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Council spy-scandal files may go before commission

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The controversial Johannesburg City Council spy files will be made available to the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry if subpoenaed, the chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, said today.

The judicial commission of inquiry, chaired by Mr Justice V Hiemstra, was appointed last week after disclosures two weeks ago in The Star, sister newspaper to The Argus, of a spy network operating from the city council

The spy dossiers are said to contain information on civil rights organisations, political parties, anti-apartheid activists and many other prominent

people in Johannesburg

Mr Burger said the top secret dossiers had been moved from the headquarters of the spy ring, The Fort, to deep underground in the City Hall vaults.

"The management committee decided last week to move the documents from The Fort. Only the city secretary and the city treasurer have a key. The files are underground in what we call the dungeons of the City Hall"

Mr Burger said if the files were subpoenaed by the Hiemstra Commission, they would have to be released.

The secretary of the commission, Mr Francois Malherbe, said it was likely the spy dossiers would be subpoenaed.

Commission refers irregularities in Soweto City Council to police

The commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption in the Soweto City Council has referred a number of irregularities to the police and has proposed that councillor involvement in allocating resources be stopped.

It also recommended that a councillor's code of conduct be imposed.

The commission's report, which covered the years 1984 to 1988, was accepted in principle by the Soweto City Council last Thursday.

The commission, chaired by Prof Frans Malan, did not have power to subpoena witnesses and could not come to findings of fact. However, it identified certain kinds of misconduct and made recommendations to

prevent their recurrence.

The commission found that councillors in executive positions were often involved in cases concerning the lease of council homes and the allocation of land for development use.

The fulfilment of executive functions by councillors could lead to irregularity and injustice, the report said.

The impression was created that it was not possible to obtain an allocation without some kind of — often improper — councillor involvement.

This perception had to be corrected and raised the question of a code of ethics for councillors, the report said.

Councillors should abstain from voting

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in matters in which they had an interest and should not use confidential information gained in their capacity as councillors to their own advantage, the report said.

The manner in which land was allocated was criticised in evidence to the commission. The impression among developers was that corruption and other irregularities occurred and procedures should be revised.

The commission heard there were no proper guidelines such as tender provisions in the regulations for the allocation of land in terms of land availability agreements, decisions were arrived at by the

council on an ad hoc basis and without tenders being called for, and that professional officials were often by-passed when decisions were taken.

The commission was unable to come to any finding on corruption or bribery.

The commission recommended land should be allocated and disposed of by means of public tender and the tender documents should contain precise specifications for development.

One example of irregularity heard by the commission with regard to site-and-service schemes outlined how a number of sites were awarded to each councillor for allocation to residents in his ward.

The sites, reserved for an income group

of R400-a month or lower, were almost without exception allocated by the councillors to residents in the middle and upper income groups.

Several cases regarding the allocation of council houses to tenants for rental by councillors showed that the exercise of councillor executive functions could lead to improper conduct, the report said.

Problems experienced in the transfer of tenancy, which needed the signature of a councillor, and the abuse of the priority accommodation list was also examined by the commission.

It suggested that the need for a councillor's approval in the allocation of houses

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Irregularities

for leasing or sale be dispensed with

Several cases dealing with the sale of houses and sites to the public by councillors were brought to the attention of the commission.

These cases illustrated the weakness of the system where councillors were perceived as being entitled to dispose of council property.

The commission found this unacceptable and said council procedures should be precisely formulated and made public.

The commission found that no proper records of council vehicles were kept before October 1986 and in many cases proper control was not exercised over vehicles.

It was reported that in many of the cases where vehicles had been stolen or scrapped before 1987, no documentation was available and after extensive investi-



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gation no further information could be found on the fate of the vehicles.

The commission recommended that an assets register of all council vehicles be kept and maintained by the Town Treasurer and the head of every department be responsible for the control of vehicles.

Allegations concerning misuse of council vehicles by councillors and officials led the commission to recommend that at vehicles should not be used for private use.

In recommending a code of conduct for councillors, the commission said any perception that may have existed that councillors had authority to allocate land or had executive functions should be corrected.

The recommendations contained in the commission's report will be discussed individually by the council.

Huge power plan for Vereeniging

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The Vereeniging Town Council has announced details of a multimillion rand masterplan which will ensure an adequate supply of electricity to the town over the next 10 years.

The project is expected eventually to provide sufficient electricity for Vereeniging for the following 50 years.

According to management committee chairman Dr Mario Milani, the first phase of the project entails the upgrading of the Rand Water Board sub-station which will, in turn, be com-

pleted in two phases at a total cost of R4,2 million. (266)

Provision for the first phase — which is to cost R2,1 million — has already been made in the council's capital budget for the 1990/91 financial year. This is to be followed by the upgrading of the Duncanville sub-station at an estimated cost of R5,6 million in the 1991/92 book year.

Close on R18 million will be spent on upgrading the Vereeniging sub-station in the 1995/96 financial year.

Probe to have access to spy files

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The secretary of the commission, Mr Francois Malherbe, said it was likely that the spy dossiers would be among documents subpoenaed.

He said advocates were involved in the pre-investigation and were finalising details of who and what would be subpoenaed.

Mr Burger said the entire management committee, as well as top council officials implicated in the espionage network, were expected to give evidence before the commission.

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Contacts for council probe

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Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, commission chairman, is expected to start hearing evidence on April 11.

The commission was appointed after The Star disclosed the council was running a spy network.

People wishing to testify or give information can also contact Mr F Malherbe on (011) 472-1400, extension 323, or contact the commission in writing. The address is Private Bag X30, Roodepoort 1725.

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How the Nats have slowly lost support in Joburg

Since the death of the former chairman of the management committee, Mr Dame van Zyl, in April last year, the Nationalist Party in the Johannesburg City Council has been on a downhill course.

The Democratic Party on the other hand has gained strength, gaining two seats — from 18 to 20 — and is set to take over the reins of the city.

The Nats returned from the October municipal elections triumphant with 26 seats in the 51-seat council the first time they had managed to achieve an outright majority.

After 18 months they are down to 21 seats and barely clinging to power. The Democratic Party has 20 seats, the Conservative Party four and the rest are independent.

Mr Dave Verster defected to the Democratic Party last May and the NP lost to the DP the Linden ward left vacant by Mr van Zyl's death. In the last month, Mr

Mike Levin, Mr Howard Bloomberg and Mrs Desiree Simpson resigned from the party to sit as independents.

After recent setbacks, the NP could find itself on the opposition benches with a DP-independent coalition in power.

The Star's revelations of a spy network operating within the council prompted the DP to introduce the motion of no-confidence in the management committee, citing gross mismanagement.

The DP motion will be debated next Monday, two days before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into the spy ring starts hearing evidence.

A DP-independent coalition was mooted three weeks ago as the NP appeared to be losing control of the city.

A few hours after the resignation of Mr Bloomberg and Mr Levin from the NP, the NP suffered another blow at the inauguration of the deputy mayor when they lost the seat of deputy mayor to the DP. Mr Jan Burger was nominated for the

The NP in the Johannesburg City Council is faced with a motion of no confidence next week. In 18 months, the party's overall majority of 26 seats in the 51-seat council has dropped to 21 seats. **LOUISE BURGERS, The Star's Municipal Reporter, looks at the dramatic shift in power in the city.**

position, but lost to the DP's Mr Elliot Kretzmer by one vote. His nomination was said to be a move by the pro-reform Nats to have Mrs Marietta Marx take over the chairmanship when Mr Burger was tied up with his duties as deputy mayor.

Allegations of interference from National Party cabinet members, tension between the more "verligte" pro-reform Nats and the older more conservative, long-serving members and had apples" in the caucus have been cited as reasons for the disunity in the party.

After Mr van Zyl's funeral, Johannesburg was plunged into a leadership crisis and a contest between deputy chairman Mr Jan Burger and newcomer Mrs Marx

of questions from the opposition on its foreign guest programme and questions on the security department.

The council budgeted almost R1 million for its foreign visitors programme. The DP questioned the credibility of certain guests and why the ratepayer should foot the bill for jaunts around the country.

It was at the end of June last year when the DP's chief whip, Mr Paul Asherson tabled questions regarding staff activities and purchases in Mr John Pearce's Department of Public Safety.

The DP forced the June council meeting to an abrupt halt when they walked out because the NP withdrew an item on Pageview and free settlement areas.

Allegations of a split within the NP over an application to declare Pageview a free settlement area surfaced. The disagreement was believed to reach up to Cabinet level. Mr Burger admitted then that the decision to withdraw the item had nothing to do with the council.

Mr Jan Burger's win was seen as a victory for the NP "old guard" in the council. But this was not the end of the tension within the NP. A few weeks later, a shock split surfaced in the NP caucus when Mrs Marx was ousted by Mr Ernie Fabiel fellow management committee member.

After a three-hour caucus meeting, which included tearful outbursts and heated exchanges, Mr Fabiel resigned and Mrs Marx was reinstated.

Then resentment of interference in council affairs by parliamentary Nationalist leaders in Johannesburg, Mr Pk Botha and Mr Roelf Meyer, began to surface. Mrs Marx's "holiness" to parliament was given as the reason for many disputes

within the party and eventually led to the resignation of Mr Bloomberg and Mr Levin.

In the last six months of 1989 the hated halls of the civic centre became likened to a monthly soap opera with counter-claims of fraud and violence.

In the many stormy council meetings insults flew, councillors staged walkouts and there was even a punch up.

The crucial Johannesburg budget tabled in June last year, scraped through at 26 votes to 25.

The then leader of the DP in the city council Mr Tony Leon, said that if a secret ballot had been allowed the voting pattern might have been different. Indications were that some of the disillusioned NP councillors may have voted against the budget.

Chaos ensued in the following months as the management committee came under fire for its foreign VIP programme and lack of reform progress. It faced a budget

Councillors who quit in Vaal named

THE names of 19 Lekoa councillors who last week resigned over the Sebokeng shootings have been released

They are former mayor Mr Samuel Kohsang, Mrs B K Sifumba, Mrs LP Phosisi, Miss D A Silimfe, Mrs E V Mofokeng,

Mr J M Vellem, Mr D M Nosenga, Mr M H Molaetsa, Mr M E Nneko, Mr Mac Njuze, Mr M Mkhwane, Mr J Melloa, Mr E Nosenga, Mr G Sonjiga,

Mr J Musi, Mr J Nkotho, Mr C W King, Mr J Mohajane and Mr J Ntshungila.

The 19, who announced their resignations last Thursday, have called for a commission of inquiry into allega-

By THEMBA MOLEFE

tions of corruption which they said dated back to 1983.

In a statement at the weekend they said the shooting of at least 14 people on March 26 had a direct bearing on issues, especially the rent crisis, which led to the 1984 unrest

Presently 28 councillors, including mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya and chairman of the executive committee Mr Esau Mahlatsi, are remaining in the Lekoa Council

Meanwhile, community organisations were yesterday still preparing for a mass burial of the victims details of which they said would be released tomorrow

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Probe on Soweto hits at corruption

SOME Soweto councillors acted beyond their authority between 1981 and 1986 and the council took decisions on an ad hoc basis during that period, according to the report of the Malan Commission of Inquiry into corruption and irregularities within the council. *Sowetan 4/14/90*

The commission's report, which has just been published, says that in certain instances former councillors disregarded professional advice by council officials

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when allocating land and sites for development in Soweto. *266*

The commission was appointed by the present mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, a few months after his Sefako Mokoena Party took control of the administration of the townships last year.

The probe, which was headed by Professor FR Malan, received sworn statements and heard oral evidence from more than

75 witnesses, including residents, officials of the council and other interested parties.

The commission had no power to subpoena witnesses and its lack of authority meant that none of the interested parties could be compelled to appear. This also meant it could not come to definite findings of fact on many of the disputed matters.

Most of the evidence concerned alleged irregularities in the allocation of land and the lease

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of council houses.

Some developments, earmarked for low-cost housing, were allocated to developers who built expensive houses beyond the means of the people they were meant for

In one instance, the then West Rand Development Board acquired land in Klipspruit on behalf of the Soweto Council to be developed as a site and service scheme for people earning R400 or less a month

Instead, the council decided to award the sites for allocation to applicants in their respective wards. According to an official, the councillors "almost without exception" allocated sites to people in the middle and upper-income groups who were able to obtain loans from financial institutions

Edleston believed SA would experience a deep recession if 5% of its population surrounding the disease should not be practised, he said

Administrators stopgap for council resignations

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PRETORIA Administrators have been appointed in three black towns where councillor resignations — mostly because of intimidation — have deprived the councils of quorums, MEC in charge of local government Olaus van Zyl said here yesterday. Last week he said 43 councillors were forced to resign. *10am 4/4/90*

The executive committee decided to appoint administrators immediately instead of holding by-elections.

The three towns are Kwaguga near Witbank, Tokoza near Alberton and Motleng near Delmas.

Van Zyl emphasised the committee viewed democratically chosen councillors as of utmost importance and by-elections would be held as soon as possible.

The administrators' appointments are valid until March 31 next year or until by-elections are held. They will have all the powers and duties of a local authority.

Administrators at three other towns — Bela Bela near Warmbaths, Leboheng near Leandra and Tskane near Brakpan — will be appointed soon.

10am 4/4/90

Nine prison escapees flee to Zambia

NINE members of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, who escaped from an SA prison earlier this year, have arrived in the Zambian capital of Lusaka. *10am*

The nine men, who were arrested for terrorism and treason in 1988, said their escape from Modderbee Prison and secret trip to Lusaka had been organized by their underground colleagues in SA.

They said a pistol was smuggled into the prison and they had escaped after overpowering their guards and stealing one of their cars. — Sapa.



Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi, left, and Sofasonke Party chairman Ephraim Tshabalala, right, at a Press conference yesterday announcing the acceptance of the Malan Commission's report

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Council agrees to police probe of irregularities

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THE Soweto City Council is prepared to hand over to the police irregularities to be probed in terms of recommendations by the Malan Commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption within its ranks

Speaking at a Press conference yesterday, mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said although the 1984-88 period covered by Prof Frans Malan's commission preceded the present council's term of office, the council would hold discussions on matters that fell within its scope, and hand over criminal matters to the police

"We accept the commission's report," Mkhwanazi said

The commission has recommended that a number of irregularities by the council be referred to the police for investigation

It has also proposed that councillor involvement in allocating resources be stopped

Also yesterday, Soweto's ruling Sofasonke Party chairman Ephraim Tshabalala said there was nothing stopping Nelson Mandela and his family from moving into their plush Soweto house

Tshabalala was responding to Soweto Civic Association chairman Ntatho Motlana's statement in the US last week

that the Mandelas could not move into their new house in Soweto until it had been supplied with electricity and water

"That has been attended to as a matter of urgency," Tshabalala said

He said the water had been connected by Friday and the electricity department had instructions to connect electricity "and assist in any way possible"

He said Mandela should not be deprived of water and electricity because of a rent boycott

When asked if Mandela would have to pay for services, Tshabalala said every Soweto resident was expected to pay for services rendered by the council.

Spy probe: officials fear victimisation

People are showing reluctance to come forward with information for the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry investigating the Johannesburg City Council spying.

The Star has learnt that council officials are unwilling to do so for fear of being victimised and losing their jobs.

One said: "What if I am subpoenaed? Then they will know who I am and I will be fired."

The secretary of the Hiemstra Commission, Mr Francois Malherbe, said he had received only a few telephone calls from members of the public and the

information received was "not worth mentioning".

"I think once the commission starts and people see what it is all about more will come forward."

Advocate Mr Denis Fine and Mr Lothar Wepener, busy with preliminary investigations, confirmed this reluctance on the part of the public.

The commission, begins next Wednesday, April 11, at 9 am at the Braamfontein Civic Centre.

Mr Fine, SC, can be reached on telephone number (011) 28-2000 and Mr Wepener on (011) 28-3140.

Hough fears attack on provincial services

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A VIOLENT onslaught would be launched on health services and local government in the province, Transvaal administrator Dame Hough told the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs in Pretoria yesterday.

He warned agitators that they would carry the responsibility if provincial authorities could no longer provide health and bulk services due to political action.

Hough said organisations bent on undermining black local government were the mass democratic movement (MDM), the UDF and the Soweto People's Delegation. The organisations hitting at health ser-

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vices, especially in the labour and service rendering side, were the SA Health Workers Congress and the Cosatu-affiliated National Education Health and Allied Workers Union, Hough said.

The R4,3bn budget announced by Hough yesterday was a 9% increase over last year's budget and had a strong emphasis on community development and museum and library services.

Community development funds would be increased by 21% over last year to R1,2bn while library and museum services

would receive a 30% increase to R20,303m.

Funds for health services increased by 0,8% to R1,9bn.

Hough said Transvaal hospitals had not escaped the labour unrest situation as certain groups used the labour field to promote their political aspirations.

Their methods of action mainly consisted of strikes, stay-away action, mass meetings and protest marches.

While valid grievances did exist, there were a number of actions that were entirely politically inspired and which were being launched outside the existing liaison

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Hough's fear

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channels, Hough said.

"I make an appeal to the agitators to stop those actions immediately," he said.

If the province was prevented from treating patients, "these politically inspired agitators will then have to realise that they would have to carry the responsibility for the detrimental results their actions are having on the inhabitants of this province", Hough added.

In respect of black local government, there was a politically inspired onslaught on councillors on two fronts, Hough said. Councillors were being intimidated openly to resign and residents were encouraged not to pay the normal municipal tariffs.

This meant that councils did not have sufficient funds and had to approach the

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provincial authorities to pay for their bulk services and normal municipal expenses.

The agitators should realise that the source of funds would soon be depleted and it would mean that the rendering of services would be stopped.

"If those great upholders of democracy who are now intimidating councillors to resign really do value democracy, they should make use of the democratic process in order to gain control of local government," he said.

Funds for general administration increased by 5,7% to R10,290m, funds for nature and environment by 6,8% to R27,189m and funds for roads and bridges increased by 1,7% to R561,275m.

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Spy targets call for axing of Venter

ORGANISATIONS subject to the Johannesburg City Council's spying activities delivered a memorandum yesterday to town clerk Manie Venter calling for his suspension and that of security chiefs John Pearce and Ferdi Barnard.

The memorandum contained demands and questions to be addressed by Venter. It also called for fresh council elections.

In the memorandum — endorsed by the Black Sash, Idasa, End Conscription Campaign, Five Freedoms Forum, Jodac, SA Municipal Workers' Union and the Wits

DANIEL SIMON

SRC — the organisations expressed "deep concern" over the exposure of the council's spying activities and the manner in which the council responded.

"We believe there is overwhelming evidence that the town clerk and the security department of the city council have withheld from ratepayers funds used for purposes at no time agreed to by ratepayers or their elected representatives," it said.

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Council infighting threatens Nat unity

By Louise Burgers,
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A major showdown is imminent tonight between the National Party regional council and the NP caucus in the Johannesburg City Council in the light of the vote of no-confidence in the management committee on Monday.

The chairman of the regional council, Mr Pik Botha is likely to tell caucus members to pull themselves together and unite or face losing control of Johannesburg.

Sources indicate the Nat caucus could split right down the middle over the issue. It appears the NP "old guard" is trying to force out the chairman of the management committee, Mr Jan Burger, and his deputy Mrs Marietta Marx.

The "Marx camp" on the other hand want her to retain a position on the management committee. All sides in the council admit she is excellent at her job and an asset to the management committee.

Deals being struck

There are whispers of all sorts of "deals" being made by the various parties and independents in the city council before the motion is debated.

There are indications that if the motion of no-confidence is carried, the only independent on the present management committee, Mr Eddy Magid, could stay on as head of town planning. This appears to be on condition that he adds his vote to the election of new management committee members.

The DP needs 26 votes in the 51-seat council to carry the motion. With both parties receiving the support of some independents, the DP can count on 24 votes and the NP 22. A lot depends on what independent Mrs Desiree Simpson and the four Conservative Party councillors decide to do.

The motion of no-confidence follows revelations by The Star concerning the council spy scandal.

TPA to spend R1-bn on black upliftment

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By Claire Robertson,
Pretoria Bureau

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration plans to spend more than R1 billion this year on "uplifting black communities".

This represents more than a quarter of the province's proposed R4,37 billion budget, in which hospitals and roads are left at a virtual standstill.

The community development funds are additional to the province's share of the R3 billion set aside for this purpose by the central Government in the main Budget this year.

The Transvaal fund will be used for services, new facilities and to bail out local authorities in need of finance following the rent boycotts.

The Administrator, Mr Danie Hough, told the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs in Pretoria yesterday that R1,242 billion was to be requested for community development in 1990-91 — 21 percent more than last year.

The entire provincial budget of R4,37 billion is subject to the approval of Parliament.

In his opening address, Mr Hough said: "To the Transvaal provincial government it is certainly one of its major tasks to eliminate the backlog that has built up over the years in respect of our black fellow-countrymen by means of a comprehensive process of community development."

He identified the most important community development priority as the effect of urbanisation

on community life, the need to promote the "social mobility" of newcomers to cities, and the possible subsidisation of services where people could not afford them.

The shortage of black housing in the Transvaal is nearly 445 000 units. Development is planned north of Evaton and west of Soweto.

A decrease of R27 million for the construction of roads meant only the highest priorities would be addressed, Mr Hough said.

1 pc for hospitals

If the budget is approved, hospitals are to receive less than 1 percent more than last year.

"It (will) unfortunately not be possible to replace obsolete expensive equipment with new sophisticated equipment for specialised treatment. Attempts will still be made to render an acceptable service to the community through improved management techniques," Mr Hough said.

Library and Museum Services has been allocated R20,4 million, 30 percent more than last year.

The Works Vote shows a decrease of R1,6 million. This was, however, due to a rollover of funds from the previous financial year.

The General Administration Vote has been increased by 5,7 percent — R10,2 million.

Nature and Environment Conservation has been voted R27 million, a 6,8 percent increase.

Council spy probe: victims will testify

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Organisations spied on by the Johannesburg City Council will be presenting evidence before the Hiemstra Commission and will monitor proceedings closely.

Idasa, the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), the Wits University SRC, the End Conscription Campaign, the SA Municipal Workers Union, the Black Sash, the David Webster Trust and entertainers Des and Dawn Lindberg called a press conference yesterday, where spokesmen said they intended giving evidence to challenge the city council's gross invasion of the privacy of citizens

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● Members of the environmental group Earthlife Africa climbed the Johannesburg City Hall at dawn yesterday to place a banner protesting against the use of ratepayers' money to pay Johannesburg City Council spies

SPY V SPY as council offices are checked for bugs

By Kitt Katzin and Steve McQuillan

Senior officials of the Johannesburg City Council's spy network have been assigned to "de-bug" the offices of their superiors, who fear that someone is spying on them as they spied on others.

Nobody's saying who might be bugging whom, but suspicious run high.

So much so that the offices of top city council officials as well as of members of the management committee are checked for bugging devices monthly.

Even the mayor's office does not escape the scrutiny of the council's sophisticated de-bugging equipment.

Senior staff members of the intelligence section are assigned to "sweep" their bosses' offices with electronic devices and to file a re-

port in official council documents. The reports are circulated to all departmental heads.

In a document, "Electronic Safety of Offices", it is disclosed that the work places of all top officials are checked out.

These included the offices of Brigadier Jan Visser, the retired director of the security department; Mr J Karsten, deputy director, administration, security department; Mr John Pearce, now chief director of public safety; Mr Theo Olivier, director of traffic; Mr Koos Jooste, deputy director, operations, security; Mr J Kitshoff, director of manpower and Mr F Kotze, director of planning.

Also checked for bugs were the offices of the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, former management com-

mittee chairman Mr Danie van Zyl, who died last year, the mayor's parlor and the offices of another former management committee boss, Mr Francois Oberholzer.

Assigned to carry out the security checks were Mr J Gouws, Mr Pieter Assenmacher, Mr S Naude and Mr Nico Cronje.

Reports on what, if anything, was found were compiled by Mr Assenmacher and sent to Mr F J "Frik" Barnard, former chief professional officer, administration, security, which controlled the intelligence section. Mr Barnard is now deputy director, operations, in the same department.

The Star is aware of plans by the city council's intelligence operatives to purchase and use telephone tapping devices.

It is also known that the city council bugged the offices of certain people not connected to City Hall.

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In the firing line

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Admirers of Manie Venter, Johannesburg's Town Clerk, under fire for his involvement in the City Council's spy network, say he's "absolutely fantastic". His detractors beg to differ, labelling him as "a little despot".

Last week, Venter, along with public safety director John Pearce and security official Frikkie Barnard, survived a call for their suspension by DP councillors. It's now Venter's job to arrange a special council meeting within two weeks to debate the DP's "no confidence" motion.

He has acknowledged the existence of a network of informers who gathered information on anti-apartheid organisations and dozens of individuals from Nadine Gordimer to Bruce Fordyce — most of them unlikely threats to Johannesburg. But he claims only R17 000 was spent and the operation ended last year. His detractors say the price tag on the seven-year-old spy network is more than R1m.

Francois Oberholzer, no stranger to controversy himself, served on the council for 37 years and has known Venter for two or three decades since the days when Venter was an accountant beavering his way up through the bureaucracy. He fiercely defends the man he says was "just trying to do a protective job in what he believed was the best interests of the city".

DP city councillor Claire Quail agrees Venter "genuinely believes he was serving the city well". But she has no intention of letting him off the hook. "He was almost deliberately setting up an empire for himself in the city," she says.

As town clerk, Venter's brief is similar to that of a corporate MD controlling a budget

Venter ... in the hot seat



of R1,8bn (soon to be about R2,5bn). The council acts as a policy-setting board of directors. But some observers say he worked long and hard to consolidate more and more policy-making power by ensuring he was surrounded by a loyal circle of friends and family.

"Effectively, everything had to go through him," says a DP opponent. "He was pulling all the strings."

Before taking the job of town clerk about five years ago, Venter served as city treasurer. Oberholzer says he was good at his job. "He's a very honest and able person. He's also friendly and approachable. He has a very close-knit family." Oberholzer now serves as the unpaid chairman of the PWV's Regional Development Advisory Committee.

Married and in his sixties, Venter grew up in Westdene. In addition to a salary of around R100 000, his town clerk position entitles him to a council-owned house, which just happens to be located in Lower Houghton. It's that palatial home — boasting a pool, tennis court and three-car garage equipped for entertaining — which propelled Venter into the headlines last year. Questions were raised about the 24-hour security, parks department, gardening service and expensive alterations and renovations — all charged to the ratepayers.

Eyebrows rose when it was learnt that his son, Deon, then an architecture student and an employee of the council's architecture department, had designed a carport and guardhouse for his father's home.

That controversy, like the current one, doesn't seem to faze the normally implacable town clerk. He sat calmly throughout the council meeting where NP and CP councillors voted against his suspension, while DP members cried out "cover up, cover up".

"He doesn't show his feelings," says one DP councillor. "It's like water off a duck's back to him."

Oberholzer agrees that Venter is normally calm and the investigation does not have him "unduly worried." However, his DP challengers are looking forward to the judicial inquiry. Says one "I believe there is sufficient evidence to prove he went beyond his power."

Maureen Sullivan

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Outrage over pay rise for councillors

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By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter 266

The 20 percent pay increase announced for mayors and councillors throughout the country has enraged local communities, who say it will exacerbate tension in the townships.

Yesterday the Administrators of the four provinces jointly announced that a 20 percent increase for all councillors would be backdated to January 1. Chairmen of regional services councils will receive a 12 percent increase.

Black community leaders are up in arms over the

increase) but white councillors feel the increase is justified as the previous pay rise was in 1986. In Johannesburg, a city councillor earns R840 a month. The increase will mean R160 extra a month.

United Democratic Front executive member Mr Azhar Cachalia said the increase was an effective vote of confidence in black local authorities, which did not have the support of their communities and were alleged to be corrupt.

Mr Cachalia said the money for the pay increases could be better used in the upliftment of the community, rather than wasting it on people who had no contribution to make.

"Bad timing" is how Kensington Ratepayers Association chairman Mrs Jane O'Connor-Bailey described the rise.

Democratic Party leader in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, agreed that the timing was unfortunate. But the increase was long overdue.

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Spy Scandal: Row over Tutu, ANC cash

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A claim in a top secret Johannesburg City Hall spy dossier that Archbishop Desmond Tutu illegally channelled money to bank accounts of the African National Congress in Libya and the United States has blown up into a major political rumpus

Last night a shocked Archbishop Tutu and the ANC expressed outrage that such an allegation was made by the city council's intelligence section — in a document marked "Uiters Geheim" (Top Secret) and passed on to the security police and military intelligence

Archbishop Tutu said this was how people — including himself — became the target of death squads

Both the ANC and Archbishop Tutu dismissed the spy report as ridiculous

The council document said money for the ANC was raised from the proceeds of public performances and sales of records made by church groups singing Gospel music.

"What is frightening about this is that it is on the basis of such errant nonsense that people have been placed on hit squad death lists, people have been detained and people have been banned," Archbishop Tutu said

"Whilst it is so ridiculous that even a moron should be able to see that there is no credibility in such information, it speaks volumes for the state of our country

"How many people have suffered as a result of reports of this calibre?"

It has been disclosed that council spy reports were routinely sent to the police and the military

The Defence Force unit, the Civil Co-operation Bureau, had on its death list several people who

featured in the city council's spy reports

Bishop Tutu was one of them

The council document was compiled by Mr P Assenmacher, formerly section head of the intelligence division

It was based on information given to him by a spy whose name appeared in the document and who was connected with the "Roma Church"

The report said proceeds from Gospel music performances and the sale of records were channelled to the ANC. The funds, according to the document, were sent to Bishop Tutu and then channelled into unspecified ANC bank accounts in the United States and Libya

The document said the spy could not be sure which singing groups were involved, but the informant, according to Mr Assenmacher, may have known more than he was disclosing

Mr Assenmacher then recommended that it might be worthwhile to further question the spy on his knowledge of the alleged ANC bank accounts

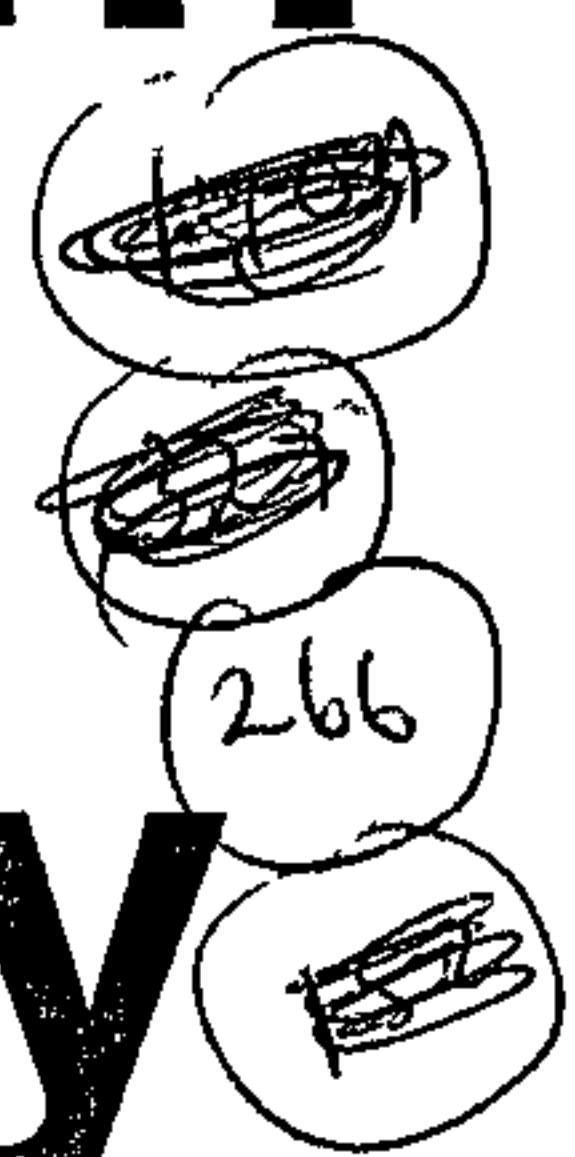
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The informant's code number was I/JHB6 and his classification was noted as B2. The report was number JH2/3

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ANC INFORMATION OFFICER

Stadium closed for rally



THE Vosloorus Town Council has refused the Witwatersrand region of the Congress of South African Trade Unions permission to use Vosloorus Stadium for its celebrations of International Workers' Day tomorrow.

In a statement, Cosatu said this was despite the fact that the chief magistrate of Boksburg, Mr JCM Roets, had granted the federation permission to go ahead with the rally.

A spokesman for the federation claimed at the weekend that a delegation was also told by town clerk Mr GDP Prinsloo that all future applications would be turned down.

Cosatu urged the council to rescind its decision as "failure to do so will prove once more that community councils do not have the interests of the workers and the community at heart".

Calling on councillors to resign, the federation said it did not understand why the council decided to act differently from the chief magistrate of Boksburg.

Meanwhile, trade unions and community organisations will hold services countrywide

By SY MAKARINGE

tomorrow to celebrate International Workers' Day.

Among organisations holding services as part of worldwide celebrations are Cosatu, National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) and the Azanian Peoples Organisation (Azapo).

Cosatu

Rallies jointly organised by Cosatu and Nactu will take place at George Thabe Stadium, Sharpeville (10am) and Orient Theatre in East London (10am).

In Port Elizabeth, Nactu and independent unions will host a meeting at Rio Cinema (9am).

Cosatu's May Day rallies will be held at East London's Sisa Dukashe Stadium or Gompo Hall (10am); Dan Qeqe Stadium in Port Elizabeth (10am); Queenstown's Border Agricultural Showgrounds (9am).

Grahamstown Lavander Valley (10am), Uitenhage Jabavu Stadium (10am); Mamelodi Stadium (10am), Phokeng Hall in Rustenburg (10am); Warmbaths Stadium (10am); Phalaborwa Stadium (10am).

George Stadium, (9am); Stadium, (9am); Stadium (9am); Thabong Stadium, Welkom (9am); Huhudi Stadium, Vryburg (9am), Stadium, (10am); Stadium, (10am). Thabe Sharpeville Rocklands Bloemfontein Harrismith Thabong Stadium, Welkom (9am); Embalehle Secunda Ackerville Witbank

Likazi Stadium, Nelspruit (10am); Ratanda Stadium, Heidelberg (11am), Vosloorus Stadium (10am), Athlone Stadium, Cape Town

(10am), Durban's Curries Fountain (9am).

Azapo

Azapo will hold services at Leeufontein Hall (9am); Tweefontein in Kwandebele (1pm); Bekkersdal Stadium (10am); Mohlakeng Stadium (1pm); David Landau Community Centre, Durban North West (10am); Garankuwa Stadium (10am) and Rio Cinema in New Brighton (12pm).

The theme of Azapo's services is "Negotiations and the Working Class".

Bamcwu said its services would be held at Daniel Skuil Hall in the Northern Cape (10am), Ulco Hall (10am), Seshen in Kuruman at 12pm.

Nactu's meetings will be held at Shareworld Arena, Crown Mines (9am), Lebowakgomo Showgrounds (9am); Phillip Smith Hall, Welkom (10am); Hervormers Hall, Idas Valley, Cape Town (10am); KwaGurqa Community

Hall, Witbank (10am); Mandla Cinema, Newcastle (9,30am); Soshanguve Stadium, Pretoria (9am); AME Church, Jouberton, Klerksdorp (9am); Sethoga Hall, Tembisa (9am).

