responsible for projects throughout the country.

"The only downside was that I was working with only one section of the population, the coloureds."

Two years ago deputy city planner Jock Schoeman retired and Mr Daniels was back in local government.

As to the future and new local government? "There could be some dismemberment of the planning department but there will still be a broad need for planners in terms of setting the framework for the entire city."

Mr Daniels is married with two daughters and lives in Heathfield.

Western Cape premier will enjoy blend of old and new

THE new Western Cape provincial parliament is almost certain to sit in the venerable stinkwood-pannelled Cape provincial council chamber which has been virtually disused for the past eight years

This week the three main contenders to the premiership of the Western Cape toured Cape Town's Cape provincial HQ in Wale Street

It is understood they all favour basing the new Western Cape provincial parliament in the building built in 1943 to which a tower block was added in the 1960s, as all the facilities are there

The premiership candidates are National Party's Hernus Kriel, the African National Congress' Allan Boesak and the Democratic Party's Henne Bester

After the April elections, the winner — likely to be either Mr Kriel or Dr Boesak — will have the use of sumptuous facilities at present occupied by the Administrator of the Cape Kobus Meiring in the old Cape provincial building

These include a magnificent office suite, a private dining room seating 24 guests and a private pub

In addition the premier will be able to occupy the Administrator's official residence Leeuwenhof built in 1780 in the Gardens

"I can only hope that the

■ The new premier of the Western Cape will be well-equipped with everything from an historic official residence to his own private pub at the provincial parliament. **DAVID BREIER** of the Weekend Argus Political Staff reports.

next occupier will continue to care for it as lovingly," said Mr Meiring who is an NP candidate for the provincial parliament — he is being tipped to be a provincial Minister on the Executive Council

The old provincial council chamber due to become the chamber of the new provincial parliament is on the sixth floor of the building and has been almost unused since the provincial councils were abolished in 1986. But it has been carefully maintained and is ready for use without the need for any alterations at all

The chamber is an intimate version of the House of Assembly at Parliament. It includes galleries for the Press and public. Its 60 seats will accommodate easily the 42 provincial legislature members due to be elected

The number of provincial MPs may be slightly enlarged if Namaqualand votes in a separate referendum to become part of the Western Cape instead of being lumped with the Northern Cape

The council chamber is fully equipped with micro-

phones and Hansard recording facilities. Mr Meiring said the new Western Cape parliament would be able to walk right in and occupy it immediately

In addition all MPs and Executive Council members will have their own offices

"I have no doubt this is by far the best setting for the provincial parliament," Mr Meiring said

It is understood an alternative plan by the Department of Public Works to base the Western Cape legislature in the old President's Council building next to Tuynhuys has received little support

The pride of the art deco provincial council chamber is its huge lobby which puts to shame the various lobbies at the national Parliament down the road. Traditionally it is in the lobbies of a parliament where the real politicking takes place

The lobby is presided over by statue of poet CJ Langenhoven who wrote the words for *Die Stem* and was himself a member of the old Cape provincial council who

proposed the resolution in 1925 that Afrikaans be an official language in the province

The Province's 10-member Executive Council or "Cabinet" is due to meet around an octagonal table in the Exco room

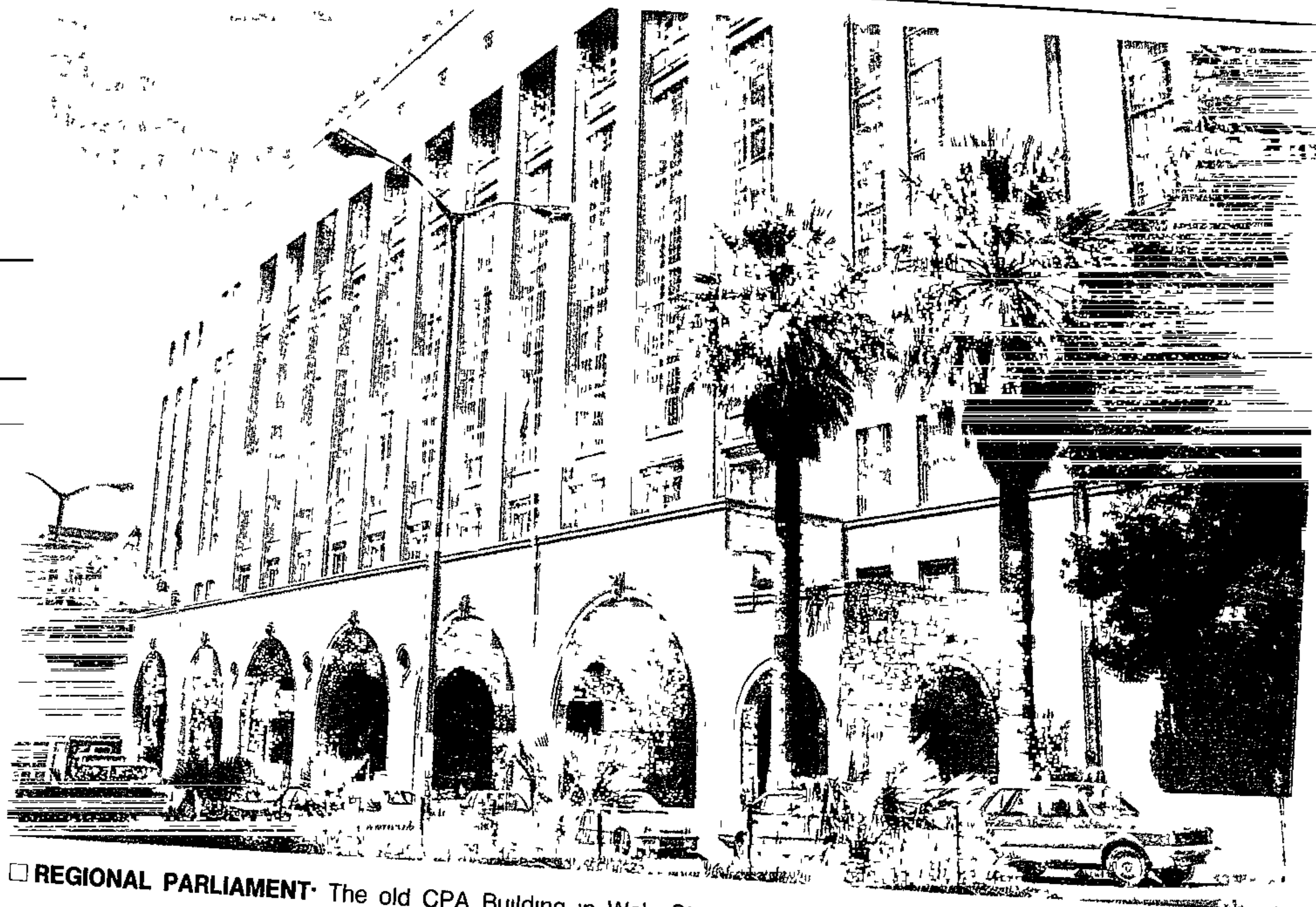
This Exco will be elected in proportion to votes the parties receive and is therefore likely to be a lively mix of the NP, ANC and possibly the DP and Pan Africanist Congress as well

