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'Shady' mayor gets the chop

Accused of embezzling R27 000

By STAN MHLONGO

LEKOA mayor Sam Kolisang was this week temporarily suspended for allegedly embezzling council funds.

Sofasonke Party-supporting councillors ousted the mayor after a tense 10-hour meeting on Thursday, when they accused him of misusing R23 000 in council funds.

Lekoa town clerk NP Louw refused to comment but council executive committee chairman Edwin Neko confirmed Kolisang's "temporary suspension on the grounds of corruption".

Although Kolisang was not available for comment, *City Press* confirmed that his suspension followed Sofasonke-supporting councillors' initial failure to oust him from his post through a Rand Supreme Court application in April. The Sofasonke supporters are said to constitute the majority within the council.

Elaborating on what is believed to be a long-planned coup to oust Kolisang, Neko said a thorough council investigation showed Kolisang was guilty of

- Withholding R13 000 to be returned to councillors after the October 1988 elections, and
- Deducting a total of about R10 000 from 18 councillors' salaries - which he allegedly paid to a construction company. He was said to owe the company R82 000.

Neko said that after consultation with the paymaster, the councillors discovered that the R10 000 was allegedly withdrawn in stop orders signed by Kolisang.

"We, the supporters of Sofasonke, are for clean administration and a clean council," he said.

"We are all out to clean up the administration, which has been lacking discipline for the past 10 years."



Suspended mayor Sam Kolisang - ousted by Sofasonke councillors

Change in control of urban areas

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Local Government Affairs Council yesterday officially took over from the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri-urban areas as guardian of small communities

Peri-urban board officials, temporarily placed under the control of the Administrator of the Transvaal when the board was abolished on July 1 1986, are now functioning under the control of the new council.

The Local Government Affairs Council falls under the jurisdiction of the white affairs Minister of Local Government and Housing, as its establishment forms part of the transfer of white local government functions from the provincial administrations to the House of Assembly

The council consists of five members under the chairmanship of Mr Dries Niemand, executive director of the Rentmeester group, immediate past president of the United Municipal Executive and a Kempton Park town councillor

Other members are Mr L G Kok, Mr H C F Baber, Mr M Strydom and Mr M L Janse van Rensburg

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RAMMALA - NEW ROW IS LOOMING



Mr Solly Rammala ... cleared by commission of inquiry.

ANOTHER confrontation may be looming between the Atteridgeville City Council and its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala. The council is to meet tomorrow to decide on his fate.

A spokesman for the council said Rammala, who was last week cleared by a disciplinary inquiry of committing irregularities, should continue to be on special leave while the council

By MONK NKOMO

studied the judgment. It will then decide whether he should return to his post or not

Meeting

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula, said this resolution was taken at the council's monthly meeting. The deputy mayor, Mr Justus

Tshungu, told the meeting that they were not bound by the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra

The council agreed with Tshungu's suggestion but stressed that a hasty decision should not be made as it could be to their disadvantage

A council spokesman said Rammala, who reported for duty yesterday morning, was told that he should recuse himself from his duties "until the council had sought legal opinion on the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra and finalised the disciplinary procedure"

Rammala yesterday confirmed that he was on duty "There is presently correspondence between my attorneys and the council about this issue which has not yet been finalised," he said

Pleased

The council will hold a special meeting next Wednesday to decide on Rammala

In a statement Rammala said he was pleased that the inquiry had vindicated him "I have been under tremendous strain and pressure. I reiterate that I am amazed that I was suspended and the council went ahead with its allegations despite the fact that it had very little evidence," he said

Fire Rammala says union

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THE executive committee of a trade union representing employees of the Atteridgeville City Council yesterday received a mandate to lay criminal charges against the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

At a special meeting yesterday the workers — all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities — filed a petition calling on the council to dismiss Rammala because "we will never be able to work with him again."

The workers said that the only course open to the council was to dismiss Rammala "on grounds that he is incompatible with a substantial number of employees and that he will not be able to do further work for the council effectively or at all"

The trade union also rejected the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra, a retired judge who acquitted Rammala on 12 counts of irregularities last week.

They also rejected Judge Hiemstra's re-

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marks in his judgment that "Taebela emerges very poorly from this inquiry"

The union lashed out at Hiemstra and accused him of casting Taebela in a bad light. They stressed that the charges against Rammala were laid by the council and not Taebela. Council officials who testified at the inquiry did so as council workers and not as members of Taebela, a spokesman for the union said.

Mandate

Hundreds of employees who attended yesterday's meeting gave a mandate to the union's executive committee to lay charges against the town clerk as soon as possible. The type of charges to be laid against Rammala were not spelt out at the meeting. A spokesman for Taebela said they had already sought legal advice on the matter and only needed a mandate from the employees to act.

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RACIALLY discriminatory by-laws could not have been passed in 1912 — not even in Boksburg. Seventy-five years ago a South African court was asked whether a racially discriminatory by-law was validly passed by a local authority.

In a bizarre historical echo, the local authority that passed the discriminatory law was the Boksburg municipal council. A Mr Moses successfully challenged the discriminatory by-law, which was struck down by the Transvaal Supreme Court.

Transvaal's Judge President Mr Justice De Villiers referred to "the principle — repeatedly followed in this court — that where a by-law, in the absence of any authority in the enabling statute, discriminates between classes, such by-law is bad".

The by-law prohibited any person, without the permission of the Boksburg municipal council, from establishing or maintaining any compound not being for the use of domestic servants.

Giving judgment to the same case, Mr Justice Wessels said "If we look at the by-law it is clear that it places under one category natives and coloured people and leaves white people under another category... Now unless the enabling ordinance gives the municipality the right to make the discrimination between white people and coloured people, the by-law is *ultra vires*."

The Judge President said, "The magistrate's reasons are bad, upon the ground that it is advisable, having regard to the well-known habits of coloured people, that a discrimination should be made. If that be so, it is a matter for the legislature. If the legislature considered it advisable to discriminate between white and coloured persons it could have done so, and enabled the municipality so to discriminate, but it has not done so."

Judicial statements like these declared statutorily unauthorised discrimination to be unlawful, and they contain no reference to the separate but equal doctrine which for more than half a century represented the thinking of the American Supreme Court.

Why Boksburg can discriminate today — but not in 1912

Johannesburg attorney TIM TROLLIP looks at the history of the courts' approach to racial discrimination in SA and America — and the effect of the South African legislature's destructive intervention in the Fifties

Thus, in 1912, the US lagged behind SA following the establishment of the separate but equal doctrine in the case of *Plessy v Ferguson* in 1896.

In this case, the Appeal Court ruled that the constitution of the US was not violated by a statute which required separate but equal accommodation for white and coloured persons on US trains.

In SA the tide turned in 1934, when acting Chief Justice Mr Justice Stratford, commenting on a by-law which segregated the post office at Pietersburg, said a by-law could not be invalid on the sole ground that it divided the community "for such conclusion runs counter to accepted principles and good sense."

"The effect of the instructions was to divide or classify the community to be served into sections for the purpose of rendering that service, and I am unable to appreciate how the operation is partial or unequal between these divisions or classes when we have the definite admissions that they were not," he said.

Thus the "separate but substantially equal" doctrine was ushered into South African history.

In 1953, a Mr Lusu entered a "European" railway waiting room

contrary to regulations. His defence — that the facilities allocated to "non-Europeans" were substantially inferior — was upheld by the appellate division.

Die Burger announced the decision with a banner headline "Apelhof teen apartheid op Kaapse stasie" (Appeal Court against apartheid in Cape station).

In the same year, "corrective legislation" came from the Nationalist government in the form of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act. The legislation was patently racist. It epitomised the spirit and purpose of the Nationalist government and, indeed, of the white Parliament of the day.

The Separate Amenities Act defines public premises very widely, and states that a person in charge of or in control of public premises may set apart or reserve such premises for the exclusive use of persons belonging to a particular race or class.

The Act specifically provides that "setting apart" shall not be invalid on the "grounds merely that" no such premises have been demarcated for the exclusive use of persons belonging to any other race, or that the premises are not substantially similar to the reserved premises.

SA was regressing and now fell short of American standards.

In the same year as this enact-

ment, the American Appeal Court rejected the separate but equal doctrine.

In the case of *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka*, Brown and his co-petitioners were denied admission to state public schools attended by white children under state laws requiring or permitting segregation according to race. The Board of Education advanced the separate but equal argument.

The court noted that "tangible" factors — such as buildings, curricula, qualifications and salaries of teachers — had been equalised. However, the court noted that "we must consider public education in the light of its full development and its present place in American life throughout the nation. Only in this way can it be determined if segregation in public schools deprives these plaintiffs of the equal protection of the law."

"Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local government. Compulsory school attendance laws and the great expenditures for education both demonstrate our recognition of the importance of education to our democratic society.

"Today it is a principal instrument in awakening the child to cultural values, in preparing him for later

professional training and in helping him to adjust normally to his environment.

"In these days it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state had

undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms."

The US court noted the importance of intangible considerations in education including, for instance, "those qualities which are incapable of objective measurement but which make for greatness."

These considerations applied with added force to children in grade and high school. The court said: "... to separate them from others of similar age and qualification solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status, in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

"Segregation of white and coloured children in public schools has a detrimental effect upon the coloured children. The impact is greater when it has the sanction of law ..."

A sense of inferiority affects the motivation of a child to learn. Segregation with the sanction of law, therefore, has a tendency to retard the educational and mental development of Negro children and to deprive them of some of the benefits they would receive in a racially integrated school system.

The US Appeal Court concluded "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

Meanwhile, South African law has remained anchored in the separate but equal doctrine. In the *State v Pitje*, heard in 1960, a candidate attorney to the law firm of Mandela and Fambou had taken a seat at a table reserved for white practitioners. He refused to comply with a request from the magistrate to sit at a table reserved for "Non-Europeans" and was summarily convicted of contempt of court.

The NP government's Separate Amenities Act enables present day CP-controlled Boksburg council to wreak human havoc

10 arrested in pension swindle investigation

By Stan Hlophe (266)

Ten Transvaal Provincial Administration employees have been arrested in connection with a Dobsonville pension swindle, the TPA has confirmed

TPA deputy director (pensions), Mr J van Kradenburg, yesterday appealed to people who had been swindled to report to the TPA head office at 80 Albert Street, Johannesburg

Hundreds of Dobsonville pensioners had complained of not being paid their full pension over the past four months, and the cases were taken up with the TPA by the Dobsonville Care of the Aged group.

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Jo'burg city council employees charged with misconduct

DEPUTY DIRECTOR Traffic and Security Tony Thompson and the senior deputy director Gas Works Stan Verrier have been charged with misconduct in terms of the Johannesburg City Council's conditions of service

This follows a disciplinary hearing before a deputy town clerk after Press reports in which it was alleged Thompson used a council bricklayer for three months to do private work at his Linden home between December and February this year

In terms of the local government ordinance an employee who does private work should first obtain the council's consent

They have been given verbal warnings Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA) general secretary Theo Crouse said at the hearing it was established the bricklayer was paid by Thomp-

son for his work It was also established the bricklayer was on paid and unpaid leave

Thompson was charged because he allowed the bricklayer to work at his house without the necessary permission in terms of the local government ordinance Verrier was charged as the deputy head of the department for failing to notify the council of the bricklayer's part-time work outside council hours

The JMEA, which represented the men at the hearing, yesterday confirmed they had been charged

"We are awaiting the town clerk's ruling on the matter before deciding if any further action is required," Crouse said

Faked death fraud: man jailed

'House was sold at 1966 price'

Pretoria Correspondent

Conservative Party claims that a Laudium house was sold at below cost to a Mr Danie Khoosal were untrue, a Pretoria City Council spokesman said.

The CP candidate for Hercules, Mr SP Barnbard, who made the claims, distributed a document from a Pretoria Management Committee meeting to prove his "allegations".

The council spokesman said the house was sold to Mr Khoosal for R3 130. "The price was determined as on May 31 1966, and not 1989," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the council sold the house under a scheme devised by the government. "If a person stayed in

a house for 25 years, we sell it at the fixed price as on the date of occupancy," the spokesman said.

When asked, the spokesman said 80 percent of council houses owned by whites were sold under a similar scheme. This was not part of the National Home Selling Scheme announced by the government in 1983.

"Mr Khoorsal bought the house and stand. The council made no profit on the deal," the spokesman said.

The value of the house was not determined by the council. The spokesman said the last evaluations were made in 1984 and were currently being reviewed.

(Report by Y L J Thumbran, 216 Vermeulen Street, Pretoria.)

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Inquiry hears of clerk's intervention with sentence

THE town clerk of Ateridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, recommended the imposition of a suspended sentence for a senior white policeman instead of being dismissed after he was convicted on serious charges of misconduct, a commission of inquiry heard yesterday.

Warrant Officer Gerrie Jansen van Vuuren was found guilty by the council's disciplinary committee in November last year on four counts that included the assault and application of electric shocks to Mr Piet Tshakane on June 25 last year. Van Vuuren also used foul and derogatory language

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on Tshakane and accused his colleague, Sergeant Sihlangu of speaking "kafir taal". The council's acting secretary, Mr Madimetse Mogoba, who was chairman of the disciplinary committee that convicted Van Vuuren,

the council "under the normal circumstances" would have accepted their recommendation that Van Vuuren be fined. He told the inquiry that Rammala had informed him that some councilors were of the opinion that Van Vuuren should not be dismissed.

Decision

"But I thought a dismissal was a proper decision my committee had unanimously taken," Mogoba said. He added that he did not agree with Rammala's recommendation and two other officials recommended to the council that Van Vuuren be dismissed with immediate effect.

The town clerk however recommended that Van Vuuren be given a year's suspension and that he retain the same salary, the inquiry heard. This recommendation by Rammala was accepted by the council.

Mogoba told the inquiry however that had it not been for the intervention of Rammala — who was not at the disciplinary hearing — also expressed his concern that the council did not agree with him.

Record

Mogoba said Van Vuuren did not have a good record or a good relationship with his subordinates. "Even before the disciplinary hearing his performance was not always satisfactory," the acting city secretary said.

The inquiry heard that the council had acquired the services of an advocate to act as prosecutor during the disciplinary hearing, and this cost the council R5248,03.

Examined by Mr Eric Goosen, who is leading evidence, Mogoba conceded that Rammala was not qualified to have made the recommendation to the council because he was not present at the hearing. Mogoba also testified that there was presently growing dissatisfaction amongst municipal policemen about Van Vuuren's attitude.

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Local powers ~~(10)~~ under spotlight

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The delegation of powers to coloured and Indian management committees will come under the spotlight at a conference of the Transvaal Association of Management Committees. (266)

Mr Jimmy Oliver, secretary of Tamcom, said various management committees had been invited to attend the conference at Sabie on July 22.

"After last year's municipal elections there are a lot of new people. We will start to train them on how local authorities must operate," he said. — Pretoria Correspondent

COUNCIL SLAPS

BAN ON PHONING

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ABOUT 800 employees of the Daveyton Town Council on the East Rand are on a go-slow strike following a ban on them using the council's telephones.

The workers also claim they have to get permission before leaving the council's premises even during the lunch break

These new rules were introduced on Monday

The strike started on Tuesday after a white council official had allegedly told the workers they had to get permission to make business or private telephone calls

The acting town clerk, Mr R Coetzee, yesterday confirmed workers were barred from using the council's telephones as from Monday

"In the past months the council's telephone bill was very high. We had to cut our costs and to achieve this workers had to be stopped from making private calls," said Coetzee

Strike

They were only allowed to make business calls and these had to be approved by the council

Workers said the strike would continue until their demands for better working conditions were met. They said a delegation would be meeting the council soon to discuss their grievances.

Nortje's overtime all OK, says DP man

MANDY JEAN WOODS

DP chief whip in the Johannesburg City Council Paul Asherson yesterday said he was satisfied with explanations concerning the overtime paid to Traffic Department superintendent Piet Nortje

Shortly after a three-hour meeting attended by Nortje, Asherson and Traffic Chief Theo Olivier, Asherson released a statement saying he was satisfied Nortje and his staff of seven were required to perform legitimate and necessary duties after hours

Nortje's overtime was not excessive

compared to that of many other staff on similar, higher and lower levels

"He is a properly qualified traffic officer who is, of necessity, required to accompany Johannesburg Public Safety Director John Pearce on various assignments as a body-guard

"Nortje possesses special skills which the council is lucky to be able to utilise I

am satisfied that very little of Nortje's overtime relates to his attendance on Mr Pearce," Asherson said (266)

Much of the time Nortje spent in Pearce's company is spent of his own free will. The records have shown that to be accurate" B/day 11/1/89

Asherson said there were obviously many people who begrudged Nortje his close relationship with Pearce, but he could not establish any instance where Nortje was afforded any undue benefit or illegal favouritism in the work place

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Because personnel office records were not up to date, it was incorrectly reflected that overtime was taken while Nortje was on leave. The records showed this was in fact not the case

"I can only submit that from my intensive examination of the records and fullest

discussion with Olivier and Nortje that the department has nothing to hide in respect of Nortje, his work, overtime and personal financial position," Asherson said

He hoped Nortje would be left alone "by his detractors both in and out of the department" to get on with his work

Inquiry clears Rammala

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THE Atteridgeville City Council has passed a motion of confidence in its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, and he is to resume duties forthwith.

At a special meeting on Wednesday night the council also accepted the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra, who cleared Rammala on all 12 counts of irregularities that were levelled against him.

The mayor, Mr Vela-

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phi Mathebula, tabled the motion that Rammala resume his duties immediately. His motion was seconded by his deputy, Mr Justus Tshungu. Mathebula made a plea to council officials and employees to work "in a spirit of cordial relationship and co-operation" for the smooth running of the council.

The council's decision ends its five-month legal

battle against Rammala who was paid R27 347,85 in salary and allowances while on special leave granted by the council. Legal costs incurred by the council during the disciplinary hearing totalled more than R60 000.

The money, described as "fruitless expenditure" by Rammala, is expected to be discussed during the town clerk's meeting with the Director of Local Government today.

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Council pays out R48 000 for travel

THE Atteridgeville City Council pays out R48 000 a year travelling allowances to senior officials coming to and from work despite the fact that it was facing a financial crisis, a commission was told yesterday.

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The town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, also admitted during cross-examination that his car telephone bill which is usually paid by the council totalled R733,32 between March and May this year — when he was not on duty.

during March, April and May. The service charged for his car telephone is R75 a month, the inquiry heard.

Mr Eric Goosen, who is leading evidence, yesterday produced documents which revealed that Rammala made 492 calls in his car

Rammala, who resumed official duties yesterday morning, said he was going to repay the amounts for the period when he was on special leave. He said that he would discuss how this amount would be repaid with the town treasurer.

Goosen also produced documents which revealed that in 1986 Rammala had an insurance package for three cars — his own, his wife's and that of his personal assistant, Anastasia Moremi.

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**Chairman's
suspension
rescinded**

THE Alexandra Town Council has rescinded the suspension of the chairman of the management committee, Mr Prince Mokoena, but has dissolved the management committee with immediate effect.

This was said by the acting town clerk, Mr Wilhe Khumalo, yesterday. Mokoena's suspension follows a long-standing wrangle for power within the council.

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He was suspended last week during the council's monthly meeting. Seven councillors passed a motion of no confidence in the management committee of which he was chairman. The councillors passed a special motion calling for his indefinite suspension while allegations against him were being investigated.

"The council has rescinded the suspension of Mr Mokoena who still remains a councillor, but the management committee has been dissolved with immediate effect," said Khumalo.

Several allegations of abuse of power were levelled against Mokoena by the councillors who accused him of not consulting his colleagues and staff.

Mokoena last week said his suspension was irregular and that all the allegations against him were fabricated. He said he would brief his attorneys to take the matter up with the council.

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Traffic officer's claims 'are not excessive'

Councillor drops overtime accusation

By Sue Olswang

The Democratic Party's chief whip in Johannesburg City Council, Mr Paul Asherson, today said he fully accepted the traffic department's explanation about the thousands of hours overtime claimed by traffic superintendent and former Traffic Officer of the Year Mr Piet Nortje.

Mr Asherson, who met Johannesburg traffic chief Mr Theo Olivier for three hours yesterday afternoon, has released a statement in which he said he was "fully satisfied that Mr Nortje and his staff of seven are required to perform legitimate and necessary duties beyond any normal working hours"

Mr Nortje's overtime, according to Mr Asherson, was not excessive when compared with that of other staff

"Superintendent Nortje is a properly qualified traffic officer who is, of necessity, required to accompany the city's director of public safety, Mr John Pearce, on various assignments as a

bodyguard," Mr Asherson's statement said

"Mr Nortje possesses special skills which the council is lucky to be able to utilise. I am further satisfied that very little of Mr Nortje's overtime relates to his attendance on Mr Pearce. Much of that is spent of his own free will."

Mr Asherson said an examination of the traffic department's personnel records had revealed the correct situation about Mr Nortje's overtime hours allegedly claimed while he was officially on leave.

Nothing to hide

"After discovering the cancellation of leave by Superintendent Nortje, it does not appear to me that any overtime was claimed during any period of leave," Mr Asherson said.

"Superintendent Nortje is in charge of the warrants section of the Traffic Department. That position entails long overtime

hours serving warrants of arrest for contempt of court on traffic offences and summons

"I can only submit that from my intensive examination of the records and fullest discussion with Chief Traffic Officer Mr Olivier and Superintendent Nortje that the department has nothing to hide in respect of Mr Nortje, his work, overtime and personal financial position," Mr Asherson said.

He added that his statement should not be seen as a backdown because he had an obligation to investigate the "numerous" allegations brought to him about the traffic department.

"The bottom line is that the situation looked suspicious and was worthy of investigation. I have taken the trouble to investigate and I am fully satisfied with the traffic department's explanations regarding Mr Nortje

"There are, however, other allegations which I will discuss with Mr Pearce when he gets back from leave"

TPA seven quit over theft probe

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SEVEN employees of the Transvaal Provincial Administration have quit their jobs and another three have been suspended following investigations and arrests by policemen in Soweto into the large-scale theft of pension money.

One employee, Mr B Botha, was found guilty at a hearing last month and fined R2000 or six months imprisonment and an additional six months suspended for five years.

The seven who resigned pleaded guilty at the Johannesburg and Soweto courts. They are Mr A D Malan, Mr A Kemp, Mr B Botha, Mr A P Kruger, Mrs C M Nolan, Miss E de Lange and Mr J Howell.

A spokesman for the TPA in Johannesburg said the seven were handed

suspension forms following arrests by the police but they chose to resign instead.

The three employees who have been suspended pending the outcome of their cases are Mr Dan Sibisi, Mr John Motsei and a Mr Kotsi.

The spokesman said the amount alleged to have been stolen by the employees was about R19000 but he said it was not clear whether it was taken before it reached the pensioner or from the pensioner.

The employees, most of them paymasters, operated at payouts in Soweto and Diepmeadow.

There was no evidence suggesting that the group operated as a syndicate, the spokesman said and added that it seemed each person operated on his own.

Get rid of town clerk, demand council employees

By SOL MORATHI

A MAJOR confrontation is looming between the Atteridgeville Council and its employees after the reinstatement of town clerk Solly Rammala. Workers are now threatening to resign rather than work with him. A commission of inquiry, presided over by Judge VG Hiemstra, recently found

12 allegations of misconduct against Rammala "false and baseless".

However, most workers feel he should have been found guilty.

The council initially decided not to accept the judge's ruling but, at an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday, it accepted the finding and reinstated the town clerk with immediate effect.

Mayor Velaphi Mathebula appealed to Rammala, officials and council employees to work harmoniously together.

Rammala said he was pleased that the inquiry had vindicated him, adding that he was amazed that he had been suspended.

The council went ahead with its allegations although it had very little evidence, he said.

■ Meanwhile, SOPHIE TEMA reports that black employees of the Dobsonville Town Council have called for the dismissal of all white personnel before the end of the year.

In a petition to the council in May, the black employees claimed whites held better jobs even though they did not have the necessary qualifications.

Whites were often not asked for proof of education standards and were not interviewed for appointments like blacks.

Black employees also said there was no proper staff structure, making it difficult for black workers to be promoted.

Candidates may use halls

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The Johannesburg City Council has decided that parliamentary candidates nominated by any political party for the general election on September 6 will be allowed to hold meetings in Johannesburg's municipal recreation centres between the official nomination date and September 4.

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Candidates will be charged the normal hiring fee and would have to comply with other conditions laid down for the hire of recreation centre halls.

At the same time, however, the council has decided that recreation centre facilities should not be made available to trade unions for meetings or gatherings.

Probe into other claims to continue

DP accepts traffic dept overtime deal

By Sue Olswang

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"Mr Nortje is in charge of the warrants section of the Traffic Department. That position entails long overtime hours both early in the morning, at night and weekends serving warrants of arrest for contempt of court on traffic offences and summons.

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Warning for city council men over bricklayer's work

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Two Johannesburg City Council employees have been given verbal warnings in connection with private work done by a council bricklayer 266

The city's deputy director of traffic and security, Mr Tony Thompson, and the senior deputy director of gas works, Mr Stan Verrier, recently appeared before a deputy town clerk.

Mr Jan van Niekerk, deputy secretary-general of the Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA), today confirmed the men had appeared before a deputy town clerk.

Mr van Niekerk said the JMEA represented the men at the hearing.

It was determined Mr Thompson had paid a council bricklayer for his work. The bricklayer was on paid and unpaid leave for a three-month period when the work was done.

The Local Government Ordinance stipulates that a council employee must first obtain the council's consent before doing private work.

The warnings are subject to confirmation by the town clerk.

R300-M BUDGET

Townships to

get a facelift

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THE Soweto City Council has approved a record budget of nearly R300 million for the financial year 1989/90.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

The budget was passed on Friday

The council, which is under a financial squeeze because of the prolonged rent boycott, budgeted for a R99 million deficit. The budget sum is R294 878 350.

The council estimated it would collect R195 326 850 from services and rental charges this year.

The largest single allocation of R202 million was for capital projects. Some of the projects include road-works, stormwater

drainage, and the supply of electricity and water.

Several other services will be upgraded.

The only part of the budget deferred for further consideration was the allocation to the cleansing section which has been privatised.

The budget still has to be sent to the chief of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr Dame Hough and to the Ministry of Finance for approval.

The council could not give a comparison between this year's budget and last year's, but all officials approached said the present budget was "substantially higher" than for all the past years.

The main source of the council's finance is rental and service charges. New flat rates were announced by the Sofasonke Party nominated council on May 2 this year but were opposed by the Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association.

The council has also deferred a proposed rental increases for business sites. Councilors are still discussing the proposal with Soweto business community.

Town clerk appointed

SOWETO City Council acting town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg, has landed the plum R60000 a year job as Soweto's town clerk.

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He was appointed to the post amid strong challenge from several qualified applicants among them Atteridgeville's embattled town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala and former Alexandra Town Council town clerk Mr Arthur Magerman.

Magerman has now been appointed as the

deputy town clerk with an annual package of R50000 plus, according to sources close to the council.

It will be the first time that the Soweto Council appoints a deputy town clerk.

The appointments were made by the council's staff board.

Graft probe

THE public hearing of evidence given to the three-man commission of inquiry into possible irregularities in Soweto will probably be held in September, according to the commission chairman, Mr Henry Bennet.

He said the commission had been granted more time to investigate some "big" issues. He said the issues concerned land and site allocation made by former councillors.

Among these were the purchase of Power Park from the Johannesburg Municipality and its continued occupation by former councillors.

Another area to be investigated was the Fred Clark Transit Camp, near Pimville, where sites reserved for the low-income residents living in makeshift shacks nearby were divided among councillors and sold to

people in the high-income group. Several residents have protested without success.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, hinted on the improper allocation of sites when he warned residents not to be conned into accepting allocation of sites by any person not presently a councillor. He said only ward councillors could allocate sites.

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Mkhwanazi said a certain developing company had improperly acquitted 300 sites. He said the company was first contracted to install services and infrastructure in the area but proceeded to build on the sites.

He ordered that 9 000 sites be left for allocation by the council or else legal action would be instituted.

Diep mayor laid off

By MATSHUBE
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DIEPMEADOW City Council mayor, Mr J M Mathala has been suspended from duty by his entire council following a stormy meeting held in Soweto yesterday.

The meeting was attended by 20 councillors, Diepmeadow department heads and Transvaal Provincial Administration officials.

As a result of the suspension, seven councillors were elected into a new executive committee with immediate effect. They are Frederick Phiri, chairman, Mr Moses J Khumalo, vice-chairman, committee members: Mr Silus Guxuza, Mr Congress Mthabela, Mrs H Nxumalo, Mrs Dlomo and councillor J M Mathala.

Mr Mathala who was deputy mayor of Diepmeadow City Council, would now act as mayor.

In a statement released by the new executive committee late yesterday, Mr Mathala's 45-days suspension came as a result of his interruption during proceedings when the new executive was elected.

Row over lease of building (266)

By Joe Openshaw

Johannesburg's management committee was accused today of dissipating rate-payers' money by leasing a six-storey building to an investment company for the sum of R13 000 a month. The investment company intends letting the building's ground floor shops for R60 000 a month.

The accusation was levelled by Mr Clive Gilbert, DP councillor for Orange Grove and Linksfield, who wants answers on the premature cancellation by the council of the 10-year lease to Hoek Street Investments of Voortrekker Building at R14 000 a month and the entering into a new lease at R13 000 a month with it.

A list of questions on the circumstances surrounding the leasing of Voortrekker Building to Hoek Street Investments has been sent by Mr Gilbert to the City Secretary, Mr L Holgate. He wants to know:

- Why was the old lease cancelled?
- Was an agent involved in negotiating

the new lease?

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- How did the council arrive at its valuation for sale or rental purposes?
 - Did the council make any inquiries as to what rents are being asked or being paid for similar premises?
 - Was the item ever placed on any council agenda?
 - Was the property advertised for sale or rent or were tenders invited from the public before the new lease was concluded?
 - Were any city councillors advised the property was available for renting?
 - Is the council aware that an existing tenant has been asked to pay rent of about R10 000 for his shop — two-thirds of the total rent asked by it for the entire building?
 - How did Hoek Street Investments become aware the property was for renting?
 - Were any other persons or companies advised that the council was prepared to negotiate a new lease of the premises?

Rammala to reply to charge

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Mr Solly Rammala . . . appeared at inquiry

ATTERIDGEVILLE town clerk Mr Solly Rammala told an inquiry that he would reply later to allegations that he was chairman of a panel which interviewed his wife — later appointed assistant librarian of the council.

By **MONK NKOMO**

Rammala was giving evidence in a Government-appointed commission of inquiry chaired by Mr Willie Kriel

The town clerk said he would also reply at a later stage to allegations by the local chamber of commerce and industries that he did not give them his full co-operation. The town clerk said he was still looking for certain documents before he could reply to the allegations. He promised to fax his reply as soon as possible.

The commission wound up its investigations on Tuesday after inspecting a business site that was allocated by the council to an Indian woman, Mrs Noor Mahomed in 1986.

The allocation of the site near Thabang bottlestore has been a hotly-disputed issue during the two inquiries following allegations that the site was allocated without being advertised.

Rammala was recently acquitted on this allegation during a disciplinary inquiry which was chaired by Mr Justice Hiemstra, a retired judge.

The findings of the

commission will be submitted to the Director of Local Government who will send the report to the Administrator for his final decision.

• In another development, an Atteridgeville municipal policeman who used to raid local shebeens told an inquiry that he was now shunned by the community after his unfair dismissal by the council last year.

Mr George Mokoena told a Government appointed commission of inquiry on Tuesday that he was employed as a policeman in April last year on a temporary basis. He was dismissed without notice in November last year for failing to report for duty.

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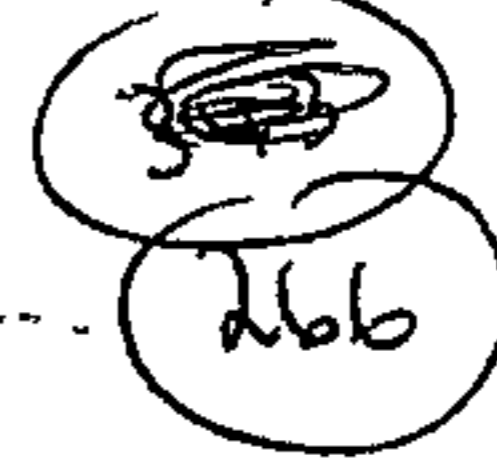
His dismissal was recommended by Mr A Warnick, acting Director of Emergency and Protective Services.

Mokoena said he was fired despite the fact that he was on study leave sanctioned by a senior municipal police officer. He said he also submitted a doctor's certificate for the days he was absent.

"The community no longer accepts me because I was raiding shebeens in Atteridgeville and Saulsville," he said.

Power Park houses row rages on

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ALL but three of the 26 former councillors living at Power Park have other houses in Soweto, mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said yesterday as the row over the occupation of the houses in Power Park continued to rage.

Eviction notices were served on the 26 several weeks ago, which they have resisted claiming their eviction was unfair. They maintain as residents of Soweto they have the right to buy houses they live in if they can afford to.

They occupied these homes at the height of the unrest in Soweto after a councillor was killed. Councillors in other parts of the country also fled their homes.

Action

At a Press conference at Power Park last week the 26 said they would not move out. The conference was addressed by former deputy mayor Isaac Buthelezi, Mr Johnson Mokoena, Mr Glen Jwara and Mr Daniel Rasmeni.

Yesterday Mr Mkhwanazi said the council had submitted the files of these former councillors to its attorneys who would then take the necessary action to effect the eviction.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

He said as 23 of the 26 had other houses in Soweto they were unfair in expecting continued accommodation at Power Park.

According to him the three councillors whose houses in Soweto were burned down are Mr P Gaboutloele, Mr Johnson Mokoena and a Mr Khumalo. But they could also have had their houses

rebuilt as they were covered by the council's insurance.

Mr Mkhwanazi said council employees and the former councillors who claimed they had now bought their Power Park houses would have to prove their claims as they were only granted provisional ownership when they were allocated the houses.

City council promises to collect rent

By Mckeed Kotlo,
Pretoria Bureau

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Star
The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday ordered the City Council of Soweto to take steps to recover rent and service charges owed by residents.

Councillors promised their full co-operation.

The MEC for local government, Mr O A W van Zyl, expressed concern about the issue — which dates back to 1986 — when members of the executive committee of the TPA and the Soweto City Council met at the TPA's Pretoria headquarters to discuss problems and projects in Soweto

In a joint statement released after the meeting Mr van Zyl said he had told the council to take steps to recover at least the current debts

Various other administrative problems were discussed at the meeting.

Top level talks on rent crisis

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THE Soweto People's Delegation is to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration to discuss the Soweto rent crisis later this month.

This was said by the TPA's chief director of community services, Mr J J van der Walt, yesterday.

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, will lead the TPA delegation. He made it clear he would not meet the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) unless the Soweto City Council was present.

The SPD has also asked for meetings with the Rand Water Board and Escom, who supply water and electricity to Soweto. All the meetings are expected to be held this month.

It is hoped they will lead to the resolution of

the four-year-old rent boycott in Soweto.

Officials of the SPD were this week asked to submit a memorandum on issues to be discussed. TPA's executive members are also to be consulted on a suitable date for the meeting.

According to Van der Walt, he received a message from the SPD

last Friday asking for a meeting to be held on Tuesday this week at 8 am. This date was unsuitable for the TPA.

The SPD has rejected flat-rate service charges introduced by the Soweto council on May 2 but the two parties have agreed to continue discussing options that will lead to resolving the rent crisis in Soweto.

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Soweto rent crisis

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THE Soweto City Council - plagued by a rent boycott for the past four years - was yesterday urged to take steps to recover rent arrears totalling millions of rands.

After a lengthy meeting with the executive committee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Pretoria, the council promised its "full co-operation".

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for local government, said the council should "recover at least the current debits".

Other issues that were discussed included the allocation of 1 000 stands at Orange Farm to families that are presently squatting at Mshenguville.

On July 30 the families will accompany the chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr Mbutane Tshabalala, to the site where they will finalise formalities to acquire stands.

Problems

The council and the TPA official also released a joint statement in which they expressed their serious concern at the financial problems and the acute housing shortage and possible solutions.

Other matters which were discussed related to the collection of rent and service charges as well as problems experienced in the administration of Soweto, especially the cleansing contracts in the township. According to the statement, an investigation would be launched into these contracts.

The joint statement also announced that the council had succeeded in obtaining the assistance of the Development Bank of Southern Africa to imple-

Soweto council is urged to take steps



Mr Sam Mkwanazi



Mr Olaus van Zyl

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ment a financial adjustment programme which, it is anticipated, will assist in alleviating the financial problems currently experienced by the local authority.

Soweto mayor Samuel Mkhwanazi also announced that he had succeeded in obtaining financial assistance totalling R100 000 for the council's youth development programme. Mkhwanazi has also obtained R200 000 for the purpose of job creation in Soweto.

The Soweto Council promised the TPA its full co-operation in the collection of rent and informed the executive committee that progress was being made in the collection of current municipal accounts and the planning and implementing of a financial strategy.

Both Van Zyl and Mkhwanazi also announced the establishment of a Soweto Foundation, which will consist of representatives of the Soweto committee, the private sector and other parties.

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Former councillors throw down the gauntlet

By Stan Hlophe

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The controversy over Power Park, Soweto's "fortified" suburb, took a new turn yesterday when former councillors challenged the Soweto City Council to institute legal action against the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA)

The ex-councillors maintained that if the council felt strongly that they had no right to occupy their homes, it should take the TPA to court for giving the previous council the go-

ahead for them to buy their houses

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Speaking on behalf of the "accused 26", Mr DD Gasmeni said they bought the houses after the area had been incorporated into Soweto by the Johannesburg City Council in 1987

Their challenge came after Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi said the council had submitted the files of the former councillors to its attorneys who would then take necessary action to effect eviction

Mr Gasmeni said the ex-councillors had paid deposits ranging from R3 000 to R5 000 each for the houses

The Star has established that the houses were bought for between R39 000 and R60 000. Conservative estimates of the market value of the houses are between R100 000 and R150 000

The ex-councillors, who were still in office at the time, moved into these homes at the height of the 1986 unrest and they have remained there since

No need for management committee – community leader

By Kevin Udemans

The chairman of the Save Riverlea Committee, Mr Ralph Peffer, said that the South Western Management Committee had no right to advise residents on what to do regarding the latest increases to assessment rates and services

Mr Peffer said they should hold public meetings and get

mandates from the various communities to see what they felt about such issues

"These people are there by default and are just symbols of the apartheid system," he said

Mr Peffer said that he was not against what they were saying but they should get mandates from the people so that they could be sure that they were doing what the communities wanted

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He said the management committees should resign en bloc "We can do without their services"

Mr Peffer as the leader of the Save Riverlea Committee obtained a mandate from Riverlea after it became apparent they faced the threat of resumed gold mining in the area

The mandate he and his com-

mittee received was to

- Adequately reflect the aspirations of the community
- Address the problem facing the community so that the largest possible percentage of the community may benefit by the proposed solutions
- Articulate the needs and demands of the community uncompromisingly and unflinchingly

ABOUT 92 percent of Atteridgeville City Council employees have signed a petition calling for the dismissal of the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, the mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula said yesterday.

Mathebula said that the petition was submitted to the executive committee of the council at the weekend. The council's response to it would be announced before Friday.

The workers, all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (TAEBLA), say they will not be able to continue working with Rammala.

Dismissal

The call for Rammala's dismissal was made on July 3 - a week after he was acquitted by a disciplinary inquiry. The employees rejected the findings of Mr Victor Hiemstra, a retired judge who acquitted Rammala on all 12 counts of alleged irregularities

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Employees don't want town clerk

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By MONK NKOMO

levelled against him by the council

A spokesman of TAEBLA said employees would be briefed about the council's decision at

their monthly meeting on July 26.

In a statement released soon after his acquittal, Rammala said he had noted with great concern TAEBLA's "vicious attack" on the findings of the Hiemstra inquiry and said that had the findings

been against him, TAEBLA would have readily accepted the verdict.

He described TAEBLA as "hypocritical".

He said: "The attitude displayed by TAEBLA in summarily rejecting the findings of the Hiemstra inquiry clearly indicates that it is not interested in the truth. Their only objective is to get me dismissed at any cost. Their method is to make wild and unsubstantiated allegations which then find instant coverage in the media in an undisguised attempt at character assassination."

Mega-city planned south of Reef

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ANDREW BUDDEN

GOVERNMENT's recently gazetted plans to make 12 650 hectares of land west of Soweto available for black housing will probably have to be abandoned if geological surveys of the area prove correct.

Instead, the Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering proposals for a new black mega-city to the south of Johannesburg, between Vereeniging and Lenasia.

The move comes in the wake of growing pressure on government to set aside more land for black expansion. The Witwatersrand's burgeoning squatter population has been estimated at over 2.5-million.

If approved, the new city will encompass the existing settlement areas of Grasmere and Evaton, making it bigger than Johannesburg itself.

In its search for suitable land for black development, the TPA has encountered stiff resistance. White opposition to the prospect of black neighbours has often outweighed development needs, officials say. The land west of Soweto was, however,

perceived as a relatively safe route for the city's expansion, since it does not border closely on any white area. (266) (103)

Eleven farms in the area were re-zoned as a unified "black development area" in May — officially making them available for expansion to the city. However, the original proposals for the so-called "Soweto-West" expansion immediately came under fire from geologists, who pointed out the area's geological instability. (107)

They claimed only a relatively small area of 1 500 hectares immediately to the west of Soweto was suitable for urban development. Most of the rest lay on a dolomitic base which made it unsuitable for high-density development.

Expenditure on municipal services, like water and sewerage, would have to be doubled to make the area safe, geologists said.

Govt may ~~shelve~~ shelve plan for squatter resettlement

266 By Sven Lunsche

A Government plan to resettle about 500 000 Soweto squatters to the west of the sprawling township will probably be shelved in the wake of geological surveys that show the area to be almost totally unusable for high-density developments

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is instead looking at plans for a new "megacity" south of Johannesburg, between Lenasia and Vereeniging

The latest development comes after last year's announcement of the resettlement plan by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, despite warnings by mining houses and the SA Geological Survey that massive sinkholes could develop if settlement in dolomitic areas was allowed.

These sinkholes posed a severe threat to the property and lives of many of the more than two million people who would have been resettled, in terms of the scheme, to areas west of Soweto and to the Vosloorus-Du-duza area on the East Rand, near Nigel.

Because of the geological surveys the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning and the TPA are believed to be looking at new areas to alleviate the population pressures on many of the townships in the PWV area, particularly Soweto.

The new "megacity" to the south of Johannesburg, if approved, would encompass Grasmere and Evaton and could be the size of Johannesburg.



Ex-councillors vow to fight off eviction attempts

Power Park row continues

By Jovial Rantao

The wrangle between the Soweto Council and former councillors over the occupation of "fortified houses" in Power Park, near Baragwanath Hospital, continues

The council is determined to get the 26 former councillors out of the houses, but the councillors say they have paid deposits for the houses and will fight any attempt by the council to evict them

The houses were bought from the Johannesburg City Council at the height of the Soweto uprisings by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on behalf of the Soweto council, which needed them to house councillors temporarily

Soweto Council says:

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, said the council would instruct its attorneys to take legal action against the 26 former councillors if they refused to move out of the houses

He said the councillors had paid deposits on their houses in November last year, after they had been told they were going to be evicted

The Soweto council, he added, was investigating charges against the persons who accepted the "illegal" deposits from the former councillors

"They have been claiming that they have bought the houses from the council and not one has

paid more than R5 000 on those houses," Mr Mkhwanazi said.

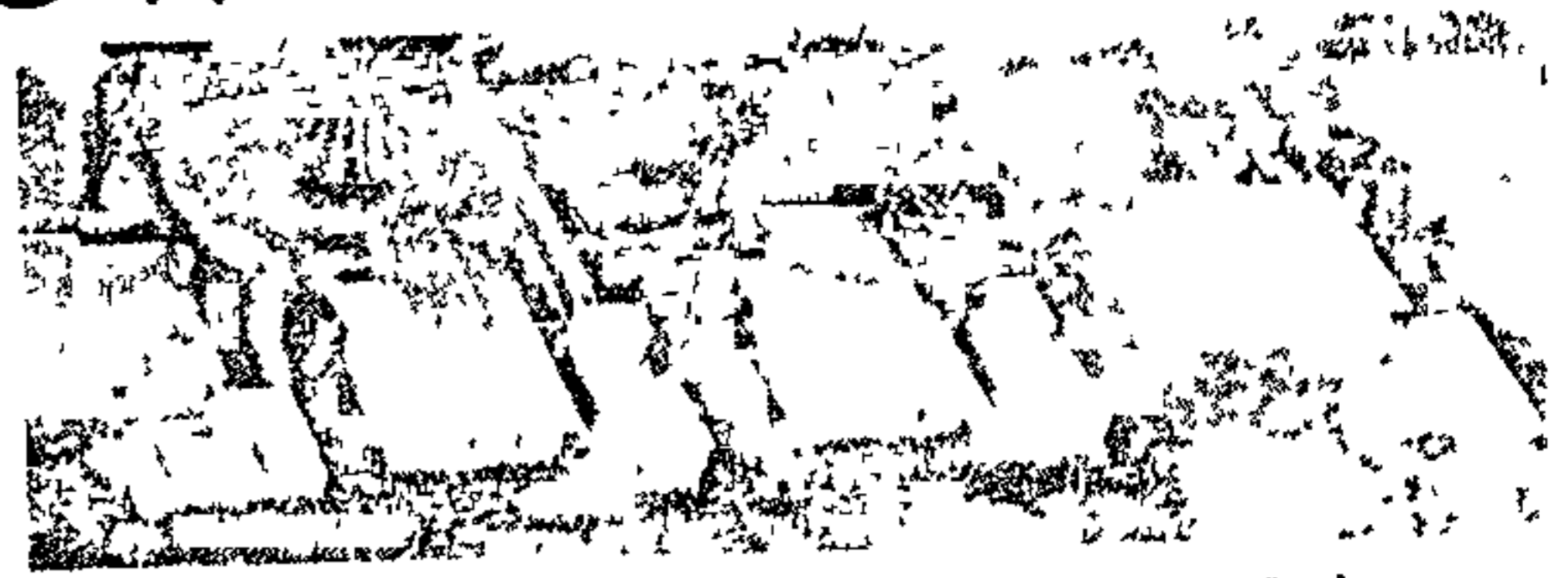
According to Mr Mkhwanazi, Power Park is earmarked for professional people and students who are studying at Vista University and other institutions around Soweto

He said it was never the intention that the councillors would occupy the houses intentionally

The houses were bought by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on behalf of the Soweto Council

"The councillors were placed in those houses temporarily because of the unrest situation in the township two years ago

"They have other houses in Soweto and council by-laws do not permit a single person to own more than one house"



The subject of the dispute . . . houses in Power Park

Ex-councillors say:

At a press conference at Power Park this week, the councillors said they would defend any legal action taken against them

Led by a former deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, they said the council should recuse itself from the matter since the houses were bought by the TPA.

"It is surprising to realise that after eight months in office, the members of the present council seem only to be obsessed with the issue of Power Park and the former councillors when there is such a lot of work to be done by the council for Soweto residents."

The former councillors said

they found it strange that the council wanted to prosecute the official who received their deposits when it did not bring charges against those who imposed levies on Soweto residents in the "backyards of the Sofasonke Party"

"The mayor's vindictive obsession with us is a smoke-screen to cover up his failure to address the real issues and needs of the community"

The former councillors urged Mr Mkhwanazi to call a meeting between the two parties

"He can come to us as veterans for advice on how to run Soweto if he is having problems in the council"

One of the former councillors showed The Star a receipt which showed that he had paid a deposit on his house in April 1988

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Boksburg to try to re-close lake roadway

Staff Reporter
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The Boksburg Town Council will look into means of re-closing the roadway running along the northern boundary of the town's whites-only lake after a successful court application to reopen it

The road, which was closed after the CP took control of the council last September, was opened after a court interdict was granted this week to the applicant, a retired property owner and developer, Dr Karl Hechter Schultz

Dr Schultz's action was on the instructions of Lawyers for Human Rights

Although the Boksburg Town Council has also agreed to pay Dr Hechter-Schultz's costs, the national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said that the legal costs would ultimately have to be borne by Boksburg residents unless the town councillors decide to foot the bill themselves

When Boksburg Lake was exclusively reserved for whites in November, a gate was erected on the lake road to prohibit the flow of traffic

In his supporting affidavit, Dr Hechter-Schultz said all Boksburg residents had a common right to use the Boksburg lake as a park and the road had been used by the public for more than 30 years

Mr T J Ferreira, chief whip of the CP caucus in Boksburg Town council, said legal alternatives on how to close the road again would be "looked at"

Pulp mill smell 'not a health hazard'

Own Correspondent
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Scientific evidence world-wide suggested that the smelly emissions from the Mondi pulp mill at Richards Bay were not a major public health factor, the company said in a statement issued yesterday

Mondi was reacting to recent newspaper reports in which residents of the harbour town complained that air pollution was having a large effect on people's health

Mondi and Indian Ocean Fertilizers were cited as the two biggest causes of the air pollution

In the statement the company said "While the concern of pressure groups in the Richards Bay area is understandable, their identification of Mondi as a major villain is mistakenly and emotionally based on the assumption that because our emissions are odorous they are dangerous"

The company said the pulp mill would always generate some odour in the form of organic chemical compounds known as reduced sulphides

ORGANIC DELAY

These gases were present naturally at low levels as they were generated from vegetative and organic decay, particularly in marsh areas. However, due to the very much larger organic wood use in the pulp mill, they were generated to a greater extent in the mill's processing operations

Besides their characteristic smell, these compounds had another unique property — the smell threshold was extremely low and they could be detected by the average person at levels as low as one part to 500 million parts of air

These compounds had been generated by kraft pulp mills — such as the company's plant at Richards Bay — for more than 100 years and despite the unpleasant smell had never been scientifically identified as a public health hazard

Mondi had paid more than R50 million to install the latest technology to minimise emissions

In planning the mill, Mondi had commissioned industrial development experts to select the best location



'City should have more say in running hospitals'

DP wants wards open to all

By Joe Openshaw

The Johannesburg City Council should have a greater say in the running of the city's hospitals, Democratic Party councillor Mr Les Dishy proposed in a motion for Tuesday's council agenda.

Mr Dishy told The Star yesterday all public hospitals serving greater Johannesburg should make available every bed to the sick and injured on a desegregated basis to correct the imbalance of overcrowding in black hospitals and to fill empty beds in white hospitals.

He proposes that the J G Strijdom Hospital revert to its status as an academic and teaching hospital and steps be taken to get back staff who have resigned.

"I feel the council should show concern and responsibility for the well-being of all those residing and working in Johannes-

burg and approach the health authorities with a view to providing health services for all race groups," he said.

He suggests the Johannesburg, South Rand, J G Strijdom, Edenvale, Hillbrow, Baragwanath and Coronation hospitals be consolidated to ensure they

- Are neither overcrowded, nor under-utilised
- Are fully staffed with suitably qualified personnel
- Provide a full range of services for all race groups
- Are organised so that there is the least possible delay in admissions and treatment.

Mr Dishy proposes that the Johannesburg Medical Officer of Health be involved in discussions and decisions affecting hospital services in the city.

"An anomaly exists in greater Johannes-

burg where (in terms of statistics) there are 2½ beds to every patient at the Johannesburg Hospital and 2½ patients to every bed at Baragwanath.

"There are no maternity facilities for the 160 000 blacks living in Johannesburg itself

Raw deal

"Because of apartheid, both blacks and whites who make up the city's three million inhabitants are being given a raw deal. I feel a limited number of wards in some public hospitals should be privatised on condition that entrepreneurs practise at medical aid rates," said Mr Dishy.

The impasse between private hospitals and medical aid schemes whereby patients are being asked for substantial up-front payments before admission should be addressed.

Delay in response to calls for help blamed on Cads

PAT DEVEREAUX

THE city's controversial centralised ambulance despatch system is being blamed by angry residents for delays in the response to emergency calls.

But this has been disputed by Johannesburg Hospital's Dr Reg Broekman, who believes the shortage of ambulances is the reason for the delays.

In the past fortnight a stream of complaints has been reported. A Malvern woman, Mrs Carol Becker, was forced to turn mid-wife at a local dry cleaners after Mrs Sylvia Mabuella went into labour and the ambulance took 90 minutes to respond to a call.

According to Bez Valley accident witnesses they had to call Bedfordview's ambulance service after Johannesburg ambulance services failed to respond to their call to attend to six-year-old accident victim, Carl Smit, who lay in agony on the road for almost an hour. The child died a few days later.

In a coma

A nurse, Sister Joyce Thomas, had to wait 4½ hours for an ambulance while her sister-in-law, Mrs Mabel Thomas, lay in a coma before dying of liver failure.

Another case related to a 1½-hour delay in responding to a 19-year-old Malvern woman's miscarriage.

Dr Broekman this week disputed that the new multi-million rand Computer Aided Despatch System (Cads) was the reason Johannesburg's ambulance services had been plagued with problems since February — when the Transvaal Provincial Administration launched the scheme to streamline ambulance services on the Witwatersrand.

"The Johannesburg City Council has complained to the TPA for a number of years about long delays. It is not a new problem. The fact that the TPA introduced a new control centre did however, introduce a new factor — that of staff

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Cads is blamed

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training," said Dr Broekman.

"I believe the main problem is a shortage of ambulances. I am aware of complaints about delays and I think the priority of the type of vehicles needed should be looked at," he said.

Reviewing the situation this week, he said the Cads had handled 164 calls from Wednesday midnight to Thursday midday. There were eight other, third priority — not extremely urgent — calls.

"But availability of vehicles causes delays. There is not enough flexibility. At present our vehicles are handling three times the number of calls each day compared to the vehicles in areas such as Sandton and Randburg," he added.

Fire departments running the ambulance services in Alberton, Sandton and Bedfordview have indicated that they would ask not to be incorporated into the scheme planned by the TPA.

Randburg Fire Chief, Mr N van Dyk, said if the scheme was implemented he would ask his council to keep some ambulances under his department's control for his area.

Fire department

"One control system can never handle calls for the whole of the Witwatersrand. Nobody else is geared to handle ambulance calls as efficiently as the fire department. Within one minute of a call our ambulances are on their way and it takes 25 minutes to reach the furthest point in our area," said Mr van Dyk.

Bedfordview's Fire Chief, Mr D Dewil, said "The system works in other countries but does not work here. The problem I believe is with training. Those at the control centre are being trained on the job. We run a very efficient service here and would never refuse a Johannesburg call."

Alberton and Sandton fire departments have also voiced unhappiness at the possibility of being incorporated into the TPA's central control system.

They believe that any attempt to bring ambulance services in 14 municipalities on the Witwatersrand under a centralised computer system, would cause chaos.

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Sandton to make 3 (266) 'community' awards

By Winnie Graham

Sandton Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the Mayor of Sandton, will make Community Investment Awards in recognition of "contributions to the development of human skills and resources in business and community life".

Nominations are being called for.

Mr Warren Dale, chairman of the organising committee, said this week three awards would be made this year.

The first would be for company commitment to developing human resources. The judges would evaluate the company's time and resources spent on training, educational and advancement programmes.

"The nominated companies are free to offer reasons why their projects are meritorious"

The second award would be for innovative schemes to develop human potential. It would go to the organisation which had shown the most imagination, flair and dedication in creating opportunities for all employees.

The third award would be for projects that materially improved the cultural, educational, financial or environmental standards of the community, especially the under-privileged.

The deadline for nominations is Monday August 28. The names of six finalist organisations will be selected and the winners announced at a banquet at the Sandton Sun hotel on September 13.

Mr Dale said both the Sandton Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the mayor of Sandton were recognising the effort companies and organisations were making in uplifting the community.

Encourage

"We hope to have two or three times as many nominations this year as last. We believe the Community Investment Awards will serve to encourage business to get involved," he said.

If the same type of innovative awards were instituted country-wide much could be done to help different communities.

Nominations from all Sandton-based firms and organisations will be accepted.

The first Sandton Community Investment Awards were made last year.

For further information, telephone Sue Dickerson of Sandton Chamber of Commerce and Industry at (011) 893-7680 or write to P O Box 1614, Rivonia, 2128.

3 000 ON STRIKE IN MAMELODI

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ABOUT 3000 Mamelodi City Council employees yesterday went on strike demanding a 15 percent across the board salary increase.

A spokesman for the workers said the 15 percent increase was to have

By MONK NKOMO

been paid in January following an agreement between the council and the workers' trade union.

The increase was only paid out to senior officials including heads of

departments, the spokesman added.

The majority of strikers are members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (TAEBLA).

Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, the mayor of Mamelodi, yesterday confirmed the strike but blamed the employees for not bringing their grievances to his attention before going on strike.

"The workers forget that they are supposed to serve the interest of the community. The correct procedure was for them to first inform me about their grievances which I am prepared to investigate.

Ndlazi said the council would hold an urgent meeting to discuss the strike.

3 stage walkout

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Save Jan 25/7/89

THREE members of the Tokoza Town Council on the East Rand face a 45-day suspension after walking out of a council meeting in protest against the acting town clerk, Mr Kingsley Qwabe.

They are Mr J Mascko, a management committee member, Mr J B Madi and Mr S M Mdakane.

The three wanted Qwabe replaced after claiming he was not suitable for the position. The council rejected the suggestion and the three walked out.

Qwabe was appointed after the former town clerk, Mr H A Combrink, was suspended from his duties in April following allegations of irregularities in his department.

He is due to appear before the council's disciplinary committee next week.

The deputy chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Abraham Mzizi, yesterday said the council would meet again this week to discuss the matter.

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Province property sold by auction

Pretoria Bureau

Sixteen provincial properties were sold recently for R6,5 million at the first public auction held by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the MEC for General Provincial Services, Mr A E Arbee, said yesterday.

He said that under Government policy, redundant properties have for some time been sold at market value by inviting tenders or privately through negotiation to local authorities, semi-government institutions and church societies.

AUCTION

Mr Arbee said the province had recently been "inundated" with applications and it had now been decided that in the future, properties which could be sold would be disposed of by public auction.

The 16 properties sold at the auction, held in Sandton, were sub-divided into 21 lots.

The properties were in Brooklyn, Murrayfield and Waterkloof Ridge in Pretoria, Hursthill, Linmeyer, Robindale, and Senderwood in Johannesburg, Bryanston in Sandton, Bedfordview, and Roodepoort.

Income from the auction has been paid into the Account for Provincial Services and will later be allocated to branches of the TPA.

Council employees

stage work sit-in

Pretoria Bureau

About 700 dissatisfied Atteridgeville Town Council employees staged a sit-in yesterday over alleged delays in implementing pay increases.

At a meeting held yesterday, they voted unanimously for the sit-in.

The workers resolved to report for work as usual yesterday but not take up tools.

They said that they had been promised a 13.1 percent pay increase last July.

The workers last week submitted a petition calling for the immediate dismissal of town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

Rammala in a new storm

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By MONK NKOMO

ABOUT 700 employees of the Atteridgeville City Council staged a sit-in yesterday in support of their demands for "overdue" wage increases and the dismissal of the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

The workers, who included policemen, staged the sit-in following a resolution taken at a meeting on Wednesday. They demand a 13,1 percent wage increase which they say they were to have received in October last year after promises by the council.

They also demand a 15 percent general increase which they claim was budgeted for with effect from January this year.

Rent

The employees are all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (TAEBLA). The sit-in is expected to affect the payment of rent at the administration offices, the running of creches and essential services which include the collection of refuse.

At their meeting on Wednesday, the workers condemned the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra who recently acquitted Rammala on 12 counts of irregularities.

The workers called on the council to fire the town clerk "because we are convinced that he is guilty".

Allegations by a senior council official that some of the workers were forced to sign a petition calling for Rammala's dismissal were found to be untrue when the workers confirmed at Wednesday's meeting that they signed the petition voluntarily. Rammala was yesterday not available for comment. His office

reported that he was "still out".

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula, told the Sowetan that the council had not yet taken a decision on the petition which was hand to the executive committee last week. Mathebula said he was going to ask Rammala to call a special council meeting next Tuesday to discuss the petition, which was signed by about 92 percent of the staffers calling for his dismissal.

A similar "sit in" was staged by employees of the Mamelodi city council on Monday. The workers also demanded "long overdue" wage increases dating back to 1987.

The council, after negotiations with the executive committee of TAEBLA, agreed to pay the increases from Monday, July 31. The workers were also promised a 15 percent pay hike at the end of August.



Atteridgeville town clerk, Solly Rammala.

Mamelodi shooting inquest adjourned

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THE inquest into the police shooting of 12 Mamelodi residents has been adjourned until January 15 next year.

When the hearing resumes in January, it will be more than four years after the incident in which police opened fire at people who had gathered at the local administrative office to present their grievances.

The hearing was set down for three days this week for further cross examination of a policeman who killed two men in the township. The hearing was in the Pretoria North Magistrate's court.

BOYCOTT AT VISTA

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MORE than 1 000 students at the Mamelodi campus of Vista university are boycotting lectures in protest against the increase of fees and other education-related issues.

A spokesman for the Students Representatives Council (SRC) said the boycott which started last Thursday was sparked off by the announcement by university authorities that fees for first and second year courses would be increased from R350 to R470 and that fees for third year courses would go up from R600 to R840.

with effect from January next year.

Students also complained about the library which they claimed was "congested and did not have enough reference material".

Students

According to a spokesman for the students, the scope of study at the campus was not "open" and no sports facilities were available for future teachers who had to be sports-orientated.

Professor Elwyn Jenkins, the campus director of the university, could not be reached for comment yesterday. An answering machine at the switchboard replied "This campus is closed and will reopen on Friday July 28. Please call again".

A representative of the students complained that African languages were taught in English and accused the university authorities of not fulfilling their educational role meaningfully. The students also complained

about the "make-shift structures" within the campus.

The spokesman for the SRC said "The university authorities made a promise four years ago to build a permanent structure similar to the one in Soweto. This has not been done. We are aware of the inflation rate and the fact that things must go up. We are also prepared to pay but we just cannot pay for nothing."

"We will boycott classes until our demands are met."

Bus fares will not increase

Sowetan 28/7/89
PUTCO has assured commuters in Mamelodi that fares will not be increased because of the recent hike in the price of fuel, according to Mamelodi's mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi.

The mayor made this announcement during the Mamelodi City Council's monthly meeting when he reported on a meeting held between the council and Ptep officials on July 6.

In a letter addressed to Ndlazi, Putco's public relations officer in Pretoria, Mr Bruno Mantla, stated that his company was aware of the financial problems the community was facing.

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Council taken to task over R3,6-m deficit

East Rand Bureau

1/8/89 Star

Germiston City Council's transport department showed a R3,6 million deficit in 1987/8, which came under fire from an opposition councillor, Mr John Oxley, at a monthly council meeting last night.

Mr Oxley, a Democratic Party candidate in Germiston, said he was perturbed by the magnitude of the deficit.

He said the council should conduct an investigation into the running of its transport department; consider a more flexible bus service and more profitable routes; and try to determine where it was losing money.

At the meeting, management committee chairman Mr Stan van Eeden launched a full-scale attack on Mr Oxley on several issues.

Mr van Eeden said the council exercised strict control in terms of its budget. He said the deficit was less than the R4,1 million for which the council had budgeted.

Alex council row rages on

THE former chairman of the Alexandra Township management committee believes his problems within the council started when he opposed a R66 million contract for the development of a new area still to be incorporated into the township. (266)

Mr Prince Mokoena said a few weeks after the Transvaal Provincial Administration had notified the council that the Johannesburg municipality was willing to sell about 60 hectares

of land called the East Bank Buffer for development by the Alexandra council a letter was received from a Johannesburg-based consortium of contractors requesting to be allocated the land for development.

The contract for development was valued at about R66 million, Mr Mokoena said.

He rejected the application in informal discussions with the council and officials because the land had first to be transferred to the council's jurisdiction and advertisements had to be placed in local newspapers calling for tenders.

Mr Mokoena said that at a council meeting the mayor, Mrs Agnes Poo, interrupted proceedings and urged the council to approve the application. The contrary the application was approved.

In May the Transvaal Provincial Administration's MEC for local government, Mr

Olaus van Zyl, telexed the council urging that the resolution approving the application be rescinded as the land still belonged to the Government.

Mr Mokoena said after the TPA's instruction to rescind the resolution he was blamed for having informed the authorities about the decision.

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More gripes in council

SIX Atteridgeville city councillors have written a letter to the local mayor expressing concern about the performance of the council's white attorneys and the township's R9 million deficit.

The councillors also informed the mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula that they were concerned about the "extraordinary powers granted to certain officials" and the strained relations between council employees and the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

The six are the chairman of the management committee, Rev Enoch Sibanyoni, JT Segopa, Matthews Mahlangu, Petrus Mngunu, SE Nhlaba and M P Nangambe. Mr Mathebula yesterday confirmed receipt of the letter which was scheduled to be discussed at a special council meeting last night.

The councillors said they were dissatisfied with the council's white attorneys and added that the council should discuss the possibility of replacing them.

"We are dissatisfied with the way in which the

attorneys of the council reported back to the council after the disciplinary inquiry of the town clerk."

The six councillors said they were deeply concerned about the acute housing shortage and urged the council to immediately find ways and means of alleviating this problem. The six recommended that "unnecessary and unauthorised expenditure should be curtailed at all costs and in this regard we suggest that any expenditure exceeding the sum of R1 000 should first be approved of in writing by the executive committee from time to time".

They concluded "We as members feel that we are deprived of the opportunity to meaningfully contribute to discussions at meetings of the city council in view of the fact that we receive the full agenda for a city council meeting at a stage which is too late."

They urged officials compiling the agenda to deliver it to each councillor three days before the sitting of the council.

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White attitudes in Boksburg revealed

Support shown for single municipality

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

Most white people in Boksburg want the apartheid town to have a single multiracial municipality which would include the coloured community of Reiger Park.

This was revealed in a recently conducted survey of white attitudes in the town notorious for petty apartheid measures reintroduced by the Conservative Party-controlled municipality.

The study was conducted on behalf of the American Chambers of Commerce.

Almost 59 percent of the 350 respondents were in favour of a single municipality.

Of those, 43 percent motivated their stance by saying there should be no taxation without representation, while almost 15 percent said an integrated CBD would improve race relations. About 11 percent thought the protracted consumer boycott would be lifted if an open

CBD was established.

Another significant finding was that 76 percent of whites were in favour of a multiracial central business district.

While 88 percent of the 50 businessmen canvassed favoured an open CBD, 86 percent of National Party supporters and 49 percent of CP supporters wanted a multiracial CBD.

Analysing the findings, Wits political science lecturer Dr Philip Frankel said despite these revelations, the study had confirmed the "strong racial feelings" in the town.

Identity

For example, 57 percent of respondents thought separate amenities were crucial for protecting white identity while 72 percent believed desegregation of public amenities would result in black swamping.

Although almost 58 percent of respondents were in favour of open sports facilities and 54 per-

cent favoured open libraries, about 70 percent opposed integrated schools and residential areas.

Other significant findings

- More than 60 percent felt race relations had deteriorated.

- About 59 percent of respondents said the Group Areas Act played an important part in preserving white identity. However, many people would accept its abolition if standards were maintained.

- Only 8 percent thought the consumer boycott was instigated by agitators. About 56 percent said it was sparked by the human insult of petty apartheid.

Commented Dr Frankel: "There seems to be a widespread illusion that the boycott would be over once public facilities are desegregated. Most people don't understand that the boycott is part of the on-going struggle against apartheid and they underestimate the intensity of the feelings against the CP-controlled municipality."

Petition sent to the PTA chief

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By MONK NKOMO

A PETITION signed by about 92 percent of the employees of the Atteridgeville City Council calling for the dismissal of the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, has been referred to the Administrator of the Transvaal for his final decision.

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula yesterday also announced that the council, at a special meeting held behind closed doors on Tuesday night, resolved to terminate the services of the council's white attorneys.

Mathebula said the petition signed by the majority of the council's employees had been referred to the Administrator.

"We hope he will make a decision to finalise this sensitive issue once and for all," the mayor said.

He would forward the council's resolution to the executive committee of the Transvaal Association of Employes of Black Local Authorities before Friday.

A spokesman for TAEBLA yesterday said all the members would meet at a special meeting on Friday to discuss the council's resolution in respect of their petition.

Members of the public and reporters were barred from the special meeting on Tuesday night following a motion by Councillor Victor Zobane.

Trader could sue town councillors

HAROLD FRIDJHON

TOWN councillors in Carletonville and Boksburg face the possibility of being sued, perhaps for millions of rand, in their individual capacities for losses incurred by traders as a result of boycotts triggered by the reappearance in the towns of the CP's apartheid boards *B/pan 20/9/89*

That is the opinion of a senior counsel after studying the judgment of Deputy Judge President Mr Justice Eloff in the action Carletonville traders brought against the town council (266)

Mr Justice Eloff found that the council's decision to reserve the town's parks for the use of whites only was grossly unreasonable. He concluded that the council "had not acted in a bona fide manner or had not given due attention to the matter"

Evidence "incontrovertibly indicated" that businesses in the town had suffered

"and would suffer" severe financial losses from the boycotts, which were foreseeable consequences of the town council's actions

Civil action to sue the councillors, individually and collectively, would be based on the judge's finding that the council had not acted in good faith, which destroys the indemnity against individual liability Transvaal town councillors enjoy

The council itself, a senior lawyer argues, cannot be held responsible for the mala fide acts of the individual councillors in pursuing a political philosophy.

The Carletonville Town Council has applied for leave to appeal against the Eloff judgment. Such an appeal is unlikely to be heard before March 1991 and civil actions cannot be heard until judgment is given

RAMMALA ALA WAWA RIMS

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ATTERIDGEVILLE town clerk Mr Solly Rammala has warned three local city councillors that they will be stripped of their status if they did not pay their rent arrears totalling nearly R5 000 within 14 days.

The councillors, who have been warned in terms of Section 9 of Act 102 of 1982 as amended, include two former mayors, the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni and Mr Mathew Mahlangu. The other councillor is Mr Victor Zobane.

The *Sowetan* yesterday established that Rammala also owes R1 080,56 in rent and service for his No. 2 Molantsoa Street house.

Councillors must pay or else...

which is situated inside the Saulsville Arena and R255 78 in respect of his house at 36 Moisepe Street. *Sowetan 3/8/89*

In similar letters, Rammala informed Mahlangu and Zobane that he had come to his notice that they owed R611, 24 and R1 132 93 respectively for rent and service charges.