West Rand whites embark on armed patrols

A NEW organisation which aims to protect the lives and property of whites living on the West Rand was launched this week and has already embarked on armed patrols and arrested a rape suspect.

The West Rand Blankege-meenskap Wag (WBG) was formed because of the alarming rate at which policemen are leaving the force because of low salaries, rendering it depleted in fighting crime in various suburbs.

"It is unreasonable to expect the police alone to fight the wave of crime which has devastated the Rand and other parts of Transvaal and it cannot be expected of police, in

the light of black on white violence that is breaking out, to be everywhere and to effectively protect people," said Mr Stephanus Venter, a spokesman for the WBG.

Each block has a representative who informs the organisation of widows, pensioners and residents who live alone in surrounding areas so that special attention can be given to them, Mr Venter said at a press conference at his De la Rey house.

He said the 600-member organisation was non-political and members were people who had "the safety of the white man and his property at heart".

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"We will take action against any criminal elements including whites in our own community," Mr Venter said, adding that members of his organisation were not only concerned with crime but was also helping destitute people.

Displaying a pamphlet which called on blacks to go to white suburbs and attack them, Mr Venter said actions such as that contributed to the formation of the organisation. He emphasised that they were not a vigilante group.

The organisation, which is

funded by two businessmen in the area, would also launch a monthly newsletter to inform residents of its activities.

A former traffic officer and military policeman, Mr Venter would not identify the sponsors or members of the WBG committee for "security reasons".

He said his organisation, which is still to decide on the kind of uniform to wear, would not allow any marches by blacks in the neighbouring townships. "There is nothing such as a peaceful march and we will not allow any marches in a white area," he said. But he added that blacks wearing T-shirts of liberation

movements such as the ANC would not be attacked.

The organisation would not reveal details of its action programme, except that unidentified cars would patrol the West Rand on a 24-hour basis.

Mr Venter said every member of the WBG would be trained in legal aspects to make them aware of legal parameters as citizens in protection of lives and property.

"We have no premises to train our people and training presently takes place in private houses," he added.

He said the organisation had no ties with the Blanke Verleghed Wag, formed recently in Welkom.

Outrage over Tutu dossier

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TARGETS (clockwise from top left) Archbishop Tutu, Mr Gavin Evans, Mr Jay Naidoo and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa

Archbishop channelled funds to ANC, claims secret council spy report

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Webster

So far, The Star has uncovered in city council spy documents the names of four people appearing on a death list drawn up by the CCB. Besides Archbishop Tutu, they are Mr Gavin Evans, vice-chairman of the Five Freedoms Forum, Mr Jay Naidoo of the Council of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general-secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Also named in the council documents is Dr David Webster, the 44-year-old social anthropologist who was gunned down outside his home in Troyeville, Johannesburg, on May 1 last year. Police suspect that a CCB cell was responsible.

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The informer's code number was 1/JHB 6 and his classification was noted as B2. The report was number JH2/3.

Speaking from Lusaka, ANC information officer Mr Tom Sebina said "We have never had any relationship with the gospel singers. Whatever money was generated from their records or musical shows had nothing to do with the ANC. Another discrepancy in this report is that there is no ANC account in Libya. The ANC has never had a bank account in Libya. This is a fabrication by someone with a very unsettled mind."

A commission of inquiry has been appointed to investigate alleged irregularities in the security department of Johannesburg City Council. Advocates leading evidence can be contacted directly by anyone wanting to testify or give information.

Mr D M Fine, SC, can be reached on (011) 28-2000 and Mr W L Wepener on (011) 28 3140.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, commission chairman, is expected to start hearing evidence next week. The commission was appointed after The Star's disclosures that the city council was running a spy network.

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FIRST DAY FUN The 1990 Grand Rand Show, billed as "the show with the most", opened its doors to the public yesterday. These two Taiwanese toddlers, Phillip Lin (6) and brother Steven (4), made their first stop at the dragonfly roundabout in the amusement park. Photograph: Sean Woods

Killings extend Maritzburg war

THE battlefield of the Maritzburg war zone has been extended with outbreaks of violence in relatively untroubled Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, with at least six dead and 70 houses gutted in the past 36 hours.

Police last night confirmed the death of one policeman but Democratic Party spokesman for Greytown, Mr Pierre Cronje, put the death toll at five and said a further eight were believed dead.

As rumours of a "final onslaught" spread like wildfire last night, hundreds of people were fleeing the area clutching babies and possessions, Mr Cronje said.

DAWN BARKHUIZEN

Unable to reach the already crowded refugee camps of Edendale, residents were taking the few taxis left in the area and begging drivers to circle Durban's townships in the hope that householders would take them in. Hundreds were pouring into Pinetown from where they were being redirected to churches.

Mr Cronje said "concerted and sustained attacks" had been launched on UDF support.

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CP, independents hold key to management committee

9/14/90 ^{Star} By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council will have a new management committee today, but which party will control it depends on the Conservative Party vote and "dark horses" among the independents.

Late last night, there appeared to be no doubt that a motion of no confidence tabled by the Democratic Party would be carried by about 28 votes to 23 with the help of CP and independent votes in the 51-seat council.

Not one city councillor, however, was willing to predict what the management committee would look like.

The motion of no confidence was tabled after disclosures by The Star that a council spy ring had carried out surveillance of well-known leftists.

A pact between more conservative nationalists and the four CP councillors, confirmed by National Party sources last Friday, will split the caucus down the middle if it goes ahead.

Couple washed away

A Boksburg couple had a narrow escape when their car was washed more than 120 m down a stormwater canal yesterday.

A fire department spokesman said the incident happened in Campbell Road soon after a thunderstorm.

The couple clambered to safety. Their vehicle was recovered by firemen. — East Rand Bureau.

The NP, with 21 seats, are only one vote ahead of the DP, with 20 seats. There are six independents.

One NP councillor told The Star last night that if the names of NP councillors other than those agreed upon by the caucus were proposed and supported by the CP, they would not get the vote of fellow Nats.

"They will not get our vote, that I can assure you. We will support those already nominated by our caucus."

He said there was absolutely no possibility of a "more conservative" management committee being elected.

The motion was set down for 9 am today, only 48 hours before the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry begins to hear evidence of The Star's revelations concerning the council spy ring.

The DP was due to propose council leader Mr Ian Davidson as chairman of a new management committee coalition, with the only independent on the present committee Mr Eddy Magid, as deputy chairman.

Other members due to be proposed included DP councillors Mr Paul Asherson and Mr Cecil Bass and independents Professor Harold Rudolph and Mr Howard Bloomberg.

The NP was expected to propose the same management committee for re-election. NP sources have indicated that there could, however, be a new chairman. The names of Mr Eddy Magid and Mr Koos Roets, the leader of the pact between the NP and CP, were put forward by NP sources last night.

Spy row: Defeat for NP in Joburg

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JOHANNESBURG — The National Party was yesterday ousted from control of Johannesburg City Council's management committee in the wake of the municipal spy scandal

The Democratic Party now has three seats on the committee, the National Party two, and independent Mr Eddie Magid the remaining seat

DP leader Mr Ian Davidson is the new chairman and Mr Magid vice-chairman

In yesterday's voting following the no-confidence motion brought by the DP, three NP members lost their seats on the committee

The new coalition committee consists of Mr Jan Burger (NP 29 votes), Mrs Marietta Marx (NP 35) and Mr Eddy Magid (Ind 43)

They are joined by three DP members, council leader Mr Davidson (27 votes); Mr Paul Asherson (30) and Mr Cecil Bass (26)

Mr Ernie Fabel, Mr Cecil Long and Mr Koos Roets were voted off the committee

Mr Davidson said the voting had come as a complete surprise to him

"The new committee is thoroughly

competent, comprising a mixture of youthful vision and solid experience

"We will unshackle Johannesburg from the old dictates of the past and open up a new era for this city."

He said the defeat of the conservative-minded members of the NP was a vote for progress and rejection of any step back into the past

"This is a reform-minded management committee and the higher authorities can only be delighted by today's move"

When the results of the voting were announced, practically every councillor in the 51-seat chamber showed shock

In an obvious split in the NP ranks, the more conservative Nationalists lost out to the more liberal faction within the party which supported NP members Mr Burger and Mrs Marx

The re-election of the two "verligte" Nats is a clear defeat for the NP conservatives who formed a pact with the CP

The DP motion of no confidence was carried by 29 votes to 22 (20 DP, five Ind, and four CP)

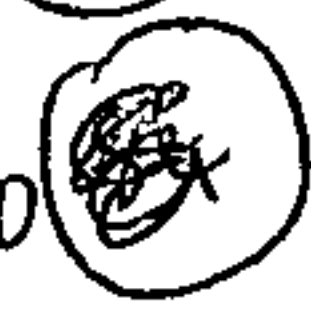
The only independent on the management committee, Mr Magid, voted against the motion

Plans to tackle four key issues

DP vows to make changes in Jo'burg

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THE takeover by the DP of the Johannesburg City Council's management committee could spell dramatic changes for the city, including the establishment of a municipal police force and the opening of residential areas to all races.

Private sector involvement in planning and managing the city, and the tackling of inner-city decay, are also on the agenda.

A new management committee, consisting of three DP members, two NP members and one independent councillor was elected yesterday following the DP's successful motion of no-confidence in the NP-controlled committee.

DP leader Ian Davidson was elected chairman of the committee and has the casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

Davidson said yesterday the new management committee would be looking at implementing changes in Johannesburg in four crucial areas:

□ The opening of the city's residential areas to all races. Representations would be made to Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel to ask the Free Settlement Areas Board to investigate the declaration of all of Johannesburg.

Davidson said the DP wanted assurances that Johannesburg would not be sliced up into free settlement pockets.

□ The establishment of a municipal police force to augment the SAP.

□ Opening up municipal government in order to restore power to councillors, who represented ratepayers. The committee would seek participation by ratepayers in plans for the city, Davidson said.

EDYTH BULBRING

All management committee meetings, which have until now been closed, would be open to all councillors, who would be able to express their views.

A decision on opening these meetings to members of the public had still to be taken, said Davidson.

□ Combating urban blight in the inner-city areas. The decay in the inner-city had come about because of uncertainty about its status.

The six new management committee members are Davidson, DP chief whip Paul Asherson, DP councillor Cecil Bass, independent councillor Eddie Magid (deputy chairman), former committee chairman Jan Burger of the NP, and former deputy chairman Marietta Marx, also of the NP.

The CP, along with five independent councillors, backed the earlier motion of no-confidence.

Asherson masterminded yesterday's coup, outmanoeuvring a management committee takeover bid by conservative NP councillors, backed by the CP, council sources said last night.

The sources said that, at the eleventh hour, Asherson secured the support of Magid for the three DP candidates, and promised a number of DP votes for Burger and Marx, whose continued presence on the management committee was uncertain.

The three conservative NP candidates, Cecil Long, Koos Roets and Ernie Fabel, failed to be elected.

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I authorised spy payments without reading info - Pearce

By Norman Chandler,
Louise Burgers
and Helen Grange

Mr John Pearce yesterday admitted authorising payments for informers without having read the information provided by them.

He is the second Johannesburg City Council official to admit to the Hiemstra Commission that he signed documents he had not read.

Mr Pearce was said by earlier witnesses to be the council's "spy-master".

The city's director of public safety admitted to Mr Denis Fine, C, for the commission, that he had not read justifications for payment to informers, although he signed them because he trusted his former security chief, Brigadier van Visser.

Brigadier Visser had certified the facts, and he had no reason to disbelieve him. Mr Pearce did

admit, however, that he had not actually read the justification for payments to a lawyer who infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR).

The man was identified for the first time yesterday to be a Mr Naude.

Mr Fine asked Mr Pearce "Did you blandly accept Brigadier Visser's justifications for payments?"

He replied that as Brigadier Visser was head of security, "I had no reason to doubt his word".

Mr Fine said Mr Naude — code number JHB/8 — had not been admitted to the Bar at the time he indulged in spying activities on behalf of the council.

The information about Mr Naude, who was recruited in 1988, came while testimony was being heard from Mr Pearce.

Mr Pearce said Mr Naude's cre-

dentials were impressive, although he had never met the man.

He told Mr Fine he felt he might have been misled, if the fact that Mr Naude had not yet been admitted was correct.

Asked whether he would have approved information brought in by Mr Naude and relating to the FFF and LHR, Mr Pearce said "With hindsight, maybe not."

Mr Fine put it to Mr Pearce that "someone was intent on misleading someone".

Regarding the End Conscription Campaign, Mr Pearce told the commission it was general knowledge that the ECC had been infiltrated.

Earlier in his testimony, Mr Pearce said that from 1988 when he had become director of public safety, he was directly responsible to the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter. They had had a good working relationship.

It emerged from the testimony that Brigadier Visser had convinced Mr Pearce to approach the town clerk regarding reimbursement of informants.

Asked by Mr Fine whether the decision to pay informers was a clandestine one, Mr Pearce said "Brigadier Visser approached me with the concept. I agreed with the concept."

"I do not agree it was done in a clandestine manner at all."

Mr Pearce continues his evidence today.

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Meetings vetoed by council security

By Kitt Katzin and Steve McQuillan

Officials of the Johannesburg City Council's powerful security department have been making judgmental decisions on the integrity of political groups that wanted to use council venues for meetings.

In some cases, permission to hold meetings was denied after legitimate political groups were classified "radical" at the stroke of a pen.

Confidential documents show how senior security officials made independent decisions and recommendations on security matters on the basis of political considerations.

A classic example of the politically motivated assessments concerns an application by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) to use the Selborne Hall for a public meeting to debate the issue of restrictions placed on extra-parliamentary organisations.

Council security officials turned down the request on the grounds that organisations to which the FFF was connected were radical and that any such meeting could create bad publicity and negatively affect the outcome of the crucial 1988 municipal elections.

In its application the FFF noted that the theme of the meeting would be "Defend our Freedoms: Don't ban Peaceful Change".

It informed the secretary of the city council's management committee that among prominent speakers at the meeting would be Mr Zach de Beer, an executive director of Anglo American and then chairman of LTA, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, executive director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa), and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general-secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The council was told that several organisations had also been invited to nominate one representative each to sit on the platform as a token of support for the FFF.

These organisations included Assocom, the Federated Chamber of Industries, the Chamber of Mines, the Black Sash, Women for Peace, Jews for Social Justice, Lawyers for Human Rights, the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) and the Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

Also invited to the meeting was Professor Rob Charlton of the University of the Witwatersrand.

In its application the FFF enclosed a batch of

literature outlining its aims and activities.

The application, sent to the management committee secretary, was immediately passed on to the council's security division for vetting.

In his assessment of the status of the FFF, senior security official Mr P J Assenmacher recommended to Brigadier Jan Visser, chief of security, that the request to hire the Selborne Hall be refused.

UDF links

This is what Mr Assenmacher had to say of the FFF: "Some of the organisations invited to the FFF meeting are in principal radical in nature and peppered with radical personalities."

"Some of these organisations are coupled to the United Democratic Front, which is one of the 18 organisations recently restricted."

The holding of such a meeting, said Mr Assenmacher, could possibly create negative publicity for the city council and place in danger people working at City Hall.

His recommendation was supported by Brigadier Visser who, among other things, said that from a political point of view the holding of the meeting could negatively influence the outcome of the then pending municipal elections.

Brigadier Visser added that the Government, at that point, was giving serious attention to the ECC which, in his view, could also be banned soon.

Referring to the ECC's attendance at the proposed FFF meeting, Brigadier Visser said that the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging was fanatically opposed to the ECC and could possibly disrupt the meeting because of this.

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Golden City politics takes on a new face

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A new era with a new management style has begun in Johannesburg with the election of a joint management committee comprising the National Party and Democratic Party. But will these two political entities, opponents for so long, be able to work together and retain power?
Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the implications for the city.

The members of the new-look management committee are in agreement that councillors yesterday elected what could be one of the strongest governments Johannesburg has had in years

With the Democratic Party holding the majority on the committee, drastic changes in the operation of the Johannesburg City Council could be implemented

The party has proposed appointing an international team of consultants, renowned for making the City of New York profitable again, to trim the bureaucracy in the city council

The council's infamous security department will also come under serious scrutiny in the wake of The Star's exposé of the spy scandal. And attention will be given to white elephants such as the multimillion-rand Civic Theatre project and the overseas-guest programme

The establishment of a municipal police force for the city will also be high on the agenda

But Democratic and Nationalist councillors believe the major stumbling blocks which caused fierce debate between the two parties in the past have been resolved and all that remains to be decided is a plan of action for the upliftment of the city

It is obvious that recent reform initiatives by President de Klerk have played a major role in allowing such an alliance to be possible

In 1986 the then Progressive Federal Party, only one seat short of an absolute majority, would not even consider any form of pact with the Nationalists on the management committee. The result was a coalition between the Nats and independents

The election of the three Democrats, new management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Paul Asherson and Mr Cecil Bass, along with the two sitting NP members who were re-elected, Mr Jan Burger and Mrs Marietta Marx, and that of independent Mr Eddy Magid is seen as a victory for the reformists in the city council

Surprise

Although the composition of the new management committee came as a complete surprise to most councillors, senior party sources say the national leadership of the DP and the NP will not be unhappy with the move

It is known that when the DP motion of no-confidence was first tabled, following The Star's revelations of a spy scandal, NP members of Parliament approached the DP with a view towards forming a coalition management committee

Yesterday a still euphoric Mr Davidson said most of the major points of contention between the Nats and the liberal opposition had been removed with the opening of amenities and buses in Johannesburg and the extension of the free trading area in the city

"I think we have a management committee which consists of a blend of youth and experience. I believe that as a result of what has happened we will have a stable government in Johannesburg, a government which is strong on reform and is intent on working for the good of Johannesburg"

"The city council took a very firm stand

against any form of alliance with the Conservative Party or people of a conservative ilk — they voted for a liberal agenda"

Mr Davidson said he did not think any serious contentious issues remained in Johannesburg which could divide the management committee. Although the DP opposed free settlement areas, he believed the majority of the NP caucus also rejected the concept of free settlement areas in favour of open-city status for Johannesburg

Ousted management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger yesterday said the parties would probably be in agreement on most controversial issues, as all major stumbling blocks in local government had been removed

We have similar reform goals for the new South Africa

"We do not believe in cutting up Johannesburg for free settlement areas and we don't believe in any form of discrimination"

The major stumbling block of the Group Areas Act would be negotiated on a national level

One major change facing the city council was the monthly meetings. Often stormy in the past, with insults flying from all sides, and with walk-outs and shouting matches the norm, Johannesburg could face "clean debate", Mr Burger said

Separate meetings

"The dirtiness of politics will be taken out. We will have more time for Johannesburg, and less time will be spent on politics. I think it bodes well for Johannesburg"

The two parties will still hold separate caucus meetings but will come together for management committee meetings to govern the city

Mrs Marx, who retains her health portfolio but loses the deputy chair to Mr Magid, said she felt sorry that her party had lost power but was honoured to serve in a new-look management committee

"It is a good committee and it can work. That is my honest opinion. One can really leave the political differences behind and concentrate on the real issues"

"This should be seen as a new season of politics in the council"

"Things are happening on a national level — why can't we be part of it and make things work?"

The DP chief whip, Mr Asherson, now in charge of the transport portfolio on the new management committee, said a priority would be to restore Johannesburg's pride

"Apart from being the biggest city in Africa, we want to make it the most prestigious. One that deals with slums and art galleries, sub-economic housing and the Civic Theatre."

Problems

"We would like to change management style. The council will have to make future decisions, and the management committee must be more involved"

"We have a lot of problems to tackle, aspects of the future that have been neglected"

The establishment of a municipal police force and attendants in parks would be one of the first things to be investigated by the new management committee

Mr Asherson said he believed the new committee was incredibly strong

Clean and open rule,

By SHIRLEY WOODGATE

Johannesburg is entering a new era of clean government, becoming a city which will be open to all races and have closer public participation and private sector involvement and private liaison, pledged an exultant Mr Ian Davidson after his election yesterday as leader of the council's new coalition management committee

As kingpin of South Africa's biggest city and a council with a budget of nearly R2 billion, his words were significant as he had also, minutes earlier, fulfilled a vow made nine months ago

Taking over the DP leadership in the council from Mr Tony Leon, he claimed he would end NP council rule within four years

Some observers dismissed the words as "brash political talk", but the 38-year-old bachelor stockbroker not only proved them wrong but cut more than three years off the timing

"If the Nats thought Tony Leon was tough, they ain't seen nothing yet," was another of the redhead's boasts

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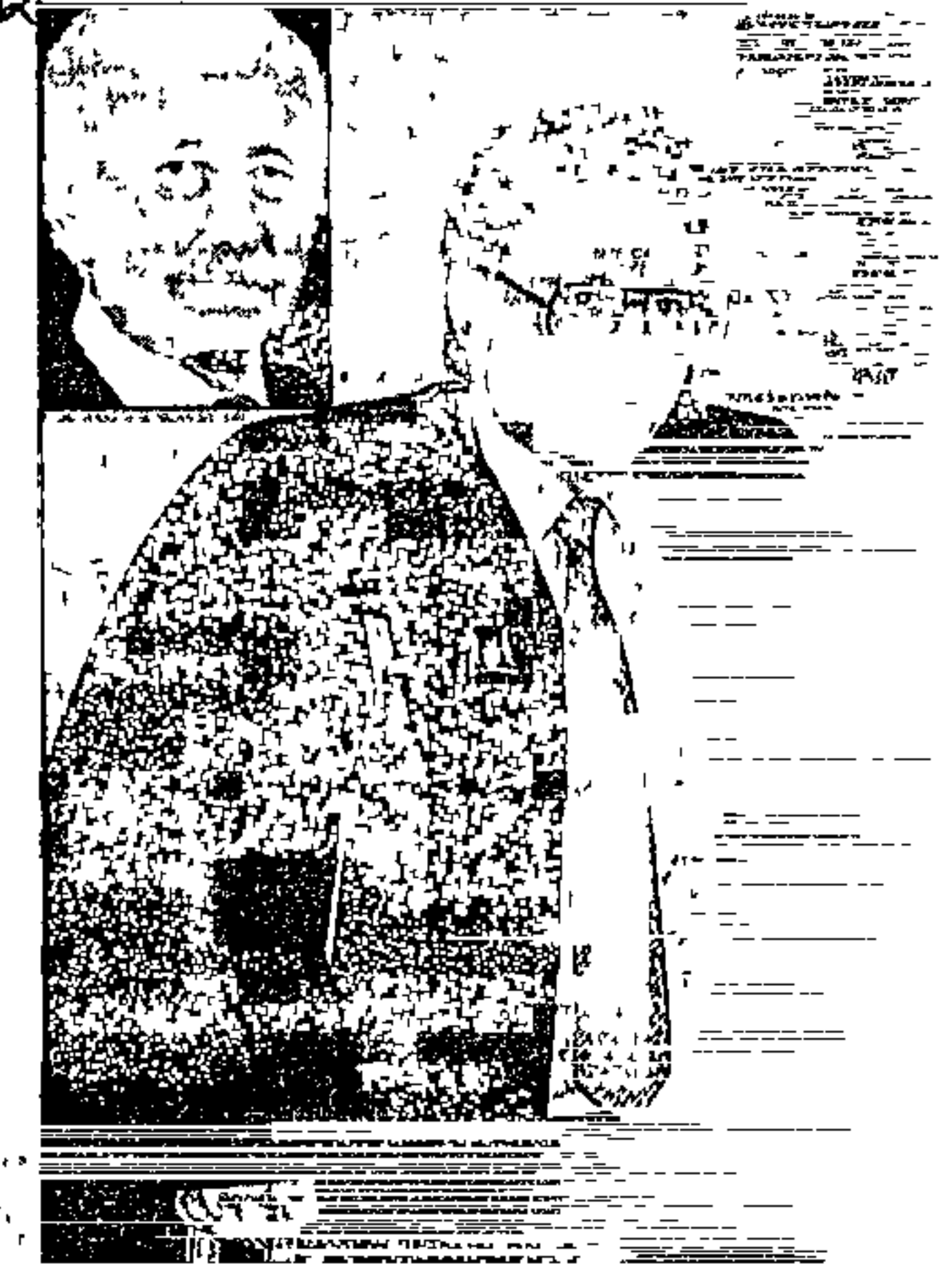
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The new Johannesburg City Council management: Davidson (DP), Mrs Marietta Marx (NP) and Mr Paul

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Road safety is a problem that faces the country all the year round — not just at Easter, Christmas or other high density periods of travel on South Africa's major motorways

The National Road Safety Council and the Automobile Association Foundation are in full agreement about this.

Statistics for the Easter holiday period had by yesterday already escalated to 68 dead. However, it was not this but the annual average of 29 fatalities a day that was really shocking, said Mr Eric Wise, director of the NSRC

The AA Foundation's executive director Dr Romano del Mistro was equally concerned that, what he called, 'the heavy concentration by the media on road collision statistics over short

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an and open rule, promises Jo'burg's new kingpin Ian Davidson

SHIRLEY WOODGATE
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Davidson, one of South Africa's biggest businessmen, with a net worth of R2 billion, his words were significant as he had also, minutes earlier, sworn a vow made nine months ago to support the DP leadership in the event of a coalition government. From Mr Tony Leon, he claimed to have ended NP council rule within 100 days.

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the Progressive Federal Party representative for up-market Houghton, later for Parkview and Saxonwold.

What can the ratepayers expect from their new leader, the man who broke more than 10 years of Nat rule in the city?

Conservative Party council leader Mr Jacques Theron immediately reacted with dire reminders that Mr Davidson would not only incorporate Johannesburg and Soweto but would open up the entire city to all races.

Mr Davidson was quick to agree with the latter but stressed that although a one-city campaign had been discussed in principle, the obstacles were enormous in that Soweto's infrastructure had disintegrated and its debt load was well beyond the pocket of the Johannesburg ratepayer.

"It is highly unlikely that moves will be made in this direction until these factors are rectified," he said.

Stressing the DP's total opposition to the Group Areas Act and its sibling, the Free Settlement Areas Act, he conceded that the DP would have to use the FSA as a mechanism for deracialising the city.

In the wake of the secret spy scandal revealed by The Star, his top priorities include not only clean and open administration but that the city must be run by its elected representatives.

This means the return of delegated powers to the council horseshoe — in other words, the councillors and not the council officials and the all-powerful management committee advisory committee headed by the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter.

Privatisation is also likely to become a Braamfontein Hill buzzword, but top of his agenda is an oft-repeated DP vision of Johannesburg firmly entrenched at the forefront of reform.

This is the vision verbalised by former DP leader Mr Tony Leon who must be credited with sowing the original seeds of the present takeover, of "Johannesburg, the shining city upon the hill".

The five remaining management committee members are former chairman Mr Jan Burger, Mrs Marietta Marx, Mr Eddy Magid, Mr Paul Asherson and Mr Cecil Bass.

Mr Burger (NP, aged 67) The quiet man of politics who in 18 months at the

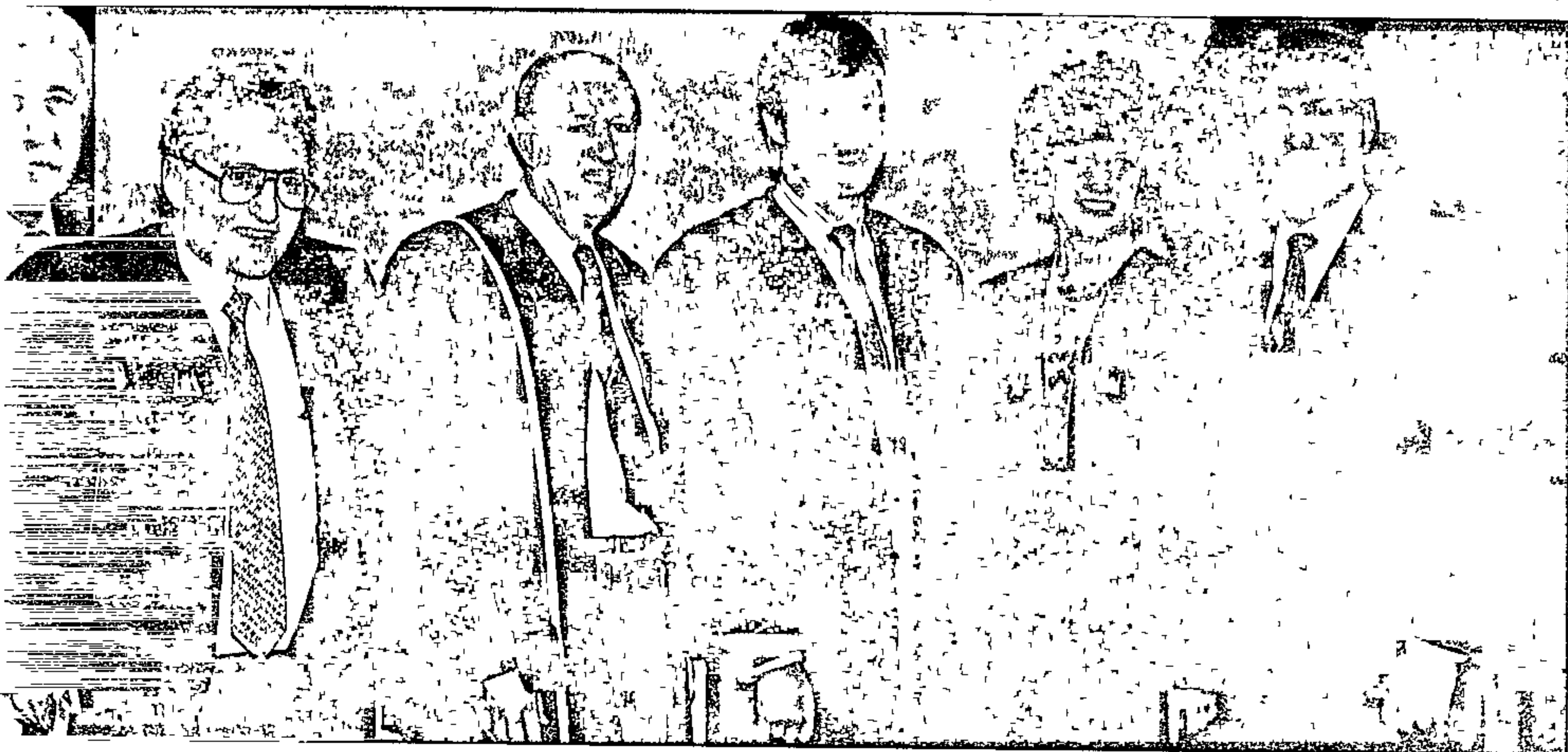
head of the management committee initiated more racial reform in the city than any of his predecessors.

Mrs Marx (NP, aged 36) Has a Master's degree in bio-chemistry from RAU and the distinction of being the first woman to be elected to the city's management committee where she serves as deputy chairman and with distinction as chairman of the Health and Environment Committee.

Mr Magid (Ind, aged 61) Former mayor and longest-serving councillor who blossomed as chairman of the Planning Committee which he headed in the former NP-controlled management committee.

Mr Asherson (DP, aged 36) self-made millionaire businessman and former DP chief whip. The debonair Melrose council representative is a tough talking councillor who cuts through the waffle and seldom pulls punches.

Mr Bass (DP, aged 36) A chartered accountant and property developer heading his own company. Formerly the councillor for Hillbrow, but currently the representative for Kew after ousting closet Nat Mr Lionel Keenan in the last municipal election.



Johannesburg City Council management committee is (from left to right) Mr Cecil Bass (Democratic Party), Mr Jan Burger (National Party), chairman Mr Ian Davidson (DP), Mrs Marietta Marx (NP) and Mr Paul Asherson (DP) Inset: the deputy chairman, Mr Eddy Magid (independent)

Picture by Karen Fletcher

South Africa's 'roads of death' — a year-round problem

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The road safety problem is not helped, say experts, by the fact that at Easter, when 2 million people are expected to make the pilgrimage to Morija, Pietersburg's "Road of Death" — designed to take 900 vehicles an hour — will carry 2 000 vehicles. **MICHAEL SHAFTO** reports

holiday periods" could divert attention from the main problem.

This was the ongoing problem of traffic safety that was experienced throughout the year.

It was true to say that South Africa was at an intermediate point in its road safety lifespan. In recent years, with the scrapping of legislation which previously had limited travel for a large proportion of South Africans through the "dompass", the roads had been bombed with an explosion of inexperienced drivers," said Mr Wise.

Emphasising that he was a "road safety man not a politician", the NRSC chief said that "blacks and other colours" made up 90 percent of the pedestrian death toll — and pedestrians accounted for 47 percent of all road accident fatalities.

Mr Wise said that, in fact, in comparison with 10 years ago, the country's roads were a lot safer. The fatality rate per 100 million km of travel was presently 11.9 compared to 18.1 in 1979. But, to put this in perspective, it had to be

understood that in the United States and European countries, the figure was between two and six fatalities per 100 million km of travel.

Mr Hugo Hagen, Automobile Association manager (transport affairs), said the AA would be involved in three patrol operations this Easter. There would be the regular "Peace of Mind" Johannesburg-Durban operation which would entail five days of constant patrolling, "Operation Emergency Aid" which would be run in conjunction with SABC helicopters on the Pretoria-Pietersburg route, and a combined operation with the Southern African Black Taxi Association's "Spear" project aimed at reducing the chance of accidents on the Pietersburg road.

'Stab in the back' claim after DP seizes control of city

Council Nats deeply divided

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By Louise Burgers and Shirley Woodgate

A deep split has emerged in the National Party in the Johannesburg City Council with claims by ousted NP management committee members that 'liberalists' in their own party supported the Democratic Party in seizing control of the city.

The Nats lost outright control of the 51-seat council yesterday after a DP motion of no confidence tabled as a result of the municipal spy scandal exposed by The Star.

The DP has lost no time in promising reforms in running the city

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Mr Cecil Long, who was left out in the cold in the reshuffle when the Democratic Party grabbed control yesterday after a tension-packed morning in the council chamber, commented tersely "I am considering my position".

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Failed pact



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Over the weekend Mr Roets attempted to lead more conservative NP councillors into a pact with the Conservative Party to try to gain control, but the move clearly failed.

Mr Jacques Theron, council CP leader, last night said that it was transparently clear that a coalition between the NP and the DP was worked out over the weekend.

The new DP-controlled management committee could have interesting implications for the city. As chairman, Mr Davidson has casting vote if there is a split between the two NP councillors, Mr Magid and the three DP councillors on the management committee.

The DP has promised a hands-on open administration, a municipal police force, scrutiny of the budget, in particular the security budget, and a streamlining of the whole operation of the city council.

Mr Davidson said the firm decision taken by the council had resulted in a strong management committee concerned with the interests of Johannesburg and its people.