The Western Cape's new breed of MPs will be well fed and watered in a members' restaurant as well as a lounge and bar

But the provincial premier's private dining room and pub will be the real place to be. The dining room carries the name "Caab de Goede Hoop" — a bastardised combination of Portuguese and Dutch. The pub is known as "The Piet Carinus" named after a one-time vice-chairman of KWV which sponsored it

Mr Meiring said the Western Cape was in a fortunate position compared to the Eastern and Northern Cape provinces where there was still uncertainty over the provincial HQs. "Here in the Western Cape we are absolutely certain that everything is here already," he said

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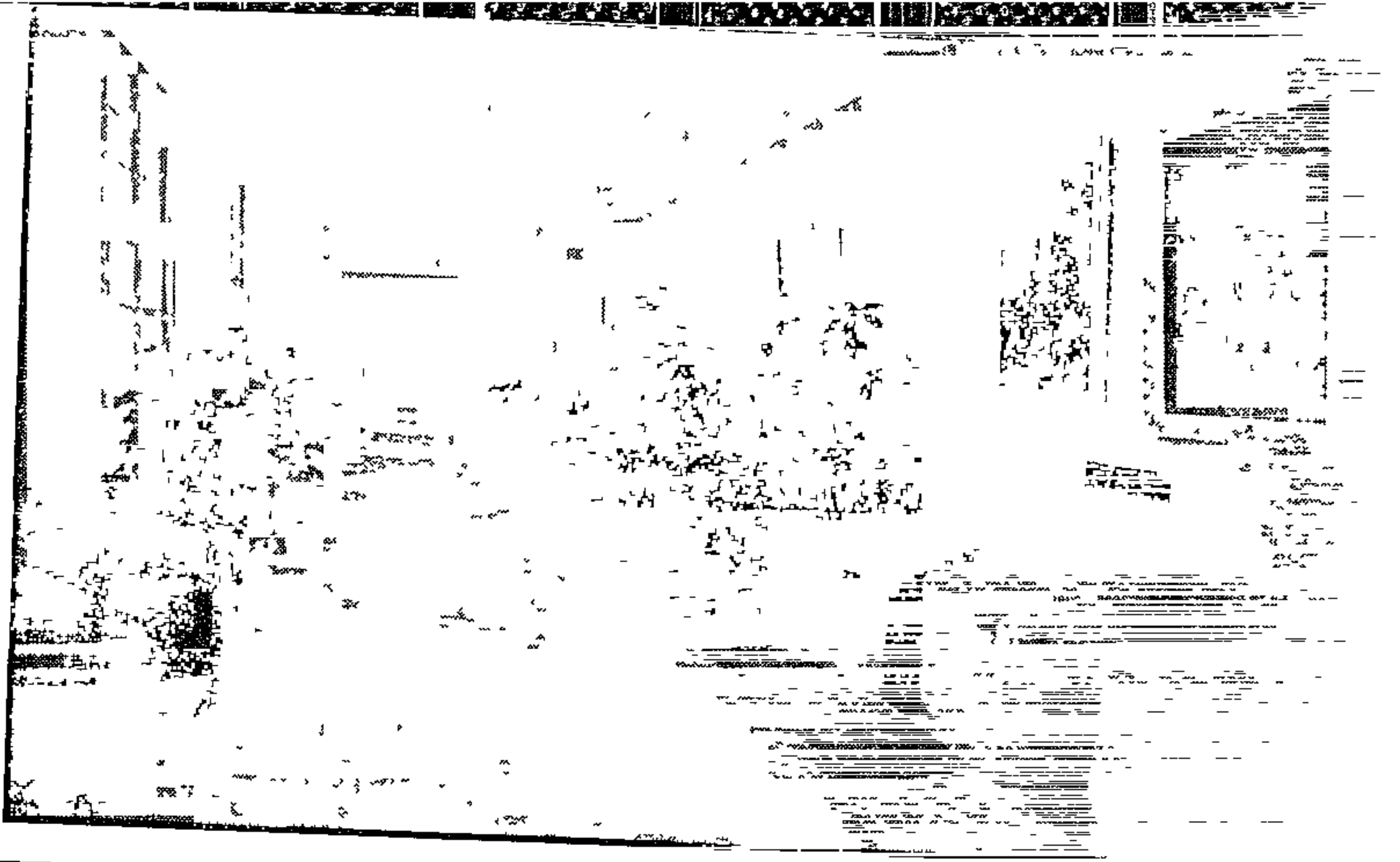
□ **REGIONAL PARLIAMENT** - The old CPA Building in Wale Street, built in 1943, which is due to become the new Western Cape Parliament.