Rammala urged the three councillors to pay their amounts in full immediately

He added, "Kindly take notice that if you remain in default to pay this amount in full within 14 days as from the date upon which this letter is served on you, you will in terms of Section 9 of the Black Local Authorities Act 102 of 1982 as amended, no longer be competent to be a member of the council and shall be deemed to have vacated your office upon the expiry of the said 14 days".

Sibanyoni and Zobane yesterday said they had

BY MONK NKOMO

All the letters sent to the councillors were signed by Rammala who could not be reached for comment yesterday

His office said he was busy in a meeting.

Rammala informed Sibanyoni in two letters dated August 1, 1989 that he owned the municipality R2 842, 39 in respect of rent and service charges for his shop

Zobane however said he heard about the letters but stressed that he did not owe rent. Zobane's August rent accounts yesterday reflected arrears of R1138, 93 as stated in

the letter from Rammala. Zobane said the arrears reflected followed a misunderstanding of his rent stop order.

Sibanyoni said he would go to the administration offices to make arrangements to pay his arrears. Mahlangu was not available for comment yesterday.

Who rules the roost?

Johannesburg is simply not being run like a major city



Is Johannesburg being properly run? The answer has to be the latest municipal budget.

It wasn't popular as if to defuse criticism in advance, the wonderfully named Jan Burger, chairman of the management committee, conceded that the increases were substantial — and suggested it had taken a good deal of courage to present a budget of this nature.

Opposition critics have alleged that if the Nat-controlled management committee hadn't kept the rates unrealistically low in 1988, with an eye on the municipal elections, a little less "courtesy" would have been necessary.

Pressure for increased accountability is now certain — the Nats have lost their overall majority with the Linden by-election and the Democrats (DP) and Conservative Party (CP) seem prepared to co-operate when it suits them both in outwitting the Nats.

Representing an average increase of 20% the R1.8bn budget provides for hikes in all major services: sewerage tariffs up 50%, water 45%, gas 15%, bus fares 20%, electricity 10%-15%, assessment rates 14%. Nevertheless, there will still be deficits of R6.6m in the sewerage department, R1.5m in water, R28m on the buses.

This is no sudden lurch into the red. In the year ending June 30 1989, the council had an operating loss of R34.9m, in 1989-1990, it expects an operating loss of R14.3m. The argument is that without tariff increases, the loss could reach R200m. Deficits are met from savings built up over the years — when there was no loss.

Clearly, if the deficits continue, "savings" will dry up and Johannesburg could face a financial crisis which would trigger sharp increases in rates for present ratepayers and burden future generations with debt. Yet Burger insists the budget is "eminently sound". He attributes the harsh increases to the general economic malaise — spiralling inflation, an increase in GST, the poor performance of the rand, the high prime rate, fuel price increases, and so on.

The budget's

average increase of 20% is still ahead of inflation, estimated by the council at 15%-16%, and some of the sectoral increases are right off this scale. It is true that inflation will add about R170m to the operating budget this year — but the council has been accused, particularly by the DP, of overspending, of failure to budget properly or to keep proper controls — and generally poor business management.

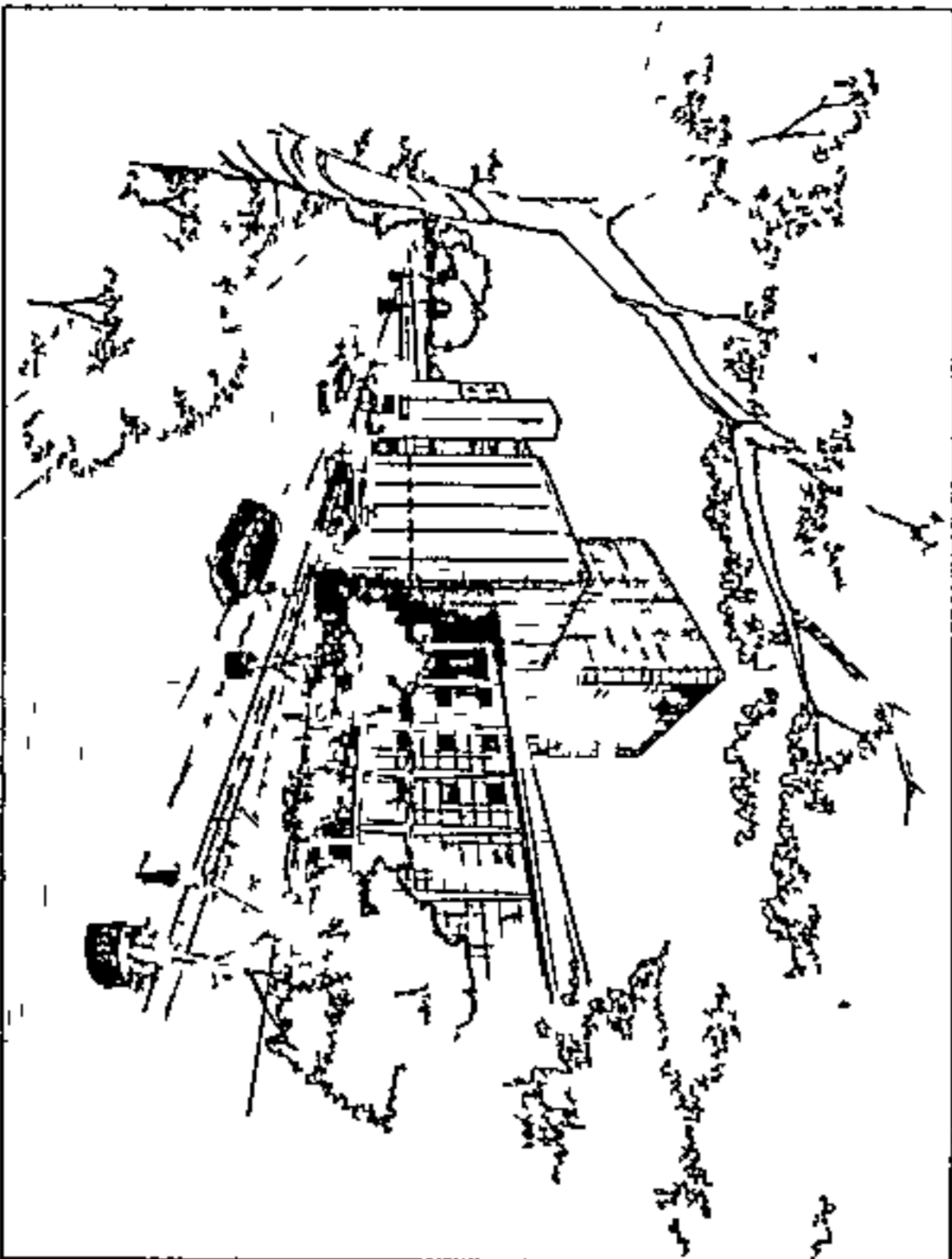
Certainly, given the 'chimera' which Burger adduces as a reason for stringency, it is disquieting that R400 000 has been earmarked for civic functions and entertainment — and an additional R103 000 for floral decorations. At first glance, these amounts may seem reasonable for a city like Johannesburg. But consider Cape Town's earnings: only R191 225 for entertainment while Durban set aside R170 000. Possibly the most controversial expenditure

trips around the country. Burger and his colleagues claim that these visits are invaluable to SA in forging links with the rest of the world — a function one would have thought rested, if anywhere, with Foreign Affairs. And the programme has failed to attract anyone of particular stature. If the Department of Foreign Affairs is convinced that Johannesburg has a diplomatic role to play, it should at least help to foot the bill for these visits. As it is, the council passes costs on to already burdened ratepayers.

These visits could be justified if they promoted capital investment in the city or raised money to cover the deficits. However, it can be safely argued that the management committee has a duty to report back on achievements of the programme. It hasn't done so. The massive bureaucracy on Civic Hill seems secure. Of the R1.4bn operating expenditure in the budget a third — R544m — was set aside for salaries and allowances. DP council leader Tony Leon suggests that, in view of the council's earlier decision to drastically streamline staff, the increases must be attributable to "across the board salary and benefit increases of alarming magnitude". The budget also provides for an additional R30m in special contributions by council to the pension fund and joined medical scheme.

Cape Town has a larger municipal population than Johannesburg — it provides services for 1.14m people as opposed to Johannesburg's 871 000 — and, interestingly, Cape Town City Council has a maximum staff allocation of only 16 500 positions (of which only 15 500 are now filled). The Johannesburg bureaucracy stands at 23 000. The total Cape Town budget is R1.3bn as opposed to the R1.8bn of Johannesburg.

Nor is there any discernible scaling down of staff in the newly created Directorate of Public Safety, headed by ex-traffic chief John Pearce. The directorate provides an umbrella body for the old Traffic & Security departments, but little is known about its activities. Details of its operating budget are not available to the public on the grounds of "public safety" or for "security reasons". The total budget of the Directorate of Public Safety is said to be about R75m, with R25m allocated to the Security Department and the remainder to Traffic. This represents



How the new Civic should look . . . costly splendour

entertainment of foreign visitors — something neither Cape Town nor Durban does. Last year, almost R1.3m was spent funding visits to SA by "foreign delegates". The credentials of these guests remain top secret, as do preparations for and details of their visits. DP councillor Claire Quail confirms that agendas and minutes are collected after each meeting to ensure "security". Then, in addition to the R1m, R140 000 a year is spent on staffing the programme, some employees are said to receive car and dress allowances over and above their salaries. The council has also footed the bill when these staff members accompany visitors on

a 50% increase on last year's allocation.

Concern has regularly been expressed by the opposition that an inordinate amount of power rests in the hands of one man, Pearce. He is known to have taken paid leave to coordinate traffic at the Rand Show in the past, earning himself an estimated R100 000 for the forlorn. Though Pearce obtained permission from the council and is not prohibited from doing such work by local ordinances, many council officials as well as councillors feel there are moral and ethical considerations at play. The operation is now run by a corporation whose chief director is Pearce's wife. It must be assumed that the award of this contract was done by the appropriate body at arm's length — and its merits or otherwise considered carefully.

A glaring symbol of Jo'burg's alleged spendthrift ways is the R37m set aside for the renovation of the Civic Theatre. It has been raised again and again by critics such as Leon. The amount represents 10% of the entire capital budget of R382m.

Burger argues that this amount will be funded from the Fixed Property Fund (monies raised from the sale of the council's fixed property) and not from rates. Leon counters this: "The operating account would benefit to the tune of at least R7.5m a year in finance charges, if the money had been differently apportioned."

The issue of the Civic poses questions related to efficient business management. In 1986-1987 the city council allocated R27m for the renovations, meant to place the Civic on a par with the Pretoria State Theatre. Of this R27m, the State was to contribute R10m.

But then, two years later, the renovations are not finished and another R37m is required. The total cost could end up exceeding R100m, according to DP sources and a senior council official.

screened and often taken by a management advisory committee, consisting of town clerk Manie Venter and other senior officials. Thus the management committee primarily considers issues placed before it by the advisory committee — at the discretion of this committee. This is not to imply that the committee is malicious or corrupt — but is the management committee fully in touch with the nuts and bolts?

This dilution of power apparently began when Francois Oberholzer was acting effectively delegated many of his powers to council officials. An important question here is whether the present management committee has the expertise to manage its officials.

Oberholzer — "Mr Jo'burg" — certainly did, he was reputed to know every paragraph in every bylaw and he probably wrote a few of them. His successor, the late Dame van Zyl, was experienced in local government, so were many of the old United Party councillors. But do any of the latest batch of elected councillors know enough to control the civil servants?

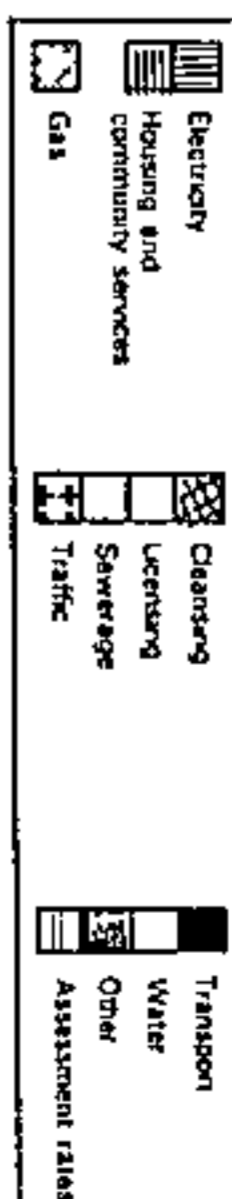
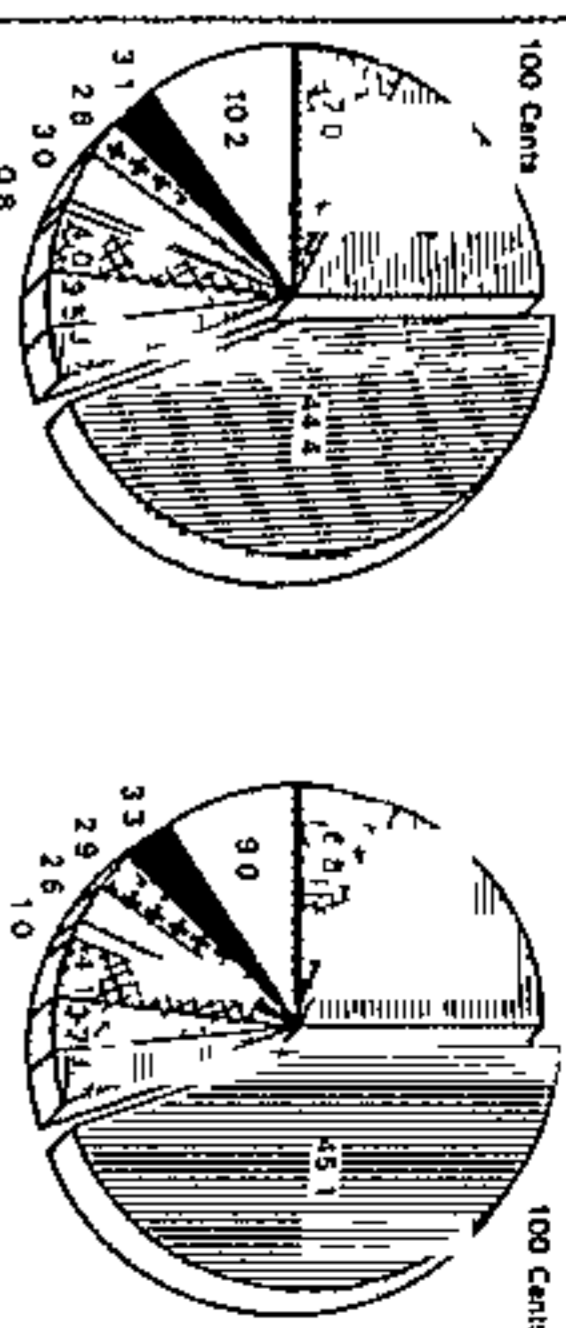
Civic officials are quick to defend expenditures by drawing analogies with business — and the rights and perks of company directors. On the face of it, this is reasonable — a full-time business requiring efficient administration. That's the point. Directors are judged by their profit performance and don't have security of tenure.

At this stage, Johannesburg's top priority should be the rationalisation of staff and services, coupled with the privatisation of some existing services. For example, the State theatres have been funded by the province concerned, or directly from government coffers.

Where it comes from

How every R1 operating income is obtained

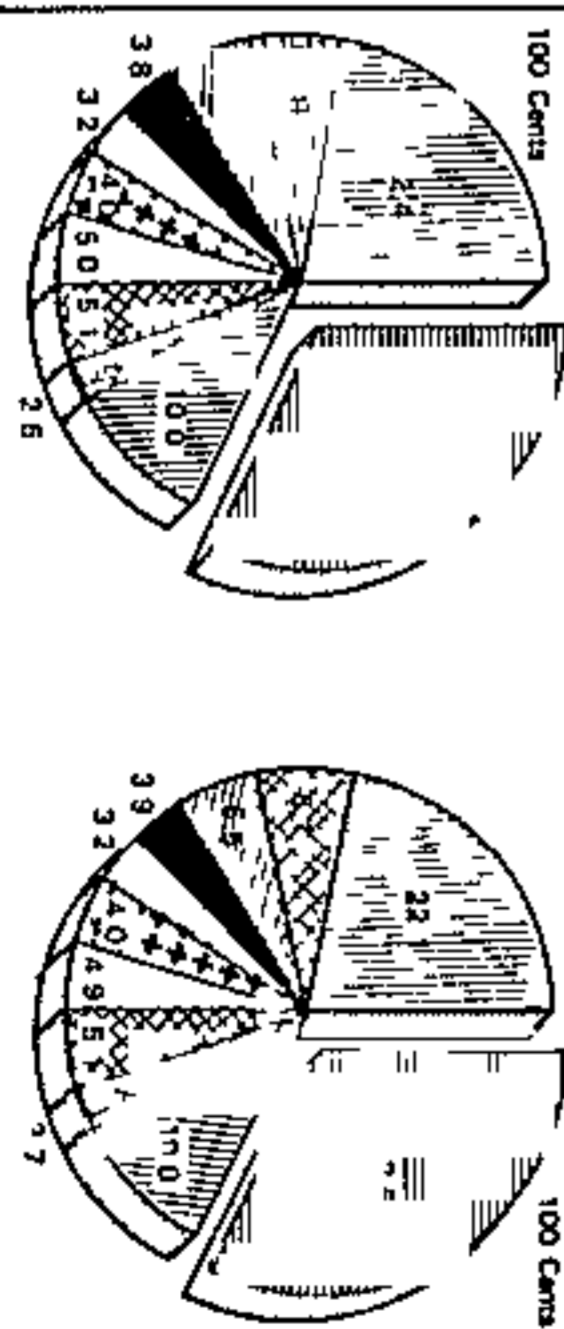
Estimates 1988/89 (R1 385m) Approximate result 1988/89 (R1 385m)



And where it goes

How every R1 operating expenditure is spent

Estimates 1988/89 (R1 385m) Approximate result 1988/89 (R1 385m)



What exactly is the management committee? Put simply, it is drawn from the elected 51 councillors to oversee the administration of the city, it is the "Cabinet" which is responsible for the work of the professionals and career civil servants.

But it seems the Johannesburg management committee no longer runs the city. Rather, initiatives are

Durban City Council has partially privatised bus services, in the first year, the scheme saved R250 000. In the US, privatisation of local services is both commonplace and cost-effective.

The Johannesburg business community also needs to be involved in the affairs of the city. In its recent involvement with the planning of the CBD, business proved it has the skills and financial resources the city desperately needs. "It is clear business will get involved, given the opportunity," says newly elected Johannesburg DP leader-in-waiting, stockbroker Ian Davidson.

However, while Johannesburg is run by the present management committee, it seems that rationalisation and privatisation are not likely to succeed — if they ever occur. To make matters worse, the strange provisions of the Remuneration of Town Clerks Act seems to enshrine and further encourage bureaucracy. In terms of this Act, authorities which divert themselves of their asset base — privatise them, in other words — are penalised all wages and salaries are determined according to a number of variables which include the amenities and facilities controlled by the municipality. Leon describes this as a "hindrance to efficiency and productivity which needs to be rethought."

The city still runs — and lots of professionals do their jobs well — there's no doubt about that. The problem is the principle of control. Pressure must be put on the management committee to involve businessmen more — they would promote privatisation from a knowledge of how it should work — and to ensure that petty officials have no more power than they should have.

Mayor jailed until trial

By SOPHIE TEMA

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FORMER Soweto deputy-mayor Patrick Thami Ndaba, who has been charged with the murder of his rival candidate in the municipal elections last year, is to stand trial in February next year.

Ndaba and his co-accuseds, Patrick Mfeka and Musa Njoko of Diepkloof hostel, were served with indictments for a Supreme Court trial on Tuesday this week during a brief appearance before Magistrate S Janse van Rensburg.

Ndaba will be held in custody until the trial, set down for February 19.

The murder charges arise from the death of Sofasonke Party member David Nkomo, who was gunned down at his Tshiawelo home on August 26 last year.

Nkomo was to have opposed Ndaba in last year's municipal elections.

Det-Sgt JD van Zyl yesterday told the court Ndaba paid two men R3 000 to gun down Nkomo.

It was further alleged that he paid R500 extra for the firearm that was used to kill Nkomo.

A fourth person, allegedly involved in the murder has not yet been arrested.

Another sit-in over official

ABOUT 700 employees of the Atteridgeville City Council staged another sit-in yesterday calling on the council to immediately fire the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, because they could not work with him anymore.

And in another development that could determine the fate of the council itself, a local civic group, the Atteridgeville People's Party, said they had obtained permission to hold a public meeting on Sunday to seek a mandate from residents calling on the 12 councillors to resign because of their inefficiency.

Mr PAJ Burger, Chief Magistrate of Pretoria, informed the party's

chairman, Mr John Rafadi, that they could hold a public gathering at the Super Stadium from 8am to noon "to obtain a mandate from the residents for a vote of no-confidence in the council."

Rafadi said issues to be discussed included rent and the township's R9 million deficit.

The council has, for the past seven months, been pressurised by its employees to dismiss Rammala.

The town clerk was recently acquitted by Mr Justice Hiemstra on all 12 counts of irregularities levelled against him by the council.

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Soweto junior council

THE Soweto City Council has decided to start a Junior City Council as part of its involvement programme, the mayor, Mr S Mkhwanazi said.

The date planned for the JCC elections is late October or beginning of November

A committee under councillor Hazel Nkosi, chairman of the Soweto Cultural Committee, has been formed to take steps which will lead to the election of the junior council

Mkhwanazi said the aim of the JCC was to involve the youth of Soweto in local government, to give the youth an opportunity to get acquainted with local government and to start a communication process between the council and the youth

Invitations would be sent to all secondary schools and youth clubs to nominate possible candidates

Mkhwanazi said the junior council will not be formed out of any one group (political or otherwise) but will consist of a cross-section of the youth community.

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Family income demand row

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Atteridgeville City Council's decision that parents disclose family income as a condition for the admission of their children to creches has caused a stir among those affected.

Parents, who described the move as invasion of their privacy, said some of them have had the application forms of their children returned to them after they failed to state how much they earned.

They said they viewed the move as a strategy to help the council formulate discriminatory regulations in future.

Mr D Mouton, director for community services in Atteridgeville, said there was nothing sinister about the move. He said the council ran the service at a loss because of certain individuals who failed to pay after their children were admitted.

He said the council charged a fixed rate of R34 and that the amount would in no way be affected by the salaries the people were earning.

However, it was important for the authorities to know what the parents' income was to enable them to plan for the future.

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COUNCIL'S DENIAL

THE Soweto City Council had "definitely not" suspended all sales of houses in Soweto, the council said in a statement yesterday.

It said there had been a misunderstanding. The council had suspended sales earlier this year but "only on the old stock houses - no new houses were affected".

The council also stated it wished to expedite the sale of new houses and would assist building societies "in every possible way".

"The council will confer immediately with all building societies currently fin-

ancing house loans in Soweto. This is regarded as a matter of urgency.

"The council's executive committee has resolved to abolish form 189 but it will be replaced by a new form as an individual step to protect the rights of registered tenants and dependants in the sale of property.

"There are still matters to be cleared up as the sale of the old stock of houses are concerned. The housing committee under the chairmanship of Mr S Mkhize will release further details in due course." - Sapa.

Rammala fired

THE Atteridgeville City Council has fired its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala. This followed the passing a motion of no-confidence in him during a heated and tension-filled special meeting on Wednesday night.

Rammala left the council chambers at exactly 10 30 pm after his services were terminated during a dramatic session where he was accused of having denigrated three councillors whose rent arrears were exposed by the *Sowetan* last week.

Rammala had warned councillors Enoch Sibanyoni, Matthew Mahlangu and Victor Zobane in letter dated August 1, 1989, that unless they paid their arrears within 14 days they would be stripped of their status.

The treasurer, Mr T J Van Stryp, said he wrote the letters and took them to Rammala for his signature.

Leakage

He added that the leakage of the letters to the Press was being investigated by the police. Councillor E Ntlaba submitted that Rammala should have retracted the letters and accused the town clerk of having denigrated councillors.

Mahlangu, who accused Rammala of having "embarrassed" councillors who owed rent, proposed a motion of no-confidence in the town clerk and asked that he be dismissed forthwith.

After a heated debate and a counter-motion by Councillor H Ntshabeleng, the mayor,

Council's motion of no confidence

By MONK NKOMO

Mr Velaphi Mathebula put the matter to a vote.

Seven councillors, including the mayor and Sibanyoni, who is chairman of the management committee voted in favour of the motion.

Four other councillors voted against the motion. Mathebula then closed the matter and refused Rammala the right to comment and instead advised him that although his services had been terminated forthwith he could remain in the meeting until it was closed.

However Rammala left the meeting after the four councillors who

voted against the motion objected to the mayor's decision. Van Stryp was then elected acting town clerk.

Comment

Asked if he was going to challenge his dismissal in court Rammala said it was still premature to comment.

The council also resolved to temporarily suspend the evictions of rent defaulters in the township.

Mr D Mnguni said officials must first inform councillors before evicting families and "throwing them out in the street".



Atteridgeville councillors passed a vote of no confidence in Solly Rammala after he embarrassed them with disclosures of their rent arrears.

Women's Day meetings

TWO seminars will be held on Sunday, one in Central Johannesburg and the other in K... township to observe Women's Day.

The Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union weekend seminar whose theme is "Capitalism, Racism, Sexism" will be held at the union's offices at Kerk Street.

According to a spokesman for the union, among the topics to be dealt with are the role of women in the struggle, women and the law and discrimination against women. Speakers will come from Cosatu, Imbeleko,

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Imbeleko will hold a seminar at the K... Art Centre, Phooko Station, according to the organisation's chairman, Rose Ngwenya.

Services will start at 10am.

At the end of Imbeleko's service at the Community Awareness Program (CHAP) will conduct a free health clinic at the same venue. This will be the 11th free health clinic to be conducted by the organisation on the Rand since January.

R20 000 prize winner

THOUSANDS of entries for the African Lite Homes "Two rooms and a garage" competition were received and the lucky winner is Mr Joseph A Magugumela (47) of Katlehong, near Germiston.

Run in conjunction with *Sowetan*, this exciting competition offered a prize worth R20 000, consisting of an African Lite Homes add-on home improvement.

Mr Magugumela, a family man, was

delighted with his win and said that the extra accommodation his prize would provide for his family would be greatly appreciated.

"The overwhelming response to the competition has revealed that black home owners are becoming serious about adding extra accommodation onto their existing homes and thus increasing the value," the company's general manager, Mr Guy Leitch, said.

Treason trial

THE Delmas treason trial involving 12 alleged ANC members has been postponed to next Tuesday. Defence counsel asked for further particulars on the charges and for time to prepare their case. (331)

It is alleged that the men murdered three policemen in Atteridgeville on March 18 last year. *Sowetan* 11/8/89

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Johannesburg town councillor Ernie Fabel's alleged comments — that coloureds are unwelcome at Johannesburg's Civic Centre — were in keeping with the treatment meted out to a group of "blacks" attending last month's council meeting, Actstop spokesman Mr Mohammed Dangor said yesterday.

He was reacting to claims by the coloured South Western Management Committee that Mr Fabel, in response to their appeal to be allowed to hold meetings in the council cham-

Civic Centre 'racism' is nothing new, says Actstop

ber, had said that the Civic Centre was for whites only.

"It took nearly an hour for a group of 15 'black' tenants from Waldorf Heights, accompanied by three Actstop officials, to be admitted to the public gallery to present the council with a petition calling for a moratorium on evictions in the city. "We arrived at the Civic at

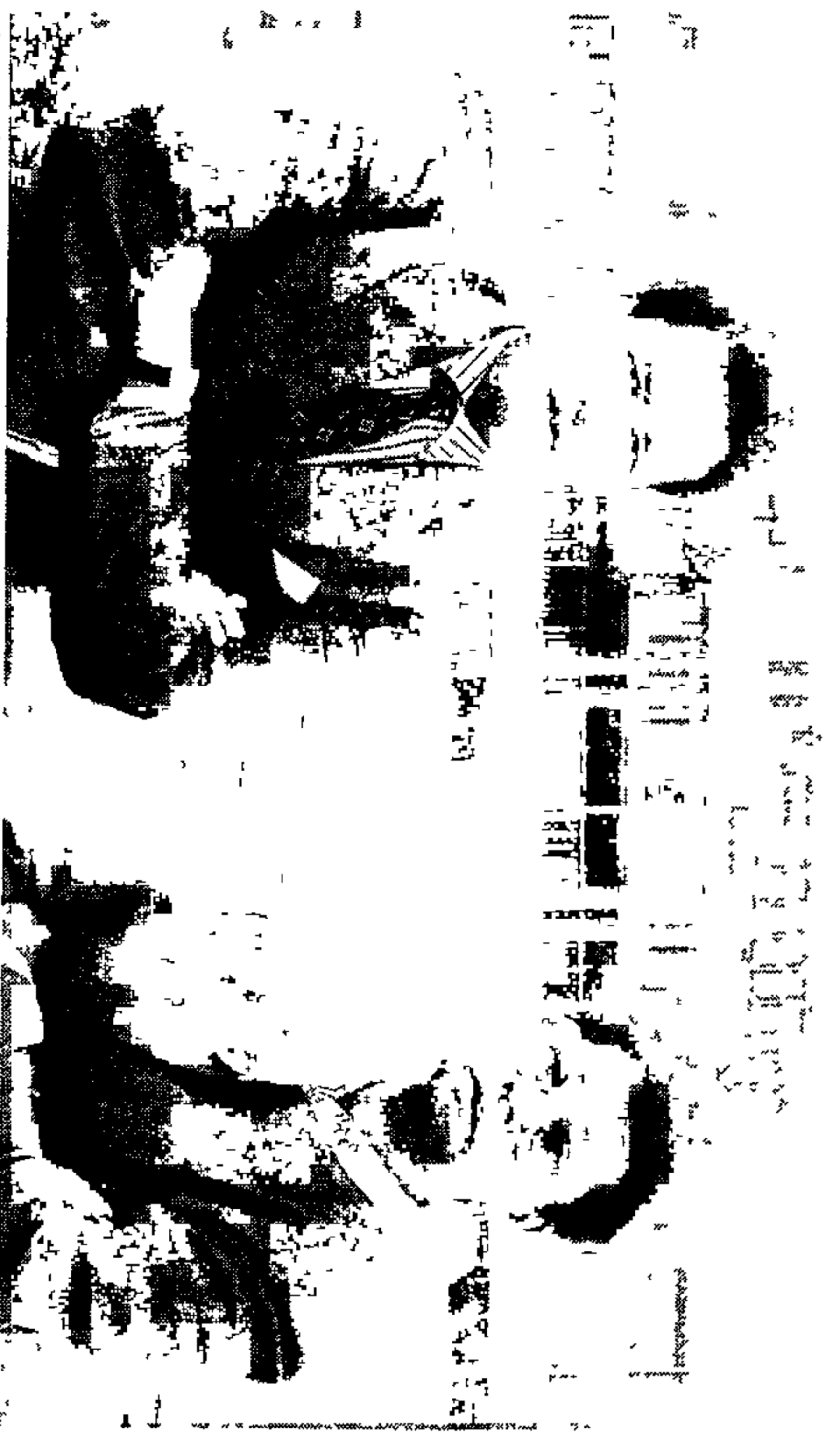
about 5.30 pm and were politely stalled by security staff until I asked for the legal adviser and we had spoken to two Democratic Party members.

"Both these management committees are racist, as both serve in separate ethnic bodies — the SW committee happy to beg at the table of its masters for favours," Mr Dangor said.

"The SW committee is now asking for the trappings of power, no longer happy with delegated powers that merely allow them to pass dog licences, name streets and parks, and allocate housing without any say in financial matters.

"But seeking the trappings of power and seeking an open, democratic city are two different things

"They are not the true representatives of the people so it scarcely matters that a white counterpart tried to throw them out of the Civic Centre," he said.



Johannesburg council DP leader Mr Tony Leon with Mrs Margaret Mateman, chairman of the coloured South Western Management Committee, outside the Johannesburg municipal building which a former mayor has allegedly labelled "whites only".

Picture by Etienne Rothbart.



Mr Ernie Fabel... former mayor and senior National Party management committee member.

Councillor Fabel stubs his toe yet another time

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

National Party management committee member in the Johannesburg City Council Mr Ernie Fabel, who this week incensed members of the coloured South-Western Management Committee with alleged racist remarks, is no stranger to controversy

The man described in 1985 when he became mayor as "a straight up-and-down Nationalist concerned more with rate-payers' problems than politics", hit the headlines only six months later

HEADLINE SHOCKER

Comments which he made about Mr Nelson Mandela during a visit to Israel shocked and angered the council leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Sam Moss.

"Mayor in spot over 'Mandela deserves death' remark", said The Star's headline when he was quoted as saying that only South Africa's desire for negotiations with blacks had prevented Mr Mandela from being executed.

Labeling Mr Mandela a terrorist, Mr Fabel said he should have been killed "In any other

country, in most countries, Mandela would not be alive"

A week later Mr Fabel made a public apology for his remark. A month after the end of his mayoral term he was back on the carpet, this time over the gold mayoral insignia which he had commissioned for his wife.

His action was far more than treading on toes, it was "stamping on heads", said management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholzer

ANNOUNCED RESIGNATION

In May he hit the headlines when he bucked his own caucus decision and opposed Mr's Marietta Marx as the deputy management committee chairman, ousting her with the help of the Democratic Party, the Conservative Party and some Nats

Only three hours later, after a NP caucus meeting, it was announced he had resigned, leaving Mrs Marx once more as the leading candidate for the job

But the move had revealed deep dissension in the ranks of the NP, which, despite claims of unity, has been unable to throw off the stigma of a divided body.

A'ville council suspends town clerk Rammala on full pay

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The Atteridgeville City Council rescinded its decision to fire its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala and instead suspended him indefinitely with full pay at a special meeting on Monday night.

The council also appointed a three-man commission of inquiry to investigate certain allegations against Rammala. The inquiry, comprising two councillors and a legal advisor, is expected to be held in about a month's time and the prosecutor will be a Mr Deventer, a lawyer attached to the council's new attorneys, Couzyn, Hertzog and Horak. The council's decision to set aside Rammala's dismissal followed his threat on Monday that he would

By MONK NKOMO

take court action unless he was reinstated because his dismissal was unlawful.

Mr Ezekiel Tshungu, the deputy mayor, explained to the council that the meeting was held to "legalise" all aspects before Rammala could be dismissed. He added that they had been informed by their legal advisors that Rammala's dismissal last Tuesday was unprocedural.

According to the regulations, a special

meeting should be convened where only the dismissal of the town clerk should be discussed. A number of issues were discussed at last Tuesday's meeting and this meant that Rammala's dismissal was unlawful.

The majority of the councillors also resolved that Rammala should be prohibited from using council facilities including his office and car telephone which is being paid for by the council.

"The last time he was suspended Rammala used the car telephone and the account was in excess of

R700," Tshungu said.

The council also resolved that the acting town clerk, Mr T J van Strijp immediately occupy Rammala's office and bar him from using any of the council facilities.

Tshungu told the council that Rammala, who was recently cleared on 12 counts of irregularities during a disciplinary inquiry chaired by Mr Justice Heimstra, should be given a fair hearing and allowed legal representation during the forthcoming inquiry. The commission's verdict would be forwarded to the Administrator of the Transvaal for a decision.

TPA probe on missing R2-m

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate a shortfall of about R2-million in the coffers of the Mhluzi Town Council in Middelburg.

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The commission is also investigating:

* The disappearance of R30 000 from council funds

* That a senior official of the council had not paid rent for over a year amounting to about R3 500

* That an official had allegedly smashed three council cars and was bought a German-made one worth R90 000 before investigations were completed on the three accidents.

* That council officials were allegedly misusing council property, mainly vehicles.

The commission was set up after the council had failed to account on last year's R2-million deficit.

It is not yet known how long the investigations would last.

Meanwhile, the Pretoria Supreme Court set aside last year's municipal elections in two wards

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

in the township. Mr Justice Coetsee ordered that elections in

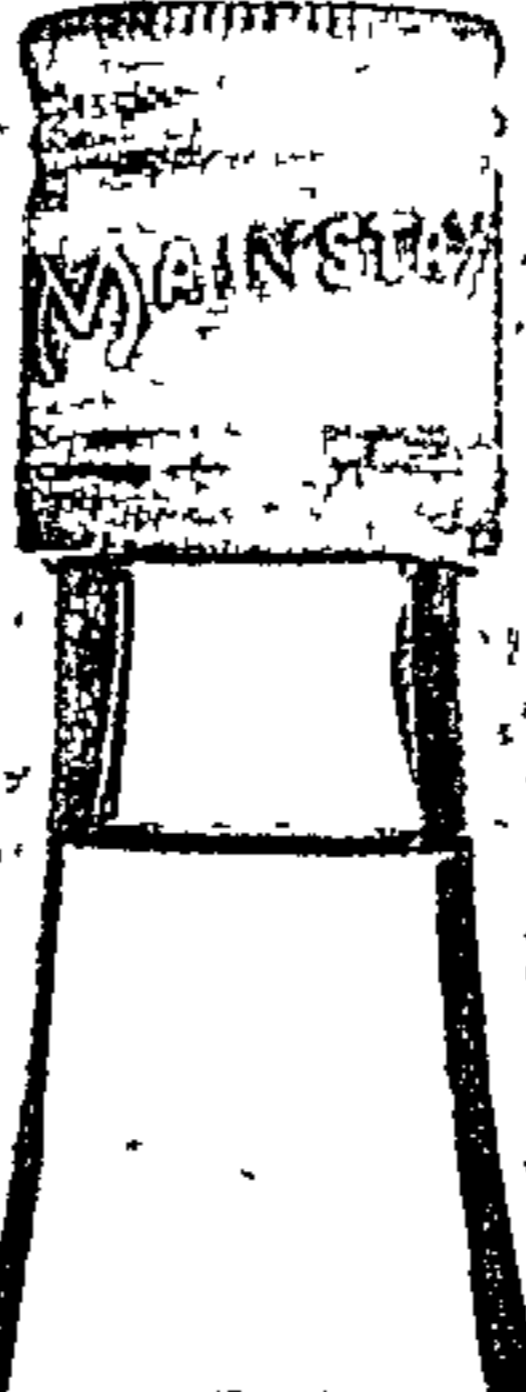
Wards four and five be set aside and the elections declared null and void.

The application was brought by Mr Matthews Mahlangu and Mr Sydney

Kunene against electoral officers Johan Boonzaier and J vander Walt and councillors Mbulawa Sibanyoni and Mabusu Mokone.

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Battle grows over alleged racist slur

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The coloured South-Western management committee and its white counterpart in Johannesburg are set on a collision course over alleged racist remarks made by former mayor and senior management committee member, Mr Ernie Fabel.

After claims that Mr Fabel had insulted the coloured people at a joint meeting last Monday, the SW committee adjourned its monthly meeting yesterday demanding a transcript of the tapes and an apology from Mr Fabel.

SW chairman Mrs Margaret Mateman said yesterday's meeting was held in the old council chamber in the City Hall, which was not what her committee had requested.

"We asked for a committee room in the Civic Centre. We are ratepayers who worked to build up the city and we have a right to that facility," she said.

It was claimed last week that in response to the SW committee's request to be allowed to hold future meetings in the Civic Centre, Mr Fabel had insulted the coloured people. It was reliably learnt his remarks indicated coloured people were unwelcome in the Civic Centre.

Mrs Mateman said: "A week after the incident Mr Fabel has not apologised nor have we received the tapes of

the meeting. We now insist on our requests being met."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said last week that the tapes were "very faint".

Mr Fabel, after initially refusing to comment on the incident, yesterday issued a lengthy press release saying his "references to the Civic Centre being for white city councillors were torn out of context".

Refraining from repeating the actual words which allegedly insulted the coloured committee, he explained in detail that a discussion of delegated powers was one of the main reasons for last week's joint meeting (at which he allegedly made the racist remarks).

He said the reasons why the SW committee should meet in the City Hall, and not the Civic Centre as they wanted, were spelt out at length to them.

He said his committee suggested the old council chamber at the City Hall as the venue "was part of our national heritage" and had all the facilities.

"In support of our suggestion we pointed to the practice of each council having its own council chamber, and that we wished them to have their own council chamber to have full status in the eyes of their people.

"We explained that no council gathers in the chamber of another council and that each chamber is the seat of that particular city council."

Fabel admits making remark

By Shirley Woodgate,
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National Party management committee member Mr Ernie Fabel has admitted he said the Civic Centre was intended for "white" city council meetings, but he actually meant "autonomous bodies"

His admission comes after persistently avoiding the issue after members of the coloured South Western management committee claimed he had insulted them at a joint meeting with Johannesburg's white management committee a fortnight ago

SW chairman Mrs Margaret Mateman said "We don't want autonomy, which was the suggestion of management committee mem-

ber Mr Eddie Magid. What we want is our 106 powers

"We also do not want to sit in their council chamber, we want committee room C in the Civic Centre"

Mr Tony Leon, leader of the Democratic Party in the council, dismissed Mr Fabel's explanation as "a pathetic way of wriggling out of the embarrassing situation he has put the management committee into"

"He has clearly forgotten the Regional Services Council on which he serves and which meets in the council chamber at the Civic Centre every month

"He has set his mind on confusing everyone" said Mr Leon

Chikane poison case 'definite'

US MEDICAL experts have confirmed "beyond doubt" SACC general secretary Reverend Frank Chikane was poisoned by an organophosphate, a compound found in pesticides, according to an SACC statement released yesterday

And the SAP will now launch an investigation into the matter

The SACC said yesterday a recent report from the University of Wisconsin in Madison confirmed the poisoning and also stated the FBI laboratory had been put at the disposal of the university for further analysis of Chikane's clothing



● CHIKANE

Chikane collapsed four times earlier this year while travelling in Namibia and the US where he was hospitalised with classic symptoms of nerve gas poisoning

In a statement, passed on to SAP Major General Jaap Joubert, Chikane

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said six months prior to his poisoning he had not been near a farming area, chemical factory or war zone where such chemicals could have been used

He said by a process of elimination the most logical conclusion was that the toxic substance had been deposited on his clothing

"In this respect, I can state that if persons had access to my luggage at Jan Smuts airport or the Windhoek airport it is possible the substance could have contaminated my clothes at those points," Chikane said

Major General Jaap Joubert confirmed he had received Chikane's statement and investigations would begin

The SAP had not become involved in the matter earlier as they did not have enough details, he said

Chikane expressed the hope, in the statement, the matter would be thoroughly investigated so that uncertainties, suspicions and speculations could be cleared up

The SACC has been conducting an independent investigation into Chikane's poisoning and into informal repression as a whole

The need for a separate investigation arose from the belief of the SACC and Chikane that the police were unable and unwilling to investigate attacks on anti-apartheid activists

Warning of 'destitution'

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Black local authorities will become engulfed in financial destitution unless they adjust their service charges and collect unpaid rents and service charges

This warning was given yesterday by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough at a meeting with Pretoria's black township councillors

On government support, he said "We would be deluding ourselves if we believed government can continue to unreservedly sustain local authorities which are simply not prepared to cooperate"

The Province had been helping local authorities with bridging finance to survive financially

This source, however, was being depleted and it was expected, unless additional funds were found, that assistance would have to end

Hough said local authorities had a duty to do whatever was needed to recover rents and service charges from residents

Latest figures indicated a significant increase in the recovery of charges, yet local authorities became more and more engulfed in financial destitution

"This regression is directly attributable to the failure of councils to increase their service charges in relation to the financial demands made on them by their bulk suppliers"

He appealed to councils to raise charges to realistic levels, but also warned that a sudden increase to economic levels would probably be counter-productive

The empire strikes back

Jan Burger, chairman of the Johannesburg Management Committee, takes exception to the *FM's* cover story of August 4 — "To Laugh Or To Cry" — which criticised the management of the city.

The comment that Johannesburg's deficits are met from "savings built up over the years when there was no loss" is hopelessly misleading

The council has, since time immemorial, followed a financial policy based on the bringing and carrying forward of surpluses (or deficits) from one financial year to the next. This is a *current* situation, which mainly affects only two or three immediately consecutive financial years

What has happened is merely that some of the operating deficit relating to 1988/1989 has been financed from an income surplus generated in the previous financial year, and the same is expected to apply to the 1989/1990 financial year

It is also incorrect to suggest that I have attempted to attribute the so-called harsh increases in the latest budget solely to "the general economic malaise". The Johannesburg City Council is not unique in experiencing problems of this nature. I stand by my statement that our budget for the present year is eminently sound

The accusation that we do not budget properly or keep proper controls is absurd. The budgets are prepared by the various heads of departments, in consultation with review committees which are composed of the council's most senior officials, and the draft estimates are then presented to the Section 60 committees (Planning & Environment, Health and Housing, and so forth), on which councillors from all political parties serve, for consideration

The estimates, in whatever revised form, are considered by the management committee, whereafter they must be approved by the full council

As far as controls over expenditure are concerned, the review committees mentioned above, the management committee itself, and various officials, most pertinently the City Treasurer, all exercise continuous control over all the major income and expenditure facets of the budget

The evident obsession of various persons with the council's budgets for civic entertainment and floral decorations is a little difficult to fathom

These items represent an infinitesimal fraction of a percent of the operating budget, and, were they omitted entirely, would not have had a perceptible impact on any of the council's tariffs or rates

The provision for the overseas guests programme is similarly not a major budget item, and, furthermore, has been debated at length in the council chamber and through the medium of the press. This programme has

helped us to forge invaluable links with foreign mayors, councillors and leading figures in various professions, and has proved of considerable assistance in the council's overseas loans negotiations

And briefly

□ The question of a municipal security department for Johannesburg has been debated at length, and this could be the embryo of the municipal police force, the need for which has been widely propagated,

□ John Pearce is not a law unto himself, but is subject to exactly the same code of conduct as any other official or head of department;

□ The management committee will do everything in its power to limit the financial burden which ratepayers will have to bear for the Civic Theatre;

□ The management committee advisory committee is not a sinister "cabal" but is simply a corporate management team,

□ Delegation of authority to officials is a normal process, and an inevitable part of the efficient administration of a city as large as Johannesburg

It does not represent any devious attempt by officials to usurp the governing function of elected councillors;

□ The average increase in the council's budget is not 20%, as stated by your reporter, but 17,8% for the operating budget. This compares very favourably with the projected inflation rate for the next 12-month period — conservatively estimated at 18%-19%.

□ The deficit on the bus service is mentioned in your article as though it is a novel occurrence. Nevertheless, your reporter has failed to notice that the last time the Transport Department achieved a surplus was in 1944/1945

Moreover, in 1977 the management committee pegged the deficit on this service at 40% of its annual operating budget (in line with the recommendations of the Driessen Report). This ratio has been maintained ever since that date,

□ The special contributions to Jomed and the pension fund are an annual institution, and merely represent the council's share of the financial commitments of these bodies, and

□ The Remuneration of Town Clerks Act is solely designed to control remuneration, and there is no proof that it has in any way hampered the privatisation process

The quality of the city's financial administration is best indicated, I believe, by the evident confidence which the business community has in the prosperity of our city. No better proof of this confidence is needed than all the highly visible building activity taking place in the CBD

The *FM* replies:

In preparing the article the *FM* was referred by all council officials to Pieter Mathee, the acting town clerk. Mathee confirmed its fac-

tual accuracy after requesting certain changes

Nowhere in our article do we suggest or imply that Burger attributes the increases *solely* to the general economic malaise. However, this is virtually the only explanation he gives in his budget speech for the increases

The article notes that the council has been accused, "particularly by the DP, of overspending, of failure to budget properly or to keep proper controls." Though Burger believes these accusations are "absurd," they have nevertheless been made repeatedly and particularly in relation to the renovations of the Civic Theatre.

The *FM* approached one of the largest construction firms on the Reef to analyse the costs involved in renovating the Civic — in 1986/1987 estimated at R27m and now believed to exceed R100m. Though this firm confirmed that surcharges on stage equipment are high, and do account for many cost rises, it believes it likely the original estimates were either "badly budgeted, unrealistic or poorly researched"

The attention given to the Civic Theatre was not excessive. The R37m allocated to its renovation this year alone represents 10% of the entire capital budget of R382m.

The *FM* said that the amounts for civic functions and entertainment and floral decorations seemed reasonable for a city like Johannesburg — but that comparisons with other big metropolitan cities are important to place them in perspective. While the R1m allocated for the overseas guest programme may well not be a major item, it is nevertheless a substantial amount spent on a project that should not form part of municipal endeavour

The Security Department, over which there is total secrecy, consumes R25m of taxpayers' money without accountability

A code of conduct which allows an official to undertake other employment while on leave is in need of reassessment.

Burger's argument that "the Transport Department last achieved a surplus in 1944/1945" in no way justifies the present expected deficit of R28m. If anything, it highlights the inadequacies of the service

The 1989/1990 budget and Burger's budget speech give no indication of how the special contributions to Jomed and the pension fund improve the situation of lower-paid pensioners

This amount (R30m) is merely reflected as an additional allocation to staff benefits which means that in total more than a third of the R1,4bn operating expenditure budget is set aside for salaries, allowances and staff perks

A better gauge of the efficiency of the city's administration than the extent of present building activity is the faster pace at which the business districts of satellite towns have grown

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Lid off corrupt black councils

SINCE the inception of the black local authorities, township residents have been curious to know what goes on behind the closed doors of council chambers

Allocation of land, houses and business sites has long been surrounded by controversy

This was until recently when the Transvaal Provincial Administration established commissions of inquiry to find out how yesterday's poor became today's wealthy

Serious allegations of misappropriation of funds and abuse of power have been made against black town councillors

Residents want to know how an average township man with no visible source of income can own a posh house and a car in five years. Besides the dubious origins of their wealth, black councillors have been rejected by anti-apartheid activists as government collaborators – prepared to be token figures in government reform plans

Ever since black townships have been administered under the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982, they have been subject to external pressure

After low polls to elect the first black town councils of 1983, the rent riots of September 1984 and the killing of four Vaal councillors, councillors have been rejected by their "constituencies"

However, the affairs of former Soweto councils are being turned inside out and the Soweto Inquiry, chaired by Prof FR Malan has already heard startling allegations that the previous council extorted thousands of rands from residents

Thousands have been aware of

Black town councils have long been suspected of bribery and corruption, but no one has come into the open – for fear of reprisal.

The Commission of Inquiry into the Soweto Town Council – currently hearing allegations of corruption by council officials – is the first step to exposing malpractices at the expense of the township residents. **DERRICK LUTHAYI reports:**

the corruption in township administration, but few have been prepared to come out into the open

Former councillors Nelson Botile, Frans Kodi, Johnson Mokoena, Michael Gwensa and J Khumalo have been named as allegedly receiving money for services never rendered. More evidence is expected when the inquiry resumes on Wednesday

Builder Graham Walker told the commission he was swindled out of R30 000 by a council official for five sites in Tladi. Walker said "palms have to be crossed with silver" for services in Soweto

Assistant director of property sales for Soweto, William Loots, said he had 25 cases in which people's signatures were forged on leasehold documents

Councillors have also been al-

leged to have misused council vehicles and evicted pensioners from their homes and the installed other tenants

Another mystery to be unveiled is why councillors moved out of their Soweto homes and sought refuge in Fordsburg during the unrest of 1984

The councillors' occupation of posh Power Park in Soweto might also be explained

Soweto's neighbouring councillors in Dobsonville are also in the firing line

Allegations of corruption and maladministration have been referred to the Transvaal Provincial Administration with a view to the appointment of a commission of inquiry

Investigations were started after councillor Don Mmesi and former councillor Freddy Mohajane said in affidavits that in 1987 Dobsonville residents unwittingly paid for the defence of five councillors on charges of bribery

Mayor Steve Nkatlo, Steve Kgame, IB Mashao, Alex Jaca and Jeremiah Zembe have all since been acquitted

It was alleged that the five owed the council more than R80 000 which they used to pay for their defence

Other allegations are that councillors allocated themselves business and property stands without advertising them or putting them out to tender and that they owned about eight stands – one a huge business stand

Former Atteridgeville mayor Matthew Mahlangu has been found guilty of stealing R1 000 from the council and will be sentenced on October 16

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The Commission of Inquiry into the Soweto Town Council – currently hearing allegations of corruption by council officials – is the first step to exposing malpractices at the expense of the township residents. **DERRICK LUTHAYI reports.**

the corruption in township administration, but few have been prepared to come out into the open

Former councillors Nelson Botile, Frans Kodi, Johnson Mokoena, Michael Gcwensa and J Khumalo have been named as allegedly receiving money for services never rendered. More evidence is expected when the inquiry resumes on Wednesday

Builder Graham Walker told the commission he was swindled out of R30 000 by a council official for five sites in Tladi. Walker said "palms have to be crossed with silver" for services in Soweto

Assistant director of property sales for Soweto, William Loots, said he had 25 cases in which people's signatures were forged on leasehold documents

Councillors have also been al-

leged to have misused council vehicles and evicted pensioners from their homes and the installed other tenants

Another mystery to be unveiled is why councillors moved out of their Soweto homes and sought refuge in Fordsburg during the unrest of 1984

The councillors' occupation of posh Power Park in Soweto might also be explained

Soweto's neighbouring councillors in Dobsonville are also in the firing line

Allegations of corruption and maladministration have been referred to the Transvaal Provincial Administration with a view to the appointment of a commission of inquiry

Investigations were started after councillor Don Mmesi and former councillor Freddy Mohajane said in affidavits that in 1987 Dobsonville residents unwittingly paid for the defence of five councillors on charges of bribery

Mayor Steve Nkatlo, Steve Kgame, IB Mashao, Alex Jaca and Jeremiah Zembe have all since been acquitted

It was alleged that the five owed the council more than R80 000 which they used to pay for their defence

Other allegations are that councillors allocated themselves business and property stands without advertising them or putting them out to tender and that they owned about eight stands – one a huge business stand

Former Atteridgeville mayor Matthew Mahlangu has been found guilty of stealing R1 000 from the council and will be sentenced on October 16



Former Soweto mayor Nelson Botile has been named as allegedly being involved in corruption.

West Rand's Kagiso Council may be next, following disclosures by Conservative Party member Clive Derby-Lewis that R151 000 of council funds was being queried by auditors

He said money was allegedly spent at Sun City Cascades Hotel for the mayor, his wife and others and a councillor's trip to France was being queried

It was also alleged that stand developers were obliged to pay R4 000 a stand to be allocated land

Derby-Lewis revealed that police investigations had been called off because of threats that "Kagiso would

burn" if the inquiry was not halted. He has challenged the government to "come clean" on Kagiso

Former Tokoza mayor Gerald Mamabolo and town clerk Doris Dikeledi Thimane currently await their fate in custody at Diepkloof Prison after being found guilty of theft involving R667 327

They faced charges of using council money to buy luxury houses at Northcliff and Montgomery Park

Pleading in mitigation, Thimane said she "stupidly" took instructions involving money from councillors she worked with and told the court she considered herself a

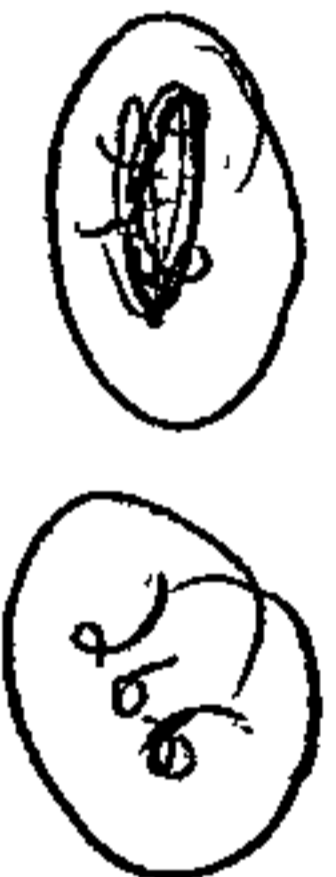


Former Tokoza official Doris Thimane . . . guilty.

potential "necklace" victim and wanted to take refuge in a white suburb

Mamabolo and Thimane have had their case postponed 89 times. Every time it has to be finalised they have come out with something new

The Soweto inquiry has moved to a new venue - the Administration block clubhouse at Nasrec, Crown Mines. This week the commission will hear evidence regarding cleansing, refuse removal and transport. Soweto residents have been invited to attend and give evidence. Entrance is through Gate 1



THE nondescript Free State township of 42nd Hill, near Hartismith, looks like many other black areas in South Africa, but its politics are unique.

With a 49 percent poll in last October's municipal election — the highest turnout in the country for the poll — 42nd Hill is probably the only township where councillors enjoy substantial support from their community.

The high turnout came about as a result of months of talks between local activists and the official structures, consultations which have continued even after the election.

Local activist Makhosini Msibi, an executive member of a "progressive" civic body, the Development Committee, said there had been a growing dissatisfaction in the township against councillors as early as 1985.

The residents' grievances centred on overcrowding, shortage of houses, the installation of electricity and sewerage, high rents and service charges, incomplete projects and lack of facilities.

Most of the overcrowded township's 3 000 houses have no electricity or sewerage and only 10 percent are connected to water supplies, with the rest relying on standpipes.

"We felt we should form a civic association comprising students, youth and workers to mobilise residents on the issues," said Msibi. A community organisation called *Vuka Afrika*

The people's councillors govern on 42nd Hill

The people of 42nd Hill have elected a town council whose members were, until recently, more inclined to fight against the system than within it. PHIL MOLEFFE reports on the township that has taken a little power into its own hands

ka (Wake up Africa) was formed in 1986 with members drawn from youth and students congresses and workers, he said.

But when the State of Emergency was declared in June 1986 activists were harassed and detained, and the students refused readmission to schools and colleges after their release.

As a result *Vuka Afrika* collapsed at a time when dissatisfaction towards councillors was increasing, with widespread reports that the former town council had borrowed money from the Orange Vaal Development Board for

projects which were not carried out or completed.

When last year's municipal elections were announced, a number of activists held discussions to work out a strategy to oust the old council from office.

"The basic idea was to set up some of our people in the council in order to create a platform," Msibi said.

"The community had had enough of the old council, which had been in office for almost 10 years and it was time to find ways of pushing

them out."

"Much as we reject community councils, it was felt that, as a strategy, the council should be used to address residents' problems," he said.

Msibi said he himself did not stand for election because he was opposed to the system but supported the strategy.

Seven new candidates, who stood as individuals, were voted onto the council, out of eight contested wards. Only one councillor from the old town council, E Maphalala was returned unopposed. Residents have since signed a petition calling for his resignation and re-affirming their support for the new council.

"We needed the platform because everywhere we set up a civic structure, the system was out to crush us," Msibi said.

The new council was installed at the end of last year with Johannes Mosikili as mayor. Mosikili told the *Weekly Mail* that the new council's first task was to check finances, loans and projects undertaken by the old council to justify the community's suspicion that things had not been done properly.

"We discovered that the old council had acquired a loan of R2,9-million from the development board R1,6-million of this is unaccounted for," said Mosikili.

"The town council decided to suspend payment of loans until we got all documents from the provincial administrator to explain what happened to the money."

Mosikili said the servicing of this debt required more than the total revenue of the town committee, making progress on any other projects impossible.

"We decided to resign as a council as we could not make any progress with the present financial set-up and went back to the community to inform them about our position," he said.

At a mass meeting held early this year, the residents called on the new council not to resign but to set up a consultation with the provincial administrator, local community structures and other outside bodies experienced in handling township matters.

Last May the Development Committee (DC) was formed to act as a "mouthpiece" for residents and was given a mandate to be part of all consultations involving residents' problems.

According to Msibi, the DC and the town council are two different bodies but maintain sound working relations.

Before the DC was formed, Mosikili had proposed in February that residents should form their own civic association, independent of the council, to air the community's grievances.

"I had proposed that residents should form street and block committees and have a civic association which could seek affiliation to a political organisation of their choice," he said.

He said he had twice been visited by security police, who questioned him about his proposed civic association.

He abandoned the idea but later residents nevertheless went ahead and formed the DC.

On August 24, the council held its consultation with the Free State provincial administrator, the Development Committee, the Rural Advice Centre, the African Development Bank and a legal firm from Johannesburg, Webber Wentzel, to discuss on the council's debts and other problems facing 42nd Hill.

The council informed the consultation of its investigation into its predecessor's financial malpractices and the alleged corruption of its town secretary, Johan Randles.

The old council had failed to provide financial statements and Randles had not informed the new council about a banking account with the Permanent Building Society, Mosikili told the *Weekly Mail*.

"When we got into the council we were only told about the council's account with the Volkskas but did not know that the council had another account with the Perm," he said.

Randles, who did not attend the August 24 meeting, resigned from his job the day after the consultation without serving his notice, Mosikili said.

At a public meeting called on September 17, the council told 42nd Hill's residents that it would ask the provincial administrator to produce copies of loan agreements and locate all documentation relating to the R1,6-million debt.

The council would appoint a working group to analyse loan documents and project files and the provincial administrator would undertake to complete and produce annual statements by January next year, residents were told.

It was proposed at the public meeting that the council should undertake to pass its budget provisionally and not to resign for the present.

The meeting further proposed that the Development Committee should undertake to encourage the community to support the council and pay rents and service charges.

The residents were told that the August 24 consultation would hold a review meeting in January 1990.

UN panel looks at disinvestment in SA

Star 5/19/89
The Star's Foreign News Service

GENEVA — An 11-member panel of "eminent persons" convened by the United Nations met here yesterday to start a three-day examination of the state of disinvestment in South Africa, and the possibilities of change as a result of tomorrow's election

The panel, the second of its

kind to be convened by the UN Centre on Trans-National Corporations, will come up with a series of recommendations to the Secretary-General, Dr Javier Perez de Cuellar, at the end of the three days of public hearings. The first such meeting was held in 1985.

Representatives of the International Chamber of Commerce, various anti-apartheid organisations, non-governmental institu-

tions and South African employer organisations are among those giving evidence. The South African representatives, who include the Chamber of Mines and the Black Taxi Association, are expected to testify today.

The first day's meeting heard a warning from Mr Joseph Garba of Nigeria, chairman of the UN Special Committee against Apartheid, that the Government of the Acting State

President, Mr F W de Klerk, "is trying to break out of international isolation and reduce international pressure by making vague announcements aimed at creating an impression of a readiness to bring about gradual reforms in the system"

"Given the long history of oppression by his party, we don't think he (De Klerk) is bringing out anything new," he told a press conference later

Councillor's status subject to review (266)

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Municipal Reporter

The deputy chairman of the South-Western Management Committee, Mr Victor Thomas, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment or a R1 000 fine last week after he was convicted on two counts of corruption.

Johannesburg City Council housing director Mr F W Robins said he had asked for copies of the Protea Magistrate's Court records to be referred to the council's legal advisers for their opinion on Mr Thomas's status as a councillor.

Mr Dudley Arends, chairman of the United Civic Association, said the case followed the submission of certain documents by UCA to the MEC in charge of local government.

The documents referred to maladministration by the South-West Management Committee

Businessmen slate Boksburg advert

Star 5/19/89 By Helen Grange

A recent Boksburg Town Council advertisement, showing statistics indicating positive economic growth in the town, has come under fire from Boksburg businessmen who say the figures are misleading.

The Boksburg Alliance, an organisation representing businessmen, has criticised the advert, which appeared in several national newspapers last week, as an "unjustifiable" election ploy by the Conservative Party.

The advertisement was issued by Boksburg town clerk Mr J J Coetzee, on instructions from Boksburg's CP-controlled management committee.

Mr Robert Gardiner of the Boksburg Alliance asked if the Conservative Party had the right to "issue selective details under the name of the town clerk to attain some sort of credibility".

The advert claimed that Boksburg's budget growth had been 16.13 percent, that income derived from rates levied on property had increased by 9.35 percent and that the total valuation of properties had grown by 9.77 percent.

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Mambazo cancel two shows

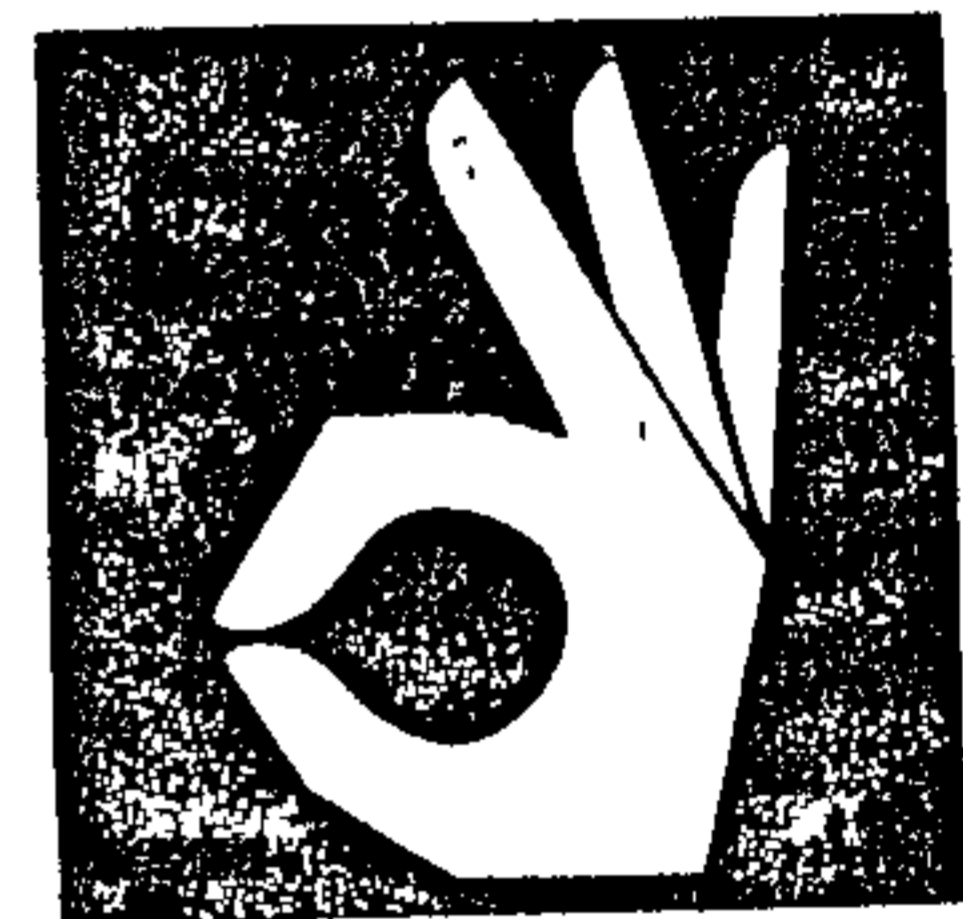
Ladysmith Black Mambazo have canceled tonight's and tomorrow night's performances at Pretoria's State Theatre "due to unforeseen circumstances".

Pact's publicity department was unable to comment further about the reasons for the cancellation.

The show now officially opens on Thursday night.

Ticket holders for tonight's charity performance should request refunds from their charity organisation.

Those with seats for tomorrow night can claim a refund from Computicket or may book again.



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Soweto - city of the future

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By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

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Committee, consisting of representatives from parastatals, private enterprise, and provincial and government bodies.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has earmarked Soweto as the city of the future

Massive amounts of money are being spent on the city, Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough said in a statement released in Pretoria yesterday

Spearheading the effort to "solve the problems of Soweto" was a new organisation, the Soweto Policy Co-ordinating

PARTICIPATION

Mr Hough said one of the objectives of the committee was to get public participation and resources involved in the development of the giant city

If all went according to plan it "could well result in Soweto becoming the city of the future", he said

Town (266)

council probed

Somehow 19/89

THE Conservative Party-controlled Town Council of Carolina allegedly used funds earmarked for job creation for other purposes, a commission of investigation was told in Pretoria yesterday

The commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, was appointed by the Transvaal executive committee to investigate alleged irregular actions by officials and/or members of the Town Council of Carolina

Mr P W A Strydom, an attorney appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal is to lead evidence

(Proceeding).

14 new white
rural councils
to be set up

Star 6/9/89

Minister of Local Government and Housing Mr Amie Venter has announced that 14 white rural councils are to be established on the first of next month — 10 in the Cape and four in the Transvaal

They will give agricultural communities not falling under the jurisdiction of a local authority a say on matters affecting them

There will be only three rural councils for whites in each RSC area

Sapa

DP takes Joburg's mayor to task

Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's mayor has been censured by the Democratic Party council leader-elect, claiming he allowed his non-political mayoral office to be dragged into politics in a National Party newsletter

Mr Ian Davidson said a photograph in this month's Jeppe NP newsletter depicted mayor Koos Roets with acting State President Mr F W de Klerk and the Nat. MP for Jeppe, Mr Hennie Bekker. The caption describing him as the mayor had referred to the three as "average golfers but brilliant politicians"

"Traditionally the mayor is a non-political figurehead who sets aside his party allegiance and serves all the residents of the city during his year in office," he said

"I believe Mr Roets owes the citizens of this city an apology," Mr Davidson said

Mr Roets said the offending picture was taken a year ago during a golf tournament organised by the NP in Jeppe, and had been used without consulting him

"When this photograph was taken in September, last year I was an NP municipal candidate, but it was well ahead of my election as deputy mayor or mayor of Johannesburg," he said

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New men in TPA posts

Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration announced yesterday that Mr A R R de Smidt, executive director of the TPA's general provincial services, is to take on a key management position

He will attend to tasks aimed at bringing relief to the overall managerial responsibility of the TPA, and is to be succeeded by Dr. P S Steyn, presently chief director of works

In other promotions, Mr J G H le Roux has become executive director of roads in succession to Mr L Terblanche, who has retired

A former legal adviser and assistant City Secretary of Johannesburg, Mr L D Dekker, has been promoted to executive director of community development at the TPA. He succeeds Mr L G Kok, who has also retired

Star 6/9/89

No tenders for contracts, inquiry told

WASTE-REMOVAL contracts were never tendered for, but were simply granted to certain companies when privatisation was introduced in Soweto, the Malan Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday

The three-man commission, headed by RAU's Professor F Malan, was appointed by the Soweto City Council to investigate corruption and irregularities in the council over the past five years

Head of cleansing and transport services, Jeremiah Mokotong, told the inquiry Wade Waste took over some of Soweto's cleansing services during the council workers' strike last year.

Mokotong, who said Soweto was run not by the council but by some white officials, alleged that Wade Waste had been given power in writing by City

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THEO RAWANA

Secretary Louis Geldenhuys and roads and stormwater manager Dirk Lourens to "sack" other contractors

He said two contractors, Waste Dynamics and Wykom Coal, had objected to this in writing *SDC 7/9/89*.

Half-loads

Lourens had testified earlier that he had been assigned the task of privatising services as Soweto was getting dirtier during the strike

There had been no formal tender, but officials and the council had discussed an offer by Wade Waste, which had the adequate plant, equipment and resources to handle the cleansing task. He said the TPA had given approval

Mokotong said companies were taking half-loads to tips and charging for full loads, and servicing houses twice a week while charging for a full week.