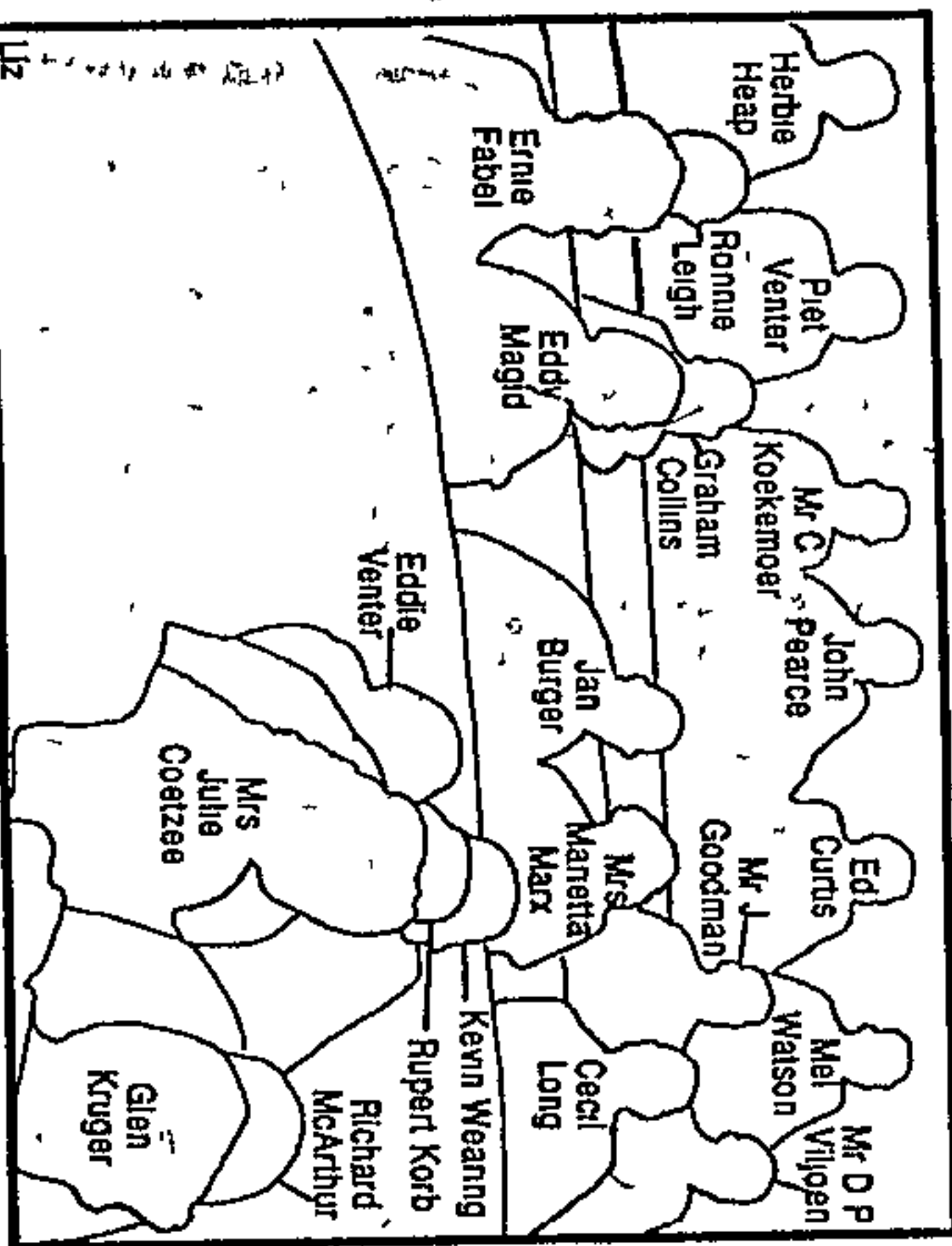
"This is a reform-minded management committee and the higher authorities can only be delighted."

An NP source confirmed party leaders in Cape Town would "not be unhappy" with the events.

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The Johannesburg City Council management committee which was voted out of office by a Democratic Party motion of no confidence yesterday comprised Mr Fabel (NP — ousted), Mr Magid (Independent) — returned during re-election), Mr Burger (NP — lost chairmanship but returned to management committee), Mrs Marx (NP — lost deputy chairmanship but returned to management committee), Mrs Marz (NP — returned to management committee); and Mr Cecil Long (NP — ousted) NP member Mr Koos Roets (not in the picture) was also ousted from the committee. National Party councillors in the foreground are Mr Kruger, Mr MacArthur, Mrs Coetzee, Mr Korb, Mr Venter and Mr Wearing. Council officials in the picture are: Mr Heep, acting city valuer; Mr Venter, director of markets; Mr Koekemoer, director of fire and emergency services; Mr Pearce, director of water and gas; Mr Leigh, city electrical engineer; Mr Collins, deputy town clerk for administration; Mr Goodman, deputy city engineer contracts; and Mr Viljoen, senior deputy city electrical engineer.



Taxi driver bites long arm of the law

Crime Report
A young Johannesburg traffic officer was bitten and seriously injured by an enraged minibus taxi owner whose vehicle was about to be towed away in the city centre yesterday.

Mr Marinus le Grange (20) was treated at the Milpark Hospital for the wound, which was so severe "it looked as if a lion had savaged him", said Traffic Department

spokesman Mr Ben Theunissen. He said the incident happened after Mr le Grange investigated a complaint about a minibus on the corner of Jeppe and Goch streets at 11 45 pm. Mr le Grange found a man washing his vehicle on the pavement but allowed him to complete the job.

However, the man disappeared and Mr le Grange summoned a tow truck to remove the vehicle

Immediately after the vehicle was hooked up, the taxi driver suddenly reappeared, jumped into his vehicle and tried to drive off, ripping off the towing apparatus from the truck.

Mr le Grange tried to arrest the man and was bitten on the arm and assaulted. The taxi driver escaped. Mr Theunissen said the vehicle was in the city pound.

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Young whites clean a strike-hit Pretoria

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PRETORIA. — White schoolboys are spending their holiday working for the strike-hit refuse-removal services here.

As the unlawful stoppage by municipal workers dragged into its seventh day yesterday, trade union organisers and city council officials met in a bid to resolve the dispute over wages.

The wildcat strike was induced by inter-union rivalry, an SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman said.

Members of the Pretoria Municipal Workers' Union — soon to be merged with Samwu, a Cosatu affiliate — opted to return to work last Thursday.

However, employees belonging to the rival Nactu-affiliated National Union of Public Sector Workers "intimidated" those aligned with Cosatu, sparking the wildcat strike, the Samwu spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Pretoria City Council spokesman Mr Jan Bezuidenhout confirmed that more than 70 schoolboys had been deployed to clean the city's streets, earning R7 an hour. — Sapa

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Fight not yet over in Jo'burg council

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CO-OPERATION between the DP and NP in running Johannesburg could come under strain because of tensions within the NP city council caucus, brought about by conservative Nats wanting to block reforms

The conservative Nats could use the threat of resignation to force the two verligte NP management committee members to oppose DP reforms

And NP sources last night predicted some conservative NP councillors would resign if the management committee submitted a recommendation to open Johannesburg's residential areas to all races

The DP wrested control of the city council's management committee on Monday after the DP and verligte Nats "swapped" votes to prevent a committee takeover by conservative Nats

NP management committee member Marietta Marx said last night that if the DP proposed measures that led to problems within the caucus, the proposals

would have to be discussed.

She and the other NP member of the management committee Jan Burger had to take the caucus into account and any decision to back DP proposals would have to be unanimous

Although DP leader and committee chairman Ian Davidson has the casting vote in management committee recommendations, important issues such as the opening of residential areas still have to be put to a full council vote

Without a clear majority in the council, the DP relies on the independent councillors and the NP to pass recommendations

The DP will first raise the issue of opening Johannesburg in the management committee and conservative Nats could use the threat of their resignation to force Marx and Burger into opposing this

The verligte Nats have in the past been

unable to make a recommendation to open Johannesburg because of caucus dissent and government unwillingness to take the rap for the consequences, NP sources say

Marx was not prepared to say she would support a recommendation for an open Johannesburg but did say she wanted a discrimination-free Johannesburg

The position of former management committee member Cecil Long who lost his seat on the management committee on Monday, could not be clarified last night Long refused to speak to Business Day

However, Marx said she believed he was reconsidering his position

Another conservative management committee member to have lost his position Koos Roets, said he supported the opening of Johannesburg's residential areas and would follow the leadership of Burger and Marx He denied being the leader of a conservative faction

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PRETORIA — Squads of
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gap effort by the municipi-
pality to sustain the city's
strike-hit refuse removal
services.

And as the unlawful stop-
page by municipal workers
dragged into its seventh
day yesterday, trade union
organisers and city council
officials met in a bid to re-
solve the deadlock over
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Nearly 5 700 city council
workers are demanding a
R1 000 starting "living
wage" instead of the cur-
rent R434 a month. They
were given increases on
April 1.

The strike was induced
by rivalry between unions
and there had been claims
of intimidation, an SA
Municipal Workers Union
spokesman said.

The strike, involving
workers in the engineering
and electricity depart-
ments, had not yet posed a
health hazard, a council
spokesman said. — Sapa.

Jo'burg tipped to seek free settlement status

By Esmaré van der Merwe

Political Reporter

11/4/90
Senior National Party and Democratic Party politicians believe Johannesburg's new municipal government will soon apply for the entire city to be declared a free settlement area, with the support of most council members.

This, they said yesterday, would be the first political consequence of the NP-controlled management committee's defeat on Monday which resulted in the election of a new committee consisting of three Democrats, two verligte Nats and one independent.

DP co-leader Mr Wynand Malan said the DP's young, dynamic leadership in the council would now seize the opportunity to rid the city of remaining discriminatory practices.

It would take the lead in pushing for the opening of the city's residential areas to all people and, eventually, the abolition of the Group Areas Act.

A senior NP source said: "The politicking will be something of the past. The two parties will work together to improve administrative services."

"The only political issue which remains is the Group Areas Act. I believe the two parties can now, with majority support from the Nats, call for the opening of the entire city instead of the silly idea of desegregating only a few areas."

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Council spying
inquiry begins

Officials brought in photostat machines and tested microphones early today in readiness for the start of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into The Star's revelations of alleged spy rings in the Johannesburg City Council's security department.

The commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice V.G. Hiemstra, is to take evidence in the council chamber from a wide range of witnesses.

It has been set up by the TPA following revelations that the security department had monitored several prominent citizens.

It is alleged that information was passed on to the police and SADF concerning the activities of groups such as the Five Freedoms Forum, Black Sash and the End Conscription Campaign.



Town clerk 'misled' over 'spy' payments

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Johannesburg town clerk Mr Manie Venter claimed yesterday to have been "misled" by top City Council officials who served on the same secret security committee as himself.

The committee — established in 1985 — was made up of the late Mr Danie van Zyl, former management committee chairman, Mr John Pearce, Director of Public Safety, Brigadier Jan Visser, former Chief of Security, and himself.

The committee dealt with security measures due to be placed before the management committee, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into spy rings in the security depart-

ment heard on the first day of its deliberations.

Mr Venter admitted to Mr Dennis Fine, SC, appearing on behalf of the commission, that although he had authorised payments to informers, he did not know the details of their operations.

Monitored

He was not aware, for instance, that the African National Congress, the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) and other political organisations were being monitored by council spies.

His impression was that the security department was merely involved in the protection of national key point areas and council property, such as power stations.

Mr Venter said he was asked by Mr Pearce and Brigadier Visser in 1985 to authorise payments for information which would be of use to the council. The sum to be paid on any one occasion was restricted to R300.

The motivation by Mr Pearce and Brigadier Visser had not been put in writing.

"I was not fully aware of the activities of the informers," Mr Venter said.

Mr Fine asked him whether he knew that trade unions and other anti-apartheid organisations were spied on. "The department went about things which concerned the council," Mr Venter said.

'Spy' tells of infiltration

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JOHANNESBURG — A member of the Johannesburg City Council spy ring told the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday that he had been recruited to the council's security department from Military Intelligence.

Mr N G Hennig was giving evidence when the commission into allegations of a spy ring in the council's security department began its sittings at the Civic Centre yesterday.

The commission is under the chairmanship of Mr Justice V G Hiemstra.

Mr Hennig told the commission he had infiltrated and placed under surveillance various organisations such as the Five Free doms Forum and Lawyers for Human Rights. He also revealed the council employed "unregistered" helpers.

One of the individuals monitored by the council was Mr Tony Leon, a former city councillor and now a Democratic Party MP. The security department made use of "safe houses" and hotels, where documents were

kept. These included the Johannesburg Fort, Sturrock Park and the Carlton Hotel.

In an exchange with Mr Dennis Fine, SC, counsel leading evidence for the commission, Mr Hennig said he thought the LHR had been a restricted organisation at one stage, but was told that his viewpoint was "a lot of nonsense".

He said the FFF had bonds with trade unions which propagated stayaways and other such events.

"Mention was made in the 1988 municipal elections that white liberals should support stayaways. If one can picture a scene where black unions and white liberals want a total boycott, there is the possibility of disruption," Mr Hennig said.

The police and the military did not have sufficient personnel to contain the situation in such an event and that was one of the reasons why the council had to be involved. He declined to identify the person who authorised infiltration and surveillance as

"it could influence his situation."

Earlier, former spy ring member Mr Anthony Bennett, the first witness, described how he had been recruited to monitor trade unions, conscientious objectors and Wits university students.

Mr Bennett, 28, questioned by Mr Fine, said his task had been the infiltration of various organisations.

He said Brigadier Jan Visser, former council security chief, was in charge of the spy operation and Mr John Pierce, director of public safety, was the paymaster.

Questioned by Mr Fine, he said the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, had been wrong when he told the press the End Conscription Campaign had not been among the organisations monitored by the council.

Mr Bennett was known as "Dick Botha" when he allegedly spied on the ECC and journalist Mr Gavin Evans.

An assistant security officer at the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Bennett said he

monitored various trade unions such as the former Transport and General Workers' Union.

Mr Bennett joined the council in 1987 and was employed to monitor and "not to spy", he told Mr Fine.

His job was to "inform the council on the union's actions and plans in relation to action against the city council", he said. The mandate was later expanded to include other organisations.

The Johannesburg city council paid R1 800 for his studies at Wits and he was "a genuine student", Mr Bennett said.

He was a member of the ECC at university. He left the university in 1988 and returned to his job at the city council.

Mr Bennett denied there had been political overtones to his appointment with the council, though at one stage, he said, the monitoring of various organisations was slanted towards "the political consideration of the National Party". The hearing continues — Sapa

New city council vows to bring change

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By KATHY STRACHAN

JOHANNESBURG'S DP-led management committee has vowed to introduce major reforms after it ended 10 years of Nationalist Party domination of the city council this week.

"This all comes as a complete surprise to me, to call it a culture shock is to underestimate it," says newly elected chairman of the management committee, Ian Davidson, who is now in charge of a R2-billion budget.

Davidson took over on Monday after a Democratic Party vote of no-confidence ousted the NP-dominated council.

Following the spy scandal debate, NP members of parliament approached the DP with a view to forming a coalition committee, yet the test now is how the two traditional enemies are going to co-operate. There are fears about the fragility of the coalition, but management committee members have discounted these.

The coalition could come under strain because of the tensions within the NP city council caucus, brought about by conservative NP members wanting to block reforms.

They could use the threat of resignation to cause the two reform-orientated management committee members to oppose DP reforms, NP sources say.

Although Davidson has the casting

vote in management committee recommendations, important issues such as the opening of residential areas still have to be put to a full council vote, according to DP committee member Paul Asherson.

NP management committee member Marietta Marx discounted fears of friction and said there was no threat of NP caucus members opposing reform initiatives. "The NP initiated reforms in this town and the caucus supported the reforms then — we have proven we are reform-minded."

Davidson admits that they still have the country's legal constraints to contend with and that they will have to work through existing structures, but he says they will "try to do as much as possible".

He is also determined to get to the bottom of city council spy network and is more interested in finding out "who is at the top of the tree" rather than who the people are who may be implicated at lower levels.

Davidson says they will have to work with the Soweto City Council through existing channels, yet he stresses that "there are also people outside that structure who are highly representative of their communities and we will try to create channels and

informal links with these people to exchange views and ideas."

As far as creating a single city is concerned, he says, "there are enormous obstacles". He attributes the fact that the Soweto infrastructure hardly exists and that they have such an enormous debt burden.

It would therefore be unfair if the Johannesburg ratepayer had to pay the bill alone. "The government has to wipe that debt burden out," he says.

Davidson said the new management committee would be looking at implementing changes in Johannesburg in four crucial areas:

- The opening of the city's residential areas to all races.
- The establishment of a municipal police force to augment the South African Police.
- Opening up of municipal government in order to restore power to councillors, who represent ratepayers.
- Tackling decay in inner-city areas.

Actstop representative Cas Coovadia says he "certainly hopes a DP management committee will make a difference and that this will be the chance to see whether the DP will in practical terms be able to deliver what they say they will.

Tensions in Jo'burg NP over open city plan

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EDYTH BULBRING

THE proposal to open all of Johannesburg to all races is increasing tensions in the NP following the election of two of its members to the new DP-led city council management committee

The tensions are in the council's NP caucus and among councillors and senior NP officials

Turffontein MP and vice-chairman of the NP in the Johannesburg region André Fourie said yesterday opening entire cities was not NP policy

But Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson of the DP

said he had the support of the two NP members on his committee for opening the whole Johannesburg metropolitan area

Davidson predicted last night that tensions over this and other issues since the ousting of the former NP management committee would soon lead to NP councillors resigning from the party

The divisions came out into the open yesterday when Fourie issued a statement aimed at dispelling suggestions that the composition of the new management com-

mittee would mean the NP was helping to implement DP policy

Details he gave of the NP caucus meeting before the management committee election revealed that six of the 21 NP councillors had voted for co-operation with the DP in a DP-led management committee. Although the proposal was defeated in caucus, this was the outcome of the council vote for the new management committee

NP councillors are accusing their colleagues of stabbing them in the back and voting against caucus decisions

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Yesterday three council sources confirmed that verligte NP members were party to a deal with the DP to form a coalition management committee

This deal resulted in the defeat of three NP members previously on the management committee 31 Dec 12/4/90

Asked in an interview whether the proposal to open Johannesburg's residential areas would cause problems for the NP, Fourie stressed it was "not NP policy to open Johannesburg or any other city". Asked why not, he replied "Don't ask me, ask Mr de Klerk, I don't make NP policy"

He said the two NP members on the new management committee, Jan Burger and Marietta Marx, would have to liaise closely with the NP caucus

"I want to make it clear our two members are committed to President de

Klerk's policy and are subject to NP policy"

The NP would not be subject to or committed to implementing DP policies

An NP source said yesterday Marx and Burger were asked by Fourie to reconsider their positions on the management committee following their election on Monday. However, Fourie said he had not asked them to resign but that the NP would have to consider their position on the committee

Davidson said last night he had held discussions with Marx and Burger and was confident they supported the opening of Johannesburg's residential areas

Whether they would be able to take their caucus along with them, or persuade central government not to oppose the idea, remained to be seen, he said

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Venter denies knowing extent of Joburg council spying

BILLY PADDOCK and EDYTH BULSHING

JOHANNESBURG town clerk Manie Venter yesterday told the Hemstra Commission of Inquiry into irregularities in the city council's security department that he was not aware of the extent or nature of the council's intelligence activities.

However, an earlier witness, Anthony Bennett, who was mandated to infiltrate the End Conscription Campaign, said Venter's statement that the ECC was not a target for spying operations was incorrect.

Bennett also admitted that he had witnessed an informant to spy on a trade union meeting in Cape Town in November, three months after Venter told the Press the

spying operations had stopped. He said no council official knew of this operation.

He said security director John Pearce was the paymaster for the spying operations.

Venter denied to the commission, chaired by Mr Justice Hemstra, that the special security committee was a secret group and had discussed spying activities in meetings where he was present.

He said the committee agreed to by the management committee only dealt with

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Venter said all elements of the project, like lowering the floor level and work done to the kitchen, were treated as one for the benefit of security.

Things like the power station protection. Asked by Dennis Fine SC, leading evidence for the commission, why the management committee was not informed of the intelligence activities and the payments to agents, Venter said he treated them as administration.

Fine directed the commission's attention to a R65 000 bill on October 27 1986, which was approved, for security measures at the town clerk's house.

He also drew attention to a memorandum from Venter to Pearce which showed that R24 250 was used for improvements to the house.

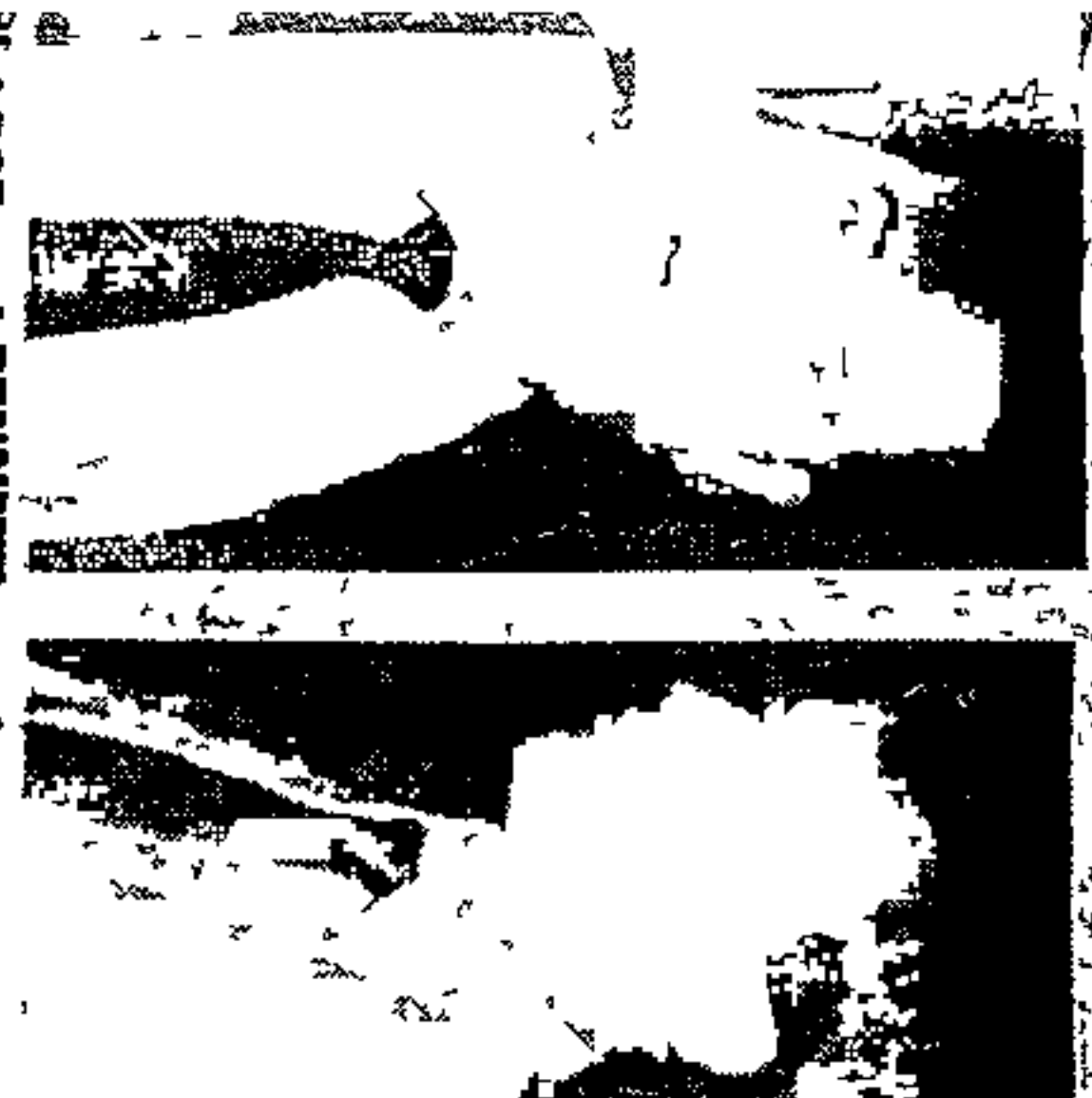
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"Luxury items like air conditioning in the garage — is that security?" Fine asked Venter did not reply.

Fine suggested the creation of the post of security deputy director, at a cost of R58 000 in 1985-86, was specifically to handle intelligence operations. Venter said he would have to try to find certain documents before he could answer.

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PEARCE and BENNETT Pictures ROBERT BOTHA



Jo'burg spy ring lawyer

By Norman Chandler,
Louise Burgers
and Helen Grange

A "vigorous" bid would be made to identify a Johannesburg lawyer who infiltrated Lawyers for Human Rights and the Five Freedoms Forum on behalf of the Johannesburg City Council spy ring, lawyers for the two organisations said yesterday.

They were addressing the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into The Star's revelations of a spy ring in the security department of the city council, which began its sittings at the Civic Centre yesterday.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, the chairman, heard testimony that a member of the spy ring, Mr Martin Hennig, had been recruited to the department from Military Intelligence, and had been told he would be doing the same type of work for the council as he had for the South African Defence Force.

Identification

Mr Gilbert Marcus, for the End Conscription Campaign, told the commission that any attempt to prevent the identification of the lawyer would go against "legal principles" and "we will vigorously oppose any attempt which may be made."

He was replying to Mr Hennig, who had declined to identify the attorney said to be involved after being asked to do so by another lawyer, Mr John Campbell, for the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF).

Mr Hennig had claimed that he had "never worked for Military Intelligence" but when challenged he said that he had worked "for a military intelligence unit known as GS2," and added that he had been based for two years at Witwatersrand Command prior to joining the City Council. Mr Hennig had been a lieutenant.

He declined to say to whom he had reported, as well as whether his unit reported to any other within the command structure of the SADF.

He also declined, on the grounds that he did not have

legal representation, to identify the person who authorised infiltration and surveillance as "it could influence his situation".

Mr Hennig said he had infiltrated and placed under surveillance various organisations, including the FFF and Lawyers for Human Rights.

He also revealed that the council employed "unregistered" helpers.

One of those monitored was Mr Tony Leon, a former city councillor and now a Democratic Party MP.

In addition, the department made use of "safe houses" and hotels, where documents were kept. These included the Johannesburg Fort, Sturrock Park and the Carlton Hotel.

In an exchange with Mr Dennis Fine SC, counsel leading evidence for the commission, Mr Hennig said he thought the LHR had been a restricted organisation at one stage but was told that his viewpoint was "a lot of nonsense".

He said the FFF had bonds with trade unions which propagated stay-aways and other such events.

"Mention was made in the 1988 municipal elections that white liberals should support stay-aways. If one can picture a scene where black unions and white liberals want a total boycott, there is the possibility of disruption," Mr Hennig said.

Unions

The police and the military did not have sufficient personnel to contain the situation in such an event and that was one of the reasons why the council had to be involved.

Earlier, another former spy ring member, Mr Tony Bennett, described how he had been recruited to "monitor" trade unions, conscientious objectors and Wits university students.

Mr Bennett (28), questioned by Mr Fine, said his task had been the "infiltration" of organisations. He said Brigadier Jan Visser, former council security chief, was in charge of the spy operation and Mr John Pearce, director of public safety, was the "paymaster".



Under strain . . . Mr Tony Bennett, a city council employee who campaigned, photographed outside the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry.

He also said town clerk Mr Manie Venter had been wrong when he said the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) had not been among the organisations "monitored" by the council.

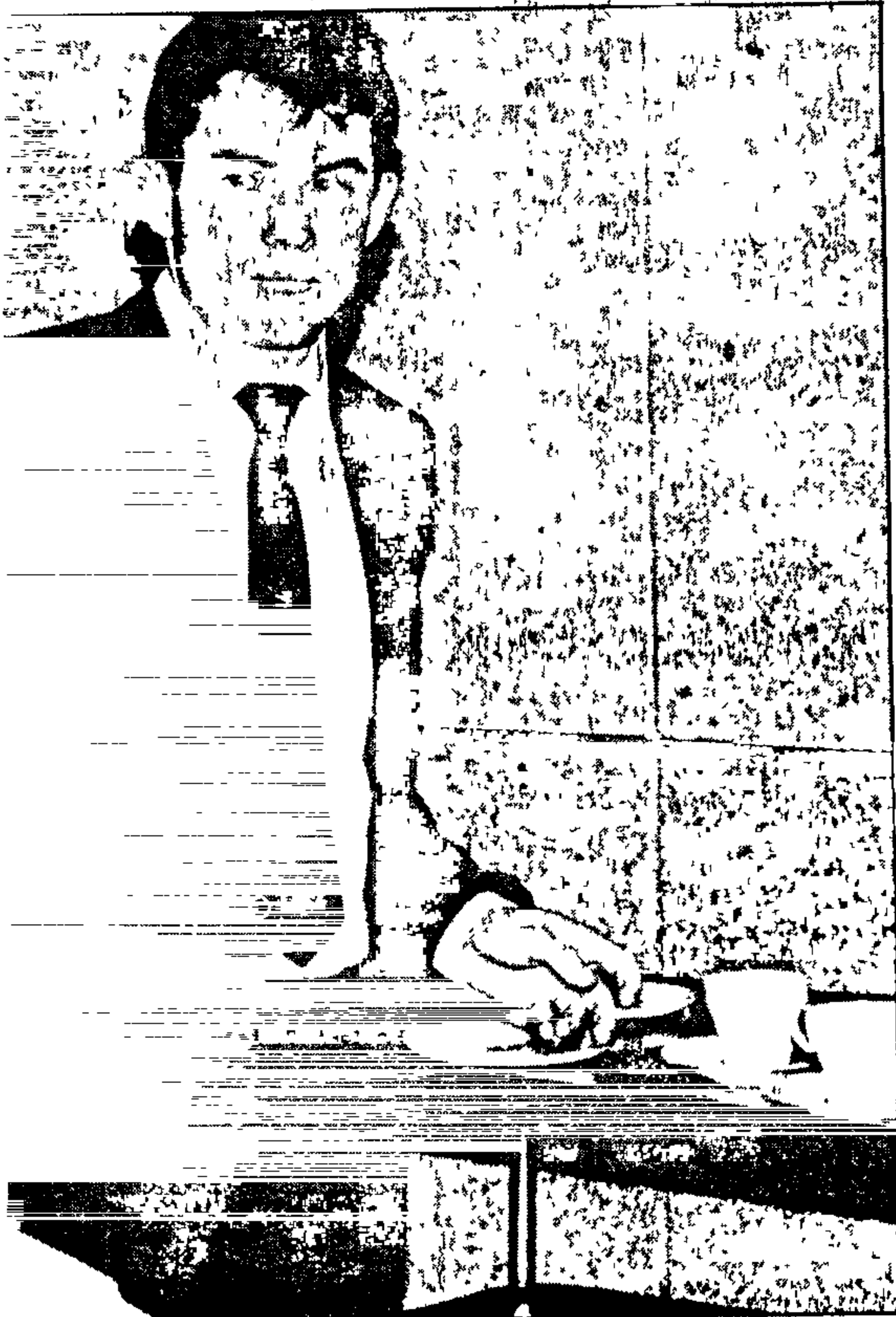
Mr Fine asked "The town clerk said no when he was asked by the press if the ECC was not monitored. That is patently incorrect, is that not so?"

Mr Bennett replied "That is correct."

Mr Bennett, who was known to as "Dick Botha" when he allegedly spied on the ECC and journalist, Mr Gavin Evans, was called as the first witness.

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lawyer 'must be exposed'



Dick Bennett, a city council employee who spied on the End Conscription Campaign, is photographed outside the Hiemstra Commission after giving evidence.

● Picture by Karen Fletcher.

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to spy", he told Mr Fine. His job was to "inform the council of the union's actions and plans in relation to action against the city council". The mandate was later expanded to include other organisations. Mr Bennett did not at first answer Mr Fine on this point and was told not to be "coy". Mr Bennett said the city council had "conscientious objectors" working in the security and fire

departments and it was his job to find out what those objectors were in fact doing.

Mr Fine said "That answer is nonsense".

Mr Fine asked Mr Bennett what his mandate was from Mr Frik Barnard and Mr Piet Assenmacher, and Mr Bennett agreed with Mr Fine that it was "infiltration" of various organisations.

The Johannesburg City Council paid R1 800 for his university studies at Wits University and he was "a genuine student", Mr Bennett said. A member of the ECC at university, he left in 1988 and returned to his job at the city council.

In addition to his university fees, he had received R200 for information he gave to his superiors. He stopped working for the spy ring in August 1989.

Mr Fine said the date coincided with that given by the town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, when he informed the press that the spy ring had been wound down.

But, Mr Fine added, it was "quite clear that in November 1989, the spy ring was still operating".

Mr Fine said there were many other reports which had been signed "after the time you say you left the department".

Asked about his salary, Mr Bennett said he had told the Standard Bank he earned R2 387 and had "falsified" it in order to join the bank's Achiever-plan scheme. His salary was, in fact, R1 531.

Liaison

Other work he had done included escorting guests of the mayor to Soweto almost every week and liaison on "worker problems" with other municipal departments.

The political considerations of the Johannesburg City Council were involved, he said, and in particular for the National Party.

He said he was performing dangerous tasks as a member of the ECC.

"But it is non-violent," said Mr Fine.

Mr Bennett replied that if his

real identity had been known by the ECC, "it could have been dangerous".

Mr Bennett — now a criminal investigation officer for the council — is to be cross-examined at a later stage by most legal teams.

Mr Hennig, in his evidence, said the council employed what he termed "unregistered" helpers, and one, codenamed F6, had lived in 9th Street, Orange Grove.

He could not recall whom F6 was called upon to monitor.

An investigation had been launched into an organisation called Lynx, said Mr Hennig.

Informers

Details of people who attended meetings of that organisation were recorded by informers, and the information included names and addresses as well as car registration numbers.

"So it was not a question of observation but of investigation of people and their lives," Mr Fine said.

Mr Hennig replied it was "a necessary part" of surveillance — "I wanted to have all the details in the interests of my job. I required the facts, such as who owned what vehicle and so on."

Seventeen lawyers representing city council employees, the city council, End Conscription Campaign, the UDF, Nusas, the Five Freedoms Forum, and various individuals filled the first row of the horseshoe-shaped desk normally occupied by councillors.

Mr Fine told Mr Justice Hiemstra that "vast documents had been perused" in regard to evidence to be presented. Others were still being sought and would be checked as well.

He said there would be additional witnesses to be called other than those already subpoenaed.

Mr Fine added that cross-examination could take place over an extended period as it would be impossible to question witnesses fully at one and the same time because of the large amount of documentation that was to be perused.

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Activist Webster monitored



Spy handler Mr Martin Hennig.

The Johannesburg City Council spy ring commission heard yesterday that Dr David Webster, the murdered activist, had been one of the members of the Five Freedoms Forum being monitored by a council spy.

Mr Martin Hennig, a spy "handler" in the city council's security department, said that during various "leftist" meetings attended by the infiltrator, information was collected on a number of anti-apartheid personalities, including Dr Webster.

Dr Webster was murdered outside his home in Johannesburg on May 1 last year. His murderer has never been found, and the case is the subject of an inquiry by the Harms Commission, which is sitting in Pretoria.

Mr Hennig told Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, the chairman of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into The Star's revelations of the spy ring, that Dr Webster was not mentioned specifically in "spy dossiers". He was named with others.

● Evidence about bugging devices bought by the City Council's security department to monitor organisations and people the council considered a threat will be led.