Picture LEON MULLER, The Argus



□ **THE PREMIER SITS HERE:** Mr Meiring tries out the seat of power reserved for the Cape premier who will lead the majority party in the new Western Cape Parliament

LOBBYING LANGENHOVEN: The impressive lobby of the new Western Cape Parliament is decorated by portraits of former Cape administrators. At the end is a statue of poet CJ Langenhoven.



DEMOCRACY ON TAP: The private room reserved for use of the Western Cape premier where political deals will be struck over a drink.

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RAISING A STINKWOOD: Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring shows the stinkwood-paneled chamber where the Western Cape Parliament is likely to sit, with the Speaker's chair in the centre.

Dispute looms over Boland ⁽²⁶³⁾ boundaries

FRANS ESTERHUYSE

Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

MAJOR confrontation is looming in the Western Cape over proposed boundaries for the Cape metropolitan area

A long-simmering dispute is expected to come to a head soon when seven Boland towns give notice that they will challenge, and even resist, any moves to coerce them into becoming part of an expanded Cape metropolitan area

Protests have been mounting among civic, business and community leaders in these towns against what they see as an autocratic plan to gobble them up into a huge new metropolis to be controlled from Cape Town.

The plan, as put forward in proposals from the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum, has been denounced by mayors and other leaders in the seven key towns as undemocratic and in conflict with the new Local Government Transition Act.

The towns are Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington, Franschhoek, Somerset West, Strand and Gordon's Bay. They are to be included in the Cape metropolitan region in terms of draft proposals that existing Regional Services Council boundaries be used for the region.

The chairman of a recently-formed mayors' forum for the "fringe towns", Koos van Schoor, mayor of Stellenbosch, told Weekend Argus this week "We will fight our case to the last trench"

He said one of the main objections was that the Boland towns had not been consulted

One of the latest influential voices to enter the debate is that of Christo Viljoen, vice-rector (operations) of the University of Stellenbosch

Professor Viljoen said the decision that the "fringe" towns should become part of the Cape metropolitan region was not in accordance with the spirit of democracy, negotiation and discussion

He said Stellenbosch would lose its autonomy if it were incorporated into the Cape metropolitan region. This could result in increased university study costs

Incorporation could lead to a claim by the metropolitan government to the sound infrastructure developed by the "fringe" towns over

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Incorporation 'out'

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the years. It could also damage the traditional character of Stellenbosch in particular and would probably result in higher taxation

Protests against incorporation have also come from rural councils of Stellenbosch and Paarl, representatives of ratepayers, farmers and businessmen

Meanwhile, a team of experts commissioned by the "fringe towns" to investigate the whole issue of incorporation and boundaries has nearly completed its report. First indications are that the report, based on a scientific study, will slam the whole concept of incorporation of the towns into the Cape metropolitan area.

The investigating team includes civil engineers, town planners and academic specialists from the University of Stellenbosch

A "workshop" is to be held at Stellenbosch next weekend to enable various interest groups to put their arguments for or against incorporation.

Mr Van Schoor said one of the most important objections to incorporation was that the towns affected would, to a large extent, lose the autonomy which enabled them to decide on matters affecting them.

Other objections were that

■ A metropolitan authority would not be able to give effective services to the "fringe towns" Stellenbosch, for example, did not depend on Cape Town for its water supplies

■ The "fringe towns" had a rural character and did not want to be linked up with densely-populated metropolitan areas such as Durbanville, Bellville and Kraaifontein

■ The area of the fringe towns was two-and-a-half times the size of the existing metropolitan area up to the Kuilsrivier/Kraaifontein boundary. By adding the extra area, only about 400 000 people would be added to a metropole which already had 2,5 million inhabitants. This was ridiculous, Mr Van Schoor said

■ Incorporation of the "fringe towns" went against the spirit of the interim constitution, which was aimed at a democratic system to bring government to the people. Instead, government was now to be taken away from the people and centralised in Cape Town

Mr Van Schoor said he suspected the ultimate decision about metropolitan boundaries would be a political decision taken by "higher structures". He added "I hope that is not the case. We have said from the beginning that we do not want to be part of the Cape Metropolitan Negotiating Forum"

Municipal body enlists observers

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□ Move part of restructuring