He said the council must have lost between R2m and R4m when Wade Waste trebled claims for refuse-compaction units, claiming for 63m³ when a unit could only take 21m³.

Mokotong, who said council officials did not want him to testify, alleged that Geldenhuys had misled councillors into believing that they could use vehicles bought for use by officials

He alleged that, to circumvent a regulation forbidding purchase of council property by councillors, nine fairly new council-owned Cressidas were sold to a Roodepoort dealer which resold them to councillors for between R3 000 and R6 000.

Province to discuss R20m for theatre

PROVINCIAL representatives will meet Johannesburg's Town Clerk, Manie Venter, next week to discuss the city's request for R20m aid in meeting R67,5m Civic Theatre refurbishment costs. *B/Say 7/11/89*

Venter, confirming this yesterday, said the council would present the administrator with detailed breakdowns of costs for the refurbishment.

The council is asking for R20m in aid to help cover costs of refurbishing the Civic Theatre to meet the standards of more recent state theatres.

At the council's budget meeting in June, it was announced that initial estimates for the Civic's refurbishment had risen by 181% since 1987 to R67,5m from R24m.

ROBERT GREIG

Costs would be borne from the council's capital fund.

It was also announced that an element in the increase was additional, imported, hydraulic stage equipment. This would enable the Civic to stage works designed for Pretoria's State Theatre.

Yesterday, Venter confirmed that although the Department of Finance last month turned down the council's request for exemption from import surcharges and duties, it had referred the council to the Board of Trade and Industry.

Venter said the council was awaiting a response to the request for exemption.

266 General exemptions for provincial and local authorities from import charges were withdrawn a year ago.

Estimated duties payable on the Civic project are "in the realm of R969 000," said a council representative. These had been built into the architects' estimates announced in June.

□ The Performing Arts Council of the Transvaal budgeted for a R1,5m deficit in 1988/89 related to "a probable decrease in attendance as a result of the closure of the Civic Theatre."

Pact's director, Gerrit Geertsema, commented then in the annual report "This will not only mean a loss of box-office income, but also a decrease of the State subsidy according to the subsidy formula."

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Comparison of rates for Reef's 10 largest towns

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IF SOUND financial management practices work for some town councils, why does the same approach not help others keep their assessment rates down to a comparable level?

Figures released recently by Multi Listing Services (MLS) indicate that the basic tariff for Benoni, for example, is more than four times that for Edenvale

The schedule released by MLS compares the rates in 10 large Reef towns listing them from most expensive to least expensive (taking into account the rebate allowed on residential properties) they are Benoni, Krugersdorp, Kempton Park, Roodepoort, Germiston, Boksburg, Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Edenvale

"We keep our costs — and therefore our rates — down by controlling our expenditure," explained Randburg deputy town treasurer Gert Botha

He said they constantly monitored projects and adhered strictly to their five-year plan which kept the annual growth of the budget for capital projects within defined limits

By contrast, Benoni's budgeting appears to be carried out from the opposite direction — by assessing how much the town is spending, and setting the rates accordingly

Acting town treasurer Frank Mearns said their income had not kept pace with their expenditure

VAL PIENAAR

They were committed to several large capital projects, while operating costs

are very low. Our most expensive erven would be valued at about R35 000, while those in, for instance, Sandton or Randburg, would be far higher"

This takes the form of a remission on rates in addition to the residential 1 rebate for areas where property values rose out of proportion to the rest of

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT RATES

TOWN/CITY	TARIFF Cents in the Rand	RESIDENTIAL 1 REBATE	ASSESSMENT RATE BASED ON A RESIDENTIAL 1 STAND VALUED AT R50 000
JOHANNESBURG	3,97	55 %	R 893,25 pa
SANDTON	3,65	60 %	R 730,00 pa
RANDBURG	2,5331	40 %	R 759,93 pa
KEMPTON PARK	4,3	37,2 %	R1 350,20 pa
ROODEPOORT	5,6	40 %	R1 260,00 pa
EDENVALE	1,4	40 %	R 420,00 pa
BENONI	6,0	40 %	R1 800,00 pa
BOKSBURG	3,85	40 %	R1 155,00 pa
GERMISTON	3,9	40 %	R1 170,00 pa
KRUGERSDORP	4,56	31,36%	R1 564,99 pa

were dependent on external factors

In Edenvale, town treasurer Nico de Lange said the council's investment funds were actually generating an income

"Edenvale is fairly fully developed, and most of our capital expenses are channelled into upgrading and maintaining existing facilities

"It is also Edenvale's policy to keep its assessment rates low and rather let the users of our services pay for them," he said

Krugersdorp deputy town treasurer Izak Coetzee said he believed a true reflection of the situation could be obtained only by taking average land values into account

"Krugersdorp's valu-

Coetzee rejected the suggestion that Krugersdorp ratepayers were effectively being penalised for the low value of their property investments

In Roodepoort — which has the second highest basic tariff of all the towns, and the fourth highest residential tariff — the council has made a conscious decision to gear its rates heavily in favour of the residential user

City treasurer Adriaan de Villiers said they had a very low business and industrial component and were not very concerned with lowering the rates to attract industry

"In fact, we offer additional assistance to certain residential property owners"

Roodepoort

On the industrial front, Krugersdorp, a heavy industrial area, ranks third highest after Benoni and Roodepoort

Krugersdorp's electricity tariffs for industrial users are set at 6,04c/kWh — about 30% less than the household tariff — with a R16,83/kVA maximum demand charge

In Benoni, heavy industrial users (defined as those using over 100kVA) pay only 3,37c/kWh with a maximum demand charge of R16,10/kVA. The council also imposes a 23% surcharge across the board

Edenvale's electricity rates are comparatively high, at 7,05c/unit and R19,68/kVA for industrial users

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Squatters moving to Orange Farm

3 000 families agree to leave Mshenguville

By Winnie Graham

About 3 000 families in Mshenguville — the giant squatter camp in the heart of Soweto — have decided to move to Orange Farm, near Vereeniging, on Monday

The public relations officer for the Soweto City Council, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen, said yesterday the decision to move had come from the people after 25 buses had taken them to view Orange Farm.

"This is not a forced removal," he stressed. "Many of the people have already paid for a site at Orange Farm and are looking forward to living in a more comfortable environment"

Although the Soweto council has upgraded several "informal settlements" in Soweto by providing residents with ablution facilities, lighting and roads, it is not in favour of improving facilities at Mshenguville because it was built on the banks of a stream well within the 50-year flood-

line, is under pylons and is on public open space.

Dr van der Westhuizen said 3 000 stands at Orange Farm had been made available to the people of Mshenguville, with a further 7 000 expected.

The people's decision to move follows negotiations with the ward councillor who told the Mshenguville squatters there was no more land available in Soweto for "site and service" stands.

Railway station

The Provincial Administration, he said, was moving rapidly to provide the people with facilities such as schools, transport, a post office and information centre. The railway station has always been improved

Dr van der Westhuizen said the camp was built on an old golf course and once it has been vacated the site would be cleared for a recreation area "Some councillors favour restoring the golf course, but others have suggested it become a watersport facility with boating on the river."

Down' bodies found in bolkie | DQ 5 m boost

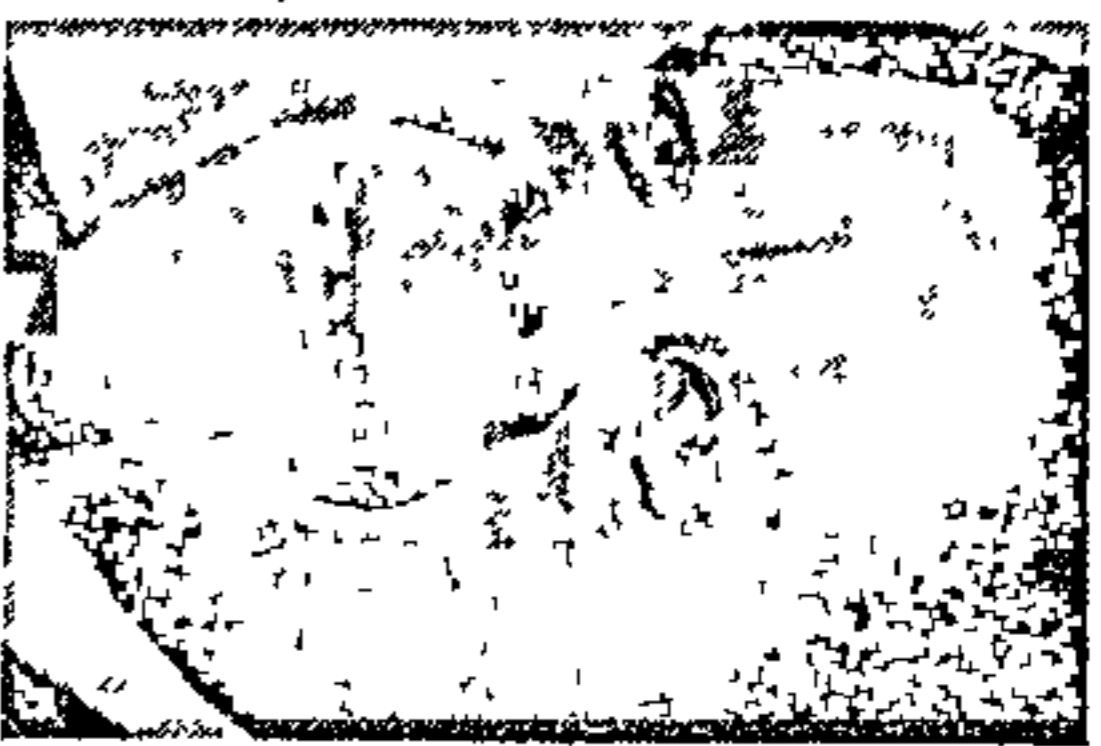
Local council officials insured for R9m

By MONK NKOMO

THE Mamelodi City Council has insured three senior officials, including the mayor, Mr. Zikhali Ndlazi, for a staggering R9 million, according to documents shown to Sowetan.

The city treasurer, Mr. Conrad Engelbrecht, yesterday confirmed the insurance package and said the amount was an investment for the council made out in their names.

"There is nothing sinister. We have heard the rumours that the money will be paid to us at maturity. That is not true. The whole amounts will be paid into the coffers of the council at maturity."



Mamelodi mayor Zikhali Ndlazi

said Engelbrecht.

The Sowetan established that Ndlazi, Engelbrecht and the town clerk, Mr Jakobus Nel, were insured in three policies whose minimum payout at maturity was R9 012

O92 The applicant in all three policies taken out with a leading insurance company is cited as the Mamelodi city council.

The monthly premiums are R30 927 84 and R5 154 64 for two other policies. The policies were taken out in February, April and December last year and the pay outs are due in 1993, 2003 and 2008.

The policy taken in December whose monthly premium is R30 927 84 is expected to pay the three officials a minimum total of R6 974 469 on December 1, 2003.

Asked to explain why the policies had been

R9-m insurance

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taken in their names, Engelbrecht stressed that this was an investment for the council and added:

"These are certain funds of the council which are invested because they cannot be utilized for the operating expenditure of a Local Authority."

A spokesman for council employees yesterday said "It is strange that such a lot of money is invested because it cannot be utilized at the time when the council has a deficit and presently intends increasing rent in

The council recently published notices in newspapers informing residents of its intention to increase essential service charges in the township.

Ndlazi yesterday said he knew nothing about the three policies, and added that any personal insurance policy paid for by the council would be investigated. He later told Sowetan "What I know is that we can insure council property and we also have a right to take insurance for the council."



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More talks on (266)
Melrose taxi rank

3 Feb 2019/87
Municipal Reporter

Residents of Johannesburg's Ward 6 will meet on Saturday morning to discuss the implications of city council proposals to establish a taxi rank and hawkers' market in Oxford Road.

The parksite which is being eyed for the development is north-east of the Oxford Road/North Street intersection in Mr Paul Asherson's Ward 7 (Melrose) but will mainly affect residents in blocks of flats in Mr Christopher Newton Thompson's Ward 6.

Mr Newton Thompson said that after the initial meeting, he had expressed sympathy with residents' fears and suggested a second meeting.

Mr Asherson said the residents had never approached him. The council had "merely done some thinking about the problems in the suburbs" and there was no chance of losing the park they claimed would be converted into a taxi rank, he said.

Talks to focus on PWV development

25/9/89 ^{Star} By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

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Major discussions on the development of black townships in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal (PWV) area are to be held at Broederstroom this week

It will be the second time in a year that the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), mining houses, township developers and financial institutions have met to discuss the issue

Mr Andre Cornelissen, director-general of the TPA, said in Pretoria that the overall planning for the area between Soweto and Vanderbijlpark would be discussed at the meetings on Thursday and Friday

"The first discussion took place last December," Mr Cornelissen said. "The purpose of these talks is to bring the private sector and the TPA together to discuss black township development in the PWV."

Dr W R Hoods, the Transvaal MEC whose portfolio includes physical planning and land use, is to chair the meeting, will report on a working group formed at the initial talks.

There will also be progress reports on land identification and physical planning, township establishment processes and land use

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Pleas to officials by Jomac 'fall on deaf ears'

Freeway tariff will hit blacks

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By ALI MPHAKI

SOWETANS will be forced to pay for access to the soon-to-be-built Hendrick Schoeman Freeway, while the same access will be enjoyed free of charge by much wealthier citizens of towns like Roodepoort, Sandton and Randburg

This is one "bottle-neck" thousands of Sowetan motorists will contend with, as the road will be tolled

The road will run in an east-west direction along Soweto's northern boundary, and in turn will have an excellent interchange with the concrete N1 (or Ring Road). A toll plaza will be built between Commando Road and the Ring Road

While Roodepoort, Randburg and Sandton have numerous, high quality access roads to the Ring Road Sowetans in central and western Soweto who want to use this access have to travel all the way across the township on roads with standards far below those of access roads in the other three towns

This discrepancy was summed up by Mr Conrad Berge secretary of the Johannesburg Metropolitan



Soweto mayor Sam Mkwanazi

Action Group (Jomac) which encourages public involvement in town planning as a tale of four towns

Sandton has four access roads to the Ring Road one of which is itself a freeway the M1

Randburg has two and Roodepoort three (one of which has access ramps only in a northerly direction to the Ring Road) Soweto has two, one of which has access ramps only in a northerly direction to the Ring Road and the other access ramps only in a southerly direction

The Ring Road links the four towns

This means that the whole of Soweto has only one access to the Ring Road (the Marthinus Smuts Interchange) which allows for travel to Sandton, Roodepoort and Randburg

Soweto's population is much more than that of the other three towns combined and is on average a lot poorer. A lot of Sowetans work in the three towns and have to travel there and back every day

Very few residents

Whites will have free access

of the other three towns have reason to enter Soweto but they frequently travel to each other's towns. Now Sowetans will have to pay for good access to their jobs in these affluent towns, he said

Unfairness

He said Jomac alerted the Government and various Opposition politicians to the unfairness of making Sowetans pay for regional access which is enjoyed free by wealthier citizens

Our words seem to have fallen on deaf ears

Attempts to obtain comment from Mr Payne Tshabalala, Soweto City Council's chairman of the management committee and Mr Sam Mkwanazi, the mayor drew a blank yesterday

Work is already underway to complete a 100 km/h dual highway to provide toll free access for Randburg's northwest suburbs. The newly-widened Hendrick Potgieter Road in Roodepoort will give a toll free 100 km/h access from its new suburbs to the 14th

Avenue and Gordon Road interchanges on the Ring Road

In the 1988 annual report of the SA Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors it is stated

that the biggest contribution to the better intake of new contracts during the past year was made by the private toll road consortia, showing success of this innovative method of

generating work

'On the basis of this observation it seems that the road building industry stands to gain significantly from Soweto's isolation', Berge said

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Attempt to resolve dispute

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Top management from the Rand Water Board gathered in Vereeniging yesterday in an attempt to settle the dispute surrounding the dismissal of about 400 employees at the Zuikerbosch pumping station outside the town.

The workers were dismissed on Friday after they had apparently participated in illegal strike action since last Tuesday.

The employees were demanding the immediate release of a shop steward from police custody and the removal of the hostel manager from the pumping station.

A Rand Water Board spokesman in Johannesburg confirmed the board's top management were involved in discussions at the pumping station yesterday in a bid to resolve the matter.

According to the spokesman the employees' grievances have been addressed as fully as possible by management, while representations have also been made to secure the release of the shop steward from custody.

She stressed that the board was not instrumental in the steward's arrest. She said despite numerous appeals to the employees and negotiations with union officials and representatives of the workforce — and an undertaking by the representatives and the union that the workers would return to work — the employees left management with no other alternative but to dismiss them after they failed to resume work by the 11 am deadline on Friday.

Former mayor leads council walkout by 8 ^{Sowetan 27/9/89} (266)

EIGHT members of the Daveyton Town Council on the East Rand, yesterday walked out of the council's monthly meeting during a heated argument with the mayor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba.

The councillors, led by former mayor Mr Tom Boya, left the meeting after Sinaba had introduced an unopposed mayor's motion, suspending the chairman of the management committee, Mr Charles Makgati, for 45 days from council activities without his monthly allowance.

Sinaba told the meeting that he was suspending Makgati because he had allegedly swore at him in the last council meeting, last month.

The meeting had to be called off because only six councillors remained in the meeting and could not form a quorum. At the time of going to Press, no date had been set for another meeting.

Sinaba yesterday refused to comment on the matter. "I am not prepared to discuss the mat-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ter with the Press I have nothing to say," he said.

According to the regulations of the Black Local Authorities Act, a councillor can only be suspended from council activities after the council has debated and taken a vote on the matter.

This had not occurred. Three members of the Daveyton Council's executive committee were replaced yesterday after a motion of no confidence in them, a resident said last night.

Following several complaints from frustrated residents about the alleged ineffectiveness of certain members of the executive committee, three councillors serving with the body were removed at a special meeting of the council convened yesterday.

Councillors F F Mofokeng, Councillor R Matukane and Councillor I R Mofokeng were removed after a motion of no confidence in the men was moved by Councillor L L Sekosana and seconded by Councillor P D Mokou. The motion was carried with seven voting for and six against, residents said.

TPA probes Dobsonville Town Council

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By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

A PUBLIC inquiry into alleged irregularities within the administration of the Dobsonville Town Council will start at the council chambers on November 6.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has appointed one of its legal officers, Mr B J Olivier, to head the inquiry.

The TPA has appealed to Dobsonville residents to come forward with evidence about possible corruption or irregularities by councillors or council officials.

Residents should phone the investigating officer, Mr E J Goosen, at (01521) 6851 before October 23.

Mr C P Hatting can also be given information at 80 Albert Street, Room 316, in Johannesburg. He can also be phoned at (011) 331-4911.

The inquiry will continue for a number of days if more evidence is presented. It will run from 9am to 3pm daily.

The inquiry is a sequel to several allegations of maladministration made by people who had served the council before.

Letters detailing the alleged irregularities were sent to the TPA during October last year and earlier this year when by-elections were to be held in the area.

Several other commissions are investigating alleged corruption in councils across the country.

R850 000 misused claim

REPORTS, pictures and comments in this edition may be censored in terms of the Government's state of emergency.

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has launched an investigation into allegations of misuse of funds amounting to about R850 000 in the Tokoza Town Council on the East Rand.

Sowetan is in possession of documents sent to the TPA in February as-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM (266)

king it to investigate the alleged irregularities which occurred between March last year and February this year.

Three senior council officials have been suspended from their duties.

pending the outcome of the investigation.

The deputy chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Abraham Mzizi, yesterday confirmed that the TPA was probing the allegations. He refused to

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According to the documents, about R500 000 of the money was used for the purchase of vehicles for council officials and employees

It is stated in the documents that the council had not approved the expenditures

Other complaints include

Some council officials were paid a travelling allowance without the approval of the council

* New vehicles were bought for the local traffic department, without the council's approval. The decision to buy the vehicles was taken by an official

VAAAL RENT

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SHOCK

38 councillors are warned to pay up or lose their seats

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE than 30 Lekoa town councillors have been given 14 days to pay up their rent arrears amounting to about R43 000 or lose their status as councillors.

This was confirmed by the council's acting town clerk, Mr J van der Westhuizen, who said the letters were sent to 38 councillors, including the deputy mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya.

Some of the councillors who have been warned in terms of Section 9 of Act 102 of 1982 as amended are the newly elected members of the executive committee Mr Esau Mahlatsi (chairman) Ngwenya (deputy chairman) Mr S D Matsaneng, Mr Chester Motloung and Mr Fellow Motloung.

Service

Mahlatsi has been informed that he owes the municipality R4042,05 in respect of the selling scheme and service charges for his business and his home.

Ngwenya has been informed in similar notices that she owed R6697,60 in rent and service charges, Matsaneng owes R1518,69, Motloung R684 and Motloung R556.

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Brenda robbed



Singer Brenda Fassie - Mbambo is comforted by her husband, Nhlanhla, after the couple found their Fleurhof, Johannesburg home ransacked yesterday. Household goods worth several thousands of rand were stolen during the raid by six armed men. Brenda and her husband were not home at the time.

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Rent increase

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THE executive committee of the Lekoa Town Council under newly-elected chairman and former mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, has decided to increase rent and service charges by an average of R24.

The new tariffs which are to be implemented at a date still to be decided, are still to be approved by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, according to sources yesterday.

The decision to increase rents was finally approved by the council at its monthly meeting in Sebokeng last month.

The council's acting town clerk, Mr J van der Westhuizen, yesterday confirmed that the council had approved an increase in rents when it discussed the 1989/90 budget.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

He could not give details of the new rates which will affect thousands of residents in the townships of Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Sebokeng, Refengkgotso and Zamdela.

Van der Westhuizen said that the council would invite residents, organisations and interested people to respond to the new proposal by the council. Their views would be passed on to the TPA before approving the budget.

The increases in rent have been a thorny issue in the Vaal Triangle townships. They sparked off conflict leading to unrest in 1984.

Proclamation red tape a big obstacle

Bold joint venture to boost housing

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

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By Jacqueline Myburgh

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Municipal competition warning

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Competition between local authorities should not lead to upgrading of facilities which the ratepayers do not want and cannot afford, Mr Sam de Beer warned in his opening speech at the Transvaal Municipal Congress in Johannesburg yesterday.

The Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing in the House of Assembly said smaller municipalities tended to follow the example of their larger counterparts.

LITTLE POTENTIAL

He said it was debatable whether all municipalities should offer the same standard of services. Local authorities which had little growth potential did not require the same standards as fast-developing local

authorities

He advised municipalities to weigh up the cost of labour against productivity. A look at the percentage of expenditure by most local authorities on salaries and wages suggested that sound management practices were not always followed.

Since the introduction of politics at local government level, there had been a faster turnover of councillors, and with the loss of experienced representatives, it was necessary to educate the new people so that they could best serve the electorate.

At the same time it was necessary that the training of officials be directed at maximum use of available manpower.

"Everything should be directed at the interests of the residents," Mr de Beer said

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Soweto Deputy Mayor Esther Mkhabela adorns Planning and Development Minister Hernus Kriel with a ceremonial zebra skin
Picture BRIAN HENDLER

Incorporation of Soweto 'not acceptable'

EDYTH BULBRING

REINCORPORATION of Soweto into Johannesburg would present enormous problems and was not likely to be acceptable to that city's municipal electorate, Johannesburg CBD Association chairman Nigel Mandy said yesterday

Speaking at the Transvaal Municipal Association's congress, Mandy examined the problems of urbanisation and the unequal resources existing between the white municipalities and black local authorities

Soweto had no assessment rates and incurred a loss on electricity sales, so it was not paying its way, Mandy said

However, a transfer of part of Johannesburg's existing revenues to Soweto was not an option.

Transferring some industrial townships to black local authorities would avoid the issue and would introduce administrative inefficiencies to which businessmen would object

Independent municipal status was meaningless when facilities and resources were so vastly unequal, Mandy said

Accelerated

The interests in the metropolitan areas were so intertwined that no local authority could enjoy full autonomy. All interested parties shared problems such as the allocation of land uses, transport and the creation of employment opportunities

By the year 2 000 the total SA population would have accelerated to nearly 50-million. The rapid population increase would overwhelmingly occur in the vicinity of the established cities and towns of "white SA", not in the new decentralisation points

Municipal revenues derived from business activities were frequently skewed in favour of those areas where the jobs were situated

Although the RSC's were providing much needed services, problems remaining were the cost of normal operation of non-white municipal areas, the provision of sub-economic housing and how to handle the ever-mounting subsidies for transporting poor commuters long distances to work-places

Best prospects for a solution would therefore appear to lie in an expansion of the role and functions of the RSC to create a two-tier form of metropolitan government on a federal model, with the separate interests of the constituent municipalities taken into account, Mandy said

Residents must pay — Kriel

THE Soweto City Council should get payment from residents for services it supplied if it wanted to operate as a viable local government, new Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday

The Minister, accompanied by Deputy Minister Andre Fourie and Transvaal Provincial Administrator Danie Hough, paid a courtesy visit to Soweto with a view to familiarising himself with the situation there

Kriel acknowledged that Soweto had fallen behind in development, financial ability and other matters. It was also a fact that some of the people of Soweto could not afford to pay in full for municipal services

But he added, "There are, however, large numbers of residents who are in a financial position to pay, but they fail to do so for various reasons

"Having said this, it is my view that a solution must be found along the lines that those who can afford it, pay their full dues, while those who cannot, will at least pay as much as may be reasonably expected from them"

THEO RAWANA

He said while the central and provincial governments were prepared to assist local governments as far as possible, "we cannot condone failure to take the necessary responsible steps. Councillors should bear this in mind when they approach provincial administrations to waive outstanding debts

Courageous

The Soweto council will have to decide whether it really wants to stay in business. If the answer is 'yes', the council will have to be courageous enough to take a decision to recover some or all of the moneys owing to it," he said

Kriel was taken on a short tour of the township complex, visiting such places as the Mshenguville squatter area, Orlando East sub-economic township, Chicken Farm squatter area, Protea South up-market suburb, Jabavu Clinic and Zuurbekom, which the council wants included into Soweto

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Perhaps the most important of these is simply one of power. The TPA has conceded that the SPD is going to have a say in the running of Soweto. This is the equivalent, albeit at the local level, of the government saying it cannot have constitutional talks without the extra-parliamentary opposition movements.

While both the SPD and the TPA stressed the common ground between them, the differences — over issues such as rents and taxes — reflect the fact that what is at issue in the talks is fundamental apartheid structures.

The first significant aspect of the talks was who was there, and why. The Soweto People's Delegation team included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Reverend Frank Chikane, Cyril Ramaphosa, Albertina Sisulu. On the province side were administrator Dame Hough and his executive committee. Also on the province side were members of the Soweto City Council — as it were, the junior partners in the team.

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What was significant about this week's meeting was not simply that it was a high-level discussion between government officials and Mass Democratic Movement leaders. The meeting was merely a first step in a process which may give the SPD a permanent power base in the township.

It was agreed at the meeting that a technical committee drawn from both sides will now meet regularly to discuss details.

Among its members on the Soweto side are leaders of the restricted Soweto Civic Association who were presented as SCA at the meeting.

The second significant aspect of the meeting concerns the issues which were raised, and the concessions the TPA made. But here the conflicts of interest between the two sides are as important as the common ground they found or the friendly spirit of the meeting.

The TPA agreed with the SPD that

The meeting this week between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto People's Delegation meant more than a brief handshake.
By HILARY JOFFE

Soweto's services needed to be upgraded. It also agreed that there should be affordable service charges. But affordable service charges are the issue which most divides the two parties.

The TPA may agree in principle to affordable service charges — but Hough called earlier this year for black township authorities to raise rents and service charges to cover costs. In its March budget the TPA cut its "community services" budget, from which it provides bridging finance for black local authorities, by R170-million.



SPD member Desmond Tutu

The financial crisis of South Africa's black townships stems from their segregation from the white towns, hence their lack of a commercial or industrial base. Township treasuries depend for revenue on the rents and service charges paid by residents, and residents are poor. Their involvement in creating wealth is primarily in the white towns in which most work.

The townships can't be self-sufficient as long as the system of segregation continues — and affordable service charges are therefore unlikely without fundamental policy change.

This was a core point in the Planact report on the Soweto rent boycott, which was commissioned by the Soweto delegation and was used to begin its push for negotiation with the authorities in March this year.

And as one of its "points of departure" for this week's talks, the SPD stressed its call for a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto. In response, Hough implied there was space for negotiation, but there was no way the government would change its policies — "demographic principles" indicated it would be impractical to unite the two into a single city.

Central to Hough's response was the role of regional services councils in deploying funds in areas of greatest need. In his statement, Hough said the RSC would be transferring R153-million to Soweto this year and would budget more than R92-million for the next financial year.

But RSCs are precisely the kind of government mechanism which the SPD would reject. Although the RSCs are in-

tended to play some redistributive role between the white towns and black townships, they are linked into the principles of "own affairs" and of whites having young power proportional to their wealth.

Negotiations in the SPD-TPA technical committee in coming months are likely to centre on some core issues for government policy and for the extra-parliamentary opposition.

For the opposition, non-racialism is a central principle. But for the government, in the era of State President FW de Klerk, the edifice of "own affairs" versus "general affairs" and the role of RSCs are policy basics.

One area of negotiation will be the arrears run up in the course of the boycott — arrears owed by residents to the Soweto council were officially estimated at R186,5-million at the end of 1988.

In response to the SPD's "point of departure" for the talks, that arrears amounts resulting from the four-year rent and service charge boycott must be written off, the TPA responded that it could not "summarily agree to requests for general exemptions and concession" because this would be unfair to people who had been faithfully paying their accounts, according to Hough. But, he added, "the administration is willing to negotiate about the waiver of certain portions of the arrears".

What the TPA plans to offer is not clear. Soweto has no money. But the success of other projects designed to end the boycott may depend on the arrears being written off.

Eskom has been negotiating with the SPD over the establishment of a private electricity supply company, Econelcc, which would take over the supply of electricity to the township. The premise is that if the company were set up with residents' support, and if it were to charge affordable tariffs, Soweto residents would start paying their electricity bills again. But if the new company starts life with a huge debt burden, there is no chance the tariffs would be affordable or that the project would succeed.

While the Eskom talks are separate from the TPA talks, SPD sources say the delegation intends to link the different initiatives. It has also met with Rand Water Board officials and a meeting is scheduled with the Development Bank, whose chairman, Simon Brand, drew up a report on upgrading Soweto on which the province's upgrading proposals are based.

There has been speculation that the government would write off the boycott arrears after the election, if only it could do it quietly. But the SPD, which needs to claim a victory for residents, may not be amenable to this strategy.

The SPD also demanded housing stock be transferred to the ownership of Soweto residents. Here too the TPA said it couldn't just give people houses — but it was negotiable.

Given the open attitude of the TPA and SPD, there may be more space for negotiating over the future of Soweto than there is over the future South African constitution.

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What was significant about this week's meeting was not simply that it was a high-level discussion between government officials and Mass Democratic Movement leaders. The meeting was merely a first step in a process which may give the SPD a permanent power base in the township.

It was agreed at the meeting that a technical committee drawn from both sides will now meet regularly to discuss details.

Among its members on the Soweto side are leaders of the restricted Soweto Civic Association who were presented as SCA at the meeting.

The second significant aspect of the meeting concerns the issues which were raised, and the concessions the TPA made. But here the conflicts of interest between the two sides are as important as the common ground found in the friendly spirit of the meeting.

The TPA agreed with the SPD that

The meeting this week between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto People's Delegation meant more than a brief handshake.
By HILARY JOFFE

Soweto's services needed to be upgraded. It also agreed that there should be affordable service charges. But affordable service charges are the issue which most divides the two parties.

The TPA may agree in principle to affordable service charges — but Hough called earlier this year for black township authorities to raise rents and service charges to cover costs. In its March budget the TPA cut its "community services" budget, from which it provides bridging finance for black local authorities, by R170-million.



SPD member Desmond Tutu

The financial crisis of South Africa's black townships stems from their segregation from the white towns, hence their lack of a commercial or industrial base. Township treasuries depend for revenue on the rents and service charges paid by residents, and residents are poor. Their involvement in creating wealth is primarily in the white towns in which most work.

The townships can't be self-sufficient as long as the system of segregation continues — and affordable service charges are therefore unlikely without fundamental policy change.

This was a core point in the Planact report on the Soweto rent boycott, which was commissioned by the Soweto delegation and was used to begin its push for negotiation with the authorities in March this year.

And as one of its "points of departure" for this week's talks, the SPD stressed its call for a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto. In response, Hough implied there was space for negotiation, but there was no way the government would change its policies — "demographic principles" indicated it would be impractical to unite the two into a single city.

Central to Hough's response was the role of regional services councils in deploying funds in areas of greatest need. In his statement, Hough said the RSC would be transferring R153-million to Soweto this year and would budget more than R92-million for the next financial year.

But RSCs are precisely the kind of government mechanism which the SPD would reject. Although the RSCs are in-

tended to play some redistributive role between the white towns and black townships, they are linked into the principles of "own affairs" and of whites having voting power proportional to their wealth.

Negotiations in the SPD-TPA technical committee in coming months are likely to centre on some core issues for government policy and for the extra-parliamentary opposition.

For the opposition, non-racialism is a central principle. But for the government, in the era of State President FW de Klerk, the edifice of "own affairs" versus "general affairs" and the role of RSCs are policy basics.

One area of negotiation will be the arrears run up in the course of the boycott — arrears owed by residents to the Soweto council were officially estimated at R186.5-million at the end of 1988. In response to the SPD's "point of departure" for the talks, that arrears amounts resulting from the four-year rent and service charge boycott must be written off, the TPA responded that it could not "summarily agree to requests for general exemptions and concession" because this would be unfair to people who had been faithfully paying their accounts, according to Hough. But, he added, "the administration is willing to negotiate about the waiver of certain portions of the arrears".

What the TPA plans to offer is not clear. Soweto has no money. But the success of other projects designed to end the boycott may depend on the arrears being written off.

Eskom has been negotiating with the SPD over the establishment of a private electricity supply company, Econelec, which would take over the supply of electricity to the township. The premise is that if the company were set up with residents' support, and if it were to charge affordable tariffs, Soweto residents would start paying their electricity bills again. But if the new company starts life with a huge debt burden, there is no chance the tariffs would be affordable or that the project would succeed.

While the Eskom talks are separate from the TPA talks, SPD sources say the delegation intends to link the different initiatives. It has also met with Rand Water Board officials and a meeting is scheduled with the Development Bank, whose chairman, Simon Brand, drew up a report on upgrading Soweto on which the province's upgrading proposals are based.

There has been speculation that the government would write off the boycott arrears after the election, if only it could do it quietly. But the SPD, which needs to claim a victory for residents, may not be amenable to this strategy.

The SPD also demanded housing stock be transferred to the ownership of Soweto residents. Here too the TPA said it couldn't just give people houses — but it was negotiable.

Given the open attitude of the TPA and SPD, there may be more space for negotiating over the future of Soweto than there is over the future South African constitution.

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Pretoria hit by financial crisis

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PRETORIA — Pretoria City Council is involved in a struggle for financial survival and drastic corrective action is unavoidable, city treasurer Jan Venter has warned the city's management committee.

Other municipalities have also been hard hit by spending structures insisted on by the finance department. The result is many have now to consider big capital spending curbs as well as downgrading the quality of services.

Most municipalities increased service tariffs substantially this financial year but authorities point out there is a limit to the extent ratepayers can be squeezed.

Venter stressed in a report to Pretoria's management committee that the council would have to be aware of the consequences and risks of suspension, scaling down and lowering of standards.

He also stressed that after the big tariff increases imposed this year further increases could not be tolerated in the next financial year.

Pretoria's financial problems have been compounded by instructions from the Department of Finance to slash the operating budget by another R17,6m and the capital budget by R28,8m.

A council spokesman said the operating budget had already been cut.

According to a council staff publication the city's financial problems led to a management committee decision to alter the objectives of its rationalisation programme to what was absolutely necessary in the provision and maintenance of services.

No Edenvale bus subsidy, so commuters use Jets

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PUTCO'S 30 years of service to Edenvale residents ended this week and commuters — angry that the town council stopped its subsidy to the bus service earlier this year — are now in the unusual position of catching costly minibus taxis from Putco bus ranks to travel to Johannesburg.

Putco terminated its service on Monday after it could not continue operating effectively without a subsidy from the town council.

The minibuses — owned by a small black-owned company, Job Eden Transport Services (Jets), will also be operating without financial assistance from the council.

Explaining the changeover, Putco's Operations Executive, Mr Keith Brighton, said the buses had for 30 years been under-utilised and frequently carried only 30 passengers. Over the past 10 years, the company had been running at a loss of between R300 000 and R400 000 a year, which the council had until this year subsidised.

"The council had a change of heart last year and decided it did not want to look after the less privileged people, who travel on the buses, at the expense

of the majority of ratepayers," Mr Brighton said. The subsidy was withdrawn.

"We did a lot of reorganising to keep our losses down but at the end of the day found it virtually impossible to continue the service. We sold the permits to Job Eden," he said.

It is hoped that Jets, whose minibuses are easier to fill with passengers, will not suffer the same losses as Putco, although the lack of subsidy is reflected in the fee, which is R3,50 an adult for a single trip to Johannesburg.

This week, Edenvale commuters waiting for the minibuses at the Putco rank in Kruijs Street, Johannesburg, said they could not understand why the town council had stopped supporting the transport system.

"If they can spend R4 million to reshape the library, why can't they subsidise the transport service," said one

"I am annoyed the council cannot help us out. They pulled out altogether and left us to it. We pay

high rates to the council and they can afford to subsidise the service. We are now also forced to pay high fees for transport," said Mr Tony Hoverd, who travels daily to the city.

In its first week of operation, Jets has experienced teething problems. Commuters at the rank expressed confusion about the exact route and the timetable the taxis followed.

However, most were willing to wait a few weeks before complaining, and said a drawback was that the taxis departed as soon as they were full, and they reached their destination far quicker than the Putco buses.

Jets manager, Mr Nat Horwitz, said the company battled to operate with no subsidy but hoped that once commuters got used to the change-over, the number of passengers would increase.

The Edenvale town clerk and the acting town clerk were unavailable for comment this week. Mr F. Palm, the deputy-town clerk, said although the council realised residents required a reliable transport service, it decided it could not continue to subsidise for the losses of a privately owned company.



TEETHING PROBLEMS: Commuters at the rank expressed confusion about the timetable.

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Ex-mayor, clerk convicted of theft

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE

A FORMER Thokoza mayor and a town clerk were convicted of stealing R677,326 by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate this week.

Ex-mayor Lebethé Gerald Mmamabolo, 45, of Thokoza, and former town clerk Doris Dikeledi Thinane, 43, of Soweto, were found to have committed the theft in June.

Mmamabolo told magistrate IJJ Luther he intended calling a councillor to testify that more than R160 000 was recovered.

Although the magistrate said the recovery of the R160 000 was irrelevant to the theft charges, he granted a postponement.

Mmamabolo is on R2 000 bail.

Thinane, a social worker, said she was willing to serve her sentence doing community work.

She added that she was a divorcee supporting three children and her 70-year-old father.

New power, water meters for Naledi Ext 2 soon in Deeper Soweto

THE Soweto City Council will be introducing the card-operated combined water and electricity quota meters in Naledi Extension 2 before the end of next month.

The meters will also be installed in a number of white and black areas on the Reef early next year, according to the Germiston-based Larry Barnett International company which manufactures them.

"We are about to complete our negotiations with some of the areas and black townships, which include Vosloorus on the East Rand. We hope to start with the installation as soon as the negotiations are completed and this might happen at the beginning of next year," said Mr Larry Barnett, owner of the company.

The system, known as CUMCON, was first installed

Triangle

The Soweto City Council told *Consumer Corner* two weeks ago that they had decided to introduce the system in an attempt to break the ongoing rent boycott which

has cost the council about R256 million.

A spokesman for the council said they intend installing the system in the whole of the area since the one introduced in Protea had proved to be


"successful".

Barnett said his company was still negotiating with a number of both black and white local authorities and if all went according to plan, CUMCON, would be installed

in more areas early next year.

"The system has advantages for both the consumer and local authorities," he said. Some of the benefits enjoyed by the councils,

Consumer
BY MZIKAYISE EDOM



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- * Barnett said, included
- * Money up front
- * No arrears or bad debts
- * No meter reading
- * No disconnections and reconections.
- * Legal fees reduced
- * No data input/capture.
- * No account queries.
- * Easy installation
- * Advantages for the consumer included.
- * Budgeting.
- * Being able to read credit shown on the meter.
- * Becoming more energy conscious.
- * Convenience of payment



LARRY BARNETT

alled in Rustenburg, Sandton and Kempton Park last year.

A similar system, called LBI budget meter, has been installed in Khayalitsha, Cape Town, by the company. The difference between the two is that while CUMCON reflects the amount of water and electricity consumed and the credit left, LBI does not show this.

In Soweto, the system was introduced this year in the newly built Protea South and Protea South Extension houses, mainly occupied by civil servants.

Completed.

The company announced this week that they had completed negotiations with the Soweto City Council and that it was just a matter of weeks before it was introduced in Naledi Extension 2. The Soweto council has confirmed this.

The system is the brainchild of Larry Barnett of Wadeville, Germiston. It took his company five years to design it.

A number of councils *Consumer Corner* spoke to this week welcomed the introduction of the new meters. They said the system would help to curb the ongoing rent boycotts in some of the townships like Soweto and the Vaal

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Councillor must repay residents

The case in which former Soweto councillor Mr Michael Gewensa contested a default judgment following allegations of corruption, has been dismissed with costs in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

By SY MAKARINGE

The dismissal of the case effectively means that Gewensa must refund two Soweto residents who allegedly paid him a total of R1 500 for the allocation of residential sites in the township, according to lawyers acting for the two men.

The lawyers told *Sowetan* this week that after the hearing, Gewensa made an offer through his lawyers to refund the two residents, Mr Themba Makhunga of Diepkloof Hostel and Mr Magezi Joseph Mabunda of Naledi in instalments.

The offer was rejected after it was found to be unreasonable.

A spokesman said Gewensa must refund the two men in full, failing which a warrant or arrest would be issued against him.

Earlier this year,

Gewensa had a default judgment taken against him after he failed to respond to summonses served on him in which Makhunga and Mabunda claimed refunds.

He denied having taken money from them and made an application through his lawyers to have the judgment rescinded.

Makhunga said this week he was happy the case was over.

"It took a long time for the case to be concluded, but I'm happy the truth has finally emerged," he said.

Makhunga alleged in February that he paid Mr Gewensa an amount of R500 for a residential site in 1987 after he was introduced to him by a friend.

Makhunga never got the site and Gewensa subsequently lost his Mofolo North seat in last year's October municipal elections.

Mabunda said he met Gewensa at the Jabulani Council Chambers where

he had gone to inquire about the possibility of getting a house as he had been on the housing waiting list for a long time.

More meetings were allegedly held and Mabunda paid a total of R1 000 for a site.

He, too, did not get it. Gewensa has constantly denied having taken money from the two men.

Mbatha's death confuses

CONFUSION surrounds the death of businessman Mr Matthews Macaleni Mbatha (63) who was killed in Rivonia on Monday night.

His family claims he died from a bullet wound at the back of his head. But police said they "found no bullet wounds on his body. We are still investigating whether he was strangled or he died from shock."

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Businessmen to sue council

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Carletonville businessmen are to sue 10 local town councillors in their individual capacities for losses suffered by their businesses during the duration of the consumer boycott.

At a meeting of the Carletonville Chamber of Commerce attended by about 30 people last night, the Chamber voted to sue the individual councillors for the harm suffered by businessmen as a result of the Conservative Party-controlled town council's

re-introduction earlier this year of petty apartheid.

The council's decision triggered an intensive consumer boycott that seriously affected the town's businessmen, some of whom reported turnover losses of up to 80 percent and higher.

Claims against the councillors are expected to run into millions of rands. Carletonville Chamber of Commerce president Mrs. Annetjie Claassen said the town's estimated loss during the boycott had been R30 million.

Krugersdorp ²⁶⁶ council can't muster quorum

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

A special Krugersdorp Council meeting set for last night could not continue as there was no quorum.

A special meeting called last week to discuss opening the Centenary Hall and the Krugersdorp Game Reserve to all races ended in chaos. Last night's meeting was granted to resolve the matter.

Mr Bill Greyvenstein, who proposed the motion, did not have a chance to have it seconded before a request was granted that the decision be postponed for six months.

Nine councillors excused themselves from attending the meeting, leaving only one National Party supporter, four independents and the mayor in the chamber.

Of the nine who had excused themselves, only one is an independent councillor. The other eight support the CP.

The meeting to discuss the opening of the hall and game reserve will now take place after the ordinary council meeting to be held next week.

After the meeting, a spokesman for the Azaadville management committee said the matter would be taken to court if no decision was reached.

Mr Benoni van Graan stressed the importance of a decision concerning the opening of certain facilities to all races.

Mamelodi to overlook mistakes in new stalls

Pretoria Correspondent

Mamelodi City Council says it will not demolish the new stalls built for vendors by the Get Ahead Foundation — although they have been erected in the wrong place

The 10 stalls, situated opposite Maseko shopping complex, were officially opened by the Get Ahead Foundation's chairman, Dr Nthato Motlana on Sunday

Mr Japie Moropa, the Foundation's deputy managing director, said his organisation would take the council to court if it demolished the stalls

A spokesman for the Mamelodi City Council said the stalls would stay, even though they were wrongly situated, "because we have the interest of the informal business people at heart"

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E Rand town in crisis without any water

RATANDA residents on the East Rand have been without water for the past two weeks.

So serious is the situation that residents are forced to fetch water from the nearby townships of Tsakane and Duduza. The unlucky ones have to part with about R10 in taxi

By MZIKAYISE
EDOM

fares for a return trip to the two townships

If fortunate, they can get water between 5 and 7am in Extension 3, a new section in the township

Residents Sowetan

spoke to said they were not informed about the water cuts. "We also do not know how long we will be out of water. We are in the dark," they said.

Ratanda's town clerk Mr D van Rensburg confirmed that there was a problem with the supply

of water in the township.

He said "Our present water reservoir cannot cope with the demands of the residents. We have decided to switch off the supply during the day to allow the reservoir to fill up and only open it in the mornings and evenings."

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Officials replaced

THE entire management committee of the Tembisa Town Council on the East Rand has been replaced with a new one after claims that it was incompetent.

A spokesman for the council yesterday said the seven-member committee was replaced because they had failed to "deliver the goods".

The expelled members have indicated that they intend taking legal action after claiming that they were unfairly dismissed.

The council has indicated that it will defend.

The members are, Mr J Nhlapo (chairman), Mr K D Buthelezi (vice chairman), Mr S B More (mayor), Mr P N Mashabela, Mr B A Kheswa, Mr M S Phashwane and Mr N J Mokoena.

"Since they were elected into office in September last year the former management committee members have done nothing to improve things in the township. In fact, they have retarded the council's progress," the spokesman said.

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Nat council runs short of firemen because it won't let blacks join up

By DE WET POTGIETER

PRETORIA City Council has stoked a blazing row by refusing to employ black firemen

The National Party council is sticking to an age-old rule despite a critical manpower shortage. It is under pressure from the all-white South African Union for Municipal Workers

Residents fear that by refusing to budge, the union and council could cause unnecessary deaths or damage

Firemen are being forced to work long, tiring shifts to compensate for the staff shortage

In terms of an agreement between the city council and the union, only whites are allowed to work as firemen and lorry drivers

The union recently allowed a slight relaxation by giving the green light for blacks to drive tractors and water carriers for the parks department

Dangerous

The "serious staff situation" in the fire department was noted at a council meeting

But a union spokesman said the agreement could only be changed with the consent of both parties

Pretorians voiced their concern about the "dangerous" situation to the Sunday Times this week

A caller said "How can you expect the fire department to render a first-class

emergency and rescue service around the clock if the boys have no choice but to work long and gruelling hours?

"People may lose their lives as a result of this foolish hypocrisy"

Meanwhile neighbouring Verwoerdburg - South Africa's fastest-growing town - has put the colour issue aside

Said town clerk Mr Piet Geers "We employ the best man for the job"

"For us colour doesn't count. We are primarily interested in the best qualified man who can contribute to the prosperous future of Verwoerdburg"

Black fire and ambulance men are employed in the town

Verwoerdburg's libraries have been open to blacks since the its trading district was opened to all races

Soweto and Lekoa 'must mend ways'

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Two major Transvaal city councils, — Soweto and Lekoa — were yesterday given 60 days by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to mend their ways.

Maladministration, fighting among councillors, lack of financial control and a host of other complaints were listed at a press conference held at TPA headquarters in Pretoria.

The conference was called to discuss meetings held over the past few months with delegations from the Soweto and Lekoa municipalities and the Soweto Peoples' Delegation.

The December 31 deadline was said to be "fair and reasonable". The TPA said it had already lent Soweto more than R447 million this year to keep the city operating — more than 50 percent of all the money it had provided to other local authorities in the province.

Eighty percent of Soweto's ratepayers owe some R279 million — 48,5 percent of all outstanding arrears for rent and service charges in black local authorities in the Transvaal.

The Soweto Council was accused, in writing, of providing poor services to residents, of failing to provide an adequate health service and failure in collecting rent.

The council was warned that if nothing happened outsiders might be brought in to run the city, and Lekoa councillors were told to stop fighting among themselves or face dismissal.

The Lekoa local authority also faces dissolution.

The main complaints were levelled by the province's MEC for local government, Mr Olaus van Zyl, and the MEC for housing and community development, Mr John Mavuso.

Councils get final warning on rent debt

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Government has threatened to stop the Soweto and Lekoa city councils' electricity and water services if they fail to resolve the rent crisis which will result in a R279 million deficit by December 31 this year

This was announced at a Press conference by Mr Olaus van Zyl MEC for the TPA, in Pretoria yesterday

He said the administration wanted to act because "the City Council of Soweto had neglected to exercise its powers and functions and to perform its duties satisfactorily"

He said the city councils of Soweto and Lekoa were both served with notices giving them until December 31 "to get their house in order"

Van Zyl said the notice served on the Soweto local authority was in terms of Section 29 (1) of the Black Local Authorities Act

The notice gives the council a period of 60 days to address representations to the administrator in respect of the particular aspect with which it is charged.

"The notice is a final warning to the council to work out a strategy to resolve the suffering of the community it is serving. The council is being charged, inter alia with the poor services it renders to the community of Soweto, its failure to act against residents who do not pay their municipal accounts, failure or unwillingness to collect outstanding debts and rent and service levies amounting to R279 million" he said.

Van Zyl also blamed the council for failing to sell government owned houses in Soweto. He said there was lack of control and discipline in the council

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If the council failed to take remedial decision by the set date, the administrator may consider taking away their functions and appointing persons or institutions to run their affairs.

Regarding the notice served on the City Council of Lekoa, the administrator may dismiss councillors from their seats if they do not find a solution before December 31

"Meetings of the council take place in a hostile atmosphere, hindering proper decision making and as a result the community suffers. The financial circumstances of the City Council of Lekoa have deteriorated so much that the administration would be neglecting its duties if it did not take steps to persuade the council to rectify this undesirable state of affairs," the press conference was told

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Probe into corruption

A COMMISSION of inquiry into allegations of corruption in the Dobsonville Town Council began at the council offices yesterday. The hearing which continues until November 10, is chaired by Mr B J Olivier, legal officer of the Transvaal Provincial Administration's branch of general provincial services. Evidence is being led in public and members of

By **THEMBA MOLEFE** the community are invited to participate. Any

requests by people who wish to testify in camera are conceded to. The hearing begins at 9 am until 3 pm.

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came effective from October 1

They want to remain with the local municipality

The two directors are Col Daniel Mokapela and Captain Timothy Radebe, who reputedly earn R5 000-a-month each plus a R1 300-a-month allowance. It is understood that Mokapela returned to office this month after going into retirement about five months ago, according to the council policemen

Lekoa's acting town clerk, Mr Philip van der Westhuizen, who initially declined to speak to Soweran, referred a reporter to the mayor, Mr Sam Kolsang. But Kolsang referred the newspaper back to Van der Westhuizen, saying the acting town clerk "is the best person to comment on the matter".

Pressed further, Kolsang said the row involving the two officials had been resolved with the transfer of Radebe to the SAP as from October 1. But Radebe disputed this saying no-one had informed him that he would be moving to the SAP.

Radebe confirmed the R75 000-a-year salary but declined to comment any further. Mokapela was not available for comment yesterday.

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COPS GET R75 000 CLAIM

THE Lekoa Town Council employs two directors of protection services who earn about R150 000 a year between

them for doing just about the same job, Soweran learnt yesterday. This is one of the

series of allegations revealed by 20 Lekoa municipal policemen presently involved in a row with the Lekoa municipality.

The 20 are embroiled in a blazing controversy over their opposition to being transferred to the SAP under the Minister of Law and Order's proclamation which be-

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Lekoa mayor Sam Kolsang

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ARREST PROMOTION

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Van Zyl's threat to council a recipe for disaster - Ramaphosa

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THE threat issued by Mr Olaus van Zyl, Transvaal MEC in charge of local government, to the Soweto Council at a meeting this week was a recipe for disaster, the Soweto Peoples' Delegation spokesman Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday.

In a statement


Ramaphosa said the rent crisis was not wholly the result of the council's negligence and inefficiency but was rooted in the system that created economically unviable townships.

Van Zyl earlier gave notice to the Soweto council to get its house in order saying, among other complaints, that outstanding rents had not been collected.

Boycott

"Inadequate housing for black people, which gave rise to squatting and the concomitant problems such as lack of sanitary facilities, poor services and poor living conditions - that contribute to disease - have been with us since the early days of Johannesburg," Ramaphosa said yesterday.

"The rent boycott as a form of protest against the terrible state of affairs should be resolved along the lines proposed by the SPD in their meeting with the TPA on October 1989," he said.



The new mayor of Katlehong, Mr Tau Molotsi (right) and his deputy, Mr Edward Rantsoele.

Katlehong mayor out

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THERE were a few surprises during mayoral elections held in various townships this week.

In Katlehong on the East Rand both the mayor, Mr Dominic "Styles" Magagula, and his deputy, Mr Solly "Ntsebe" Lukhele were ousted.

They were replaced by Mr Tau Molotsi and Mr Edward Rantsoele respectively who were elected unanimously.

The mayor of Soweto Mr Sam Mkhwanazi and his deputy, Miss Esther Mkhabela, were returned unopposed for the second term.

In Dobsonville Mr Steve Nkatlo was re-elected as mayor and the Reverend MacFallen Phenehi replaced Mr N A Jaca as deputy mayor.

Mr Kebane Molozi was retained as mayor of Duduza and Mr Johnny Mokoto was elected his deputy. He replaces Mr R Moeketsi.

The Diepmeadow Town Council yesterday postponed the mayoral elections.

The council is to meet soon to decide on a date.

Council did not keep proper books - report

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MISSING

R13 000 paid into bank in the name of white official

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THE Wesselton Town Council in Ermelo has lost more than R1.1 million in its 1988/89 financial year because of poor administration.

This is contained in an auditor's report to the director of Local Government *Sowetan* is in possession of the report

The auditor's remarked in the report that the financial statements and balance sheets could not satisfy them and that proper books and accounts were not kept by the council.

They suggested that staff training would contribute to eliminating administration problems. According to the report, monies were used for various projects but could not be accounted for

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Million missing
R596 300,85 found not be accounted for
R542 569,37 found
Trust Funds was used for other projects without the Government's approval
R13 635,93 was paid to Allied Building Society on behalf of M. H. van den Berg, a council official but no reasons were given why he was given the money
Salaries and wages records were not examined by the town clerk
House selling contracts were not available
No books and records kept on the sale of sponsor funds
No control in the cashiers' department

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's ultimatum this week to the Soweto and Lekoa town councils to get their financial houses in order appears to be a desperation measure.

It may also illuminate some of the factors which led it to enter negotiations last month with the Soweto People's Delegation over the future of the grant township, no doubt in the hope that the talks would bring some resolution to the four-year boycott of rent and service charge payments.

The TPA's bridging loans to black local authorities totalled nearly R890-million, Olaus van Zyl, member of executive committee for local government, said this week.

"For various reasons it is no longer feasible to continue rendering that form of aid," he said.

Provincial officials are said to have admitted to the SPD last month that the administration had run out of bridging finance. And this week Van Zyl publicly admitted it in a memorandum he said funds were no longer available to provide bridging loans to local authorities.

"The situation developed where the TPA could, at the end of October, only assist local authorities to pay the salaries of their staff," he said.

If the councils failed to settle their accounts with bulk suppliers of services (such as Eskom or the Rand Water Board), this would inevitably lead to the suppliers "terminating" the services.

And he referred implicitly to the negotiations with the SPD, which demanded that arrears resulting from the boycott be written off. Van Zyl clarified the TPA's position: it was prepared to negotiate about part of this debt but "any remission of debt must be accompanied by a *quid pro quo* from the council and the residents".

The boycott of rents and service charges has caused township city councils to run up massive arrears. While payments by residents cover, on average, 70 to 80 percent of expenditure in the country as a whole, the figure for Lekoa, the complex of townships in the Vaal Triangle, and Soweto is between 20 and 30 percent. Soweto is estimated to be losing between R5-million and R7-million a month on electricity alone, depending on the season.

Van Zyl said this week the Soweto City Council had failed to collect "outstanding debts and rent and service levies" of almost R279-million. The council "completely ignored" tariff increases this year by Eskom and

Province says it won't foot the bill for PWV townships

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has run out of money to keep the crisis-ridden township councils afloat. Now it has threatened action against Soweto and Lekoa. HILARY JOFFE reports

the Rand Water Board and this has resulted in a R3,3-million loss.

"The residents will eventually have to make up these losses, which will probably cause an excessive increase on their monthly accounts." He said estimated operating losses on consumer accounts for the past financial year totalled R20-million.

The administrator of the Transvaal has served notice on the town clerk, mayor and councillors of both Soweto and Lekoa.

He has charged the Soweto council with rendering poor services to the community, failing to act against residents who do not pay their municipal accounts, failing to collect debts and rent and service levies, failing to sell houses to the community and failure to observe its financial regulations.

Van Zyl said the Transvaal administrator believed the Soweto council's actions — or lack thereof — had led "to the deterioration of the rendering of services to the community of Soweto to such an extent that the community is suffering as a result".

Van Zyl said if the Soweto council did not submit representations which satisfied the administrator within 60 days, he might give final instructions with target dates to the council. If the council failed to obey these, the administrator could take steps to rectify the council's actions or authorise "another person or body" to take steps on behalf of the council.

It's not clear whether this is significant in the light of negotiations taking place between Eskom and various organisations, particularly the Soweto People's Delegation. Eskom plans to set up a private company, with community support, which would take over the supply of electricity from the Soweto council. In terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 the council is the only body authorised to

Survey reveals 2 million live in Greater Soweto

It's official — Soweto's population is two million.

The latest figure, given by the Transvaal Provincial Administration this week in a fact sheet on the township, contrasts with previous official figures — such as the 1,2-million and the 1,5-million given by then Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis at different times last year.

The fact sheet also reveals the official housing backlog is 31 995 and there are about 40 509 shacks in Soweto — but that there are only 12 762 building sites available in Greater Soweto.

It refers to "excellent progress" with the upgrading of existing houses, financed mostly by the private sectors, with alterations and additions to more than 3 600 houses in Greater Soweto underway at a cost of R30-million.

From 1980 to 1989, 9 238 new houses have been built, and 150 building plans at a cost of R4,6-million had been approved by September 1989.

According to the TPA, R103-million has been spent on upgrading Soweto's essential services — including such projects as bus stations, bridges, roads, stormwater drainage and water pipe-lines.

supply electricity in the township. Councillors have been resisting giving up this function because it would narrow their power base.

The administrator's ultimatum this week to the Lekoa councillors differed from the Soweto one in that TPA threatened to dismiss the councillors or dissolve the council altogether if it should fail to observe province's instructions.

Van Zyl said since last year's municipal elections four different executive committees had been elected in



Chris Heunis

And R181,7-million has been spent on electrifying Soweto.

The TPA says Soweto has about 3 000 shebeens, 1 227 trading sites, 10 banks and building societies, 11 bottle stores and two industrial parks.

Lekoa, the municipality which covers the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refenggotso, accommodates about 650 000 residents.

The central business district in Sebokeng has a supermarket and bank and building society agencies.

Lekoa, with meetings taking place in a "hostile atmosphere, hindering proper decision-making and, as a result, the community suffers." He said the TPA had to act against the council because of the extent to which its financial situation had deteriorated.

"Power struggles and changes of power seem to be in the order of the day in the city council of Lekoa, to such an extent that important work that would have benefited the residents do not receive the necessary attention."

The administrator has ordered the Lekoa council to collect monthly levies and outstanding debts, to act to determine tariffs and institute proper budgeting and budgetary control, to complete its financial statements and to hold orderly meetings.

Van Zyl said the Lekoa council had asked for a total of R31-million in bridging loans this year but the TPA had only agreed to give R20 million "essential assistance to enable the city council to survive financially".

The TPA is clearly trying to hold the crisis-ridden black local authority system together — and it is also acknowledging the crisis as never before.

In a memorandum issued this week Van Zyl stressed the importance of "sound local government" and referred to the "democratic tradition" in which the 1988 municipal elections took place — although he also referred to the "unrealistic expectations" councillors had raised with elector promises of lower tariffs.

"The present elected councillors are recognised by the TPA as the only official representatives of the communities concerned in so far as local government is concerned," he said, but added that the TPA was prepared to negotiate with "other groups in the communities which may be able to play an important part".

And Van Zyl went some way to admitting a point which has been stressed by both the SPD and the Development Bank of South Africa in a recent report — that the financial crisis of the black local authorities arises from their very narrow revenue base, and that, in turn, is a legacy of apartheid geography.

Township residents can't afford services and the councils can't raise revenue from commerce and industry — where township residents work — as the white cities do.

Said Van Zyl: "It is accepted that the policies of the past contributed to the fact that black communities were adversely affected and that conditions leave much to be desired." He referred to "a poor economic base for, among other things, the reason that local authorities have few or no industries within their municipalities." He also admitted many residents could not afford to pay for services.

However, he stressed it was policy that township residents must pay for services — but people who could not afford to do so should be "accorded humane treatment".

No punches pulled by Soweto mayor

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'Double-standards' TPA expects magic wand within year

By SOPHIE TEMA

HIS council had been in power for only 12 months, yet the TPA already expected him to wave a magic wand and perform miracles, Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said this week.

Mkhwanazi accused the TPA of double standards and said it was aware the Soweto City Council was in disarray when his Sofasonke Party came into power.

"We are now trying to clean out the den of iniquity created by the former council.

"What the former could not do in five years, we are expected to do in a year. This means that the TPA is at war with the Soweto Council."

Mkhwanazi said the TPA was deliberately chastising the council because it wanted to reinstate former councillors and white officials who resigned from the council.

"This is the reason why the TPA sometimes dictated to the council when appointments were made."

When the position of town clerk became vacant the council wanted to appoint one of two people. The TPA vetoed it because it wanted to appoint its own man. The council

refused.

"As a result the council has been without a full-time town clerk for the past 12 months."

The TPA said there was no money to fill vacant top posts but it was subsidised by the central government, he said.

Early this year the council proposed rent and service charge tariffs to the residents - which many accepted.

But because of the many meetings and discussions held among the council, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation,

residents became confused and some stopped paying.

Administrator of the Transvaal Danie Hough asked the council to hand a draft of the proposed tariffs to council lawyers to be approved and gazetted. The council did it but said it was not prepared to increase tariffs further.

The tariffs were not approved or gazetted.

"Someone deliberately failed to channel the documents to the right departments."

Mkhwanazi said the non-payment of rent and

service charges in Soweto was a political problem.

"We cannot provide our people with proper services. When we took over we found blocked drains, leaking and burst pipes, and debris all over the townships.

"Now we must suddenly put right what others before us could not do."

The Soweto Council was rapped over the knuckles by the TPA for stopping the sale of houses.

"We have only stopped the sale of old houses be-

cause they are dilapidated and should be transferred to the registered tenants.

"Some of the registered tenants in areas like Orlando East have lived in those houses for more than 40 years and this is the reason we are refusing to sell them."

Mkhwanazi countered the accusation made by the TPA that the council had failed to act against squatters, saying the TPA had to give the council land to build low-cost housing.



Sam Mkhwanazi

TPA threatens to dissolve Soweto and Lekoa councils

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THE Soweto City Council and Lekoa Town Council were this week rapped over the knuckles by the Transvaal Provincial Administration for being incapable of performing their duties.

They have both failed to exercise their powers, or perform their functions and duties, said MEC for Local Government and Roads, Olaus van Zyl.

The TPA has given the two councils 60 days to put their houses in order.

After this the Administrator may remove certain functions from the councils or dissolve them.

According to Van Zyl, the administration of the two councils has come to a

standstill, and bulk services - such as the supply of electricity - may be terminated because further bridging finance cannot be provided.

Six administrative investigations are being conducted into the functions of certain local authorities, four of them public commissions of inquiry.

TPA figures for the period to September this year show Soweto received over R447-million in bridging finance while Lekoa received more than R63-million.

Van Zyl said the TPA was paying Soweto about R15-million a month and R8-million towards the non-payment of rent.

Representations must be made to the administrator before December 31.

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Ex-mayor's trial again postponed

FORMER Kagiso mayor Mahutsana Jeremiah Mangope appeared in court again this week on a charge of attempted murder

Mangope, 54, of Kagiso, was not asked to plead and the case was postponed until November 23.

Mangope, principal of the Athlolang Higher Primary School in Kagiso, allegedly shot Lucas Morobyane on August 8 this year

Two Dobsonville killers are still on the loose

By JAPIE MOKWEBO

A 46-YEAR-OLD white electrician was gunned down by two armed black men in Dobsonville on Wednesday morning

The two men later tried in vain to flee in the dead man's car.

Hijacked

It would not start and the killers hijacked another car and drove off

Soweto police public relations officer Cpt Joseph Mkhachani Ngobeni said the white man, Nicholas Scales, was installing electricity at a house in Dobsonville Extension 3

Two men approached his black assistant and asked to be given some electrical wires

The man told them to ask his white superior. The two then walked towards Scales, produced

guns and started firing at him from point-blank range," said Ngobeni

The man died instantly "The two ran to his car and tried to start it.

High speed

"The killers then stopped a passing Mazda car and drove off at high speed

"The two killers are still at large and police are investigating," Ngobeni said.

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The new Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, (front left) argues with Soweto's mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi (right) yesterday, as a number of other senior officials look on. ● Picture by Herbert Mahuza.

New Minister clashes with Soweto mayor

By Thabo Leshilo

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, and the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, had a heated argument yesterday over the incorporation of Zuurbekom into the sprawling township.

The incident occurred during the Minister's courtesy visit to Soweto, during which he was shown Zuurbekom, west of Soweto.

Mr Mkhwanazi told the newly appointed Minister that his council needed the land to solve Soweto's chronic land shortage.

Mr Kriel said there was no way the land could be given to Soweto because it would mean more people staying without paying.

He then attacked the mayor and his

council for failing to solve the rent boycott. According to Mr Kriel, the rent dispute had left Soweto more than R250 million in the red.

Mr Mkhwanazi said the rent boycott was sparked by incorrect meter readings by the previous council's officials. Mr Kriel replied by challenging him to ensure proper accounts were kept.

"I will think about the land. You think about your administration," said Mr Kriel.

"Not me alone but us. We are partners in this," said the mayor.

At the end of the tour the Minister, his deputy and the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, were presented with gifts.

Mr Kriel later told reporters a local authority was not a "charitable organisation" and any community had to pay for services provided.

The Zuurbekom issue would be considered by his department from a planning point of view, he added.

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Tokoza mayor re-elected

THE mayor of of Tokoza, near Alberton, Mr Edward Matsoso retained his position during elections held yesterday.

He was unopposed
His deputy, Mr L F

Mahabane, was replaced by Mr J B Madi.

All members of the management committee were retained for the second term

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Alex residents urged to report claims of corruption to SAP

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The Alexandra Town Council has urged all those who say there is corruption within the council to report the matter to the SAP and to stop levelling false accusations against the council in newspapers.

Accusations of corruption and the inability of the council to render proper services have appeared in several English daily newspapers. A call for the resignation of councillors was also made.

The public relations officer for the council, Mr Nunka Mkhalipe, said that to publish unsubstantiated allegations in newspapers is unfair and serves no good purpose.

"This will only result in creating suspicion and mistrust. Mutual trust and co-operation should be in the interest of Alexandrians and that should be the order of the day," Mkhalipe said.

He said the realities of the facts are as follows:

* Civil and electrical services are being installed in the township at a cost of R134 million and should be completed by December 1990.

* The installation of tarred roads and storm-water drains is in progress. The dual carriageway on the northern boundary of Alexandra, Vasco Da Gama road, has been completed.

* An additional 702 flats are under construction at a cost of R24 million.

* In excess of 200 houses are under construction in the "old" Alexandra.

* The East bank extension of Alexandra has been serviced and provides for 843 houses on freehold title basis.

* Five new schools have been completed in the township during the past year. A new secondary school is also under construction on the East Bank.

Mkhalipe said various projects such as electrical information and training centres, recreation hall, open air recreation centres, youth centres and two swimming pools have been completed or are in the process of implementation.

"From the foregoing it is obvious that the council is doing everything possible to supply the maximum of services," he said.

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Jo'burg sued over motorbike accident

Crash victim 'will struggle for a job'

By Brendan Templeton
Salesman Mr Charles Raitt (39), who is suing the Johannesburg City Council (JCC) for R713 179, became mildly epileptic and had difficulty concentrating or learning new skills after his motorcycle accident a Rand Supreme Court judge heard yesterday.

He lost his arm in the accident when it was crushed and almost torn from his body.

Mr Raitt claimed in a summons the acci-

dent was caused by water leaking from a mains valve on the side of Houghton Road, Johannesburg.

Neurosurgeon Dr Colin Froman said the accident had caused scarring to Mr Raitt's brain and made him an epileptic. This made him more open to injury as epileptics could hurt themselves if they went into seizure, Dr Froman said.

Mr Raitt also experienced verbal difficulty as a result of the accident, he said. He would battle to find future employment.

A psychologist, Dr Brian Mallison, said tests showed Mr Raitt experienced difficulty concentrating and learning some of the technical aspects of his job.

"Although Mr Raitt puts on a very nonchalant front and on the surface appears to have coped well with his deficits, some very clear signs of frustration emerged during the testing.

"It is likely that Mr Raitt will require some psychotherapy to help him cope with this frustration at some stage in the future," Dr Mallison said.