Mr Dennis Fine, SC, who is leading evidence for the commission at the inquiry, which started yesterday, made his statement during questioning of Mr Hennig.

Mr Hennig said he had had no knowledge of such bugging devices but "if authorised to do it (bug people), I would do so".

He added that he was aware of what such devices looked like but knew nothing about any having been purchased by the council's security department.

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Former intelligence section chief Mr. Piet Assenmacher (top right) listens to the proceedings of the Hemstra Commission of Inquiry with his attorney. Picture by Karen Fletcher

Tension in the Ritz as probe into Jo'burg's spy ring gets under way

If Mr Justice Louis Harms could strike a deal, he would be certain to make a beeline for the opulent council chamber of the Johannesburg City Council's Braamfontein headquarters.

The chamber where the judiciary's elder statesman, Mr Justice V G Huemstra, is holding the inquiry into revelations by The Star of a spy ring operating within the city's security department, is everything that Mr Justice Harms's present Pretoria headquarters are not.

The dimly lit narrow room where the Harms commission is investigating alleged hit squad murders is in direct contrast to the ultra-modern, lavishly appointed council chamber. Here every thing is brightly lit by the overhanging chandelier that resembles a giant diamond necklace, suspended from the swan neck of a movie star dressed to the nines for dinner at the Ritz.

Individual microphones for each member of the legal teams representing a variety of clients, and others on the judge's bench and the witness box, ensure that a clear, precise picture of the proceedings emerges.

That's the setting. Now join me as a fly on the wall and meet some of the cast of characters featuring in The

Star's expose of the city's lawdry spy scandal that is likely to shock and appal the entire country for several weeks.

Overshadowing all as the commission got down to work for the first time yesterday, was the heavy, scowling presence of Mr John Pearce, former head of the traffic department, who now heads the security department whose affairs have been placed under Mr Justice Hemstra's microscope.

A large man with huge hands adorned with gold, a wrist watch and heavy ring, he never moved throughout the proceedings. He sat diagonally opposite the judge, staring impassively down at the chamber, his eyes seldom leaving the men who occupied the witness box. Except for the occasional moistening of his lips, not a muscle of his heavily jawed florid face moved as he sat hunched forward, like a bird of prey.

The judge himself looks like anyone's favourite grandparent. His hair is short and grey, his face remarkably unlined. It is with something of a shock that one realises that at 75 he is long retired

from a distinguished career in which he was once Judge President of the Transvaal, and a journalist in his younger days.

For one of the witnesses at least, it was an especially harrowing day. Anthony Bennett (28), a member of Mr Pearce's security department, was in the witness box for more than an hour, a grueling 65 minute session before the first adjournment of the day. And here, unlike the Harms commission, the witnesses are required to stand.

As advocates representing a wide range of clients cross-examined him, there were times when he appeared distressed, his voice unsteady, eyes wet. Questions aimed at discrediting his testimony and casting suspicion on his trustworthiness as an employee were fired at him in rapid succession by Mr Dennis Fine, senior counsel leading evidence, Mr Gilbert Marcus for the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) and Mr David Dixon, representing the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF).

A dapper young man in a neat dark

suit and red tie it was he who finally became the first to mention his boss by name John Pearce, he admitted, was 'the paymaster and overall head' of the security department.

Thus, in effect, places him at the head of the spy ring, as The Star's revelations concerning the scandal claim. It was a dramatic moment, climaxing the early session.

Though apparently made of sterner stuff, Mr Martin Hennig, another security official, also faltered just as the lunch break came. Questioned on the infiltration of organisations like the FFF and Lawyers for Human Rights and the attendance of picnics and cocktail parties at which people like Dr David Webster and Mr Tony Leon were kept under surveillance, he and Mr Fine indulged in toe-to-toe, acrimonious verbal slugging.

Why were movements like the FFF and the ECC 'refused', asked Mr Fine and the ECC 'refused', asked Mr Fine.

Because they are against apartheid? Mr Hennig snapped. Much cooler in the comfort of the public gallery, in yellow and a white floral hat, was Mrs Pamela Solarsh secretary to a string of mayors starting with Mrs Jessie Macpherson back in 1946, who is said never to miss a council event of significance.

Town clerk 'knew no details'

I was misled

Over council spy-rings - Venter

By Norman Chandler, Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

Johannesburg town clerk Mr Manie Venter claimed yesterday that he was "misled" by top council officials who served with him on the secret security committee.

The committee — established in 1985 — was made up of the late Mr Danne van Zyl, former management committee chairman, Mr John Pearce, director of public safety, Brigadier Jan Visser, former chief of security, and Mr Venter himself.

The committee dealt with security measures due to be placed before the management committee, the Hemstra Commission of Inquiry into The Star's revelations into spy rings in the Security Department heard on the first day of its deliberations.

The new chairman of the management committee, Mr Ian Davidson, elected on Monday after the former National Party-controlled committee was ousted, was among those who spent most of the day listening to testimony from three witnesses. They were Mr Tony Bennett and Mr Martin Hennig, both former operatives, and Mr Venter.

Mr Venter told Mr Dennis Fine, SC, appearing for the commission, that although he had authorised payments to informers, he did not know the details of their operations.

He said he was not aware, for instance, that the ANC, End Conscription Campaign, and other political organisations were being monitored by council spies.

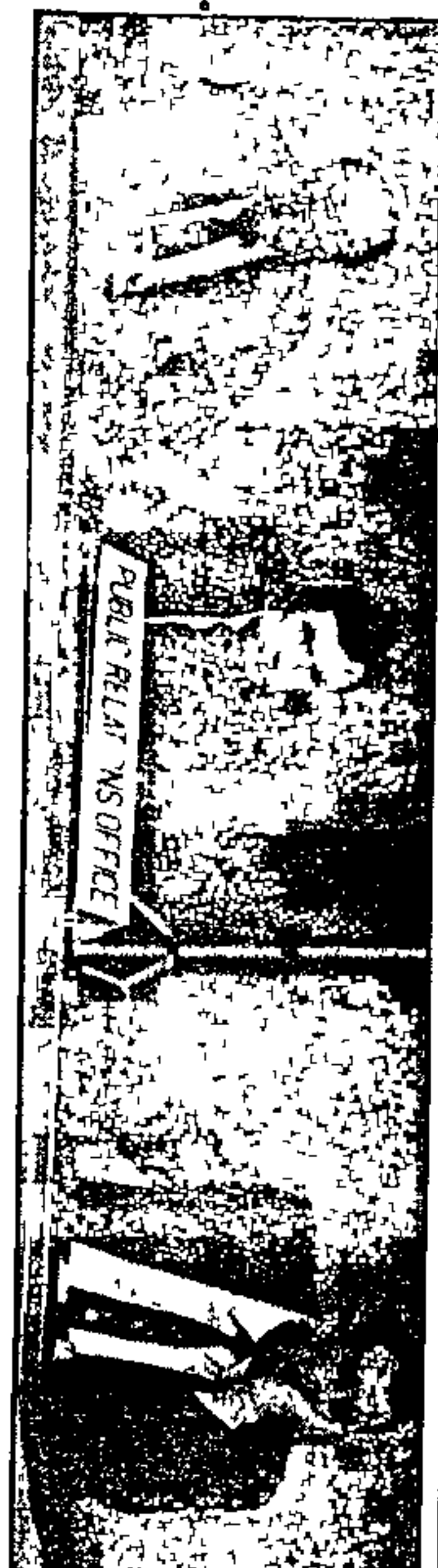
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Director of Public Safety Mr John Pearce leans on his hand at yesterday's opening day of the Hemstra Commission. With him at the table normally reserved for public relations officials are security department operations manager, Mr Fik Bernard (left) and former security chief, Brigadier Jan Visser.



Bomb may have been for lawyers

By day-jepson

A bomb exploded in the basement of Innes Chambers, opposite the Rand Supreme Court, in central Johannesburg yesterday afternoon, damaging three parked cars.

The device detonated at about 5,10 pm under the Mercedes Benz of Mr Wolfgang Schmidt, an Innes Chambers tenant, seconds after he had left his car.

Innes Chambers houses the offices of several advocates and senior counsel, among them advocates involved in the Hemstra Commission of Inquiry hearing evidence concerning the Johannesburg City Council spy ring.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Danie Koen said initial investigations suggested that the bomb could have been a home-made device, but that security officers on the scene were still investigating. A full report would be available today. No motives had been established.

The windscreen of Mr Schmidt's car cracked under the force of the blast which dislodged a concrete block in the floor of the parking bay. Another Mercedes parked two days away sustained two flat tyres and a shattered windscreen and a Toyota van was slightly damaged.

"I had just parked my car and was walking away from it to go to upstairs when the bomb went off," Mr Schmidt told The Star. "It was right underneath my car — I'm lucky I didn't take the trouble to reverse into the bay."

Mr P Nortje, the manager of the building, said there had been a bomb threat to a lawyer at Innes Chambers about a month ago.

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The Star will not be published tomorrow.

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"The department went about things which concerned the council," said Mr Venter.

On the spying and investigation of organisations such as the Lawyers for Human Rights, ECC and Five Freedoms Forum (FFRF), he said: "I did not have any knowledge of that... I did not realise they were being spied on. If the information had nothing to do with the council, if it did not concern us, I would not have authorised the payments."

Mr Fine said that as a responsible representative of the council, Mr Venter should have known.

He answered "I did authorise payments, but did not know the details. You can say I was misled."

He repeated this at various times during his 90-minute testimony.

Mr Fine asked him whether or not he had a responsibility to the citizens of Johannesburg if he felt he was being misled.

Mr Venter said he "did not work through the press", and that was why he did not issue a further press statement after The Star, on March 22, pointed out several inaccuracies in an earlier statement concerning spies. He had, however, gone back to Brigadier Visser and inquired if informers had infiltrated the ECC.

Mr Fine asked him if he had told Brigadier Visser and Mr Pearce that he had been misled.

"I said I hadn't known (about details of the ECC infiltration)," Mr Venter replied.

Under questioning, he also said that the contents of certain letters he had signed could have been misleading. These included authorising payment for funds required for spy work, after the July 1989 date when, he said, the spy ring had been wound down.

The sums involved included one for R2 000, and others for R605, R1 500 and R1 850.

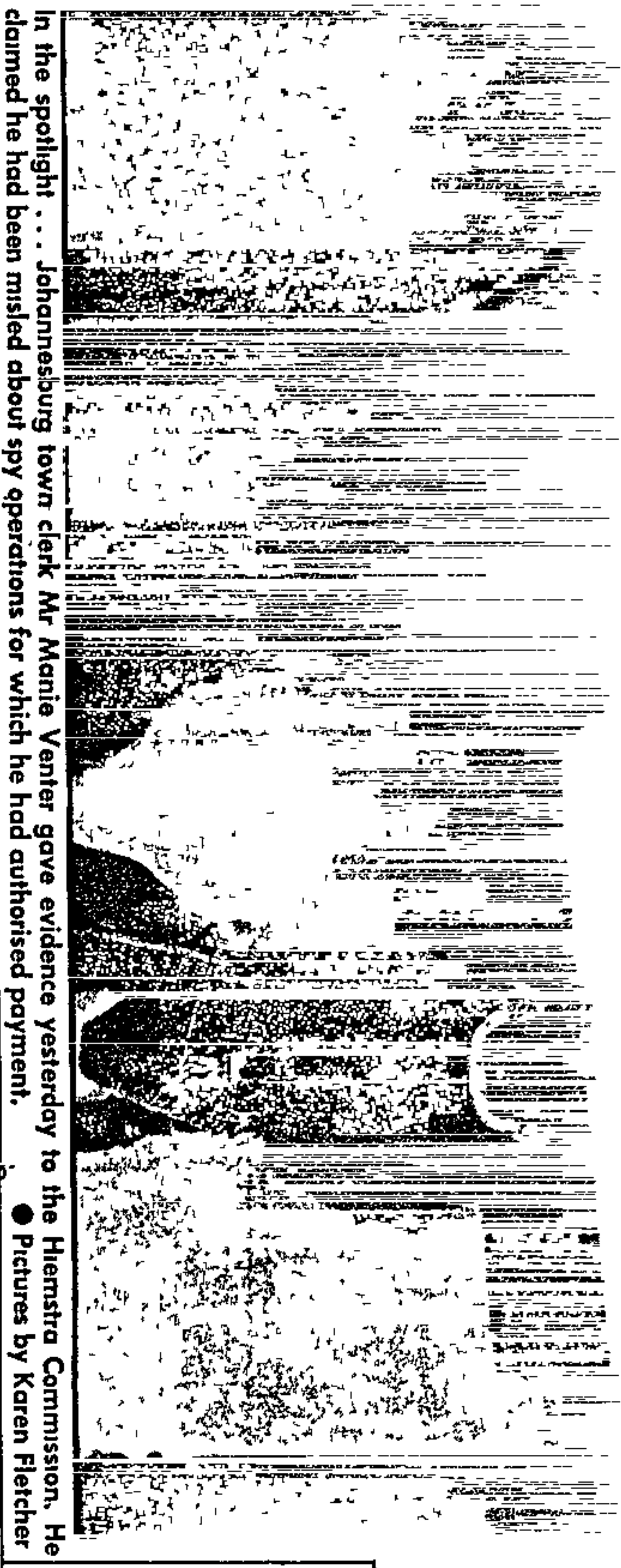
Mr Fine said "These documents show without a shadow of doubt that spy rings continued (after July) — and you had no knowledge of it? Why would they mislead you?"

Mr Venter "I cannot say."

Mr Fine "But the public's money was used, trade unions were infiltrated. What we have here is these payments, a whole list of payments which had nothing to do with safety matters. If that were the case, you were completely misled. These documents have misled you?"

Mr Venter "Yes."

He was also quizzed on renovations to his house. Apart from R40 750 spent on electrified gates and new boundary walls, R24 250 was used to convert part of the garage into a kitchen, shower and toilet, he



In the spotlight... Johannesburg town clerk Mr Manie Venter gave evidence yesterday to the Hemstra Commission. He claimed he had been misled about spy operations for which he had authorised payment.

● Pictures by Karen Fletcher

8 more killed in Natal violence

By Craig Kotze

Eight more people were killed in Natal townships unrest yesterday — five of them in another massacre in Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale, police said.

The bodies of two women and three men were found in a bullet-riddled minibus in Mpumalanga.

According to a DP monitoring group, a car drove past the taxi as commuters were boarding and opened fire.

Three men were also seriously wounded in the attack.

The monitoring group said a previous report of a car with occupants armed with automatic weapons had been received in the Maritzburg area, but it was not known if it was the same group.

The latest killings have pushed up the toll in unrest- or community-related conflicts in Natal this week to 24 and have sparked fears of a renewal of the spiral of violence in Mpumalanga.

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The police spokesman said a "necklace" killing was reported from Port Shepstone's Izingwen township, where a woman was burnt to death.

Two killings were reported from the Eden-dale "Valley of Death" near Maritzburg, where more than 2 000 Defence Force troops have been deployed amid warring Inkatha and UDF groups. Police said both killings were reported in Sweetwaters — where a man was shot dead and another was hacked to death by a mob.

Yesterday, army reinforcements in the form of elite 32 Battalion troops arrived in Durban for deployment in Maritzburg townships.

Yesterday's police unrest report had only one death from outside Natal. Police said a man was killed in faction fighting in Cross-roads near Cape Town.

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De Klerk impresses SA church leaders

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — A listening ear had replaced a wagging finger in the office of the President at Thynhuys, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday.

Addressing a press conference after a delegation of church leaders had held talks with President de Klerk, Archbishop Tutu said that while not wanting to harm the President "by praising him too much, we have someone there who appears to listen. He engages people in discussions and we want to stress that we were received very warmly. People were able to say their concerns freely."

The delegation told Mr de Klerk they were deeply concerned that the actions of the se-

ters could jeopardise the creation of the climate for negotiations.

The churches wanted to do all they could to assist the authorities in creating the climate conducive to negotiation, he added.

● The church leaders also asked Mr de Klerk to help implement a stalled Natal peace plan that was drawn up between Inkatha and the UDF/Cosatu alliance last July.

The plan provided for a meeting in London of the ANC, United Democratic Front, the Congress of SA Trade Unions and Inkatha, a joint peace conference with 250-people-strong delegations, joint peace rallies, joint peace committees to monitor the implementation of peace and a joint peace publicity cam-

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JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL

A new era ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ ~~(300)~~

The DP, despite being short of an overall majority, in effect took control of Johannesburg City Council's management committee on Monday. The DP's motion of no confidence in the NP management committee was put after last month's disclosure of an alleged spy ring run by city officials.

Even the DP, which has 20 of the 51 seats to the NP's 21, must have been surprised by the ease of its victory. Another nine councillors (five of the six Independents and the four CP members) supported the DP to give it three votes more than needed.

Until the meeting rumours were flying that conservative Nats, backed by the CP, would stage a coup and try to assume control of the committee, previously chaired by verligte Nat Jan Burger.

In the vote for chairman of the management committee, however, DP leader Ian Davidson beat the NP's Marietta Marx (another verligte and formerly deputy chairman) by 26 votes to 24. Eddy Magid, an independent member of the old committee, ran unopposed for vice-chairman. Also elected were Cecil Bass and Paul Asherson of the DP — and Jan Burger. The breakdown is now three DP, two NP and one Independent. Though the DP cannot command an automatic overall majority of 26 in the council, up to a dozen NP councillors are known verligtes.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry begins hearing evidence this week on the alleged spy ring that purportedly collected information on various organisations. *The Star* has alleged that hundreds of thousands of rands were spent over seven years on covert activities authorised by high-ranking officials, including town clerk Mamie Venter and public safety director John Pearce. ■

NATAL VIOLENCE ^{FIM 13/4/90}

Refugee crisis ~~(276)~~

After police reinforcements and SADF members — many called up on 12 hours' notice — moved into the burning townships of Maritzburg and Durban late last week, the level of violence began to decline slightly.

But not enough, as new floods of refugees came streaming into Maritzburg, Pinetown and Durban. Staying wherever they could find shelter, they brought home the message to those living in white suburbs and the city that the war between Inkatha and the ANC-UDF is not confined to the townships.

Last week, the violence, which has generally centred on the Maritzburg region over the past few weeks, spread to townships on the coast, a pattern which has often been seen before.

First it was at Mpumalanga, a large township midway between Maritzburg and Durban next to the industrial area of Hammars-

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dale, where the violence has forced many large factories to run at minimum capacity.

On Friday afternoon, refugees — mainly women and children — began to stream into Pinetown and New Germany. DP MP Roger Burrows, monitoring the situation in his constituency, said by 8 pm last Friday night, 600 refugees had been housed in churches in the region. "I visited Mpumalanga at the weekend, together with refugee representatives and, although the violence had eased a bit, they felt it was still sufficiently tense not to return."

Most of the men in the area remained behind to protect property and possessions. Though Burrows said the refugees were anxious to return home, many are going to find themselves long-term refugees — scores of houses have been burned down.

He estimates there are about 40 000 refugees from Natal's violence scattered over the province, just over half living in official refugee camps. The remainder have moved in with friends and relatives, returned to rural areas, or are staying in white suburbs or at their places of work.

Other refugees — like the 4 000 who moved into Durban at the weekend — have had to make do with whatever place they could find. Some are living on the beach or open areas on the beachfront; others moved into the city council's Exhibition Centre in the CBD, some are living in parks or on the streets.

A broad spectrum of organisations — from the Red Cross and city officials to community and church groups — have been helping the refugees, but by early this week supplies were running low and there was concern about sanitary conditions in some of the unofficial refugee camps.

The sudden movement into Durban was sparked by fierce fighting between Inkatha and the UDF at the South Coast township of KwaMakutha last Friday night, followed by fresh outbreaks of violence in Umlazi, Lamontville and KwaMashu at the weekend — townships all bordering on Durban.

On Monday, when most workers in Durban stayed home in response to the national protest against the Sebokeng shootings, both Umlazi and Lamontville had been sealed off by burning barricades. ■

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In what could signal a new labour trend, thousands of white employees of the Railways downed tools last week to press pay demands.

Illegal strike action, described as spontaneous by Artisan Staff Association general secretary Kenny Cuthbertson, occurred throughout the country. He says about 10 000 artisans and trade-hands were involved in work stoppages at mechanical, electrical and maintenance workshops and sheds in the western Cape, Port Elizabeth,

SPY ring witnesses 'intimidated'

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JOHANNESBURG — Potential witnesses at the commission of inquiry into the Johannesburg city council's alleged spy ring have been intimidated on a "significant scale", the commission heard yesterday

Opening proceedings, commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra warned that this was an offence under the Commissions Act.

The commission is investigating alleged irregularities in security affairs run by the Johannesburg municipality

Mr Manie Venter, the Johan-

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nesburg town clerk, who gave evidence for the entire day, insisted time and again that he was not aware of the extent of the council's intelligence activities, and was responsible only for signing payments

Mr Dennis Fine SC, leading evidence for the commission, asked Mr Venter about a document which summarised payments to informers

Mr Venter said it was a security matter and part of a system which had started before he joined the council. It was impossible for him

to know what each department was doing

He relied on security officials Mr John Pearce and Brigadier Jan Visser for information, he said, and did not know which organisations were being investigated and how the security department worked

Mr Fine put it to Mr Venter that the security department's clandestine activities were espionage

Mr Venter replied that he considered the activities as forming part of an information system

The hearing continues — Sapa

The buck doesn't stop at Mamie's desk

THE buck doesn't necessarily stop at the desk of Johannesburg Town Clerk Mamie Venter it was found this week — he has spent two days passing on the "blame" for the proliferation of spies in the City Council.

And the men he has been saying who knew far more than he, and by implication misled him, are security department chief Mr. John Pearce and the one-time deputy Brigadier Jan Visser.

The repetitiveness of his answers has been added to by other similar statements in regard to questions put to him at the Henestra commission of inquiry into revelations by The Star of the existence of spy rings in the municipal security department.

There were three direct requests made by Mr. Venter to Mr. Justice V.G. Henestra, the chairman, for certain information he could give to be heard in camera. Thus as well as his repeated claims he had not been privy to or could not recall some documents, even though he signed some of them.

Mr. Venter was, however, not the only witness to decline to answer questions in public — a security man, Mr. Martin Henning also said he wouldn't do so, but in his case he wanted legal representation.

There has also been the matter of missing documents this caused a 40-minute delay in proceedings on Thursday afternoon, and a decision to only re-convene next Wednesday so that the lawyers trying to make head-or-tail out of testimony so far heard from three witnesses could peruse material which has been locked away by city council officials, the commission heard.

The commission has heard about how political organisations and personalities were monitored, how car registration numbers were checked, addresses kept, and the personal habits of some people minutely documented.

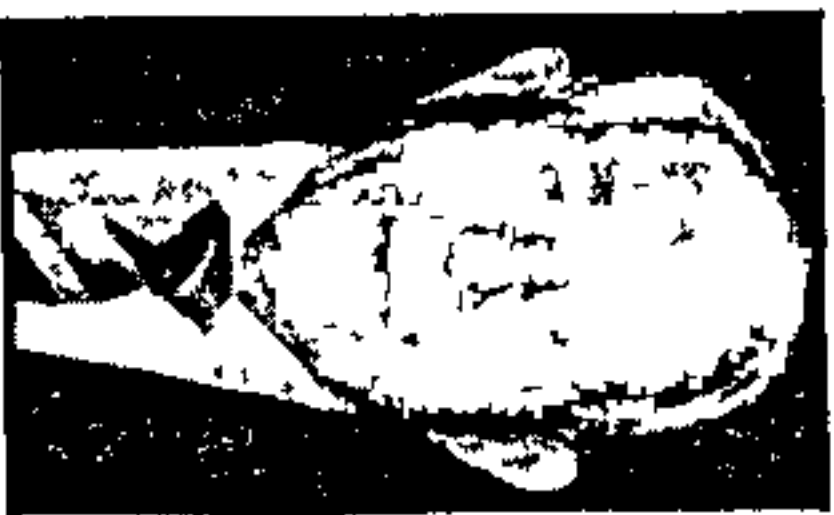
These included a former councillor Mr. Tony Leon, now MP for

NORMAN CHANDLER

Houghton

One key revelation so far has been that there were direct links with the police and SA Defence Force.

Mr. (formerly Lieutenant) Henning joined from a unit of Military Intelligence, and information obtained by him and his colleagues was, it would appear, sent as a matter of course to the police and military.



You were in charge. You are the town clerk. You should have known. — Mr. Justice Henestra (above) to Mr. Venter.

This has brought into the commission room — Johannesburg's council chamber — a man who is a key part of the legal team representing the Webster Trust and the Lubovski family in the Harms Commission of Inquiry into allegedly politically-motivated murders.

Dr. David Webster, an activist and Mr. Anton Lubovski, a Swapo national executive member, were both murdered last year. Their killers have not been found.

Mr. Martin Lutungh was seen to be actively briefing lawyers for the Five Freedoms Forum at the Henestra Commission this week.

Mr. Justice Henestra, after almost feeling his way on the opening day of the commission, took the bull by the horns on Thursday with some incisive questioning of Mr. Venter — already reeling from having been told several times by the commission's counsel, Mr. Dennis Fine S.C., that some of his answers were giving counsel "trouble" in trying to understand them.

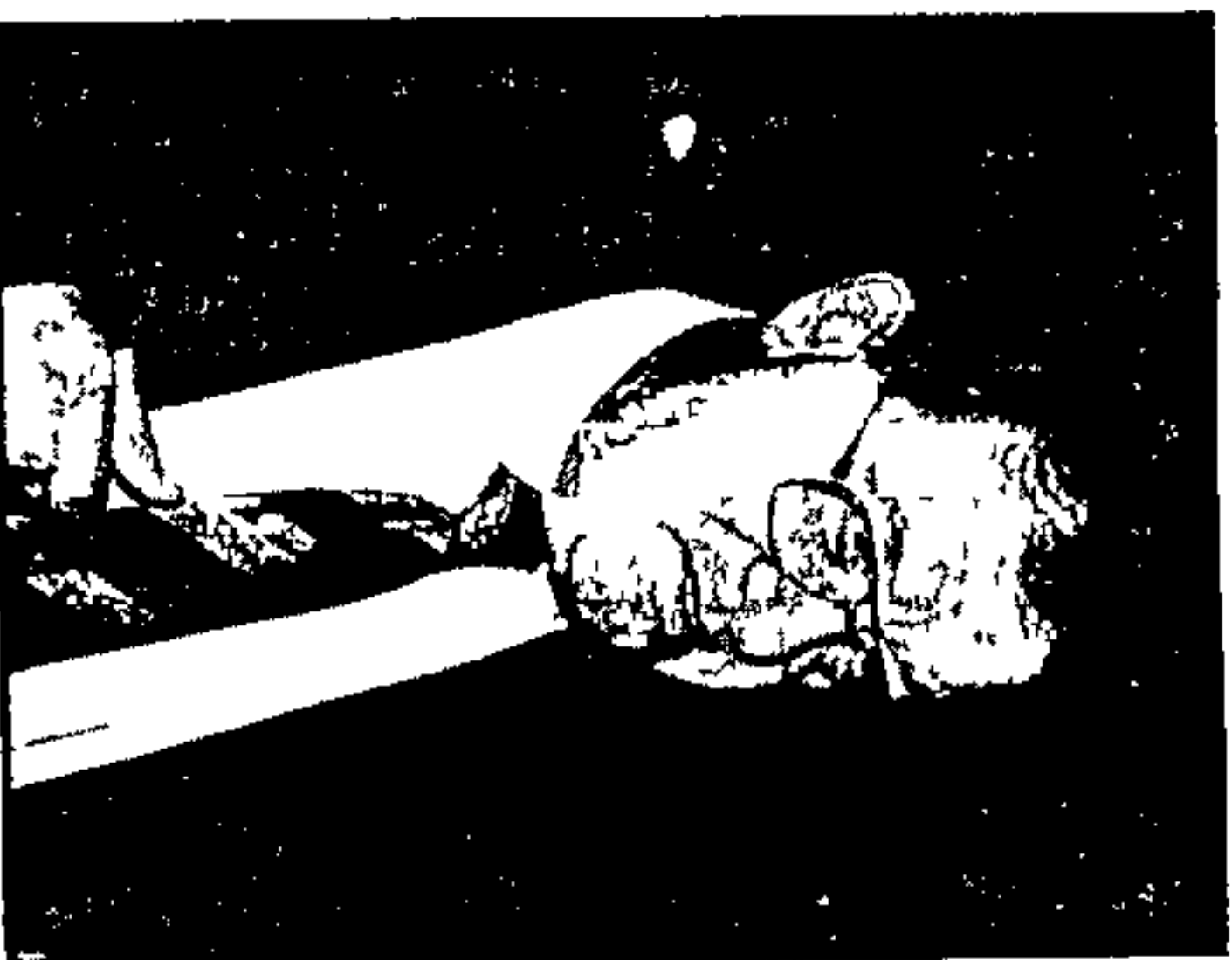
The judge — appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to look into the Council after The Star's reports — was obviously exasperated at times and none more so than when Mr. Venter kept on saying that he had not had access to some papers, that he had not seen particular letters and other documents, and that Mr. Pearce, Brigadier Visser and Mr. Erik Barnard were the people who should be asked about particular projects.

"But you were in charge. You are the Town Clerk. You should have known," came the sharp rebuff from Mr. Justice Henestra. Mr. Venter could only remain silent.

The judge's exasperation had been building up for some time — almost from the moment that Mr. Venter had admitted to Mr. Fine that, although he had authorised payments to informers, he did not know the details of their operations.

He was not aware, for instance, that the African National Congress, the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), Five Freedoms Forum, Lawyers for Human Rights, Azapo and other political organisations were being monitored by council spies, some of whom were on the official payroll while others were called "registered" — in other words men and women who lived in streets such as 9th Street, Orange Grove, and apparently spied on their neighbours.

Mr. Venter admitted that his intrusion all along was that the security department was merely involved in the protection of National Key Point areas and council property, such as power stations. He did however say he had been asked by Mr. Pearce and Brigadier



UNDER SCRUTINY Town clerk Mr. Marie Venter (left) and one of the men whom, he implied, had misled him, Brigadier Jan Visser, one-time deputy head of the security department.



Visser in 1985 to authorise payments for information which would be of use to the council.

The motivation by Mr. Pearce and Brigadier Visser had not been put in writing.

"I was not fully aware of the activities of the informers," Mr. Venter said.

This was when some of the memorable evidence to date began to emerge: the admission by Mr. Venter that he could have been misled.

It was almost from that moment that commission observers noted that he kept on agreeing with Mr. Fine that he had indeed been misled, again emphasising that he had been briefed by Mr. Pearce and Brigadier Visser (with odd briefings coming from Mr. Barnard).

"Ask them," he seemed to keep on saying. It didn't seem to matter that he had served with two of those officials, plus a man who is now dead, on the same top-secret security committee.

The late Mr. Danne van Zyl, a former management committee chairman, Mr. Pearce, Brigadier Visser and Mr. Venter took all the decisions, as a committee, about security within the City Council and only then was the information passed on to the management committee for ratification.

Another former operative, Mr. Mr. Venter said Mr. Venter should have known about what was going on, particularly in regard to payments.

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been misleading. The sums involved included one on October 2 last year for R2,000, and others for R605, R1,500 and R1,850.

Mr. Fine said "These documents show without a shadow of doubt that spy rings continued (after the July date when Mr. Venter had earlier said was when they were wound down) and you had no knowledge of it. Why would they mislead you?"

Mr. Venter "I cannot say."

Mr. Fine "But the public's money was used, trade unions were infiltrated. What we have here is these payments, a whole list of payments which had nothing to do with safety matters. If that were the case, you were completely misled. These documents have misled you."

Mr. Venter "Yes."

Mr. Bennett's evidence was highlighted by what he said about the infiltration and monitoring of the End Conscription Campaign.

He said Mr. Venter had been wrong when, last month, he said the ECC had not been among the organisations "monitored" by the council.

Mr. Fine asked "The Town Clerk said 'no' when asked by the Press if the ECC was not monitored. That is patently incorrect, is that not so?"

Mr. Bennett replied "That is correct."

A SINISTER network of informers and spies emerged in evidence this week during the commission of inquiry into a secret spy ring operated by the Johannesburg city council.