CLIVE SAWYER
Municipal Reporter

GEORGE. — The Cape Province Municipal Association, facing restructuring as the Cape is divided into three provinces, is to co-opt "non-statutory" people to its executive committee

The "non-statutories" will be participating observers, probably drawn from the ranks of civic associations and other organisations previously without a voice in local government

It was widely acknowledged that the 87th annual congress was likely to be the last in the association's present form. Terms of office of many delegates at this year's congress could end when interim city and town councils are appointed

The deadline for the appointment of interim councils is May 2

As a precaution, the association passed a resolution allowing honorary vice-presidents to be trustees if the executive committee could not operate because of dismissals

The congress was told the association would have to restructure itself in line with changes to the United Municipal Executive (UME), national

umbrella organisation of local government

The UME is to be divided into two parts, one dealing with labour issues and the other with administrative, financial and constitutional issues

The Cape association may continue in its present form while provincial governments are set up

The executive committee said points of view on the future of the association so far had come from white councillors only

"It is not known what new councils will want," the committee said

It would be costly for each of the new Western, Eastern and Northern Cape provinces to run their own associations. But it was possible legislation in new provinces could vary, making it necessary to have separate associations. This would depend on how strongly federal in practice the country would become

Increased responsibilities for provincial governments would make the association's role even more important, the committee said

Whatever the future, the association voted to hold its 1995 congress in Port Elizabeth — which will then be part of the Eastern Province

Municipalities fight for power

From PETER DENNEHY
GEORGE — The Cape Province Municipal Association is likely to lose electricity sales as a revenue raiser and has threatened court action to rectify this.

Mr Fanus Immelman, association president, says a new tax on domestic electricity is a distinct possibility

In what he described as a shocking message, he said local government would lose electricity revenue — a substantial part of total municipal revenue

Other sources such as a new tax on electricity would have to replace it, as municipal funds from electricity undertakings would be used in future to electrify undeveloped, disadvantaged areas

Mr Dave Wilken, town clerk of Goodwood, said that these pro-

Electricity sales vital for revenue

posals would "kill local government"

The present constitution acknowledges the right of local authorities to retain the electricity distribution function

Mr Wilken urged that a court interdict be sought to prevent the electricity function from being taken from municipalities

Dr Ian McCrae, former chief executive officer of Eskom and a member of the National Electrification Forum (NELF), told dele-

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gates that the historic electricity surpluses of local authorities would be eroded, whether they remained electricity suppliers or not

R1,6 billion

"There should be no illusions as to where the funding for electrification will come from," he said "It will have to come from the electricity supply industry itself"

Only a third of the population of South Africa had access to electricity at present This would have to be raised to 60 to 70% within four or five years

"We are looking at an annual capital cost for electrification R1,6 billion," Mr McCrae said

Electricity could be provided through single-purpose utility companies, rather than by local authorities, he said

Councillors attack ANC man

Municipal Reporter

GEORGE — African National Congress local government head Thozamile Botha had exposed his ignorance by saying town clerks could be hired off the street, a delegate told the Cape Province Municipal Association Congress

Plettenberg Bay councillor John Truter was reacting to a statement by Mr Botha that it was a myth that top municipal officials should work their way up through the ranks

East London councillor John

Badenhorst said town clerks and treasurers had to have management experience

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Town clerks were the custodians of law and order, by which councils had to operate.

Mr Badenhorst rejected a suggestion by Mr Botha that top officials should change when municipal governments changed.

New local government legislation required town clerks to monitor the behaviour of councillors.

(News by C Sawyer 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Man dies in Boland Mancom stand-off

By Quentin Wilson

RESIDENTS of Saron, near Ceres, have occupied the premises of the local management committee — and say they will not leave until their elected representatives take office.

Already, one person has died as a result of the stand-off.

In an election organised by the residents association in January, the Saron community chose local government representatives.

Now that the Saron management committee refuses to recognise the elected committee, residents are making it impossible for the old committee to function.

For the last two weeks residents have occupied the premises in shifts, making sure management committee members are unable to enter their offices.

Mothers look after their children in a tent outside the offices while

others play cards and dominoes to keep awake during the small hours.

Mrs Eleanor Nero, together with her two year-old toddler, Shannon, has been there from noon to 4am each morning since the occupation began.

"This is a community building," says Nero. "It belongs to us and we will decide how it is to be used. I am not leaving here until the new committee takes over. The old one must stay away from this place if they know what is good for them."

Apart from the occupation, residents have been boycotting the payment of rent and service charges since the beginning of the year.

"This used to be a very conservative town," says Mr Hubert Lesch, vice chairperson of the residents association and one of the six new committee members. "But the actions of the old management committee have forced us all to become very angry."

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The main cause of the anger, according to Lesch, was the outcome of negotiations between residents and the management committee earlier this year. (263)

"It was agreed that all 12 of us would have equal status on that interim committee — and now they are going back on the deal.

"Now people are sick of hearing their unfulfilled promises, they only want the new committee now," Lesch said.

Community anger was fuelled four days after the occupation began. Police stormed the premises on Friday, March 18, firing bird-shot.

One man, Mr Arthur Hans, died of a heart attack during the shooting.

Meanwhile, Mr Johannes Smit, chairperson of the management committee, is looking to re-open negotiations with "all interested parties" in order to resolve the crisis.