He agreed Mr Raitt would experience difficulty in obtaining alternative employment, especially if it involved an area of expertise which he was not familiar with.

Losing patience with Soweto

The Transvaal Provincial Council (TPA) dropped a bombshell last week when it told the Soweto City Council (SCC) to get its house in order before December 31, a "fair and reasonable" deadline.

Many people were taken aback by the TPA's suggestion that certain functions could be taken away from the city administration or that outsiders might be brought in to run the city.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi yesterday still sounded a little dumbfounded, saying the matter had been referred to his lawyers.

"This is a sensitive issue with legal implications. The TPA is getting rough."

The Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), a body of prominent community, church and trade unions leaders in favour of scrapping rent arrears and service charges, was also surprised. It accused the TPA of jeopardising sensitive negotiations by threatening the SCC in this way.

Many observers were also concerned about the TPA warning, since the ongoing negotiations between the provincial authority, the SPD and the SCC reportedly progressed well.

The efforts to solve the financial problems of Soweto were seen as an encouraging development, a significant pointer to future national negotiations.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for local government, has defended the TPA's actions by saying the TPA had been "going out of its way to help Soweto", but the SCC had

After months of sensitive negotiations with the Soweto Council and the Soweto People's Delegation, the Transvaal Provincial Administration seems to be losing its patience with the lack of progress in solving the city's financial crisis. The Star's Political Reporter, **ESMARE VAN DER MERWE**, reports.

made no progress on certain projects which had been identified months ago.

"For example, they have not appointed a town clerk or a city engineer. In other instances they have not appointed the right people. The result is that accounts are not sent out at all. How can you expect residents to pay if they don't receive accounts?"

Mr van Zyl said the residents of Soweto were suffering because of the maladministration and mismanagement of the SCC. "You cannot solve the political problems unless you improve the management and administration."

Complex

"Soweto's problems are complex — national and local political problems are at stake, so are social and economic problems."

"We can make progress, but we need the co-operation of all the interested parties."

He said the SCC had had a year (since the municipal elections in October 1988) to address key problems.

Not much had happened.

"Some people feel we are getting too tough. Others say we should have acted a long time ago. Of the R15 million to R16 million a month the TPA provides by means of bridging finance, R8 million goes for the non-payment of accounts. Other councils need money."

"We have had numerous meetings with the SCC, we have made suggestions, they have agreed. But there has not been any reaction. It is not as if we did nothing at all and suddenly decided to get tough," Mr van Zyl said.

Another criticism that has been levelled at the TPA is that the Simon Brand report, released on Tuesday, had not been circulated or discussed with the SCC and SPD before being published.

The report contains detailed proposals to put Soweto on the road to financial independence.

Asked to comment on Mr Mkhwanazi's remark that he had not received a copy of the report by Tuesday afternoon, "Mr van Zyl lashed out angrily."

"This just proves my point about a lack of competent administrative personnel. The report was delivered to the SCC on Monday afternoon."

"We hope Soweto will get its house in order and that further steps will not be necessary," Mr van Zyl concluded.

Mayor lashes out over shacks

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A DELIBERATE misinterpretation of facts by certain individuals and the failure to act by some senior white council officials were some of the reasons which encouraged residents to put up shacks in the township.

This was said yesterday by the mayor of the township, Mr Solomon More, in his first reaction to the demolition of shacks in the area which left hundreds of squatters homeless a few weeks ago.

More also blamed the local Home Seekers Association (HSA) for misinterpreting his earlier announcement on plans to build more houses in the township to alleviate the accommodation problem.

In his announcement he had said that the council planned to build more than 400 low-income houses which would be leased.

The houses would be built on the same land which was recently turned into a "ghost town" after council employees backed by security police and the army destroyed hundreds of makeshift dwellings in Tembisa.

He said the council was faced with a serious shortage of houses.

"The council resolved long ago that squatters will not be allowed. This was before the demolition of the shacks. I cannot understand why some white officials could not prevent people from moving on to that portion of land to build shacks," he said.

More attacked the HSA for "sowing confusion" among the homeless and described the demolition of the shacks as a sad incident.

Ex-mayor evicted me - mother of 7

A DOBSONVILLE mother of seven was evicted from her house and it was given to a cousin of a former mayor, Mr Steve Kgame, a commission of inquiry into aspects of administration in the township heard yesterday

Mrs Sara Sibodi, presently living at the Dobsonville hostel, said she was forced to leave house number 2744 although she had paid rent arrears totalling R271.72c from the previous owner, a Mr Phakathi

She told the commission that before being evicted she and her family



Steve Kgame named.

were forced to occupy the dining-room while Kgame's cousin occupied the other three rooms

The commission which has been sitting since Monday is chaired by Mr B J Olivier

Another witness, Mr Vusumuzi Desmond Tutu, said he was forced to pay R100 to the council for a vendor's licence

This was despite the fact that he had to pay R10 to the Licensing Board

Tutu also testified that he bought a house in the area in 1985 only to be awoken by council policemen a few days later for failing to pay rent and electricity arrears left by the previous owner.

"I was told to go and look for the previous owner who had since disappeared. I then came

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back to the council to ask if they could write off the debt as I could not locate the previous owner.

"My request was ignored But I am not paying," he said.

A former councillor, Mr Freddy Mohajane, earlier told the commission that an amount of R750 000, allocated by the Government for the upgrading of the hostel was used to pay salaries as the council's coffers were dry because of the rent boycott

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Council workers on theft charges

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Jouberton Town Council in Klerksdorp has laid charges of theft against a number of employees including two female cashiers who allegedly defrauded the council of thousands of rands

The theft, done through a computer, was described as "highly professional" by a council spokesman. It was discovered by a white electrical engineer on Monday, November 6

Mr A T Strydom, the

town clerk, yesterday confirmed the alleged theft and said the matter had been reported to the police who were investigating

"At the moment I do not know if any arrests have been made or how many people are involved in the theft," he said

Another council spokesman confirmed that two female cashiers were involved in the sophisticated transaction and added that one of the cashiers was handed over to the Klerksdorp police on Wednesday to make a statement.

A spokesman for the police yesterday said investigations had already been completed and the docket had been referred to the senior public prosecutor for his decision. No arrests had been made yet

Although the actual amount stolen has not yet been determined, a spokesman for the council believes that the amount could run into thousands of rands. He also believed that the illegal operation could have been in operation for quite some time

Council may erect loos near taxi ranks

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THE Johannesburg City Council is considering a proposal by the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) to erect toilets near taxi ranks in the city's central business district

By MATSHUBE
MFOLOE

The council indicated that insanitary conditions

call for urgent short-term solutions, like providing temporary portable toilets in places where a public health nuisance has been created

Temporary facilities would be replaced by additional permanent lavatories in the planned re-development of the city.

In a statement, the council said health and planning officials indicated that a severe strain has been put on existing public conveniences in the CBD by an influx of taxis for black commuters and the establishment of ranks

"Since there are people who are unwilling to walk to existing facilities, extensive urinating and other foul practices take place around taxi ranks and bus termini," the statement said.

According to officials, lack of suitable CBD sites for additional public lavatories made the situation even more serious.

Commission told of dirty dealing

By SOPHIE TEMA

SEVERAL former Dobsonville councillors were accused of corruption before the Dobsonville Commission of Inquiry this week

Former councillor Freddy Mohajane told commission chairman BJ Olivier how his colleague IB Mashao had acquired a site as big as the Orlando Stadium without the approval of the council

He said former councillor Steve Kgame often attended meetings under the influence of liquor, used abusive language and "steamrolled" members of the council, including the mayor

Kgame is a former president of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa

Mohajane said the recreation hall at a Dobsonville hostel had been taken over by Kgame and converted into a shop

The government had allocated the council R750 000 for the upgrading of the hostel but this money had been used to pay salaries as the council coffers had run dry, he said

Zanempu Pambane, a resident of the Siphwe Hostel, submitted a memorandum listing residents' grievances. Olivier said the memorandum could be a strong motivation for funds to renovate the hostel

Soweto City Council's lawyers still studying the document - mayor

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By SOPHIE TEMA

SOWETO mayor Samuel Mkhwanazi said he could not comment on the Simon Brand Report as the document is still being studied by the Transvaal Provincial Administration for approval.

He said the Soweto City Council lawyers were studying the document and would release a statement next week.

He said however "I have discussed the docu-

ment with Dr Simon Brand and he assured me it contained most of the requirements that goes with the formation of a coherent urban development programme."

This includes technical assistance for an investigation into the maintenance of existing houses, the promotion of industrial development, financial support for the upgrading of hostels as well as the upgrading of lighting.

"The councillors will

discuss the plan once the document has been released to them," said Mkhwanazi.

The report calling for the long-term development of Soweto was compiled soon after the appointment of the Soweto Financial Adjustment Committee under the chairmanship of Dr Brand.

The committee was set up jointly between the council and the TPA after the council asked for a financial adjustment programme.

Boksburg councillor in court

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Boksburg City Council management committee chairman Mr Gideon Fourie (28) appeared briefly in the Boksburg Magistrate's Court on Friday on an allegation of contravening the Electoral Act

Mr Fourie's appearance followed the recent conviction of a Boksburg woman, Mrs Charmaine Rex (23), who was found guilty of election fraud for having voted twice during the municipal election in October last year

She told the court that Mr Fourie had said she could vote twice as she was registered on the voters roll under her married name, Rex, and her maiden name, Wilson

Mr Fourie's brief appearance followed instructions by the Attorney-General to prosecute after the Rex trial.

Mr Fourie was not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to January 16 for trial

Joyful end to Boksburg boycott

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BOKSBURG — A year-long boycott of white shops in Boksburg, conducted in protest at the reimposition of petty apartheid, ended in a joyful mood on Saturday when more than 800 coloured residents of Reiger Park mounted a car cavalcade into the city's commercial area

Packed buses, cars and vans — many draped with colourful posters and banners — were led by members of the Save Boksburg Committee, the organisation that staged the protest, into the city centre, where they alighted, shook hands with managers of shops and browsed about

"This is our victory day. We have shown that we cannot be taken for granted. We have been on this defiance campaign for little more than a year. And with the people fully behind us, we have shown

that we will not bow down to the dictates of the Conservative Party-controlled town council," said a jubilant Mr Danny Cassel, a leading member of the Committee's executive

Scores of shoppers, wearing a variety of political T-shirts, were greeted by smiling managers who earlier had placed signs in their windows welcoming back the Reiger Park residents

Youths walked along the streets congratulating and smiling at scores of white shoppers, many of whom returned the joyful gestures

Hundreds of other whites congregated outside office blocks and stared from windows as they watched the peaceful gathering move around the city centre

No incidents were reported, despite the CP-council refusing to back down on the question of harsher apartheid in the

city. However, it is virtually powerless in the face of the announcement by state president, Mr F W de Klerk, that the Separate Amenities Act would be repealed as soon as possible

After about four hours, the residents gathered outside the city council building, boarded their vehicles and left for the township, where preparations were being made for a celebration

"This day has shown the people of Boksburg that we can move forward together towards a non-racial South Africa where everyone will be judged on merit and not on the colour of their skin," said Mr Cassel

The boycott of Boksburg's shops began in October 1988, when the council decided to ban residents from a local lake as well as to restrict the use of council facilities to whites only — Sapa

Land bought for city bus and taxi terminus

JOHANNESBURG City Council has bought — for R5m — about 20 000m² of land from Sats for the development of the Newtown Bus and Taxi Terminus

Metropolitan Planning (transport) assistant director Riaan Perold said yesterday this was the first phase of a programme that would create a bus and taxi terminus bordered by West Street, Bree Street and Simmonds Street. It would take in Kazerne parking garage and the taxi rank in Sauer Street.

Saying the multimillion-rand project would involve linking the areas with pedestrian aerial bridges, Perold added "The idea is to consolidate passenger transport into a centralised terminus with ablution and other rele-

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vant facilities. The emphasis is on eliminating kombi taxis' on-street parking — absorbing about 1 000 taxis from adjacent ranks into terminuses.

"The council has realised that Johannesburg people have to depend on public transport, with about 30 000 coming into the city by taxi daily. But then there are not enough rank facilities for kombi-taxis and the on-street taxi activity interferes with traffic," he said.

Perold said the council had had proposals from developers and would call for tenders shortly. "We are open to proposals and will look at ideas"

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Council fury at Boksburg trade turnabout

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Boksburg's businessmen are delighted by the sudden turn of events after President De Klerk's announcement that the town's central business district and parts of Reiger Park would become free trading areas.

The Conservative Party-controlled East Rand town was declared an open trading area by President De Klerk last night, a move that has infuriated the council as much as it has delighted retailers, especially Indian traders who will no longer need to hide their business ownership behind white nominees.

The proclamation, promulgated in Pretoria, came as speculation mounted that the government was planning a major move in Boksburg in the wake of the jubilant return last weekend of coloured and black shoppers to the town. They returned following President De Klerk announcing his intention to scrap the Separate Amenities Act.

The business boycott, which resulted in shops closing and many people losing their jobs, took place after the CP-controlled town council imposed petty apartheid regulations on the town shortly after winning the municipal elections there in October last year.

Last night, in a statement issued by Mr Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, the government said it hoped the decision would end "the negative image attributed to Boksburg, both locally and abroad, an image for which businessmen and the community paid a high price".

The chairman of Boksburg's Chamber of Commerce, Mr Johan Fourie, said the move was a welcome response to years of pressure by businessmen and commercial organisations to open trade in the town.

"Free enterprise can now take its proper place in Boksburg."

"UNDEMOCRATIC"

However, the Conservative Party has reacted with fury over the government's "totally undemocratic" practices regarding Boksburg.

The chairman of the council's management committee, Mr Gideon Fourie, said "If this is the method they are using, it is the beginning of the end of the white nation in South Africa. The National Party is destroying the purpose of our town council — to act on the mandate of those who voted us in."

Mr Mohammed Navsa, chairman of the Save Boksburg Committee, reacted coolly to the news.

"It is yet another example of legislation lagging behind reality. Indians have been trading in Boksburg for years and in terms of the status quo there has been no dramatic change. Why is the government talking peacemeal changes instead of real reform?" he said.

Mr Tian van der Merwe, the DP's spokesman on constitutional planning, warned yesterday that while the proclamation might bring a degree of relief to some business entrepreneurs in Boksburg, the government could not hope to solve South Africa's problems "in this peacemeal fashion".

Council hits back at State

THE Soweto council yesterday hit back at the Administrator of the Transvaal and threw the ball back into the Government's court after it was ordered to put its house in order before the end of the year

In a hard-hitting statement at a Press conference yesterday, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, mayor of Soweto, said Mr Dame Hough's allegations against the Soweto council were "sweeping generalisations, without specific details" which made it difficult to respond to

He said the Administrator apparently failed to take into account the "crippling

By SY MAKARINGE

effect of Government policy" in relation to Soweto over the past 40 years. He said the Government's policy of regarding Soweto residents as temporary sojourners led to the lack of adequate infrastructure in the township

Responding to threats that electricity and water supply would be terminated if the council failed to resolve the rent crisis by December 31, Mkhwanazi said the boycott was the community's reaction to unacceptable socio-political problems in the country.

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Expropriation dilemma

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AMID the storm over the proposed PWV 3 road network which is being fiercely fought by Sandton and Randburg residents, the question arises: What are the rights of people whose homes lie in the path of the highway?

Owners of properties expropriated will be compensated at market value for their homes or land.

However some buyers may not have been made aware of the possibility of a road being built at the time they bought their homes.

This raises the question of the responsibility of estate agents to inform clients. If the estate agent who negotiates the sale of a home in such a situation

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knows about the coming of a major road and withholds this information from the buyer, does the latter have redress to legal action?

Beyond cash compensation for loss of a property or a portion of it, it would seem that the homeowner cannot claim from the agent more than his loss. A legal source, on the other hand says a buyer, depending on circumstances, might well have the right to annul the sale or claim damages from the agent.

Legislation in terms of the Estate Agents Act and the Code of Conduct governing the real estate industry, says that an

agent "shall not, in the conduct of his business do, or omit to do, any act which will, or may damage the good name, standing and integrity of agents in general"

An Estate Agents Board edict lays down that "an agent shall convey to a purchaser of immovable property in respect of which a mandate to sell has been given to him, all facts concerning the property as are within his or her personal knowledge and which are, or would be material to a prospective buyer".

Mr Andrew Harrison of the board, says "The board would certainly take action if it was proved that an agent withheld information relating to a particular property"

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Delay over Mamelodi rent talks

By SOL MORATHI

COMMON ground would have to be found before grievances presented this week to the Mamelodi Council by the Rent Working Forum could be addressed, said council media officer Velele Mashumi.

He said senior council officials, including outgoing mayor Bennet Ndlazi, met the RWF and the Mamelodi Rent and Service Payers' Association at the council chambers to discuss the high rents in the area and other grievances.

The three groups would meet again soon to "find common ground".

Although each party showed respect for the others at this week's talks, a several factors had to be ironed out before residents' grievances could be looked into, he said.

Rent has been a burning issue in Mamelodi for the past five years. In 1985 Mamelodi residents marched to the council offices with a list of grievances, which included

- High rents and poor services,
- The education crisis in Mamelodi,
- Fluctuations in monthly rentals,
- Lack of facilities,
- Army presence in the township, and
- Killings by security forces.

The march resulted in the fatal shooting of 13 people by security forces.

As a result, residents decided on a rent boycott.

Mamelodi residents initially mandated the RWF to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration to discuss the rent crisis, but did not get a hearing.

Residents claimed the council had no power.

A report recently compiled by RWF showed the council was heavily in debt and was owed R15 million by residents.

Light, water cut for 1 000 families

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By John Miller

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More than 1 000 families in Claremont, Newlands, Montclare and Triomf were without water and electricity yesterday when municipal electricians cut off supplies after home-owners had failed to pay their accounts.

Two Claremont residents told how officials arrived at their homes yesterday morning and left a notice warning their electricity would be cut if immediate payment was not made.

Miss Jane Stiglingh said her 27-year-old sister, a mother of three, received a Government grant of R420 a month and was unable to pay for electricity.

Miss Stiglingh said she could not believe how uncaring the Johannesburg Municipality was as many of the almost 500 homeowners in Claremont were in a similar position.

She said her sister now owed the council about R1 000 but was unable to find a job.

Mrs Maria Botha, a 24-year-old mother of two, said she had been unable to pay her account for the past three years and owed almost R1 500 and a friend of hers owed around R4 000.

One of the more fortunate residents of Claremont said she was forced to sell her unemployed husband's car about two weeks ago to pay the electricity account of about R1 200.

She is 28 years old and has five children aged from four to nine.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg Municipality's Emergency Services last night confirmed that about 1 000 home-owners had had their power and water cut off.

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New hotel for Randburg CBD

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THE Randburg Town Council has made land with a market value of R6m available to the developers of a R200m hotel and office complex in the heart of the Randburg CBD for a nominal amount, believed to be around R100

In terms of the deal, development company Gulfcon International is required to provide a replacement for the 540-bay parking lot which will make way for the 29-storey, 117 000m² complex

Management committee chairman Frans Lourens said the project "will not only fulfill a desperate need but will also stimulate further development in Randburg as a whole"

Present

The four-star, 200-room hotel will incorporate conference facilities for about 1 000 people as well as extensive recreational facilities.

At present there are only two hotels in the area

Twenty-two storeys of the building are to be used to provide 32 800m² of office space.

Gulfcon director Rob Parker said a consortium of financial institutions would finance the project, but he would not identify them yet

Bank probes figures for informal sector

DAVE LOURENS

TO ASSESS the informal sector's contribution to GDP and national employment, the Development Bank of Southern Africa has analysed 44 community-level studies

Development Bank policy analysis director Stef Coetzee said there had been widely differing estimates of the importance and extent of the informal sector

A Central Statistical Service's survey of the PWV area suggested the omission of informal activities from official statistics involved a 3% under-statement of the GDP in the region, while other surveys suggested as much as a 40% contribution to total employment nationwide and a 30% contribution to GNP

Coetzee said the lack of a reliable figure posed problems for the formulation of economic development policies. An over-estimation could be as misleading as an under-estimation

He said an over-estimation could lull policymakers into the belief that SA's economic dilemma, particularly the poverty problems of a large part of the population, was less serious than was actually the case

To achieve greater clarity on the importance of the informal sector, Development Bank researcher Marie Kirsten examined 1975-1985 studies in SA, the TBVC states and the self-governing territories

These studies, directed primarily at black participation in the informal sector, had the advantage of covering the full spatial economy of SA and the self-governing states

The studies were analysed in metropolitan, squatter, urban and rural areas

From this classification Kirsten found 22% (1,72-million) of the economically black population was involved in the informal sector

Output

From the community level studies she calculated the average monthly income of people employed in the informal sector was R350, or R4 200 a year, representing an income of R7,2bn being generated in 1985

The Bureau of Market Research says the recorded personal income of blacks was R20,6bn in 1985, indicating 25,9% of blacks' income went unrecorded. This represented 6,5% of SA's GDP for that year

Coetzee concluded the true contribution of the informal sector to employment creation and output generation was impossible to determine in the absence of a representative survey for the country as a whole.

Maize crop will need R2,5bn investment

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PRETORIA — Farmers will make a huge R2,5bn investment in this season's maize crop, according to the National Maize Producers Organisation (Nampo).

The bulk of the funds needed will be channelled from the Land Bank to the co-ops, but a substantial amount will come from commercial banks

Some producers claim, however, that commercial banks have become less eager to finance the crop because of what they see as the high risk and the enormous debt burden of most producers

Interest payments comprise a

major segment of total production costs. This season farmers will pay more than 17% for the funds

According to Nampo, about 3,5-million hectares will be planted to maize this season

Last year's costs were about R600 a hectare. This year the figure will rise to near R700

For the past two years, since the introduction of the land conversion subsidy scheme, Nampo has been pressing farmers on marginal land to switch to pastures

In the two years the target of 25 000

hectares was passed. However, Nampo stresses this is not fast enough

It is hoped the process will be speeded up after the increase in the subsidy from R90 a hectare to R130 a hectare in November

Meanwhile the Maize Board's price scenario for the coming season is a price of R190 a ton on a 10-million-ton crop rising to R261 a ton on a 6-million ton crop

This, says Nampo, is against an average production cost per ton of between R200 and R235 on yields of at least three tons a hectare

Transvaal taxpayers' assessed income now at more than R5bn

PRETORIA — Transvaal taxpayers continue to contribute the major and growing share of the total tax burden, according to the latest Department of Finance statistics.

The province's salary and wage earners total tax assessment in the 1988 financial year amounted to R5,157bn which was R3,026bn greater than the Cape figure of R2,130bn

Tax assessed in Natal amounted to

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R1,167bn and in the Free State R475,221m

Transvaal's share of the total was 57,6% the Cape's 23,8%, Natal's 13,04% and the Free State's 5,31%.

Non-residents' assessments amounted to R22,854m, 2% of the total

Taxable incomes of Transvaal taxpayers in the 1988 financial year

amounted to R25,276bn, the Cape R12,433bn, Natal R6,623bn and Free State R2,570bn

According to the department's statistics, the largest number of taxpayers fall between the ages of 30 and 39 — 26,97%. *266*
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Their taxable incomes amounted to 29,24% of the total and taxed assessed to 29,11% of the total

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Gunmen fire at mayor

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THE newly-elected mayor of Diepsmeadow, Mr. M. J. Khumalo, miraculously escaped death in an ambush which left nine bullet holes on his car on Monday night.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Mikhatsane Ngubeni confirmed the incident and said no arrests had been made.

Khumalo, who was travelling alone at the time of the attack, was not hurt.

"I still cannot believe I survived that hail of bullets," said Khumalo. This was the second attempt on his life since he joined civic politics.

The first was in 1984 when his house was petrol bombed. His assailants apparently followed him for some distance before they pounced on him at his street corner.

"I was just about to stop when this car pulled up next to mine and the occupants opened fire," said Khumalo.

By KENOSI MODISANE

Meeting

Khumalo, who was elected mayor last Wednesday, was from a council meeting in Meadovlands when his assailants pounced on him. He said he was convinced the attack was by his political rivals but would, however, not point fingers as this might hamper police investigations.

He said attacks on his and other councillors' lives would not deter him from carrying out his mayoral duties. "This only serves to strengthen me," said Khumalo.

Khumalo addressed a council meeting where a new executive committee was elected yesterday. New office-bearers will be officially announced at a Press conference today.

Diep ²⁶⁶ mayor appeals

THE newly elected mayor of DiepMeadow has appealed to the Government to concede to the people's demands by scrapping the Group Areas Act, Population Registration Act and start negotiating with extra-parliamentary groups inside the country.

Mr M J Khumalo, who was elected into office last Wednesday said violence has never proved to be a solution for South Africa's problems. He also called for the unconditional release of the jailed ANC leader, Mr Nelson Mandela.

In his inaugural speech at Diepkloof yesterday, the mayor called on all organisations to come to the negotiation table "because the time was right".

He said his council's priority was to negotiate

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Mr Khumalo.

with the government for more land. This he said, would be used to build low-cost houses which would alleviate the present backlog.

He also said he would ask DET to install electricity and computers in schools. "Our children need modern technology to cope with the ever advancing technological world," said the mayor.

Khumalo, who survived a second attempt on his life on Monday appealed to his colleagues not to "be aloof to people who elected them into office." This he said led to misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Council scraps rent hike

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The Daveyton Town Council on the East Rand has indefinitely suspended the proposed R12,15 site rent increase which was to be charged as from January 1 next year.

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The council took this decision at a meeting held this week.

Site rent was to have been increased from R42,85 to R55.

The decision to increase the rentals was taken by the council early this year.

The township's mayor, Mr Tom Boya, told *Sowetan* after the meeting that the residents should ignore the message on their November rent slips that rentals would be increased.

He said "People should continue paying the current R42,85. We decided to suspend the increases because residents were not consulted when the increases were decided on.

"We are going to meet the people and get their views before introducing new tariffs."

More than 200 families have been evicted from their homes in the township after failing to pay their rent arrears this year.

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CP takes ward
by 20 votes

JOHANNESBURG —
The Conservative Party retained a municipal ward in Krugersdorp after narrowly defeating the National Party in an election on Wednesday.

In a statement CP official Mr Clive Derby-Lewis said Mr Wessel Cronje beat the NP's Mr Sakkie Theron by 20 votes. The percentage poll was 38,2

Mr Cronje polled 592 votes to Mr Theron's 572

The CP controls nine wards and the NP six — Sapa

Schools to be named after ANC men

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By SY MAKARINGE

THE Soweto City Council is to rename certain high schools in Soweto after political leaders including the recently released seven African National Congress stalwarts

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, said in an interview yesterday that it had always been the council's intention to honour all legitimate political leaders in a manner befitting their stature in the community

He said the honour would be bestowed on all past and present leaders across the political spectrum

Mkhwanazi said he had already approached the Department of Education and Training on the issue. He said the DET said it had no problem with the idea as the naming of schools was the prerogative of the community they served

He said leaders to be honoured deserved to be praised in this fashion as they had sacrificed most of their lives fighting for the liberation of their people.

"We'd be very short-sighted to ignore that fact. They deserve to be honoured for their courageous and tireless efforts," he said

Mkhwanazi said he was presently trying to get an interview with Sisulu to hear his opinion on the matter and to discuss ways and means on how this could be achieved

He has not yet identified the schools

which would be renamed but said that high schools whose names meant very little to Soweto residents would be the first to be changed

'Start paying service charges'

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SOFASONKE Party leaders yesterday urged Soweto residents to start paying their service charges from January next year as the ultimatum given by the Administrator of the Transvaal draws nearer

Speaking at a mass rally attended by about 1 000 people at Eyethu Cinema, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, general secretary of the party and mayor of Soweto, said flat rate tariffs proposed earlier this year were expected to be promulgated in the *Provincial Gazette* on January 1.

The Soweto Council, which is ruled by the Sofasonke Party, was given until the end of this month by Mr Danie Hough of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to put "its house in order".

The TPA had accused the council of, among other things, poor management after allegedly failing to collect service charges.

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Cloud hangs over Soweto, Lekoa councils

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By THEMBA MOLEFE

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THE December 31 deadline for the Lekoa and Soweto councils to put their houses in order or face dissolution is fast approaching.

And Vaal Triangle residents are due to meet in Sharpeville on Sunday to discuss the Transvaal Provincial Administration's threat to dissolve the Lekoa Town Council over the rent debacle in the area.

A spokesman for the organisers, the Vaal Residents Action Committee, said the meeting would be held from 10am to 5pm at the George Thabe Stadium.

He said lawyers were seeking permission from the Chief Magistrate in Vereeniging to hold the gathering.

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, this week asked for loyalty from residents and pleaded with them to pay their rent arrears.

Soweto residents have not paid rent since 1985.

Five of the Vaal's six townships have not paid rent since September 1984 when unrest broke out over rent increases in the area.

Rent not paid

In October this year, the TPA gave the Lekoa and Soweto councils 60 days - until December 31 - to put their houses in order or face dissolution.

The warning was issued by the MEC for Local Government and Roads, Mr Olaus van Zyl, who said the councils had failed to exercise their powers or perform their functions and duties.

Mkhwanazi yesterday said he believed the TPA would extend its deadline as he had already made representations.

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough and Van Zyl were not available for comment yesterday.

Gun-toting mayor shrugs off outcry

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The gun-toting mayor of Boksburg, Mr Beyers de Klerk, is unmoved by the public outcry over comments that he did not go anywhere unarmed

"It is the country we live in that forces me to carry a gun. You can't venture out of your front door any more," he said

"I have carried weapons for the last 10 years but purely for self-defence. God gave me an intelligent mind and I use it to protect myself. The angels won't protect you

"As for the weekend fracas at Boksburg Lake where it was claimed I was walking round with a baton, that is total nonsense. A policeman asked me to hold his baton while he was tying his shoelaces which had come undone," Mr de Klerk said in an interview.

He added that he had gone to the lake last Saturday afternoon in response to an appeal from a local resident.

"I kept a low profile and later laid a complaint with Captain Pieterse

"At the scene of the fracas I also offered a prayer up to the Almighty to give us a solution. I prayed for everyone and afterwards a coloured woman came up and thanked me.

"As you see, I am a man of the Book and the gun"

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Council won't act against businesses

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council does not plan to follow Pretoria's example by acting against businesses (except food outlets) which open for trading on the Day of the Vow tomorrow.

Management committee member Mr Cecil Long, said this was not a municipal, but a provincial matter governed by the Shop Hours Ordinance

However, most shops in the major centres in Johannesburg will remain closed, but supermarkets in the main centres, including OK Bazaars, Pick 'n Pay, Checkers and Woolworths, plan to open until about 2 pm

The Star will be on sale as usual, but theatres, Ster-Kinekor and Nu-Metro cinemas and drive-ins will be closed

Most bookshops and restaurants will be open during the usual times

The popular Market Theatre flea market will not be open tomorrow but it will be business as usual on Sunday

The Federated Hotels, Liquor and Catering Association of South Africa (Fedhasa) said pubs, whether in a hotel or not, would be closed for the public holiday which was considered a religious holiday

Bottle stores will be closed

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Vaal Triangle residents gagged - Claim

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RESIDENTS of Vaal Triangle townships have been gagged by the Lekoa Town Council working in conjunction with the local police, it was claimed this week.

The claim was made by the executive members of the Vaal Civic Association who condemned the move and criticised the new mayor, Mrs Kate Ngwenya, for having refused them permission to hold a public meeting.

The meeting, to discuss the rent stalemate, had been scheduled for the George Thabe Stadium last Sunday.

They claim Mrs Ngwenya gave no reasons for turning down their application for the meeting. The local chief magistrate, Mr H J Kilian, stated in a letter dated December 13 that their application was turned down "due to the fact that they failed to obtain permission from the Lekoa Town Council".

One of the executive members, Mr E Sotsu, said he went to the stadium last Sunday and

By MANDLA NDLAZI

found the place surrounded by police. He was with a colleague, Mr Sithembiso Radebe, and they were told by the police to leave as the meeting was banned. Sotsu said the police escorted them out of the stadium.

Radebe said the police later went to his home. They did not find him but questioned his wife about the meeting.

"To sabotage our meeting," said Sotsu, "the council publicised in a local newspaper their own meeting to be held with the residents. It flopped as the residents did not attend."

Sotsu said the VCA had planned to hold the meeting to resolve the rent issue that sparked unrest in the townships five years ago. He said the residents would have been able to air grievances that were not addressed by council officials since 1984 when the rent boycott started and gave the VCA a mandate to approach the Transvaal

Provincial Administration officials.

"We call upon the residents now to be vigilant because it is clear that we are dealing with jackals in sheep skins."

He said the residents should form "defence units" in the form of street, block and area committees to fight any moves against them by councillors.

He said the VCA had information that residents were being evicted from their houses and some had their houses placed on auction without their knowledge and the others had had their freehold sites confiscated.

Sotsu and his colleagues said they were "bitter about the council and called upon the councillors to resign." He said the VCA welcomed the release of the "Delmas Five" and called upon the Government to release "the Sharpeville Six" and all political prisoners and detainees held as a result of the unrest that was sparked by the rent boycott in 1984.

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Fears about botanic garden groundless

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In 1969, the city council, after representations received, instructed the Parks and Recreation Department to investigate the feasibility of developing a botanic garden.

Later that year a report was submitted to the management committee, which decided that a botanic garden be developed and that the department submit a full report covering the issues involved.

It was recommended that about 80 ha of the 160 ha Jan Van Riebeeck Park be developed as a botanic garden. At that time by far the larger portion of the ground was undeveloped, being natural veld grass.

The only facilities which existed were a golf driving range on the corner of D F Malan Drive and Thomas Bowler Avenue, two soccer

Controversy continues over the development of the Johannesburg Botanic Garden at Emmarentia. MR P J LOUBSER, senior director of the Parks and Recreation Department, responds to reports and letters published in The Star in recent weeks.

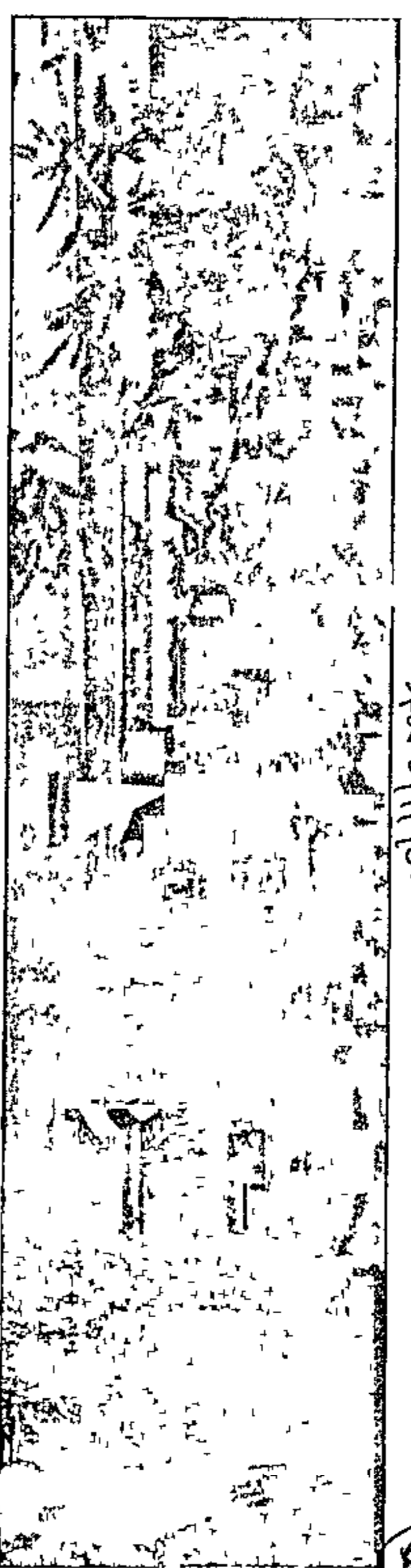
fields with changeroom facilities further down Thomas Bowler Avenue, and the basic infrastructure of the rose garden.

The department spent some five years on investigating the full implications of the development of a botanic garden and submitted a report in 1975. This report was accepted and it sets out the development of the garden which the department is at present implementing.

It was at that stage envisaged that the basic infrastructure of the garden would be implemented over five years. This, however, has proved impossible due to financial constraints and after some 14 years of development, basic infrastructure such as roads and larger area layout have not been completed.

It must be noted that as a result of the council's decision that a botanic garden be developed the infrastructure that exists today has been undertaken over the past 14 years. It is pleasing to note that the public is very conscious of the development which has taken place and is obviously very proud of it.

It is a misconception that it is the council's intent to change a park into a botanic garden for it is in fact a botanic garden which has



The idyllic scene at the Johannesburg Botanic Garden at Emmarentia over which controversy continues

given rise to the development which is there today and which the council is striving to bring to fruition.

Statements that the botanic garden will reduce the bird life are incorrect for it is a fact that additional dams were created as a result of the planning of the garden specially to encourage bird life in this area as a result of the associated reed beds and islands. The development of the botanic garden will in no way decrease bird life — rather it may even increase it further.

Statements have been made that vistas will disappear. The original plans clearly indicated the creation of vistas which are an integral part of the planning of the botanic garden. These vistas will not disappear as they form a major feature within the garden.

Concern has been expressed that picnicking, but flying and similar activities would not be allowed. This is a misconception which is borne out by the fact that the original rose

garden, which was in a baroque or more formal form, was redeveloped to present the roses in groupings, facilitating lawn areas to which the public today has access and where they are able to put out a blanket and enjoy a picnic.

The pathways to which objections have been raised, have been designed, in contrast to many of the major botanic gardens, to facilitate a person getting to his point of destination without repeatedly having to re-trace areas previously visited.

It is also hoped that in time subject to finances permitting, a transport service in the form of tractor and trailer or horse-drawn carts will be available to take visitors on a guided tour through the botanic garden and in particular to cater for those who are unable to walk or for the elderly who cannot cover long distances.

The pathways have been designed not to detract from the beauty of the area but rather to enhance it.

People will be welcome to jog along these pathways. It will be far safer for them to jog in the garden than along public roads with their concomitant dangers.

Concern is also being expressed about the amount of money which will be spent on developing the garden. As previously pointed out, the development of the garden has taken place at a far slower rate than previously envisaged, specifically to cater for the financial capabilities of the city. The same principle will apply in the future and no undue burden will be placed on the Rate Fund.

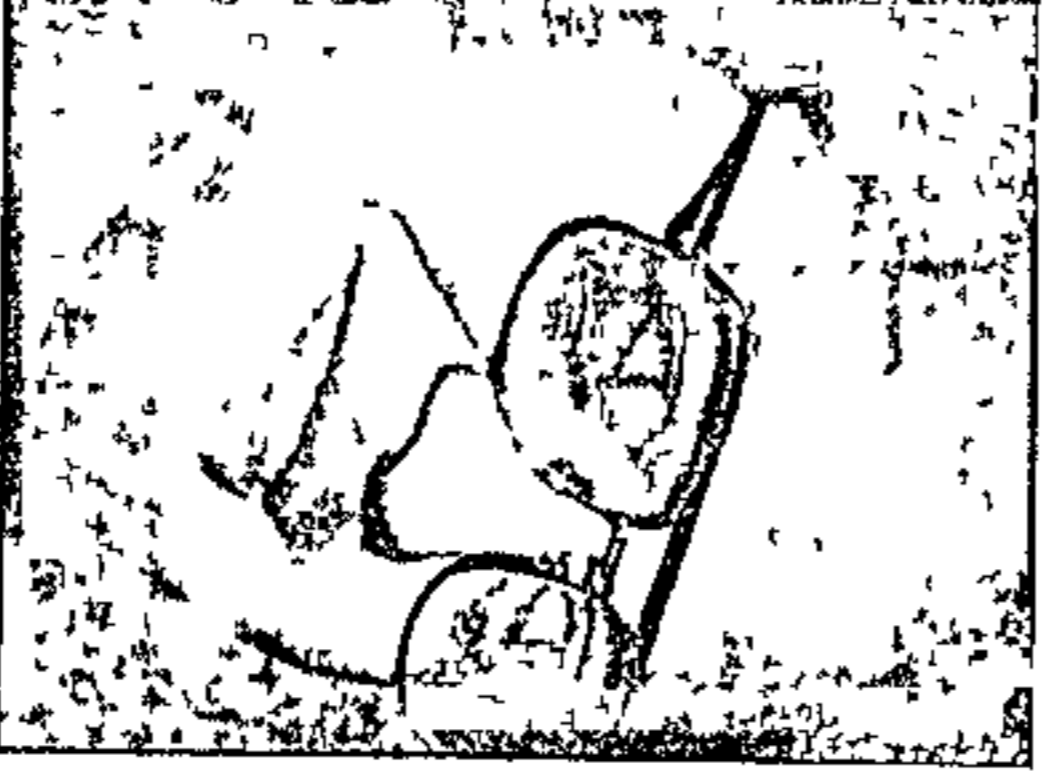
With regard to statements which have been made that the development of the gardens be stopped, as the plans approved some 20 years ago are not valid any more, it must be borne in mind that taking into consideration the rate of growth of certain species, and in particular trees, one does not plan a botanic garden and change its form every

couple of years.

The period taken to plan the garden indicates the intricacies and detail necessary for thorough planning and it should be appreciated that the garden at present is a long way from reaching maturity. The age of some international and even some national botanic gardens indicates the time it takes to develop a botanic garden. One need only think of our own Kirstenbosch and of gardens such as Kew, Edinburgh, etc.

As far as the locality eventually chosen for the botanic garden is concerned it must be noted that it was sited in the area of the city which has the most abundant public open space. The name of the year in which it is situated, speaks for itself, namely, The Parks.

The botanic garden undoubtedly is the main feature within this region and the work undertaken, and the interest shown, speaks for itself as to the value placed on this area of ground.



Mr P J Louber, director of the Parks and Recreation Department

Housing sale a 'big flop'

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No houses were sold in the Northern Transvaal.

The prices for the two, three and four-roomed houses ranges between R1000 and R2500.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr A Loubusche, said the TPA was presently working out a new plan with the black local authorities and if all went according to plan, a new system which will make it easy for people to buy their houses will be introduced next year.

"It is still early to discuss the plan," he said.

The president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, said the whole scheme was a flop because no proper marketing was done by the Government.

He said "A lot of people do not know how to go about in buying their houses and I still believe that the councils should not be involved in the selling of the houses. The whole thing should be left to housing experts."

Boya also said most of the people could not afford to pay cash for the houses as is the case now.

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THE "big housing sale" introduced by the Government four years ago is a big flop, people and organisations the *Sowetan* spoke to said.

According to figures released by the State, 112359 houses have been sold by the end of September.

A further 220648 houses are still on sale.

In the Transvaal 78647 houses have been sold.

The breakdown for the other areas is Eastern Cape (8221), Western Cape (3312), Northern Cape (7503), Natal (4996), and Free State (9680).

In September alone, 558 houses were sold in the Transvaal, 172 (Eastern Cape), 85 (Western Cape), 40 (Northern Cape), 71 (Natal), and 117 (Free State).

The West Rand sold more houses than the other areas.

The breakdown for the Transvaal areas is: Western Transvaal (2722), Central Transvaal (8075), Northern Transvaal (1409), Eastern Transvaal (8680), East Rand (11116), and West Rand (46645).

In September houses sold in the Western Cape (18), Central Transvaal (71), Eastern Transvaal (49), East Rand 236 and West rand (184).

Tough move to protect black local authorities

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THE Provincial Government would resort to "strict and responsible action" against people who were deliberately attempting to wreck the system of black local authorities, Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, said in his New Year message.

He said an enormous task rested on the shoulders of the Provincial Government to place recently established black local authorities on a firm foot-

ing. Some of these authorities did not have a sound economic basis and could not afford to provide services to residents in their area of control, but some of the problems were due to residents who were deliberately trying to wreck the system.

The Provincial Government would attempt, "through guidance, training and support - but unfortunately also through strict and responsible ac-

tion - to ensure that in the New Year black local governments find their feet."

He said "wanton abusers" of municipal services would have to be taught that these services had a price and that they would have to pay for them.

Other challenges facing the Provincial Government, Mr Hough said, included orderly urbanisation and environmental conservation. Vast

strides had been made to provide housing in the province, but this was not yet sufficient.

"The province will have to make use of the expertise it has obtained during the past year to catch up with existing housing backlog," he said.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration had to function under tight financial constraints imposed by Central Government, and would have to

look at a "fresh and realistic" approach to the standards of infrastructure and services in the province. Old and stereotyped management techniques would have to make way for new techniques of government if the TPA were to continue serving the public in an efficient manner.

Environmental conservation could well turn out to be the greatest challenge facing the Transvaal Provincial Administration

in the New Year. The TPA was aware of its responsibility in this regard and undertook to preserve the Transvaal as far as possible.

Mr Hough wished "every inhabitant of the Transvaal" the best for the New Year. "The most important challenge facing the TPA and all the people of the Transvaal is that of becoming co-builders of a new and better South Africa."

Vosloo residents to tackle council over its tariffs

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Vosloorus Crisis Committee on the East Rand will meet the local town council next week to discuss, among other things, "exorbitant" electricity bills

The public relations officer of the committee, Mr Keith Montsisi, said the meeting was urgent as the Vosloorus Town Council started cutting off electricity in the township a month ago

Montsisi said other issues to be discussed were bad roads, poor sewerage, water supply and storm water drainage

The committee claims that residents, mainly from Mailula Park, Marimba Gardens, Mabuya Park and Eastfield are being charged between R100 and R500 a month for water, electricity and other services

Allegations denied

The area's town clerk, Mr George Prinsloo, has denied the allegations

He said the council only cut the electricity of people who are more than three months in arrears

"We first send notices that if they do not pay their bills within seven days we will cut off their electricity supply. We charge people according to the units they use," said Prinsloo

He said if people had problems in paying their bills, they could make arrangements with the council

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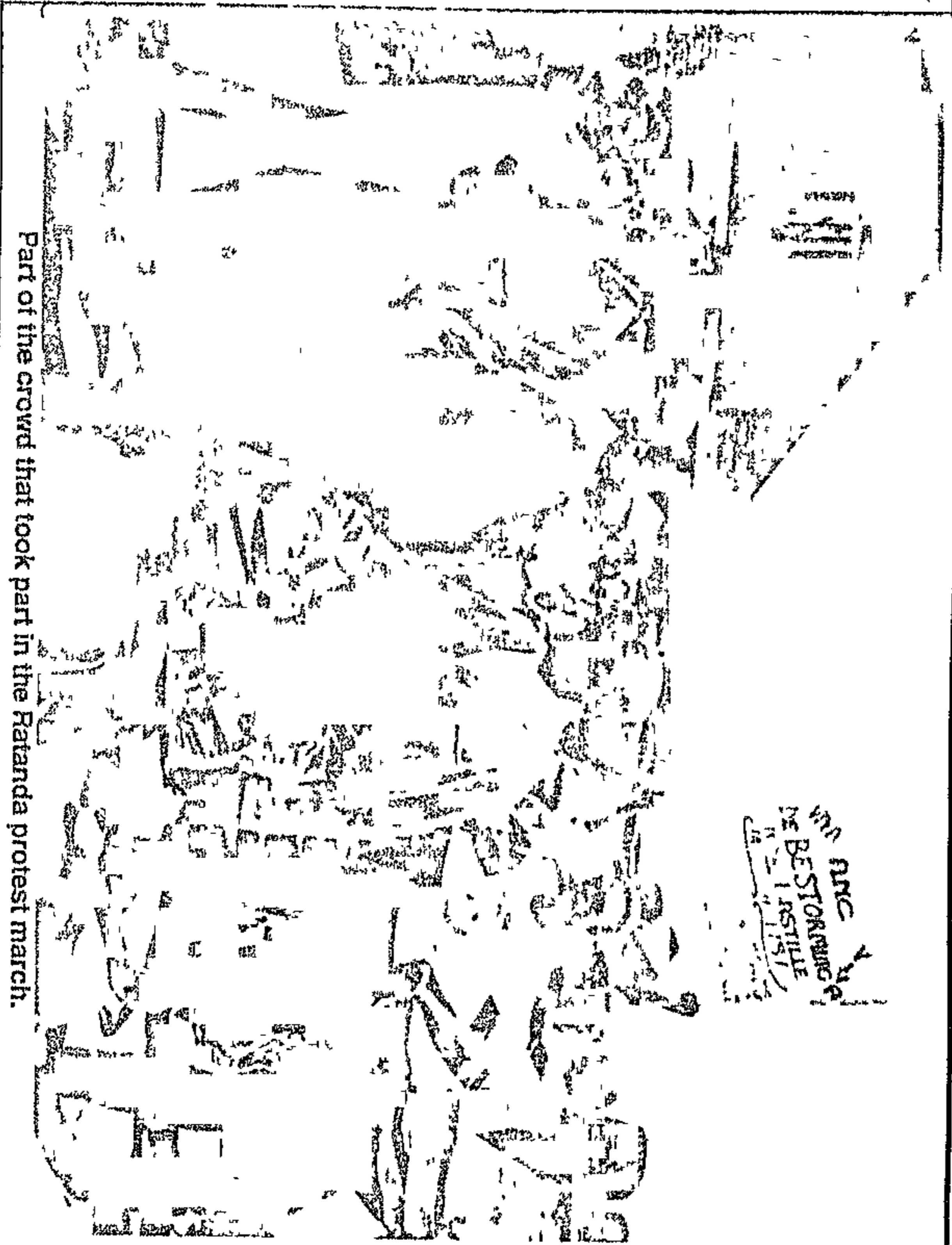
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Part of the crowd that took part in the Ratanda protest march.

RATANDA township, near Heidelberg, came to a standstill on Saturday when 10000 residents marched to the police station to present a petition to the district commandant Major PJ Visser.

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The petition, which was presented to the major by a delegation of church ministers and an executive member of the Ratanda Civic Association, Mr Obed Nkosi, contained Ratanda residents' grievances against the local town council and the Department of Education and Training. It is to eventually be handed over to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

To the surprise of many, the march - which had not been officially sanctioned by the local chief magistrate - was incident free. To crown its success the delegation was warmly welcomed by Visser who gave an assurance that he will hand the petition to the local authorities.

“As a police officer I cannot handle complaints but can pass them over to the local council. I agree that people must be happy where they live. They must have schools, houses and tarred roads,” he said.

Shortly after the delegation had met with Visser it went back to the crowd that had been waiting outside the police station. It was informed that the petition had been accepted by the major. Thereafter the black national anthem, Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika, was sung and later the residents dispersed.

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Kotze should resign — Jo'burg councillor

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Johannesburg city councillor Mr Dave Verster has threatened to picket the South African Nature Conservation Centre this month when Environment Affairs Minister, Mr Gert Kotze, visits Delta Park as a guest of the council.

He said he would also call on all conservation-minded people to support his protest on January 23.

"Mr Kotze has not only failed to act on conservation matters, he has sided with commerce and industry in controversial situations," said Mr Verster.

"This invitation by Johannesburg's management committee is therefore a slap in the face of all who care for conservation in South Africa.

"I am informed the ratepayers will foot a bill of R6 310 for 130 people who have been invited to the open day at the centre and some form of peaceful protest is clearly called for," he said.

"This is the man who has snubbed thousands of petitioners to save St Lucia and ignored the protest against kaolin mining at Chapman's Peak. Now he is to be the guest of honour of this city council.

"Despite having the new Environmental Act to back up positive moves, he has made no progress. I not only call on Mr Kotze to resign but object to this council entertaining him," said Mr Verster.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said the decision to invite Mr Kotze was fully justified. "Contrary to Mr Verster's perception, the Minister has done a lot for the environment."

SAP promotion announced

The Witwatersrand's chief police public relations officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, has been promoted to full colonel. — Crime Reporter.

Move to scrap election ^{ANC}

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Former mayor Kolisang.

FORMER Lekoa city council mayor, Mr Samuel Thuntsane Kolisang, has filed papers in the Rand Supreme Court asking that last October's mayoral elections be declared null and void.

The respondents in the application are Mrs Kate Sibongile Ngwenya, who is the current mayor, Mr Andrew E Kharoli, her deputy, and the city council of Lekoa.

According to the papers Kolisang says he is a Sharpeville businessman who was elected to the mayoral position on October 28 1988. He says his term of office would have expired at the first ordinary meeting of the council held subsequent to the end of one year after his election as mayor.

He states that an ordinary meeting of the council scheduled for October 26 last year was adjourned without a date being set for continuation because no quorum had assembled within 30 minutes of the starting time.

"Without being consulted as mayor, the chief executive of the council Mr Nicholas Louw, notified council members that the adjourned meeting would take place on November 9.

"I objected to Louw about the inclusion on the agenda of the proposed election of mayor and deputy mayor. He told me the election was put on the agenda on the insistence of the opposition group, known as the Mahlatsi faction," he said.

Kolisang also points out that at the council meeting of September 28 four council members who support him were suspended for a period of 45 days. This meant they would only have been able to resume their duties on November 11. He submits that the Mahlatsi group, which had a clear majority during the sus-

pension of his four supporters, wanted to have a new mayor, and deputy elected before the expiry of the suspensions

"Because my group was of the opinion that the proposed election of a mayor and deputy was irregular it was decided that it should not attend the meeting of November 9. That meeting was attended by 19 members where Ngwenya and Kharoli were elected as mayor and deputy

"I respectfully submit that the election was invalid and irregular in that the election of the two could not have been put on the agenda.

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Shanty bulldozing halted

LAWYERS representing the Pholla community in Thokoza township were granted a last-minute interdict yesterday to stop the bulldozing of shanties by the Thokoza City Council.

A member of the law team representing the community, Mosheen Moosa, said the forced removal of the people of Pholla village to Rietfontein, about 12,5km away, was in violation of the George municipality versus Bena and another 1989 ruling by the Appellate Court.

When a contingent of police, along with council members, arrived at the scene they were greeted by a crowd of protesters, witness Sam Makhatini said.

A Pholla civic committee member said his organisation had mobilised the people

Makhatini said when the council started demolition the people started to surge forward and police gave them five minutes to disperse. When they refused police fired teargas.

Chairman of the Pholla civic committee Sam Ntuki said that in the afternoon Moosa had been given the go ahead to

BENJAMIN COCKRAM

apply for a court interdict When the interdict was granted the council demolition crew withdrew *Blom 12/1/90*

Asked to comment, W/O Wessels, in charge of the the police group, said his men were there for the council's protection.

Thokoza's town clerk Herman Combrick was not available for comment

PIERRE DU PREEZ reports that about 300 shack dwellers living in the Boksburg municipal area bordering on Germiston are due to be removed on Monday

It is understood the land is owned by the Witwatersrand Goldmining Co and will be cleared to make way for extensions to the township of Delmore.

The attorney for the group, Chris Waters, said yesterday the people were given "improper notice" to vacate the land

The Witwatersrand Goldmining Co refused to comment yesterday.

A Boksburg Town Council spokesman said the issue had nothing to do with the council It was a matter between the land-owners and the occupants

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Council must go, say angry residents

Tembisa toilet crisis becomes big business for homeowners

RESIDENTS of Alice-dale's Kwa-nonzwakazi township have called for the resignation of community councillors and the dismissal of the township superintendent (266)

At a meeting this week between senior Cape Provincial Administration (CEA) officials and the community, residents said superintendent CJ Erasmus treated them like "baboons" and they had to bribe the councillors to be allocated houses (266)

GPA regional representative OJ Bezuidenhout told the 1,000 residents at the meeting he had no authority to dismiss the councillors.

He suggested the community elect a deputation to meet the council and express their grievances.

He said the councillors and Erasmus had raised money for the upgrading of the township through the regional service council. (C/P News 14/11/90)

"They are not able to do more as the community does not contribute enough to the council. On average, households are seven months in arrears"

Resident Samson Gonqwe challenged Bezuidenhout to choose any of the residents in the packed community hall and ask them if they were in arrears with their payments (C/P News)

"Anybody who says we are in arrears is a liar" - ANA



Mayor Solomon More ... emergency camp.

WCCI rejects idea of single municipality

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ORGANISED, commerce and industry has come out against the concept of creating a single municipality for Soweto and Johannesburg.

The concept, seen by DP leader Ian Davidson as one of the priorities for the 1990s, is being backed by the Soweto People's Delegation.

Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Aubrey Pitt says a single municipality will make little business sense. *BID 15/1/90*

The Development Bank estimates the amount of money disposed of by Sowetans in Johannesburg is between R750m and R1.4bn, while it is estimated 70% of all turnover in the CBD is derived from black customers.

"Soweto has a totally insufficient tax base and that which is there cannot be collected. Johannesburg has the tax base which Sowetans are heavily subsidising," Davidson says.

But Pitt believes a single municipality would be a burden on Johannesburg.

A remedy would be financial assistance to Soweto by Johannesburg and the encouragement of business in Soweto to create a more adequate rate base. Central government should also step in with financial assistance, Pitt says.

He says the Central Witwatersrand RSC went a long way to redress the financial problems by channelling money made in the CBD back to Soweto.

The WCCI's objection to uniting the municipalities is an economic one and is not based on political considerations, Pitt says.

Davidson says there needs to be a recognition that Soweto and Johannesburg are a single integrated urban economy. Soweto does not have an economic base, its infrastructure has broken down and the Soweto City council owes R800m and is bankrupt, he says.

A short-term solution is the creation of a single tax base, Davidson says.

However, he recognises the uniting of both municipalities would be disastrous for Johannesburg unless central government gives financial assistance.

The rechanneling of money to Soweto from business through the RSC is a small portion compared with Soweto's contribution to the city, he says.

Inquiry reaches findings

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THE report of the Kriel Commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption and irregularities in the Atteridgeville City Council has been completed and the council has been given two weeks to react to the findings.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the Transvaal, yesterday confirmed that the council has been given a copy of the report and their comments were expected by the end of January.

The inquiry, which was headed by Mr Willie Kriel, a senior provincial lawyer, was set up in April last year at the request of the council.

Van Zyl said the report was not yet available for publication. A decision on making it public would be made during the second week of February, he said.

Mr Theo van Strijp, treasurer and acting town clerk of the Atteridgeville council yesterday said they received the report last week. "We are presently

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clarifying certain issues with the TPA. The report will be tabled before the full council to prepare comments which will be sent to the TPA as soon as possible," Van Strijp said.

Issues that were highlighted during the inquiry included the abuse of power by certain officials, misuse of council vehicles and the payment of R480 000 a year to certain black and white officials travelling to and from work daily.

The inquiry was also told that 54 percent of the council's budget was spent on salaries and wages of employees and that there was no proper control of the finances of the council.

Allegations of irregularities in the council led to the dismissal of two councillors - Mr Matthew Mahlangu and Mr Victor Zobane - after they were convicted in a Pretoria Magistrate's Court on charges of theft of council funds and the abuse of a council vehicle respectively.

Rammala resigns

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THE suspended town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, has resigned from his post with immediate effect ending several months of a controversy within the council.

Mr Theo Van Strijp, treasurer and acting town clerk of Atteridgeville, yesterday confirmed that Rammala tendered his resignation on Friday.

In his letter of resignation dated January 11 1990, Rammala said he resigned following "the settlement agreement between the council and myself".

Settlement

Van Strijp yesterday declined to disclose the amount the council had offered Rammala and said the matter was confidential. The former town clerk earned R4499 a month. The *Sowetan* has established that the settlement agreement included the six months salary to be paid from November 1 last year, accumulated leave pay and pension.

The council offered Rammala a R180 000 golden handshake in May last

By MONK NKOMO

year if he resigned from his post. This offer was turned down by Rammala who at the time was facing 12 counts of irregularities at a disciplinary inquiry chaired by Mr Justice Hiemstra. He was later acquitted on all charges.

His resignation followed months of battles and Supreme Court threats with the council which suspended him several times from his post. In August last year Rammala was fired during a heated and tension-filled special meeting.

This was after he was accused of denigrating three councillors whose rent arrears were exposed by the *Sowetan*. Rammala had warned the three councillors that they would be stripped of their status if they did not pay their arrears within two weeks.

The council however rescinded its decision of dismissing Rammala when he threatened court action claiming that his dismissal was unlawful. The council then slapped him with an indefinite suspension with full pay.



Priest gets summons over union meetings

By Carina le Grange

A Louis Trichardt priest has been served with a summons to appear in the magistrate's court on Friday on charges that he has been contravening the town planning regulations by allowing his church to be used for trade union meetings.

Father Terence Mooney (52) of the Catholic Church has been informed that he has been providing accommodation for trade unions, according to a lawyer's letter in possession of the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC).

He has been told that in allowing trade unions to use the church in town for meetings, he has

contravened clause 33 of the town planning scheme. A further charge is that he has not obtained permission from the authorities for these activities.

Father Mooney was warned in November last year that if the trade union activities in the church did not stop a criminal charge would be laid against him and an interdict sought to compel him to comply with the terms of the town planning scheme.

The SACBC said the real issue was that the town council was white and that the people attending the meetings were black.

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Privatised Welkom is booming

Lesson 'for whole of SA'

Privatisation and de-regulation, coupled with the opening up of opportunities for all South Africans, will ensure the equitable distribution of wealth in this country, according to Welkom town clerk Mr Chris Rademan. **KAIZER NYATSUMBA** visited Welkom and spoke to him.

●The local airport, recreational facilities and the show grounds have been privatised, as well as catering services, road services, auditing, clinics and a private bus service for schools.

"Naturally," said Mr Rademan, "certain functions of a local authority cannot be privatised. Its co-ordination function and responsibility towards the financial administration of a city (are) essential. But the fact is that many activities, previously considered to be 'holy cows' by local authorities, can unquestionably be privatised to everyone's advantage."

He warned that careful planning and expert advice were of critical importance in any attempts to privatise.

"Everyone is a winner with privatisation at local level — the taxpayers, commerce, industry and entrepreneurs. And not a single person has been retrenched. In fact, many job opportunities have been created," said Mr Rademan.

He said more than 41 municipal activities in the city had been privatised.

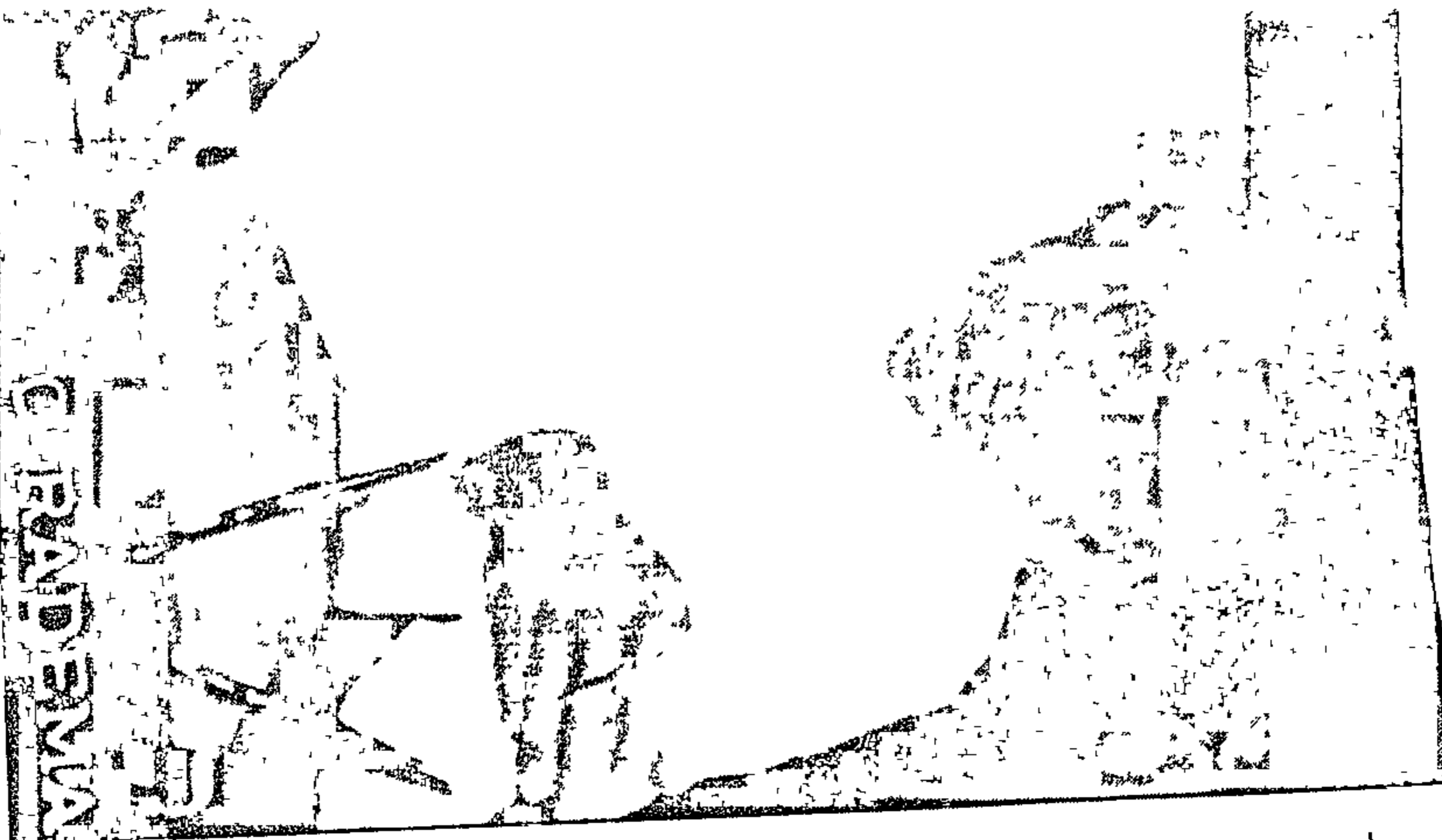
Confident

Asked if other South African towns and cities could learn something from Welkom, Mr Rademan said "We have a lot to offer to other councils. But they can also share their experiences with us."

He said he was confident that what privatisation had done for Welkom it could also do for South Africa.

"Privatisation will ensure job opportunities and the distribution of wealth to all people in this country. With privatisation, de-regulation and the opening up of opportunities to all, South Africans of all races can live much better and get to find one another."

Privatisation, he said, was a vehicle to ensure that South Africa remained "a democratic and capitalist country."



Chris Rademan, Welkom's town clerk... confident that privatisation will ensure all South Africans share in the wealth of the towns and cities. Picture by Kaizer Nyatsumba.

Welkom town clerk Mr Chris Rademan believes privatisation and de-regulation are the best things to have happened in South Africa in the past few years.

Although he points out that some towns and cities throughout the country had long ago privatised some of their services, he acknowledges it was only recently that privatisation has become a buzz word and better defined, and this, he says, bodes well for the future.

Mr Rademan, town clerk of this booming mining town second only to Bloemfontein in size in the Free State, said privatisation had drastically reduced Welkom's capital and operational budgets in the current financial year.

Highest income

Welkom, with a population of about 300 000, has the highest income per head in South Africa and, according to Mr Rademan, is also the fastest growing city in the country. About 60 percent of the city's residents are employed at the local mines.

"We reacted almost immediately to the Government's declared policy of privatisation and de-regulation, and decided to privatise our costly local bus service. Two private sector companies tried to run the service, but both failed," said Mr Rademan.

He said although the privatisation of buses was not a resounding success, the consequence of privatising the service was a success. The Welkom City Council subsidised the bus service at R1,4 million a year, and that had now been saved.

Also as a result of the privatisation of the bus service, the number of black taxis doing business in the city increased from a paltry 400 to about 1 500 "to fulfil the need for black transport perfectly". He said the city council negotiated with the taxi industry, and "a very healthy association" re-

sulted between the local authority and taxi-owners.

Three years ago there were only two taxi ranks in Welkom, but these have now increased and there are numerous pick-up points established by the council all over the city. The taxi ranks have ancillary facilities such as toilets.

"This led to an increase of business activities in the city, to the advantage of the business community. It changed the trading pattern because people now buy anywhere, so that there are no shopkeepers benefiting at the expense of others from being close to taxi ranks," he said.

The informal sector was not left out. The council identified areas away from established business interests and created facilities for vendors.

"The project is a massive success," said the town clerk.

Some of the privatisation activities carried out in the city were:

●The council stopped supplying the public with plants from its nurseries, thus creating a vacuum which has so far been filled by five private individuals, two of whom were former council employees.

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TOMORROW is D-Day for the Soweto and Lekoa Councils when the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) executive committee meets to decide whether the councils have met the conditions of a "put your house in order" deadline

The executive committee's decision would be mainly based on the findings of a detailed report setting out the present economic conditions of Soweto and the best possible ways of maintaining and encouraging a better economic life for the city

Lekoa council announced on Friday that tomorrow their police would swoop on rent defaulters - a move described by residents as the kicks of a dying horse

Warnings will be issued to Lekoa residents warning them to pay within 21 days or face legal action. Soweto mayor Sam Khwanazi said there were no summonses planned in his township and he was holding meetings with the Soweto People's Delegation on the rent boycott

Both councils have been accused by the TPA of failing to collect or demand rent from residents and this has forced the TPA to cushion the rent debts by

providing loans for services in the townships

The TPA gave Soweto and Lekoa a 60-day deadline which ended on December 31 to collect rent and other service charges to ensure the councils could render effective services to residents

The TPA believed the more than R300 million owed in rent areas seriously hampered the effective running of the townships. There were also limited resources available from the province as bridging finance

MEC in charge of local government Olaus van Zyl said a detailed report on Soweto was presently before the executive committee and a decision would be reached tomorrow

He said before that meeting, which would also be attended by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, nothing substantial could be said on whether the Soweto Council had been able to meet the conditions as set out in the deadline

■ In November Van Zyl was reported as saying the TPA provided Soweto with R15 million for service charges and R8 million towards non-payment of rent as bridging finance for the Soweto Council

Rents: Mayor gets tough

THE Vosloorus Town Council has warned that it will take drastic steps against rent defaulters in the township. The warning follows the decision by the residents last weekend to pay a flat rate of R60 a month for site rent and service charges with effect from February 1.

Mayor of Vosloorus Mr Morrison Sinukela said: "The council will continue cutting off electricity of all rent defaulters. Residents are charged according to the amount of electricity and water they use. If they want to pay R60, we will provide them with services worth that money."

He said the council will be holding a public meeting on February 25 to discuss the electricity crisis.

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TPA delay is respite for black councils

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) executive committee has postponed a decision on possible action against the town councils of Soweto and Lekoa.

Last year the TPA initiated steps against the councils because of the unsatisfactory manner in which they ran their affairs, and gave them until the end of 1989 to get their affairs in order.

Soweto was given two months to make representations to the TPA, or face further steps.

If Lekoa fails to observe written TPA instructions, councillors could be fired.

POOR SERVICES

The TPA said the Soweto council rendered poor community services and had failed to act against rent and service charge defaulters.