The Hiemstra Commission was told how political bodies were infiltrated and personal habits of prominent people and left-wing organisations documented by a clandestine organisation in the municipal security department

The 16 lawyers representing city council employees, the city council, the ECC, the UDF, Nusas and the Five Freedoms Forum filled desks normally reserved for councillors

The entire management committee, as well as top council officials implicated in the spy ring, are expected to give evidence before the commission which continues on Wednesday

And in a dramatic disclosure this week, commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra said it had been brought to his attention that there had been intimidation of witnesses on a "significant scale"

He warned "In terms of Section 8 of the Commissions Act, any person who intimidated or bribed a witness was guilty of a serious offence"

Surfacing

And fuelling the raging spy-ring scandal, a bomb exploded in the basement of Innes Chambers, opposite the Rand Supreme Court, on the first day of the inquiry. The building houses the offices of advocates involved in the Hiemstra Commission

The key players in the spy ring started surfacing when town clerk Mame Venter revealed that a four-member security committee operated in the council to deal with "security matters" before they were discussed by the management committee

Cross-examined by Mr Dennis Fine SC, leading evidence for the commission, Mr Venter said the committee consisted of him, director of public safety John Pearce, former council security chief Brigadier Jan Visser and the late Mr Dame Van Zyl, former chairman of the management committee

Mr Venter claimed he was "misled" by the security committee

"I did authorise payments

Judge blasts official for 'not knowing'

but did not know the details. You could say I was misled," he said

After spending two days denying knowledge of the inner workings of the clandestine security department, he requested that certain "sensitive" information about political organisations be heard in camera

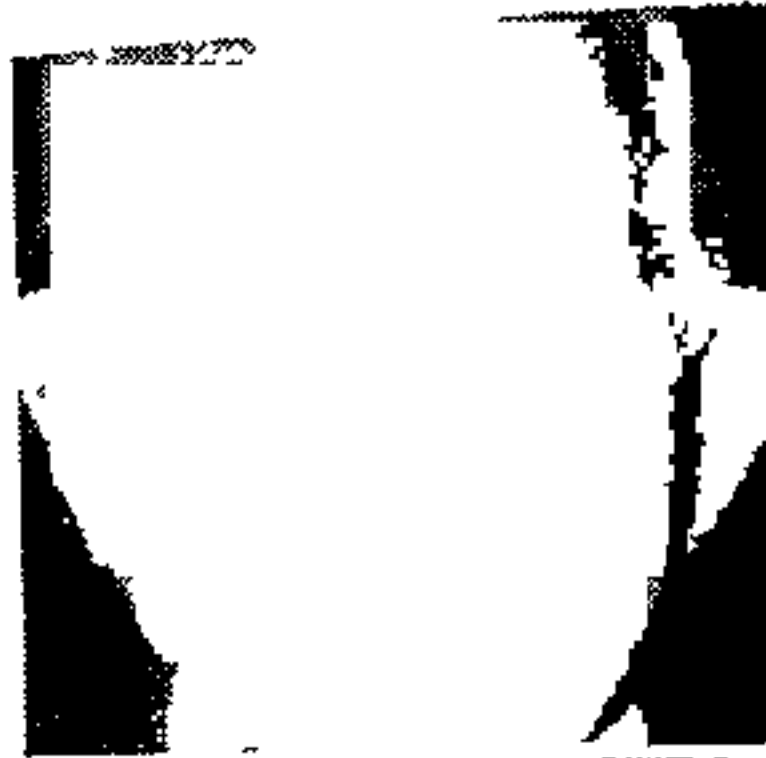
Quizzed on documents allegedly missing from a safe which concerned the security department's covert activities, Mr Venter said he did not wish to reveal the identities of sources or informants used by the council

Mr Pearce and Brig Visser were running the security department and questions about security should be addressed to them, he said

He claimed he was unaware that the End Conscription Campaign, the ANC, the Five Freedoms Forum, Lawyers for Human Rights, Azapo and other political organisations were being "monitored" by council spies

But his evasive answers prompted Justice Hiemstra to say "As town clerk you were in charge — you should have known"

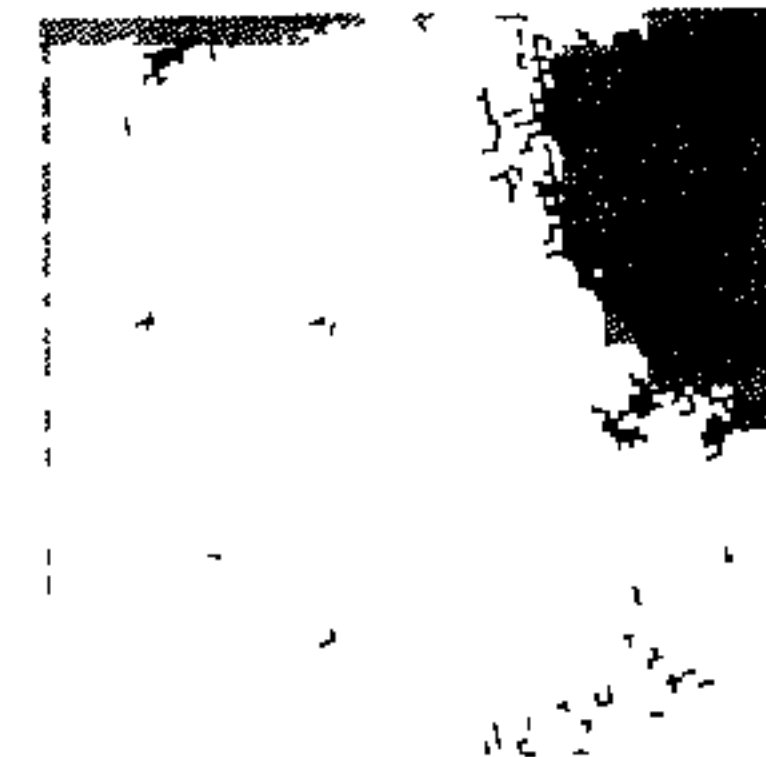
Mr Venter said as far as he was concerned, his impression was that the security department was merely involved in the protection of national key point areas and council property, such as power stations and buildings



Mr JUSTICE HIEMSTRA



MANIE VENTER



JAN VISSER

JOHN PEARCE

Mr Venter said Mr Pearce and Brig Visser had told him the council's spying activities had ended in June 1989, but he had since discovered they had continued

The idea of placing informers in organisations to be kept under surveillance had been initiated by Mr Pearce and Brig Visser, he disclosed

Sweating profusely, the town clerk appeared flustered while being grilled by Mr Fine and said he had not approved the gathering of information on trade unions or political organisations

However, he had understood that information relevant to council installations, vehicle control and other issues affecting council security was "above board"

Mr Fine also submitted documents indicating improvements worth R65 000 for Mr Venter's house had been paid from the security budget

About R24 000 of the improvements had been for converting a garage into a kitchen as well as the construction of a shower and toilet.

Asked by Mr Fine whether they constituted "security", Mr Venter said all his "domestic affairs" fell under that heading

It became apparent this week that the espionage network had direct links with the SA Defence Force and the police

Mr N G Hennig — a member of the ring — told the commission of how he had recruited to the council's notorious Security Department from Military Intelligence

He revealed he had infiltrated and spied on various organisations such as the Five Freedoms Forum, Lawyers for Human Rights and others

The council, he said, also employed "unregistered helpers" who monitored council employees including Mr Tony Leon, a former councillor and now a Democratic Party MP

Among "safe houses" the Security Department made use of were the Carlton Hotel, the Johannesburg Fort and Sturrock Park

Earlier a former council security official, Mr Tony Bennett, admitted he had been instructed by the security department to "monitor" the activities of the ECC, Witwatersrand University students, conscientious objectors and certain trade unions — particularly municipal workers' unions

He had enrolled at Wits as a student — at the council's expense — to keep them under strict surveillance

He said Brig Jan Visser former security chief was in charge of the spy operation and Mr John Pearce, director of public safety was the "paymaster"

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to deny these things That is what the hon the Minister said in front of these hon Ministers in the Chamber of Parliament That bothers me, because the R36,6 million came to nothing as a result of a lack of negotiation, in that the hon the Minister of Finance withdrew the amount

When I spoke to the hon the Minister the other day, some hon members said to me across the floor "Tell him about the R36 million he stole" This was the amount to which they were referring If we did not negotiate these amounts of money, we should not leak out things which create expectations among struggling pensioners and the recipients of maintenance allowances, because that confuses them I want to tell the hon the Minister that I shall do everything in my power to ensure parity I think we should get together somewhere, however, and try to see eye to eye on the true state of affairs Then the hon the Chief Whip need not shout at me that I am confused [Time expired]

*Mr P W SAALIMAN Mr Chairman, these reports created great expectations and we cannot get away from that, because our aged people took cognisance of the prospect of a better dispensation for them in this political climate I am sure our elderly people put these questions to hon members when they were in their constituencies during the recess That is why these questions must be put here and why we must get an answer with regard to what the hon the Minister and the negotiation team intend to do to redress the situation Will a bonus be paid again this year? Would it not be better to pay twice as much and then announce a monthly increase of approximately R10 or R15? If it is done retrospectively, at least the R25 will be supplemented by R15 We sincerely hope that the hon the Minister will get the R36,6 million he needs for pensions to comply with the means test The question, however, is whether this will meet the expectations of the public

Our elderly people and our pensioners are really amazed, because even if we get the new dispensation about which so much has been said, an allowance creates the impression that the aged are not entitled to it This does not change anything because, due to the apartheid structure, our people did not have the employment opportunities, nor did they earn enough to join a recognised pension scheme At present we are fighting for the farm workers, for example—a large group—who do not have a pension scheme

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We can forget about that, because very soon those farm workers will be pensioners [Time expired]

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE Mr Chairman, I want to come back to the report that appeared in the Cape Times of 21 March 1988 I read to hon members what it said Very well, I did not read the entire report, but I did read the section which says "It is likely to spark a bitter debate with the Government coming under attack from the CP"

†That was the crux of the matter

*As a result, however, on 21 March the hon the Minister of Finance I was just going to read it I do not know whether the hon member can remember I do not know whether or not he was present that day I was just going to read it, when I received a message that the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council had received a letter from the hon the Minister of Finance He indicated in a letter that he had instructed the Treasury in terms of section 8(1) of the Exchequer and Audit Act of 1975 to suspend an amount of R36,6 million on the 1988-89 budget of the Administration House of Representatives [Interjections]

My department and the Ministers' Council constantly strive for the elimination of disparities in social pensions and allowances I want to tell the hon member that I have a list He must see how much is needed every year It is worked out by my department It is given to the department of the hon the Minister of the Budget and they negotiate these matters with the hon the Minister of Finance I shall give hon members the information I can single out a year, for example, [Time expired]

Mr G H J THOMAS Mr Chairman, the issue regarding old age pensions has been riddled to such an extent that to ask more questions will only add to the string of unanswered questions [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE. Order! The hon member for Matroosfontein may continue

Mr G H J THOMAS I want to ask the hon the Minister of Health Services and Welfare whether the R36,6 million had been requested again in

order to bring pensions closer to parity The other day in the main Chamber of Parliament the hon the Minister of Finance pointed out that for three years the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council did not come forward to ask for financial assistance Can it now be assumed that the hon the Minister of Health Services and Welfare did not make the request again? When I recall his speech I give credit to the hon the Minister [Time expired]

*Mr J A RABIE Mr Chairman, I merely want to react to the last statement made by the hon the Minister I was not trying to indicate that the hon the Ministers were not doing their work in trying to effect this parity My problem is the question of negotiation It is all very well to place prepared documents in an official's hand so that he can negotiate The official, however, will not state the case with the same feeling and in the same spirit contained in those prepared documents which must be given to the treasurer I propose that the hon the Minister consider suspending the business of this House at some stage so that they can conduct an urgent interview with the hon the Minister of Finance in respect of these matters, so that we can get this sorted out and do not constantly go for one another across the floor, whether we do so unknowingly or deliberately This matter must receive attention now, because those old people deserve it [Interjections]

*The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE Mr Chairman, I can assure the hon member for Reigerpark that we began the negotiations when we got a new hon State President [Interjections] Hon members know that the previous State President was angry with us

*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE That was because of the swimming, as hon members know [Interjections]

*The MINISTER There were problems with the previous State President Since the present hon State President has taken over, the matter has been brought to his attention I can assure the hon member that the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council sent the hon the State President a letter in order to initiate discussions on

this matter once again, and we received very favourable reaction this morning Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version

For oral reply

Own Affairs

Riverlea Extension 1, development

*1 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether any recommendations for the development of houses for Riverlea Extension I were made to his Department, if so, by whom,

(2) whether his Department refused to pass the plans submitted for these houses, if not, why not, if so, for what reasons,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C46E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE (for the Minister of Housing)

(1) Yes The City Council of Johannesburg

(2) Yes The Housing Board did not approve the project, but recommended that an assisted self-help project or privatisation be considered in view of the fact that the estimated building costs for the erection of the dwellings by conventional methods would be above the limit determined to be affordable by the lower income group

(3) No

Riverlea Extensions 1 and 2

*2 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether K1 and K2 projects were envisaged for Riverlea Extensions 1 and 2, if so,

(2) whether he intends proceeding with these projects, if not, why not,

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- (3) whether it is his intention to enlarge Ruverlea, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) (i) what area is involved and (ii) what is the extent of this area,

- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE (for the Minister of Housing)

- (1) No
- (2) No, due to the many physical and geological restrictions on the land,
- (3) No, because suitable land for future extension and economical development is not available
- (a), (b) (i) and (ii) Fall away
- (4) No

Local affairs/management committees, members

*3 Mr T ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

- (1) Whether any members of the House of Representatives are currently serving on local affairs committees and management committees, if so,

- (2) whether he will furnish the names of such members, if not, why not, if so, who are they,

- (3) whether it is anticipated that public representatives will be prevented from serving on bodies at more than one level of government, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) in terms of what legislation,

- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND AGRICULTURE

- (1) Yes

- (2) Yes —

Mr J W Christians (MP Ravensmead)
Mr S Ebrahim (MP Grassy Park)
Mr C M George (MP Greenwood Park)
Mr C B Herandien (MP Maassar)
Mr N M Isaacs (MP Bishop Lavis)
Mr P W Sauman (MP Mid Karoo)

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- (3) Yes

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- (a) It is not possible to say when as the proposed legislation regarding uniform elections must still be approved,
- (b) proposed legislation regarding a uniform electoral act

- (4) No

Mr T ABRAHAM Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, I would like to ask him how he feels about members serving on more than one level of government

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am bound by the party's policy, and the party's policy is my policy

Austerville, Durban: day-care centre

*4 Mr T ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare

- (1) Whether it is intended to establish a day-care centre in Austerville, Durban, if so,
- (2) whether the old Northgate Primary School site has been considered for this purpose, if so,

- (3) whether this site was found suited to the purpose, if not, why not,
- (4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE

- (1) No
- (2) Falls away
- (3) Falls away
- (4) No

For written reply

General Affairs

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Prisons service: applications

- 15 Mr W J MEYER asked the Minister of Justice +
- (1) (a) How many applications did the Prisons Service receive during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available in respect of

promotion examinations for (i) sergeants to the rank of warrant officer, (ii) warrant officers to the rank of lieutenant and (iii) lieutenants to the rank of captain and (b) how many (i) men and (ii) women were successful in the examinations in respect of each of these ranks,

- (2) with reference to each of the above categories, (a) how many applications were received from Pollsmoor and (b) how many candidates from Pollsmoor (i) sat for the examinations and (ii) were successful?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) During the period 1 March 1989 to 28 February 1990 promotional examinations only took place on one occasion

- (a) (i) 1 611
- (ii) 608
- (iii) Officers are not required to complete promotional examinations as promotion takes place according to merit

- (b) (i) Sergeant to Warrant officer 50
Warrant officer to Lieutenant 9

- (ii) Sergeant to Warrant officer 20
Warrant officer to Lieutenant 3

- (2) (a) Sergeant to Warrant officer, Men 59, Women 5
Warrant officer to Lieutenant, Men 23, Women 1

- (b) (i) Sergeant to Warrant officer, Men 25, Women 1
Warrant officer to Lieutenant, Men 6, Women 0

- (ii) No candidate at Pollsmoor was successful in the completion of the promotional examination

New prisons

- 16 Mr W J MEYER asked the Minister of Justice +
- (1) How many new prisons are on his Department's building programme for the 1990-91 financial year,

- (2) whether a new training college for warders is planned or under construction at Westlake, if so, what progress has been made in this regard?

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) The following new prisons are being constructed

Boksburg Prison
Brandvlei Prison
Craddock Prison
Glencoe Prison
Kandaspunt Prison
Kynasa Prison
Pollsmoor Prison
Pretoria Central Prison
Zonderwater Prison

A new prison to be erected at Oudishoorn is on the building programme for the 1990-91 financial year

- (2) Yes The planning of a new training college for warders at Westlake is nearly completed

Against the background of economic restrictions the Prisons Service is, however, compelled to introduce various measures with the view to increased cost efficiency in the management of the Prisons Service. This requires, inter alia, that an extensive investigation is presently being undertaken into the possible improved and multi-purpose utilization of existing infrastructure and facilities as well as those presently being planned

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Newlands East, Durban: clinic/health centre

- 3 Mr L T LANDERS asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare
- (1) Whether his Department received an application from a certain local authority to erect a clinic and/or health centre in Newlands East, Durban, if so, (a) from which local authority and (b) when,
- (2) whether this application was approved, if not, why not if so, (a) what will this project cost, (b) when is it anticipated that building operations will be (i) commenced

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City may defy govt on capex

EDYTH BULBRING

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JOHANNESBURG might have to refuse government's request not to increase its capital expenditure by more than 13% this year, DP management committee member Paul Asherson said at the weekend.

This was because the city council had to fulfil its obligations to the region and ratepayers, Asherson said in an interview.

The new DP-controlled management committee had a different relationship with the Finance Department and government, because it was not beholden to them as past Nationalist-controlled committees had been.

As in previous years, government had placed a spending limit on Johannesburg City Council in a bid to combat inflation.

While the council had large reserves, it had been asked not to exceed a 13% increase in its capital expenditure compared with last year, Asherson said.

Because of this curb, Johannesburg had drifted far behind in providing for the needs and demands of its ratepayers.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he took cognisance of what Asherson had to say.

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While he agreed services had fallen behind acceptable standards, the new administration was not going to "throw financial discipline to the wind". This could weigh heavily on the already overburdened ratepayer.

Davidson said he had requested meetings this week with the city treasurer in order to examine June's council budget, which was near finality, and to see whether a change in priorities was necessary.

Exceeding the 13% increase in capital expenditure was not something he would enter into lightly, but if it was found that spending priorities could not be changed, the new administration might well have to exceed the increase, Davidson said.

Asherson said Johannesburg was the core city in the Witwatersrand and took increasing responsibility for ratepayers from other municipalities, such as Sandton, Randburg and Soweto.

He did not believe the management committee was legally bound to accede to

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government's request, and he would take his proposal to the budget meetings.

"I believe it is time to say to government 'Thanks for your letter, but we have responsibilities to the residents and the region, and we regret this year we cannot comply with your request,'" Asherson said.

While he did not want this move to fan inflation, bankrupt the city or cost rate-

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payers more money, unless Johannesburg moved forwards it would drift backwards.

Areas that needed attention included guttering, curbing, paving, revamping the city hall, sewerage, parks and the inner city suburbs.

"I don't want to go to war with government over this issue. We've got the money and we have to run for a year in order to catch up," he said.



'Mass emigration from SA to UK possible'

LONDON — Up to a million white South Africans, fearing civil war and black majority rule, could emigrate to Britain in the 1990s, it was reported in London yesterday

The potential threat of mass white immigration to Britain has been simmering in the background of British politics for a number of weeks.

It is a potentially major issue in view of the current heated debate over whether or not to allow a limited number of select Hong Kong residents — already British citizens — into Britain in 1997, but it has been overshadowed in the media by other more immediate news. Junior Foreign Office Minister Tim

Sainsbury confirmed in a parliamentary question last month that between 500 000 and 1-million white South Africans were entitled to a British passport through patrilineal descent.

Adding fuel to the growing dispute last week was the Home Office announcement of plans to implement the extension of expatriate voting rights to people who had left Britain up to 20 years ago.

Opposition spokesmen have criticised the motives behind the government's move to extend voting rights, intimating conservative-minded white South African holders of British passports were seen by Thatcher's government as its supporters. — Sapa.

Jo'burg town clerk faces cross-examination

JOHANNESBURG town clerk Manie Venter will be cross-examined today when the Heimstra Commission into alleged irregularities in the council security department resumes

Dennis Fine, SC, who is leading the evidence for the commission, said yesterday he expected the cross-examination to last most of the day

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Venter testified last week that he had no knowledge of the extent of the security department's spying operations and claimed he had been misled by public safety director John Pearce and former security director Brig Jan Visser

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Jo'burg ratepayers could face 15% increase

RATEPAYERS in Johannesburg could be paying a 15% across-the-board increase in rates when the city's budget is presented in June

City treasurer Wilhe Siebert said yesterday he would recommend to the new management committee, chaired by DP leader Ian Davidson, that an across-the-board increase in rates should be in line with the inflation rate or, if possible, lower

Ratepayers were hit with a 20% across-the-board increase in rates last June, after a 6% increase the previous year. This 6%

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was attributed by then DP leader in the council Tony Leon to NP electioneering

Siebert said council expenditure on some commodities had risen more than 30%, and to levy a 15% increase in rates would not be unreasonable

The 15% increase would cover the council's projected operating budget which was expected to be R1,7bn, Siebert said. The closing financial year's operating budget was R1,4bn

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The council's capital expenditure, which totalled R382m this year, could exceed the 13% increase recommended by government if the new management committee finds that the increase does not cover certain priorities

No money was allocated for capital expenditure in the last two budgets for Hillbrow, Joubert Park, Bertrams, Braamfontein and the surrounding areas and the DP has committed itself to tackling the decay in these areas

RSA, crime tendencies are continuously monitored I wish to assure the honourable member that everything possible is being done to prevent crime. When it is apparent that there is an increase in crime, active steps are taken to counteract this tendency.
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 Own Affairs

Riverlea housing projects

1 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing *Hansard* 18/4/90

- (1) Whether the South Western Management Committee has applied to his Department for funds to develop housing projects in certain areas of Riverlea in 1990, if so, (a) what (i) amounts and (ii) areas of Riverlea are involved and (b) for what projects in each area are these amounts intended, (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *266* ~~18/4/90~~ C49E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes

(a) (i) R2 000 000.00.

(ii) Riverlea Extension 1

(b) Housing for the aged consisting of 17 double and 50 single units

(2) No

South Western Management Committee. Riverlea Extension

2 Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Housing *Hansard* 18/4/90

- (1) Whether the South Western Management Committee has made any recommendations to his Department in connection with approximately 21 houses envisaged for Riverlea Extension 1, if so, what recommendations, (2) whether his Department has taken a decision on these recommendations, if not, why not, if so, (a) what decision and (b) what were the reasons for this decision? *266* ~~18/4/90~~ C58E

The MINISTER OF HOUSING

- (1) Yes. The Johannesburg City Council submitted recommendations to the Housing Board for the financing of 21 assisted housing units

(2) Yes

(a) The Housing Board recommended that an assisted selfhelp project be considered or the project be considered for privatisation,

(b) the estimated building costs for the erection of the dwellings by conventional building methods would be above the limit determined to be affordable by the lower income group

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

*Precedence given to interpellations on general affairs on this day pursuant to the resolution adopted by the House on Tuesday, 27 March 1990

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General Affairs

Persons of colour. employment *266* ~~18/4/90~~
 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises

- (1) What is the policy of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications in regard to the employment of persons of colour in the Republic in general and its Durban regional office known as Commercial City in particular.
 (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? D105E INT

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES Mr Charman, the policy of the department regarding the employment of persons of colour was dealt with during the various discussions of the Post Office Budget. At this stage I have nothing to add to the statement on the matter that I made at the time. For the benefit of hon members I shall briefly repeat the essence of what I said

I acknowledged during that debate that regardless of meaningful progress in respect of the employment of persons of colour in the department, undisputed disparities still existed. I also accepted the fact that the quota system applicable to the employment of technicians, telecom electricians and technical assistants restricted the employment of persons of colour. I furthermore said that I was aware that the resistance to change among White personnel had retarded the efforts of the department to employ more persons of colour.

Against this background I announced a new policy approach based on the principle of the best man for the job. The announcement contained the following statements:

The department now fully applies the principle of equality in the field of employment and all measures that might still have had a discriminatory connotation have been eliminated.

Post Office personnel of all population groups will in future participate in the establishment and maintenance of adequate postal and telecommunications facilities and the provision of effective services to all communities.

Educational qualifications, the results of aptitude tests, experience, age, language proficiency and personal qualities will henceforth be the only criteria for the employment of people. The principle of the best person for the post without considering the population group to which a candidate belongs, has therefore been fully accepted and will be implemented.

Concerning promotions, joint merit lists will be drawn up with the result that candidates of all population groups will compete on an equal footing for promotion. When effecting promotions, local circumstances, such as cultural and language considerations, will be considered in particular cases to ensure that decisions are taken in the best interest of clients, the officer and the community in question. As far as supervision is concerned, all restrictions have been eliminated and the policy of the best person for the post is also being applied.

Mr K CHETTY Mr Charman, I fully agree with the hon the Minister when he talks about merit and criteria. We believe that the policy of the best man for the job is the best policy.

I have been furnished with statistics by the Ministry of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises. From these statistics it is obvious that the policy of discrimination has been followed and people of colour have been disadvantaged deliberately.

Of the 679 people employed in the various posts at Commercial City, 592 are White. How does the hon the Minister account for that? Only 11 Blacks and 76 Indians are employed. Moreover, all senior positions are held by Whites. Are our people so underqualified that they cannot hold any of these positions? I think this is certainly not the case. A survey among our graduates will indicate that more than enough of our people are qualified, but they are not given the opportunity to fill these posts because of their colour. This is gross discrimination and if the Government's policy of reform is to have any meaning, the Department of Posts and Telecommunications

Councils can ignore 13% guideline

LOCAL authorities were legally entitled to refuse to comply with government guidelines on capital expenditure increases, Finance Department deputy director-general Estian Calitz said yesterday.

However, this would be against the spirit of government's stabilisation policy

Calitz said the Finance Department had circulated a guideline to all local authorities suggesting they did not exceed capital expenditure by more than 13% for the 1990/1991 financial year.

Johannesburg City Council management committee member Paul Asherson said at the weekend the council might have to exceed the increase if it was to be responsible to its ratepayers

Calitz said government's annual directive was a longstanding practice to ensure co-ordination of spending on a macro level

He said the guideline was not suggested unilaterally, but came about

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from liaison between the local authorities and the Finance Department in a body like the Permanent Finance Liaison Committee chaired by the director-general

The guideline was not compulsory but the expectation was that the guideline would be complied with

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If the suggested increase was deviated from, which had happened in the past, it was normally done in consultation with the Finance Department.

He did not believe the Finance Department could penalise a local authority for increasing its capital expenditure above the 13%, as local authorities incurred their own revenue.

However, government had an interest in local authorities complying with the guideline, especially

since it was also a ratepayer at a local level.

Johannesburg city treasurer Willie Siebert said yesterday the city had reserves of R285m in June 1988 which made provision for bad debts, leave and maintenance of houses.

However, a R142m fixed property sales fund, which was part of this amount, could be used by the council if it wanted to increase its capital expenditure, he said.

This amount was invested in the consolidated loans fund, from which most of the city's capital expenditure was drawn.

The city could also dip into the consolidated loans fund, which was a sizeable amount, and need not touch the reserves, he said.

The drawback was that the city would not benefit from the interest on these investments, he said.

But it might serve the city's interests in the long term if additional expenditure was allocated to infrastructure for the next financial year.

First Jo'burg security report to be tabled

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The future of the controversial Johannesburg City Council security department was being investigated, management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson said yesterday.

A full report dealing with the activities, purpose and continued existence of the security department will be given to the management committee within two months

"I want to assure the public that all aspects of monitoring have come to an end and that a full investigation into the activities of the security department and the ambit of its authority and purpose are being looked at."

The department's spying activities have been investigated by the Hiemstra Commission.

A preliminary report will be tabled next week

Shock disclosure over informers' cash

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MONEY paid to the Johannesburg City Council security department informers came from both the general and security department budgets, it was admitted for the first time yesterday.

Johannesburg's Town Clerk, Mr Mamie Venter - recalled to the witness stand yesterday at the Hiemstra Commission probing *The Star's* revelations about a council spy ring - made the admission while saying that money paid to the informers "sometimes over-stepped the limit (of R300)".

Venter was recalled to the stand by Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the Commission, for further exam-

ination of documents which had not been dealt with last week.

On three occasions yesterday Venter asked for some aspects of his evidence to be heard in camera. No ruling had been given by the Commission chairman, Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, at the time of going to Press.

Limits

Fine asked Mr Venter about limits placed on money paid to informers and his reply was that the maximum sum was R300.

In reply, Venter conceded that at times larger

amounts may have been paid out. He was referred by Fine to various documents and Press reports.

Dossiers drawn up on people were under "lock and key" and Venter had not yet decided what to do with them, read one report in *The Star*.

Quoting from the report, Fine asked what had happened to the documents.

Venter said he was advised by officials such as Mr Frik Barnard and Mr Dirk Lambrecht that the files had been placed in a safe.

Lambrecht is, at pres-

ent, acting head of security in the City Council.

Venter was quoted by Fine, reading from *The Star* report, as saying that R800 000 had been saved by security department activities.

When asked whether he had documentation to substantiate his claim, Venter produced a summary of a document in the Commission room.

Venter's attention was drawn to a computer printout, by Fine, and Venter said he had not seen such a document "as mine is a piece of white

paper".

Fine said an amount of R17 000, said in a earlier Press statement by Venter to have been spent on informers over a five-year period, had nothing to do with the statistics.

Venter was then shown a document which he had signed on October 2, 1989 - after the spy ring was said to have been wound down - for R1 900, used for transport purposes.

This document also featured in testimony given by former operatives Mr Martin Hennig and Mr Tony Bennett.

Call for Lekoa council inquiry

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

NINETEEN Lekoa councillors who had their salaries suspended have asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration to investigate alleged irregularities in the council, former mayor of Lekoa, Mr Sam Kolisang, said

The councillors' salaries and other benefits were suspended by acting mayor Mrs S'bongile Kate Ngwenya.

Earlier this year, the councillors announced they intended to resign but no letters of resignation were handed to the town clerk.

Ngwenya said at a Press conference yesterday the council had resolved to suspend salaries of the councillors until they rescinded the resignations.

She said this was a unanimous decision by the 43-member council.

Ngwenya said some of the councillors had attended a council meeting the previous day.

However, Kolisang said the TPA had advised them that resignation letters should be withheld until an inquiry into alleged irregularities had begun.

No date for the inquiry has been set but *Sowetan* was reliably informed the 19 councillors met TPA officials in Pretoria on Monday.

Kolisang said the TPA was handed a petition.

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Urgent probe ordered of 'baby deaths'

THE alleged deaths of more than 20 babies during the strike at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital near Pretoria last week would be urgently investigated, a Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman said yesterday.

Newspaper reports yesterday quoted a "distraught" intensive care unit doctor who last Thursday allegedly told colleagues of 23 babies who died during the eight-day strike, which ended last Wednesday.

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The TPA said the truth of details in the reports should be determined at all costs. Consequently, the inquiry into the alleged deaths could take a long time.

TPA Hospital Services planning chief director Sampie Cronje and liaison director Jan van Wyk visited the hospital yesterday, but were unavailable for comment in the afternoon.

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Pearce approved spy pay without reading reports

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JOHANNESBURG public safety director John Pearce told the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into spying in the city council that he approved payment for spies, although he never read their reports

Pearce told the inquiry yesterday that when he was presented with a document recommending payment for informant IJHB8 he did not determine the amount, nor did he read reports submitted by informant IJHB8

The document stated the informant had infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) and the Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)

Dennis Fine SC, who is leading evidence for the commission, disclosed at yesterday's proceedings the name of that "lawyer" agent

Fine identified informant IJHB8 as a "Mr Naude". Five Freedoms Forum spokesman Gael Neke confirmed after the hearing that a Toni Naude left the organisation at the beginning of 1989 after spending a year on a sub-committee dealing with recruiting

She said Naude had done his law degree at the time but had not done his articles. He was teaching at Technusa. Pearce said he did not know what the information gathered by Naude was

worth, but he imagined it must have been of a high quality as the informant was an attorney

Pearce said he trusted the judgment of security director Brig Jan Visser who had recommended Naude's payment.

Fine informed Pearce that the information contained in the document was not correct as Naude was not an attorney. "So you were misled," Fine said

According to Pearce, he would have expected Visser and then security department chief professional officer Frikkie Barnard to have checked the information

Broadcast

Pearce said he and Visser had motivated the payment of informers to town clerk Mame Venter, in 1985

He said they obviously did not want to broadcast to the whole world that paid informers were supplying the security department with information

It was thus decided that the payment should be operated under Venter's delegated powers

The operations were reported to former management committee chairman Dane van Zyl who was part of the

decision to pay informers

On Van Zyl's death, security matters were reported to the management committee, but no mention was made of the paid informers, Pearce said

The original intention was for informants to gather general information of interest to the council

Pearce said he did not believe this had changed, but rather that the amount of information gathered had expanded

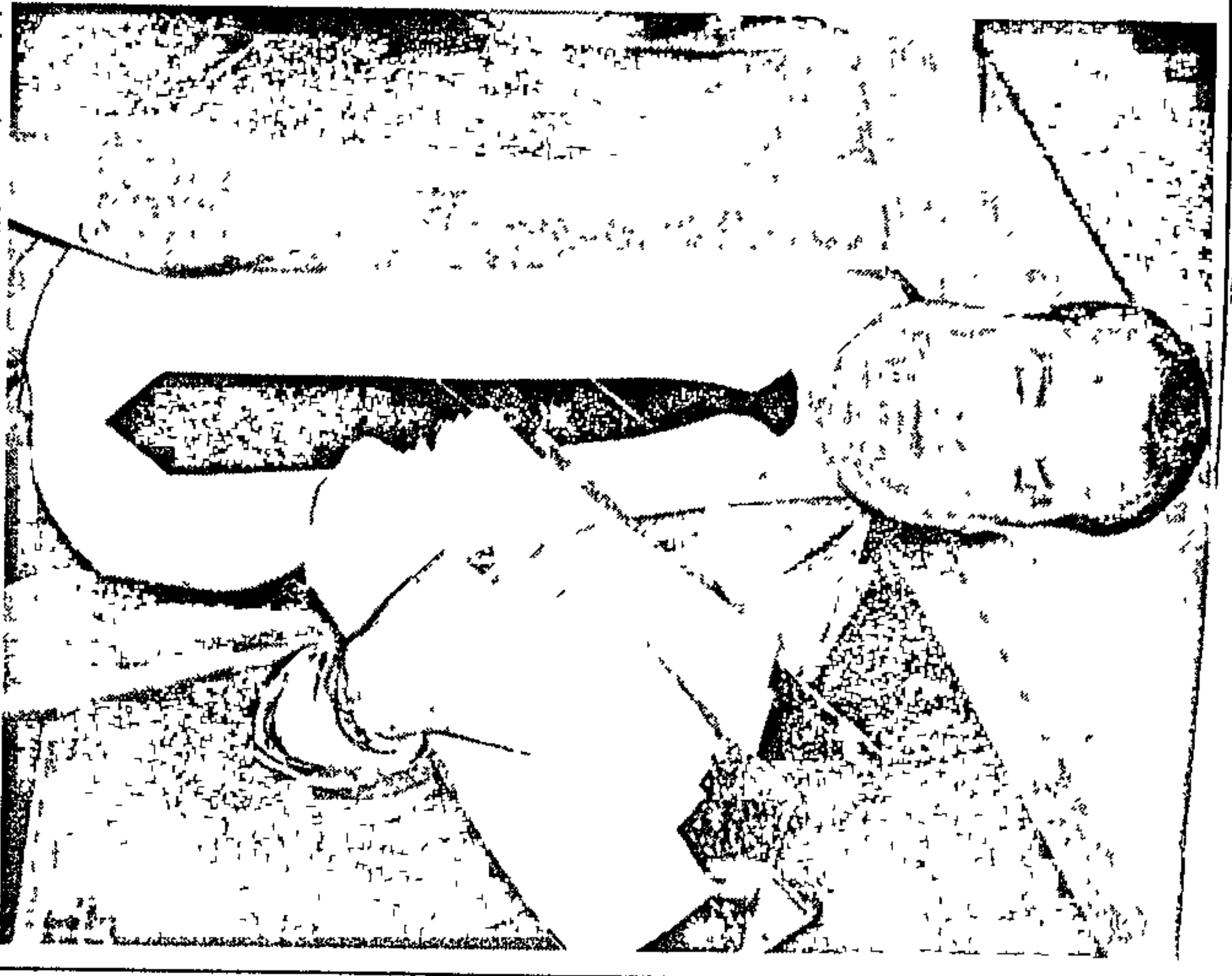
Presented with a document for payment of R200 to informant Tony Bennett, who had infiltrated the End Conscriptio Campaign (ECC), Pearce said Visser certified facts were correct, and accepting this he approved payment

Bennett was mandated to infiltrate the ECC in the light of the 1988 municipal elections

Pearce said he was at the time aware information was being gathered on the ECC and many other organisations

Pearce said no party political considerations were taken into account in the information gathering around the municipal elections

Venter also told the commission he seldom read the documents he signed authorising payment to informers as Visser and Pearce would have certified the facts



Johannesburg public safety director John Pearce at the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, where he gave evidence for the first time yesterday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Spy hearing: 24-hour guard for participants

FAMILIES of legal-representatives and a witness involved in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged spying activities in the Johannesburg City Council security department, are being guarded 24 hours a day — by the security department.

And Mr Justice Hiemstra, who is chairing the commission, is fetched from his home and brought to the hearings by members of the municipal traffic department, accompanied by a security guard, acting security department director Dirk Lamprecht said yesterday.