Report on western Cape

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EDWARD WEST

CAPE TOWN — Population growth in the western Cape is likely to remain high at between 2,5% and 3,5% a year, propelled by in-migration from other regions, says economic growth specialist Wesgro. A Wesgro report on the characteristics, trends and development challenges of the western Cape economy said such growth could result in metropolitan Cape Town expanding to 6-million people within 20 years from the current 3,1-million.

The region's estimated current population was about 4,4-million people. About 30% of the total population was below the age of 15. The western Cape held a 10% to 11% share of SA's total population.

Wesgro's gross regional product was about R4,5bn or 14,1% of SA's GDP. The region ranked second highest among the nine provinces in terms of per capita GDP.

Current efforts to stimulate economic development centred on expanding industrial processing and exports, tourism potential, support for the small business sector, the improvement of infrastructure and development of a skilled labour force.

About 60% of the 1,6-million strong labour force in the region was employed, while a further 15% to 20% was involved in informal business activities. Between 20%

and 25% were unemployed.

More than four-fifths of the population was urbanised and in the Cape metropole urbanisation issues were overshadowed by rapid growth in the southeast of the area, which now included about 1,5-million people, and sprawling squatter settlements all over the Peninsula.

Housing and related social developments, together with job creation, were pressing issues and the housing deficit could be as high as 250 000, to which 350 000 units a year should be added to accommodate population growth. (15) (212)

Wesgro said the western Cape appeared to be bullish about its development potential, but much would depend on its resource share in the funding of national reconstruction and development.

Projects deemed significant in the region's development were the Capricorn Project, District Six housing redevelopment, Philippi East CBD development, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Culemborg/Transnet redevelopment, the Namakwa Sands mining project, the Atlantis industrial consolidation project and the Olympics candidature with its related investment in urban transport.

Write-offs keep Atlantis afloat

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ATLANTIS residents have had about R150m knocked off the amounts they owe on their houses and municipal services they have received, according to Mr Jac Rabie, a member of a cabinet working group investigating problems in the suburb

While much of the debt write-off has already been announced — such as the R7 500 once-off capital subsidy for council houses that have not yet been sold — some of the concessions are new

Mr Rabie's private secretary, Mr Louis le Roux, denied that any of the write-off was an election sweetener

"This decision has nothing to do with elections or politics," he said

However, he did concede that part of the debt write-off was a

Municipal bills cut by R150m

"once-off gift from the government to the people of Atlantis"

He was talking of a further discount applying to council houses, over and above the R7 500 discount. This concession would cost R49m

Atlantis residents simply could not afford their houses and many were struggling terribly because the unemployment rate there was about 60%, Mr Le Roux said

The total housing loan debt of the suburb of Wesfleur had been reduced by 15%. This concession cost R20,4m, he added

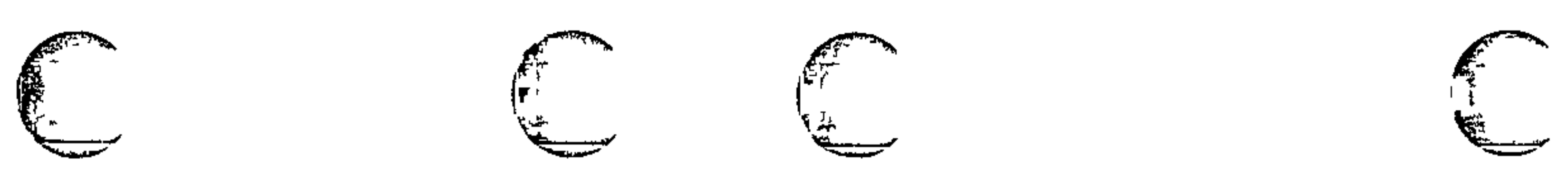
The R7 500 once-off capital subsidy scheme for those who wanted to buy the council houses they lived in would cost the state some R34m

Arrear services charges owed to the Western Cape Regional Services Council would be "depreciated". In effect, this meant that an amount of R13,3m would be written off

Overdue rates would be handled by the administrator of the Cape in terms of the agreement on finances and services

"The amount there is R11,08m," Mr Le Roux said

About R7,7m in instalment payments on housing would be written off, as would about R2,2m in rent arrears



Affirmative-action ogre

SI Times

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Polls show that a majority of coloured people will vote for their former oppressor, the National Party. NAZEEM HOWA analyses the reasons

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WHILE there seems little doubt that South African voters will deliver an election victory to the ANC, significant support from the coloured community could see the NP emerging victorious in the Western and Northern Cape provinces.

In a supreme case of irony, indications from recent polls are that most of apartheid's two million "stepchildren" would prefer the NP to rule the Western Cape, even though it was that party that forced them out of their homes in terms of the Group Areas Act and stripped them of the vote.

Most of the coloured concerns have deep roots in the immediate past. Their support for the NP appears, in part, to be based on the marginally better lifestyle offered them under apartheid.

After all, many say, was it not the NP which protected their jobs by making the Western Cape a coloured labour preference area and also offered housing and education superior in quality to that offered to blacks? And will a new government dedicated to righting apartheid's wrongs not remove those qualified privileges?

Adding to their concerns is the issue of affirmative

action which NP spokesmen have warned will lead to blacks being advanced at the expense of coloureds.