The Lekoa council, on the other hand, held hostile and unproductive council meetings where power struggles were "the order of the day".

It also failed to collect levies and debts, and did not exercise proper budget control.

TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilken said in Pretoria yesterday that these issues would be discussed on a date still to be fixed.

— Sapa

Low-cost homes plan 'malicious'

By Helen Grange

The Boksburg Town Council is to decide this week whether to press on with a plan to create low-cost, predominantly black housing in the free settlement area of Windmill Park.

In a move to kill the prospect of the newly-declared suburb becoming an upper middle-class area, the council's Conservative Party caucus proposed at a recent meeting to buy as much land as possible to build low-cost houses, and possibly a men's hostel to accommodate black municipal employees and families.

Mr T J Ferreira, the CP chief whip, said the employees' homes would be subsidised by the council up to 55 percent — the same concession as for white municipal employees.

There have already been hundreds of applications from black council workers for housing, and Mr Ferreira said he would "personally subsidise" houses for four of his black employees.

Homes in March

He said the council had options on 12 stands and planned to buy more. Up to 150 workers and their families could begin moving into Windmill Park by March.

"The Government has created this situation. Now it must live with it. And the Indians mustn't come crying to us when their suburb is turned into a slum.

"I have already had several phone calls from Indians living there. They must accept blacks into their fold in the spirit of Government reform."

Asked if the council move was not a forced attempt to mould the area into a black township, Mr Ferreira replied: "The Government forced a free settlement area on us."

Tremendous demand

The council's move has met with a volley of criticism from the recently-formed Windmill Park management committee, and an estate agent operating in the area.

"The plan is motivated by malice, and the intention is to create a slum to discredit the concept of free settlement areas," said Mr Manneljes Ford of Ford Estate Agents.

He said any plans for development by the council would have to be approved by the Windmill Park management committee.

"There is no way we will approve low-cost housing. Our objective is to maintain the standard of housing already in existence. The council can easily find cheaper accommodation for workers in Vosloorus."

Mr Ford said there had been a tremendous demand for stands and houses in Windmill Park, mostly by Indians.

Seven stands had been sold to blacks and nine to coloureds. And a number of mixed families were moving in. Apart from seven white families already there, no others had bought land.

"We don't appreciate Mr Ferreira trying to frighten people off their land in fear of the suburb becoming a slum. This is not going to happen," said Mr Ford.

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Decision soon on Lekoa and Soweto

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) will reach a decision on possible action against the Soweto and Lekoa councils within two weeks, TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday.

Wilken said the TPA executive committee discussed the issue in a meeting yesterday but reached no decision.

Both councils had been warned to get their houses in order or some of their powers would be taken away.

The Soweto City Council was warned to submit representations by the end of last year on its failure to act on the rent crisis, failure to sell houses, and for other alleged mismanagement — or another body would be authorised to act for the council.

Failure to collect rent and service charges has cost Soweto R279m in arrears payments.

The Lekoa Town Council held unproductive council meetings, did not exercise proper budget control and failed to collect levies and debts which cost the council R105m in rent arrears, the TPA said.

Power struggles were "the order of the day" in the Lekoa council meetings, the TPA said.

The Soweto council started billing residents for electricity and services at the beginning of January.

THEO RAWANA reports MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl had given the council 60 days from the end of last October to rectify the situation which had "led to the deterioration of services in Soweto".

TPA director, local government, Frik Pelsers said the council had gone some way towards complying with the TPA's ultimatum.

"The council has taken a number of ac-

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tions to comply and reports from the regional director are to be considered by the Administrator (Dame Hough) and the executive committee.

"These will be valued to see to what extent the council has gone," Pelsers said.

He refused to say what steps the council had taken, saying the issue could not easily be finalised.

He said the Administrator would be able to make a statement in a month's time.

In reply to Van Zyl's statement in November, the Soweto council had warned the Administrator against the "harsh administration of by-laws and the collection of monies".

Crippling

Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi, after listing steps the council had taken to improve the lot of the Soweto people since it was voted into power a year earlier, had told a Press conference "We have urged him not to take action without first giving us an opportunity to discuss these issues in depth with him".

"The Administrator apparently fails to take any account of the crippling effect of government policy in relation to Soweto over the past 40 years.

"Its policy of regarding our inhabitants as temporary sojourners has meant that Soweto has now got inadequate infrastructure.

"We realise people must pay for what they use — even the people realise that — but then we must consider fair accounts and historical situations as a basis for progress."

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TPA men smash two homes at settlement

By Montshwa Moroke

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Employees of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), backed by the SAP, yesterday demolished two brick structures on Weilers Farm, a squatter settlement area, south of Johannesburg.

Residents said armed TPA officials, travelling in several vehicles arrived at about 8 am and surrounded Mr Jack Bangisa's two-room dwelling.

Soon afterwards youths gathered around, apparently to resist the move. Later, members of the SAP arrived in several vehicles, and joined the TPA officials.

They allegedly demolished the house and confiscated bricks, window and door frames, and corrugated iron pieces.

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They then went to another structure, occupied by Mr Basil Zeka and Mr Lawrence Busakwe. The four-room structure was dismantled and building material removed.

Mr Zeka, who has lived in the area since 1987, said he was told by officials that he had no right to be there. He said he was a permit holder. Mr Busakwe and Mr Bangisa also told The Star they were permit holders.

Police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, Colonel Frans Malherbe, said it was policy with the SAP to play a supportive role during removals, in case of unrest.

Colonel Malherbe said "The police were merely there to maintain law and order and not to take part in the actual removal."

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Council accused of misusing funds

Dr Abe Nkomo

SCORES of Atteridgeville residents yesterday said they were shocked by disclosures that local city councillors were paid a total R138 000 a year in allowances and that certain officials received R480 000 a year for travelling to and from work, writes MONK NKOMO

This was disclosed at a meeting organised by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation at the Anglican Church

Residents accused councillors of being ignorant and misusing public funds. Residents also criticised the council's plan to increase rent.

Residents yesterday demanded the immediate release of the Kriel Commission's report on allegations of corruption and irregularities within the council last year

'Lousy' garden

The report was handed to the council by the Transvaal Provincial Administration two weeks ago for comment which must be submitted to the TPA by next week.

A spokesman from the Tshwane Legal Services told the meeting that the council did not care how residents' money was used. He claimed the council:

- * Paid R68 000 to a private company to paint the local community hall,
- * Paid R32 000 to a private company to establish a "lousy" garden inside the council premises; and
- * Paid an average of between R300 and R500 a month for car telephones for two senior officials who have since resigned

Bacher barred

Residents resolved that South African Cricket Union president Dr Ali Bacher, who conducts clinics in Atteridgeville, be barred from the township because of his moves to get this country back into the international sports arena

Dr Abe Nkomo said it was amazing that 54 percent of the local council's budget was for salaries and wages as compared with 33 and a third percent in the Pretoria City Council

Council to debate open Pretoria facilities

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PRETORIA — The city's NP-dominated council will debate the issue of opening municipal facilities to all races, at its monthly meeting next week.

The 19 CP councillors will oppose any move in the direction of lowering the "whites only" barriers.

Hanging over the debate will be the likelihood that the separate amenities legislation will be replaced during the coming session of Parliament.

The repeal of the Act has been strong-

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ly hinted at by Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Herman Kriel. He said the issue was high on government's agenda.

He said, too, the repeal of the legislation would knock the ground from under the feet of CP-controlled councils.

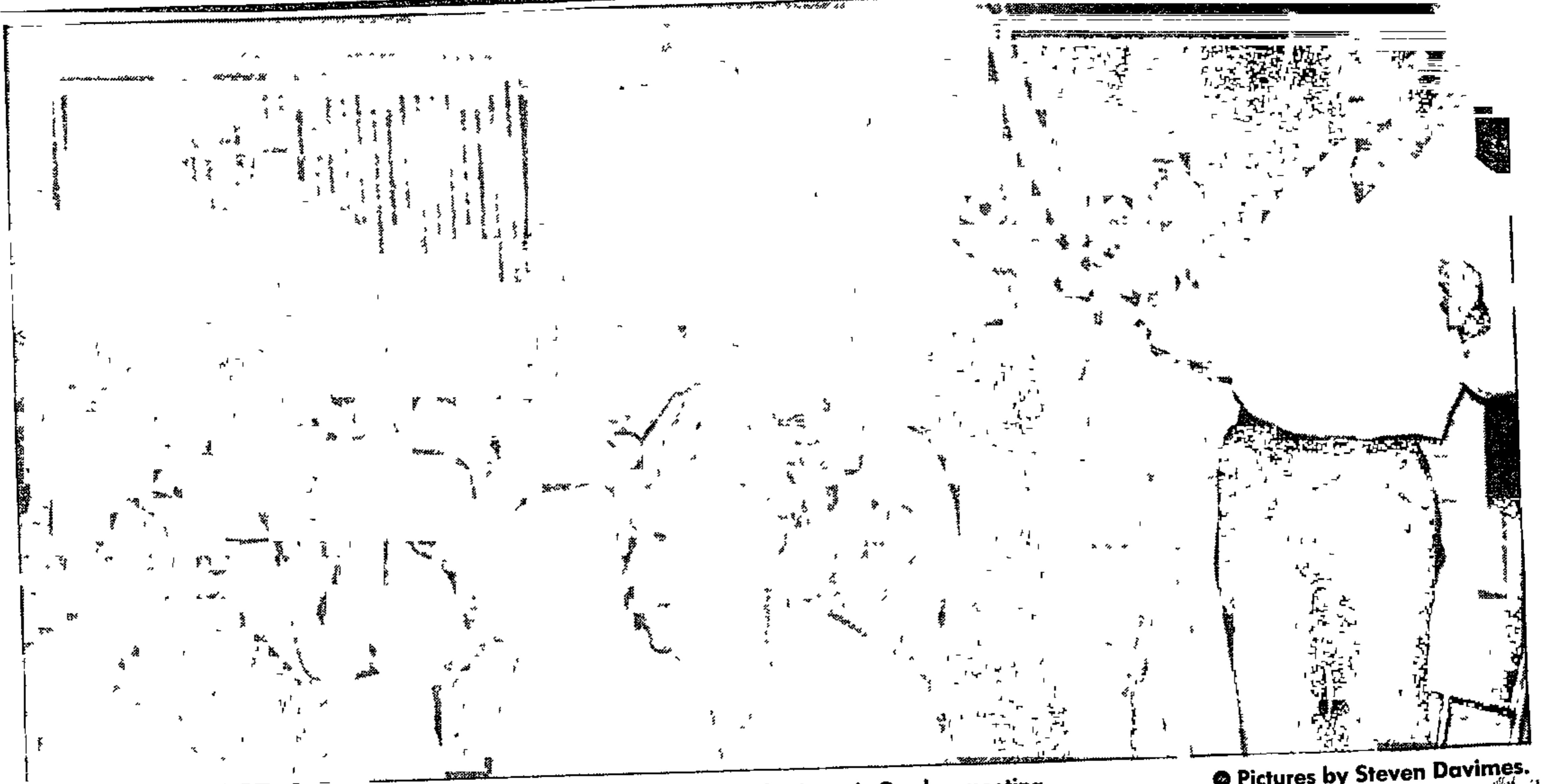
On the instruction of the Pretoria management committee, the various municipal departments were instructed

last year to report on the impact of open facilities.

The report has been studied by the management committee and will be submitted to the full council meeting next week.

In Pretoria, all municipal facilities with the exception of parks are reserved for whites.

Closed to blacks are municipal libraries, buses and swimming pools, with the exception of Hillcrest pool which has authority to hold mixed galas.



Members of the audience engage in spirited debate with a speaker at the Botanic Garden meeting.

● Pictures by Steven Davimes.

Protests mar council meeting on gardens plan

By Guy Jepson

A public participation meeting initiated by the Johannesburg City Council to discuss the development of the Botanic Garden collapsed into confusion last night

Many of the 800 people who attended the meeting at the Roosevelt Park Recreation Centre stormed out to protest against the handling of proceedings by the chairman, Councillor Cecil Long

"Stop dictating, you are a dictator, you are here to listen to the people," a member of the audience shouted after Mr Long, chairman of the council's culture and recreation committee, appeared to dismiss a proposal read by People for Park Conservation (PPC) chairman Mrs Jenny Gillies

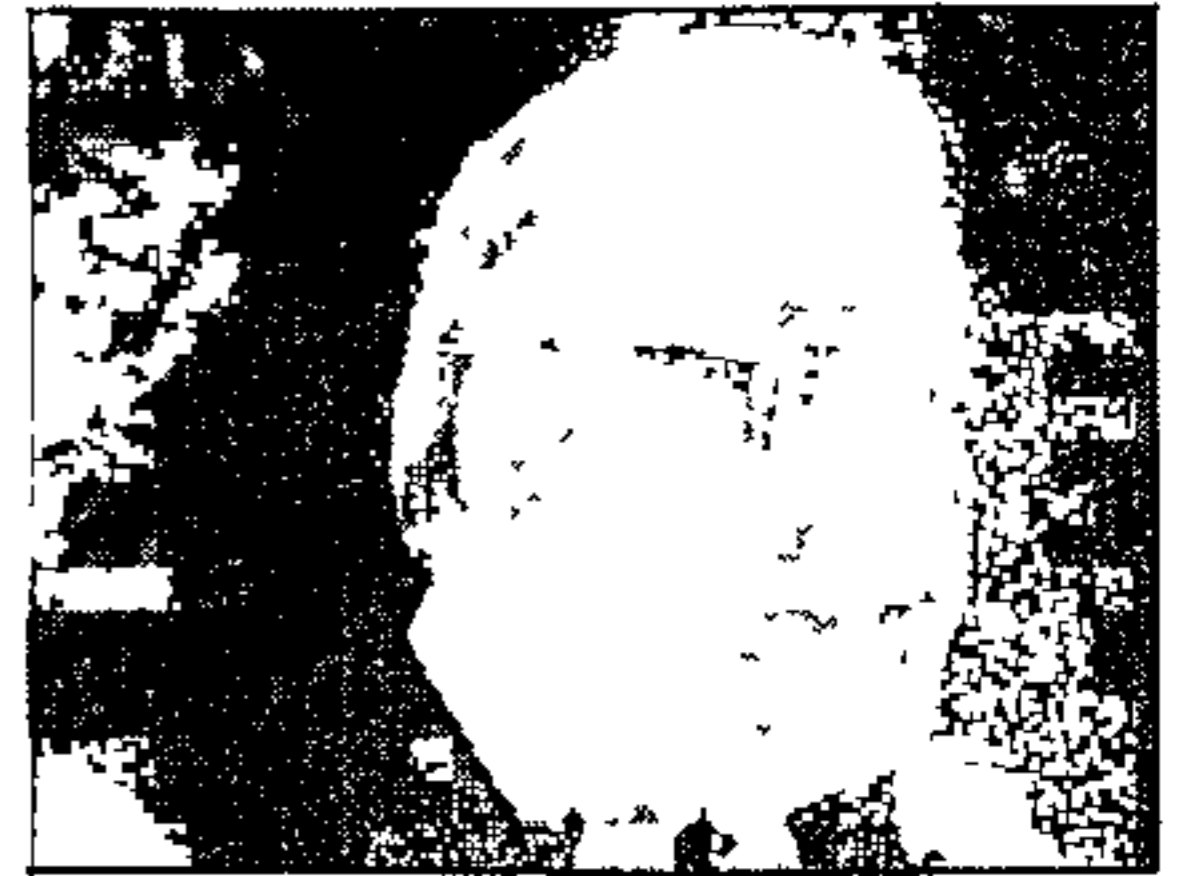
Mrs Gillies said PPC had collected 7 000 protest signatures in its campaign against the council's allocation of about half of Emmarentia's Jan van Riebeeck Park for further development of the Botanic Garden Mr Long questioned the authenticity of the petition

The council was represented at the meeting by Mr Long, Mr Paul Loubser, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, and Mr Patric Chambers, the Botanic Garden's chief information officer

Arguing the case for the development of the facility, Mr Chambers presented a slide show contrasting the present developed garden and its planned expansion with "the degraded open spaces" which he said characterised the area 20 years ago

No open space is in fact being taken away," he said, referring to a recent amendment to the original 1969 plan

In her address, Mrs Gillies said Jan van Riebeeck Park was publicly perceived as "a large park with a botanic garden in the northern corner".



Councillor Cecil Long under fire from critics at last night's meeting to discuss the Botanic Garden.

She said the council's 1990 update to its original plan for the park "still sounds restrictive" for a popular public recreation area

She said the PPC proposal represented a compromise aimed at preserving the multi-purpose recreational nature of the park's open areas while allowing for the expansion of the existing garden in the northern section of the park on to some of the undeveloped areas near Emmarentia Dam

Responding to the proposal, Mr Long said "The Botanic Garden is for the people of Johannesburg and that includes all the people"

When a member of the audience suggested that the PPC proposal be put to the vote, Mr Long said the proposal would be debated

Mr Ian Davidson, leader of the Democratic Party in the Johannesburg City Council and a member of the culture and recreation committee, asked Mr Long to reconsider his point of view

This meeting is a perfectly good example of public participation," he said

To try to stifle debate is counter-productive I am for the Botanic Garden but I do believe public opinion has to be taken into account and the public are here en masse"

Three councillors ousted in Tembisa

By Abel Mabelane, 26/11/90
East Rand Bureau

Three executive members of the Tembisa Town Council were removed from office last night after a vote of no confidence was passed against them.

The three have, however, indicated they will take the matter to court because they allege their removal was irregular.

They are the council chairman, Mrs Gladys Moatlhodi, the deputy mayor, Mrs Connie Zikalala, and councillor Mr Lesiba Lamola.

The three were also removed from the executive last August, but were reinstated after taking the matter to the Supreme Court.

In an interview with The Star, Mrs Moatlhodi said they had already sought legal advice and would take the matter to the Supreme Court again.

Returning

the open trading proposal welcomed

stolen rights to citizens of Jo'burg

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Johannesburg's Management Committee is to be congratulated on its recent proposal that the entire municipal area should become an open trading area

If all goes well this recommendation should be approved by the full City Council next Tuesday, after which the Government's permission under Section 19 of the Group Areas Act should be a mere formality

The "open trading" proclamation now sought would allow persons who are not white to own shops and also — very importantly — to carry on commercial, professional, educational and religious activities anywhere within the municipal area, provided that the premises in question are zoned appropriately under the municipal town planning scheme, and subject to the normal laws governing nuisance and improper behaviour

Persons who are not white have always been allowed to shop in "white" areas, and to work there in subordinate positions.

Black staff and customers are numerous, so the ban on ownership has had minimal effect in reducing the numbers of other races present. It can be explained by a selfish and short-sighted desire to maintain white privilege

Group Areas proclamations of the 1950s included virtually all significant business and industrial premises in "white" group areas, where ownership or occupation by persons of other race groups was prohibited

Fortunately this unjust restriction is now in the process of being overruled by free market pressures in a society whose diverse peoples are all bound together in a symbiotic relationship

From the late 1970s onwards the process of bending, stretching and avoiding previously rigid laws gained momentum, particularly in Johannesburg's central business district and the other major metropolitan cores

A long-standing battle was won on February 21 1986 when the factual situation developing in Johannesburg's Central Business District was legalised by an open trading proclamation under Section 19

The result has demonstrated in a highly satisfactory manner that allowing people to come together is much better than trying to force them apart

The City Council took the process further last year with the opening of municipal facilities and swimming pools

Hopefully its application for a permit to desegregate the city's bus service will be granted by the Local Road Transportation Board next week

Right wing objections to relaxation of discriminatory measures may be classified under several headings, viz

● That whites are being crowded out

But the fact is that more than three quarters of the population of this metropolis are not white

That proportion is enlarging even as their skills and aspirations increase and their cultural differences diminish in an urban environment. Complaints about declining standards ought to be met by improved city housekeeping and management,

and (where necessary) by the enlargement of shared facilities not by race-based prohibitions

● That established white privileges are being removed

But the right to own property and to run a business or to conduct a profession ought never to have been removed from people of other races. Therefore we are not considering a removal of white rights, but rather a restoration of stolen rights to persons of other races

● That if non-whites open businesses in white areas, and perhaps settle there, it would unjustly affect the whites' own community and cultural life

This is accompanied by a pious assertion that the motivation is not in any way racist

Let us pose a simple test assuming that both are worthy and well-behaved people, which would

be more acceptable a Portuguese-speaking Roman Catholic recent immigrant, or an Afrikaans-speaking Dutch Reformed Church member who happens to be coloured? And what are the implications of the presence of many black persons every day in every suburb?

● That persons of other groups should concentrate on building up the economies of their own separate areas

But many activities require multiracial participation, and are best situated in areas which are presently regarded as white

A businessman should be free to establish his business in the most advantageous locality. Just as in the case of a white, that will often be some subordinate business node

However, it should be added that black shopping enterprise can be expected to continue to be directed largely towards opportunities in the townships, where the openings are many

and the competition not yet established

In a situation which has been distorted for historical reasons, a good case could be made for protecting black entrepreneurs in the townships from the immediate blasts of strong white and Indian competition during a transitional period

That is a matter for the communities of Soweto and the other black towns to decide for themselves, but the case for opening the white areas is in my view, unanswerable

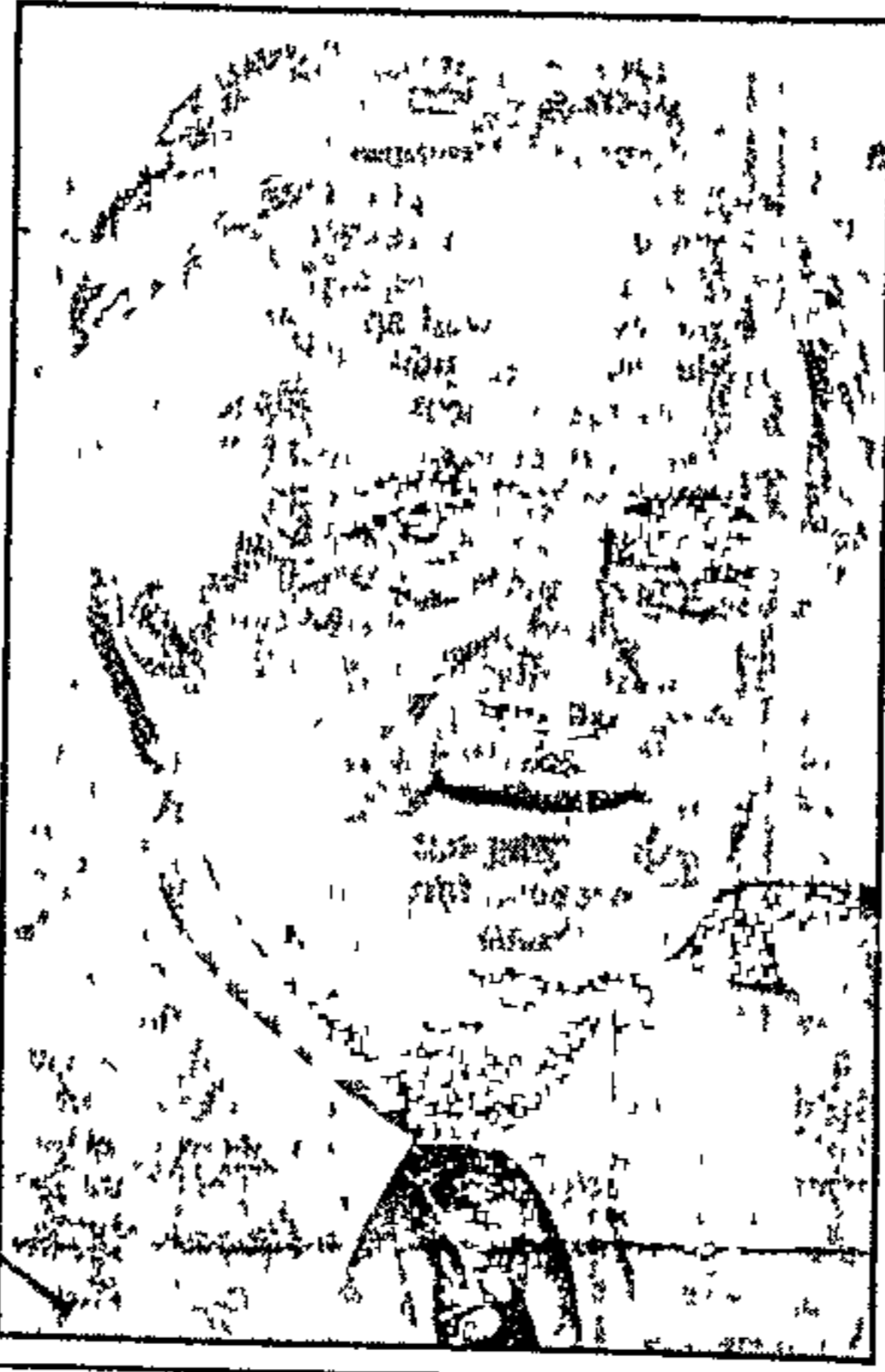
● That this is the thin edge of the wedge for removal of residential restrictions

But the authorities are coming to realise that, especially in the large cities, residential restrictions are eroding under irresistible demographic pressures

That is a separate issue, which will probably be addressed by the incremental proclamation of free settlement areas as a prelude to repeal of the Act. Eventually the creation and maintenance of ethnic or cultural enclaves must come to be done through natural social processes, not by discriminatory laws

It is right and proper that Johannesburg should take the lead in this matter. If other more conservative local governments hesitate to face up to emerging realities, they will doom themselves to increasing human conflict and economic stagnation

NIGEL MANDY, an international expert on city centres and the man who has fought hardest for free trade in Johannesburg's central area, analyses the anatomy of "open trading" and the importance of this step in relieving conflict and freeing the economy



Council agrees to discuss grievances

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Vosloorus Town Council on the East Rand yesterday agreed to discuss grievances of residents after more than 20 000 people staged a peaceful march to the council to protest against high rentals and electricity tariffs and lack of infrastructure

Vosloorus town clerk Mr George Prinsloo told executive members of the Vosloorus Crisis Committee (VCC), who were responsible for the march, that the council would discuss residents' complaints

Mr Prinsloo said, "The first council meeting will be held on January 31. We will discuss the matter and report back"

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Earlier, police prevented the crowd from entering council premises and allowed only executive members of the VCC to present a petition to the council

Residents demanded a R50 flat rate for rent and electricity and that the council upgrade existing infrastructure and provide more facilities

After a brief meeting, residents decided to implement their first demand, which was to pay a flat rate of R50, regardless of the council's proposal to look into the matter

"We are not prepared to pay exorbitant rates. We

are currently paying about R350 in electricity and service charges. As of this month we will only pay R50," said the chairman of the VCC, Mr Ali Maziya

ANC and PAC flags flew high and residents toy-toyed and sang freedom songs after Mr Maziya reported back to the crowd

After an hour of heavy tension between police and the crowd, who squatted to wait for a reply to the petition from the town council, residents dispersed.

Police were out in force but kept a low profile

Prior to the march, residents gathered at the Vosloorus Stadium to listen to speeches by the VCC, local priests and representatives from the UDF East Rand Branch and members of the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu)

"The apartheid system cannot work and the so-called leaders (town councillors) continue to rule by decree. It is in the interest of every community to defend their existence," Mr Maziya said

"We don't benefit from the economic development of Boksburg. The white people receive subsidies from the State. We cannot tolerate this inequity," he said

Members of the UDF and Nactu pledged their support for the struggle waged by Vosloorus residents

Mr Morrison Sinokela, the mayor, praised the marchers for keeping the protest peaceful

Sandton may seek 'open' status

THE Sandton Town Council's management committee has resolved to conduct a referendum of registered voters in the area on whether or not to apply for the Group Areas Act to be amended to exclude Sandton

This is according to Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Democratic Party (DP) in the Sandton Town Council

Mr Jardine, who is also chairman of the council's Section 59 Investigation Committee into Free Settlement Areas, said that if the outcome of the referendum is positive, the management committee will petition the State President to have the Group Areas Act amended

Mr Jardine estimated that about 80 percent of the area's registered voters would vote in favour of scrapping the Group Areas Act

But he said "If the outcome of the referendum is positive but the petition to the State President is unsuccessful, the management committee will instruct the Section 59 Investigation Committee to hold discussions with the Marlboro Gardens management committee, neighbouring municipalities, the Minister of

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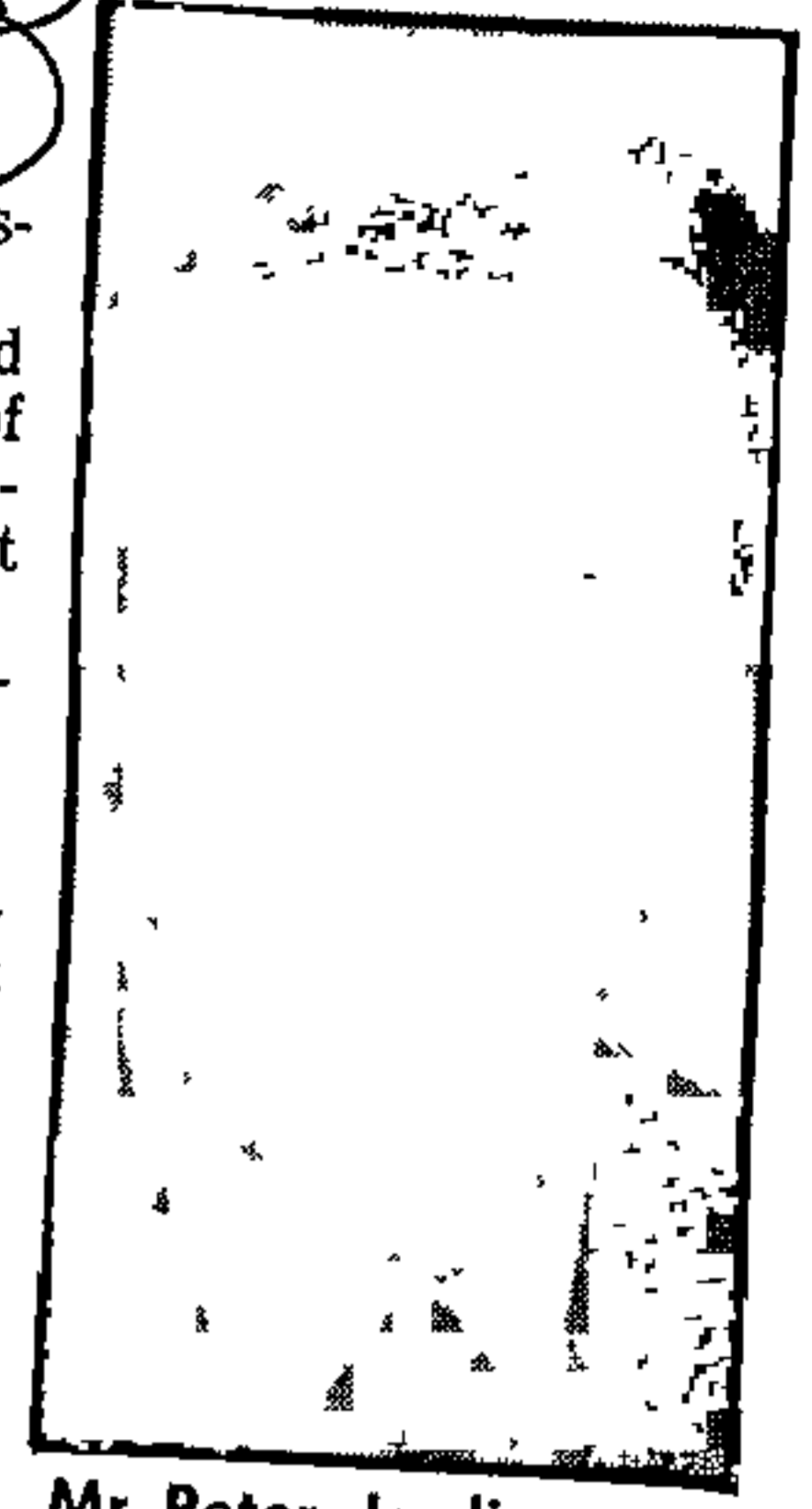
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"The point of these would be to examine and report back on the practical implications of whether or not to apply for the entire municipal area to be declared a free settlement area"

Mr Jardine said the council was totally opposed to

- The Group Areas Act
- The fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees
- The current franchise provisions of Local Government Affairs in the Free Settlement Area Act

"The legal advice obtained and the statements of government ministers and officials indicate that there is nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to be a free settlement area," Mr Jardine said



Mr Peter Jardine ... to hold referendum.

Lekoa mayor 'unaware' of tariff hike

THE mayor of Lekoa, Ms Kate Ngwenya, has asked residents to ignore notices sent out last week informing them of tariff increases.

She told the *Sowetan* yesterday that she did not know about the new tariffs, and urged them to ignore the letter while she investigated the matter.

In the notices Vaal Triangle residents were warned that they faced prosecution or eviction if they did not pay tariff increases of about R40 from January 31.

They were sent by the Lekoa town council clerk Mr N P Louw, to Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela.

Boycott

Louw said if the amounts were not paid or acceptable arrangements made, steps would be taken to recover the money and all other amounts, including costs,

By JOSHUA
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which may be owing to the council.

But an angry Ngwenya said she did not see how the council could approve increases while the five-year-old rent boycott was still unresolved. She said that, before she was elected mayor late last year, the council had approved rent increases.

But the new budget, which has been sent to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for approval, did not provide for an increase in rates.

Council sources have disclosed that increases were approved at a meeting last Thursday. Councillors were divided on the issue - one group contending that residents had not been consulted, and others demanding that increases be effected immediately.

An irate resident said councillors had forgotten the promises they made to consult with householders before tariffs were increased. "They are trying to save face in the wake of the warning by the TPA to get their houses in order," the resident said.

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Aim of better place for all

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LOCAL government has an important role to play in a new SA, according to Piet Geers who takes office as Soweto's town clerk on March 1. "It is the government nearest to the people," he said in an interview.

The former Verwoerdburg administrator said he wanted to create, with the people of Soweto, a better environment.

A town clerk had to act as a link between council and staff and externally between council and public, he said.

Geers said he would like to have an "open door" administration.

He said he regarded potential problems as opportunities.

"Communication is crucial I believe you must respect other people's opinions."

As Bedfordview town secretary during 1967-74, he was the council's Tembisa representative.

Geers, who succeeds Nico Malan, holds an honours degree in public administration and is an SA Institute of Valuers member.

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A new door opening on Soweto

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From a town which proudly carries the name of apartheid architect Dr Hendrik Verwoerd to a township which has come to symbolise resistance to apartheid — that will be the story of 54-year-old Mr Petrus Jacobus Geers, come March 1 this year

The affable Mr Geers, town clerk of Verwoerdburg, was last week appointed town clerk of Soweto. He will take over from Mr J van Rensburg, who has been acting town clerk since Mr Nico Malan resigned about a year ago

Politically, Verwoerdburg and Soweto are as far apart as the north and the south poles and at a social level the differences are as pronounced

Living in Verwoerdburg are mainly supporters of the Government of the day and parties to its right

Soweto, home of anti-apartheid activists, bustles with people mostly opposed to the status quo

In an interview, Mr Geers said he believed strongly that the transition would not be turbulent and was confident he would do a good job for Soweto

"Soweto and Verwoerdburg are different communities and I cannot expect to bring to Soweto the same schemes and designs I had for Verwoerdburg

"I believe my academic background and my experience with local government will stand me

Soweto town clerk-designate Mr P J Geers is under no illusions about his new job, but is determined to make a success of it. **KAIZER NYATSUMBA** spoke to him

in good stead, and I think I will be able to work out a model which will suit Soweto as a whole," said Mr Geers

He said that when he came to Verwoerdburg, a town near Pretoria with a total population of 80 000 of which 95 percent are white collar workers, as town clerk in 1974 it was not as developed as it is now

Reaching out

The overwhelming majority of property owners in the town were government employees That has changed now

Mr Geers said that in his new job as town clerk of Soweto he would look into the possible creation of a central business district "to bring the people's buying power back to Soweto"

A former president of the Transvaal Society of Municipal Evaluators, Mr Geers said "To change Soweto's image of a dormitory township needs wider planning"

Describing himself as a man "who did not like working behind closed doors", Mr Geers said his first task in Soweto would be to create avenues and

I have no illusions about job, says Geers

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says Geers

means of reaching out to, and informing, the people about developments embarked upon by the town council

"I believe in open administration and, most of all, I believe in communicating with the media, which are the voice of the people

"I believe in planning with the people and not for them"

Mr Geers appealed to the members of the press never to hesitate to contact him at any time whenever they needed any information

"I believe that closing doors on the media creates a lot of mistrust, and I would not like that to happen"

Mr Geers said it was imperative that the Soweto Council evaluated itself to find out what services it would be able to provide for Soweto residents, just as it was necessary for the residents themselves to indicate which services they deemed important and which ones they could do without

"If residents cannot afford certain services, then either al-

ternative means of financing them will have to be found or they will have to go without those services," he said

Asked how he would deal with the Soweto rent boycott, Mr Geers said he had not yet studied the situation and would therefore be unable to comment on the matter

Mr Geers has worked as a town clerk since 1966 when he joined Germiston City Council

He has worked for Bedfordview Town Council and, in August 1974, he joined Verwoerdburg Town Council's staff

Mr Geers will assume his duties in Soweto on March 1, but will attend Soweto Council meetings from February

He holds a BA Honours degree in public administration from the University of Pretoria, and is presently registered for a Masters degree at the same university

"I am happy that the Soweto Town Council itself invited me to take the job," Mr Geers said.

"I think we have a healthy mutual respect, and I believe we have an opportunity to make Soweto a place people can be proud of"

"I ask the people to accept me as I am I can't change myself (to be what I am not) I will, however, make my experience and expertise available to the people"

Mr Geers is married and has two daughters

Tsakane has stands, but no money

THE Tsakane Town Council on the East Rand has almost 5 000 empty residential stands but it has no money to erect houses on them.

About 4 000 families stay in backyard shacks in the township but, according to the council, 90 per cent of them earn between

By MZIKAYISE
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R60 and R350 a month and cannot afford to build their own homes.

Deputy mayor of Tsakane Mrs Connie Nkosi said they needed about R16 million for the

housing project.

Nkosi said her council could not get a Government loan because they owed the National Housing Commission about R22 m.

This money was used to erect new houses in the township's Skopas section a few years ago.

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'Save the ridges for residents'

Municipal Reporter

All development on Johannesburg ridges should be frozen until the council has finalised a ridge policy, urged city councillor Mr. Martin Sweet.

Commenting on the clash between residents and the developers of a shopping centre on Yeoville Ridge, he said "This ridge forms part of the Mervyn King Trail and the metropolitan open spaces system which is becoming the dominant feature in town planning.

"The ridge, as part of the greater Johannesburg network of open spaces, represents the deepest penetration of nature into the heart of urban Johannesburg

"It should be saved for all inner city residents"

Mr Sweet said one of his top priorities in the coming months would be to urge the council to adopt an environmental character for the city "If President Bush can elevate the US Environmental Protection Agency to Cabinet level on a par with Defence, then our city can adopt a policy prohibiting our ridges from being spoilt," he said.

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Education Briefs

The final day of the 'Socio-linguistics in Africa' conference at the University of the Witwatersrand will consist of a public colloquium on 'Planning for the future Language in South South Africa' The event will take place on Friday February 2 at the DJ du Plessis Centre on the university campus Telephone (011) 716-2346 for further details — Education Reporter

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Music, dancing, plays, a book fair and poetry are among the many items which will be presented at the University of the Witwatersrand's fifth History Workshop on Saturday February 10 Performers will include the Chopitimbila players from Wildebeesfontein Mine in Bophuthatswana, the Zakeni and Dumbuza Cultural Groups, the D-Bafanas, the So-shanguve Black Tycoons and the K-Team Poetry will be read by Mzwakhe Mbuli, Alfred Qabula, Mandiyoka and Siphon Templeton, and two literary sessions will be presented by prominent writers Telephone (011) 716-2296 for further details

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The Botshabelo Education Co-ordinating Committee was formed at a community meeting last week in support of the "Back to School" campaign, according to a statement from the Botshabelo Students Congress. The committee resolved to disband government-created school committees and elect parent-teacher-student associations, and to engage in action resisting incorporation into Qwa Qwa — Education Reporter

Landmark Pretoria meeting

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — The Pretoria City Council was expected to agree to eliminate discrimination in municipal facilities at its monthly meeting last night.

Blanket opposition to the management committee (Manco) proposals for ditching racial discrimination in facilities and trading was expected to come from the CP's 19 councillors *B/Dam 3/11/90*

DP sources said yesterday the scrapping of segregated facilities in Pretoria would be an appropriate backdrop to any announcement by President F W de Klerk in his opening speech in Parliament on Friday that the Separate Amenities Act was to be repealed

Among the facilities tabled for opening to all races were the city's buses, libraries, swimming pools, toilet facilities and muni-

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cipal halls

The Manco proposal, however, carried the rider that the city's main library lacked space in the reference and reading sections and integration could lead to chaos. Toilet facilities were also not adequate, it noted.

Referring to the desegregation of city transport, Manco said the Road Transportation Board should be asked to amend existing legislation to allow all races to use municipal buses.

The opening of municipal halls, including the Skilpadsaal and the City Hall, were also on the Manco agenda.

The "open" Melrose House museum and

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all parks should be kept open while angling facilities at Rietvlei Dam should also be available to all

The proposals also included the opening of the Hillcrest swimming pool

The council was also expected to approve a considerable widening of the free trade area to encompass much of the central area

At the time of going to press the meeting was still in session

LESLEY LAMBERT reports from Cape Town that a proposal for a referendum to

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determine municipal voters' attitudes to opening the city to all races was withdrawn at a council meeting yesterday

Camps Bay/Clifton councillor Chris Joubert, who sponsored the motion, withdrew it at the start of the meeting after listening to colleagues advise that it might create "a platform for negative debate and harm the reform process"

His withdrawal followed the recent cancellation of a similar referendum in Maritzburg after the NP — apparently against the wishes of Cabinet ministers — called for a "no" vote

Apartheid under fire in Transvaal

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The two major Transvaal cities, Johannesburg and Pretoria, have taken far-reaching decisions which will lead to the partial scrapping of apartheid in their municipal areas.

In Johannesburg a recommendation by the management committee that the entire city be declared a free trade area was approved, at yesterday's council meeting. Only the four Conservative Party members opposed the move.

It was announced that the Lenasia and South West management committees had also decided to accept free trade areas.

In Pretoria the council voted by 22 votes to 19 after a heated debate yesterday to open the municipal bus service, all municipal libraries, the city hall and the Skilpad Hall, the Hillcrest swimming pool and angling facilities at the Rietvlei dam to all races.

Recommendation

The Pretoria council decided to recommend to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning that the major part of the central business district and a number of suburban areas be investigated as free-trade areas and that it had no ob-

jection to the principle of establishing a free-settlement area on a "regional" basis inside or outside its area of jurisdiction.

Johannesburg deputy management committee chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said "We are moving towards a discrimination-free city. But it is not in our hands to abolish the Group Areas Act. It would be wonderful to stand up and say it had been scrapped," she added.

Mrs Marx said her ideal was freedom of choice for everyone in South Africa. The Group Areas Act was a problem, but part of the committee's aim was to look at group interests on a non-discriminatory basis.

"Free society"

"The ideal is a free society where people can function on a competitive basis."

Earlier in the debate Democratic Party council leader Mr Ian Davidson recalled that the Democrats had been dubbed "screaming liberals" when they urged the scrapping of apartheid.

Urging the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, he said all that was really being obtained was an exemption from the Act.

"But we still have the contorted logic which is that a black can work anywhere but not live there," he said.

Sandton residents to vote on free settlement area

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By Louise Burgers

The Sandton Town Council will hold a referendum within three months to determine whether its voters want the Group Areas Act repealed in their entire municipal area.

Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Section 59 committee dealing with Free Settlement Areas, said at the council monthly meeting on Monday night that the referendum was a matter of urgency and would be held as soon as possible.

The council requires a mandate from its voters to petition the State President for an amendment to the Group Areas Act to exclude the entire municipal area from the provisions of the Act.

A date will be set for the poll and registered voters in Sandton will have to vote "yes" or "no" for an open area.

R50 000 has been set aside for the referendum. The Democratic Party is expected to campaign vigorously for a "yes" vote.

The motion tabled before the Sandton Town Council stated that it opposed the Group Areas Act, the fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees, and the current franchise provisions of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

AMENDMENTS REJECTED

The recommendations dealing with the referendum were carried by 18 votes. Independent councillor, Mrs Elizabeth Clogg and DP councillor, Mrs Hazel Egdes-Schochet abstained. Two amendments proposed by them were rejected.

Mrs Clogg believed a referendum was unnecessary and suggested the council petition the State President directly.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Perry Oertel, said residents wanted to be consulted and a mandate from voters would place the council in a stronger position to negotiate.

According to the Section 59 committee report on free settlement areas also released on Monday, all residential areas and public facilities should be open to all races throughout the country, and the council should continue to demand and exert all possible pressure to have the Group Areas Act repealed.

The committee considered the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act "inherently unacceptable legislation" — only necessary because of the existence of the Group Areas Act.

The two acts were also considered to be "bad legislation" as they were extremely vague in many aspects and totally silent on relevant aspects in other instances, the report stated.

The committee was of the opinion that it was possible to use the free settlement areas legislation to achieve an open residential area for an entire municipality, provided amendments or regulations were made to provide for an acceptable form of franchise and a workable management system.

Legal advice obtained by the council indicated there was nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to become a free settlement area.

There would have to be a common voters roll for the election of a single city or town council. Apart from those on the municipal voters' role, people who owned or permanently occupied property in the municipal area and the corporate vote, should be accommodated.

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Pretoria moves to end apartheid

PRETORIA — The City Council here last night took major steps towards the total abolition of apartheid in the capital city — overriding caustic and heated Conservative Party opposition to open a number of municipal facilities to all races.

Initial reports after the meeting indicated that most municipal facilities would be opened to all.

Reports before the council noted that investigations were still under way into the segregation/integration scenario in a wide number of services, as well as extensions to the central city free trading area.

After the meeting, the chairman of the management committee, Mr James Leach, appealed to "all residents of Pretoria to approach the opening of facilities in our city with great responsibility."

This followed a heated debate in which the CP opposition warned of certain disaster and described the latest moves as "the thin end of the wedge."

The CP threatened to do everything legally in its power to overturn the proposal.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, the City Council is to ask the Constitution-

al Development and Planning Department to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area.

This recommendation, made by the management committee last week, was approved by all DP and NP councillors at the monthly council meeting last night.

The four CP councillors opposed the recommendation on the grounds that white business would be threatened.

A motion proposed by CP councillor Mr Hendrik Claasen, that referendums should be held among the current legal residents before any free settlement recommendations were made, was ridiculed by both DP and NP councillors.

In proposing the motion, Mr Claasen cited statistics of Aids among blacks and the number of Aids-related deaths.

● All Johannesburg's buses will be opened to all races within the next 10 days, Johannesburg City Council's Acting Transport director Mr Gert Tighy said yesterday.

The applications by Putco and Johannesburg City Council to the Road Board for permits to carry passengers of all races went ahead without a hitch, he said. — Sapa; Own Correspondent

Council to comment on its inquiry

By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville town council is expected to submit its comments on the Kriel commission of inquiry to the Transvaal Provincial Administration today.

The commission investigated allegations of corruption and irregularities in the council last year.

It has not yet been decided whether to make the findings public, a TPA spokesman said.

Political and civic organisations in Atteridgeville have called on the authorities to publicise the findings of the commission appointed by the government at the council's request.

Issues highlighted during the inquiry

included the improper handling of public funds, the payment of R480 000 per year to certain officials travelling to and from work as well as the misuse of council vehicles.

Senior officials also told the inquiry that the township had a deficit of about R9 million and that 54 percent of the council's budget was for salaries and wages.

Mr Theo van Strijp, treasurer and acting town clerk of Atteridgeville, this week confirmed that the council had not had an audited financial report for the past three years.

The council has now acquired the services of external auditors and we hope to have an audited report within four weeks," Van Strijp said.

Muldersdrift enlargement bid 'slated'

By Louise Burgers

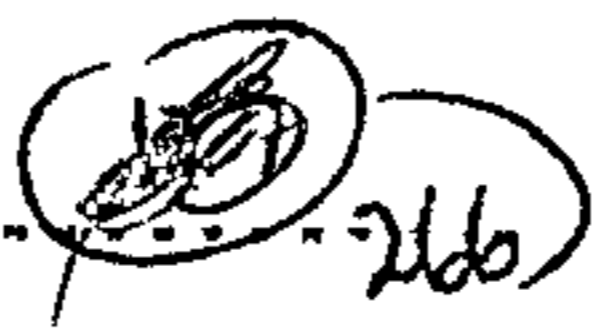
The Muldersdrift local area committee has applied to extend its boundaries to an area twice the size of Randburg to preserve its "rural" character, in a move which has been labelled "political" by surrounding municipalities.

At its monthly meeting last night, the Randburg Town Council decided to object to the application by the tiny town made in December, on the grounds that such a move would restrict Randburg's future expansion.

Randburg is situated on 910 hectares and Muldersdrift officials want 2 000 hectares included in their area to form a municipality. According to town councillor, Mr Cyril Ford, the move is purely political because there are no other reasons for the sudden expansion.

It would be disastrous for Randburg's future expansion to allow a municipality with a negligible population to encroach from the north, Mr Ford said.

Council officials said Muldersdrift was afraid its rural character would be polluted by development. They feared industrial development on their borders would bring an influx of people and create unwanted change.



Old hostel *Soweto 2/2/90* to go residential

By ALI
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THE Soweto city council will receive a grant of more than R1 million from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for use in converting Dube hostel into a residential area.

After investigating the viability of converting single sex hostels in the townships to flats and townhouses, the Soweto Council decided that only the Dube hostel would be suitable.

It is estimated that the infrastructure will be completed in four months.

Stadium

Meanwhile, the Dobsonville town council has requested financial assistance in order to improve facilities and upgrade the Dobsonville stadium.

The stadium is the home ground of Giant Blackpool Football Club and serves 34 semi-professional and amateur teams.

Changes to the stadium include seating for 20 000 spectators, a crowd control fence and flood lighting.

Tenders spark outrage in Atteridgeville

THE Atteridgeville Town Council this week rejected lucrative tenders of up to R1 million and recommended that a business site near the local clinic be allocated to a taxi owner who allegedly offered far less than six of the eight other tenderers.

The council, at their monthly meeting on Wednesday - part of which was held in camera - accepted recommendations by the executive that the site be allocated to the taxi owner who had offered R100 000 for the land and building. The cost of the land is R37251,50, which means he will put up a building of about R62000.

A local resident who offered the highest tender of R56 000 for the land only and R1,4 million for the erection of a two-floor business centre, yesterday threatened to take legal action against the council after her offer was rejected. Several other tenderers expressed their

By MONK NKOMO

dissatisfaction about the council's decision and said legal action was not ruled out.

A source close to the council said the executive committee recommended the taxi owner because he had already bought bricks for the building.

Other lucrative offers included:

* R50 000 for land only, by a local businessman who wanted to put up a two-storey building centre worth R1,3 million; and

* R60 000 for land only, by a local resident whose building was estimated at R200 000.



Nkosinathi Mncengwa.

'CP fury' cost man his home

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By **STAN MHLONGO**

A VAAL resident this week told how "CP fury" cost him his most precious possession - his home.

Nkosinathi Mncengwa this week spoke of his grief and sadness after his bosses - the Vanderbijlpark Town Council - "sneaked-off" to demolish his shack.

The Conservative Party-controlled Vanderbijlpark Council has been fighting for the past three years to kick out the 50 000 blacks in Bophelong and turn the area into a white suburb.

Mncengwa, 47, is an employee of the council and is one of the victims of demolitions.

"The council did not have the decency to inform me, although I have worked for them for the past eight years. They destroyed my shack with-

out notice," said Mncengwa.

Vanderbijlpark town clerk Chris Beukes said: "The squatters were given sufficient time to remove their property."

Vaal residents this week started a petition to State President FW de Klerk to bring the "racist reign" of the Conservative Party in the township of Bophelong to an end.

The move has been initiated by the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) and is supported by the Bophelong Residents' Committee.

VCA spokesman in the Bophelong region, L Mailula, said Constitutional and Development Aid Minister Dr Gerit Viljoen would also be sent a letter requesting his support.

"We decided on Viljoen and De Klerk because their constituencies are in the Vaal," said Mailula.

Jomet to hold indabas on transport

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Commuters are being given the opportunity to contribute ideas about alternative public transport systems proposed by Jomet, the Johannesburg metropolitan planning organisation

Public meetings have been planned throughout the Jomet transport area to discuss land use strategies and the transport implications of such strategies

The aim is to invite public input in order to generate a preferred strategy

DATES AND VENUES

Details of the meetings are

- In Johannesburg, on Tuesday February 13 at 6 pm, A-level lecture theatre, Civic Centre, Loveday Street Extension, Braamfontein.
- A combined Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort meeting on Wednesday February 14 at 6 pm, Randpark High School, Assegaa Avenue, Randpark Ridge Extension 1

- A combined Germiston-Alberton meeting on Tuesday February 20 at 6 pm, Germiston Civic Centre, Queen Street, Germiston Auditorium, under the library

- A combined Edenvale, Bedfordview, Kempton Park and Modderfontein meeting on Wednesday February 21 at 6 pm, Edenvale community hall, corner of Van Riebeeck Avenue and Second Street

- A combined Soweto, Dobsonville, Diepmeadow meeting on Thursday February 22 at 6 pm, A1 lecture hall, Vista University, Soweto.

- In Alexandra, on Monday February 26 at 6 pm, Nobuhle Hall, inside new men's hostel, Sixth Avenue

- A combined Tokoza, Katlehong meeting on Tuesday February 27 at 6 pm, Tshabalala Hall, Nkaki Street

- In Tembisa on Wednesday February 28 at 6 pm, Raba Sotho Hall, Igqagqa Section, near Tembe shopping centre

Jo'burg bus service open

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JOHANNESBURG opened its entire municipal bus service to all races yesterday morning.

And Putco which ran a "blacks only" bus will now transport passengers of all races in line with the decision of the Johannesburg City Council.

A Putco spokesman, Astrid Bleker, said all passengers would pay the same fares - about 40 percent lower than on Johannesburg municipal buses.

Mrs Bleker said several inquiries had been received from whites in areas which were poorly served by municipal buses.

White commuters in Honeydew, north-west of Johannesburg, were interested in Putco's early morning service as they experienced serious public transport problems, she said.

Putco director, Vic Coetzee, said earlier there were many complications to be worked out. Putco was subsidised by the government and municipal services were subsidised by ratepayers.

"For us all to operate economically there will have to be a review of local transport systems throughout the country."

Johannesburg Transport Department still retains the differentiated tariff, desegregating all bus routes but charging lower fares on buses which previously transported blacks only.

Acting transport director Mr. Gert Tighy said the council's former "blacks only" bus routes mainly served the railway stations.

Commission probes Midrand Town Council

By Norman Chandler ^{SMK}
Pretoria Bureau (266)

Alleged irregularities in the burgeoning new town of Midrand — situated midway between Pretoria and Johannesburg — are under investigation by a judicial inquiry instituted by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Provincial Administrator Mr Dame Hough announced in Pretoria yesterday that an inquiry had been called for, as a result of a decision taken by the local town council on January 30.

It will look into "irregular conduct" allegedly committed by the town clerk and other council officials, and irregular

decisions made by the council. The only member and chairman of the commission is Mr Justice T H van Reenen. Mr P W A Strydom has been appointed to undertake preliminary investigations, including cross-examination of witnesses

The commission's secretary is Mr L Loeve, an assistant town secretary at Verwoerdburg municipality

Mr Loeve has been delegated to provide information on the commission's activities

Anyone requiring further information may contact the commission at PO Box 4584, Pretoria 0001 or telephone Mr Loeve at (012) 62-1151 ext 222

Atteridgeville Council gets ultimatum from residents

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By MONK NKOMO

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THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation, which staged a mass protest march in the township on Sunday, has given the local city council a month to respond to their grievances failing which councillors should resign, they warned.

About 60 000 residents marched to the local city council offices to protest against the intended rent increase and the alleged misappropriation of public funds by the council. Asro also called on the council to publish a proper audited financial statement of the council which should be inspected by residents.

The council has not had an audited financial statement during the past three years.

A delegation of three people including Dr. Abe Nkomo, chairman of Asro, presented a petition to the mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula.

Asro, in their petition, urged the council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to respond to the petition within one month "failing which councillors should resign en block".

Tembisa grievances ignored for years

Flare-up council's fault, say residents

By Stan Hlophe

The trouble which flared up in Tembisa on Monday was sparked off by the town council's maladministration, housing shortage, lack of facilities and high tariffs, the residents said yesterday.

They told The Star that their dissatisfaction was common to all other townships which have been neglected for more than 40 years because of past Government policy of regarding blacks as temporary sojourners in urban areas.

They claimed they had presented their grievances to the council, but to no avail. Until 1987, after persistent pressure by the community, it was using the old "bucket" sewerage system. Only 40 percent of the township is electrified — at an installation cost of R1 500 per home-owner — and residents are charged up to R300 a month for electricity tariffs. Only 30 percent of the streets are tarred.

Soweto council inquiry

By Montshwa Moroke
The Maratn Commission of Inquiry into alleged corruption and irregularities within the Soweto Council has been completed and the report has been submitted to the council.

A spokesman for the legal firm which led the inquiry confirmed the report had been released but the council was still to study the document, which he described as "fairly voluminous".

The report, which was completed last month, has not been formally presented to the council and it was anticipated that the chairman of the commission, Professor F R Malan, would address the full council on its contents.

The three-man commission was appointed by the council last year to investigate possible corruption and irregularities in the allocation of land and other council property by the previous council, over the past five years.

It was against this background that the Tembisa Residents Association (TRA) organised a march to present a petition to the local council, police, and education authorities, with demands that:

- Affordable service charges and housing be provided
- The council gives an undertaking that it will take over the electrification scheme
- Roads will be tarred and refuse collected
- Restrictions placed on local activists be lifted and the state of emergency terminated

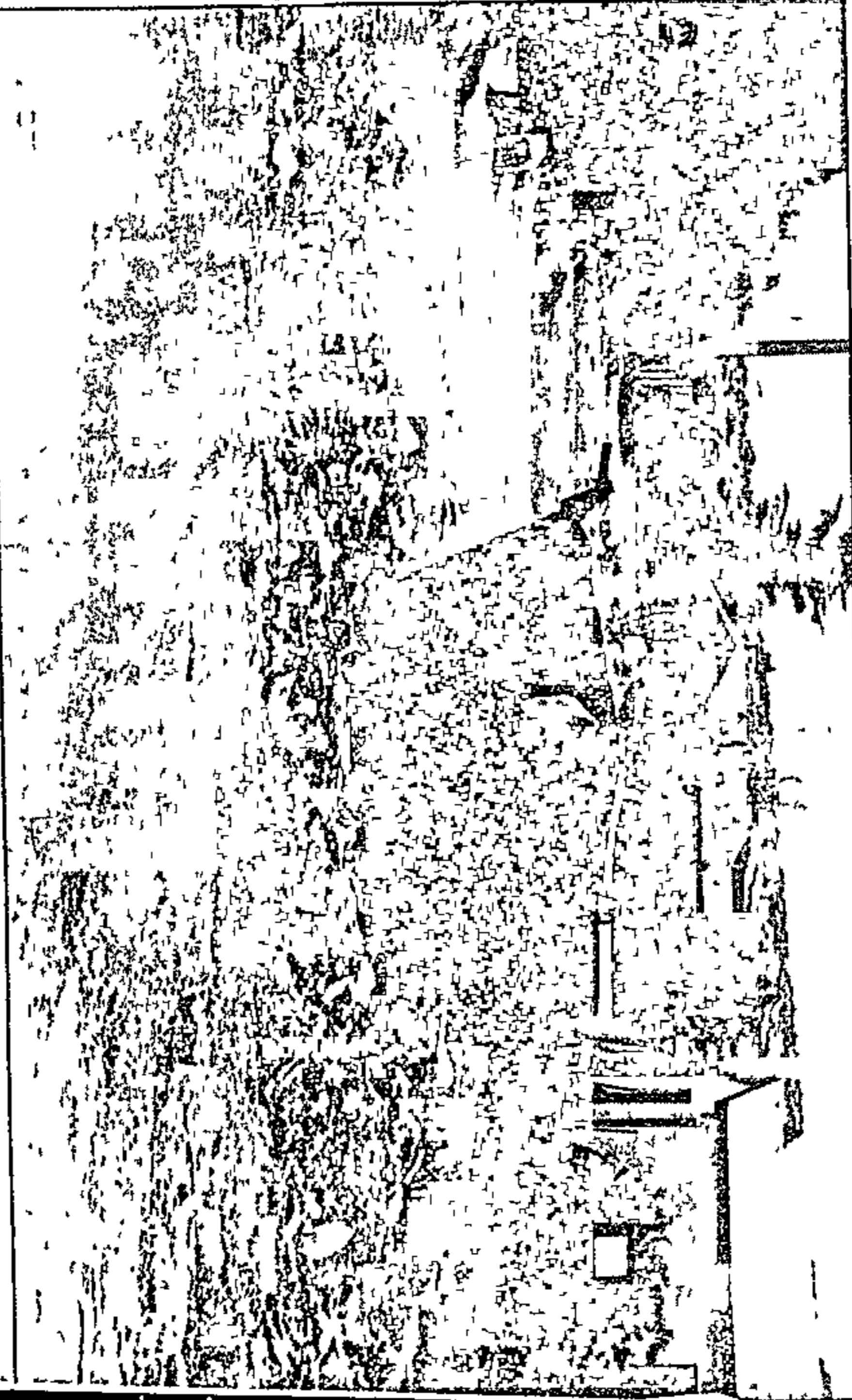
Declared illegal

When thousands of residents took to the streets on Monday on their way to the council offices, they were stopped halfway by police who declared the march illegal because the organisers had not been granted permission by the local magistrate.

Teargas was fired, leading to at least 19 people being injured. Youths stoned and burnt passing vehicles and set up barricades to all routes leading to the township.

TRA secretary general Mr Pat Baloyi said organisers would stage another march on February 17, provided permission is granted.

Police in an interim unrest report issued on Monday night said police used teargas to disperse illegal gatherings in Tembisa on Monday. They said two houses, a municipal store and two vehicles were damaged by arsonists but no injuries were reported.



Tembisa residents organised a march on Monday to present a petition to council authorities demanding, among other things, roads be tarred and refuse collected. Picture by Herbert Mabe

Widening of street: demos on the march

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By SY MAKARINGE

SCORES of Jabulani, Soweto, residents staged a placard demonstration yesterday morning to protest against the widening of a street into a double carriage-way by the Soweto Council.

The demonstration was a culmination of a series of meetings over the last four months between the council and the residents' delegation.

In a petition sent to the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, in October last year, the residents said they were against the reconstruction of Koma Street, one of the busiest taxi routes in the township, as it posed a serious danger to pedestrians, especially children.

"More lanes on the carriage-way will cause the traffic to move faster than normal and by so doing, will endanger other road users," the petition said.

**TPA lays
down action
plan for
Soweto**

By Stan Hlophe

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has issued a directive to the Soweto Council to take specific steps to improve its financial situation.

A joint statement issued last night by Mr. Olaus van Zyl, MEC, and Soweto mayor Mr. Sam Mkhwanazi said the directive dealt largely with the collection of money owed to the council with the emphasis on new, lower, tariff by-laws, expected to come into effect on March 1.

This comes in the wake of an ultimatum by Transvaal Administrator Mr. Dame Hough to the council to put its house in order following a 44-month rent boycott costing more than R250 million.

TPA to investigate academic hospitals

The possibility of rationalising existing academic hospitals in the Transvaal is being explored by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

A meeting in Pretoria yesterday of university rectors, delegates from academic hospitals and the TPA decided that it was necessary for an inquiry to be conducted and recommendations made concerning the future role of academic hospitals. The first report resulting from the inquiry is expected in about two months' time.

Academic hospitals in the Transvaal include the H.F. Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria, the Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto and the Johannesburg Hospital. The J.G. Strijdom Hospital, Johannesburg, lost its academic status some months ago when the University of the Witwatersrand withdrew its support after the hospital became part of the "own affairs" political dispensation. — Pretoria Bureau

R26m 'went up in smoke'

CAPE TOWN — SA exported tobacco at a loss of R26,8m during the 1987/88 financial year, former auditor-general Joep de Loor reported yesterday.

This was disclosed in his report on the accounts of the Tobacco Board, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

De Loor also reported that the board paid R1,1m as an ex gratia payment to tobacco producers in respect of 75% of the domestic value of unmarketable chlorine-contaminated tobacco from the 1987 crop.

"During the year financing amounting to R20 119 882 was granted to co-operatives in respect of tobacco that could not be absorbed by the local market immediately.

"Portions of this and of the stocks carried forward from previous seasons were sold abroad during the year at a loss.

"At 31 March 1988 surplus stocks to the value of R8 118 363 were still on hand at co-operatives."

De Loor said the Agriculture Minister granted standing approval for the available funds of the board to be used for advancing to tobacco co-operatives, immediately on submission of invoices, the full local value of packed tobacco supplies intended for export.

Advances amounting to R13,3m

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were made during the year, but these were repaid by March 31 1988.

"Losses on tobacco sales abroad amounted to R26 765 119 during the year and were written off against the price stabilisation account."

GERALD REILLY reports that figures released yesterday show that South Africans spent a huge R3,084bn on tobacco products last year.

Spending

Speaking at a tobacco industry seminar at Gordon's Bay, Agriculture Minister Jacob de Villiers said this represented 6,7% of total spending on food, liquor and tobacco. The total smoked amounted to 40,5-million kg.

Tobacco was planted over 26,000ha, which produced around 36,8-million kg a year with a gross value of about R350m.

De Villiers said the "fairly heavy" excise duties levied on tobacco products earned the state R552m last year.

Stressing the importance of the industry as a work provider, De Villiers said that, including the two cigarette factories and 10 other factories producing tobacco products, it employed 58 500 workers.

Politics blurring gold's destiny

LONDON — Political uncertainties in the world's two largest gold producers will cloud investor sentiment for some time, say analysts.

"Gold may be a halfway house at the moment if you're not sure where to go," said Andrew Smith of UBS Phillips and Drew here.

The reformist package by President F W de Klerk and the Soviet Union's move to end monopoly communist rule have blurred perception of future price trends. Furthermore, traders remain concerned about gold loans and possible sales by central banks. SA mining houses believe sweeping concessions to blacks will significantly ease tensions in labour relations with black miners.

"We see De Klerk's speech as very positive. Hopefully there will now be a climate more conducive to normal in-

dustrial relations," said Gary Maude, head of the gold and uranium division at Genmin.

The speech had raised hopes that dealings with trade unions will now focus more on workplace and wage issues rather than political matters, he added. *BID 9/1/2/90*

Swiss analysts see reforms benefiting SA's economy by increasing the likelihood of foreign investment, although cheaper capital could lead to increased production and lower prices.

De Klerk's statement would have little short-term impact, brokers Warburg Securities said in a London review. But if nationalization were adopted, the effect on gold could be disastrous, Warburg noted.

It "would lead to a rapid decline in gold output" and give an enormous boost to the price. — Reuter.

Soweto council told to collect debt

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Junior mayors visit Soweto

By Abel Mushi

A group of 30 junior mayors from all over South Africa, accompanied by their colleagues from their respective junior city councils, visited Soweto yesterday as part of the Johannesburg Junior Mayoral Symposium which started on Wednesday.

The trip to Soweto was a social visit organised with a view to establishing team-spirit between councillors from other cities and the Soweto Junior City Council, a fledgling organisation founded in August last year.

"Let the adults do their thing, we will do our own thing because it's our future we're concerned with and we're not going to be dictated to," said Mr Justin Cohen (16), the Junior Mayor of Johannesburg.

Alex councillors agree to resign

By MOKGADI PELA (266)

ALEXANDRA community councillors have aligned themselves with the community's call to resign from government institutions, a rally in the area was told yesterday. *Sareta 11/2/90* ~~(11/2/90)~~

Addressing thousands of people at a commemorative service to mark the 1986 Alexandra shootings which left more than 30 people dead, Mr Moses Mayekiso of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, said that the councillors had also asked the community to pardon them.

"We have no direction, we have now seen the light and as your servants we will expect light from you," he said, quoting from a letter written by some of the councillors

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Wattville ready to march

RESIDENTS of Wattville have planned a protest march to the Benoni City Council Chambers tomorrow against "irregularities within their town council."

The march, organised by the Wattville Concerned Residents Committee, will start at 10am from the local Anglican Church to the Benoni City Council Chambers, a spokesman of the committee said yesterday.

Permission to hold the march has already been sought from the local magistrate and the committee was still awaiting a response. People from the neighbouring Actonville are also expected to take part in the march, the spokesman said.

The residents will present a memorandum to the council, stating their grievances which include high rents, the allocation of sites to private developers without regard to homeless people who have been on the waiting list for more than 20 years and the lack of schools in the area.

Council streamlines liaison

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Moves by the Johannesburg City Council to co-ordinate dealings between its departments and major developers in the central business district are expected to help streamline negotiations and cut costs

Planning chief Mr Eddy Magid said today that Mr Frikkie Kotze's designation would change from chief director planning to chief director development

"In addition to his present responsibilities, he has now been specifically delegated to co-ordinate major multimillion-rand projects by administering liaison among the various departments"

As former fire chief, Mr Kotze was ideal for the job as he had intimate knowledge of building by-laws

"Plans submitted to the council will still go through the normal channels, but where a snag is encountered the developer will now be able to communicate with Mr Kotze instead of having to go from pillar to post between the various departments"

21/11/1990 (266) Serious allegations made against Tembisa council

By JAPIE MOKWEBO

HUNDREDS of Tembisa residents at the Jan Lubbe Stadium could not believe their ears last week when deputy mayor-ess Agnie Zikalala levelled serious allegations of corruption and negligence against her col-

leagues

Zikalala alleged that Tembisa councillors were engaged in filling their pockets and doing nothing to help alleviate the housing shortage facing the residents. She specifically accused the mayor, Solomon More, of allocating

land to a white-owned building contractor, to build expensive houses which the residents could not afford.

Zikalala alleged that the mayor's "shoddy deals", which were done without the knowledge of other councillors, were rewarded by the contractor with a holiday in Mauritius and a luxurious house at Hospital View in Tembisa.

More this week vehemently denied the allegations, saying his holiday and house expenses were paid by himself.

"The land at issue was allocated by the previous council and not by me as alleged. I will prove my innocence," said More.

The meeting was called by seven councillors that are against the decision to allocate 85 percent of the open land to a white building contractor.