Dennis Fine SC, leading evidence for the commission, and his colleague Lotter We-

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penaar have also been assigned 24-hour guards on their homes by the security department.

The families of two advocates representing the council's public safety director John Peace, town clerk Manie Venter and security official Frikkie Barnard have also been provided with a 24-hour guard, Lamprecht said.

They are advocates S Burger SC and S V Nieuwenhuizen.

A security department source said yesterday that Barnard had received a death

threat at the start of the commission, and his family also had a 24-hour guard.

Lamprecht said he had received the request for guards from the security department after a bomb exploded under a car at Innes Chambers last Wednesday.

He said the authorisation was approved by the management committee and he saw it as a temporary measure.

The security department would review the matter as the commission proceedings went on.

Lamprecht acknowledged the irony of the situation.

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DP will do utmost to keep costs down, not squeeze ratepayers

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The Democratic Party has promised ratepayers it will try to keep costs down in the annual Johannesburg City Council budget which is expected to top R2 billion when it is tabled in eight weeks.



Mr Ian Davidson priorities to be altered

Management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson said he would have intensive

discussions on the budget with city treasury officials this week

"The party would investigate the city's financial reserves first before exceeding the 13 percent capital expenditure restriction placed on all the country's local authorities by the Government

"We have to recognise the ratepayer is under enormous financial strain Standards have deteriorated, but it may not be necessary to exceed the 13 percent capital expenditure limit.

"Our bottom line is that the ratepayer is not affected We want to put ourselves in a position to reduce rates

"Our aim is to try keep costs down for the ratepayers"

Last year, rates were increased by 20 percent

Mr Davidson said they needed to look at existing capital expenditure and alter priorities

Extra funds

This could mean taking money from certain areas such as the controversial security budget

Extra funds would then be allocated for the rejuvenation of the inner city areas where urban decay was a serious problem.

"Let us explore existing avenues first in the interests of fiscal re-

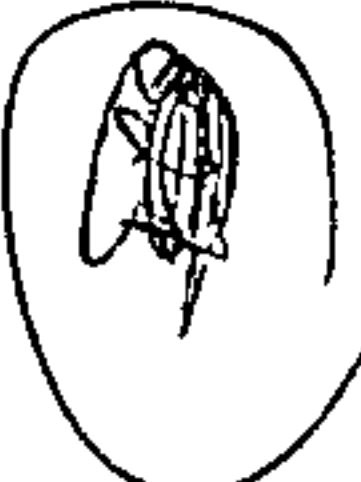
straint, and only then go out and latch on to those reserves to bring sub-standard infrastructure up to standard."

Management committee member Mrs Marietta Marx (NP) said a lot of work was still being done on the budget and the "new team" would have to meet to discuss the estimates

She said the previous management committee had already shown a "change of attitude" with regard to the budget, by inviting city councillors to take an active part in its preparation

Contentious issues are likely to be expenditure on the security budget and the civic theatre.

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'Spying' cost R3m

Security chief questioned at inquiry

JOHANNESBURG — Johannesburg city council's security department spent almost R3 million last financial year on monitoring individuals and organisations, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

According to a city treasury document, the cost of the monitoring section jumped from R166 790 in the 1983/84 financial year to R2 718 000 in 1988/89, Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission, told Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, who heads the commission inquiring into the existence of spy rings in Johannesburg's municipal security department.

He was cross-examining Mr John Pearce, the city's director of public safety and said in testimony to be the city's "spy-master".

Mr Pearce agreed with Mr Fine that the costs included "intelligence".

Mr Pearce also said the increased costs over the years could have been the result of staff restructuring as previously each of the council's 20 departments had their own security personnel.

Mr Pearce said the costs of security were not normally published in the council's final accounts and he had no idea where Mr Fine had obtained his information, apart from the notation on the document that it had come from the city treasurer's department.

Just before the commission's lunch break yesterday Mr Pearce revealed that a request had been made for the purchase of bugging devices by the city council security department.

He said he had turned down the request,

but could not recall who made it.

When Mr Fine said evidence would be led concerning the purchase of bugging devices by the council, Mr Pearce replied that then it would have been done without his knowledge and authority.

"I am totally and completely unaware of any bugging devices what was purchased was sweeping devices — anti-bugging devices — which would be used to sweep council offices from time to time," Mr Pearce said.

Mr Fine said a Colonel Heystek, who had worked for the security department in 1984/85, had been bugged and that a tape with the evidence would be made available at a later stage.

Mr Pearce said he was very surprised to hear that.

The hearing continues — Sapa

FFF infiltrating

'attorney' named

JOHANNESBURG — Mr Toni Naude has been named at the Hiemstra Commission as the Johannesburg city council "attorney" who infiltrated the Five Freedoms Forum. He misrepresented facts to his spy masters, FFF publicly secretary Ms Gael Neke said yesterday.

Ms Neke said Mr Naude was a very junior, low-key member of the organisation.

"He was in the contact group. This is one of our sub-groups which deals with initial contact with the public. It organises house meetings and contact with different organisations.

"He misrepresented his position to the city council as he was not a qualified lawyer and did not move in high social circles," Ms Neke said. Any members of the public could have joined the FFF and involved themselves in the sub-group of which Mr Naude was a member.

"We are a totally open and non-violent organisation."

Mr Naude, who has been subpoenaed to appear before the commission, which is investigating the council spy ring, left the organisation in January 1989 after being with it for a year. He is in his late 20s and lives in Melville, Johannesburg — Sapa

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payable to legalise the contracts "In my case," says the man, "my stamp duty would be only about R170 on signing the new agreement compared with about R1 700 which I have paid (though the cheque hasn't yet been cashed by the developer)."

The aggrieved resident adds that under the new contract the developer is entitled to borrow from the community to develop the village further. In addition, it faces few restrictions from the village management committee.

It seems to be clear that even if the developer believes it has the best interests of the villagers at heart it should have disclosed planned changes before selling units rather than after the pensioners had committed themselves. Bower did not respond to phone calls or faxed queries from the FM. ■

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Begging to differ

Few planning policy changes are likely as a result of the civic coup which, last week, toppled the NP-controlled Johannesburg City Council's management committee in favour of an alliance dominated by the DP.

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This, at any rate, is the view of re-elected planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid who has emerged from the power struggle as non-aligned deputy chairman of the new management committee.

Nevertheless, Magid could find himself in a minority over the vexed issue of free settlement status for Johannesburg.

There is widespread speculation that the new management committee will treat, as a priority, an application to have the whole of Johannesburg declared open to free settlement. However, Magid adamantly opposes such moves unless the surrounding urban areas of Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort, Germiston, Soweto, Bedfordview and Diepkloof are also included in the application.

"My opposition is based purely on planning criteria. The political issues don't interest me now," he says.

Magid explains that declaring Johannesburg open to free settlement in isolation would result in greater, rather than less, urban fragmentation. It would also create chaos in terms of issues like traffic planning and control because flow patterns would be substantially altered (largely as a result of those entitled to live in Johannesburg working in surrounding towns).

"The only real option is to designate a

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much larger area open to free settlement. An even more logical solution would be to scrap the Group Areas Act."

In the context of broader planning issues and the new management committee, Magid says "If anything, my elevation to deputy chairman has strengthened my ability to implement the enterprises which I had already started. A priority will be to pursue private sector partnerships — an issue on which the new committee chairman, Ian Davidson, and I agree."

He adds that the council will take the initiative by proposing specific ways of entering partnerships with large organisations. Typically this could involve the city as the landowner while the company functions as developer. "There are various scenarios which I personally will pursue in the very near future."

He adds that he endorses the policy of greater openness but stresses the need for privacy when discussing sensitive issues. ■

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Tender wheels turn

Were property developers given a taste of things to come in Johannesburg when invited to participate in a proposal call for redevelopment of two municipally owned sites in Bree Street close to the new Newgate shopping centre? FIM 20/4/90

The proposal system has been mooted as a more efficient means of choosing developers for a specific site than the city council's purportedly wasteful straight competitive tendering system

However, according to Frans Labuschagne, the city's acting deputy planning director, the decision to invite proposals from would-be developers was taken before planning committee chairman Eddy Magid announced his intention to re-examine and perhaps overhaul the city's tendering

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procedures.

This follows the Newtown tendering debacle in which the city scrapped the first round of tenders because, according to Magid, the submissions failed to meet either planning or financial criteria

Labuschagne says the objective with the Bree Street sites is to create a commercially self-sufficient transport terminal complex. This will be an integral part of a scheme to streamline and improve Johannesburg's daily traffic flows

He says six developers submitted schemes for one or both of the sites and they are being evaluated

"Ideally, if there are several which we like, then we could draw up a shortlist and negotiate with the relevant developers"

But he cautions that if none of the proposals fits the bill the planning department will have to examine the terms and conditions of the proposal call to see whether the submission criteria were adequately clear and specific

"Either way I'm sure it will provide us with valuable information when we get round to reviewing the tendering systems. It should also tell us quite a lot about how a commercially viable transport terminal can be developed on these sites" ■

IAN DAVIDSON

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Lean and hungry

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Ian Davidson is a man of his word. When he took over from Tony Leon as leader of the DP opposition in the Johannesburg City Council nine months ago, the young stockbroker promised the Nat-controlled management committee that its days in power were numbered.

In a dramatic meeting last week, the council passed the DP's motion of no confidence in the management committee. Davidson took over as chairman of a DP-dominated committee, thus achieving what no PFP caucus had ever managed — control of the country's most important city.

The coup is certainly a personal victory for Davidson. The voting figures reveal that he had the support of some Nat council members, which must have taken a good deal of careful undercover persuasion and horse-trading.

But then Davidson is an old hand. He's been in the party political game almost 20 years and, though he's quietly spoken and apparently genteel, no one doubts his abilities as a shrewd and ambitious operator and skilful negotiator.

Nothing is guaranteed in this world, so Davidson (38) was surprised by the outcome of the voting. "My world has been turned upside-down," he says. "The real shock is actually knowing you're in the hot seat of government — there's no time for postulating. Now come the sleepless nights."

But Davidson, described by colleagues as an enthusiastic, hands-on leader, clearly relishes the challenges ahead. (Indeed, he might well be the envy of his predecessor — now MP for Houghton but sitting in relative obscurity on the back benches.)

Certainly, it's many years since the council has been led by someone with experience of the JSE and Johannesburg should benefit from a bit of corporate logic.

Davidson ... an old hand at the game



Clean and open administration are top of his list and he's determined that Johannesburg will soon be an open city. Of course, it must be remembered that he chairs what is effectively a coalition management committee and problems are likely to arise from a divided Nat caucus.

But, in many ways, the challenges and problems will be easier. "Most of the fundamental racial issues in the city which divided us have been addressed," says Davidson of the committee.

He's also heartened by the positive response from council officials — the city's civil servants. "They seem to welcome an open administration. Clearly, if the doors have been closed to us, they've also been closed to them."

Davidson will set about cutting the red tape and slimming down the bureaucracy. "The challenge is to run a good, tight ship." He's also keen to involve ratepayers and the business sector in the affairs of the city.

After matriculating at Parktown Boys' High, Davidson completed a BA LLB at Wits. That was when his political appetite was triggered. While helping at the university's legal clinic, he witnessed the dissolution of a family under the race laws. "The whole thing was absurd and repugnant, and awakened my distaste for the system."

He joined the old Progressive Party as a helper in the early Seventies and later became national youth chairman. In 1982, he was elected PFP councillor for Houghton and later Parkview and Saxonwold.

Davidson became disenchanted with his legal career and joined a firm of stockbrokers. Today he is a director of the firm but will possibly have to put his professional career on hold for a while.

He is a health fanatic and works out at gym daily. And his management style?

"I believe in small government. It's now a big wheel on the hill which turns slowly. We have to try and make it move faster and more smoothly."

Mirryena Deeb

R3-m in Jo'burg kitty used to spy

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ALMOST R3 million was spent last financial year on monitoring individuals and organisations by Johannesburg City Council's security department, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

According to a City Treasury document, the cost of the monitoring

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section jumped from R166 790 in the 1983/84 financial year to R2 718 000 in 1988/89, Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the commission told Mr Justice VG Hiemstra.

He was cross-examining Mr John Pearce, the city's director of public safety and said in testimony to be the city's "spymaster".

Pearce agreed with Fine that the costs included "intelligence".

Pearce also said the increased costs over the years could have been the result of staff restructuring as previously each of the council's 20 departments had their own security personnel.

Pearce said costs of security were not normally published in the council's final accounts and he had no idea where Fine obtained his information apart from the notation on the document that it had come from the City Treasurers Department.

Budget

On March 21, following *The Star's* expose on the spy ring, the Town Clerk, Mr Mame Venter, said of the council's R50 million security budget, only R17 000 was used to pay informers.

Just before the lunch break at the Hiemstra Commission yesterday, Pearce revealed that a re-

quest had been made for the purchase of bugging devices by the City Council security department

He said he turned down the request, but could not recall the author of the report which made the request.

When Fine said evidence would be led regarding the purchase of bugging devices by the Council, Pearce replied then that it would have been done without his knowledge and authority

"I am totally and completely unaware of any bugging devices. What was purchased was sweeping devices - anti-bugging devices - which would be used to sweep council offices from time to time," Pearce said.

Lekoa wants one Vaal council

THE Lekoa Town Council is to ask Vanderbijlpark Town Council that the two should merge into one metropolitan council for the Vaal region, acting Lekoa mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya said yesterday.

Ngwenya disclosed this at a Press conference in the council chambers at Sebokeng and said proposals on the matter had been forwarded to the Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging town councils.

Vanderbijlpark is Conservative Party-controlled while Vereeniging is National Party dominated.

She said the initial response from the two councils had been favourable and further meetings on the subject of "one council for all people" were in the pipeline.

The Lekoa council had decided on the move in the light of the "changing political climate in the country".

"It is now time that we also get a slice when the cake is cut," she said.

Ngwenya said by forming one council for the region there would be a better "financial base" on which to manage health facilities and other projects.

'Spy' chief is SADF major

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JOHANNESBURG City Council security department information gathering chief Frikkie Barnard is a Military Intelligence major, the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged spying heard yesterday.

Public Safety director John Pearce said Barnard did his camps at Wits Command, and spy handler Martin Hennig was recruited by the security department from Wits Command's intelligence section.

Giving evidence before the commission, Pearce said information was sifted and evaluated by the intelligence section under Barnard.

Any information which was not considered relevant to the protection of the coun-



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cil's property and personnel was discarded or handed to the SAP or the SADF.

Pearce said it was accepted practice that information was swapped and it had been going on before 1985.

The intelligence section's mandate was to gather information which concerned the protection of council personnel and property. The mandate was executed by Barnard, Pearce said.

Pearce, who told the commission he was town clerk Manie Venter's representative at the Joint Management Committee (JMC), said many of the contributions he made at the JMC were based on information gathered by the intelligence section.

Included on the JMC were representatives from the army and police, he said.

Pearce said he assumed the information was useful, but he also presumed the com-

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'Spy' chief

mittee already had most of the information

The information passed on at the JMC was based on weekly reports he received from security director Brig Jan Visser. Some of the reports contained information that was not relevant to the council.

During cross-examination, advocate John Campbell, acting for the Five Freedoms Forum, asked "How can irrelevant information get into the weekly reports if you say it was discarded?"

"Maybe their idea of what was relevant was different to mine," Pearce said.

He said he obviously had discussions with Visser about information that was not relevant to the council's interests, but he could not give an example.

The drawing up of profiles on personalities would not have been a contravention of the mandate if they had bearing on the assets of the council, Pearce said.

The initial decision to pay informers, which was made by himself, Visser, Venter and the late management committee chairman Danie van Zyl was never authorised by the management committee.

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Towards the end of 1988 he held discussions with Visser about the scaling down of the intelligence section. The reasons for this included the escalation of criminal activities in the council and the need to divert manpower to dealing with this and the change in the security situation.

He also had doubts as to the value of the information coming through this section.

Asked why he had started doubting the value of the information if he had never read reports gathered by the informers, Pearce said it was just an impression that came to his mind over a period of time.

Pearce was presented with a document from Wits Command intelligence section containing information on propaganda activities in Sebokeng and petrol bomb attacks in Tembisa.

Pearce said he never saw these reports, but although the item on Sebokeng might have been of no interest to the council, the incident in Tembisa could have been.

Pearce said he had turned down a request for bugging devices. If bugging did occur he was totally unaware of it and the activities were unauthorised.

The cares of office

The DP must prove it can run Johannesburg more openly than the Nats

However there was a bunch of politicians proud of themselves, it is the Democratic Party (DP) Johannesburg city councillors. "We always told the management committee that it had served its time," says tough talking new committee member Paul Asherson - "well, its meter has expired."

Now the meter starts ticking for the DP from playing the role of prickly opposition it has assumed the mantle of leadership. After introducing a successful no-confidence motion in the National Party-controlled management committee, the DP won half the seats on the six-member body, including the chair. Two vertigle Nats were returned to the committee, along with the lone independent (Currents April 13).

And as DP leader Ian Davidson was moving into the committee chairman's office last week, Judge Victor Hienstra was heading a judicial inquiry into allegations of a city spy network.

Revelations about espionage funded by employers helped put the DP in power. "There's no doubt that the spy scandal precipitated action," Davidson says.

"But we already had an unstable government on the road to a motion of no confidence."

The NP's Marietta Marx (one of her party's two re-elected members and ex-deputy chairman) says the no-confidence motion was unnecessary because the Nats themselves wanted a full investigation into the spy allegations. "It's not really a scandal that affected us," she says. "It isn't yet proved that it was a scandal at all."

Yet elsewhere in the massive city centre campus, Town Clerk Mane Venter — in effect MD of the city — sat at a small desk in the council chamber and responded to questions from the Hienstra Commission.

More accurately, he did not respond, except to say that he did not know what the spy network was.



Davidson



Judge Hienstra - probing city spy network

He testified that he merely authorised payments and had been misled about the gathering of information. "You were in charge," Hienstra reminded Venter at one point. "You are Town Clerk. You should have known."

Venter said he relied on security officials John Pearce and Brigadier Jan Visser for information and did not know which organisations were being investigated nor how the security department worked.

Venter was not alone in saying he did not know what was going on. Councilors swear they had no idea that city officials were allegedly running a spy network for seven years with some of the millions spent under an amorphous label of "security."

Councilors readily admit they were no more than a rubber stamp, busy with rezoning applications while non-elected employees usurped the job of policy-making. At least a dozen of the 51 councilors would never be household names due to their lack of participation. It was a scenario for abuse and trouble.

Taking back power from the advisory committee — headed by Venter — must be the first job for the new management. Over the years, particularly after Francois Oberholzer's retirement as management committee chairman, councilors delegated almost all decision making to the city hall professionals.



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These in turn gathered information from

department heads and then presented reports — or withheld them, depending on the contents — to the management committee. "We had management by remote control," says Davidson, who will be responsible for wresting control away from the bureaucrats.

After the judicial inquiry, it will be up to council to decide what's to become of officials allegedly involved. Privately, the DP says it smells blood. "The investigation will hang a few people," says one. "It will keep us from having to reduce the size of the bureaucracy. The judge will do it for us."

Because DP members were shut out of the old management committee, they will take a while simply to figure out how the show operates. They promise glasses at Bramfontein's fortress like Civic Centre Davidson's open door is apparently surprising quite a few city employees accustomed to the NP's closed doors and part-time approach.

With his hands-on style, Davidson (38), a Maserati-driving stockbroker with Ferguson Bros, is a distinct contrast to the NP's meek Jan Burger (68). Burger has managed to keep his seat on the committee but lost the chair.

Not everyone is pleased about the new management, even though Davidson goes out of his way to praise the high quality of city officials. "We are not on a witch hunt," says another DP councillor. "But those with their snouts in the trough are worried."

Already the DP is facing the challenges of office. Instead of pushing for a vote immediately on opening the city to all races, Davidson plans to call for a council committee to look into the ramifications of such a move.

Some of his supporters will call this backtracking. After all, an open city has been screaming for all along. But Davidson knows that with 21 NP, 20 DP, six independents and

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four Conservative Party (CP) councillors, he isn't assured of the votes. The NP, still licking its wounds after the no-confidence motion, would undoubtedly close ranks if pushed too hard right now — even though one recent survey indicated that 11 of the 21 Nats favour an open city. At present, opening cities is not NP policy.

Marx denies that she or other NP members in the council got a "negative reaction" from Cabinet ministers after they lost control, but the CP and DP both scoff at the idea that Marx & Co operate independently.

"The NP caucus is often attended by Cabinet ministers," says CP council leader Jacques Theron. "There's little doubt they get their marching orders from higher up."

The NP faithful are keeping a stiff upper lip, but no one doubts there was backstabbing and collusion with the DP in the vote for a new management committee. In the end the three most conservative NP councillors were out and two vertigle held their seats.

Marx says the three ousted NP committee members each got at least 21 votes, which proves that every Nats voted the party line. But the CP begs to disagree. Theron says his caucus decided to support all sitting committee members except Burger, much to the chagrin of the DP and NP powerbrokers who expected the CP to vote down everyone after having supported the no-confidence motion.

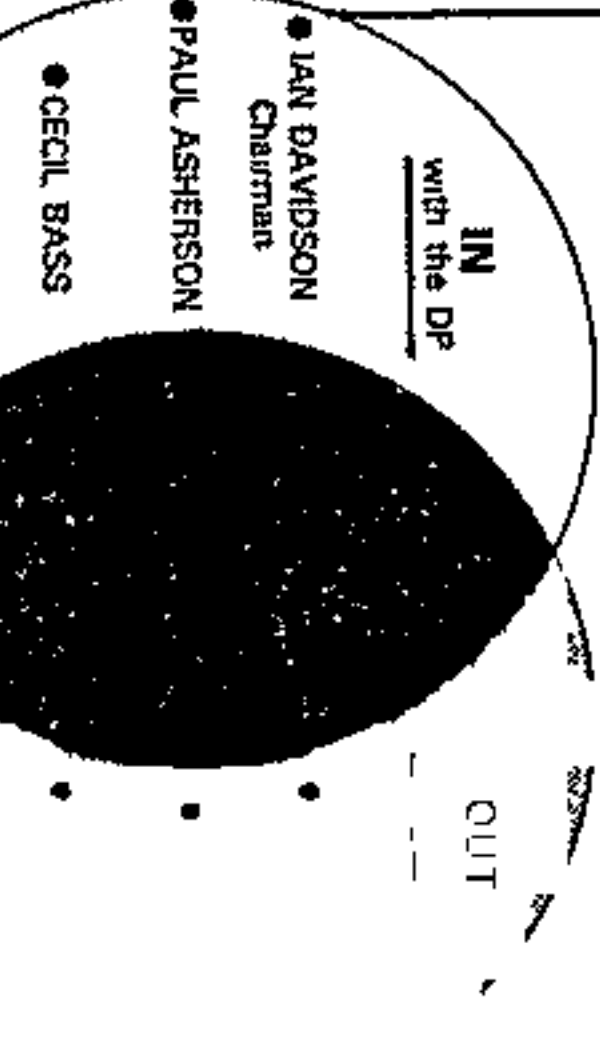
DP and NP dealmakers were embarrassed by the totals, which proved collusion. Koos Roets, who lost his seat with only 24 votes, got four CP votes, meaning that at least one Nats didn't vote for him. On the other hand, Marx got 35 votes, which could mean 21 NP votes, four CP votes, six independent votes and four DP votes. Burger got 29 — possibly 21 NP, six independents and at least two DP.

"They tried to blame the CP," Theron says, "but it's clear some Nats supported the DP. They left the party in the lurch." Marx acknowledges that she outlined a plan in caucus to co-operate with the DP, but says she was outvoted and went along with the plan to support all NP nominees. She



NP's Marx - didn't betray her colleagues

Inventing a new Johannesburg City Council



bristles at charges that Nats committed "political betrayal" against their colleagues. "We did not hand anything over on a silver platter," she says. "We put up our candidates, voted for them and lost." Marx, however, did not lose. "I was absolutely sure I'd be out. I was flabbergasted."

Says Theron: "We've accepted that the Nats are turning over everything to the ANC, but we were surprised that they gave it over to the DP."

Actually, the NP has been fading ever since it won 26 of the 51 seats in the 1988 municipal election. Three Nats have since gone independent, one defected to the DP and another seemingly safe seat went to the DP in a by-election.

"They could no longer run the city with the people they have," Asherson says. "In a sense, they abdicated. They committed political suicide some time ago but the body was still kicking."

The DP, however, would like to believe its liberal stance helped it get where it is. "You can't write off a party that controls Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg and Midrand councils," Davidson says, "and when it stands for policies that are winning the day."

But the NP fumbling of the ball and internecine warfare in the caucus may be closer to why its control dissolved. There is also speculation that NP Cabinet members approved the removal of the three conservative Nats from the management committee in a deal with the DP. "Marietta was under enormous pressure not to split the NP," Davidson says. "It came close."

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of Johannesburg," Asherson says. Marx says it would be irresponsible of the council to address an open city just so some people can score political points. "We must concentrate on issues that we can solve in the next few months or years, issues that really affect lives at the grassroots level," she says, citing housing, health, redevelopment of the city, transport and "uplifting and beautifying the wards."

Says Davidson: "She's ducking the issues. We can't take a narrow view. The future will be decided in the cities. We must be seen to be exerting pressure, especially in Johannesburg. If we can't get it right here, we can't get it right anywhere."

He will push for privatisation of city-owned facilities, such as the market and Rand Airport. He will also call upon the Urban Foundation, Central Business District Association and other groups with special expertise that were held at arm's length by the previous management.

Also on his agenda is the formation of a municipal police force. But where will the money come from?

"We must re-prioritise," says Davidson, deriding the R110m spent on reworking the Civic Theatre. "We will have to cut back on luxuries. If the SAP can't provide the service, we have to look to fill the gap."

Already there are whispers of higher office for Davidson who took over the DP leadership when Tony Leon was elected to parliament last year. He won't comment on his ambitions — but he can prove himself to the locals by cleaning house in Johannesburg, where the faith of the ratepayers is being severely tested.

He can start by reforming the cumbersome council itself. The combination of a weak management committee and strong advisory committee run by bureaucrats re-moves decision-making from elected representatives and opens the way for abuse. He must be sure to gain control immediately. Above all, Davidson's goal should be to ensure accountability in a system that has slipped out of control.



DP's Asherson - the body was still kicking

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BOLTING DOORS (266)

Johannesburg City Council claims to have adopted a new tough stance over dealing with people who operate businesses illegally from private houses

Planning & Development Committee chairman Eddy Magid says that from the beginning of April the city has been issuing spot fines of about R300 (set by Johannesburg's chief magistrate) to those "who blatantly ignore the bylaws and cause intrusions into residential areas."

The council has been severely criticised in the past by organisations such as the Parktown Association for its apparent inability to take action against businesses operating illegally from dwellings.

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**Threats made
over spy probe**

A witness and two members of The Star's editorial staff were threatened or harassed at the weekend because of their involvement with the Hiemstra Commission, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Johan Beetge, a former supervisor in the Johannesburg City Council's security department, and presently giving testimony before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, was telephoned at his home on Saturday.

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Also present was Mr Beetge.

TPA Earth Day events: 'whites only'

By Therese Anders, *Star*
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The Transvaal Provincial Administration's Earth Day festivities this Sunday are to be a "whites only" affair in the middle of the racially segregated Overvaal resort at Swadini in the Eastern Transvaal

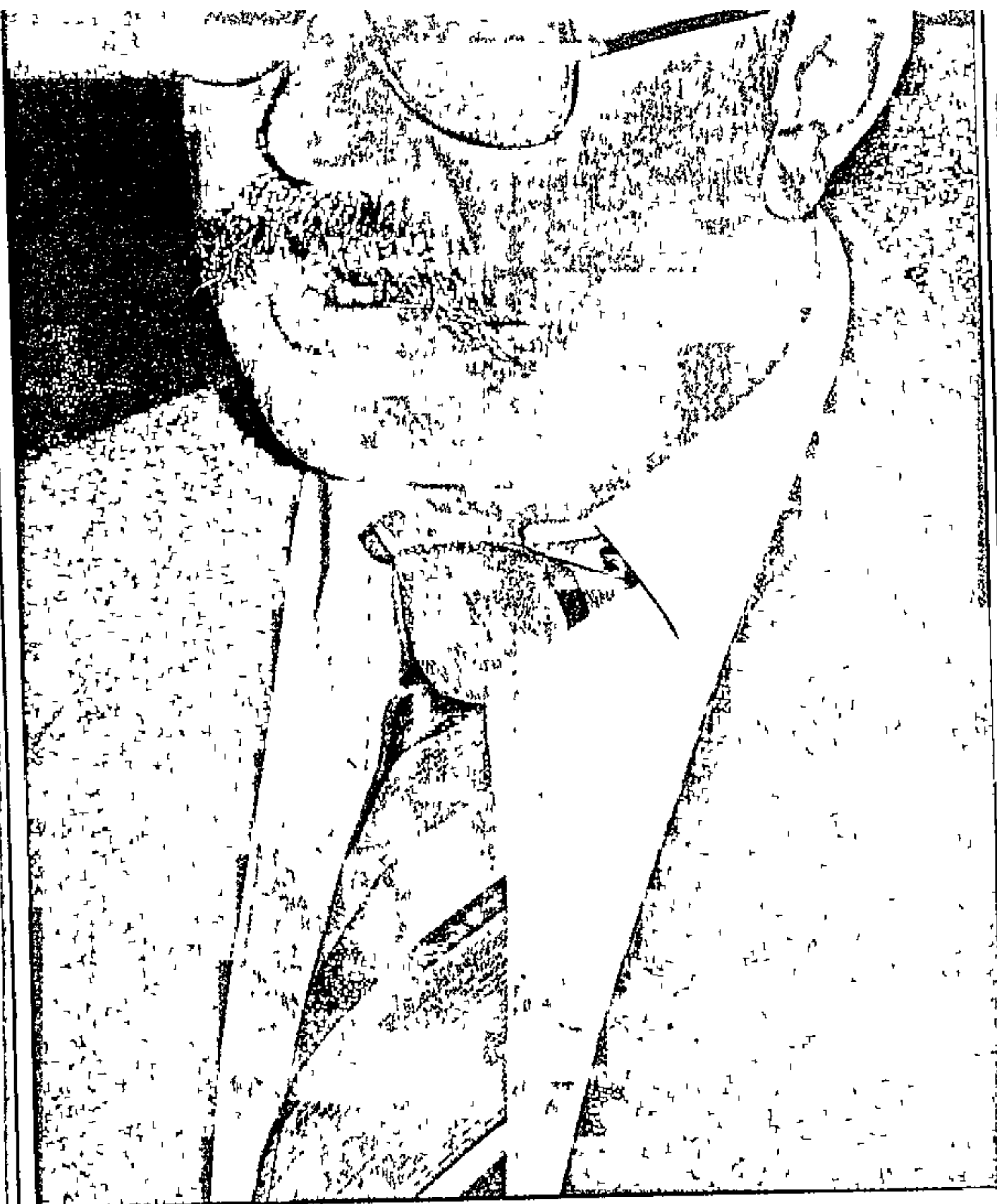
One of the organisers of the event, Mrs Hester Theron, information officer at the TPA's Department of Nature Conservation at Swadini, said Overvaal's race policy had "unfortunately been overlooked" when the event was planned.

"We would not like black people to think that Earth Day and conservation does not affect them also," said Mrs Theron.

"It was decided to hold the Earth Day function there because Swadini resort falls within the nature reserve and because it was the white school holidays."

Mrs Theron stressed that while the service and tree planting would be closed to blacks, the TPA's visitors' centre in the nearby Blydepoort nature reserve was open to all races

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Mr Frik Barnard . . . head of the spy ring in the Johannesburg City Council's security department who liaised with the police and military. ● Picture by Karen Fletcher.

Council spy boss is SADF major, commission told

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The second-highest ranking security official in the Johannesburg City Council was yesterday unmasked as a major in Military Intelligence.

He is Mr Frik Barnard, deputy director of security and former head of operations in the spy ring existing within the council's security department.

He was named before the Hiemstra Commission by the council's director of public safety, Mr John Pearce, under cross-examination by Mr John Campbell, representing the Five Freedoms Forum.

Mr Barnard is the second person to be named who has close links to Military Intelligence. The first one named during testimony before Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, was spy handler Mr Martin Hennig.

Mr Hennig had been recruited by Mr Barnard.

The commission is investigating The Star's revelations of a spy ring. Seven legal teams representing 18 interested parties are cross-examining witnesses.

Few limits

Mr Pearce told the commission that the mandate given to Mr Barnard had very few limits. He had the authority to protect council property, employees and assets, and liaise with other intelligence-gathering organisations, such as the police and the Defence Force.

It emerged during cross-examination by Mr Gilbert Marcus, for several parties spied upon, that the African National Congress, Cosatu, the Municipal Workers' Union of South Africa, Five Freedoms Forum and the End Conscription Campaign had been infiltrated by council informants.

Mr Pearce rejected the word "infiltration" to describe the activities of informants, saying they could well have been "bona fide" members of the organisations concerned.

Mr Pearce also claimed that the council employed "at the most" four informers.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

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Monitoring cost R3-m, Hiemstra

Told

By Norman Chandler, Louise Burgers and Helen Grange
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Increased costs

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(On March 21, following The Star's expose on the spy ring, the Town Clerk, Mr Mamie Venter, said that of the council's R50 million security budget only R17 000 was used to pay informers)

In another development yesterday, Mr Pearce revealed that a request had been made for the purchase of bugging devices by the City Council security department. He said he had turned down the

request, but could not recall the name of the person who had made it. Mr Fine said evidence would be led regarding the purchase of bugging devices by the Council and Mr Pearce replied that it would have been done without his knowledge and authority

"I am totally and completely unaware of any bugging devices. What was purchased was sweeping devices — anti-bugging devices — which would be used to sweep council offices from time to time," Mr Pearce said

Mr Fine said a Colonel Heystek, who had worked for the security department in 1984/85, had been bugged. A tape purportedly to be of monitored telephone conversations was handed into the commission late yesterday by Mr Fine. Mr Pearce said he was "very sur-



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prised" to hear that. Earlier, Mr Pearce had said in testimony that the city council's management committee never approved payment for information provided by spies working on the council's behalf

He told Mr Fine that some of the data gathered by spies was "given to other relevant authorities". In earlier testimony, the commission heard that the South African Police and SA Defence Force had been recipients of information. Asked whether he had motivated

the principle of payment (of informants), Mr Pearce said it was a joint viewpoint of the then-head of security, Brigadier Jan Visser, and himself

"The motivation was to gather intelligence on council property, assets and other matters affecting the Council. It was not politically motivated," Mr Pearce said

Mr Pearce insisted that there was "no secrecy" involved in the decision to pay spies. "It was just not necessary to broadcast these facts"

Mr Pearce, shown a document headed "secret", said he had seen the document for the first time when handed a bundle of legal documents to peruse before the inquiry. Some of the information in the document was regarded as extremely delicate. Said Mr Fine "The activity was to

Political considerations, he again insisted, were not involved

Mr Pearce had not investigated the security work because he knew the nature of probes into political organisations

The Progressive Federal Party Youth League was one organisation infiltrated. "Were you not concerned?" Mr Fine asked

"No," replied Mr Pearce. He also had no knowledge of the infiltration of the Democratic Party by a so-called "unregistered" informant — one who was paid by the security department but not employed full time

Mr Pearce added that it appeared that a document handed into the commission, and supplied by the informant, was in fact "a public pamphlet" which had been distributed

Told that the document had been found in boxes opened at the security department offices, Mr Pearce said it "could be for filing purposes". He could see no value in it for the council and he also would not have approved the infiltration of the DP

be kept secret?"