Daily, so-called "affirmative action" job adverts appear in newspapers in Cape Town, but in a departure from the previous racist "whites-only" style, a new code has found its way into the advertising — "Xhosa-speaking".

Fuelling fears of what affirmative action could mean to the coloured community was the recent occupation by blacks of houses in Western Cape coloured areas.

There is considerable concern in political circles about how these concerns are being used by some political parties to promote divisions between coloured and black voters.

According to one political analyst, the growing preference for the NP is more of an indicator of anti-ANC sentiment than loyal Nationalist support. "It's somewhat of a case of better the devil you know than the one you don't," the analyst said.

Already close to Afrikaners because of their shared language and culture, the coloured vote was never a certainty for the ANC. Serious tactical errors committed soon after its unbanning served only to increase

coloured fears of their prospects under an ANC government.

A key tactical error was a misreading of the political sentiment in the Western Cape at the time of the ANC's unbanning, and the way in which prominent members of the UDF, many of them coloured, were swept aside in favour of (largely) black returning exiles and former political prisoners.

"The ANC thought this region was ready for an all-encompassing non-racial political movement, but residents were far from ready. We erred by closing down the UDF, which had always enjoyed significant coloured support," a member of the ANC Western Cape leadership admitted.

Allan Boesak, one of the more popular — and effective — UDF leaders only came into his own within the ANC structures after the personal intervention of Nelson Mandela. This in a region where coloured voters are thought to outnumber blacks by two to one.

But the pastor turned priest, too, has brought problems for the ANC.

Recent surveys reveal that Dr Boesak's chequered history has, in part, helped to alienate coloured voters.

Social anthropologists suggest that the deep religious nature of the coloured community has not really come to terms with his history.

The ANC appears to be aware of this. New advertising campaigns have been launched featuring several other prominent coloured leaders, notably Peninsula Technikon head Franklin Sonn and Union of Teachers' Association president Archie Vergotine.

The NP, on the other hand, has presented itself as a new party with a new vision and new policies. In courting the coloured vote, it has strategically used President de Klerk, who has been accepted by coloured voters as deeply sincere about his vision for the future.

A recent survey of the Western Cape found that 52,7 percent of coloureds polled favoured Mr de Klerk. Mr Mandela attracted the support of only 17,2 percent of those polled.

The NP has also dragged out its old red-baiting tactic of using the ANC's alliance with the SACP to draw coloured support from the ANC. Being a deeply religious community, many see the SACP alliance as a serious problem, a recent survey found.

How the West (Cape) was won

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The ANC's blunders in the Western Cape campaign will haunt the party when it sits in the opposition benches in the regional assembly, reports **Mondi waka Makhanaya**

WHEN Western Cape ballot papers have been counted and Hennis Kriel is pronounced premier of the region, there is likely to be much cursing and finger-pointing at the ANC's regional headquarters.

With less than a month to go before the elections, polls put the National Party comfortably ahead of the ANC. It is now almost certain that together with the Northern Cape, the Western Cape will be one of only two regions in the country not run by an ANC administration. A sense of panic has now set in among regional leadership who are desperately trying to patch together an election machine they just can't get going.

"The only thing the ANC seem to be able to do effectively is putting up posters," says one observer of the ANC's postering campaign which would deceive an outside observer into believing that every dorp in the Western Cape was ANC terrain.

While the NP is conducting a slick campaign — doubtless honed in previous elections — the ANC's campaign smacks of improvisation and haphazardness. The NP is setting the election agenda by playing its tried and tested *swart gevaar* card to exploit real coloured fears around issues such as affirmative action, competition with Africans for housing and interracial tensions between the two groups. The ANC's only response has been lame and unsuccessful attempts to put out these fires.

In a clear illustration of desperation, the ANC is using prominent coloured personalities to call for an ANC vote in full page newspaper advertisements. It

has even resorted to striking the fear of God into the very religious coloured communities, with its leaders warning voters that voting for the NP would be sinful. Your vote is secret, but not before God. Don't vote NP," warns one poster.

While faced with the difficulty of selling itself to coloured communities where anti-African sentiment is often quite deep, the ANC's task is also complicated by a malaise within its own ranks.