Late on Friday the Transvaal Provincial Administration MEC Olaus van Zyl, who is entrusted with local government, announced a public inquiry to investigate the administrations of Tembisa and Tokoza.

He said a report concerning tariffs and municipal accounts of Tokoza must be submitted within 14 days. The inquiry comes after three days in which thousands of residents marched in protest to the council offices which resulted in two people being shot dead.

TPA to probe Tokoza Town Council

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AN urgent public investigation into the local councils of Tokoza and Tembisa has been called.

The MEC responsible for local government in the Transvaal, Mr Olaus van Zyl announced that the investigation into aspects of Tokoza's municipal administration would start immediately.

A report on tariffs and municipal accounts of the Tokoza council must be submitted to the executive committee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) within two weeks, and in a second phase charges concerning alleged irregular activities in the administration by

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councillors and officials would be investigated.

The Tokoza investigation would be led by Mr Faan Schutte, director of financial administration of the TPA, with evidence and representations from the council heard at the Tokoza municipal offices on February 26 and 27.

Further information on the Tembisa investigation will be announced next week, he said.

The investigations follow similar TPA investigations of other municipalities - most recently Carolina

Soweto 'owes Transvaal R464m'

CAPE TOWN — The Transvaal Provincial Administration provided the Soweto Town Council with R464,6m in bridging finance between June 1986 and January 31 this year, Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel said yesterday.

He was replying to a question by P H de la Rey (CP Maraisburg), and said the council had not paid back any of this money.

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All bridging loans were made available against a debt-obligation which made provision for loans to be repaid, interest free, over a period of five years (266 ~~266~~)

But because of financial difficulties being experienced by the council no instalments had been paid

NP, DP extend pact in Randburg council

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The political pact between the National Party and the Democratic Party in the Randburg Town Council has been extended for another year.

DP leader Mr Andre Jacobs will soon take over from the NP's Mr Frans Lourens as management committee chairman. Mr Lourens said several positions currently held by the NP and DP would be reversed in the coming year.

The present mayor, Mr Christo Geyer (NP), will replace Mr Jacobs as deputy management committee chairman. He will be the only NP representative on the three-man body. The DP's Mr Gary Cooney will replace an NP councillor to become the third member of the management committee.

The DP's Mr Brian Cra'l will become the new mayor. NP councillor Mr Okkie Oosthuizen takes over as deputy mayor.

The present deputy mayor is independent Mr Conrad Plange. It is accepted practice in many municipalities for the deputy to take over as mayor, but this will not be the case in Randburg.

Mr Plange said he was not aware of the latest agreement between the two political parties.

Van Stryp bows out

TREASURER and acting town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Theo Van Stryp, has resigned from his posts

Van Stryp, together with another senior official, Mr Petrus van der Merwe, a senior accountant, tendered their resignations on Monday. Their last day of service at the council is March 31 1990

Van Stryp said his reason for resigning were personal. His colleague said he was leaving because of a promotion he had been offered

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Their resignations were submitted amid strong protest by residents complaining that council funds were being misused and not properly controlled

The lack of efficient control over public funds emerged at the commission of inquiry last year where Van Stryp testified and conceded that the council had never had an audited financial statement during the past four years because of lack of skilled staff.

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Tender put on hold

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By MONK NKOMO

TENDER documents relating to the Atteridgeville City Council's alleged irregular allocation of a business site to the lowest tenderer has been referred to the Director of Local Government, mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula said yesterday

Apparently dissatisfied with the council's decision to reject lucrative offers which were beneficial to the council, Mathebula said he had given instructions that no agreement be signed between the council and the successful applicant until final approval had been received from the director, Mr FG Pelsier

Reasons

The dispute took another turn last week when the highest bidder for the complex, took the matter to her lawyers who gave the council 10 days to give reasons for their decision, or face Supreme Court action

Dissatisfaction over the allocation of the site was sparked off by the council's decisions in January to reject the highest bid of R1,4 million for the building only and R56 000 for the land in favour of an applicant who offered R100 000 for both the land and building

Lowest

Mathebula declined to say whether the council would defend the matter in court

Sowetan has established that a senior council official has - without the knowledge of the mayor and his council - already filed a reply to the applicant's lawyers informing them that they were not obliged to furnish reasons for accepting the lowest tender

No money

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THE KwaThema Town Council on the East Rand has no money to build low-cost houses (268)

Former mayor Mrs. Muntu Motlhaping last year said the council had raised funds to build low-cost houses and upgrade streets.

Refuting the statement as "empty promises", present mayor Mr Ezra Radebe said the council had no money to build houses.

Kagiso strike hits at council

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By STAN MHLONGO

ABOUT 600 Kagiso Town Council employees downed tools this week in protest against the refusal by the council to recognise their union.

At midday on Friday, the workers milled about the Kagiso offices with placards which said: "If FW is talking to the ANC, why is the council not talking to us?"

The workers have also threatened to boycott rent payments and vowed not to return to work unless their union - the National Union of Public Service Workers (NUPSW) - is recognised by the council.

In addition, workers are demanding the resignation of town clerk of Kagiso, Mike van Rensburg. *When 25/2/90*

Attempts by *City Press* to speak to the town clerk fell through, as he reportedly left the council offices under police escort on Friday.

No other council official were available at the time of going to press.

Employees told *City Press* the council had not offered them a salary increase since 1984.

"I earn as little as R4 a day which amounts to R80 every month," said one employee.

Workers claim they have been involved in negotiations to no avail, for the recognition of NUPSW since June last year.

Political comment and news items by M. Siblyn, headlines and sub-editing by J. Beffon, both of 204 Elliott Street Ext., Johannesburg.

Council 'might be fired' (266)

THE Atteridgeville City Council, whose finances are in a chaotic state due to maladministration, could be dissolved and councillors dismissed

This follows recommendations by a commission of inquiry into irregularities within the council

Sowetan has exclusively established that Mr Willie Kriel, a senior provincial lawyer who chaired the public inquiry from April 10 to July 12 last year, has recommended that the Administrator take action against

By MONK NKOMO

the council in terms of Section 29 of the Black Local Authorities Act No 102 of 1982

Although the commission's report has not been made available to the public, it has been confirmed that Kriel established that the financial position of the council is in a shambles because of, among other things, extravagance

The council is expected to submit its reaction this week

"It will serve no pur-

pose to provide more funds either by bidding or overdraft facilities until the whole administration is placed on a proper and efficient bookkeeping system and proper budget control is applied," Kriel said in his report

Should the council consider an increase in service charges at this stage, it would be impossible to say which section of the council is being run at a loss, whether it be housing, water or electricity, Kriel submitted

He added that records

relating to leave, sick leave, appointments and overtime were incomplete, incorrect and the amounts paid out in respect of certain instances could not be reconciled with the records

"The whole accounting system of the council leaves much to be desired," said Kriel

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the Transvaal, yesterday declined to comment on the report and said it and other similar reports would be made available for publi-

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cation in about two weeks

Evidence led during the Kriel inquiry revealed unhappiness among employees and the public about the appointment of staff members' relatives

Kriel highlighted the appointment of Mrs Rammala, the former town clerk's wife, to the post of assistant librarian

This position was initially to be filled by a Mrs Legoabe

Before Mrs Rammala was appointed, her husband Solly was present during her interviews

Kriel also found that

* There was a considerable number of highly-paid personnel who enjoyed benefits such as car loans and travelling allowances and to and from

work which cost the council R40 000 a month,

* Council vehicles were used by councillors for personal reasons,

* There was fruitless expenditure of funds in improving the garden at a cost of R34 000 as well as expensive security equipment, and

* There was incompetence in the handling of tenders

In terms of Section 29 of the Black Local Authorities Act, the Administrator may dissolve the council, dismiss councillors if the council fails to take the necessary steps in accordance with his direction

The Administrator may also direct that new elections be held or designate one or more people to manage and control the affairs of that local authority

DP wants Free Settlement halted

AN urgent motion is to be brought by the Democratic Party before the Johannesburg City Council on Tuesday this week, requesting that the Minister of Constitutional Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, call a moratorium on all investigations into Free Settlement Areas until there is clarity on the Group Areas Act.

This was announced by DP council leader Mr Ian Davidson after yesterday's reports that the Free Settlement Board was investigating opening up Johannesburg's eastern suburbs including Berea, Bellevue, Yeoville, Doornfontein, Bertrams and Judith's Paarl

Mr Davidson said he would be bringing the DP motion to mandate the Management Committee to

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request Dr Viljoen to call a moratorium on such investigations until the question of giving Johannesburg "Open City" status was addressed.

"We are vehemently opposed to the dismantling of Johannesburg and its suburbs into Free Settlement Areas because this will only serve to create further problems in terms of potential overcrowding and possible slum conditions," said Mr Davidson

"There is also the whole question of disenfranchising Johannesburg citizens in respect of their municipal votes," he said.

PAT DEVEREAUX

GOLD REEF CITY REVENUE COSTS BILLION DOLLARS



Managing director of Gold Reef City, Mr Ben Schutte. ● Picture by Karen Fletcher

At the end of this financial year, Gold Reef City will show a profit in its operating costs and an 18 percent increase in the number of people who have visited the park since the takeover by Southern Sun and Empire Amusements nearly two years ago.

First National Bank pulled out of the theme park in April 1988, writing off an R18 million loan Gold Reef City went into liquidation.

The man largely responsible for the revival is managing director Mr Ben Schutte. "When Gold Reef City went into liquidation it was a tough decision whether to get involved."

"But we (Empire Amusements) and Southern Sun decided to give it a go and it worked out, it was the right move."

Mr Schutte, the man behind the design of South Africa's first water park in Boksburg, Wild Waters, immediately implemented cost-cutting measures.

"I had an idea to change the whole concept of the park — free parking and one admission fee with all attractions inside free. "By doing that, we made it more af-

After four years in the red, Johannesburg's Gold Reef City is finally making money. **LOUISE BURGERS** reports.

fordable entertainment. Families tend to come back."

He cut the staff needed to run Gold Reef City from 350 people to 180.

Mr Schutte also moved the administration offices to a more modest site in the park itself.

"The first month wasn't a disaster, it was a nightmare. We knew we were going to lose money, but we did not know how much. We started redesigning and implementing cost-cutting procedures. But we also had to pump money into the park to make it work."

The park has been structured along the lines of family entertainment.

"We're not just building amusements. We try to bring in the historical. We are continually upgrading old equipment used in the mines."

"The historical is very important, especially for the tourists. They can go to amusement parks overseas. That is why we concentrate on being a fun park with inter-

ests for all."

An innovative and complicated miniature golf course complete with waterfalls, sand bunkers, rock tunnels and miniature lakes is a challenge to any enthusiast. Nearly R6 million has recently been spent on new rides, including the nerve-racking Golden Loop.

The popular "toys of yesteryear" exhibition is being revived and several new museums, including the vintage car museum and police museum, have recently been opened.

A new gold museum planned inside vintage railway transport coaches is in the pipeline.

Although it will be a while before a return on investments will be realised, Mr Schutte's "hands-on" approach and his total involvement in Gold Reef City seems to be paying off.

About 800 000 people visited the park last year, compared with the approximate 600 000 two years previously.

Mr Schutte is confident the figures will continue to rise. Plans are continually being developed for future attractions, although there is limited space for expansion.

People we come in new jobs, burgers

A new city is rising from the dust of implosions and demolitions, reports **SHIRLEY WOODGATE**. And the building renaissance will bring people back to the CBD.

been the catalyst in bringing the development of the CBD into focus. This was the logical place to establish a project with high-tech capabilities needed for the future."

New development

The bulk of the major developments are taking place north of the civic spine where the "Big Four" have staked their claims.

- Sage Properties' and Old Mutual's eight-block Centreplan straddling the Eloff Street pedestrian walkway
- Old Mutual's two major blocks, "1066" and Old Mutual Centre, bounded by Kerk, Loveday, President and Harrison streets
- First National's BankCity bounded by Jeppie, Harrison and Pritchard streets
- Anglo American Property Services' landmark "diamond" building at 11 Diagonal Street and the latest parking garage/retail development housing the city's first Pick 'n Pay on the corner of Jeppie, West and Bree streets.
- Sats has called for proposals for decking the railway lines in front of and adjacent to the Johannesburg Art Gallery with two levels of parking
- Johannesburg City Council is considering a "very large" conference centre in the same area
- The council has also called for proposals for two major bus/taxi termini in Newtown and Kazernne. Perhaps one of the most significant effects the revamp will have

on the man in the street is the creation of walkways and boulevards, piazzas and pavement relaxation areas.

In a city which is largely perceived as a car haven, the new Johannesburg will encourage people into the open highveld sun, starting with Eloff Street from Johannesburg Station.

The full emphasis will fall on Kerk Street, which is to become a major pedestrian walkway from Eloff in the east into the heart of Newtown via a tunnel under West Street.

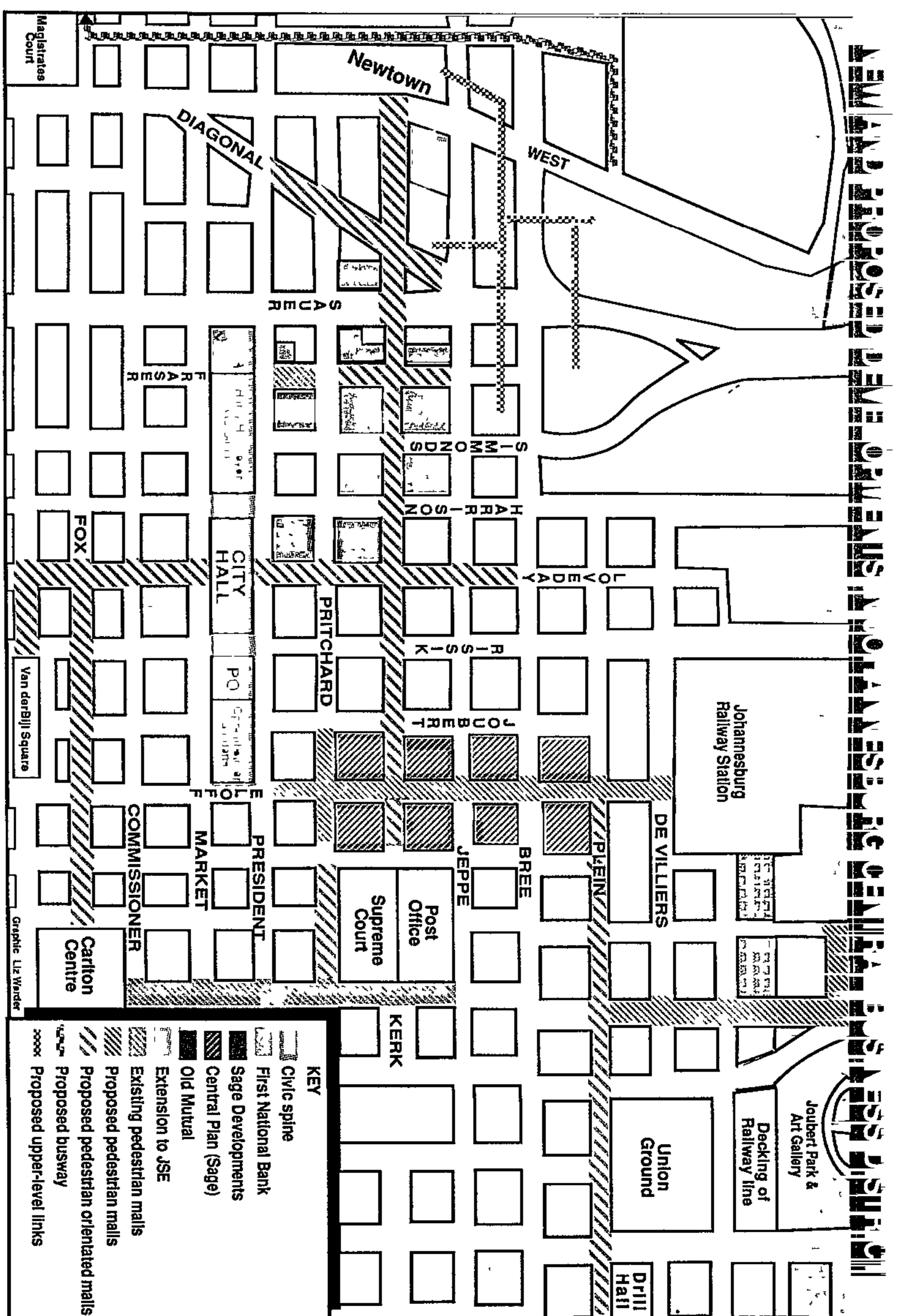
Gateways

Kerk Street will also link with ancillary walkways along Loveday, Fraser and Diagonal streets.

The new-look CBD falls within the city "walls" bounded by the railway in the north, Harrow Road and Stenmet Street in the east, the M2 motorway in the south and the M1 De Villiers Graaf Motorway in the west.

The planned R10 million civic spine from the public library to Rissik Street Post Office is destined to become the hub of the city, restoring the City Hall as the central point for activity with a civic square created between the City Hall and the Post Office.

This is further accentuated by the position of the four major access and exit roads — the north-south Rissik and Eloff streets and east-west President and Market



Parallel with the massive development in the CBD is the planned return of people to the city centre. They will not only take up the thousands of job opportunities which will be created, but live, play and relax in the new residential component, on the walkways and piazzas linking the buildings.

streets — which demarcate the heart of the city at their intersection in the geographical heart of Johannesburg.

The "gateways" to the CBD permit entry and exits by private vehicles and public transport via a series of one-way streets which have been created to maximise the narrow roads forming the grid format of the city layout.

- From the south, one-way Rissik Street provides a ceremonial "gateway" heading up past the City Hall to the Civic Centre on Braamfontein Hill.
- North is Park Station where 40 000 commuters enter the CBD daily, spilling over from the Eloff Street pedestrian way.
- The northern road access is limited to Queen Elizabeth Bridge which carries the entire volume of traffic, providing access via one-way Simmonds Street into the heart of the city and exit via one-way Sauer Street.
- Beyond Joubert Park the north-south Clarm Street, which is reversed to south-north access in Banket Street, feeds traffic into the city to and from Hillbrow.
- On the western side, entry is along one-way Market and President streets with the exit via the Bree-Jeppie one-way combination.

The multi-billion rand redevelopment of Johannesburg's central business district which was launched in the early Eighties is chabily without parallel anywhere in the Western world, believes Mr Eddy Magid, chairman of the city's planning committee.

In the process, a new city is rising from the dust of implosions and demolitions of old buildings in heart of the one-time gold mining camp, now only four years on its centenary.

But the CBD's renaissance is only about bricks and mortar. Parallel with this massive development is the planned return of people to the centre of the city. They will not only take up the thousands of job opportunities which will be created, but live, play and relax in the new residential component, on the wide paved walkways and the piazzas linking buildings and completing the architecture of new skyscrapers.

General optimism about the future of the CBD is backed by the latest figures released by the city council. The total value of commercial and industrial buildings approved last year increased by 84 percent from 7 million in 1988 to R541 million in 1989, despite various restrictions, sanctions and growing costs, Mr Magid pointed out.

And developers are confident, named up by Old Mutual's property investment manager Mr Ian "All the vital infrastructure here, including public transport which no other area near Johannesburg can better."

First National's Mr John Colfer, in charge of the Bank City project, said "We believe we have

Open cities needed — DP

Free areas plans are opposed

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By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council will oppose the proposed declaration of 13 eastern suburbs as free settlement areas. This follows the acceptance last night of a Democratic Party motion.

The DP motion that the council record its opposition to the latest Free Settlement Board investigation was supported by the Conservative Party, the three independent councillors

The chairman of the Free Settlement Board, Mr Hen Kruger, last week announced an inquiry into the areas of Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorentville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton Estate

Verbal vote

The DP leader in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, believes there were NP councillors in favour of his party's motion

After the verbal vote, the chairman of the council, Mr Jan van Blerk, moved that the "ayes" had won

"I think he moved to prevent a division of the vote. If there had been a tally, the Nats would have been severely embarrassed," said Mr Davidson

"This is a major triumph for the DP

"We actually managed to persuade the council that opening up parts of Johannesburg is not the way"

The management committee is now obliged to submit the DP resolution on behalf of the whole council in representation to the

Free Settlement Board

During the debate on the motion, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, said free settlement areas could solve many problems and legalise the present situation

He added that the country could not "stand still" while the negotiation process was under way

In introducing his motion, Mr Davidson asked how areas such as Hillbrow, Pageview, Braamfontein and the Central Business District, all multiracial and represented by NP councillors, were excluded from the proposal.

"The areas subject to this experiment will create major problems, and the boundaries that have been chosen are to circumvent political tension:

"We need an "open cities" Act. They must call a moratorium on free settlement investigations"

The leader of the CP, Mr Jacques Theron, said his party supported the motion because of its stance on group rights

Racial conflict

The NP was forcing racial conflict by declaring white areas open to other races, he said

DP councillor Mr Sias Reyneke accused the NP of keeping the Free Settlement Board investigation secret

"This management committee knew about these proposals on February 16.

"They had the moral obligation to tell the voters affected by the investigation"

Nurses' home opens to all races

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The nurses' residence at the Johannesburg Hospital was yesterday thrown open to all races

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said in Pretoria the step was "particularly important since, owing to an acute shortage of white nursing staff of all categories, the services of staff belonging to other population groups are increasingly being used at the hospital".

The decision follows a fire which took place at the city's Hillbrow Hospital in December, when part of the nurses' home was burnt down

A row broke out at the time after black nurses were temporarily accommodated at the previously segregated nurses' residence at the Johannesburg Hospital

Mr Fanie Ferreira, Transvaal MEC in charge of health services, said yesterday's decision followed recommendations made in an interim report of a committee of inquiry which was looking into the overall running of the Johannesburg Hospital. The committee was established last year.

"The decision has been taken in the light of specific circumstances, and it is believed that the unhappiness over these (circumstances) that existed among many people in the Johannesburg area will now be removed," he said.

The TPA had also decided that nurses of all races employed at the Johannesburg Hospital would be able to undertake basic and post-registration training at the B G Alexander College of Nursing, housed on the hospital property

He said there had been no consultation with residents on the issue, adding that the Hillbrow Nurse's Residence had not been adequately restored.

The residence had lacked many facilities even before it was burnt, and still did. It was currently in a state of "sub-human habitation".

"There was no consultation with us over the matter, as the TPA aluded, and we unequivocally reject being moved back to the Hillbrow Hospital unless the residence has been restored," Dasoo said.

"Any move to dislodge us will be resisted," he said.

Dasoo also took exception to the TPA statement that the Johannesburg Hospital had been desegregated and that this should be seen as a concession.

"While we welcome desegregation, this 'concession' is paternalistic to say the least. All facilities at the Johannesburg Hospital should be desegregated. Desegregation should not be partial.

"The TPA should be warned not to stand still in a climate of advancing politics in SA. They move like neanderthals, and risk being taken over by events and exposed to further universal ridicule and condemnation," he said.

THE SA Health Workers Congress has accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of "its worst display of bureaucratic chauvinism".
A representative for Sahwco and the residents of the Johannesburg Hospital, Dr Aslam Dasoo, responded yesterday to a TPA statement earlier this week that Hillbrow Hospital staff, who were moved to the Johannesburg Hospital after their Hillbrow residence was burnt, could now return to the Hillbrow Hospital residence.

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Big boost for Meyerton in the pipeline

Vereeniging Bureau

An agreement for the sale and development of an industrial township has been concluded between the Meyerton Town Council and investors from England.

The council says the agreement is the result of protracted negotiations between the two parties over several months.

About 285 ha of ground is involved in the project, and provision has been made for eventual development of about 500 erven.

The proposed project should have a profound influence on Meyerton and surrounding areas. It is hoped that initial work on the development will start within the next two years.

The property concerned lies to the west of the Samancor and Emsa industrial plants and is well situated with regard to the Reef and Vaal Triangle.

According to the town council, the buyers of the property intend recruiting foreign industrialists on a large scale and are confident the project will spark much interest abroad.

Those interested in the development can contact Meyerton town clerk Mr M Oosthuizen for further details at (01612) 24544.

Pretoria CP councillors suspended

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The leader of the Conservative Party opposition in the Pretoria City Council and a fellow CP councillor were yesterday suspended for 45 days
The CP has threatened a sus-

tained campaign of motions against the National Party majority
The suspensions follow remarks by CP leader Mr Paul Fouche and councillor Mr Nic Maritz at a council meeting on February 15

Council paid for car repairs

Star 4/3/90
By Monica Nicolson

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live rent-free as he did not qualify according to council regulations.

The Midrand Town Council had footed the bill for the town clerk, Mr Philip Botha's rent and paid over R12 000 for his car repairs, the commission of inquiry into alleged illegal activities of Mr Botha and various other council members heard yesterday.

It was revealed that rather than claiming from insurance, Mr Botha arranged for the council to pay the R12 789 car repair bill.

Mr Piet Strydom, appearing for the State, argued that Mr Botha was not entitled to

Mr Rudi Snyder, a traffic officer, reported an illegal hunting trip he went on with Mr Botha and other colleagues. When it was reported to the police, Mr Botha suggested Mr Snyder should "take the rap" as he (Mr Botha) had been subject to too much bad publicity. Mr Botha paid the R150 fine.

Mr Strydom also asked why the council paid hospital bills for a senior councillor when he fell ill during a conference.

Hike in water tariffs

By SY MAKARINGE
WATER tariffs will be increased by 12 percent from the beginning of April.

This was announced this week by Mr. Vincent Bath, executive director of the Rand Water Board.

Bath said a typical householder's water account within the board's area of jurisdiction would vary from R20 to R50 a month, depending on consumption and water rates applied by the different local authorities.

The increase meant that consumers would from April 1 pay 52.75 cents a kilolitre, an increase of about 5.65 cents on last year's rates.

Bath said the increase was well below the current inflation rate.

2 quit ²⁶⁶ council after attacks

By Mzikayise Edom

Sowetan 2/3/90

TWO members of the Tokoza Town Council on the East Rand have resigned from their posts following pressure from the residents and the attacks on their properties in which two buildings were set alight.

They are Mr Abram Mzizi, former deputy chairman of the council's management committee and Mr Moses Tsotetsi, who served in the management committee last year.

Rumours that the mayor, Mr EC Matsoso, had also resigned were denied by the council's public relations officer, Mrs M. Erasmus, in a telefax message sent to *Sowetan* yesterday.

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Midrand town clerk denies he received profits

By Monica Nicolson

The town clerk of Midrand, Mr Philip Botha, received half the profits from a developer who did work for the council, it was heard during the commission of inquiry into alleged illegal actions of the clerk and other officials yesterday.

The presiding judge, Mr H T van Reenen, heard how Mr Anton Lourens, a close friend of Mr Botha's, was contracted to build a taxi rank for the Midrand council. Mr Lourens made R85 000 in the deal and he gave Mr Botha half of the money.

Mr Botha told the hearing that the money had been a loan to help him out of financial difficulties and was not a present. He said he gave Mr Lourens a receipt for R43 000 and that he intended to pay the loan back.

Replying to an accusation that the council footed the R12 000 bill for repairs to his car, Mr Botha said he had thought the insurance company of the other party involved in the accident would pay the bill.

The hearing continues.

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ADMINISTRATOR MOVES TO PROTECT BLACK COUNCILLORS

BLACK local councillors will have government protection against "radical" elements if Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough has his way.

Deploring the pressure to which local councillors were subjected by the "radical establishment" demanding their resignations, Hough conceded yesterday councillors had reason to be afraid if they and their families were threatened.

He pledged to secure the assistance of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to ensure councillors' safety.

Speaking at a meeting attended by black local government representatives from the West Rand and Vereeniging

WILSON ZWANE

yesterday, Hough said local government would remain one of the cornerstones of any constitution for a new SA.

"We need not wait for the final touches to be put to a constitution before addressing the issue of strengthening local government," he said.

Transvaal Administration Executive Committee member John Mavuso said that as the necessary regulations had been promulgated, it was now possible for township people to convert their present site permits or certificates of occu-

patron to leasehold.

"This conversion will take place without any applicants having to pay anything for either the land or any improvements on it," he said.

Those who qualified for leasehold were those who held site permits or certificates of occupation on or before December 15 1978.

Alexandra Civic Organisation chairman Moses Mayekiso said in a statement yesterday that the people of Alexandra were expecting the town council to resign before tomorrow, because it was not accountable to residents. The call for the council's resignation

was made when residents marched on the council offices last month.

In another development, the Alexandra Civic Organisation has condemned the Alexandra council's decision to privatise single-sex hostels.

Mayekiso said this would lead to higher rents for hostel dwellers.

The 6 000 hostel dwellers felt the council should make the hostels available for renting by families, Mayekiso said.

Backing this idea, he called on the council to stop plans for privatising the hostels.

No council comment could be obtained.

Lawyers gather evidence for commission and

Traders flare at CP

By TRISH BEAVER

St. Times 4/31/90

THE Springs business community is fuming about a city council refusal to accept an influx of skilled Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong that would have poured a potential R300-million into the local economy.

The resounding refusal by the management committee of the CP controlled council came despite the backing of Conservative council chairman, Mr Gert Parsons, who is an estate agent.

And the seven to-five rejection of the proposal — which would have brought 300 families each with at least R1 million in cash into the area — has enraged Springs businessmen.

Angry independent councillor Mr Theo Selkon spoke out against the council decision to sink the scheme put forward by Mr Raymond Chong, managing director of First International Contacts.

"It would be insane to turn down this type of investment," said an enraged Mr Selkon. "It would be beneficial to all the people of Springs."

The proposal outlines the immigration of about 300 Hong Kong Chinese families to a particular area in Springs.

Assets

Each family would bring with it liquid assets worth at least R1 million, of which 50 percent would be invested in banks, 20 percent invested in establishing housing requirements and the remaining 30 percent used to establish industrial complexes or invested in other commercial enterprises.

Mr Selkon pointed out that there had already been some interest in developing industrial land outside Springs and it would be foolhardy to turn away this type of investment merely because of racial prejudice.

Springs businessmen were also furious that the meeting was held in camera. They believe that a meeting of this significance to the economy of the area should be open to all.

Mr Dick Gosse, manager of the Springs Chamber of Commerce, said reports on the issue had caused an angry response and the issue needed to be looked into.

"When rule in Hong Kong is handed back to mainland China, there will be an exodus of skilled people wishing to escape the consequences of communism," he said. "Why shouldn't South Africa benefit from these skills?"

"It is not as if they are penniless refugees from some backward country. They are civilised and affluent and I can see no reason for the council to reject this proposal."

Drugs

"It would be a pity for us to turn this into another Boksburg fiasco and attract bad publicity."

Mr Frans Swart, public relations officer for the Springs municipality, believes the rejection was not on racial grounds.

He said "The feeling was that the council opposed the proposal due to fears of a mini Chinatown developing, bringing with it a drug trade and sleazy connections."

"There are already a few Chinese people living in white areas in Springs without any problems. And the council won't oppose any plans for any Chinese person to set up business."

Council chairman Mr Parsons added "It is up to the members of the council to vote as they wish. I do not feel I was deserting the CP stand."

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Council groups may unite

PLANS are afoot to unite the United Municipalities of South Africa and the Urban Councils Association of South Africa.

The decision to merge the two organisations was taken at an Umsa meeting attended by about 200

councillors in Daveyton, Benoni, at the weekend.

The president of Ucasa, Mr Phillip Nhlapo, had earlier written to Umsa requesting a meeting to discuss the merger.

The president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya,

said his organisation was prepared to merge with Ucasa.

A week ago, a meeting of mayors and their deputies was held near Soweto and a committee was charged with the task of looking into the possibility of a merger.

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TPA to meet Vlok over protection

AN URGENT meeting to discuss the protection of black councillors from intimidation would be held in Cape Town on Thursday with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, said Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough yesterday *Monday 6/3/90*

Hough was speaking to black East Rand councillors in Germiston yesterday

Hough said John Mavuso, MEC for local authorities, and Olaus van Zyl, MEC entrusted with RSC matters, would meet Vlok and report back to a committee of the East Rand councillors

He said his office had received reports that extreme pressures were being brought to bear on councillors to resign to join the radical establishment

Alternative structures were also being

created, apparently to establish alternative government, he said

WILSON ZWANE reports that Alexandra city councillors were being under pressure to resign from their positions, Alexandra acting town clerk Willie Khumalo said yesterday. (266)

Khumalo said letters and petitions calling for the councillors' resignations had been received from the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO).

Meanwhile ACO chairman Moses Mayekiso has said the period of grace his organisation had given to the city council to resign and join the struggle for non-racial municipalities expired on Saturday

He called on the TPA to address issues like housing shortages.

Attempt to unseat CP councillor

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

A Boksburg National Party councillor and two local residents are to bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court today to forbid a Conservative Party councillor, Mr. Gideon Fourie, from serving as a councillor and chairman of the management committee.

The application stems from Mr. Fourie's conviction under the Electoral Act in the Boksburg Regional Court on January 17 this year for inciting a voter to cast two votes in the 1988 municipal elections in Boksburg.

Mrs Charmain Rex was fined R1 000 last year for casting two prior votes.

Mr. Gerrie Wolmarans, a member of the NP caucus in the Boksburg Town Council, and local residents Mr Phillip le Grange and Mr Garth Lahner will bring the application against Mr Fourie (32) of Impala Park, Boksburg, as well as the town council of Boksburg and the mayor of the town, Mr Beyers de Klerk.

The move follows a statement made by the mayor recently that he would not consider taking steps against Mr Fourie despite his conviction.

Let Chinese in, council told

6/3/90 By Helen Grange (266)

Angry businessmen in Springs are calling for the reversal of a decision last week by the town council to reject 300 Hong Kong Chinese families wanting to settle in the town.

One Springs businessman, Mr Roy Reisen, has written to the council expressing his disappointment and is sponsoring an air ticket for one of the councillors to visit Hong Kong to witness their business expertise.

The council decision, taken behind closed doors, has slammed shut the opportunity for Springs to have R300 million invested in the area.

'LAMENTABLE DECISION'

"This decision must be reversed. It is lamentable — worse than the turning down of the Chrysler Plant in Springs in the early 1960s," said Mr Dick Gosse, manager of the Springs Chamber of Commerce.

"It appears as though the councillors involved did not understand that they were dealing with people bearing considerable assets and culture. These are not boat people. If this was the impression, they've been watching too much television," said Mr Gosse.

Reserve Bank authorities had recently stated that South Africa was short of capital and low on productivity, he said.

A spokesman for the council said it would meet today and a press release on the matter would follow.



Democratic Party city councillor Mr Cecil Bass votes from a stretcher during the election of Johannesburg's new deputy mayor. With him are National Party defector Mr Mike Levin (standing) and the DP's Mr Sias Reyneke. ● Picture by Sean Woods.

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The National Party suffered another major blow last night when they lost the deputy mayorship to the Democratic Party only hours after the shock resignation of two NP councillors in Johannesburg.

The DP's Mr Elliot Kretzmer received 26 votes to the 25 of the chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger.

Mr Wilhe Janse van Rensburg (NP) was elected mayor unopposed.

A behind-the-scenes power struggle is likely to occur now that the NP is down to 22 seats in the 51-seat council.

The DP have 20 seats, the CP four and there are now five independents following the resignations of Mr Howard Bloom-

Nat hold on Johannesburg City Council weakening

berg (Ward 34, Cyrildene) and Mr Mike Levin (Ward 39, Jeppe) at lunchtime yesterday.

Mr Levin said he was fed up with interference by Pretoria in council affairs. Mr Bloomberg, who is known to have clashed with the management committee on several occasions, said he felt he could not continue as a member of any political party.

A third Nat councillor, Mr Rupert Korb, decided not to leave the party at the 11th hour.

In the election of the deputy mayor, one Independent, Mr Eddy Magid, is believed to have voted with the NP, the four remaining Independents with the

DP. Two CP councillors voted for the Nats and two apparently for the DP.

The weakening hold the NP has on the city council could leave the way open to a takeover by the DP in coalition with a couple of Independents.

DP leader in the council Mr Ian Davidson believes the NP is going to find it very difficult to cling to power.

"My door will always be open for negotiation for a new city government which will put the citizens of Johannesburg first as opposed to the interests of the National Party."

Mr Jan Burger said with the

defection of Mr Bloomberg and Mr Levin, the NP's problems had disappeared.

"I am relieved they have left the party. We are fighting fit now."

He denied there was a clash between himself and NP deputy chairman of the management committee Mrs Marietta Marx. He added there was no possibility in his opinion of the DP taking control with the help of the independents because they (the independents) were not very united.

There were whoops of delight when Mr Kretzmer's election was announced. The DP won with the help of Mr Cecil Bass (DP), who was wheeled into the council chamber on a stretcher. Mr Bass has been in traction for two months since breaking his pelvis in a boating accident.

Independents shocked

Randburg's deputy mayor out in the cold

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Municipal Reporter

Randburg will induct a new mayor tomorrow evening amid controversy over the pact between the National Party and the Democratic Party which excluded the man who thought he was to be the next mayor.

No tradition

The deputy mayor, Mr Conrad Plange, said it came as a complete shock to him and fellow independent Mr Cyril Ford when changes to the management committee and the names of the men who would take over the mayoral and deputy mayoral seat were announced.

Management committee leader Mr Frans Lourens (NP) said, however, it was not a tradition that the deputy mayor automatically took over as mayor, and it had never been so.

He said efforts had been made in the past by both parties to form coalitions with the independents, to no avail.

"We are trying our utmost to work for the better of the town. We do not involve ourselves in petty politics," Mr Lourens said.

Earlier this month, the NP and DP in the town council an-

nounced that their political pact had been extended for another year.

DP leader Mr Andre Jacobs will soon take over from Mr Lourens as management committee chairman.

The present mayor, Mr Christo Geyer (NP), will replace Mr Jacobs as deputy management committee chairman.

The DP's Mr Brian Crail will become the new mayor.

NP councillor Mr Okkie Oosthuizen takes over as deputy mayor.

Mr Plange said, "I feel bitter because they did not involve me in their discussions.

"They did not give me any reasons, but I know the reason. There are personality conflicts, but I don't want to comment and embarrass anyone."

Row over driver

Mr Plange said he hoped that in future the NP and DP would involve the independents more fully in the 13-seat council.

Last year the deputy mayor-ess, Mrs Amanda Plange, was embroiled in controversy when she complained about her black chauffeur.

Mr Ford said the independents were merely spectators in the council.

Council's retender decision under fire

The Johannesburg City Council's tendering procedure has been criticised by major developers, following the decision to call for retenders on the Newtown power station project

Anglo American property Services (Ampros) managing director Mr Gerald Leissner says the council should now be negotiating with the top tenderers to iron out objection, rather than asking for retenders

"Clearly Johannesburg's tendering system does not work; I am not convinced that the concept of matching a strict tender for money is the best

way of handling projects such as this," he said

In terms of the initial tender document the job will comprise the redevelopment of the old Turbine Hall and boiler house into a retail centre and the construction of an office

Apart from the delay for the city in going through the retendering process, the cost to the developers involved in preparing tenders has already been substantial — in some cases understood to be well over R100 000. It is believed that one of the other competitors is calling for a boycott of further tenders

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Section 60 committee unfair, say planners (266)

SANDTON Town Council has come under fire from town planners, who say its Section 60 Committee system is unfair.

The committee considers development proposals to which there have been objections.

It was established in terms of the Local Government Ordinance, when town planning boards were abolished and the first phase of adjudication of new developments was put in the hands of local authorities.

"How can councillors who have been involved in establishing a town structure plan sit in judgment over a development proposal which may conflict with their ideas?" asked Bob Warren of R H W Warren & Partners.

He is involved in a lengthy hearing before the committee on the proposed Cloud End development by Stocks & Stocks, which would involve the construction of an office complex in a large public deer park.

Another town planner, who did not want to be named, said there could be conflict of interests if councillors sat on the management and Section 60 committees.

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Sandton Section 60 Committee chairman Meyer van Niekerk defended the system, which he said operated in terms of the Local Government (Regulations and Elections) Ordinance of 1960.

"If people don't like the system they should have the law changed," Van Niekerk said.

"In fact, many people are in favour of this method. In terms of the ordinance, only proposals to which there are objections come before the Section 60 Committee."

"Other proposals have to go to the council, — which may reject them anyway."

"Some developers believe the Section 60 Committee should assess all development proposals, including those which do not meet with objections."

A committee of professionals drawn from industry and academia would not necessarily guarantee fairness, he said.

"A committee of experts would presumably include developers and others in favour of extensive development, and would certainly be biased."

"A democracy works through politicians, who cannot be experts in every field, and who therefore are advised by the experts."

Councillor quits 'to join struggle'

Star 9/3/90 By Thabo Leshilo

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Mr Samuel Seakhela, a councillor for seven years, yesterday resigned his seat on the Maokeng Town Council in response to "a request from the masses"

Mr Seakhela (45), who represented Ward 7 in Maokeng, near Kroonstad, said he was leaving the council because, as a Christian, he would not be party to the "cold-blooded killing of children" in the township.

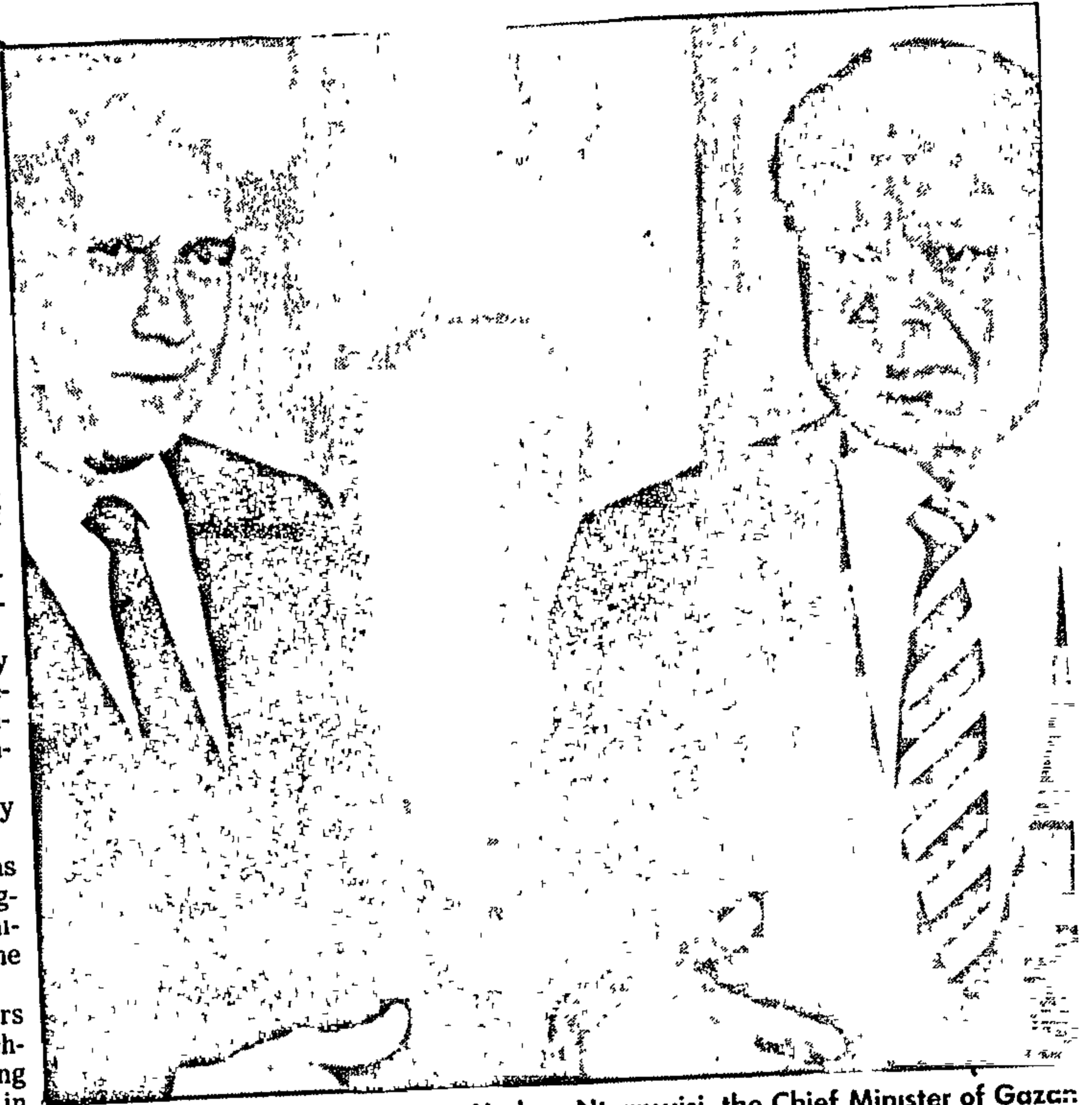
The usually quite township was recently plunged into violence when police clashed with protesters.

Thousands of residents recently marched to the council offices to demand, among other things, that councillors resign and that dismissed council employees be reinstated

A boycott of businesses owned by councillors continues.

Mr Seakhela said his resignation was with immediate effect "I intend to register with the Azanian People's Organisation and contribute towards the struggle for liberation"

● The Maokeng Progressive Teachers Organisation has announced that teachers from the township and surrounding areas will march to the DET offices in Kroonstad today to present a petition on the teachers' grievances.



President de Klerk and Professor Hudson Ntsanwisi, the Chief Minister of Gazankulu, after their talks in Cape Town yesterday.

ABOUT 20 000 people who gathered peacefully at the Tsakane Stadium yesterday heard that their demands for all Tsakane's town councillors to quit had brought about the resignations of two *Sowetan* *12/3/90*

Council 2 resign after demands

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Tsakane town councillors Mr P Tsokodibane and Mr Lucky Ngobene bowed to pressure to resign after the people's demands were presented to the local administration offices, Tsakane Civic Association Mr Koos Mabiletse said after yesterday's meeting.

He said residents had mandated the Tsakane Civic Association to present to the council a set of resolutions related

to community grievances concerning maladministration, inadequate services, rents and housing.

No violent incidents were reported at the rally.

People dispersed peacefully at the request of organisers, Mabiletse said.

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†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

Yes, according to information obtained from the employer bodies concerned, the following number of teachers at White State Schools were made redundant

(a) During 1988, 56 teachers at White State Schools were made redundant. The total costs of pension benefit amounted to — R1 166 398 regarding gratuities and — R72 985 regarding monthly pensions

(b) During 1989, 97 teachers at White State Schools were made redundant. The total costs of pension benefits amounted to — R7 972 862 regarding gratuities and — R172 708 regarding monthly pensions

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask her in respect of 1989, in view of the fact that the hon the Minister of Education and Culture indicated that over 200 teachers had been made redundant or retrenched, how it is that her department is working on figures of less than a 100?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, these were the figures supplied to my department. I can only give the hon member the available information based on the figures we receive. [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I regret the time for questions has expired.

Mr D J DALLING Mr Chairman, on a point of order. Surely it is quite wrong to cut off a question in mid-flow. You should allow the question to finish and then announce that the time has expired.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister responded to the question. The time for questions under general affairs has expired and I cannot allow further questions to

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New questions

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(3) what services have been established in Zonkisiwe? *Hansard 13/3/90* B347E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) (a) 6 269

(b) 3 159

(2) No. The regulations for the area which has been established in terms of sections 6A of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951 (Act 52 of 1951) are still in the process of being finalised and will shortly be published.

(3) (i) Graded streets

(ii) Refuse removal

(iii) Chemical toilets as well as aqua privies

(iv) Communal water taps at strategic positions

(v) Clinic services by the City Council of Germiston

(vi) Curative services by TPA

(vii) A public telephone service

(viii) Sport facilities

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New doors open for Hong Kong settlers

A PROJECT to resettle 300 wealthy Hong Kong families in SA has received a favourable response from five municipalities in the PWV area, and land in Midrand, Sandton and possibly Randburg is being considered for them.

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First International Contacts (FIC), the company in charge of the project, approached five municipalities in the PWV

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area and was approached by one or two municipalities that were interested, FIC financial accountant George Ford said yesterday. *13/3/90*

Ford declined to name the five municipalities the company had approached, saying the project was "very hot".

However, land in Midrand and Sandton had been inspected and the company was also considering Randburg.

FIC had not yet approached these councils, Ford said.

The company planned to resettle an initial 300 families, and if the project was successful, more would be brought to SA.

Ford said many families wanted to leave Hong Kong before British rule was relinquished in 1997 and, as doors were being shut elsewhere, SA seemed a good option.

The families would be wealthy and would have expertise as far as the establishment of small factories was concerned.

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†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (for the State President)

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(1) Yes, in respect of resorts in the Cape Province and the Orange Free State In respect of resorts in the Transvaal my predecessor declared certain resorts to be own affairs of the White population group

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(b) To give effect to the intention of the Constitution as contained in Section 14 read in conjunction with item 3 of Schedule 1 thereof

(2) As far as the resorts in question are concerned, the legal and practical implications of the repeal of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, 1953, envisaged during this session, have to be determined by a process of interpretation of law This is receiving the urgent attention of the relevant authorities

Mr C W EGLIN Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply to the first question concerning the transfer of resorts in the Province and the Orange Free State from general affairs to own affairs, can the hon the Minister tell us what happened? How did these resorts change character to the extent that for seven years under the previous State President they were deemed to be general affairs and suddenly, within three months, the new hon State President has proclaimed them to be own affairs? What difference of substance occurred in relation to these resorts that it led to this change decided by the hon the State President?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I would suggest the hon member formulate his question for reply by the hon the State President, and I am sure he will be glad to reply

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 Hanswyl
 White State Schools: compensation for teachers
 14 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development Whether any compensation was paid to teachers at White State Schools who were retrenched or made redundant in or at the end of (a) 1988 and (b) 1989, if so, how much in each case?

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

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Yes, according to information obtained from the employer bodies concerned, the following number of teachers at White State Schools were made redundant

(a) During 1988, 56 teachers at White State Schools were made redundant The total costs of pension benefit amounted to — R1 166 398 regarding gratuities and — R172 985 regarding monthly pensions

(b) During 1989, 97 teachers at White State Schools were made redundant The total costs of pension benefits amounted to — R7 972 862 regarding gratuities and — R172 708 regarding monthly pensions

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply may I ask her in respect of 1989, in view of the fact that the hon the Minister of Education and Culture indicated that over 200 teachers had been made redundant or retrenched, how it is that her department is working on figures of less than a 100?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, these were the figures supplied to my department I can only give the hon member the available information based on the figures we receive [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I regret the time for questions has expired

Mr D J DALLING Mr Chairman, on a point of order Surely it is quite wrong to cut off a question in mid-flow You should allow the question to finish and then announce that the time has expired

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! The hon the Minister responded to the question The time for questions under general affairs has expired and I cannot allow further questions to

be put That would only result in curtailing the time for questions under own affairs
 Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament
 New questions

Zonkisiwe/Rietfontein, sites
 * 1 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs

(1) (a) How many sites are there at Zonkisiwe, Rietfontein, and (b) how many of these sites are currently occupied,

(2) whether any regulations regarding the administration of Zonkisiwe or the establishment of a Black local authority for the area have been published, if so, what regulations, if not, why not,

(3) what services have been established in Zonkisiwe?

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 The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) (a) 6 269 (b) 3 159

(2) No The regulations for the area which has been established in terms of sections 6A of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951 (Act 52 of 1951) are still in the process of being finalised and will shortly be published

(3) (i) Graded streets (ii) Refuse removal (iii) Chemical toilets as well as aqua privies (iv) Communal water taps at strategic positions (v) Clinic services by the City Council of Germiston (vi) Curative services by TPA (vii) A public telephone service (viii) Sport facilities (ix) Sites for 9 primary and 4 secondary schools are available to the Department of Education and Training for their use

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

(1) (a) No
(b) No

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Cape Province

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THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

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(ii) Roodeplaat Dam

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(iv) Ramosa Rieker—Blacks

(2) Yes

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(iii) Blydepoort—Sybrandt Niekirk van

(iv) Eiland. *Howse* 14/3/90

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(viii) Christana (Western-Transvaal)

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(c) (i) 8 November 1988

(ii) Administration House of Assembly

Munsterville municipal status

52 Dr C P MULDER asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs

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order to obtain municipal status, if so, what are these differences, in each case,

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THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

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Race group: reclassification

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THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) 14

(b)* 2

White to Cape Coloured 573

Cape Coloured to White 54

Cape Coloured to Chinese 15

White to Chinese 2

White to Malay 4

Malay to White 10

White to Indian 3

Malay to Indian 1

Indian to Chinese 59

Malay to Chinese 1

Indian to Cape Coloured 56

Cape Coloured to Indian 17

Indian to Malay 33

Malay to Indian 4

Other Asian to Cape Coloured 369

Black to Cape Coloured 42

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White to Chinese	2	—
White to Malay	4	—
Malay to White	10	1
White to Indian	3	—
Malay to Indian	1	—
Indian to Chinese	59	—
Indian to Cape Coloured	56	1
Cape Coloured to Indian	17	—
Indian to Malay	33	—
Malay to Indian	4	—
Other Asian to Cape Coloured	369	—
Black to Cape Coloured	—	42

Boksburg council 'knew decision would humiliate'

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15/3/90
Pretoria Correspondent

The Boksburg Town Council knew that its decision to segregate certain facilities in the Conservative Party-controlled town would be interpreted by people of colour as an insult, a humiliation and a degradation, the Pretoria Supreme Court has been told.

The former chairman of the Reigerpark management committee, Mr Boet Jantjes, Colgate Palmolive (Pty) Ltd and a Boksburg businessman, Mr R Mountjoy, have applied to have the Boksburg Town Council's decision to segregate certain facilities rescinded.

The applicants have further asked the court to order the council to reopen the facilities.

Counsel for the applicants, Advocate E Bertelsman, SC, yesterday described the council's decision as "crude and (showing) a total disregard for the feelings of other human beings".

"As a result of the second respondent's (the town council) decision, the Boksburg community has been held up to national and international opprobrium," Mr Bertelsman said.

Mr J A Coetzee, SC, counsel for Boksburg mayor Mr Beyers de Klerk and the town council, said the fact that the council was controlled by the CP was indicative of the fact that a large part of the town supported the council.

A large part of the white community had complained about the behaviour of other population groups; this was a reality the town council had to consider.

The hearing continues

Local body

quits

By REHANA ROSSOUW

THE resignation of the Reiger Park, Johannesburg management committee last week has been hailed as a "bloodless coup" and could herald the end of this system in other parts of the country, say activists in the area.

For the past two years, the Save Boksburg Committee has been involved in a feud with the Conservative Party-controlled town council.

They have challenged the council's attempts to apply the Separate Amenities Act and the Group Areas Act through actions such as

consumer boycotts and picnics, and marches at whites-only facilities.

"Although it started off as a campaign against the town council, the Committee grew, and we began to include other demands, such as the resignation of the management committee of Reiger Park," said a spokesperson for the Save Boksburg Committee, Mr Henry Jeffreys.

"We began working around civic issues such as housing. We called for their resignations on every platform."

Jeffreys said the campaign against the management committee intensified when the committee questioned the allocation of 320 new houses in Reiger Park.

People who had been on the waiting list were not given houses, while others moved in. The community marched to the house of the chairperson

of the management committee and demanded that he call a meeting to explain how houses were allocated.

Last Tuesday, the management committee met and decided to resign. Committee members called a public meeting on Thursday to explain their decision to the community.

"About 800 people attended the meeting. They would not allow the management committee members to speak but booed them and threw tomatoes at them," Jeffreys said.

"They would allow only our speakers to address them. We stood up, declared the resignations a victory for the people, called for one town, one town council, and left the meeting."

Jeffreys said the people of Reiger Park found the system of management committees "objectionable" and a major stumbling block in the progress of change.

He said since the meeting last Thursday, members of the committee had received telephone calls from people all over the country who wanted advice to get rid of their management committees.

"Ours was a bloodless coup, and we hope that it signals the beginning of the end for management committees all over the country," Jeffreys said.

"Our demand is that the town council should accept Reiger Park representatives and reincorporate Vosloorus, the African township, into Boksburg."

A spokesman for the Reiger Park management committee, Mr Boets Jantjies, said the resignation had nothing to do with the allocation of housing.

"From the time we were elected, we said publicly our first priority was that this was going to be the last management committee Reiger Park ever had," said Jantjies.

"We resigned because we want one management committee for one town council in Boksburg."

"The CP town council went against everything we decided, forcing their ideology down our throats."

"We have a message for other management committees: pack up and get out. The longer you sit there, the longer the government will drag its feet."

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Councillors push for open city

All or nothing: to reduce impact of step

SUE OLSWANG

A NUMBER of Democratic Party city councillors are joining forces to try to coordinate a common "open city" strategy. And one of their first steps will be to make representations to the Minister for the entire Johannesburg metropolitan area to be declared "open".

Some of the municipalities involved are Randburg, Sandton, Midrand, Edenburg and Bedfordview.

According to Mr Ian Davidson, leader of the Democratic Party (DP) in the Johannesburg City Council, it seems as though the final decision whether to go "open" or not will be up to city councils.

"That decision will be made by the Free Settlement Board. All that we, as councillors, can do is to make some sort of impact on that decision," he said.

Mr Davidson said the DP in the Johannesburg City Council has put forward a motion which makes specific reference to an "open city" and which calls for "open city" status for Johannesburg.

"If the motion is passed," he said, "we must then make representations to the Free Settlement Board to grant Johannesburg 'open city' status."

The legislation is, however, very confused. One has, in principle, a problem with cities being declared open in terms of the Free Settlement Areas Act, but the Act is full of loopholes.

Broad agreement

Mr Davidson said DP councillors were presently trying to persuade the Government to amend the Group Areas Act and/or the Free Settlement Areas Act in order to allow councils to opt for "open city" status.

"It has been said there is nothing stopping city councillors from asking for an entire metropolitan area to be declared open, but we must be sure there is broad agreement before taking this step. The Free Settlement Board can decide to grant lesser portions 'open' status, but our feeling is either all or nothing — we want an entire area granted 'open' status."

It is not a good idea to focus on small 'open' areas and the chronic shortage. There is a risk of overcrowding and slums if one focusses on small areas so the minimum would be the entire Johannesburg metropolitan area in order to spread the load and reduce the ramifications of that step.

Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the DP in the Sandton Town Council, said Sandton is presently waiting for permission from the State President to hold an "open area" referendum.

"The State President is probably considering the implications of agreeing to a referendum," Mr Jardine said.

"If he does grant us permission and we get a yes from our residents, will he be obliged to be bound by that decision, and what are the implications for other areas if we do get a 'yes'?" This must be what he is thinking about.

Three sentenced to death despite moratorium

SINCE State President F W de Klerk's announcement of a moratorium on executions a month ago three people have been sentenced to hang.

Norman Benjamin Molefe (27), who murdered an Alberton woman, was the first to receive the death sentence only two weeks after the State President's announcement.

The judge, Mr Justice F Sutej, rejected the argument by Molefe's defence counsel that a moratorium had been called on all death sentences.

Two weeks ago Gert Swart (30) and Dean Plank (22) were sentenced to death for the murder of a hobo in January 1980.

Asked why the death sentence was still being imposed if a moratorium

had been declared, Mr Peter Leon, Witwatersrand Chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights, explained.

"Although the Government has decided that no death sentences will be carried out until Parliament has approved or rejected proposed legislation concerning the death penalty, the law has not yet been altered.

"If someone is found guilty of murder without extenuating circumstances then a judge has no option but to impose the death sentence.

"Thus was one reason why many Senior Council have refused appointments to the Bench.

He added, "The death sentence can also be imposed for rape, high treason and offences under the Internal Security Act."

However, no hangings have taken place since November 14.

The national director of Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Brian Currin, said: "At the time that the moratorium was declared there were approximately 300 people on Death Row. By the end of this year we could have as many as 500 on Death Row."

Speculating that the proposed legislation may give judges wider discretion to impose the death penalty, Mr Currin said: "The change would apply to all Death Row prisoners and all their cases would have to be heard again."

Asked what would happen to those prisoners such as Wil Wolf killer Barend Hendrik Strydom, on Death Row at present, Mr Leon said: "In terms of the current moratorium, people on Death Row are, according to the Government, having their death sentences reviewed by a panel of experts."

"Lawyers for Human Rights are strongly opposed to the death penalty and are hopeful that the State President will introduce a change to the Criminal Procedure Act before June this year which would make the imposition of the death sentence far less common," said Mr Leon.

Last year South African courts sentenced 170 people to death and four people were given the death penalty in Namibia, according to the Minister of Justice Mr Koble Coetsee.



BEATING THE HEAT: Anuk, a female walrus, uses a hose to cool off and get a drink in her pool area at the Cincinnati Zoo this week. The area is experiencing a heat wave.

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'Riddling' in Nero blaze?

ROME — Nero, a top Rome restaurant named in honour of the emperor who died while Rome burned, has been destroyed by fire. And police are investigating whether any modern-day riddling is involved. "It looks like arson," a detective disclosed. One theory is a vendetta attack against owner Dario Paris (42) for refusing to pay Mafia protection money. Another possibility police are probing is that "someone was after the Nero insurance money" — Foreign News Service.



Turfloop on class boycott

PIETERSBURG — The entire student body at the University of the North (Turfloop) decided on Thursday to go on an indefinite class boycott to protest the lack of accommodation. — Sapa.

Free State woman missing

A RIEBEBECKSTAD housewife, Mrs Desiree Kender (29), has been missing since Thursday. Free State police liaison officer Major Johan Fouché, said yesterday Her silver Jetta C11 with the registration number OKK 18045 is also missing. — Sapa.

Christie's man resigns

LONDON — Christie's man resigned after admitting he personally tried to buy a work that he valued at around £3 000 (R12 000) and which is now on the market for around £5 million (R20 million). Dr Charles Avery dismissed the sculpture by the Italian Mannerist Giambologna as a minor work but it sold last September for £715 000 (R28 56 million) to a dealer who has set the £5 million (R20 million) price after researching the piece — Foreign News Service.

UIF qualifying ceiling raised

PRETORIA — The maximum annual earnings to qualify as a contributor to the Unemployment Insurance Fund have been increased to R40 248, with effect from May 1, the Minister of Manpower, Mr Eli Louw, announced in a Government Gazette released yesterday. — Sapa.

Hilton accountant shot

MARTZBURG — The accountant at Hilton College, Mr John William Wilsworth (53), was shot and seriously wounded by an unknown gunman while strolling near his Winterset home, near Hilton, yesterday. He was walking with his dog when the man approached him, pulled out a gun and shot him in the chest from about 5 m away. The motive for the shooting is unknown. — Saturday Star Reporter.

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TPA to probe corruption

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to investigate allegations of corruption within two East Rand town councils

The TPA has announced that it will be investigating the Tembisa and Daveyton Town Councils.

The commission of inquiry in Tembisa starts on March 26 while a date for the Daveyton investigation has not been set.

The inquiry in Tembisa will be held at the offices of the town council and people with information on any ir-

regularity they may know of are invited to give evidence. (266)

The Daveyton Town Council called on the TPA to investigate its affairs following allegations from the local residents that their financial books were not in order.

Nat plan for all-party Johannesburg budget

20/3/90 Municipal Reporter (266)

The National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council last night decided to invite the other political parties and independents to take part in drawing up the city's annual budget.

This move is aimed at preventing any disruption of the June budget. The NP has only 22 seats in the 51-seat council and 26 votes are needed to pass what is the largest budget for any city in the country.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said it was time to depoliticise the budget.

"We have reached a stalemate in council. We are still the strongest party as far as members are concerned, but with the assistance of the independents the Democratic Party could be one vote ahead of us."

The NP plans to hold meetings with a delegation from each party and city treasury officials.

The DP chief whip in the council, Mr Paul Asherson, said it seemed as if the NP had been forced to extend the invitation. "It does look like the death throes of the management committee."

Meeting to investigate 'spy network'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — An emergency meeting of the city council's management committee will be held tonight and town clerk Mr Manie Venter will be asked to reply to allegations regarding the use of ratepayers' money to fund spying operations on anti-apartheid organisations.

Deputy management committee chairman Ms Marietta Marx said last night that she was shocked and amazed at the allegations in The Star newspaper yesterday.

The newspaper said that a secret network, directed from the Civic Centre, gathered information on organisations including trade unions, political parties, the End Conscription Campaign and the Black Sash to give to Military Intelligence, the Security Police and the SAP at John Vorster Square.

The report alleged that the funds for the spying operations came from Johannesburg City Council's R50 million security budget.

Secret reports on organisations and individuals were given to top-level municipal employees answerable firstly to the city council's director of security, Brigadier J F Visser, who retired this month and ultimately to town clerk Mr Venter, the newspaper alleged.

DP chief whip Mr Paul Asherson said last night that the DP held the NP-controlled management committee

responsible for the clandestine acts since they had for years rejected the DP's appeals for the security expenditure to be brought into the open. If the management committee did not know of these secret operations, it betrayed its incompetence, he said.

An urgent inquiry into the matter was needed, and the spying operations had to be stopped and the people involved needed to be suspended, he said.

Public safety director Mr John Pearce was responsible for the traffic budget of R24m and the security budget, Mr Asherson said.

It seemed unlikely Mr Pearce did not know of the secret unit, Mr Asherson said.

Security department deputy director administrative services Mr J H N Karsten said last night that he had no knowledge of a spy unit funded from the security department.

Mr Pearce was unavailable for comment as he was in Namibia for the independence celebrations.

The newspaper claimed that the municipal spy network operated for seven years.

CP leader Mr Jacques Theron yesterday said he held the management committee responsible for the corruption surrounding the spy scandal.

● Sapa reports that the Five Freedoms Forum yesterday expressed "contempt and disgust" at the alleged actions of city council employees in spying on organisations such as the FFF, Black Sash and others.

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Midrand town clerk Philip Botha, under investigation by a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities, tries to hide from the camera. A friend attempts to draw the photographer's attention away from Mr Botha. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Midrand inquiry told of irregularities

SPR 21/3/90 (266)
By Momea Nicolson

The burgeoning town of Midrand is being rocked as allegations of irregularities by its town clerk, Mr Philip Botha, and other council officials emerge.

A commission of inquiry, appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, has so far heard how Mr Botha

- Allegedly received half the profits from a developer, Mr Anton Lourens, who did work for the council. Mr Lourens, a close friend of Mr Botha, was contracted to build a taxi rank and gave Mr Botha R43 000. Mr Botha said the money had been a loan.

- Allegedly bought a house in Port Alfred with his housing subsidy and lived in his Midrand home rent-free.

- Made investments of more than R1 million with council funds and shared the profits with a friend.

- Offered management of the municipali-

ty's canteen to council official Mr Henry Hughes and his wife, Roleen, but demanded 50 percent of the profits.

- Overspent on his department's budget without council permission or approval.

- Had office equipment installed in his home at ratepayers' expense.

- Arranged for the council to pay R12 780 for car repairs.

The inquiry was yesterday told that Mr Botha had written two controversial reports regarding his accommodation.

The first recommended that he be exempt from paying rent for his house and the second suggested that the council put up collateral for his house in Port Alfred.

The only member and chairman of the commission is Mr Justice T H van Reenen.

Mr P W A Strydom, an advocate from Pretoria, was appointed to undertake preliminary investigations. The hearing continues.

Johannesburg City Council called on to resign

Outrage over spy ring

By Karen Stander

Victims of a spy network operating within the Johannesburg City Council have called for the entire council to take responsibility and immediately resign

Individuals and organisations who were allegedly being spied upon were outraged to hear of the "gross abuse" of the fundamental right to privacy and of ratepayers' money.

Ms Judith Hawarden, chairman of the Transvaal region of the Black Sash, said: "How dare they! How dare this network justify spying on individuals and organisations because they challenge the ideology and the way the state functions."

No surprise

"How dare they use ratepayers' money to spy on ratepayers."

"Mr Venter (town clerk Mr. Manie Venter) and all those members of the city council who are party to this practice should resign immediately."

She said the uncovering of a spying network in the Johannesburg City Council should not surprise the public, given the revelations of the Harms Commission

"Moral and financial corruption are rife in this society and have seeped from the top into every layer of government in the country. There is a total lack of accountability and a gross abuse of people's money as well as abuse of privacy and the right to disagree with the way the country is run"

Professor Robert Charlton, vice-chancellor of Wits University, said "We are of course aware that there are police and army spies and informers on the campus, and have been for many years. Some of them have been unmasked or have revealed themselves

"What I find totally bizarre is that there should also be spying organised by municipal officials

acting as agents for the police and the army, and using ratepayers' money."

A spokesman for Idasa said she was not surprised

"I have reached the stage when I am not really surprised at anything. We are very aware that we are under surveillance, that our telephones are tapped and our mail is tampered with.

"I am however taken aback that this could be taking place within an organisation such as the Johannesburg City Council

"But there are people who have certain convictions and if they work within bodies where they can use their powers, then they will

"But what a waste of money!"

A spokesman for the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging said it was a "horrible situation".

But as far as the infiltration of the AWB was concerned, he dismissed this as "bull"

"I don't know what infiltration means, it could be through the toilet. They are welcome to try and infiltrate the AWB"

Mr Cas Coovadia, publicity secretary for Actstop, said it was a manifestation of "a government gone mad with power"

He said the entire city council had to bear responsibility.

Disregard

"We have been aware for some time of clandestine activities by the security police and we see this as an extension of such activity

"The funding of such units with ratepayers' money is a further example of this government's disregard for the well-being of the majority of the people in South Africa"

Actstop had consistently appealed to the Johannesburg City Council to heed its warnings of police action, security police intimidation and harassment, and shady bodies linked to landlords

"All our appeals have fallen on deaf ears. We hope they will now learn."



Mr Willie Janse van Rensburg, mayor since March 1.



Mr Ian Davidson, DP leader in the council.

DP expresses shock, outrage at disclosures

Mr Ian Davidson, Democratic Party opposition leader in the Johannesburg City Council, expressed shock and outrage that the council has its own intelligence department — its own secret police — and "possibly its own Civilian Co-operation Bureau"

Both the present Nationalist mayor and his predecessor expressed surprise at the existence of the spy unit and confirmed that they had known nothing about it

Mr Davidson said "I demand to know from the management committee when this was formed, under what and whose authority the committee agreed to the establishment of such a department

"It is not our function to run a secret intelligence or spying operation. I want to know how the spying was funded, who it was accountable to, and why the council has become involved in clandestine activities which, if they have to be done, is a State function"

Mr Davidson expressed outrage on moral grounds that ratepayers' money was used to fund a spying operation.