"Yes," Mr Pearce said. Asked why he and Brigadier Visser had "gone beyond the limits (of the provincial ordinance relating to security matters)" in collecting evidence of such a nature, Mr Pearce said the decision to form a special security committee had been taken by the management committee at the time

A special security committee had been formed in mid-1985, and it advised the management committee of security matters

The members were Mr Pearce, Brigadier Visser, Mr Mamie Venter, town clerk, and the late Mr Danie van Zyl, then chairman of the management committee

Mr Pearce said he knew "the broad principles" of what was taking place in the security department

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NP caucus to discuss coalition

THE Johannesburg City Council's National Party caucus meets tonight to thrash out the issue of the NP's position in a DP-led coalition management committee

Three of the NP's former management committee, Koos Roets, Ernie Fabel and Cecil Long, were excluded from the management committee two weeks ago when the DP succeeded in a motion of no-confidence.

NP caucus leader Jan Burger and deputy leader Marietta Marx were elected to a coalition management committee led by DP leader Ian Davidson.

Several council sources confirmed that one NP member made a deal with the DP to have the three excluded from the new management committee, and defied an NP caucus decision to vote the old team back into power.

Long has expressed his dissatisfaction about the failure of himself and his two colleagues to win re-election.

Two NP sources who declined to be

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named said they were nervous about tonight's proceedings as the issue of why the caucus decision was defied would be raised by one of the former management committee members.

One of the NP sources speculated that Marx and Burger could be asked to stand down from the coalition, or a vote of no-confidence in their leadership could be raised.

The caucus meeting would determine the future position of the NP in council, and the three excluded NP members would also come to a decision as to whether they would stay with the party, or break away.

CP leader Jacques Theron said at the weekend his bid for leader of the official opposition depended on the outcome of tonight's caucus meeting.

He said he would be fully justified in staking a claim for leader of the official opposition if the NP caucus accepted their coalition status on the committee.

Council's info department 'an army front'

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Former Johannesburg City Council, security employee Mr Johan Beetge said yesterday that council-paid spies had gathered information for the use of Military Intelligence

Mr Beetge, now a member of the council's civil protection corps, also told the Hiemstra commission of inquiry it was his impression that information department head Mr Frikkie Barnard, who is a major in Military Intelligence, used the department as a front for the army

From a cashbook placed before the commission, he identified an undisclosed amount he said had been paid to Mr Barnard for a braaivleis for the army

A payment of R340 was also made for the athletics team, of which Mr Barnard was head. Most of the members were from the security department, Mr Beetge said.

The city council's security department, the subject of the Hiemstra commission of inquiry, is accused of paying agents to spy on legitimate organisations opposed to the government

Council spy probe told of death threats

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At least three people, a witness and two members of *The Star* were threatened or harassed at the weekend, it was disclosed today at the Hiemstra Commission into spies in the Johannesburg City Council's security department.

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The latest threats follow similar calls made over the past two weeks

to people involved in the Hiemstra Commission hearings

In the earlier incidents, a key witness, as yet unnamed, was intimidated and a death threat made against another person

A contract for R50 000 was placed on the head of a person who is still to give evidence.

At the start of the Commission hearing, a bomb exploded in the basement of Innes Chambers, Johannesburg,

where most lawyers appearing for various parties at the Commission have their offices

At the time, Mr Justice Hiemstra issued a strong warning against intimidation

Legal teams at yesterday's hearing and Mr Denis Fine, SC, for the Commission, met Mr Justice Hiemstra for more than 30 minutes before the start of proceedings.

Also present was Mr Beetge

Representatives of a number of black trade unions, including officials of Cosatu, filled a portion of the public gallery when Mr Justice Hiemstra entered the council chamber at 10 40am.

Mr Martin Hennig, a former operative who had previously given evidence, was recalled to the stand yesterday and questioned about documents in a safe.

Documents

Hennig had said on Friday that he had helped pack sensitive military papers.

Fine put it to Hennig that he knew of a management committee decision that said all documentation with reference to the security department should be handed to the Commission.

"You had other documents in the safe didn't you?" Fine asked

Hennig said he had discovered the papers last week and had advised his lawyers

"No one told us on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday," said Fine

"How did those documents come into your possession?"

Hennig said council operatives Mr John Eagen and Mr Tony Bennett had placed the papers in a safe.

"I was under the impression they were photo-

stats," he added. He could not recall who had told him about the documents in the safe.

Fine asked "What other papers relevant to this Commission were locked away in the safe?"

"There were personal documents, reports and other papers," Hennig said

Fine put it to Hennig that he had hesitated about opening the safe in his office. This was denied

(Proceeding)



Mr Justice VG Hiemstra

Witness thought council office was SADF front

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A FORMER senior supervisor in the Johannesburg City Council's security department yesterday told the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the department he was under the impression the council's information office was used as a front for the SADF.

Johannes Beetge, now a member of the council's civil protection corps, said his impression was that information department head Frikkie Barnard, a major in Military Intelligence, used the department as a front for the army.

From a cashbook placed before the commission, Beetge identified an undisclosed amount which he said had been paid to Barnard for a braaivleis

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for the army, and another R350 which was paid to Barnard for taxes.

Beetge said this seemed to indicate the money was used by Barnard for tax purposes, which was not the function of a cashbook intended to record payments to informers.

A payment of R340 was also made to Barnard for the athletics team of which Barnard was head. Most of the members were from the security department, Beetge said.

He told the commission, chaired by Mr Justice Hiemstra, that a former informer called "Robert" had had a fall-out with Barnard which resulted in "Robert" being marked as subversive on his army file.

Beetge said he had been told by

Barnard to draw the file on "Robert" as he was leaving the service.

Several days later he picked Barnard up from Wits Command. Barnard had the file under his arm and Barnard told Beetge he had marked "Robert's" army file "subversive", Beetge said.

Beetge made an appearance at the commission on Friday and claimed to have transported alleged spy documents compiled by the security department to SADF headquarters in Johannesburg.

Earlier, spy handler Martin Henning denied knowledge of certain council security department documents being withheld from the commission.

The commission will hear evidence again on Thursday.

NP puts paid to rumours of split

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The National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council last night put paid to rumours it would split after losing control of the city by declaring its unconditional support for President de Klerk.

Today is the first council meeting at which Democratic Party leader and management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson will preside.

After the meeting last night, caucus chairman Mr Jan van Blerk said they had decided the caucus would continue to serve the NP policy as interpreted by their leader, President de Klerk.

Johannesburg council's security section 'was just a front for the military'

Reports by Norman Chandler, Helen Grange and Louise Burgers

The Johannesburg City Council's security department was nothing more than "a front for Military Intelligence", a witness told the Hiemstra Commission yesterday.

Mr Johan Beetge, a former security supervisor, also said that he had insisted on the drawing up of a document titled the "Hostile Revolutionary Onslaught" to clarify the spying activities of the department's information unit

Information network

In earlier testimony, the commission heard that Mr Frick Barnard, deputy security director and former operations manager, and Mr Martin Hennig, a former operative, had been recruited from Military Intelligence.

The commission has been set up by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate the Star's revelations of the existence of spy rings

in the council's security department

Replying to questioning from Mr Lotter Wepener, assisting the commission with Mr Denis Fine, SC, Mr Beetge said "Not all the information we collected concerned the interests of the council"

He was explaining why he thought the information network — which has been in existence since 1985 — was a front for Military Intelligence.

"A lot of the information had to do with organisations such as the Five Freedoms Forum, the End Conscription Campaign, and others," Mr Beetge said. It was his opinion that the activities against these groups was "highly illegal and blatantly criminal".

Mr Beetge said that as far as he was concerned there was "no law which entitled us to spy on other people"

Detailing his motivation at the time, Mr Beetge said he had asked Mr Nick Roestof, another official in the security department, to draw up a policy document in support of their intelligence-gathering activities



Former security supervisor Mr Johan Beetge

ties for the town clerk, Mr Manne Venter, to authorise.

Before the document was introduced into the commission record, an application was made by Mr Hans Bornman, representing Mr Hennig, for the hearing to be held in camera because, he said, the document was marked "top secret"

Mr Gilbert Marcus, representing various parties, objected, saying many of the other documents already submitted had also been marked "top secret", and it was in

the interests of the public that the latest documents be made known

Mr Justice Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, took more than two hours to come to a decision. They decided to hear argument and evidence on the hundreds of pages said to detail the "total revolutionary onslaught" on the city. The document has not been released to the media yet.

Mr Beetge revealed that from as early as 1988 he had been looking for other employment after having his suspicions of illegal spying activities aroused

"I was even willing to drop a grade in salary," he said

Revelations in the Sunday Star at the weekend on the drawing up of ground plans of communes and other buildings in city suburbs had been prepared by Mr John Eagen, an operative with the security department

They had been submitted to Mr Barnard — unmasked last week as a major in Military Intelligence — who had, in turn, "passed them on to the Defence Force".

Mr Beetge said he had seen a re-

port on Mr Tony Leon, former leader of the Opposition in the council and now Democratic Party MPP for Houghton. It had been marked Personal Profile No 1.

Mr Wepener said "We went through four boxes of documents and found no such profile"

Internal squabbles

Mr Beetge "Then it had to have been destroyed — or hidden away."

Evidence of internal squabbles in the security department was also heard by the commission

In one, according to Mr Beetge, Mr Barnard and Brigadier Jan Visser, former head of the department's security section, had had a fall out, and Brigadier Visser was "looking for ammunition (skietgoed) to use against his colleague"

Another involved a man named "Robert", who had been employed as a source by the council. After he left, Mr Barnard had him listed as a "subversive" by the military

The hearings have been postponed to Thursday because of the council's monthly meeting.

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out of committee

East Rand Bureau

Three National Party members of the Germiston City Council's management committee, including the chairman and vice-chairman, resigned yesterday.

Chairman Mr Stan van Eeden, his vice-chairman, Mr Fanie Coetzee, and Mr Johann Rossouw, apparently resigned under pressure from the caucus.

Two new NP members, Mr Leon Louw and Mr Sarel Hattingh, were voted on to the management committee at a special council meeting last night.

The remaining vacancy is expected to be filled at a special council meeting next Monday.

Council vows to make amends

By Mckeed Kotlolo,
Pretoria Bureau

The Atteridgeville City Council has failed to make public the findings of the Kriel Commission into allegations of corruption within the council, but has promised to act positively on them.

In its latest newsletter, the council announced that it had decided "to give immediate attention to the findings" in spite of the report still being kept secret from the public.

The report was forwarded to the council's offices on January 4 this

year

The council expressed its concern at the state of its financial affairs and said it had approached the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) for expertise and advice in that regard.

It also promised to "strive to enforce and observe the relevant regulations to ensure proper financial administration" and to keep the public informed as to its income and expenditure.

It said it had already instructed its senior officials to investigate and report irregularities concern-

ing travelling expenses of officials. It had also ordered an independent job evaluation study to address overstaffing and undue overtime problems.

The council further promised to take steps to improve productivity and punctuality of staff and expressed ignorance of the fact that money was demanded from the public before the allocation of houses.

In its attempt to prevent malpractices, the council appealed to township residents to report any irregularities to the council.

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Witness recalled over 'sensitive' papers

The discovery of "sensitive" documents — said in earlier testimony to be from the South African Defence Force — had a sequel at the Hiemstra Commission in Johannesburg yesterday when former spy handler Mr Martin Hennig was recalled to the witness stand.

Mr Hennig denied to Mr D Fine, S C, for the commission, that he had known about the documents — found in his office safe — and denied contradicting his earlier evidence that he had provided "all documentation to the commission"

Mr Fine put it to him that he knew of a city council management committee decision, which was that all documentation with reference to the security department should be handed to the

commission.

Mr Hennig said he had discovered the papers last week and had advised his lawyers.

"No one told us on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday," said Mr Fine "How did those documents come into your possession?"

Mr Hennig said council operatives Mr John Eagen and Mr Tony Bennett had placed the papers in a safe.

Mr Fine asked: "What other papers relevant to this commission were locked away in the safe?"

"There were personal documents, reports and other papers," Mr Hennig said.

Mr Fine told Mr Hennig that he had given evidence last week that

all documentation had been given to commission officers. Mr Hennig said that as far as he was concerned this was so.

Re-examining Mr Hennig, Mr Fine was told by him that photostats in the safe had "come from the police".

Mr Hennig's lawyer, Mr Hans Bornman, later told the commission he was concerned that "an erroneous impression" had been created about the withholding of the papers, particularly concerning the legal representatives.

It was not intended in any manner whatsoever to withhold evidence. He added that the legal advisers had done what they could to facilitate access to all papers.

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Financial year	Number of commuter trips
1978/79	1 996 166
1979/80	2 577 188
1980/81	2 436 072
1981/82	2 727 872
1982/83	2 893 212
1983/84	3 097 102
1984/85	2 943 980
1985/86	2 691 210
1986/87	2 683 514
1987/88	2 651 316
1988/89	2 354 298
1989/90	1 916 094

(c) Interstate Bus Lines (Pty) Ltd trading as Jakaranda Bus Service.

Certain areas: road accidents

243 Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of Transport

(1) (a) How many persons died in road accidents in 1989 in the (i) Tlohayi, (ii) Port Elizabeth, (iii) Johannesburg and (iv) Soweto municipal area and (b) how many of these persons were pedestrians in each case,

(2) how many car accidents involving minibuses occurred in 1989 in each of the above areas?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

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(1) According to provisional figures for 1989 the following number of persons died in road traffic collisions in the respective municipal areas.

- (a) (i) 92
- (ii) 88
- (iii) 275
- (iv) 289
- (b) (i) 49
- (ii) 51
- (iii) 159
- (iv) 243;

(2) according to provisional figures for 1989 the following number of minibuses were

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involved in road traffic collisions in the respective municipal areas

(i) 203

(ii) not available

(iii) 5 890

(iv) 1 240.

Cape schools salaries paid late

259 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Education

Whether, with reference to all schools falling under his control in (a) the Greater Cape Town areas, (b) Paarl and (c) Kuis River, any teachers received their salaries after the due dates between 1 July 1989 and the latest specified date for which statistics are available, if so, in respect of each such school, how many teachers (i) were affected each month and (ii) received their cheques (aa) less than two weeks late, (bb) two to four weeks late, (cc) one to two months late, (dd) two to three months late and (ee) more than three months late?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION. Particulars in this regard are not kept on record and cannot be collected satisfactorily — even at high cost. It is therefore not possible to furnish the information as requested

Boland schools salaries paid late

261 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Education

Whether, with reference to all schools falling under his control in (a) Worcester, (b) Robertson and (c) Ashton, any teachers received their salaries after the due dates between 1 July 1989 and the latest specified date for which statistics are available; if so, in respect of each such school, how many teachers (i) were affected each month and (ii) received their cheques (aa) less than two weeks late, (bb) two to four weeks late, (cc) one to two months late, (dd) two to three months late and (ee) more than three months late?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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even at high cost. It is therefore not possible to furnish the information as requested

Mossel Bay/George/Oudshoorn schools: salaries paid late

262 Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Education

Whether, with reference to all schools falling under his control in (a) Mossel Bay, (b) George and (c) Oudshoorn, any teachers received their salaries after the due dates between 1 July 1989 and the latest specified date for which statistics are available, if so, in respect of each such school, how many teachers (i) were affected each month and (ii) received their cheques (aa) less than two weeks late, (bb) two to four weeks late, (cc) one to two months late, (dd) two to three months late and (ee) more than three months late?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Particulars in this regard are not kept on record and cannot be collected satisfactorily — even at high cost. It is therefore not possible to furnish the information as requested

Armscor: workers dismissed

274 Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Defence

Whether any workers at Armscor and Armscor subsidiaries have been dismissed as a result of the reduction of the Defence Force budget, if so, (a) how many workers have been dismissed at (i) Armscor and (ii) each specified Armscor subsidiary since 1 October 1989 as a result of this reduction and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Yes

- (a) (i) 130
- (ii) Pretoria Metal Pressings (Pty) Ltd

1 144

- Atlas Aircraft Corporation of SA (Pty) Ltd
- Somchem (Pty) Ltd
- Kentron (Pty) Ltd
- Musgrave Manufacturers and Distributors (Pty) Ltd

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(b) 742 employees at Pretoria Metal Pressings (Pty) Ltd on 30 November 1989. The balance of 1 533 all on 31 March 1990

National service: doctors

284 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Defence

(1) (a) How many fully qualified doctors are doing national service at present, (b) how many of these doctors are being used in Government hospitals and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished, (2) whether in future doctors doing military service are to be used in this manner?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) (a) 463

(b) 11

(c) 30 March 1990

(2) Doctors who are at present doing their national service can be used at Government Hospitals until 31 July 1990. Further assistance, thereafter, will as a result of the reduction in the length of military service and the consequent limited number of doctors doing military service, not be likely

SADF: information from Johannesburg City Council

292 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Defence

Whether the South African Defence Force received from any official or individual at the Johannesburg City Council any information on the activities of any individuals or organisations, if so, (a) what is the name of the individual who supplied the information, (b) what are the names of the (i) individuals and (ii) organisations on whose activities information was supplied and (c) what information was supplied in each case?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE.

It is not the practice of any intelligence organisation to divulge any information of individuals from whom information was received or the nature of such information.

(a) to (c) Fall away.

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effect that that is not permissible I want to ask you to take into account the fact that the name of the late Mr Lubowski has a certain connotation in the same way that in certain cases the name "quising" had a certain connotation Reference has been made to "quising" and it was accepted This remark was made in the same spirit, and for that reason I want to ask you to rule that it is not unparliamentary to use that expression

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Chairman, on a further point of order This makes it worse now because if it is permissible to refer to an hon member in this manner, it is indeed a tragedy! First of all the issue of whether Mr Lubowski was or was not a traitor or quising, is again tasteless, bearing in mind the trial that is pending What is significant

Mr J H VANDER MERWE You are talking a bunch of nonsense!

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Mr H H SCHWARZ It is better to be talking a bunch of nonsense than to be one of a bunch of coconus! [Interjections] I want to submit that if in fact now—and this makes it so much worse in view of the argument of the hon Chief Whip of the CP—it is parliamentary to refer to an hon member of this House as [Interjections]

*Mr S P BARNARD Are we still wearing skins, Harry? Are we still wearing skins?

*Mr H H SCHWARZ I think there is something wrong with your skin!

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order!

Mr S P BARNARD You were the one who [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! The hon member for Hercules must now contain himself! [Interjections]

*Order! Will the hon member for Yeoville please resume his seat?

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Chairman, may I continue, Sir? I want to

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! I want to address the hon the member for Hercules

*The hon member for Hercules! A point of order has been raised and the hon member for Yeoville must be given the opportunity to state his case

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*The hon the member for Yeoville may continue

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Chairman, what is now being inferred, is that these two hon members are, in the words of the Chief Whip of the CP, quising! Quising are people who are alleged to be traitors to their own people Now whether or not that applies to Mr Lubowski is another story, and I do not think it does! The reality, however, is that to apply that label to an hon member of this House, is unparliamentary! [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! At this stage I want to ascertain which hon members made the allegation They were the hon members for Hercules, Wonderboom and Heilbron [Interjections] Does the hon member for Losberg wish to address me on this point of order again?

*Mr S C JACOBS Mr Chairman, on another point of order?

*The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! No, the hon member can request an opportunity for that later

*Mr J H VANDER MERWE Mr Chairman, on this point of order Lubowski was not found guilty of anything A number of allegations have been made with regard to him I would therefore like to suggest, with all due respect, that at this stage you cannot draw any conclusion with regard to the meaning of the name "Lubowski" We do not know whether he was a spy or a murderer We do not know what he was It is merely a name to which you cannot attach any connotation [Interjections]

*The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! I have been addressed by various hon members on this point Based on the fact that hon members may only be addressed as hon members, I could ask the hon members to withdraw the remark, but I would like to scrutinise all the arguments and will then give my ruling in this regard at the earliest opportunity Order! The hon member for Loskop wanted to raise a further point of order [Interjections] I beg your pardon! The hon member for Losberg [Interjections]

*Mr S C JACOBS Mr Chairman, on a point of order While the hon the Chief Whip of the Official Opposition was addressing you on a

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point of order, two hon members on the other side of the House told the hon the Chief Whip to sit down I want to allege that that is not in order as it does not show respect for the hon the Chief Whip *Handwritten: 24/4/90*

*The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! That is not a point of order Debate concluded

QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version

For oral reply

General Affairs

Questions standing over from Tuesday, 17 April 1990

Johannesburg City Council: information to SAP
*10 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order *Handwritten: 24/4/90*

Whether the South African Police received from any official or individual at the Johannesburg City Council any information on the activities of individuals or organisations, if so, (a) what is the name of the official or individual who supplied the information, (b) what are the names of the (i) individuals and (ii) organisations on whose activities information was supplied and (c) what information was supplied in each case? *Handwritten: 266* B693E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

In view of the appointment and assignment of the Hlemsra Commission of Inquiry, I do not consider it advisable at this stage to furnish information which may anticipate or possibly prejudice the inquiry or the findings of the Commission

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister may I ask why he did not give us that answer last week and also whether he has received information of a similar nature from other town and city councils throughout South Africa?

The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have not received any information I was investigating and compiling information in this regard and this is

the reply which I think is the best under the circumstances *Handwritten: 24/4/90*

Commission for Administration, personnel

*20 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination

- (1) Whether the Commission for Administration has a specific policy for the recruitment of qualified personnel of any South African race group to the senior ranks of the public service, if not, why not, if so, what is this policy, *Handwritten: 24/4/90*
- (2) whether public service bursaries/loans are made available in general proportion to the racial composition of the South African population, if not, why not, if so, what was the distribution of such bursaries/loans amongst the four race groups as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Handwritten: B737E*

The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION

- (1) Yes The policy for the filling of vacant posts is embodied in Section 10 of the Public Service Act, 1984 It stipulates, inter alia, that in filling a post
 - no person who qualifies for a post shall be favoured or prejudiced, and
 - only the qualifications, level of training, relative merit, efficiency and suitability of the persons who qualify for the appointment, transfer or promotion concerned shall be taken into account

All vacant posts in the Management Echelon, i.e. posts in the rank of director and higher, are therefore advertised at least in the Public Service in order to ensure that the posts are filled by the most suitable persons The filling of other posts is the responsibility of the Minister/Administrator who must effect this in terms of the provisions of the Act

- (2) No

Public service bursaries are awarded on academic merits where symbols already obtained

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unconditionally, he must therefore also withdraw the word "coward".

Mr JH VANDER MERWE I withdraw it, but I will get him in Kroonstad! [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Hansard 24/4/90

Adv S C JACOBS Mr Chairman, on a point of order With regard to the question of whether an hon Minister or Deputy Minister may refuse to reply to a supplementary question, I wish to refer you to the ruling of the Rules Committee that five supplementary questions are admissible [Interjections] I wish to submit that in this case no supplementary questions have been allowed and that the five supplementary questions may still be put

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES Order! Supplementary questions have not been refused The hon the Deputy Minister himself indicated that he would not reply to supplementary questions [Interjections]

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Certain book recommended by SADF

*3. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Defence Hansard 24/4/90

- (1) Whether the South African Defence Force sent out a circular in which it recommended a certain book, particulars of which have been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) under whose signature was the circular sent out, (b) to whom was it directed, (c) what are the particulars of the book in question and (d) what was the cost of sending out this circular,
- (2) whether the publishing company concerned refunded the South African Defence Force for the cost of the circular, if not, why not?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (1) Yes
- (a) The previous Chief of the SA Army
- (b) Officers, warrant-officers and non-commissioned officers of the Perma-

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ment Force, the Citizen Force and the Commandos Hansard 24/4/90

(c) The particulars are as supplied by the Honourable Member

(d) R5 843 for envelopes

- (2) No, because the circular was sent out on the initiative of the South African Defence Force The SA Defence Force has over a period of 23 years, gained victory after victory in the struggle against Marxist expansionism The SA Defence Force succeeded in halting this expansionism until the philosophy and ideology behind it collapsed in Eastern Europe The SA Defence Force achieved one of the bravest victories in modern warfare in South East Angola in 1987/88 This crowned the military successes of the previous years and opened the way for a successful negotiation process regarding Namibia This book reflects the SA Defence Force's successes and because thousands of members of the SA Defence Force were involved in the war, it was decided to introduce the book to as many members as possible

Johannesburg city councillor, investigation

*4 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Finance

- (1) Whether officials of the Department of Inland Revenue were requested by officials of the Johannesburg City Council to investigate the tax affairs of a Johannesburg city councillor; if so, what was the response of the Department of Inland Revenue,
- (2) whether he will furnish information on the persons involved in this matter, if not, why not, if so, what (a) are the names of the city council officials who made the request and (b) is the name of the city councillor concerned?

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The MINISTER OF FINANCE

- (1) The duties of the Commissioner for Inland Revenue are not limited to the collection of taxes, he must also ensure that there is compliance with the tax laws

He will accordingly take notice of information in regard to tax matters that come to his notice from any source whatsoever, and act thereon in terms of the powers granted to him by law In the light of the secrecy provisions contained in section 4 of the Income Tax Act, details of his actions and findings may, however, not be furnished to any person other than the taxpayer or his lawful representative

(2) In view hereof no further information or comment can be furnished in reply to the Honourable Member's question

Katfan electrified fence: exclusion of areas

*5 Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Defence†

- (1) Whether the farms (a) Greefswald, (b) Den Staat, (c) Samana and (d) Krutfontein are to be excluded from the Katfan electrified fence west of Messina, if so, (i) for what reasons, (ii) at whose request and (iii) what will be the cost of such exclusion, Hansard 24/4/90
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) (a) to (c) Yes

- (i) Due to research with regard to the existing system as well as ecological disturbances which the fence could bring about
- (ii) The SA Defence Force
- (iii) The cost is not known as the exact location of the fence has not yet been determined
- (d) A gap has, for the time being, been left in the fence in anticipation of the outcome of the ecological investigation regarding this specific farm

(2) No

Prison warders dismissed/suspended

*6 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

- (1) Whether, subsequent to his reply in the House of Representatives to Question No

1 on 27 March 1990, any prison warders have been dismissed or suspended, if so, (a) how many, (b) for what reasons and (c) at which prisons were they stationed at the time of their dismissal or suspension, Hansard 24/4/90

- (2) whether these warders raised any grievances with the authorities, if so, (a) what grievances and (b) what action was or is being taken by his Department to address such grievances?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes, only suspended

(a) and King . 5 Members suspended on 27

(c) William's . 2 Members suspended on 29

Town Prison . 2 Members suspended on 27

East London . 2 Members suspended on 27

Prison . 2 Members suspended on 27

Pollsmoor . 2 Members suspended on 27

Prison . 1 Member suspended on 30

Brandvlei . 1 Member suspended on 30

Prison . 1 Member suspended on 21

Fort Beaufort Prison . 1 Member suspended on 27

March 1990 . 1 Member suspended on 21

Stutterheim . 1 Member suspended on 27

Prison . 27 members suspended on 9

Port Elizabeth Prison . 1 Member suspended on 10

April 1990 . 1 Member suspended on 17

Grahams-town Prison . 1 Member suspended on 17

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- (b) For the same reasons mentioned in my reply to Question No 1 on 27 March 1990 in the House of Rep-

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Township Act review

A COMMISSION reviewing legislation on black local authorities will be headed by Rand Afrikaanse Universiteit law specialist Prof F R Malan, the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced on Tuesday.

It had become necessary for the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 to be reviewed in its entirety, MEC for Physical Planning and Land Affairs, Dr Willie Hoods, said in a statement. - Sapa

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Council looks set to ease approach to home offices

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JOHANNESBURG City Council is looking to relax its stance on home offices in an effort to retain control of the development of the city.

But director of planning Rudi Erasmus said policy changes would be the result of public participation, and would be backed by tougher measures against offenders.

"We want to broaden the parameters, making it easier for businesses to be established from homes, while at the same time tightening the controls to ensure that property values, and the attractiveness of neighbouring properties, aren't adversely affected," Erasmus said.

Compromised

Businesses operating illegally from homes are already being subjected to spot fines. According to management committee deputy chairman Eddie Magid, businesses operating without council consent could be fined R300 every two weeks until they start operating on a legal basis.

Erasmus said the proposed policy would not give carte blanche to new home offices, since the council would favour applications for properties whose residential value had been compromised.

"Residential properties on busy roads, or bordering on business premises, or overlooked by flats would be suitable for a degree of business use," he said, adding that they would serve as a buffer between conventional office and retail accommoda-

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tion and straight residential properties.

At the same time, these properties would gain value on the basis of their use, rather than losing value as residential properties in a poor location.

He denied that this approach would ultimately lead to sprawling office development, as the intensity of use is upgraded to accommodate growing businesses.

A new policy proposal for home offices in residential areas presented to the council yesterday acknowledged that the increasing incidence of home offices was a symptom of economic health.

"If home offices proliferate, the phenomenon is an indication that the city is vital and growing," it said.

"If this has a negative impact in terms of traffic congestion or pollution, these ... have to be addressed in other ways."

The council grants consent uses to businesses operating from home with up to two staff members. While the 1979 town planning scheme does provide for larger home offices, in practice applications to the council tend to be turned down because there is no approved policy statement.

In the past five years the council has rejected 47 applications to use residential properties for home offices. Of these, 40 have been approved provincially — with business uses granted as a primary right.

"In these instances, the council and residents lose control over protection of the

residential character of suburbs, co-ordinated planning of arterial routes, aesthetics and subsequent business activity on a site, should it be resold or redeveloped."

The council study estimated that Johannesburg contained about 3 500 home offices, of which at most 350 are operating illegally with more than two employees. On average, these have a staff of about five people.

The clear implication is that the numbers likely to be affected by a deregulation of the policies governing home offices are too small to have a significant negative impact on the quality of residential areas.

On the other hand, failure to approve home offices forces the applicants to turn to the Administrator for approval — and when this is granted the council loses control over future development.

Conform

In the long run this could have serious implications for residential areas.

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R13-m is missing - claim

By ZINGISA MKHUMA

RESIDENTS at Witbank's Kwaguqa township are up in arms over the alleged disappearance of R13 million from the town council's coffers.

The council has denied the claims, saying there was "a misunderstanding".

Town clerk Mr JA Engelbrecht said the R13 million was "in fact" a deficit in the council's budget.

A spokesman for Kwaguqa's Boycott Coordinating Committee said: "The rent boycott in Witbank is in its second month, and in the light of these allegations it is difficult to negotiate a solution to end the boycott."

He said they had evidence that linked certain white officials to the alleged theft and would report the matter to the police.

Four white officials of the councils are said to have been suspended with full pay.

Engelbrecht confirmed this and said the question of paying the suspended officials had been negotiated with the council's trade union.

He said the council would meet on April 26 to discuss the allegations.

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Council looks set to ease approach to home offices

JOHANNESBURG City Council is looking to relax its stance on home offices in an effort to retain control of the development of the city.

But director of planning Rudi Erasmus said policy changes would be the result of public participation, and would be backed by tougher measures against offenders.

"We want to broaden the parameters, making it easier for businesses to be established from homes, while at the same time tightening the controls to ensure that property values, and the attractiveness of neighbouring properties, aren't adversely affected," Erasmus said.

Compromised

Businesses operating illegally from homes are already being subjected to spot fines. According to management committee deputy chairman Eddie Magid, businesses operating without council consent could be fined R300 every two weeks until they start operating on a legal basis.

Erasmus said the proposed policy would not give carte blanche to new home offices, since the council would favour applications for properties whose residential value had been compromised.

"Residential properties on busy roads, or bordering on business premises, or overlooked by flats would be suitable for a degree of business use," he said, adding that they would serve as a buffer between conventional office and retail accommoda-

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tion and straight residential properties. At the same time, these properties would gain value on the basis of their use, rather than losing value as residential properties in a poor location.

He denied that this approach would ultimately lead to sprawling office development, as the intensity of use is upgraded to accommodate growing businesses.

A new policy proposal for home offices in residential areas presented to the council yesterday acknowledged that the increasing incidence of home offices was a symptom of economic health.

"If home offices proliferate, the phenomenon is an indication that the city is vital and growing," it said.

"If this has a negative impact in terms of traffic congestion or pollution, these ... have to be addressed in other ways."

The council grants consent uses to businesses operating from home with up to two staff members. While the 1979 town planning scheme does provide for larger home offices, in practice applications to the council tend to be turned down because there is no approved policy statement.

In the past five years the council has rejected 47 applications to use residential properties for home offices. Of these, 40 have been approved provincially — with business uses granted as a primary right.

"In these instances, the council and residents lose control over protection of the

residential character of suburbs, co-ordinated planning of arterial routes, aesthetics and subsequent business activity on a site, should it be resold or redeveloped."

The council study estimated that Johannesburg contained about 3 500 home offices, of which at most 350 are operating illegally with more than two employees. On average, these have a staff of about five people.

The clear implication is that the numbers likely to be affected by a deregulation of the policies governing home offices are too small to have a significant negative impact on the quality of residential areas.

On the other hand, failure to approve home offices forces the applicants to turn to the Administrator for approval — and when this is granted the council loses control over future development.

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A R55 291 shocker for Baloyi

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A VOSLOORUS resident has been ordered by the council to pay R55 291 in electricity arrears.

Mr D Baloyi, of Extension 9, was ordered to report to the council offices last week to account for the arrears.

He has taken the matter to the local civic association, who have invited the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, to a meeting where the rent crisis will be discussed.

By KENOSI
MODISANE

Mr Gwede Mantashe, a spokesman for the civic association, yesterday accused the council of inefficiency and called for its dismantling.

"We view such discrepancies in a serious light and will fight the rotten system to the end. This is shocking," he said.

Town clerk of the

council Mr GDP Prinsloo was yesterday not available for comment.

Another resident, Mrs Florence Mzamo, appeared in the Vosloorus Magistrate's Court on Tuesday for failing to pay her arrears.

The civic association said Vosloorus had to pay 21 cents a unit for electricity while its neighbours, Boksburg and Reiger Park, paid 10 cents a unit.

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DP will consult
ANC, Actstop
on open Jo'burg

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The Democratic Party plans to involve political groups such as the African National Congress and the anti-eviction organisation Actstop in negotiations on a non-racial city

DP city councillor Mr Sias Reyneke yesterday said this was in line with the new DP-led management committee's policy of involving residents in council affairs.

"We want a desegregated Johannesburg as soon as possible. By involving as many organisations — for example, political and business groups — as possible, we want to ensure that the change will be well-managed.

"We do not want the transition to an open city to be seen as a well-polished form of apartheid, but as the *bona fide* desegregation of Johannesburg."

The decision to establish a committee to investigate the opening up of the city had been taken by the DP caucus, he said.

However, DP management committee member Mr Paul Asherson denied such moves, saying there was no need to involve organisations outside the council in the DP's plans for an open city.