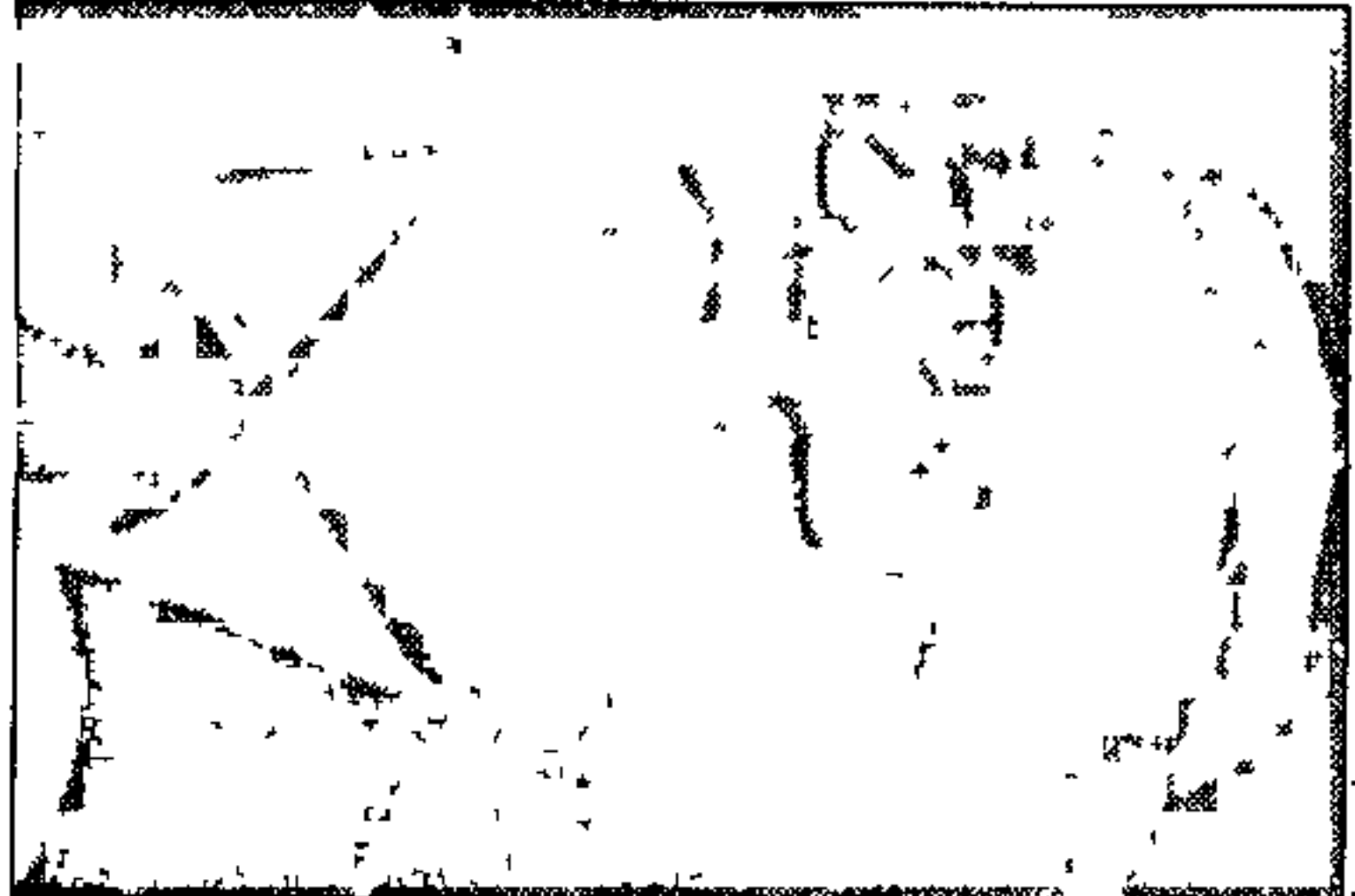
The region is plagued by internal conflicts which have been difficult to heal since the unbanning four years ago. Centred around chairman Allan Boesak and secretary Tony Yengeni, these wrangles are making it hard for the party to function as a unit.

The ANC has also made tactical blunders which will haunt it from the opposition benches in the regional parliament. One mistake which most ANC leaders in the Western Cape have come to accept was the dismantling of United Democratic Front structures — which were particularly strong in coloured areas.

The replacing of these structures with ANC ones and the concomitant emergence of a more African leadership corps from exile and Robben Island killed the 1980s culture of activism on the Cape Flats and alienated coloureds.

This marked the beginning of what political analyst Seshi Chonco calls "colourism", the rejection of non-racial ideology in favour of coloured identity.

The ANC's attempts to rectify this by pushing Boesak to the helm simply



Hennis Kriel . Low profile

boomeranged Boesak's unceremonious dumping of his first wife and his church in favour of a white woman that places great emphasis — or least pays lip service to it — on the institution of church and family.

"The ANC tried to outbid the Nats in their tired and tested tactic of ethnic politics and they lost," says Chonco. Neither is Boesak popular within ANC ranks. Grassroots activists accuse him of a bloated sense of self-importance and a not too great grasp of issues.

Up against this rickety ANC machine is a fine-tuned NP vehicle. Selling a "new NP to victims of forced removals and petty apartheid has entailed wiping out all memory of the pre-1989 South Africa, something the NP has done very effectively. The NP has packaged President FW de Klerk — "the product champion" — as the "new" NP. He has achieved almost cult

hero status among rural and urban coloureds. His 62 percent popularity rating as opposed to Nelson Mandela's 17 percent, bears testimony to the success of the NP's amnesia-inducing exercise.

"Had we been trying to sell the old National Party to the same audience our success rate would have been zero," admits NP strategy director Melt Hannan.

The NP has also been careful not to dilute De Klerk appeal by focusing attention on the just-released premier-ship candidate Kriel. Kriel who is said to be unpopular with the NP's coloured branches, has kept a low profile in the campaign. This has made things difficult for the ANC and Democratic Party whose jibes at Kriel — especially in the light of the "third force" findings — have been ineffective since many coloured voters are not even aware he is standing for premier-ship.

Trying to woo coloureds away from the NP has left the ANC open to attack from the Pan Africanist Congress in African townships, particularly shack settlements. The PAC has been campaigning quite actively in Cape Town townships, where it has historically had a sizeable presence.

"The ANC lives in constant fear of the PAC taking its African support. So it has to strike a balance between a message of Africanist militancy and one of accommodation," says University of Cape Town's Mary Simons.