"I want to know what right, either legal or moral, does the management committee have



Mr Koos Roets, former mayor. to constitute such an organisation"

Mr Davidson said money voted to the security department (R50 million) was for the specific protection of council property "Anything beyond this is a misappropriation of ratepayers' funds, and I want to know who gave authority for such misappropriation"

The mayor, Mr Willie van Rensburg, who took office on March 1, said "It is totally new to me." He said that in his 15 years as an elected councillor, "there had never been a whisper" about such an operation

Outgoing mayor Mr Koos Roets said he knew nothing of a city council intelligence division, and was surprised

"I don't know what the purpose of it would have been, or the implications"

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

QUESTIONS

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General Affairs

Hillbrow area health conditions

*1 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

- (1) Whether her Department recently investigated health conditions in the Hillbrow area, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) with what result

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? *Handled 21/3/90* C22E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

- (1) No, in terms of section 20 of the Health Act, 1977 (Act 63 of 1977) it is the duty of the City Council of Johannesburg to take all lawful, necessary and reasonably practicable measures to maintain its district at all times in a hygienic and clean condition and to prevent the occurrence of any nuisance within its district. Where any condition which will or could be harmful or dangerous to the health of any person occurs within the district of a local authority, it is the responsibility of the local authority to remedy such condition.

Whenever I receive a complaint that the health of any person within the district of a local authority is endangered by any harmful condition however, the Department of National Health and Population Development may take certain steps in terms of Act 63 of 1977. No such complaint has recently been received as far as the Hillbrow area is concerned and therefore no recent investigation was conducted by the Department. I am however aware of the fact that the City Council of Johannesburg is at present intensively investigating health conditions in the specific area.

- (2) no

Toekomsrus police station

*2 Mr T ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether it is the intention to build a police station in Toekomsrus, Randfontein, if not, why not, if so, (a) where in Toekomsrus and (b) when is it anticipated that building operations will be (1) commenced and (ii) completed,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Handled 21/3/90* C23E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) No, because the need for a police station has up until now, not yet been identified (a) and (b) Fall away
- (2) If the honourable member is of the opinion that there is a need for a police station in the area, on request I am prepared to have a feasibility study carried out for that purpose

Riverlea post office

*3 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises *Handled 21/3/90*

- (1) Whether any progress has been made in regard to the building of a post office in Riverlea, Johannesburg, if so, (a) what progress and (b) when is it anticipated that building operations will be (i) commenced and (ii) completed,
- (2) whether any problems have arisen in regard to this post office, if so, what problems,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Handled 21/3/90* C24E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER (for the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises)

- (1) Yes,
 - (a) A suitable site has been acquired and planning of the building has commenced
 - (b) (i) May 1991
 - (ii) November 1991,

UWC, payment of certain staff members

- (2) no, *Handled 21/3/90*
- (3) no

*4 Mr P A S MOPP asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

- (1) Whether an amount of R759 000 is to be paid over to her Department for payment of certain staff members of the University of the Western Cape upon retirement, if so,
- (2) whether she will furnish particulars of the staff members concerned, if not, why not, if so, what are their (a) names and (b) ages,
- (3) whether part of this amount is to be paid out as a result of legal action that was instituted, if so, what are the relevant details,
- (4) whether she will make a statement on the matter? *Handled 21/3/90* C28E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Yes,
- (2) yes,

(a) Names

(a) Names	(b) Ages at retirement
Mr P P Kurstein	58
Mr J H C Stassen	48
Mr H J Penaar	53
Prof P J Smith	53
Mr N K Prins	40
Mr A D P J v Rensburg	52
Mr A P S de Kock	59
Mr A J P v Rensburg	47
Mr E J van Zyl	48
Prof N M du Plessis	53
Prof T J Roos	57
Mr J M Paley	41
Mrs C E du Plessis	49
Mr M B de Kock	51
Mrs C J Strutt	34
Mr G D Bekker	52
Mr F H Boot	52

- (3) no,
- (4) no

Fire-arm licences: different requirements

*5 Mr A ESSOP asked the Minister of Law and Order

- Whether different requirements are set for the issue of fire-arm licences to Whites and non-Whites, if not, what requirements are set, if so, what requirements are set for (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks? *Handled 21/3/90* C29E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

No

Irrespective of race and sex, each application is considered on the basis of the personal circumstances of the applicant concerned and certain general and specific guidelines

Personal circumstances include inter alia the applicant's age, educational qualifications, status in the community, marital status and the nature of the profession or occupation

General guidelines include inter alia the following

Whether the fire-arm is suitable for the purpose for which it is required,

Whether it is required for the protection of life and/or property,

Whether it is required for practising sport

Specific guidelines include inter alia the following

The applicant's knowledge of the handling of the fire-arm concerned,

The applicant's knowledge of the legal provisions regarding the safekeeping and use of fire-arms,

The applicant's previous convictions

Does the applicant have a safe place for storage of the weapon,

Has the applicant previously been declared unfit to possess a fire-arm,

Has the applicant previously lost a weapon or were any of his fire-arms confiscated

Does the applicant live in an urban or rural area,

Does the applicant possess any other fire-arm,

Exceptional circumstances which may influence the applicant's application

For seven years ratepayers have funded

Jo'burg council's

Star 24/3/90 (266)

By Kitt Katzin and Steve McQuillan

An investigation by The Star has uncovered a sinister spy network operating inside the Johannesburg City Council. It uses rates money to spy on ratepayers.

The network is so secret that its existence is unknown to most, if not all, councillors

It has gathered information to give not to the council, but to Military Intelligence, the Security Police and SAP

Secret reports on the activities of legitimate organisations, and on public meetings, have been prepared and relayed by a coterie of top-level municipal employees answerable first to the council's Director of Security, Brigadier JF Visser, who retired this month, and to Town Clerk Mr Manie Venter

The network is paid out of a secret fund run by the Mr Venter. The council approves a "security budget" of about R50 million a year, but has never allocated funds for spying on ratepayers

Details of the payments have never been disclosed to councillors or the public. Even council auditors must get permission from Mr Venter to see documents, and transactions detailing the secret payments are locked in the Town Clerk's safe

For seven years, municipal spies have been watching activities on the University of the Witwatersrand campus, informing on the Black Sash, Five Freedoms Forum, End Conscription Campaign, and spying on other organisations including trade unions and legitimate political parties

The municipal officials, who call themselves "handlers", recruited agents to spy on and infiltrate political organisations

Other organisations which the agents were instructed to spy on or infiltrate included the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa), the Soweto Civic Association, and Actstop

Concern within the spy ring about the political implications of being exposed nearly led to the network being closed down in November

The Star learnt that top council official Mr Tony Thompson wanted to call a halt to the unit's activities

He spent eight months in a losing attempt to wind it down. Mr Thompson retired in December

An intensive two-month investigation by The Star has revealed that

● Spy "handlers" paid sources each month in cash from municipal coffers for gathering information by infiltrating meetings

● Certain of the officials in the council's security department attempted to smear the name of a senior Democratic Party councillor by asking Department of Inland Revenue authorities to check his tax affairs

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Jo'burg runs spy network

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fairs This was while the councillor himself was investigating alleged corruption involving senior council officials

● Intelligence officers compiled personal profiles on public figures — particularly political leaders. One was on Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers. The council said of him "He sees racial discrimination in everything, is an emotional instigator, and loves women"

● The unit spied on at least one council official who had threatened to speak to Mr Tony Leon, then leader of the Democratic Party opposition in the council, about alleged irregularities

● The unit is known to have recommended the purchase of a wide range of bugging and surveillance equipment, including telephone tapping devices

● Council agents attended and reported on hundreds of public meetings of other opposition groups including Inkatha, Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee, Projects Committee of the University of the Witwatersrand, Communist Party, ANC and PAC

● The intelligence unit also gave special attention to the Transport and General Workers' Union, Municipal Workers' Union of South Africa, and National Union of Public Service Workers

● The squad, created in 1983 as the "liaison section" in the security department, infiltrated one of its agents into the ANC

● A spy handler infiltrated the AWB after he was instructed to join the movement

Top municipal sources said disclosure of the existence of the intelligence unit was certain to spark a massive public row

Said one "It was not the council's function to be involved in spying on private organisations at public expense. There are well established military and paramilitary mechanisms to deal with such matters"

Secret agents and 'handlers' spy network

Magid calls for probe

Star 21/1/45 (116)
Johannesburg City Council management committee member Mr Eddy Magid has called for an investigation by the Auditor-General into allegations that rate-payers' money was used to fund a secret spy network within the municipality.

Mr Magid, who left an urgent management committee meeting this morning early, added that the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, should answer to the allegations. Mr Venter and senior council officials also attended the meeting.

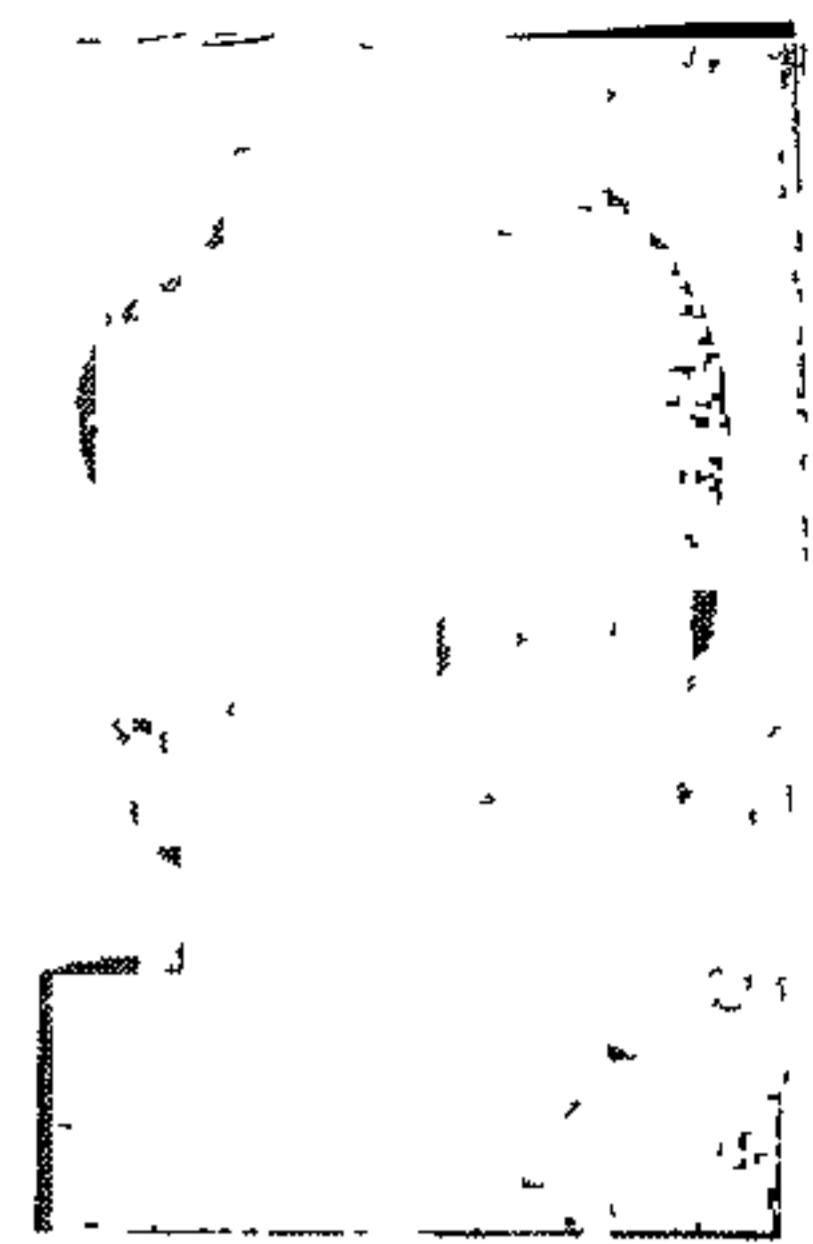
"I have no knowledge of the allegations reported in The Star yesterday and for that reason I require an investigation by the Auditor-General and a full report to be submitted to the city council."

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, who seemed unconcerned about the allegations, told The Star last night he had invited the leaders of the Democratic Party and Conservative Party in the council to be present at the urgent management committee meeting.

Both Mr Ian Davidson (DP) and Mr Jacques Theron (CP) said they had not received invitations.

A Pandora's Box will be unravelled DP calls for spy ring probe

Capt Tink's 22/3/90 (266)



Mr Tony Leon

A PROBE into the spy ring in Johannesburg City Council would unravel a Pandora's Box which would rock the city to its foundation, Mr Tony Leon (DP Houghton) said yesterday

Mr Leon called for an independent inquiry, preferably chaired by a judge, to be set up urgently to investigate the allegations

He was joined in his call by Mr Harry Schwarz (DP Yeoville) who said the "underground activities" of certain individuals, who were alleged to have spied on 48 legal organisations including trade unions and student organisations, should be uncovered

Mr Schwarz said everybody seemed to be spying on everyone else in this country and this was not acceptable

To make matters worse the spies appeared to be incompetent.

City has R5,8m security budget

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN Municipality's security services have a budget in the current financial year of R5,8 million, a spokesman for the City Treasurer's Department said — and there were "no hidden funds".

He had been asked how much Cape Town spent on security after investigations revealed that Johannesburg had a R50-million security budget, and that some of this money had been used to spy on legitimate anti-apartheid organisations.

Cape Town's approach to security was quite different from the approach that would appear to have prevailed in Johannesburg, he said. The law required municipalities to protect certain installations.

After spying on the secretary-general of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, they had concluded that he did not have close contact with the ANC

"Meanwhile the man (Mr Ramaphosa) is deeply involved with the ANC"

Mr Leon disclosed details of

a letter, written by the city's town clerk, Mr H H S Venter, about the secret payment of R1 600 to a handler in the spy ring in terms of "the law on the Protection of Public Buildings and Places"

But Mr Leon said both he and the head of the DP research, Professor Nic Olivier, had checked the statute books

and found that no such law existed

The letter, marked "secret", authorised R1 600 to be paid out to the handler

The town clerk also said that because it was "a delicate matter", the auditors could get details from him which would be kept in his safe

Mr Leon said the letter was allegedly handed to the handler and the cash paid out to him in one of several similar instalments paid out by the city treasurer on the instructions of the town clerk.

"This is a scandal of alarming proportions"

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and the Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, needed to answer the question as to whether city councils, including Johannesburg, were instructed to spy and to deploy financial resources for this — Political Staff and Sapa

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Burg town clerk names principals in council spy scandal

Among these was
Minister Hans-Dietrich
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persuade SA to fulfil clerk Mame Venter said yesterday
laid down by the Apr confirmed yesterday that a network
"Our aim has never been, controlled from the Civic Centre,
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He said his count passed this on to the SA Police, secur-
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The ANC was keen said yesterday the current manage-
committee chairman Jan Burger was un-

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aware of the spy network & 22/3/90
In an interview with Business Day, Venter
said he had been approached in 1985 by Visser,
who said his department needed to gather in-
formation to protect council property and to
ensure employees' safety
Venter yesterday admitted authorising pay-
ment of the "spies" from the city's security
budget He said the operation had kept the city
safe and had saved the municipality R800 000
by uncovering thefts.
Spying operations had already begun in 1983
Informants had been members of political
and student organisations they spied on, and
the spy network had been used to foil attacks on

council property and personnel
Information on organisations such as the
Black Sash, the Five Freedoms Forum and the
End Conscription Campaign was confidential
as the council did not see them as a threat
There was a reciprocal information agree-
ment with military intelligence and police but
this did not mean council officials had been
working for national intelligence, he said
The structured gathering of information
dwindled with the death of Van Zyl in April and
came to a stop in July last year, he said.
This year he had told the management com-
mittee he thought the role of the security de-
partment needed to be assessed in the light of
the changing political climate, he said
Burger said yesterday he had no knowledge

of the spy network and the security portfolio no
longer existed
He said Venter would report to the manage-
ment committee on Monday and the committee
would ask the Auditor-General to investigate
how the money was spent
After an emergency management commit-
tee meeting yesterday, Venter denied that cer-
tain councillors' tax returns were investigated
and that telephone tapping was involved
He saw no reason why he should not remain
as town clerk as such information systems
were standard in many large corporations.
DP councillor Paul Asherson said the DP
might ask the Transvaal Administrator to
suspend Venter until investigations had been
completed

Off centre, Mr Venter!

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At least 36 people, whose names and details of involvement are known to The Star, knew of the spy network. They include top council officials, spy handlers, informers and administrative personnel.

Wrong

Mr Venter was wrong when he said that the council simply exchanged information with police and military authorities.

In fact, spy reports were sent to at least the military on a routine and regular basis, regardless of what information the council got in return.

Also, Mr Venter's comment that the unit did not tap telephones is questionable. The Star has information of plans to purchase and use tapping devices on telephones. Intelligence operatives also planned to buy mini-tape recorders for agents.

A proposal was also considered to attach tape recorders to at least four of the unit's operational vehicles.

On the question of telephone tapping, an official document warns that operatives should be careful, because the law is strict in this regard.

They were further warned that the issuing of tapping equipment would be strictly controlled.

DP calls for suspension of 'info' officials

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The Democratic Party in Johannesburg has called for the immediate suspension of the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, and all officials connected to the so-called information network in the city council.

The leader of the DP in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, said he was not satisfied with the statement by management committee chairman, Mr Jan Burger, that the Auditor-General would be asked to investigate the funding of the spy ring.

"All the Auditor-General will be able to establish is how much was spent and on what. He cannot establish if the town clerk was involved in a spy ring."

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"I believe the town clerk exceeded his authority in terms of the ordinance under which he is appointed. He has to answer not only for the setting up, but the funding of the network."

Mr Davidson also called for a detailed explanation from the management committee on their apparent loss of control over the city.

"The management committee is culpable. They must be held responsible, they are his political superiors. They cannot hide from this issue. The town clerk is essentially the ring master but it must not be forgotten the National Party are his superiors."

"Once again Johannesburg has got a shadow of scandal hanging over it because of maladministration. We need an explanation from the management committee as to why they have lost control of the city."

Inquiry told of poor investments

Midrand council budget 'chaotic'

By Monica Nicolson

Midrand Town Council's budget was chaotic and the allocation of funds was unsupervised or not properly organised. The council overspent nearly R4 million last year alone, a one-man commission of inquiry heard yesterday.

Giving evidence yesterday in an inquiry into alleged illegal actions of council officials, the municipality's internal auditor, Mr Herman Kruger, said a great deal of overspending had not been accounted for in the correct manner.

Overdraft

He said the financial situation had become so bad that officials' salaries had to be paid from an overdraft.

Referring to two of the council's investments, the advocate collating evidence, Mr Piet Strydom, said the return on the money could have been better elsewhere and that the investments could not have been very healthy if the council was continually borrowing against them.

Further allegations were made against the suspended town clerk, Mr Philip Botha, yesterday when Mr Strydom continued cross-examining witnesses in connection with two controversial reports regarding Mr Botha's accommodation.

It was alleged that Mr Botha tried to defraud the council by attempting to have the reports presented to the council under the town secretary's name.

The first report recommended that Mr Botha be exempt from paying rent for his house and the second suggested the council stood the collateral security for his house in Port Alfred.

Mr Cor Sutherland, the town treasurer, admitted that although Mr Botha had written the letters, he had signed them because Mr Botha wanted to hide his involvement.

The reports were later withdrawn as Mr Botha was suspended from his position by the council on the night they were to be tabled at the council meeting.

No instructions

Mr Botha claimed yesterday he gave Mr Sutherland no instruction to sign his reports.

"I had nothing more to do with the reports after I had given it to senior officials for comment. If Mr Sutherland presented council with a report based on my original report, it had nothing to do with me," he said.

The only member and chairman of the commission is Mr Justice T H van Reenen.

The hearing continues on April 19.

Appoint public probe, urge Leon and Schwarz

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Democratic Party has demanded that the Government appoint a public inquiry into allegations that the National Party-controlled Johannesburg City Council ran a secret spy ring. Houghton MP Tony Leon — former DP leader in the city council — and Yeoville MP Harry Schwarz criticised the Government yesterday.

Spending by a city council on a spy ring was clearly unauthorised, Mr Schwarz said during debate on the local government vote of the House of Assembly administration.

He urged the local-government auditor to probe the affair and disallow the expenditure.

Mr Schwarz warned Local Government Minister Amie Venter that the DP would not

support his vote if he did not arrange a public inquiry.

Mr Venter said he took a serious view of the matter as he had a high regard for personal rights and privacy.

He would study the matter and respond later.

Mr Leon said that if the council ring had spied on any of the individuals whose deaths were being investigated by the Harms Commission, the spy ring should also be referred to this commission.

“It might well transpire that many of the activities of the (SADF's) Civil Co-operation Bureau coincided, in a similar fashion, with the activities of spying such as those being unravelled in the Johannesburg City Council.”

Mr Schwarz said SA seemed to be inundated with spies and no one seemed to know who was watching who.

He asked whether this sort of thing was going on in any other local authorities.

The kind of organisation which was being spied upon was often held in high esteem.

Mr Venter agreed that the Legal Resources Centre was a reputable organisation which did not need spying on.

Mr Schwarz said information provided by the spies was “clearly nonsense” — as evidenced by their assessment that National Union of Mine-workers leader Mr Cyril Ramaphosa did not have very close contact with the ANC.

Mr Leon said the spy ring was a scandal of alarming proportions. “I believe the current investigation will unravel a Pandora's box which will rock the city of Johannesburg to its foundations.”

The town clerk's alleged authorisation of payments to

“handlers” of various informants of the spy ring was “gross misuse of funds”.

Mr Leon quoted from a letter dated May 10 1989 from town clerk Mr Manne Venter to the city treasurer, authorising payment to a “handler”.

Mr Leon said the letter quoted from an Act — “Die Wet op Beveliging van Publieke Geboue en Plekke” — to justify the payment. But the Act did not exist on the statute books, Mr Leon said.

The letter was allegedly given to a “handler” of the spy ring and R1 600 was paid to him in cash.

This was one of several such instalments paid to him and other “handlers” by the city treasurer acting on the town clerk's instructions.

“It is clear to me that the activities of the spy ring are completely consistent with

the total strategy adopted by Government during the 1980s and are symptomatic of the lack of morality and scant regard for civic administration which is a hallmark of this Government.”

Mr Leon asked Defence Minister Magnus Malan and Minister Venter whether city councils had been instructed to spend money on spying.

He said that in October 1987 he had called on the Johannesburg City Council to cut its links with the Joint Management Centre of the State Security Council. The NP-majority in the council had rejected this, insisting that the JMCs were an excellent alternative to Marxism.

Mr Leon said the Government had to say if JMCs were still in existence at local-government level and what the extent of their activities was.

Jo'burg council's best-kept secret

For seven years the Johannesburg City Council has operated a covert intelligence-gathering division — hidden deep inside the operational network of its huge security department

It was in 1983 that Mr F J "Frik" Barnard, then the deputy general manager of the city council's security department, gave the orders to create an intelligence wing, ostensibly to be called the "liaison section"

At the time, Mr Barnard reported to Mr Manie Karsten, a former captain in the SADF and then head of security, which in turn fell under Mr John Pearce, the traffic and security chief. Mr Karsten today is deputy director of administration

The man chosen to set up the new division was Mr "Frik" van Jaarsveld, a former naval intelligence officer, who was later succeeded by Mr Nico Cronje and then by Mr Marius Heystek, a former colonel with the security police.



Then came Mr Pieter Assenmacher, formerly of the National Intelligence Service, who took over in 1986. He was followed by Mr Rick Roestorf and then by Mr Hannes Gouws. The present head of the section is Mr Martin Hennig.

All heads of the intelligence division reported ultimately to Mr Barnard, who was later appointed chief professional officer (administration) in the security department. He later became acting deputy director of operations in the department.

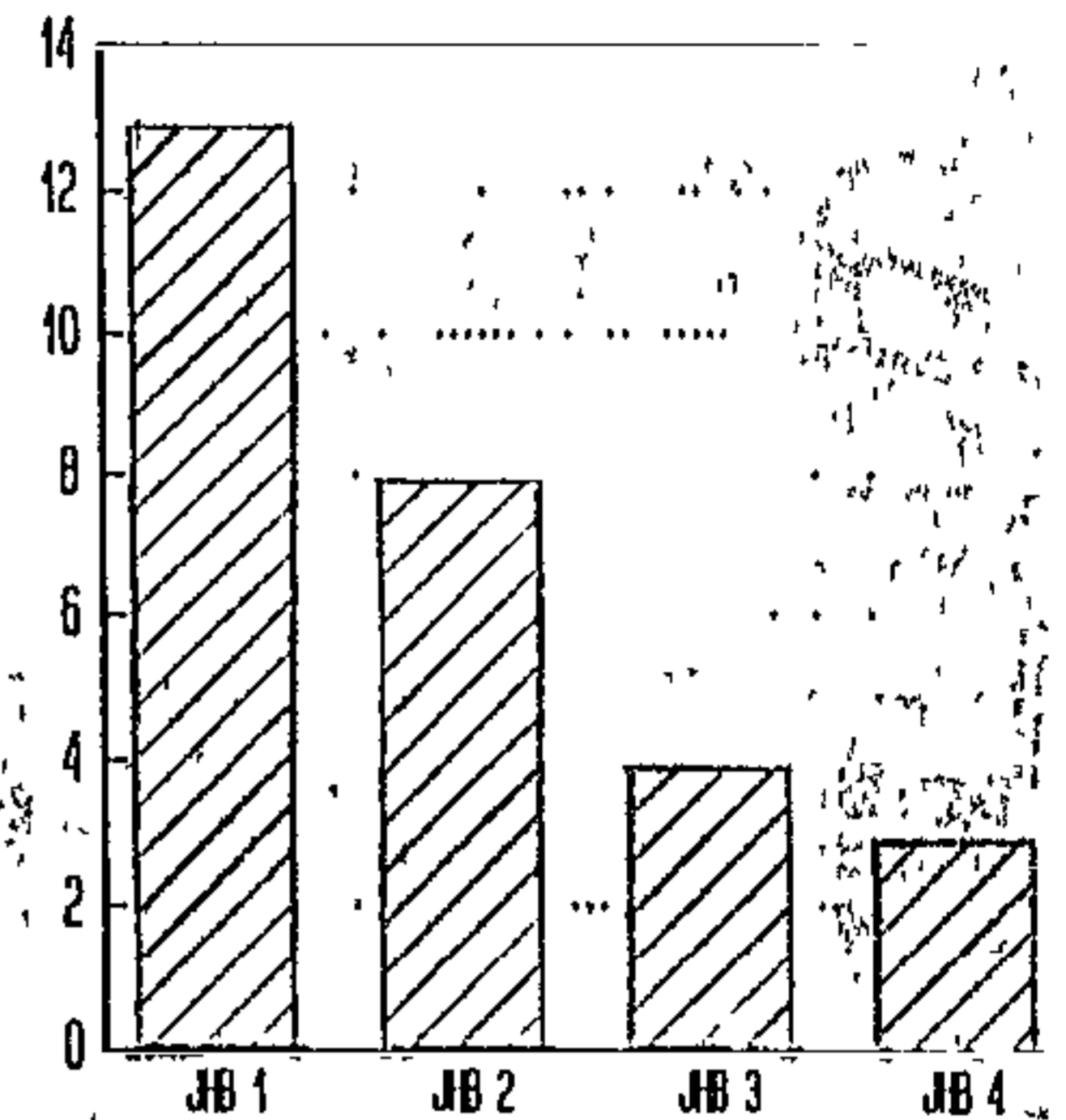
Today, as far as is known, Mr Hennig, whose official title is head of the investigations

section — under which falls intelligence — also controls divisions involving training and criminal and security awareness.

What is not clear is whether the intelligence operations are continuing. While Mr Hennig succeeded Mr Gouws, who resigned in October last year, as head of the section, it is not known if Mr Hennig is still in charge of the division.

The confusion is a result of attempts to close the intelligence wing by a senior security department official.

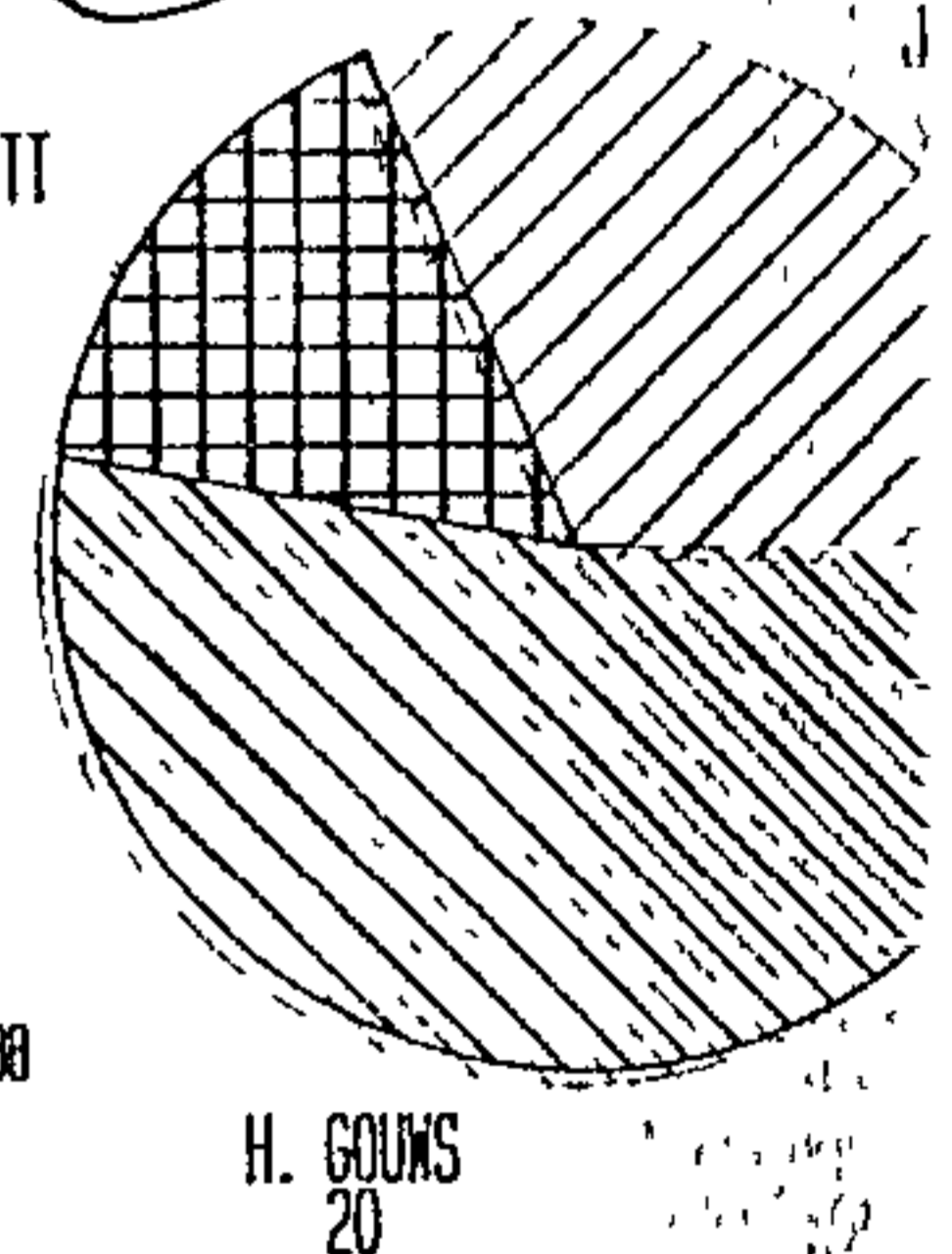
Part of this move involved the transfer of Mr Barnard to his present position.



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How payments were made

A Johannesburg City Council spy handler has told The Star how ratepayers' money was allocated secretly by senior officials to pay agents to infiltrate and report on public meetings.

Involved in clearing the hush-hush payment were Johannesburg town clerk Mr Manie Venter, the council's former director of security, Brigadier J F Visser, and at least four other top officials.

One was Mr J F "Frik" Barnard — known to inside sources as "Mr Intelligence".

Mr Barnard is a Citizen Force major with close links to Military Intelligence at Witwatersrand Command.

He is acting deputy director of operations in the council's security department, after being transferred last month. He was formerly chief professional officer (administration) of the department, which controlled the criminal investigations bureau and intelligence section.

Brigadier Visser and Mr Barnard, as well as Mr Hilton Lee, said to be in the operations section, recommended payment of secret funds to officials.

APPROVEMENT PIPELINE

This is how the spy payments were made.

On a security department document titled "Handler's Source" (beriggewersfooi bron), a recommendation is made — presumably by the handler — for payment to a "source" (spy).

Invariably, the source would be described as being of "inestimable value" to the council, and a fee of, say R350, would be recommended.

The application would be supported by three senior council officials, one the section head of the intelligence division.

Mr Venter would have to sanction the application. One of the signatories is then informed of the approval.

The handler who submitted the application was, in turn, notified of the approval, and instructed to collect a letter written by Mr Venter.

The letter, marked "secret", was addressed to the City Treasurer instructing him to make provision for the relevant payment on the grounds that the town clerk had sanctioned the payout.

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The handler took delivery of the letter from Mr Venter's daughter-in-law, Mrs R Venter, an accountant in the council who dealt with the secret fund.

The handler would then go to the City Hall where he would sign an invoice that authorised him to be paid. He would sign for the money and hand over the letter written by the town clerk. He would then report to a municipal cashier, presumably in the City Treasurer's department, present an invoice he had signed, and be paid.

He would then return to his office and arrange for payment to the sources, who would have to sign for the cash.

Investigations by The Star show that each of the sources would have to sign for the money on a separate document, which also reflected his secret code number.

Because the spy fees were paid in cash, and since the town clerk, in terms of his own instructions for payment, did not publicly disclose the transactions, it is understood that no taxes were paid.

Secret reports

One of the city council's spy handlers has told The Star of how he was instructed by his bosses to deliver photocopies of the council's intelligence documents to the military authorities every week.

City council spy reports on individuals and legal organisations were handed directly to military intelligence officers at Witwatersrand Command and the Security Police at John Vorster Square.

The reports dealt with public meetings held by movements such as the Five Freedoms Forum, the End Conscription Campaign and trade unions.

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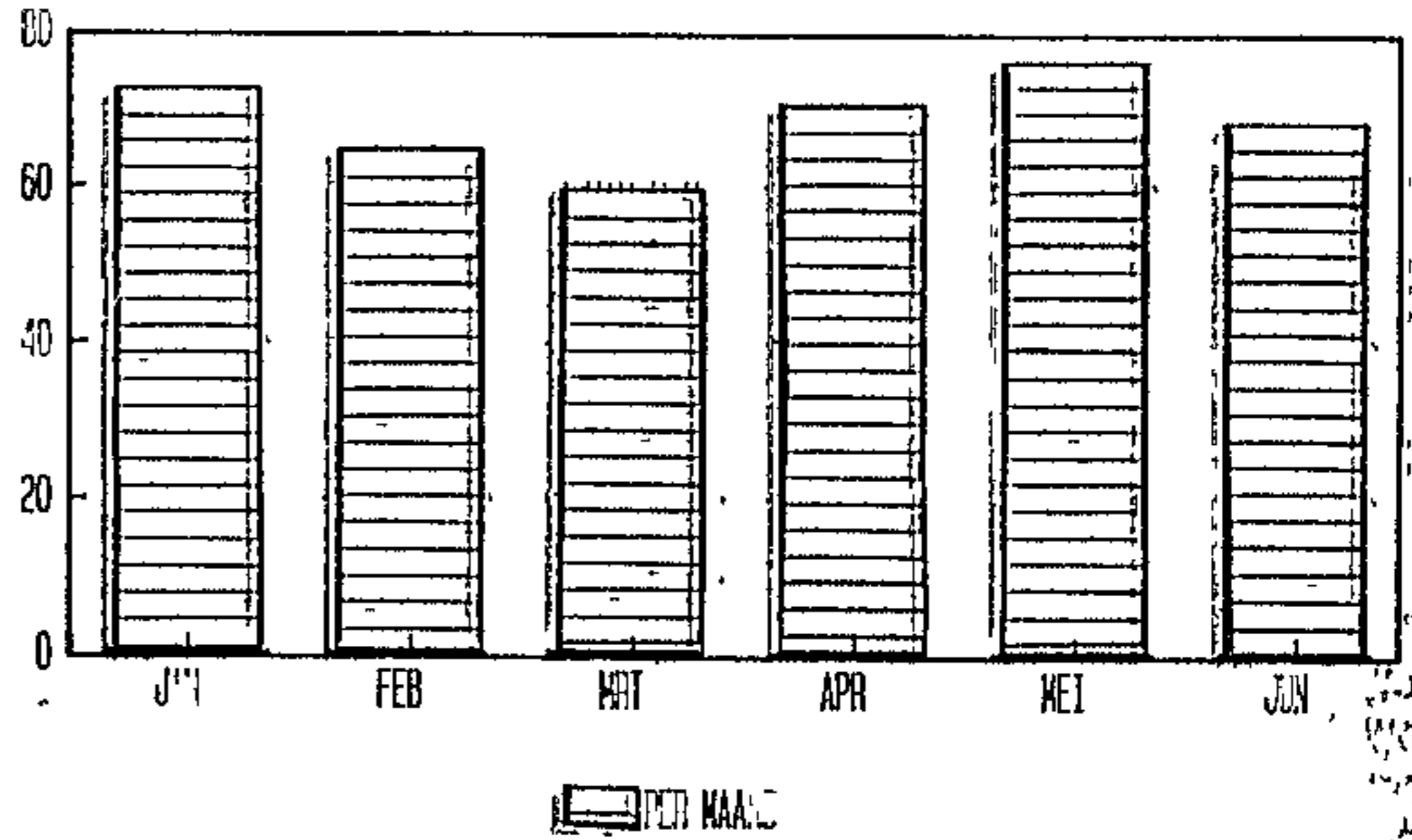
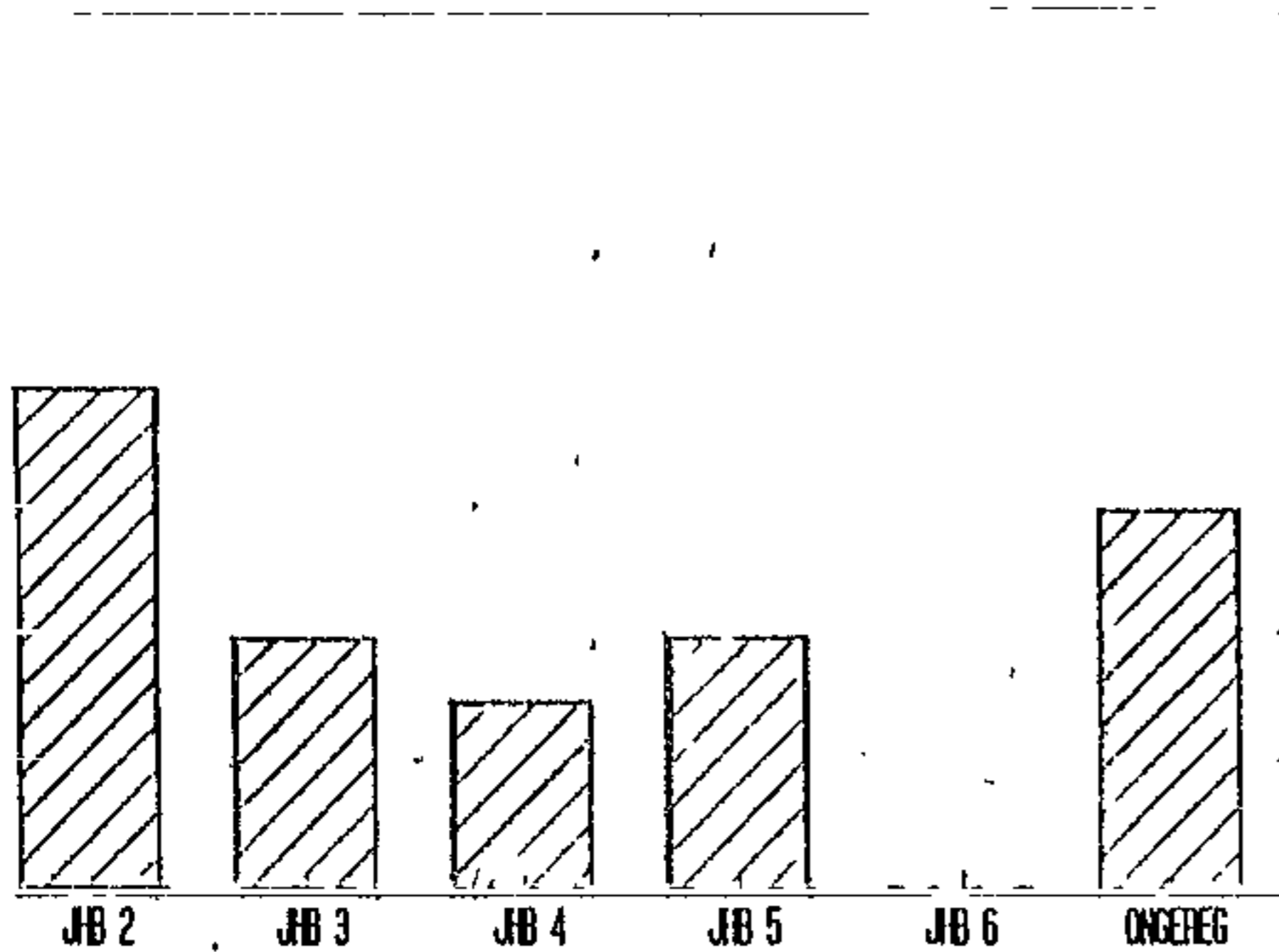
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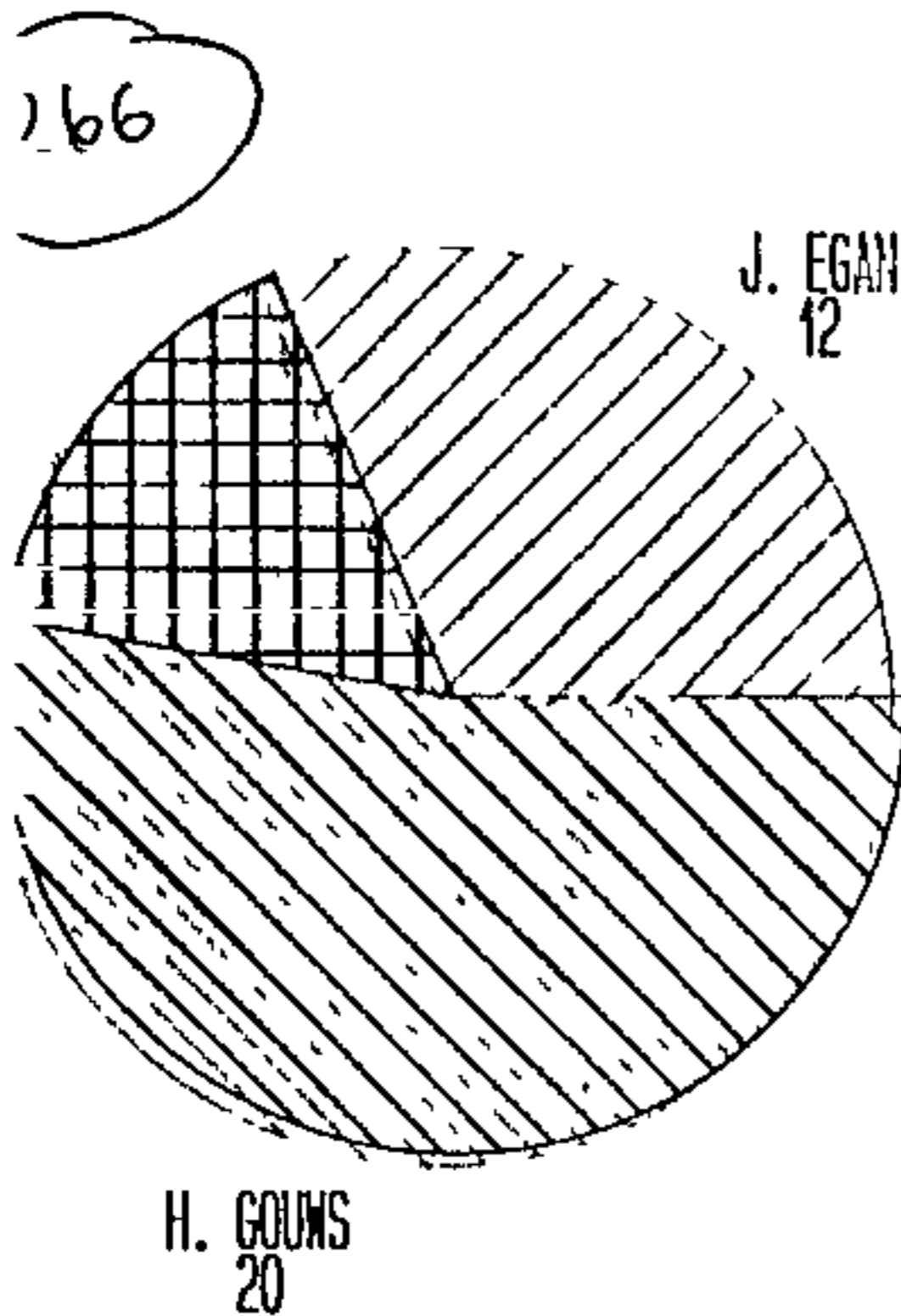
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How hard do spies work, and how valuable is their information?

A Johannesburg Council employee had the unenviable task of doing an analysis which has often baffled Spymasters, real and fictional — to measure the value of information

These three charts show the results of his endeavours:

1. "PRODUCTIVITY OF SOURCES for June 1989" (top left). The bars measure the performance of sources JHB 1, 2 etc and, in the last column, unregistered sources

2. "VALUE OF REPORTS from January to June 1989" (top right) Total reports received are assessed for their value, then rated in percentage terms. May was clearly a good month

3. "NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED for June 1989" (left). A pie chart showing the relative contributions by three informers. Mr H Gouws did better than Mr A Bennett and Mr J Egan combined.

Quit, ratepayers tell town clerk

MUNICIPAL REPORTER

Outraged and shocked Johannesburg ratepayers and city councillors this week called for the resignation of the town clerk of Johannesburg and for an urgent investigation into the operation and funding of a spy ring within the municipality

Democratic Party chief whip Paul Asherson called on the management committee to take full responsibility

"These shocking allegations of skulduggery and misappropriation of funds are a complete indictment of a National Party management committee who must take full responsibility for these clandestine operations. An urgent inquiry is obviously necessary as well as a cessation of these activities immediately"

Democratic Party MP for Houghton and former DP leader in the city council, Mr Tony Leon said secret funds were always open to abuse

"I constantly warned in the three years I was opposition leader that the unspecified security budget was open to abuse and shrouded in a cloud of secrecy and confidentiality behind which actual or potential abuses could flourish"

"The creation of a super department of public safety was always unjustified by the facts given. Quite obviously this is a monster which has spun out of control"

The immediate resignation of the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter has been called for by the chairman of Northcliff Ratepayer's Association, Mr Carlos de Nobrega

"I think Manie Venter should be dismissed immediately. This is the most disgusting thing I have heard since the CCB, regarding the misappropriation of funds. This kind of corruption must be wiped out"

The chairman of the Federation of Western Johannesburg Ratepayers, Mr Frank Salmon said he was shocked

"If the allegations are true this must be stopped immediately. We want to know more."

Mrs Alana Beuthin, chairman of the Consumer InterAction group said in the light of CCB revelations the latest scandal did not really surprise her

APPALLING

"But it is appalling, especially since they have got away with it for so long. This is another example of where the consumer is taken for a ride."

The leader of the Conservative Party, Mr Jacques Theron said the allegations called for an urgent motion to discuss the issue at the monthly city council meeting next week

"It is immoral for ratepayers' money to be involved, it becomes an indirect tax almost. Intelligence gathering belongs to the defence force and the police"

He said it was mismanagement on the part of the management committee if they did not know about the spy ring

"It is primarily their duty to look after the city. I think members of the management committee should really have ascertained to their own satisfaction what the money they voted is being spent on"

spy reports given to military

city council's spy reports. The Star of Johannesburg reported that photocopies of spy reports were given to military authorities

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of public meetings, activities of political movements

Sources said the council's spy network was so effective that they feared they would lose their sources to MI if ever their identities were disclosed

Said one source "The council information which we gave to the military was better than what they had"

To protect their agents city council intelligence officers removed the top part of each spy dossier to protect the identities of their informant to prevent them being recruited by the military

Furthermore, summarised weekly intelligence reports

were circulated internally to senior council officials, and also to the Security Police

But The Star has learnt that Brigadier J F Visser, former director of the security department, was apparently concerned that the spy reports were ending up in the hands of military intelligence. He wanted the reports to be given only to the police

Investigations show that it was Mr F J "Frik" Barnard, at the time chief director of operations in the security department, who instructed his handlers to hand over copies of the spy reports to military intelligence

Unions 'bitter' over council spy disclosures

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Political Staff

THE disclosure of a spy network operating from Johannesburg City Council had seriously jeopardised council relations with 13 trade unions representing more than 20 000 workers, Manpower Director Mr Jaap Kitshoff said last night.

The Johannesburg Municipal Trade Unions Joint Committee held an urgent meeting yesterday to discuss the allegations that its activities had been monitored.

"We are bitter and disillusioned with the despicable treatment afforded us. The relationship of mutual trust and understanding which existed between us and the city council has been shattered," the unions said later.

Chairman Dr Lorraine Lotter said the committee had always been under

the impression that the responsibility for ensuring sound industrial relations with the trade unions rested with Mr Kitshoff, and not the security department.

Over the past decade the Johannesburg city council had experienced unprecedented labour peace, she said.

● The Minister of the Budget and Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, said yesterday that the Transvaal Provincial Administration was giving urgent attention to the council's spy rumpus.

Mr Tony Leon (DP Yeoville) raised the issue again yesterday saying the acknowledgment that R17 000 had been spent on the spy ring was a gross under-estimate of the real expenditure. The security department had a budget of over R100 million over the past five years, he said.

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**Apartheid
councils
under fire**

THE president of the United Municipalities of SA, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday called for the reconstitution of local government into single local authorities, dismantling structures which were based on colour.

Speaking in the East Rand township of Daveyton, Boya questioned the maintenance of dual towns/cities according to colour, irrespective of the socio-economic consequences brought about by this practice.

Apartheid

"The fact that a black person was called to administer dormitory towns, which provided labour to the so-called white cities, had led to people questioning of the role of these black towns and their councillors," he said.

Local authorities could not render effective and efficient services while clinging to the apartheid structures, which duplicated and triplicated the costs of services, Boya said.

Violence in the townships had its roots in the frustrations of people living there, brought about by the poor infrastructure, lack of serviced land and proximity of the poor to the places of their work, he said. - Sapa.

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State promises probe into Jo'burg spy ring

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By PETER FABRICIUS
Political Staff

THE government has promised to give "urgent and priority attention" to the controversial Johannesburg City Council spy network

Mr Amie Venter, Minister of the Budget and Local Government in the House of Assembly, told parliament this yesterday

This followed a demand on Wednesday from Yeoville MP Mr Harry Schwarz and Houghton MP Mr Tony Leon for a public inquiry

The spy ring, uncovered dur-

ing an investigation by The Argus's sister newspaper, The Star, gathered information to give, not to the council, but to Military Intelligence, the security police and the police at John Vorster Square

Its existence was so secret that not even council members knew of it

Serious light

The Argus Correspondent in Johannesburg reports that Mr Amie Venter has asked Transvaal member of the executive committee Mr Olaus van Zyl to urgently investigate the spy rumpus

Mr Venter said in parliament yesterday that he regarded the matter in a serious light.

"Mr Oulas van Zyl (the MEC for local government) has undertaken to give this matter urgent attention and high priority"

Mr Venter was speaking in the debate on his vote when Mr Leon, former DP leader in the Johannesburg Council, again went on the attack

Mr Leon said Johannesburg Town Clerk Mr Manie Venter's admission that the spy ring existed was a "damning indictment of abuse of power and in-

vasion of privacy" by the City Council

His statement that R17 000 had been spent on spying was a "gross understatement of the real expenditure" Mr Leon said questions arose about precisely what hardware, capital equipment and fulltime members of staff had been used for these activities

Nothing short of an objective independent audit of the security department's budget for the last five years would suffice

By defending Mr Venter and his spying, the National Party management committee was "perpetrating a cover-up"

Unions back judicial 'council spies' probe

THE disclosure that a spy network had operated from the Johannesburg city council had seriously jeopardised council relations with the 13 trade unions representing more than 20 000 council workers, manpower director Jaap Kitshoff said last night. *Business Day 23/3/90* (266)

He added that he had never received a report on union activities from the security department.

Town clerk Manie Venter has admitted that R17 000 from the security budget was paid to spies for information on political and trade union organisations to safeguard

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the city's interests.

The Johannesburg Municipal Trade Unions' Joint Committee held an urgent meeting yesterday to discuss the allegations that its activities had been monitored. *(266)* *(266)*

It supported calls by other organisations for a judicial inquiry.

"The relationship of mutual trust and understanding which existed between us and the city council has been shattered,"

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Judicial probe *Business Day 23/3/90* (266)

the representative unions said in a statement yesterday

Chairman Lorraine Lotter said the Johannesburg city council had experienced unprecedented labour peace over the past decade

She said the committee abhorred the fact that it was considered to be within the investigation framework and objectives of the security department

Meanwhile, city treasurer Wille Siebert said allegations that the security budget was R50m was rubbish

He said R23m was allocated annually to

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the security department and his books were open to Business Day's scrutiny

In the House of Assembly yesterday, Budget and Local Government Minister Amie Venter said he had discussed the matter with the responsible MEC in the Transvaal, Olaus van Zyl.

Van Zyl had undertaken to give it urgent attention

"We both regard this in a serious light and will treat it as a very urgent matter," he said in reply to debate on the Local Government vote

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Transvaal gives townships a pay rise

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will increase its spending to aid black local authorities by 21 percent to R1,2-billion this year, even though last year it had said it would have to cut back on assistance to the township councils.

The figures are provided in the *Budget Review*, released with last week's budget, which shows the TPA bailed out black local authorities to the tune of R254-million in the year up to December. It expects the total for the full financial year, ending February, to amount to R335-million.

This accounts for the TPA's over-spending on the Community Development budget last year — the budget voted was R796-million but the revised estimate is shown as R1-billion, almost 30 percent higher.

The deficits run up by the local authorities — particularly in Soweto and in the Vaal Triangle townships — are largely a result of residents' refusal to pay rent and service charges. The TPA has been trying to rein in the councils' spending and force them to collect revenue.

In the *Budget Review* it says it is "committed to more effective and economic rendering of services and to clean administration". It adds good progress has been made with "establishing a sense of responsibility by local authorities" — of which there are 80 in the Transvaal — and there has been sustained improvement in the collecting of levies and income.

The TPA notes as the background to this "the backlog existing within black communities and the weak economic basis of black local authorities

By HILARY JOFFE 266
as a result of historic factors, low income, unemployment and inadequate infrastructure".

The TPA's increase in spending on black local authorities is in contrast to other provinces' budgets for this, which have fallen in real terms, taking inflation into account.

The Orange Free State Provincial Administration is to increase spending on Community Development by only six percent to R260-million. The Natal Provincial Administration's spending in this area will rise by only 1,6 percent to R268-million, and that of the Cape Provincial Administration, 6,9 percent to R602-million.

This is in a context in which the government has cut grants to all the provinces in real terms: the statutory transfer to the Cape province and Natal have dropped by 1,5 percent and 3,3 percent respectively, while the grants from central government to the Orange Free State and Transvaal have increased by only 6,3 and 6,6 percent respectively.

The grants to the provinces, via the Department of Planning and Provincial affairs, are to total R8,8-billion this year, down 4,9 percent on last year. The provinces do, however, also collect their own revenue, so that their budgets do not simply reflect central government grants.

To finance its increase in funds for Community Development, the TPA appears to be cutting almost all its other budgets in real terms. Its spending on health services will go up by only 0,8 percent to R1,9-

billion, although this is partly because three Transvaal hospitals, including JG Strijdom, have been transferred from provincial to "Own Affairs" administration.

The reshuffling of hospital spending was reflected this week in a 23 percent hike in the House of Assembly budget tabled in parliament.

The Transvaal plans to cut spending on Works by 0,7 percent, and to raise its budgets for Roads and Bridges by only 1,7 percent. The only substantial increase is in its Library and Museum service, which goes up 30 percent to R20-million.

In its contribution to the *Budget Review*, the Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs reports:

- Through the granting of loans for material, 5 140 houses for blacks, have been erected during the 1989/90 financial year. Some 8 000 new serviced stands were provided and a further 8 000 stands upgraded. "Informal town establishment with basic services in which individuals will be permitted to erect their own structures within their means, is envisaged," according to the TPA.

- More than 25 000 hectares of land outside the "self governing territories" has been identified for black townships and an additional 7 500ha has been approved.

- R16,7-million has been applied to provide infrastructure at industrial development points

- 18 applications for free settlement areas have been finalised

- The TPA aims to finalise its policy on squatting and continue its research on urbanisation strategies.

We demand a full judicial inquiry, say Jo'burg unions

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

Seven trade unions representing 20 000 Johannesburg City Council employees yesterday slammed official surveillance of their organisations as "despicable" and called for a full judicial inquiry into the spy network.

In a strongly-worded statement, the Johannesburg Municipal Trade Unions Joint Committee said the relationship of mutual trust and understanding which had existed between themselves and the city council had been "shattered".

The unions represented by the joint committee are Amalgamated Engineering Trade Union of SA, Johannesburg Municipal

Combined Employees' Union, Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association, Johannesburg Transport and Municipal Employees' Union, SA Electrical Workers' Association, Union of Johannesburg Municipal Workers, and the Transport and General Workers' Union.

"It was with abhorrence that we learnt that we were considered to be within the investigative framework and objectives of the security department and that we have been under surveillance since the inception of the information network.

"We are bitter and disillusioned with the despicable treatment afforded us. The relationship of mutual trust and under-

standing which existed between us and the city council has been shattered.

"We support calls from other organisations for the institution of a judicial inquiry and that the terms of reference include the alleged investigations by the security department into our unions and officials."

The unions said the Johannesburg City Council had enjoyed unprecedented labour peace in the past decade. They were under the impression that the responsibility for ensuring sound industrial relations with the unions lay with the chief director of manpower and the personnel department, not with the security department.

Minister asks Transvaal MEC to unravel council mysteries

State Orders spy network probe

By Peter Fabrics
and Louise Burgers

Minister of Local Government Mr Amie Venter yesterday asked Transvaal MEC Mr Olaus van Zyl to investigate the Johannesburg City Council spy rumpus urgently.

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Damning indictment

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Pup is back from python's belly



Rockman is fired by Commissioner

CAPE TOWN — Rebel policeman Lieutenant Gregory Rockman has been fired by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

The lieutenant welcomed the news yesterday as "a victory for justice", but said he intended to discuss the matter with his lawyers.

He also said the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, of which he is president, intended to make an urgent application for a Supreme Court interdict against Wednesday's dismissal of 39 Eastern Cape policemen who participated in a Popcorn strike.

In a statement to Sapa, General van der Merwe said he had dismissed two more members of the police force because of their involvement in strikes.

Department of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mallet said that one of the two was Lieutenant Rockman.

The lieutenant said "I'm happy they have fired me. This shows they are not serious about real reform and change in South Africa."

I will still keep on fighting them until the day we move into the new South Africa, where the emphasis in the police will be to serve and protect."

Lieutenant Rockman, who has been under suspension without pay since November after taking part in a Popcorn demonstration, this week refused to continue voluntary participation in an internal police disciplinary hearing against him.

On an SABC radio programme last night, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said the police were reviewing whether members of the SAP should continue to be allowed to join a registered political party.

The SAP must serve all the peoples of South Africa.

Mr Vlok also announced that from April 1 a black policeman would enjoy the same medical and benefits as their white counterparts, thereby meeting a major grievance.

Until then, dependants of black policemen will not be covered.

Police and prison warders are to march on Parliament next Friday to demand increased salaries and rousing subsidies, as part of the Popcorn strike.

In East London, 29 warders from the Queenstown Prison and 13 warders from the Fort Beaufort prison embarked on separate protests yesterday — Sapa and Crime Reporter

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Mr Leon said questions arose about precisely what hardware, capital equipment and fulltime members of staff had been used for these activities. Nothing short of an objective, independent audit of the security department's budget for the last five years would suffice.

"I find it difficult to believe that he can defend his activities as standard practice." No Act of Parliament or other law could have justified the activities. By defending Mr Venter and his spying, the National Party management committee was "perpetrating a cover-up." Mr Leon said several questions remained.

● What was the involvement of the Joint Management Centre system of the State Security Council in the spy ring?

● What were the limits, if any, on council spying, and who determined them?

● Was the "unmotivated" promotion of Mr John Pearce to the post of Chief Director, Public Safety, connected with his overseeing of the council spy ring?

● What financial controls were exercised and what information was given to the council's auditors?

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No spy rings here, say ²⁶⁶ city councils

Municipal Reporter
and Own Correspondents

Representatives of major city and town councils across South Africa have said a spy ring similar to that in operation in the Johannesburg City Council could never operate in their municipalities.

The Sandton management committee has made prudent inquiries and is satisfied that nothing is out of order in the council. Democratic Party leader in Sandton, Mr Peter Jardine, said he would vouch for the town council officials.

Randburg's town clerk, Mr Bart van der Vyver, emphatically stated that nothing similar could ever happen in his town.

Cape Town's town clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, dismissed the possibility of the Cape Town City Council having a "spy ring" similar to Johannesburg's.

TINY BUDGET

Cape Town's senior deputy city administrator, Dr Donald Craythorne, said the city's security budget was tiny compared with that of Johannesburg. "We simply do not have money for that sort of thing."

The city councils of both Durban and Maritzburg have no plans to launch probes into the possibility of municipal spy rings such as that exposed in the Johannesburg council this week.

No covert spying network could exist in Durban's municipal service, town clerk Mr Wilf Stone said yesterday.

"Our security section is just another department of the city council and all of its accounts go through the city treasurer and our auditors," he said.

And Maritzburg's town clerk, Mr Keith Nicol, said the municipality had a security section which was there to protect municipal assets, but its budget was audited in the same way as all other departments.

I knew nothing, says Burger

LOUISE BURGERS and
MICHAEL SHAFTO

IN spite of having been "fingered" as one who knew about the Johannesburg City Council spy ring, the present chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, has strenuously denied any knowledge of the information network.

Confusion over what the present management committee knows about the network has arisen as a result of news of the spy scandal, broken by The Star earlier this week.

As a result of the revelations, town clerk Mr Manie Venter told a hastily called press conference in midweek that the previous management committee had known about the network, but that the present committee had not been told because "it was such a little thing".

Two members of the current committee were members of the previous committee, however, and as such must have known about the existence of the spy ring. They are Mr Burger, chairman of the present management committee, and Mr Cecil Long. They both served on the committee which was dissolved before the October 1988 municipal elections.

Mr Burger categorically denied yesterday that he knew of the existence of a fund to pay informers. He was sticking by his statement of last

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Spy denial

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Wednesday, he said

Mr Long said he was aware of the existence of the network, but not that money was used to pay informers.

"I did not know about rewards paid for information. But when we look at the paltry amount spent, how much information can one get for that?"

"I knew about certain actions which were taken. I cannot give details because they are in relation to security and staff matters and too sensitive to give details about."

Mr Long said if "millions of rands were involved in the payment of informers there would be cause for concern."

"But it was only R17 000."

(Saturday Star believes the amount for 1986 to have cost ratepayers R96 000 for that year alone.)

But Mr Long added that if council officials were found during investigations to have exceeded the bounds of their authority, action would be taken.

The security portfolio was Mr Danie van Zyl's responsibility as deputy chairman of the previous management committee and later as chairman before his death last year.

The then chairman, Mr Francois "Obie" Oberholzer, is away and not available for comment.

A member of the previous management committee, Mr Hennie Schoeman, has refused to comment. Mr Danie Malan, who also served on the committee, stated that he was aware of the network.

● Transvaal MEC Mr Olaus van Zyl said yesterday that allegations of an intelligence spy network in the Johannesburg City Council would receive high priority.

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City security chief Pearce emerges as spy master



MR JOHN PEARCE: Authorised payments for informants. ● Photograph: Etienne Rothbart

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CONTROVERSIAL Mr John Pearce, Johannesburg's chief director of public safety, has emerged as a key player in City Hall's spy network

Documents in possession of the Saturday Star show clearly that Mr Pearce's was the final authorising signature when it came to paying spies and informants

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Spying ring furore puts 'sheriff' out in the cold

JOHANNESBURG'S controversial chief director of public safety, Mr John Pearce, will receive a frosty reception this week when he returns to a city shaken by revelations of a spy ring in the municipal service

The burly "Sheriff of Jo'burg" has been in Windhoek with a contingent of traffic officers who provided a motorised escort during Namibian independence celebrations

Disclosures of a clandestine spy network inside the Johannesburg city council, funded by ratepayers' money, have blown up into a national controversy

Operating from headquarters in the Fort, the former Hillbrow prison, the ring gathered information on individuals and organisations which it shared with police and State security services.

The operation was known to only a handful of municipal officials, among them recently retired director of security Brigadier Jan Visser, town clerk Manie Venter and Mr Pearce

Mr Pearce has not yet been available for comment

Council Democratic Party leader Ian Davidson claimed Mr Pearce authorised payment for the spies and informers, saying he possessed signed documents to prove it.

Alienated

The DP will demand the suspension of both Mr Pearce and Mr Venter at Tuesday's monthly council meeting, pending investigations into their involvement.

Said Mr Davidson "These documents indicate where the spies are operating, what organisations they belong to, whom they have infiltrated and what form of payment is required for information

"He must have been aware the security department was exceeding its authority. Its duty is to protect council property — and organisations like the Black Sash, the PFP Youth and other innocuous movements, surely do not present a threat"

Mr Davidson said Mr Venter and Mr Pearce had alienated other councillors, the council's workforce and official trade unions

"Every councillor must wonder whether he or she

By IVOR CREWS

was under surveillance by the spies

"By not informing the management committee of the spy network, both Mr Venter and Mr Pearce showed contempt for it and this must be grounds for their immediate suspension"

This week Mr Venter admitted that the council's informer network had gathered information on various anti-apartheid organisations

But he claimed only R17 000 of ratepayers' funds had been spent on the organisation, adding that it had ceased to exist last year

Investigate

The current management committee was unaware of the network "because it was such a little thing", Mr Venter said, admitting the previous management committee knew of the operation.

But two members of the current committee who were on the previous committee, Mr Jan Burger and Mr Cecil Long, insist they knew nothing of the organisation

On Friday the Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, asked Transvaal MEC Mr Olaus van Zyl to investigate the scandal

Province asks town clerk for documents relating to council

By Mandy Jean Woods

26/3/90

JOHANNESBURG Town Clerk Manie Venter has been asked by Transvaal provincial authorities to provide them with all "relevant documents" relating to the city council spy ring.

Venter is a key figure in allegations that a spy ring existed within the council which passed on information to Military Intelligence and the SAP.

Transvaal Provincial Administration community development executive director Len Dekker said he was still awaiting documents but expected them soon.

Commenting on Sunday newspaper reports that documents had apparently been

destroyed and files concerning the activities of the spy network moved from the spy ring's "headquarters" at the Old Fort, Dekker said he was relying on the "full support" and co-operation of Venter and his officials.

Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday he had not been contacted by anyone concerned about or with evidence of the destruction or removal of documents.

He said he had instructed Dekker to obtain all the relevant information to allow the executive committee to decide whether or not a commission of inquiry was ne-

cessary. He hoped to present the report to the executive committee by the end of the week.

Venter yesterday denied any knowledge of the removal or destruction of documents.

ADELE BAILETA reports that DPq leader in the City Council Ian Davidson said yesterday if reports of the removal and destruction of documents were true "it could mean the nature and full extent of the spy networks' activities may never come out".

He said he would impound all documents and records "which we know exist".

He said the fact Van Zyl did not have the power to subpoena council officials would prevent information coming out.

He said he would reiterate his call for a judicial commission of inquiry into the allegations as part of the motion at tomorrow's council meeting.

DPq chief whip in the city council Paul Ashekson said motions for the suspension of Venter and Public Safety director John Peayster would also be made at the meeting.

Venter is to report officially to the

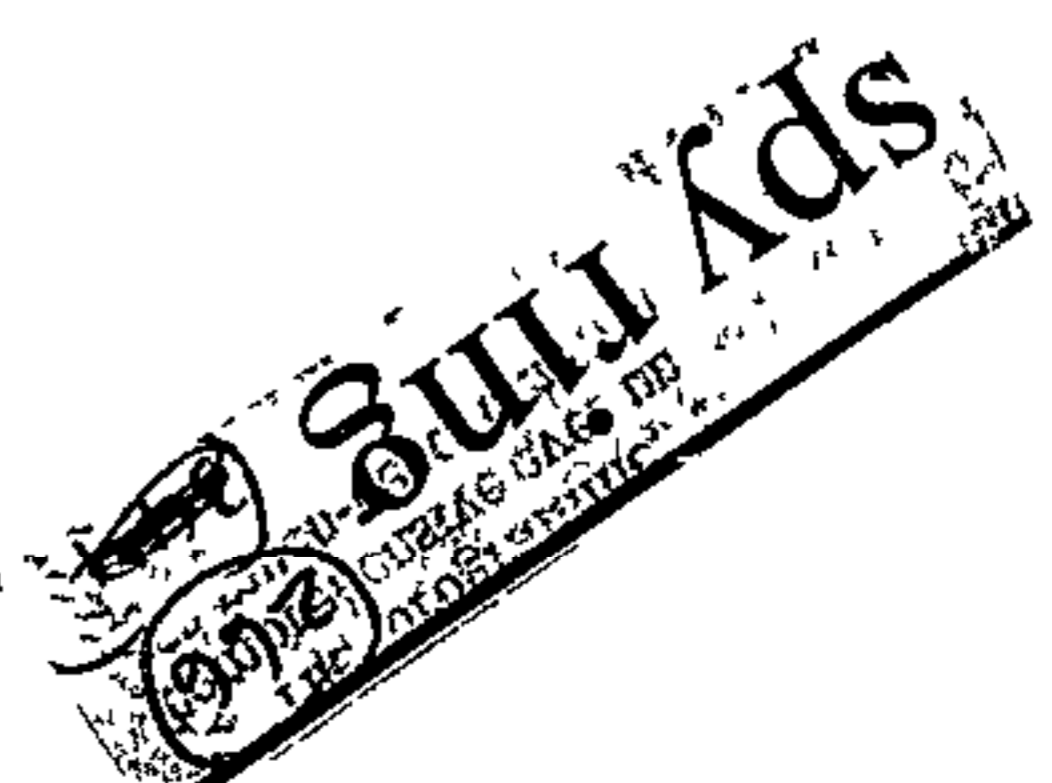
agreement committee this morning

Yesterday's developments follow allegations in the Sunday Star that

The city council had spied on Wits academic David Webster six months before he was gunned down outside his Troyeville home on May 1 last year.

The information was supplied by a Johannesburg attorney — still to be positively identified — who had infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum and whose undercover work was paid for by the council, and

Johannesburg City Council worker Anthony Bennett spied on the ECC while he was a full-time Wits student and was



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Daveyton calls on Boya to quit

The Daveyton Civic Association yesterday challenged the local mayor and president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, to resign immediately.

The civic association was responding to a statement made by Boya last week that black local authorities should be disbanded as they were financially not viable and that single non-racial councils be formed to replace them.

A spokesman for the civic association, Mr Star Motswege, said when the UDF was formed in 1983 it made it very clear that the BLA were not financially viable and that the poor people were going to pay high rents to finance that apartheid structure.

"Subsequently the whole country went on

fire and councillors were asked to resign by the different communities through their civic associations.

"In the light of the coming negotiations between FW de Klerk's Government and the recently unbanned ANC, the entire apartheid system will have to be dismantled and so will be its structures like the Black Local Authorities," he said.

Motswege said Boya should heed the historical march on February 28 which called for all councillors to resign and join the oppressed masses against apartheid.

In response Boya said yesterday he had no problem with resigning. "But

what will it help if only one man resigns. The problem with the people

of Daveyton is that no one is prepared to talk to another."

Flat-rate billing for Soweto starts soon

THEO RAWANA

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THE Soweto City Council is to implement promulgated flat-rate electricity and service charges and to start billing residents from the end of April. *Monday 26/3/90*

But the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) says the move is unacceptable to the people of Soweto.

Soweto town clerk Piet Geers said at the weekend that the flat rates, averaging R50 for electricity and R22,50 for services, were promulgated in January.

Soweto has been in the grip of a rent and rate boycott since 1986 and is said to be owing the Transvaal Provincial Administration R464,6m in bridging finance.

"The flat rate is only a temporary measure to phase in payment, and is lower than the normal usage rate. New tariffs are coming," Geers said.

An SPD spokesman said the organisation would be holding discussions with the TPA soon. He said people could not be called on to pay charges without meters being read.

Geers said the Development Bank of Southern Africa was serving as a facilitator between the council and the SPD.

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Council snipers 'sent to stop Stander raid'

By Steve McQuillan
and Kitt Katzin

The first tell-tale signs that Johannesburg City Council's intelligence unit had links with the police came during the dramatic 1984 escapades of bank robber Andre Stander, the former SAP captain shot dead in Fort Lauderdale, US.

While Stander and his gang were on the rampage in Johannesburg, the newly created intelligence section was tipped off by police that Stander was expected to hold up the municipal vehicle licensing office in the city.

SHARPSHOOTERS

A police SOS went out to the council's security department to help stop the raid

The council had just established a task force unit, and associated with it was a team of sharpshooters.

The police did not have a sniper team of the same high standard and apparently asked for the council unit to be made available

"That was the first time I realised that the new intelligence unit had links with the police," a member of the sniper group at the time told The Star

Equipped with Remington 700 bolt-action rifles and night scopes, the sniper group was deployed on rooftops around the licensing office. It was called Operation Lafrass.

"I remember clearly that



Andre Stander . . . target of Johannesburg City Council sniper team, according to a sharpshooter who was ordered to prevent one of the robber's daring raids six years ago.

these guys were not interested in an arrest," said the sniper group member. "We waited with our sniper rifles to take him out."

Each member of the team carried a blow-up picture of Stander. But Stander never

made his move.

The sniper group, whose members included a former member of the French Foreign Legion, had been trained by the council for high-level guard duties, including the protection of VIPs

Earlier this year, Brigadier Mostert said he believed the military's Civil Co-operation Bureau was responsible for Dr Webster's killing.

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Leandra councillors quit

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THE Leandra town council in the eastern Transvaal has collapsed after five of the six councillors resigned this week, writes ALI MPHAKI.

A Transvaal Provincial Administration official in Witbank, Mr Wessel van As, confirmed this.

Van As added that an administrator might soon be appointed to run the predominantly shanty town.

The five who resigned are mayor Mr Johannes Tugwana, Mr Zakhele Mshayisa, Mr Johannes Mthembu, Mr DP Mahlangu and Mr Job Vilakazi.

Leandra Civic Association secretary

Mr Mthetwa Nkabinde said the people of Leandra no longer wanted a council in the area and insisted that the councillors resign.

Nkabinde said a residents' delegation, had asked to meet the the TPA to discuss residents' demands.

The demands include:

- * The appointment of an administrator in Leandra;
- * Building of low-cost houses; and
- * A breakdown of the R6,8 million which the Development Board gave the Leandra Council in 1983.

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DP in bid to take over Joburg council

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— The Democratic Party is to hand in a vote of no-confidence in the NP-controlled management committee today

DP leader Mr Ian Davidson said the council under the NP had staggered from scandal to scandal and it was time for the NP to go

The town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, will have three weeks in which to convene a special meeting where the vote will be cast

The DP is confident it will have the support of the four independent councillors. In the light of the spy scandal which has rocked the council the past week, it would be unlikely the CP councillors will support the NP, sources said

With this support, the DP has the power to overthrow the NP-controlled management committee and replace it with a DP-led coalition containing some independent councillors, Mr Davidson said

The DP will also submit an urgent motion today asking for the suspension of Mr Venter and the public safety director, Mr John Pearce, who are alleged to be key players in the scandal

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's executive committee is to consider a request by the management committee for a judicial inquiry into alleged council spy activities

The committee has asked the auditor-general to examine the security budget which financed the alleged activities

The committee chairman, Mr Jan Burger, said Mr Venter would not be suspended and the reports on organisations could be made public as soon as the inquiry was over

Council asks for judicial inquiry into spy network

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council management committee has decided to ask the Administrator of the Transvaal to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the controversial spy network.

At an urgent meeting yesterday, a proposal by the only independent on the National Party-controlled management committee, Mr Eddy Magid, that a judicial commission be appointed was accepted unanimously by the committee.

The meeting was also attended by security chief Mr John Pearce, town clerk Mr Manie Venter, the leader of the Democratic Party in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, the leader of the Conservative Party in the council, Mr Jacques Theron, independent councillor Professor Harold Rudolph, and department heads.

Mr Pearce, identified as one of the spy masters, refused to comment on his involvement in the so-called council information network. "I have absolutely no comment whatsoever," he said.

Earlier, the three opposition councillors invited to listen to Mr Venter's report on the whole affair were asked to leave while the management committee debated the issue further.

They all expressed surprise at having been invited to attend as "nothing new" had been brought to their attention.

'INTERESTING INFORMATION'

Mr Davidson said "Very little new information came to light. We're not sure why we were invited in the first place. All it was, was a regurgitation of what he (Mr Venter) had said to newsmen last week."

"I did ask the director of traffic and security, now director of public safety (Mr John Pearce), whether spying on the End Conscription Campaign and the Five Freedoms Forum was legitimate. His reply to me was that they had 'got some interesting information' from the two organisations."

Mr Davidson said he would reserve further comments for the council meeting tomorrow.

"I'm still waiting for a tour of The Fort," Mr Theron said, referring to the headquarters of the spy ring.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, said once the commission of inquiry was completed, a decision would be made on what to do with the dossiers collected on various political organisations and prominent people.

Mr Burger said there was no question of suspending Mr Venter. "At the moment we just want to get the inquiry over as soon as possible."

The Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, last week asked Transvaal MEC Mr Olaus van Zyl to investigate the spy scandal.

DP seeks vote of no confidence in leaders

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The Democratic Party will table a motion of no confidence in the Johannesburg City Council management committee at today's council meeting.

The DP caucus decided last night to petition the town clerk today to call a special meeting to discuss a motion of no confidence in the National Party-controlled committee.

The DP leader in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, said the party had had enough of the present city administration's mismanagement.

The Star's revelations of a spy network operating within the council had brought matters to a head.

Heated debate is expected at today's meeting as the DP will also call for the suspension of three senior officials involved in the city hall spy scandal: the director of public safety, Mr John Pearce, the town clerk Mr Mame Venter, and the operations manager, Mr Frikkie Barnard.

R194m owed for electricity arrears

(266) MIKE ROBERTSON

CAPE TOWN — Electricity arrears totalling R194m were owed by Soweto and Mamelodi residents at the beginning of the year, Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel said yesterday.

Kriel said in reply to a question from Louis Stofberg (CP Sasolburg) that the arrears in Mamelodi amounted to R3,4m. In Soweto the arrears amounted to R190,7m.

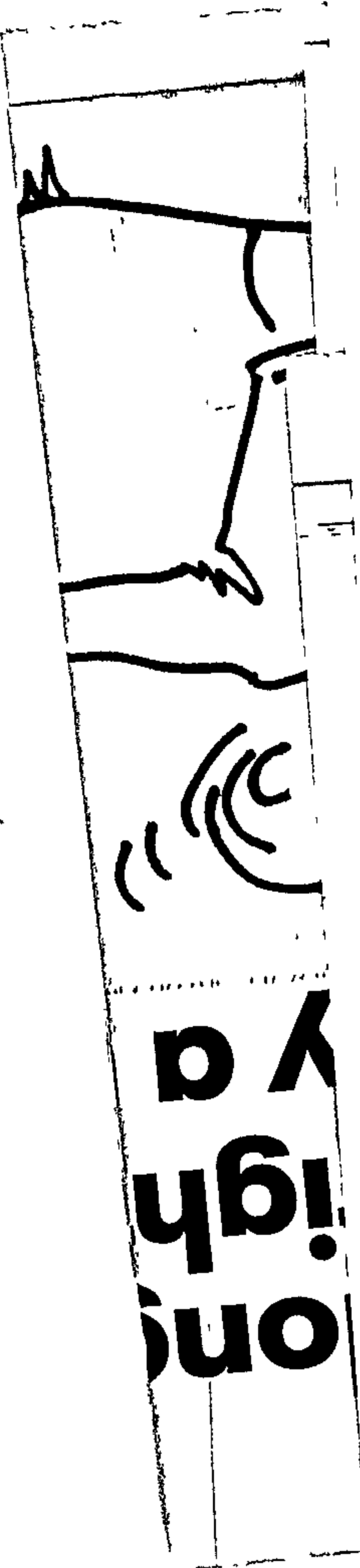
The minister said Mamelodi residents had been given 30 days notice to pay their overdue accounts. Those who remained in default were handed over to the council's attorneys.

The Soweto City Council had been ordered to take steps, within three months, to discontinue electricity supplies and then to take legal steps if consumers failed to pay.

In the case of Mamelodi, there was no intention of writing off the amount owing.

The Soweto Council had been instructed to read all electricity and water meters by February 28 and submit proposals, with full reasons, for the writing off of arrears before the end of September.

It had also been instructed to reconcile the amounts owing before the end of August. The amounts are in respect of arrears consumption for each consumer up to the date of applicability of its new tariff by-laws. 5/9am 28/3/90



Big row in Civic Centre

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THE Johannesburg Civic Centre became a hive of conflict yesterday as councillors threw insults at each other and picketers protested against the recently exposed city council spy ring.

About 30 members of the Black Sash gathered outside the building at 1pm to greet councillors arriving for the council meeting with placards reading "We didn't elect you to spy on us," "Rates are for roads, not

for spying" and "Venter must resign."

Some councillors drove past expressionless, while others shouted out their support for the picket.

Inside the council chamber, two members of Idasa unfurled posters reading "What are you afraid of?"

They were immediately ushered out of the chamber by security officials, but an argument ensued outside over

whether they could remain in the chamber without the posters. The two were let back in.

Minutes later, another argument arose between a Black Sash member and security officials over whether the group of women could come into the chamber. They were also allowed in after giving assurance they would behave in an "orderly" manner.

Representatives of the Five Freedoms Forum

distributed an open letter among the media in the chamber, reading. "We, the Five Freedoms Forum express our strongest disapproval and anger at the City Council's secret investigations into our affairs." 266

"We demand a full explanation of why ratepayers' money was misused in this way and why we were singled out for investigation," the letter read

Judicial probe as spy storm erupts

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Amid a storm of insults and protests, a judicial commission of inquiry has been appointed into the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal, while the State President has been called on to appoint a second, more intensive, probe.

And at a heated monthly council meeting last night the ruling National Party beat off a Democratic Party motion to have leading officials in the spy drama suspended.

The NP, which opposed the motion on the grounds that it would pre-judge the officials concerned, won the vote with the help of two Conservative Party councillors and independent Mr Eddy Magid

Before the final voting, councillors traded insults and enraged ratepayers in the public gallery joined in the row. Councillors arriving at council chambers were greeted by picketers

"Rates are for clinics, not for spying," was among the banners paraded outside the chambers yesterday following the revelations by The Star, sister newspaper of The Argus, of a

municipal spy ring funded by ratepayers.

Individuals and organisations, including slain Wits academic Dr David Webster, were spied on by the municipality

As the stormy council meeting went ahead, with two protesters being escorted out of the chamber's public gallery for holding aloft posters decrying the City Hall spies, an announcement was made in Pretoria appointing a judge to head a commission of inquiry into the spy ring

Three probes

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Dame Hough, appointed Mr Justice V G Hiemstra to look into The Star's revelations

Mr Hough said Mr Justice Hiemstra, 75, had been appointed to head the commission to conduct comprehensive investigations into, and report to him on, "alleged irregularities by the City Council of Johannesburg, its departments and officials as reported recently in the media"

His decision follows a request to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, made in parliament by the Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie

Venter, that "urgent and priority attention" be given to the matter

But last night the council voted to ask President F W de Klerk to appoint another judicial commission of inquiry

Councillors said such a probe would have wider powers than the Hiemstra Commission appointed by the TPA

And today a senior official from the Auditor-General's office was due to start investigating the financial affairs of the city council's spy-ring

This means there could soon be three separate commissions of inquiry investigating the scandal

In the firing line at last night's meeting were Town Clerk Manie Venter, public safety director Mr John Pearce and security officer Mr Frikkie Barnard

The Democratic Party tabled a motion of no-confidence in the management committee

The Town Clerk has 21 days in which to call a special council meeting for the issue to be debated. The political parties in the council are expected to begin frantic lobbying for support in the days leading up to the meeting

Commission appointed to investigate Jo'burg council spy network

TRANSVAAL Administrator Danie Hough yesterday appointed a commission of inquiry into the alleged spying activities undertaken by the Johannesburg City Council security department.

And the DP's motion to suspend town clerk Manie Venter, public safety director John Pearce and security official Frikkie Barnard until the conclusion of the commission, was defeated after a stormy debate at a council meeting last night.

The commission's terms of reference allow it to investigate all aspects of the alleged irregularities, a statement from the

Administrator said yesterday.

The commission will be able to make findings and to recommend steps to prevent a recurrence.

Mr Justice Victor Hlamstra will chair the commission and the other member will be W J van den Berg, a former city treasurer of Brakpan. The auditor-general will start to examine the finances of the municipality's security department today.

In proposing the suspension of Pearce, Venter and Barnard last night, DP leader Ian Davidson said the council could not allow the three men to continue with their

EDYTH BULBRING

While the commission was investigating allegations involving them.

He also proposed the commission should investigate the full scope of the department's activities, the nature and extent of the information gathering and spying operations, and whether the management committee was informed of these activities.

In opposing the motion, NP councillor Cecil Long said eight DP councillors had approved the birth of the security depart-

ment with the function to liaise with National Intelligence Services and to cooperate with National Security Forces.

The formation of an independent security department, unanimously agreed to at a council meeting on October 25 1983, listed these roles under the monitoring and operational divisions of the department.

Other functions agreed to in 1983 were the assessment of security risks, the compilation of security plans, monitoring and forecasting security threats and the investigation of security breaches.

Davidson said while eight PFP members, who are now DP councillors, had agreed to the department's formation and its stated role, there was a difference between that and a spy network.

He said the PFP supported the formation of the security department on the basis that its function would be the protection of council property and personnel.

All NP councillors, independent councillor Eddie Magid and two CP councillors voted against the motion and it was defeated by 24 to 20 votes.

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'I have nothing to hide' — suspended town clerk

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by Monica Nicolson

"I am not a criminal and have nothing to hide," says suspended Midrand town clerk Mr Philip Botha

Mr Botha is presently facing a commission of inquiry into alleged irregular activities during his service with the council

He was suspended without pay at the end of last year until the commission made its recommendations, but had his pay reinstated last week when he began industrial court action against the municipality

In an interview with *The Star*, he said "I will participate fully with the inquiry into alleged illegal actions by myself and other officials as I have done nothing wrong"

Mr Botha has been accused of

- Allegedly receiving half the profits from a developer, Mr Anton Lourens, who did work for the council. Mr Lourens, a close friend of Mr Botha's, was contracted to build a taxi rank and gave Mr Botha R43 000. Mr Botha said the money had been a loan.
- Allegedly buying a house in Port Alfred using his housing subsidy and living in his Midrand home rent free
- Making investments of more than R1 million using council funds and sharing the profits with a friend
- Offering management of the municipality's canteen to council official Mr Henry Hughes and his wife, Roleen, but demanding 50 percent of the profits
- Over-spending on his department's budget without the council's permission or approval.
- Arranging for the council to pay R12 780 for car repairs
- Allegedly writing two controversial reports recommending to the management committee he be exempt from paying rent for his house, and that the council stand collateral security for his house in Port Alfred

In his interview with *The Star* Mr Botha claimed that such an inquiry was unfair and one-sided as anyone could give evidence, true or false, and that he had no way of defending himself

"It's a case of being found guilty until I manage to prove myself innocent, but I am not even given that chance," Mr Botha said

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'Humiliating scandal'

Mr Botha said he refused to allow the bad publicity, humiliating scandal and negative feelings by certain councillors to force him out of the town

"I am going to resign as soon as possible from my position, but I will continue living here

My loyalties lie in this town

I have lots of good friends here and have had such marvellous support from hundreds of residents

"I believe there is even a petition going around asking to have me reinstated and the management committee fired

I don't have any set plans once this commission ends, but I have numerous business options," he said

With his head slumped between his hands, Mr Botha said the whole ordeal was "a terrible, terrible nightmare

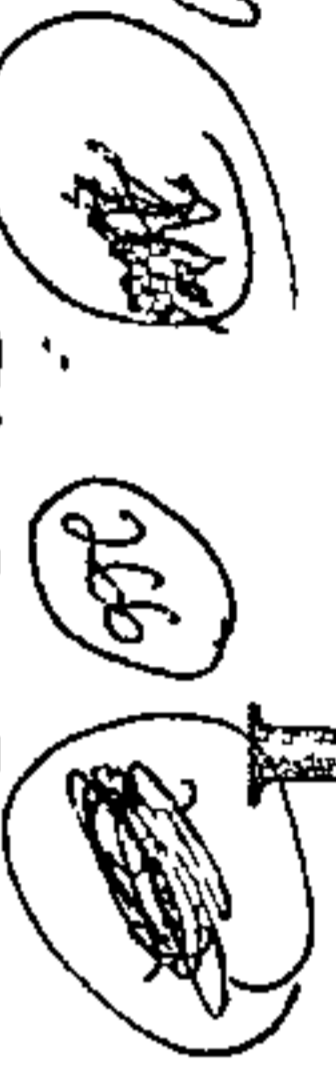
As we finished the interview, a policeman approached Mr Botha and said he was not allowed on the council premises and asked him to get out

The policeman said he was acting on the instructions of the acting town clerk, Mr Henry Lubbe

COUNCIL IN UPROAR AS INSULTS TRACED

Judge Will Probe City Spy Scandal

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Staff Reporters

Amid insults and protests both within and outside the Johannesburg City Council chambers, The Star's exposé on municipal spies yesterday saw a commission of inquiry being appointed into the scandal, and a call from the entire council for the State President to appoint a judicial commissioner.

At a heated monthly council meeting, councillors traded insults, enraged ratepayers in the public gallery joined in the council row, and councillors arriving at council chambers were greeted by picketers

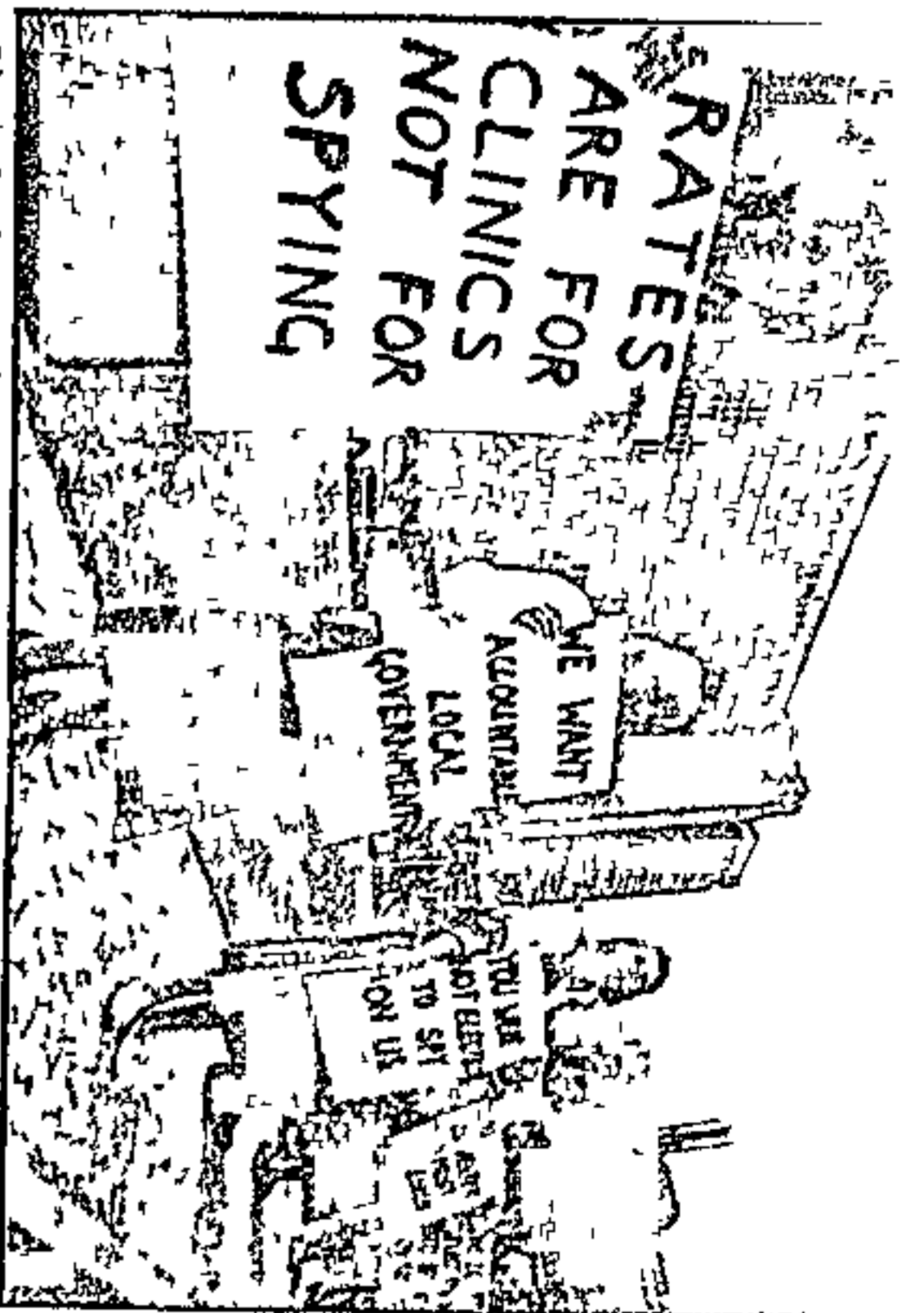
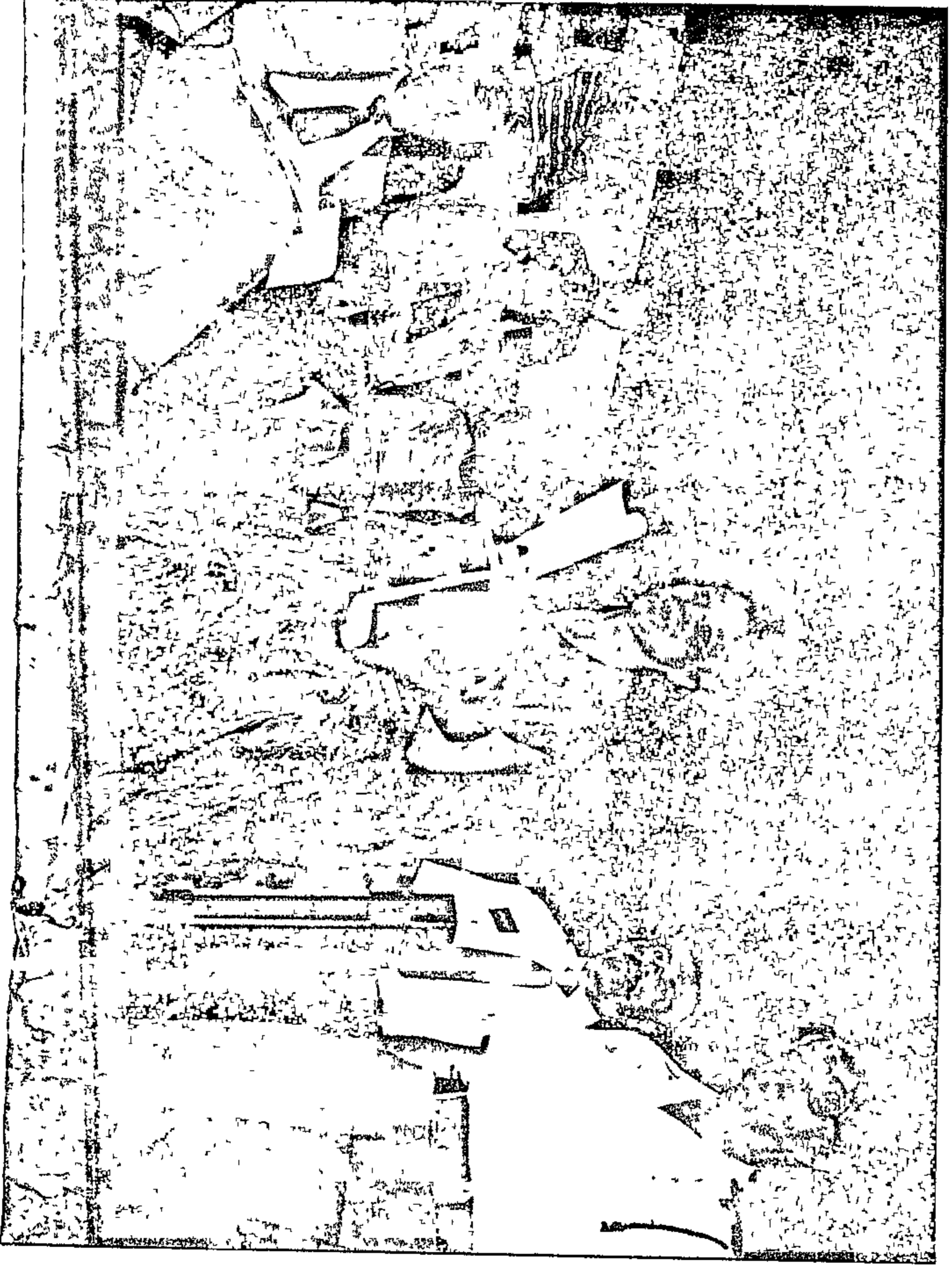
"Rates are for clinics, not for spying," read one of the banners paraded outside the chambers yesterday following The Star's revelation of a municipal spy ring funded by ratepayers' money

Individuals and organisations, including the slain Wits University academic Dr David Webster, were spied on by the municipality

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Mr Hough said Mr Justice Hiemstra (75) had been appointed to head the commission to conduct comprehensive investigations into, and report to him on, "alleged irregularities by the City Council of Johannesburg, its departments and officials as reported recently in the media"

His decision follows a request to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, made in Parliament by the Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, that "urgent and priority attention" be given to the matter

Mr Hough said the terms of reference had been formulated in such a way that the commission would be able to investigate all aspects of "the alleged irregularities within or outside of the council and, if any irregularities occurred", in order to make a finding

But last night the council voted to ask President de Klerk, to appoint another judicial commission of inquiry

And today a senior official from the Auditor-General's office was due to start investigating the financial affairs of the City Council's spy ring

The Auditor-General, Mr Peter Wronsley, said in Pretoria yesterday that Mr Chris Oosthuizen, the chief auditor in Johannesburg, had been briefed to investigate charges of improper payments relating to the financial affairs of the council's security department

Firing line

Details of payments for spies were made in The Star's exposé

The council's ruling National Party yesterday beat off a Democratic Party bid to have leading officials in the spy drama suspended

The council's debate on the spy ring was heated and the mayor had to call for order on several occasions

In the firing line were town clerk Mr Manie Venter, public safety director Mr John Pearce and security officer Mr Frikkie Barnard

The National Party, which opposed the motion on the grounds that it would pre-judge the officials concerned, won the vote with the help of two Conservative Party councillors and independent Mr Eddy Magid

The NP was accused of telling lies when several speakers in the party, according to the DP, failed to address the allegations in the motion

"Cover-up, cover-up," was the cry directed at the Nat benches

Following the press conference, The Star revealed where town clerk Mr Venter had been wrong in a number of his statements on the spy ring

At yesterday's council meeting the DP tabled a motion of no confidence in the management committee

The town clerk has 21 days in which to call a special council meeting for the issue to be debated. The political parties in the council are expected to begin frantic lobbying for support in the days leading up to the meeting

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Insults and pickets for councillors

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By Helen Grange

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Council to cut costs on overseas guests

THE Johannesburg City Council's controversial overseas guest programme, which costs ratepayers more than R1,2m a year, will no longer foot the bill for guest's trips outside Johannesburg, which cost more than R300 000 last year. *Bloom 29/3/90*

In a written reply to questions by DP councillor Claire Quail on Tuesday night, management committee chairman Jan Burger said the benefit of the programme to Johannesburg was its promotion as the major mining, commercial, banking and industrial city in southern Africa.

However, the 45 foreign guests that

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visited SA from March 1989 to March 1990 spent half of their stays outside the city.

From January 1989 to January 1990, the council spent R760 000 on international airfares, R88 000 on internal airfares and helicopters, R37 000 on car hire, R130 000 on hotel accommodation in Johannesburg and R199 000 on accommodation outside Johannesburg. *(266)*

Quail said yesterday some of the guests could not possibly benefit the city.

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Nats' dismal record remains

The Black Sash is an organisation born 35 years ago out of protest against this Government's destructive and retrogressive constitutional engineering — the removal of the coloured people from the common voters' roll

Those Black Sash pioneers were well aware of how this de-democratising process would pave the way for the Nationalist regime to enforce an ideology repugnant to more than 90 percent of its citizens

The Nationalists' reign of racial oppression has continued almost unabated for more than 40 years and, while recognising and commending the important changes President F W de Klerk has introduced and the process of negotiation upon which he has embarked, South Africans perhaps need to be reminded of his party's dismal track record

Spying allegations

We welcome the decision to investigate the Johannesburg City Council spy allegations and though obviously pleased with it and other investigations which are exposing the manner in which South African citizens' lives were being monitored by secret bureaux and the like, we are amazed at the manner in which all those in Government and many of its supporters are feigning surprise and disbelief at the existence of such organisations and activities

It was not surprising for the Black Sash to discover that it was being monitored by the Johannesburg City Council. It, and many other organisations, were well aware of the State Security System which ran parallel to all forms of Government for many years. This

LAURA POLLECUTT, vice-chairman of the Transvaal region of the Black Sash, writes that the National Party must bear responsibility for its past.

system, which Mr de Klerk last year ordered to be dismantled, was structured to ensure spying could be done on all levels

Consisting of about 20 tiers, there was one tier which defined its area of operation as that of the local municipality. Apart from paid informers, we have no doubt there were others who were encouraged to spy in "the interests of State security"

Close examination of the method of operation of the State Security System reveals it would seem to have relied on co-opting civilians into structures such as Joint Management Centres, Local Management Centres and Community Liaison Forums

Sowing seeds of hatred and distrust through propaganda at all levels (wives of Johannesburg City Councillors were invited to a security briefing at which a policewoman lectured and videos of township violence were screened, for example) the then militarised State encouraged and possibly we suspect applauded the actions of individuals who would do their dirty work for them

In fact, the whole State Security System smacked of McCarthyism at its worst

In November 1987 the then PFP Councillor Mr Tony Leon attempted to get the National Security Management System debated in the Johannesburg council. The debate

was refused on grounds that security was a highly secretive issue. Mr Leon, however, did not accept this and sought legal opinion on the matter

Race superiority

Finally, after a long battle, a debate did take place in April 1988. Not much more was revealed and the council's answer to Mr Leon's protestations to the system were counteracted with the argument that it was an alternative to Marxism

Mr Leon says the opposition knew the budget for security was high, but could not get access to the breakdown

A minority regime intent on preserving the superiority of one race above all others could not and cannot contribute to an open and free society. The reporting of contraventions of the Group Areas Act is an excellent example of how this State is not only encouraging the spying on and reporting of neighbours but actually endorsing it

Once again we in the Black Sash applaud the different moves President de Klerk's Government are initiating in the interests of a demilitarised and open society

However, if we sound a little cynical, it is because we remember it is these very same people who are winging their hands in horror right now and calling for inquiries left right and centre, who implemented National Party policy for 40 years and collaborated on every level to maintain the status quo

Their supporters generally must also carry some of this collective responsibility

Suspended town clerk insists he has 'nothing to hide'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A suspended town clerk says he has nothing to hide in connection with alleged irregular activities during his service with the Midrand council.

Mr Philip Botha faces a commission of inquiry into alleged irregular activities during his service with the council of the rapidly growing town between Pretoria and Johannesburg.

He was suspended without pay at the end of last year until the commission made its recommendations, but had his pay re-instated last week when he began industrial court action against the municipality.

Half the profits

"I will co-operate fully with the inquiry into alleged illegal actions by myself and other officials. I have done nothing wrong," he said.

Mr Botha allegedly received half the profits from a developer, Mr Anton Lourens, who did work for the council.

Mr Lourens, a close friend of Mr Botha, was contracted to build a taxi rank and gave Mr Botha R43 000. Mr Botha said the money had been a loan.

Mr Botha also allegedly bought a house in Port Alfred using his housing subsidy and lived in his Midrand home rent free.

He also allegedly invested more than R1-million using council funds and shared the profits with a friend.

Offered management of the municipality's canteen to council official Mr Henry Hughes and his wife, Roleen, but demanded 50 percent of the profits.

Overspent on his department's budget without the council's permission or approval and had office equipment installed in his home at ratepayers' expense.

Arranged for the council to pay R12 780 for car repairs, and

Wrote two controversial reports recommending to the management committee he be exempt from paying rent for his house, and that the council stand collateral security for his house in Port Alfred.

"Unfair"

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Mr Botha denied all allegations against him, saying that he had been set-up and victimised by his enemies who had "plotted my downfall and ruined my career."

"I served this council to the best of my ability for nearly a decade, so why is all this only coming up now?" asked Mr Botha.

Councillors quit

From MONO BADELA JOHANNESBURG. — Unpopular black town councillors in townships throughout the country are on the run again.

As marches and attacks on community council premises continued this week, many councillors, mindful of the turbulence of 1985 and 1986 when several of their colleagues were killed and most had to flee the townships, resigned.

So far 30 have quit in the Transvaal, leaving five councils unable to function.

In several of smaller towns in the Transvaal and Free State activists report that councillors are openly shifting their loyalty from the government structures to the ANC.

The protests started in January when more than 50 000 residents of Alexandra township marched to the offices of the town council and demanded that the councillors resign.

Waiting list

Housing is a serious problem in Alexandra where more than 60 000 people are shack dwellers and thousands are on the waiting list.

In recent weeks similar marches have taken place at Etretwa near daycyton, Vosloorus (where 50 000 residents called for the resignation of councillors) and 10 000 at Soshanguve near pretoria.

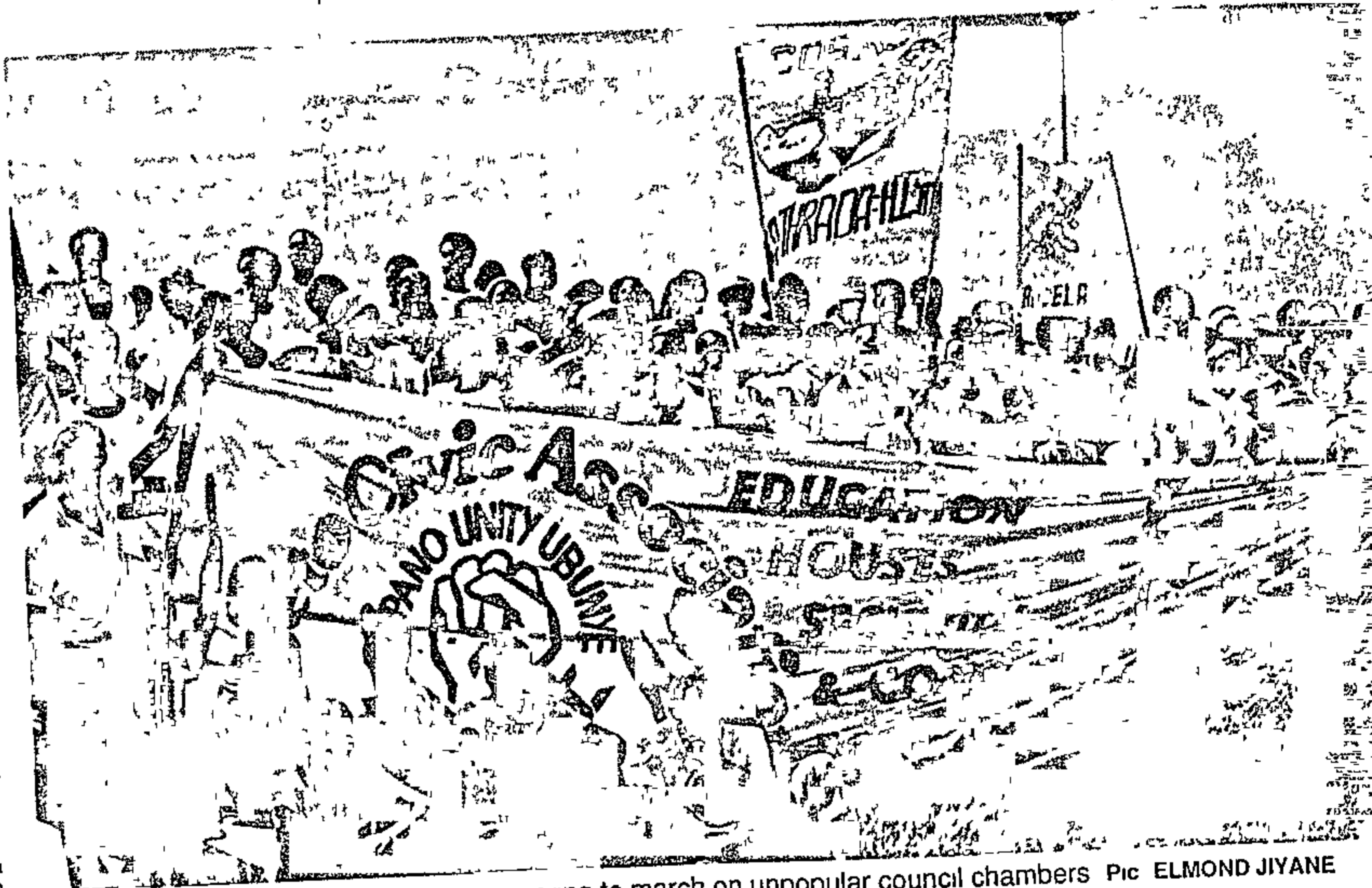
This was followed by marches in Tembisa and a march by 10 000 people in Soweto last Saturday.

The Soweto march ended in chaos when the police blocked the march. At least 18 people were treated at Baragwanath Hospital.

The protesters demanded the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the creation of a single tax base, a local authority for Johannesburg and Soweto and a solution to the housing crisis.

Residents accused community councillors of "failing to deliver what they had promised".

A delegation handed a petition to Soweto's "mayor", Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.



Township residents preparing to march on unpopular council chambers Pic ELMOND JIYANE

Venter lives in lap of well-guarded luxury

Mr Marie Venter, the man at the centre of the municipal spying row exposed by The Star, is no stranger to controversy.

The purchase and security of the town clerk's present home in Houghton cost hundreds of thousands of rands from the council's controversial council security budget.

The house was bought in 1986 for R295 000 through the security fund under a cloud of secrecy.

Pressed to explain the decision, the former chairman of the management committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, replied.

It is a matter of top security designed to make the town-clerk and chief of civil defence safe in his home," Mr Venter said.

"All I will say is that I am town clerk and there fore enabled to security for many reasons I cannot disclose."

Councillors at the time said they could not understand why a new house was bought when the council

The town clerk of Johannesburg — and recently exposed chief of a sinister council spy ring — is probably the wealthiest council official in the country.

already owned a town clerk's house in Montgomery Park. The answer given was that the council could not make the old house secure.

Since then, the house has undergone thousands of rands worth of renovations — the cost of which was also passed in secret council minutes. It is estimated to be worth between R700 000 and R1 million today.

Pitbull terriers

Protection comes in the form of an electronic gate, spiked walls, an indoor television security system, an alarm system, two pitbull terriers and a 24-hour guard.

The guard is believed to be a "grade nine" security official — trained to protect highly sensitive buildings and installations.

The double-storey home sports 11 garages including carports, undercover parking for 15 cars, an outside entertainment complex including a pool, and a tennis court which has just been renovated.

The beautifully manicured garden is maintained daily by municipal workers from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Extensive renovations inside the house, including new carpets and new curtains, have also been paid for out of council coffers.

Monthly rental paid by Mr Venter for his home is believed to amount to about R500 — or six percent of his salary.

Last year, Mr Venter was earning R100 000

The management committee's motivation for such

extensive renovation was that Mr Venter's home was used frequently for council business. Mr Venter drives a Mercedes Benz 380SE equipped with a telephone.

According to a council source, Mr Venter is privy to the same car loan as other council employees, yet he drives an even bigger car than the mayor's.

Cloud of controversy

The town clerk's personal and public life is surrounded by members of his family. His carport and guard-house was renovated by his son, Deon, who works for the council's architecture department.

His daughter-in-law, Mrs Ronell Venter, was an accountant in the council dealing with the secret security fund, while another son, Marius, worked as acting deputy director of the National Produce Market (the council's informal trading sector).

Another relative, Mr Ignatius Venter, worked for the Treasury Department, but left the council.



Johannesburg town clerk Mr Marie Venter

PO tariffs going up

Tariffs for certain Post Office services will go up from Sunday, the Department of Posts and Telecommunications said in Pretoria yesterday.

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The postage on a standardised letter will rise from 18c to 21c. Postage on a surface mail parcel of 1 kg will rise from R1,90 to R2,10 and on a 1 kg air-mail parcel from R2,50 to R2,75.

The handling fee for a telegram will go up from R3,50 to R4 and the per-word tariff from 13c to 15c. Phone rentals for automatic exchange connections will rise to R21. — Sapa

Vlok, councillors indaba on security

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, met black community councillors in Pretoria last night to discuss the rapidly worsening predicament of black local authorities

Sketching the background to the meeting in the Transvaal Provincial Administration building, the MEC for local government and RSCs (Regional Service Councils), Mr Olaus van Zyl, said 42 out of 690 councillors or mayors in the six Transvaal local authorities had resigned when "problems with security" had arisen on March 1 this year.

Resignations were the result of pressure, intimidation and violence against councillors.

The Transvaal councillors, represented by the United Councillors Association of SA and

United Municipalities of SA, felt they had been elected democratically by the people and had to be helped to fulfil their functions as councillors, Van Zyl added

Pressure

He said councillors were under tremendous pressure, and cited the examples of the Kwa-Bukwa mayor's car and house which were burnt out, and the gutting of another councillor's house near Orkney

Van Zyl asked the Press to leave so that councillors did not "feel inhibited" when they talked to Vlok about their problems.

Vlok told the councillors he understood their fears about the security situation and promised he would listen to them.

The councillors were his colleagues at a different level of government.

The importance of local government members lay in them being the representatives of "thousands of millions of people".

While people were experiencing difficult, even dangerous, times, he admired the councillors for withstanding tremendous pressure for several years

"You were prepared to stand up against these

radicals, you withstood the pressure against you," he said.

Break for workers

WORKERS at Transvaal provincial hospitals will from Sunday have their work week cut from 44 to 40 hours, Mr F van Niekerk, chairman of the Transvaal Executive Committee of the Hospital Personnel Association of SA said in a statement yesterday.

He said the decision followed a meeting with the Minister for Administration and Co-ordination, Mr WJ de Villiers. - Sapa

Pope's milk is popular

ROME - The Pope has scored another "first" - this time as a top milk-producer.

Hundreds of housewives are queuing up every morning to buy the delicious and creamy milk from John Paul's estate just outside Rome

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Ratepayers paid for officials' home security

TENS of thousands of rands have been spent by the Johannesburg City Council on security measures at the homes of a few top municipal officials.

According to Business Day this week, certain officials and councillors were given shotguns, pistols and closed circuit television systems.

Reaching to the disclosures, DP leader Ian Davidson pointed out that the security infrastructures at the private residences remained in place after officials and councillors left the council.

"This is just another example of the senior management of the city having their snouts in the trough," he said.

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In December 1985, then traffic and security director John Pearce received proposals from security director Brig Jan Visser that security at the homes of senior officials and councillors be upgraded.

An example is security at town clerk Manie Venter's home, which included a 2,4m-high brick wall, burglar proofing for the servant quarters' windows, a solid wooden kitchen door, a steel safe, an up-dated alarm system with a radio link and motorised garage doors, at an estimated cost of R11 000.

Expenditure on home security for the six management committee members was estimated to be more than R64 000. The councillors were Dame Malan, Cecil Long, Henne Schoeman, Francois Oberholzer, Jan Burger and Dame van Zyl.

It was proposed seven senior council officials should get security systems at a cost of more than R78 000.

The documents obtained by Business Day reflect the expenditure in 1986. The amounts spent on security for other officials since then were not available.

Davidson said details of security expenditure were never disclosed in the security budget. He said he had no security at his home.

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**Council paid for
officials' security**

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JOHANNESBURG — Ratepayers here paid hundreds of thousands of rand to keep a few select city council officials secure in their homes.

Confidential security minutes obtained by Business Day this week show that certain officials and councillors were given shotguns, pistols, closed-circuit television and remote-control garages to safeguard their properties.

"This is just another example of the senior management of the city having their snouts in the trough," said DP leader Mr Ian Davidson.

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City Council votes to go trilingual with Xhosa

By DON HOLLIDAY ^{AR6u3}
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CAPE Town City Council has voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion to consider producing documents, inscriptions and publications intended for public communication in Xhosa as well as in English and Afrikaans.

Mr Arthur Wienburg, who proposed the motion yesterday, said there was a growing need to communicate effectively with all the language groups

and that Xhosa was the predominant black language in the Cape Town area

He said it was not necessary to go to the lengths of translating documents such as council meeting agendas into Xhosa, but that public notices and signboards, for example, should be in Xhosa as well as the two official languages

Mrs Isobel Edelstein made a speech in Xhosa in support of the motion

Executive Committee chairman Mr

Dick Friedlander said several departments of the council, such as the health, electricity and city treasurer's departments, already translated notices into Xhosa when necessary. A full-time translator was employed for this purpose

It was wrong to suggest the council was insensitive to the need for effective communication to all language groups, he said

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SPY SCANDAL F1M 30/3/90

Beyond city hall (266)

The Johannesburg City Council spy scandal is being taken seriously. A commission of inquiry, chaired by Justice V G Hiemstra, has been appointed by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough to investigate alleged spying by the city's security department.

Trade unionists, students, black businessmen and at least one white lawyer have been implicated as informers. *The Star's* investigators allege that hundreds of thousands of rands were spent over seven years on covert activities authorised by high-ranking officials, including town clerk Manie Venter and chief director of public safety John Pearce.

DP councillors smell blood. At Tuesday's council meeting, taking place as the *FM* went to press, the DP planned to table a motion of no confidence in the NP-controlled management committee. The DP was also

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attempting to get Venter and Pearce suspended.

Major questions: Who in the military and police had access to the spies' information, what did they do with it?

Ratepayers also want to know why city officials were spending their money on espionage.

Opening up

□ At least half the 22 NP councillors are in favour of desegregating Johannesburg completely, according to a Radio 702 poll. A survey found that 11 support an open city, four are against it, six refuse to comment and one could not be contacted. Also on the council are 20 DP, four CP and four Independent members.

The implication is that a clear majority favours a nonracial Johannesburg. ■



Urban councils want stiffer penalties for corruption

PRETORIA — The Urban Councils Association of the Transvaal (UCAT) has asked the provincial executive committee to persuade government to amend the black Local Authorities Act to provide stiffer penalties for councillors or officials convicted of corruption

UCAT chairman A P Khumalo said the penalties asked for were a maximum of five years' imprisonment or fines of up to R10 000

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The association has also asked for stiff penalties, including disqualification, for councillors who exceed their authority and interfere with the work of the officials, leading to maladministration

The large majority of officials and councillors, he stressed, were honest and should not be allowed to be detrimentally affected by a few dishonest people

Provincial rule over townships scrapped

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By VUSI GUNENE

DEVELOPMENT Aid Minister Stofel van der Merwe has backtracked on the decision to place the townships of Soshanguve near Pretoria and Lehlabile near Brits under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

His department said that the move, which had been due to take effect on February 15, had been postponed indefinitely, pending consultation with the communities.

It was previously decided, in 1988, that these areas would be incorporated into Bophuthatswana, but this decision was also shelved after prolonged protests.

Since the formation of the United Democratic Front's campaign against the Black Local Authorities Act in 1983, Soshanguve residents have refused to allow community councils to be established in the township.

A march by more than 40 000 Soshanguve residents planned for Wednesday was cancelled after the eleventh-hour decision.

Residents had also resolved to march to the magistrate's office on Wednesday after they had called for a stayaway.

On Tuesday afternoon, the minister informed the leadership of the Soshanguve Residents Association (Sorea) of the reversal of the decision.

A mass meeting, which would have been the starting-point of the march, was still held on Wednesday.

The publicity secretary of Sorea, Dan Marule, described the decision of

the minister as a victory for the residents of Soshanguve.

"Our victory is in line with the mood of all communities across the country to get rid of community councils and the whole structure of the Black Local Authorities.

"It is also as a result of pressure that the minister realised that forcing the incorporation of the township under TPA would not be in line with FW de Klerk's much-talked-of question of negotiations.

"We are calling for one administration for one city. Let the taxes we pay in Pretoria also serve the interest of the people in the townships.

"We also demand a democratically elected, one city municipal administration chosen by the people and for the people," said Marule.

On the morning of the planned march several marshals gathered at the local Roman Catholic Church

were arrested by white riot policemen, who allegedly assaulted them.

Community leaders intervened and after protracted talks with senior police officers, the marshals were released without being charged.

Bophuthatswana security forces fired teargas at residents of Mabopane and Winterveldt after they had attended the meeting at the Soshanguve stadium.

A confrontation nearly broke out as hundreds of residents returning to the homeland *toy-toyed* on a bridge serving as a border between the homeland and Soshanguve, which is not part of the homeland.

No taxis, buses or businesses operated in the township for most of the day, as thousands of residents heeded the call for a stayaway.

Opening the meeting at the local stadium, Dr Abe Nkomo, who spoke on behalf of the African National Congress, told the crowd to exercise "maximum discipline and vigilance".

Boksburg loses its case

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A SUPREME COURT decision yesterday signalled what could be the end of the road for the Separate Amenities Act.

Weekly Mail Reporter

The Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday set aside the decision of the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg town council to reserve the town's lake and tennis courts for whites only.

He said the majority of the town council members supported an existing political philosophy and wanted to express it without considering whether it would be in the interests of all the residents.

Mr Justice SW McCreath said the council decision was grossly unreasonable and the only conclusion that could be drawn was the decision to reintroduce petty apartheid had been taken mainly for political reasons.

The judge said the council had clearly not considered other measures to relieve congestion at the lake and the existing rights of a large number of people, including whites, had been affected.

A local authority had to exercise its

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Boksburg appeal over-ruled

powers in the interests of its residents of the municipal area as a whole and should not act so unreasonably that its decision proved to be in bad faith, he said.

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He added that the council should have foreseen that members of races excluded from the facilities would feel offended

The application was brought by former chairman of the Reiger Party management committee, Buchanan

Jantjies, the Boksburg-based Colgate Palmolive company, and Boksburg businessman Roy Mountjoy

The decision was hailed by Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights.

He said it signalled, for all practical purposes, the end of the road for the reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

Spy network probe starts on April 11

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The commission of inquiry investigating the spy network in the Johannesburg City Council will begin hearing evidence on April 11 at the civic centre.

This week the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, appointed Mr Justice V G Hiemstra (75) to look into The Star's revelations of the clandestine organisation within the city's security department

Advocates Mr D M Fine, SC, and Mr W I Wepener will be leading evidence before Mr Justice Hiemstra. The judge will act as chairman and will be assisted by Mr Willem van den Berg, a former Brakpan town council treasurer

The secretary of the commission, Mr Francois Malherbe, said yesterday that a "handful" of people had already come

forward to give evidence. Lists were also being compiled of people who would be subpoenaed to testify before the commission.

"The terms of reference of the commission are to inquire into the validity and justification of alleged irregularities in connection with certain security matters in the security department of the city council, as exposed in the press, and to further investigate the question whether any violation of any ordinance, regulation or other Act in regard to the safeguarding of the council's information in connection with security matters have occurred," Mr Malherbe said

Several city council officials implicated in the affair are expected to be called. The director of public safety, Mr John Pearce, and town clerk Mr Manie Venter have indi-

cated they are prepared to give evidence

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, said the council would "co-operate fully" with the commission. Mr Burger has denied any knowledge of the spy ring

The Auditor-General is conducting a separate investigation into the funding of the spy network within the council security department

Those wishing to testify before the Hiemstra Commission have been asked to contact Mr Malherbe at (011) 472-1400 extension 323, or by writing to Private Bag X30, Roodepoort 1725

Mr Hough's decision follows a request, made in Parliament, by the Minister of Local Government, Mr Amie Venter, to the TPA

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NP loses another city councillor

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

Deep divisions within the Johannesburg National Party has resulted in the resignation of yet another of its city councillors, giving the Democratic Party the edge in the fight for control of the city

Mrs Desiree Simpson, councillor for Joubert Park, will go it alone as an independent, joining Mr Howard Bloomberg and Mr Mike Levin who left the NP three weeks ago

The DP tabled a motion of no-confidence in the management committee this week following The Star's revelations of a spy scandal involving council staff

The motion will be debated and voted on at a special council meeting in the next two weeks

Mrs Simpson said "The Johannesburg City Council is in my view spending too much time on matters of a political nature instead of issues

directly affecting the lives of the residents

It is my express view that the city should be administered on non-party lines, and I will not form an alliance with any group which would restrict or influence my freedom to vote as I may deem fit"

The Star also learnt that Mr Hein Kruger, NP chief whip in the city council, resigned his position because of tension over certain decisions made by more conservative members of the party

Mr Kruger, who remains in the NP, is known to favour an open city

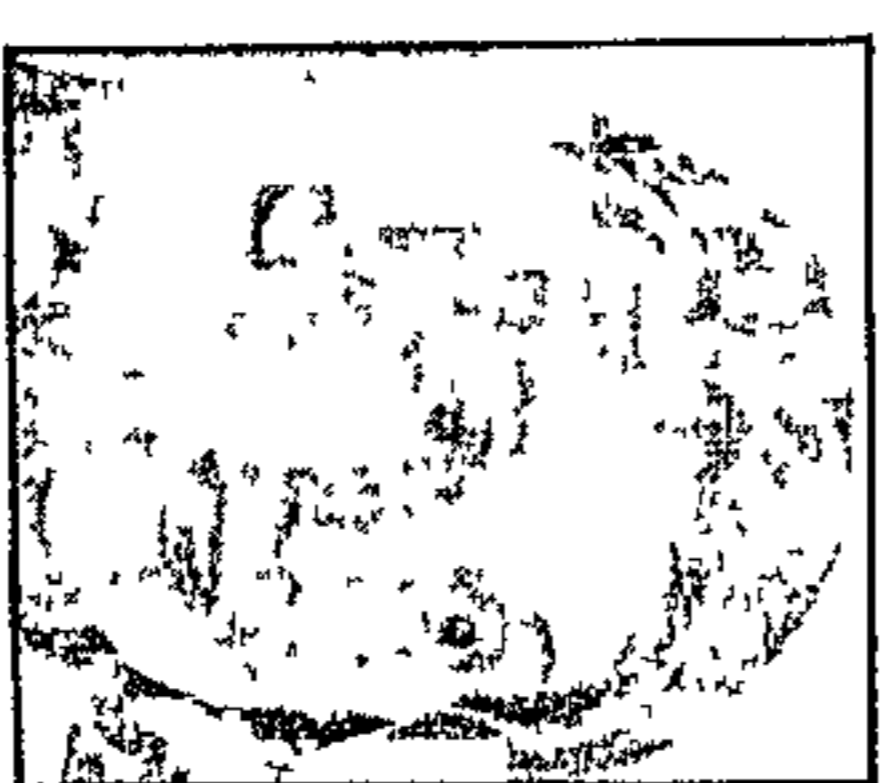
The NP are now down to 21 seats to the DP's 20. The next few weeks will see frantic behind-the-scenes negotiations as both parties lobby the six independents and four CP members. Twenty-four votes are needed to carry the motion of no-confidence in the 51-seat council



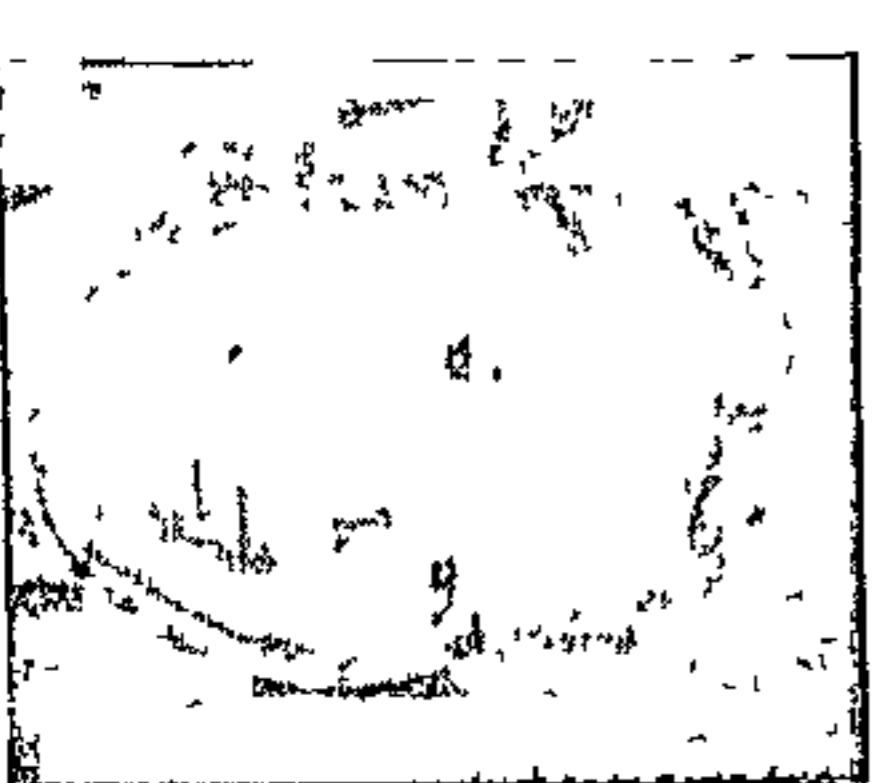
Ken Kirsten



Murray Hofmeyr



Nadine Gordimer



Chris Ball

Laughter, contempt from Council's spying targets

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Johannesburg City Council documents marked "Top Secret" contain references to a widely disparate group of people who appeared dangerous to the council's spying ring

When contacted, these people responded either with incredulous laughter or bitter contempt for the council

They include Gerrie Coetzee, former world heavyweight boxer, entertainer Pieter-Dirk Uys, singer Jennifer Fergusson, financial leaders Chris Ball and Murray Hofmeyr, television personalities Ken Kirsten and Janice Honeyman, ultra-marathon runner Bruce Fordyce and author Nadine Gordimer

More overtly political figures from established political structures and otherwise were also carefully noted in reports, for example, Jay Naidoo, Zach de Beer, Gavin Evans, Azhar Cachalia, Peter Jardine and David Webster

Springsteen

Not even Mango Groove or Bruce Springsteen escaped the eye of the council

These documents record what was said and done and who attended Five Freedoms Forum meetings during 1988. They were reported by M G Henning to Rick Roestorf. They are full of misspelt names, for example, Bruce Fordice, Nadine Gardiner and Jhon Vorster Square

At the top and bottom of each covering page are the words "Uiters Geheim/Top Secret"

Gerrie Coetzee said he was flabbergasted his name was mentioned in a spy report. Democratic Party co-leader Dr Zach de Beer said the spy ring was a "far-fetched, bigot-

The City Council's spies did not restrict themselves to watching political figures. They cast their net to include businessmen, sportsmen and entertainers, too. Report by STAFF REPORTERS



Jay Naidoo



Peter Jardine



Gavin Evans



Johan van der Walt

ed operation that appeared to have considered Anglo American directors appropriate spying material

Ms Gordimer said tartly she was not in the least surprised to find herself mentioned, "as my attendance at an FFF meeting is the least sign of my loyalty to change in South Africa and to the ANC"

Mr Jardine, DP leader in Sandton and a Sandton town councillor, said mention of his name in the reports was "absolutely laughable" but added that this sort of spying created massive distrust between black and white and was very irresponsible

Mr Theo Heffer, Johannesburg industrial relations consultant, burst into laughter and said that was his comment

Mr Gavin Watson, Eastern Province businessman and brother of "Cheeky" Watson, both of whom were described in the spy reports as having ANC connections, said grimly he and his brother had not been at all surprised at CCB and Johannesburg City Council spy revelations or that they were mentioned in spy reports

Mr Mike Oliver, president of the FFF, said he was very angry and was filled with contempt that the council had used his money as a ratepayer to spy on him

Suspicious

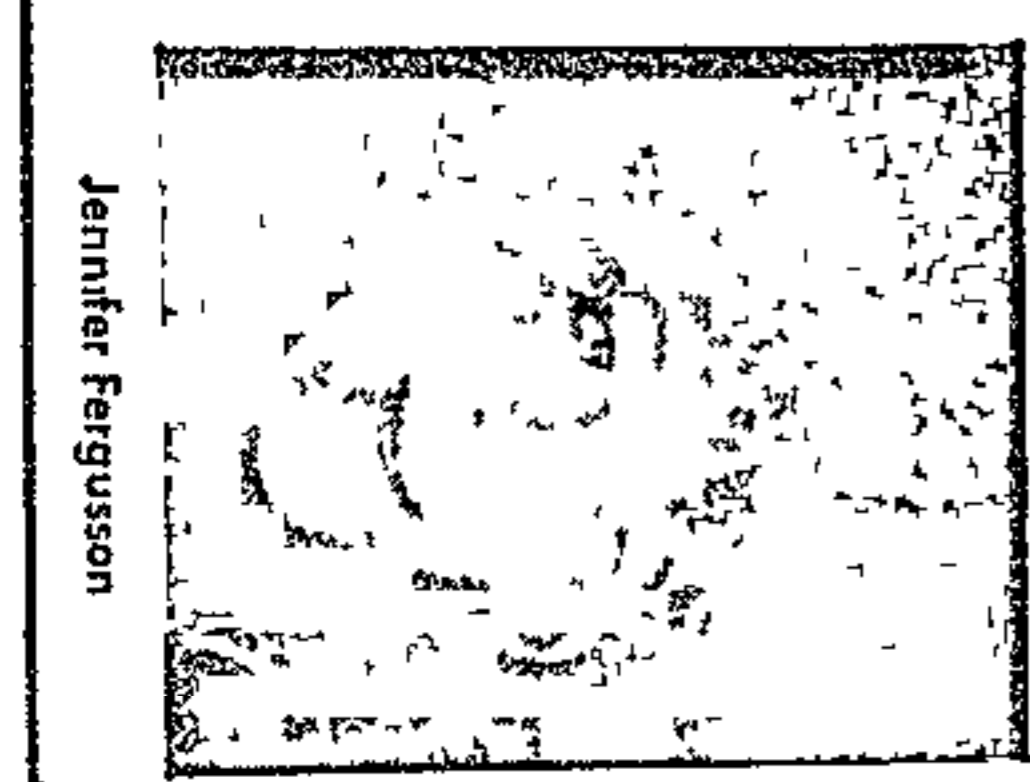
He said the fact that the council passed information about the FFF's murdered founder member, Dr Webster, to the Civil Co-operation Bureau, blamed for the murder by the police, left him suspicious

Ms Gayle Naeke, publicity secretary of the FFF, said angrily "The council's action was an infringement of my personal rights as a ratepayer"

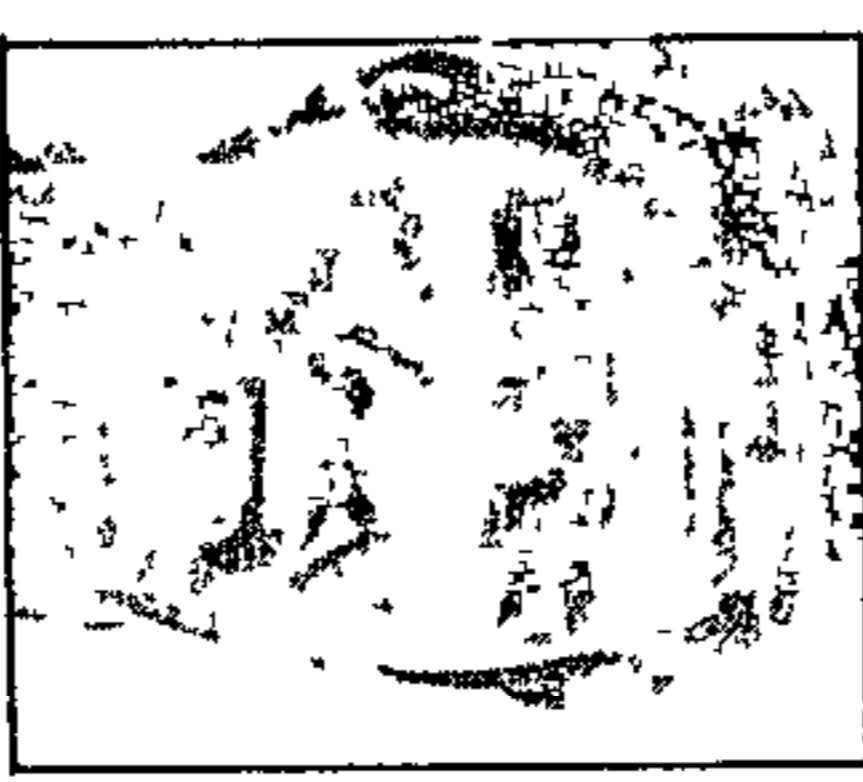
JCI's chairman, Mr Hofmeyr, was described as "unpolitical" in the report, which said he uttered nothing controversial at the meeting at the Indaba in 1988

"How funny," laughed Mr Hofmeyr when The Star asked for him for his comment. He said the whole affair was "ridiculous and absolutely unacceptable"

The managing director of Sentrachem, Mr Johan van der Walt, said he was "obviously very surprised about being mentioned in a confidential report"



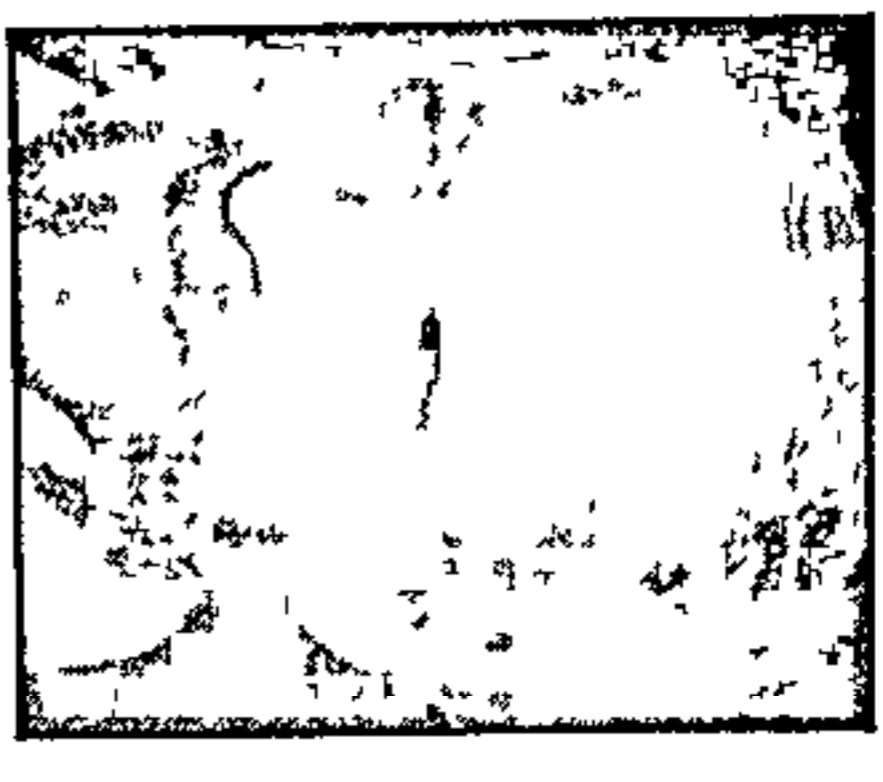
Jennifer Fergusson



Gerrie Coetzee



Bruce Fordyce



Pieter-Dirk Uys

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) should study and reassess its fee structures carefully if it wants to avoid huge unpaid medical bills at provincial hospitals and health care centres

So says Mr Mike Ellis, the Democratic Party's parliamentary spokes-

Bara debts: 'poor can't pay'

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man on health

He was responding to the revelation last week that the TPA had written off R4,1 million owed to

Baragwanath Hospital and sister health care centres in Soweto. He said most of this debt was incurred by indigent people

"Tariffs at provincial hospitals and centres are grossly disproportionate

to what they should be," he said. "Indigent people are expected to pay medical fees they could never meet, while others more fortunate pay well below what they can really afford."

The TPA needed to look at its fee structures to avoid heavy unpaid debts, he added.

Council spy inquiry is ready to roll

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