But an almost non-existent regional infrastructure has inhibited the PAC from remaining just a mere threat to the ANC's virtual hegemony in these areas.

The DP, which will most probably hold the balance of power in parliament, is piggy-backing on the NP's *swart gevaar* tactics and is selling itself to coloured voters as the cleaner of the white parties. But the party vis-

ibility is still low and the pull of De Klerk has been hard to match for premier-ship candidate Hennis Bester.

Of the plethora of fringe parties actively contesting regional elections, only the Islamic ones have any chance of making an impact, albeit a marginal one. Any losses that might result from the entrance of the Africa Muslim Party and Islamic Party, would be more or less equally divided between the NP and ANC.

"It's highly unlikely that Muslims will vote for a party that simply has Qu'ranic verses as its manifesto. Like the rest of society Muslim voters are also concerned about employment, education and other bread and butter issues. Besides, this country's Muslim community does not have a culture of fundamentalism," says an analyst.

The other fringe parties on the far left are nothing more than light relief in a highly charged campaign. Neither the Worker's List Party nor the Fourth International see their participation as anything more than a protest.

"We're not really interested in votes. We just want to highlight working class demands and make sure they are not forgotten," says a spokesman. What may alter this picture is the level of voter turnout on election day. Coloured voters have in the past been apathetic when it came to electoral politics. Polls indicate that while the majority of African and white voters intend voting, the turnout will be much lower among coloureds. While some of the low turnout during the tricameral parliament could be attributed to boycotts, there were many who didn't vote because they just didn't feel like it. The various parties are hoping however, that the euphoria around this election will force even the most lethargic to go to the polls.

Residents seize holiday resort

By Quentin Wilson

THE DRIVE for a democratic local government in Saron, near Ceres, shifted a gear this week as members of the residents' association seized control of the rural town's holiday resort over the Easter weekend.

Residents in the area have pitted themselves against Saron's management committee and have demanded, since January, that their own elected representatives take over the functions of local government

While the old management committee refuses to step down, residents have boycotted rent payments and service charges and barred old committee members from returning to their offices

And now the holiday resort is under their control

"When the resort was built, we were told it would be to our benefit," said Mr Henry Lesch, secretary

of Saron's residents association
"Our township has not seen any of the profits made by the resort, but that is going to change"

According to Lesch, members of the residents' association took command of the keys to the holiday spot at the beginning of the Easter weekend. (263)

While booked holiday-makers were allowed access, he said, all their accommodation expenses were paid to the residents' association.

"We have collected over R1 000 and we are opening a bank account. By doing this we are ensuring that members of the old management committee do not use these funds for their own purposes. We are going to use the money to help upgrade Saron

"While we have control over the resort, we will make sure that residents here can also enjoy the facilities for a small fee," Lesch said

Mr Johannes Smit, chairperson of the old management committee, has condemned the actions of the residents' association.

He alleged holiday makers were "badly treated" and said the association were "acting in a completely unacceptable manner".

"Many people who booked to stay in the resort were turned away," Smit said.

Both sides will meet the Cape Provincial Administration in Cape Town on Friday to find a solution to Saron's local government question.

"I do not think the residents' association is genuinely interested in a solution," said Smit, "But this can't go on much longer. Something must be done to get Saron back to normal again"

According to Lesch, the association is keen to negotiate a settlement on Friday.

R500 000 handed to squatters, probe told

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Staff Reporter

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THE R500 000 given by a waste removal company to Cape squatters was done at random without any count being kept, the Ikapa Town Council Commission of Inquiry has heard.

Johannes Van der Walt, operations head of S A Bio-Tech, the company contracted to do waste removal for the bankrupt Ikapa Town Council, told the commission that he had accompanied his boss, Jacoba Louw, when she visited the squatters, often as early as 4am, to distribute "packets of cash" to squatter leaders.

"We did not count the money, but just took packets of cash from a carton and gave them out to squatter leaders," said Mr Van der Walt, who joined S A Bio-Tech in May 1992.

Mr Van der Walt said the money was distributed to about four leaders with 50 to 60 squatters present at a time.

He said that although the donations were not absolutely necessary to enable his firm to perform its work in the community, "they did help and made us much stronger".

Donations were made over a year until last September.

Earlier this week, the commission heard that S A Bio-Tech gave the R500 000 to the giant Western Cape United Squatters Association (Wecusa) and that a

cheque for that amount was personally cashed by Ms Louw.

Because Ms Louw did not trust squatter strongman Jeffrey Nongwe to keep the money in his own house, she kept the cash in a safe at her own home and distributed amounts of R500 at a time to the neediest families.

Describing how the money was physically distributed to squatter leaders at early-morning sessions, Mr Van der Walt said the cash was not counted, but merely given out at random.

"How did you decide which families would get money?" Mr Van der Walt was asked.

"I didn't," he replied.

Mr Van der Walt said he was not always with Ms Louw when money was handed out to the community.

Ms Louw was the person responsible for the distribution.

Santie Croeser-Van der Westhuizen, who is leading evidence before the commission, also asked Mr Van der Walt how there was any guarantee that he or Ms Louw would not pocket money for themselves.

"We were absolutely trusted in that regard," he replied.

The commission continues today.

The three-man commission is headed by J Swart assisted by Eile Roux and W Wagenaar. Gesie Lategan and Santie Croeser-Van der Westhuizen are leading evidence.