"We have said we will not rest until we see the city open. The issue is non-negotiable."

Actstop spokesman Mr Cas Coovadia said many organisations rooted in the community could contribute towards moves for an open city.

"The history of the Nationalist government was a 'top-down' one. They took decisions and forced them down people's throats. We welcome the DP's attitude. In fact, we insist that organisations be consulted because we know our constituencies. All interested parties should work together in ridding the city of apartheid."

The Save the Pageview Association (SPA), which has been involved in a protracted legal tussle over the group areas status of the Johannesburg suburb, has come out in support of the management committee's plan for an open city.

This follows the city council's rejection on Tuesday of the declaration of parts of Mayfair and Pageview as free settlement areas.

SPA secretary Mr Ebrahim Kharsany yesterday said earlier moves to have parts of Pageview declared a free settlement area had been a tactical decision.

"It was merely a question of survival, a strategy to prevent further evictions. We are in regular contact with the new DP-led management committee and fully support moves to have the entire city opened up."

Council to probe black taxi problems

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Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council has established a special committee to investigate parking and other problems of black taxis in the city.

Councillors were told on Tuesday that a Section 59 committee with the management committee head of transport, Mr Paul Asherson, as chairman had been established.

Serious consideration would be given to the decking of existing railway lines for the establishment of additional parking ranks for taxis.

Training

The lack of adequate communication channels between the taxi industry, council officials and city councillors would also be dealt with by the committee.

Policies dealing with taxi operations in the city would be formulated and driver training, safety awareness programmes and conflicting management techniques looked at, councillors heard. The committee will also comprise transportation experts and taxi operators.

Mr Asherson said the situation was serious and it was time Johannesburg got "its act together" and told taxi operators what was expected.

Jaw-jaw

"This is a sincere attempt by the city to get its own house in order. This committee will not be another 'jaw-jaw situation'. We have to come up with a solution as the increase in taxis and licensing has gone up by 400 percent."

Referring to the parking problem in the city, National Party councillor Mr Cecil Long said "The sad part is that we have not been able to accommodate these people to enable them to run their businesses efficiently."

His colleague Mr Jan van Blerk called on the private sector to become involved in providing services for the burgeoning taxi business in the city.

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Law and order has broken down in Hillbrow — MP

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By Dawn Barkhuizen

Mr Lester Fuchs, MP for Hillbrow, has called for the immediate deployment of a municipal police force in his ward, contesting SAP figures which show that violent crime is dropping.

Police were fooling themselves if they paid attention to statistics showing violent crime to be lower in the first three months of 1990 than the same period in 1989, he said.

According to SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman the number of murder cases has dropped from 36 in January 1 to March 31, 1989, to 31 in the same period this year.

The number of assaults reported were down from 352 to 309, robberies 364 against 232, prostitution 38 against 21 and drunkenness 91 cases against 57.

The only increases were for alleged rape — 33 to 39 cases — and car theft — 548 to 680.

Mr Fuchs however believes the security situation has deteriorated drastically.

Short-staffed

"I live in the area and speak to residents continually. Law and order seems to have broken down completely. Police are so short-staffed that they are unable to deal with the problem adequately if all."

This week and in the wake of the Easter weekend necklacing in Hillbrow, independent city councillor, Mrs Desire Simpson, called for SADF troops to be deployed in the area.

Mr Fuchs recently met with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to discuss the situation and request the presence of a municipal police force in the area.

He attributed spiralling crime to the fact that police were seldom visible in the area and said their numbers had not been increased to match the population influx.

Captain Opperman meanwhile, attributed successes to good policing and a high number of arrests made during the year. Although he agreed that there was a manpower shortage, he said this was common throughout the country.

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Spy-buster walks 'in fear for his life'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The man who blew the cover off the Johannesburg City Council's spy ring had been a victim of an intimidation campaign that made him "fear for his life", the Hiemstra commission of inquiry heard.

Mr Hannes Gouws, former training officer in the council's security department, said he was the person who had given the Star "original documents" which disclosed the existence of the spy ring.

The Hiemstra Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, has been appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate the Star's revelations.

"HIT AND KICKED"

Mr Gouws told Mr Justice Hiemstra that he had been "hit and kicked" by his colleagues "over something I had nothing to do with".

Further intimidation included his house being broken into, his parents' home being placed under surveillance and his salary being withheld.

He said the windows of his home had been smashed with an iron bar, and that he had seen two white men in a Toyota in the vicinity.

Mr Gouws told the commission he had tried to consult his superiors, Mr John Pearce, director of public safety in the council, and Mr Frik Barnard, deputy-director of security, about the acts of intimidation.

Mr Barnard, on being approached by Mr Gouws, had said he could not do anything about Mr Gouws's complaints and advised him to "leave it".

SENIOR OFFICIAL

Mr Gouws had finally resorted to speaking to a "senior council official" who had advised him to "go to the newspapers". He declined to identify the official.

Under questioning by Mr Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, Mr Gouws said he had removed various papers from his office and handed them to the Star.

"I knew the documents were the council's property, but I revealed them to the Star to protect myself," he said.

The hearing continues

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Council

No spying on 'suspect' groups

Municipal Reporter

IT was not and never had been the function of the city council's security branch to infiltrate organisations such as the End Conscription Campaign, Five Freedoms Forum, Cosatu, ANC or UDF, Mr Richard Friedlander said yesterday.

Mr Friedlander, chairman of the executive committee, was replying in the monthly council meeting to questions put by Mrs Patricia Sulcas.

Her questions followed statements by Mr John Pearce, a high-ranking official of Johannesburg City Council, to the Hiemstra Commission last week that security departments which snoop on "suspect" organisations existed in all municipalities in this country.

Mrs Sulcas asked whether any employee attached to the council's security branch had been used for the purpose of infiltrating any organisation. Mr Friedlander said "No".

Security chief 'ordered beating'

JOHANNESBURG — The Johannesburg City Council's former security operations manager, Mr Erik Barnard — last week exposed as a major in military intelligence, last year displayed total disregard for a shop steward's life when he sent council staff to assault the man

This was heard yesterday by the Hlemsstra Commission of Inquiry into allegations that Johannesburg City Council's security department conducted large-scale, costly and clandestine spying operations on legiti-

mate organisations

Former council security department training officer Mr Hannes Gouws, whose job it was to infiltrate and spy on trade unions associated with the city council, told the commission Mr Barnard — his superior in the security department's information-gathering section — had in 1989 ordered him to "sort out" a union shop steward employed as a municipal guard

"He said it doesn't matter if he dies," Mr Gouws told the commission. Neither the shop steward nor the union were named.

As a result of the order, Mr Gouws said, he and three other security department employees had locked the shop steward in his guard kiosk at the council's vehicle-testing station, closed the small room's windows and then teargassed the man

This had, however, not satisfied Mr Barnard, apparently because the action meted out to the guard had been "too light", Mr Gouws said

Mr Barnard's dissatisfaction at the way Mr Gouws handled the shop steward led to a deterioration in the relationship between Mr Barnard and Mr Gouws which in turn contributed to-

wards Mr Gouws's decision to resign from the council security department in September 1989

Mr Gouws yesterday also revealed himself as the council employee who exposed the security department's spying activities — which had resulted in the appointment of the Hlemsstra Commission

He admitted taking documents verifying the existence of council-paid spies — original reports handwritten by council spy handlers and spy reports on organisations such as the Five Freedoms Forum — and presenting them to the Star newspaper. The hearing continues on Friday

APARTHEID BAROMETER

DETENTIONS

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The Human Rights Commission has recorded a total of 396 people currently being held in detention in South Africa. These include 320 people being held under the Emergency regulations, 48 under the Internal Security Act and 28 in the "independent homelands".

The breakdown by region of those held under the Emergency regulations is as follows: Free State (142); Western Transvaal (77); Northern Transvaal (69); Natal (18); Eastern Cape (eight) and Western Cape (one).

The HRC has recorded 43 section 29 detention from January 1 to April 25 and the latest official figure for those held under section 31 is five. Twenty five people are being held in Bophuthatswana and three in the Ciskei.

RESIGNATIONS OF BLACK TOWN COUNCILLORS

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A total of 60 out of 692 black town councillors resigned "because of unrest over the last few months" Transvaal MEC in charge of local government Oulaas van Zyl said this week. He added that "about 8,5 percent" of black councils had been affected and that seven of the 82 local authorities were not functioning. w/Mail 27/4 - 31/5/90

SUSPENSION OF PRISON WARDERS

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A total of 44 prison warders were suspended from their jobs between March 27 and April 24 1990, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in parliament.

FUNDING ACT REPORTING

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The Wilgespruit Fellowship Centre was the only organisation that had been declared a "reporting organisation" in terms of the Disclosure of Foreign Funding Act, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in parliament.

CHILDREN IN POLLSMOOR PRISON

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Five children aged between the ages of eight and 12 were held as awaiting trial prisoners in Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town, for between eight and 18 days earlier this month, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said in parliament. He said the children aged eight, nine, 10, 11 and 12 had been held pending a hearing on charges of theft and housebreaking. He said they had been held in the juvenile section of the awaiting trial wing.

VACANCIES AT WHITE SCHOOL HOSTELS

There was a total of 24 834 vacant places in hostels at schools falling under

Probe told of attack on man

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THE Johannesburg City Council's former security operations manager, Mr Frik Barnard, ordered the assault last year of a union shop steward "and it did not matter if he died", the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday.

The inquiry, investigating allegations that the council's security department conducted costly and clandestine spying operations, was told that Barnard had in 1989 ordered four security staff members to assault the shop steward.

Former council spy-handler Mr Hannes Gouws told the commission "He said if he dies it doesn't matter".

The shop steward and union concerned were not named.

Gouws said he and three others, Mr Piet Fouche, Mr Piet van Rooy, and Mr Gerhard Kotze, had carried out the order and teargassed the shop steward's home.

Barnard - their superior in the council's security department - was dissatisfied with the action and his relationship with Gouws deteriorated.

Gouws said Barnard, exposed last week as a major in Military Intelligence, had also mentioned spying on the Democratic Party.

Another spy-handler in the council security department, Mr Martin Hennig, had spoken of infiltrating both the Legal Resources Centre and Lawyers for Human Rights.

Gouws said, however, he was not sure if these organisations had been infiltrated.

He also alleged Barnard had ordered spying on fellow military officers.

Gouws said he knew of one incident where Barnard had arranged for the telephone of a

Brigadier Visser to be tapped.

During his testimony he produced a bugging device which was handed as evidence to commission chairman Mr Justice VG Hiemstra.

He said it had been given to him by Barnard.

Gouws told the commission dissatisfaction with certain security department activities, such as infiltrating organisations like the Black Sash and Five Freedoms Forum, had led to his resignation.

The hearing continues.

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NTHATO MOTLANA ... leading a group of businessman visiting Zimbabwe.

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Star's informant fears for his life

By Norman Chandler,
Helen Grange
and Louise Burgers

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Mr Hannes Gouws, former training officer in the council's security department, said he was the person who had given The Star "original documents" which revealed the spy ring's existence.

Intimidation

The commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, has been appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate The Star's revelations.

Mr Gouws told Mr Justice Hiemstra he had been "hit and kicked" by colleagues. Further intimidation included his house being broken into, his parents' home being placed under surveillance and his salary being

withheld.

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He had tried to consult his superiors — Mr John Pearce, director of public safety in the

The Hiemstra Commission



council, and Mr Frk Barnard, deputy director of security — about the acts of intimidation.

Mr Barnard, on being approached by Mr Gouws, had said he could do nothing about Mr Gouws's complaints and advised him to "leave it".

Mr Gouws had finally resorted to speaking to a senior council official who had advised him to "go to the newspapers". He refused to identify the official.

Under questioning by Mr Denis Fine, SC, leading evidence for the commission, Mr Gouws said he had removed various papers from his office and handed them to The Star.

"I knew the documents were the council's property, but I regret myself," he said.

During questioning by Mr Fine, Mr Gouws was told not to be nervous. Mr Fine also advised the commission that since Mr Gouws's life was in danger, his evidence and cross-examination should be completed as soon as possible.

During evidence, a man believed to be a bodyguard sat close to Mr Gouws. He was constantly at Mr Gouws's side during the tea adjournment.

An application was made during evidence given by Mr Johan Beetge, former supervisor in the security department, that names of informers not already identified should be kept secret.

Some of these informers still worked for the council and their lives could be in danger, Mr Nick van der Walt, representing the council, told the commission. The order was granted.

Mr Beetge, who took the stand after Mr Gouws, was questioned extensively on when and why he had decided that the security department's activities were "distastefully criminal". Mr Beetge replied to Mr Hans

Bornman, representing spy handler Mr Martin Hennig, that he could not say when he decided that the infiltrations of left-wing organisations and surveillance of individuals was illegal. However, he told the commission he thought it was "serious".

"I worried me to the extent that I began to seek other work and also told Mr N Roesstof, another spy handler, to deal directly with Mr Barnard and not through me."

'Already aware'

Mr Beetge, under questioning by Mr Bornman, said he had not consulted his superiors about the drawing up of a document entitled "Revolutionary Onslaught" — mentioned in evidence earlier this week — because "they were already aware of spying activities".

Mr Beetge reiterated that he had asked for the document to be drawn up to clarify the activities of the information unit within the department. He had done this because he suspected the unit was a front for Military Intelligence and was illegal. The inquiry continues.



Mr Hannes Gouws, training officer in the Johannesburg City Council's security department, exposed the council spy ring because he "feared for his life". Picture by Stephen Davime

De Swardt news to Mostert

THE MAN charged with investigating the murder of activist Dr David Webster, Brigadier Floris Mostert, said last night that he had no knowledge of Mr Paul de Swardt, named in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday as Dr Webster's alleged assassin.

"It caught me by surprise. This man is not known to me."

However, he still wanted to talk about Dr Webster's murder, with former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad chief Mr Staal Burger, and former members of his unit who became members of the Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB).

He was unable to do so because they had been subpoenaed.

The Harms Commission is investigating the activities of the

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DAWN BARKHUIZEN

CCB and its possible part in political assassinations.

Brigadier Mostert said investigations into Dr Webster's death had been hamstrung by the Harms and Hiemstra commissions.

He was unable to question people because they had been subpoenaed.

Brigadier Mostert said there were clear indications investigations by the two commissions and his own were overlapping.

Revelation of Mr de Swardt's existence had given him new leads to follow. But he was waiting for both commissions to first finish their work.

Council takes court action to halt march

Labour Reporter

The Pretoria City Council has taken court action to head off a planned Congress of SA Trade Unions march through Pretoria in protest against the Labour Relations Act and "apartheid violence".

The march is scheduled to coincide with a similar demonstration in Johannesburg tomorrow

morning, for which permission has been granted

The outcome of the application, in the Pretoria Supreme Court, had not been established at the time of writing

Protests

Organised by the Cosatu Women's Forum, the protests in both centres would culminate with the presentation of memoranda to Department of Man-

power representatives and the police, said a Cosatu statement

The marches would highlight Cosatu recommendations to employers and the state contained in a draft agreement with the employer body Saccola

They would also call for an end to "apartheid violence" Workers should have the right to picket without "interference from the security forces" and be free to organise without intimidation, the statement said



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Shop steward teargassed in kiosk, Hiemstra told

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A FORMER spy handler in the Johannesburg City Council's security department told the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday that he was instructed by security operations manager Frikkie Barnard to assault a union shop steward.

Hannes Gouws, who handed in a bugging device to the commission as evidence, said it was one of six given to him by Barnard, a major in military intelligence, for distribution in the department.

Gouws, who was a section head of the information section, said Barnard told him in 1989 to sort out the shop steward as he had been stirring up trouble. "He said if he dies, it doesn't matter," Gouws said.

Gouws said he and three others had locked the shop steward in his guard kiosk at the council's vehicle testing station, closed the small room's windows and then teargassed him.

Barnard had told him they had been too soft on the shop steward, who was not named, and his relationship with Barnard had deteriorated, he said.

Gouws said Barnard had ordered spying operations on military officers and he knew of one occasion

EDYTH BULBRING

when Barnard had ordered that security director Brig Jan Visser's telephone be tapped.

His dissatisfaction with certain security department activities, such as infiltration of the Five Freedoms Forum led to his resignation in September last year.

He also disagreed with passing on information to military intelligence, he said.

He had taken original documents pertaining to the spying activities from the Fort in August for his own protection.

Before and after his resignation, his parents house was watched, windows at his home had been smashed on two occasions and he had been hit by a pipe and told to mind his own business.

On one occasion, two men fitting the description of two security department employees attempted to break into his home and had sjambokked his dog.

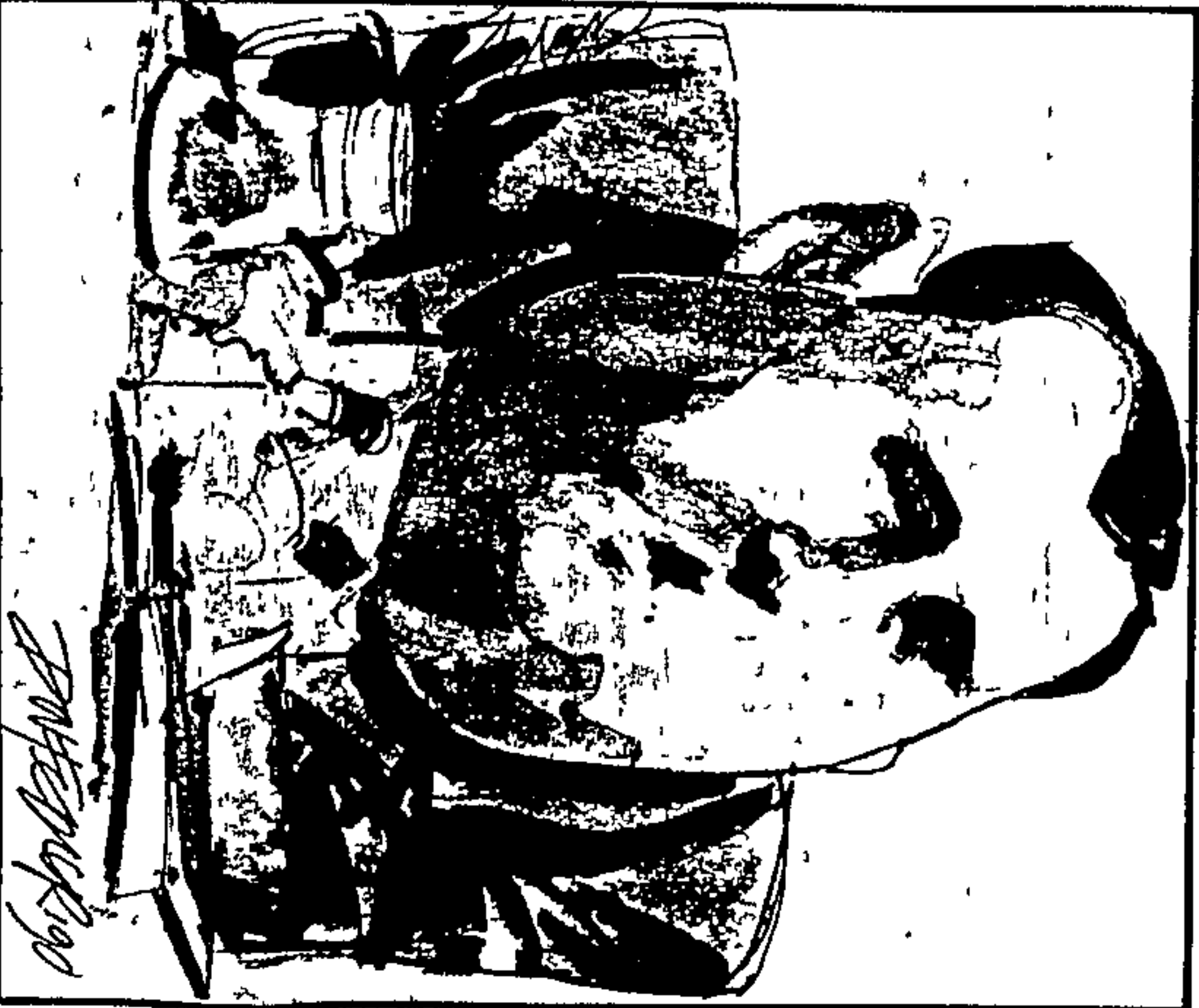
He tried to speak to town clerk Mamie Venter about these incidents and the spying operations in the security department but had been refused access by Venter's secretary, he said.



Gouws yesterday. Picture ROBERT BOTHA

He was advised by a senior official to take the documents to newspapers, which disclosed the operations and led to the commission's appointment. The hearing continues today.

A change of pace may be the answer for Big John



JOHN PEARCE: The glitter has faded for the Johannesburg City Council's golden boy.

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Had Budd Schulberg aimed his writer's microscope at Mr John Pearce and not at a sharp-witted Hollywood agent, he might well have written a novel with the title, "What Makes Big John Run?"

Physically, two people couldn't have been more different. Sammy Gluck, as thin as a starving sparrow, would have been dwarfed by the bulk of the Johannesburg director of public safety, currently under investigation by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry for his alleged role in the city council spy ring.

But otherwise, the two bear many striking similarities. Driven by the overpowering need to get to the top in the quickest possible time, Schulberg's fictional go-getter might well have been a role model for the hulking former chief traffic officer.

Born in 1943, John Pearce was educated at the Highlands North High School and Naval Gymnasium. He joined the traffic department in 1963 and enjoyed a rapid rise to prominence. He was sent to university in Chicago, and on returning became staff officer to traffic chief Mr Saville Dorfman.

These days he looks like a retired lock forward, much different to the trimmer public face he

Personality

JOHN PEARCE

Written by:
MICHAEL SHAFLO

first presented after being appointed the city's youngest-ever traffic chief at the age of 34.

Then — the year was 1978 — with neatly clipped moustache and a disposition that favoured the smile rather than the scowl, he was Johannesburg's golden boy. Although traffic chief is seldom a job that places its incumbent at the top of the pops, the city and its people — it seemed — were at his feet.

Newspaper headlines reflected the media's support, the general air of approval — "Drunken drivers get the message" ... "City speed checks at full strength".

One writer observed that Mr Pearce seldom had a weekend to himself. He was always on the go, at the beck and call of his hip bleep — (where today he is said to favour wearing a holstered gun). His international qualifications were often listed. He is a member

of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and he holds a diploma in traffic administration from a Chicago university and a certificate in the same from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In 1983 he was appointed president of the Institute of Traffic Officers for southern Africa.

All this was before the start, in 1983, of the Bureau for Public Safety. Since then Mr Pearce has seldom been out of the limelight.

His press has mostly been unfavourable — a process reaching a climax with the Hiemstra probe of revelations by The Star into security department spying on individuals and organisations.

In 1986, the security boss was accused of sending traffic officers to protect a close friend, Foreign Minister Pik Botha, from AWB opponents in Petersburg.

The following year saw the start of the Rand Show parking row, which has still not abated. That year he took leave to organise the parking, and earned R137 000 for the job.

In 1988 Mr Pearce was accused of exceeding his mandate when he provided an escort for Bavarian Prime Minister Franz-Josef Strauss's Government-arranged trip to the Mabula Game Lodge. Soon afterwards came the news

that his wife's close corporation, Sweetpea Park, had won a three-year contract to organise Rand Show parking.

It was a busy year for Mr Pearce, with an inquiry following in May into the sale of the SA Associated Newspapers building.

Did Mr Pearce swop horses in midstream, failing to keep an appointment with one agent to view the property as a possible HQ for his security department only to arrive a short while later with an unlicensed agent, Mr Henne Schoeman, also a member of the management committee?

The first agent's price was R5.4 million. The price at which the building was sold to the council was R7,25 million, with a handsome R217 500 commission for Mr Schoeman.

The former golden boy has looked increasingly harassed as the Hiemstra inquiry progresses. The glitter of gold is still there — the watch, the ring, the tiepin fashioned in the shape of miniature handuffs.

But the former air of assurance has taken a beating. Whither John Pearce now? Perhaps a change of pace, a little less running, would be the best medicine any friendly doctor could prescribe.

Webster's 'killer' named

Council officers in hit squad, says Hiemstra witness

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A police lieutenant sat in the public gallery for some time and Mr Denis Fyne, SC, for the commission, asked for an adjournment so that he could discuss the matter with the officer. The officer could not be found and the hearing resumed. In his evidence, Mr Gouws on



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Coetzee link SAP boss to assassination

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LONDON — Commissioner of Police General van der Merwe was linked to the killing of act Bloemfontein when he was stationed there, police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee has told the Commission.

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Hit-man

Mr Gouws said that he had been told by another member of the unit that the alleged hit-man was a Mr Paul de Swardt.

It is understood that Mr de Swardt is a former military officer who is now in Venda. He could not be traced by the Saturday Star last night to comment on the allegations made to the commission.

In a day of high drama in the Johannesburg City Council chamber, Mr Gouws — who blew the lid off the council's espionage network by giving documents to The Star — was also threatened with arrest for having "stolen council dossiers".

Mr Gouws, who has spent two days giving testimony and being cross-examined, earlier told commission chairman Mr Justice V G Hiemstra that the CCB, a previously covert SA Defence Force unit, had been responsible for Dr Webster's murder on May 1 last year.

Dr Webster was gunned down outside his Troyeville, Johannesburg, home just before noon on that day. His killer or killers are still at large.

His death is included in the terms of reference of another commission, headed by Mr Justice Louis Harms, which is looking into alleged politically motivated murders.

The Harms Commission is hearing evidence in London and is due to resume its sittings in Pretoria on May 7. CCB activities have come under the spotlight at its hearings.

Mr Gouws revealed yesterday that he was also co-operating with the Harms Commission.

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Broke legs

"We burnt down houses, intimidated people and broke arms and legs. We broke the legs of a stage actor," said Mr Gouws, who appeared to be very frightened while giving evidence.

Earlier, the commission heard that actor Mr Andre-Jacques van der Merwe, who had appeared in the play "Somewhere on the Border", had been assaulted. This information was given to the commission by Mr John Campbell, representing the Five Freedoms Forum.

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Back door

"For those of us who left by the back door and are now entering by the front door, it is a remarkable feeling," said Mr Slovo, who fled into exile in 1963.

He was speaking at a press conference at Cape Town's D F Malan Airport moments after arriving on a Zambian Airways charter flight from Lusaka.

With him were several other exiles who had not seen South Africa for decades and who will form part of the delegation for next week's talks — ANC general secretary Alfred Nzo, head of international affairs Mr Thabo Mbeki, Mr Joe Modise, commander of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and national executive committee member Mrs Ruth Mompati.

And though Mr Slovo talked of reconciliation, it was immediately obvious that the ANC delegation would take a

tough line at the three-day talks in Cape Town starting on Wednesday. Mr Mbeki indicated that the agenda should be limited to the lifting of the state of emergency and the release of political prisoners.

Asked whether he shared the Government's view that there should be give and take in the talks, Mr Mbeki said: "There is nothing to give from our side because we are not holding NIP members, nor have we proclaimed any state of emergency, and we have not passed any Internal Security Act."

He indicated that the talks agenda should be limited to finding ways of allowing all to take part equally in the political field.

This seemed to rule out the possibility of what the Government is sure to demand, a real commitment to peace by the ANC in exchange for the lifting of the state of emergency and the release of political prisoners.

Mr Mbeki expressed the hope that the talk would achieve results. His father, Mr Govan Mbeki — the Rivonia trialist released from prison in 1987 — welcomed his son and other exiles in an emotional address. He said: "For the first time in more than a century we are coming here to be involved in discussions."

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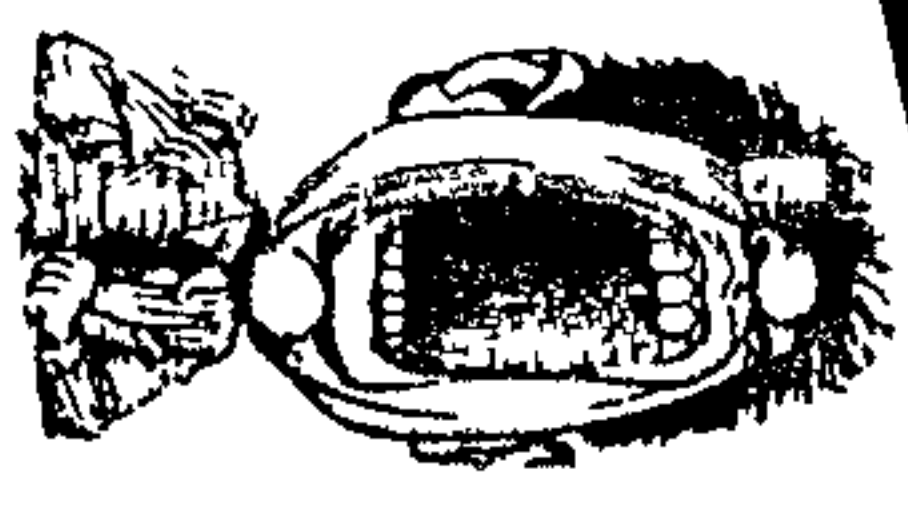
Mr Coetzee was accused by a police lawyer Sam Maritz SC, of "slandering" General van Merwe, but insisted that it was impossible for general not to have known about the deaths.

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Our water 'not

TWO Johannesburg engineers claim that millions of South Africans — including those on the Witwatersrand — are drinking sub-standard water

Health officials and the Rand Water Board have denied the claims

In a technical paper delivered at a conference on water, the engineers claim that permissive water laws are allowing the indiscriminate pollution of streams by industries

This, say Mr Paul Polasek and Mr Claude Mangeot, makes it more and more difficult for the country's "antiquated waterworks" to provide safe domestic water

They say the industries claim that they cannot afford to comply with Government water standards and thus get them lowered

They say

- South Africa's water-quality standards are among the lowest in the developed world
- No check is kept on carcinogenic substances in drinking water.

Lack of research

- South Africa's standards are below those in some Third World countries
- There is sometimes bungling by civil engineers who have too little knowledge of water purification
- There is an "almost total absence of research into water purification technology in South Africa"
- The cheapest tenders, rather than those most technologically sound, are accepted

The jointly presented paper caused a stir at the International Water Supply Association seminar on water and sanitation in Durban. But silence followed

Most engineers the Saturday

Engineers make waves at seminar

JAMES CLARKE

Star spoke to scoffed at the claims

Mr Polasek, when asked about his paper, said "What we revealed appears to have had little impact on the authorities"

An SA Bureau of Standards spokesman told the Saturday Star "There are no specific standards for water in South Africa, but the Department of Health and the CSIR are working on some"

At another recent conference, a Rand Water Board chemist admitted that testing for organic substances — which grow worse with industrialisation — is only 30 percent efficient

Mr Polasek says he is concerned about drinking-water quality. He told the Saturday Star that neither waterworks nor municipalities and health departments carry out daily check analyses on tap water as received by householders

The engineers say the most lax of all international drinking water standards is that of the World Health Organisation, which takes into consideration the technological limitations of Third World countries — but South Africa's quality control is even lower

"And it is being adjusted downwards"

Even if drinking water meets SA standards, it can still be harmful

The engineers claim there are no threshold limits set for carcinogenic (cancer-producing) substances and "any quantity of these, even the most insignificant, represents a hazard"

With the exception of phenol compounds (powerful caustic poisons) — where South Africa permits levels 10 times higher than the WHO recommends and 20 times higher than the EC — "it ignores other organics as well as organo-chemical parameters *in toto*".

South African waterworks use alum in the purifying process and this can cause residual aluminium in drinking water which in turn can cause brain damage — yet the Government does not set threshold limits to the amount of residual aluminium

Diseases

When it comes to chlorides — which can indicate the presence of faecal matter — the EC limit is 25 mg a litre, WHO's is 200 mg/l and South Africa's 600 mg/l

Cadmium and mercury — both poisons which can build up in the human system causing anaemia, brittle bones and liver diseases, and which can enhance the toxic effects of zinc and copper — is very strictly controlled in Europe

The EC limit for cadmium is 0,005 mg/l and for mercury, 0,001 mg/l. The SABS allows four times more cadmium and 10 times more mercury

"While the rest of the world is attempting to improve the quality of drinking water by upgrading standards, South Africa is taking the opposite approach"

A Rand Water Board spokesman said "Let me assure you that you can safely drink our water"

fit to drink,

Shock greets Hiemstra

Government urged to arrest Webster killers

FRIENDS and colleagues of Dr Webster were shocked to learn of the allegations made in the Hiemstra Commission yesterday

Ms Gael Neke, of the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), said "The shocking revelations of murder, assault and intimidation come as no surprise. We have always been aware that actions of this type have been part of the uncontrolled repression of opponents of the Government"

"It appears that the (Johannesburg) council was involved in David Webster's death through its own spying department. It is clear that this department was just another wing of the CCB and military intelligence"

Infiltration

"The deliberate process of infiltration into FFF by Tony Naude, a paid spy of the council, and his deliberate cultivation of the friendship of Webster represents the sinister beginnings of a trail that led to Webster's death"

Mrs Helen Joseph, veteran anti-apartheid activist and a close friend of Dr Webster, said "Nothing would surprise me"

"If this is so, it is a scandalous situation. I don't know how the council could ever hold its head up if it did assassinate an innocent man. The mind boggles"

Mr Chris de Villiers, chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the ECC (End Conscription Campaign), which was under surveillance by the spy ring, said his organisation had suspected the involvement of both the CCB and the council spy ring

"But this type of co-operation is alarming"

Mr Gavin Evans, a journalist who featured on the CCB hit-list, said the news came as no surprise to him

"Ever since Webster was murdered, people concerned with human rights have suspected that those behind the murder were involved in Military Intelligence"

Professor Robert Charlton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Witwatersrand, where Webster worked, said he hoped the revelations were "the start

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of the conviction and sentencing of the people responsible for the brutal murder"

A spokesman for Uduza (Union of Democratic University Staff Associations) said it held the Government responsible for Dr Webster's death

"With the proof that hit-squads have existed, the Government is responsible, whether certain officials knew about it or not"

On Monday, staff and students from Wits will protest along Jan Smuts Avenue over the fact that Dr Webster's murder remains unsolved

Democratic Party town councillor Mr Paul Asherson said that whatever else came out in the inquiry, he could assure the public that "no such activity as now being investigated was being conducted"

The ANC called on the Government to immediately arrest the man named

Mr Walter Sisulu said the killing of political activists was something the State apparatus had apparently easily got away with in the past

"We are disgusted by this fact and we will follow the case very closely from now on to see what the Government will do. We hope that they will arrest the man and prosecute him immediately," Mr Sisulu said

DP co-leader Dr Denis Worrall said the because the allegations were untested evidence, it would be premature to comment



KIWI COMMENTARY FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: Aquanaut, one of the top 2 000 m event, gives his tips to leading New Zealand commentator Keith Haub. Mr Haub

De Swardt news to Mostert

THE MAN charged with investigating the murder of activist Dr David Webster, Brigadier Floris Mostert, said last night that he had no knowledge of Mr Paul de Swardt, named in the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry yesterday as Dr Webster's alleged assassin

"It caught me by surprise. This man is not known to me"

However, he still wanted to talk about Dr Webster's murder with former Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad chief Mr Staal Burger, and former members of his unit who became members of the Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB)

He was unable to do so because they had been subpoenaed

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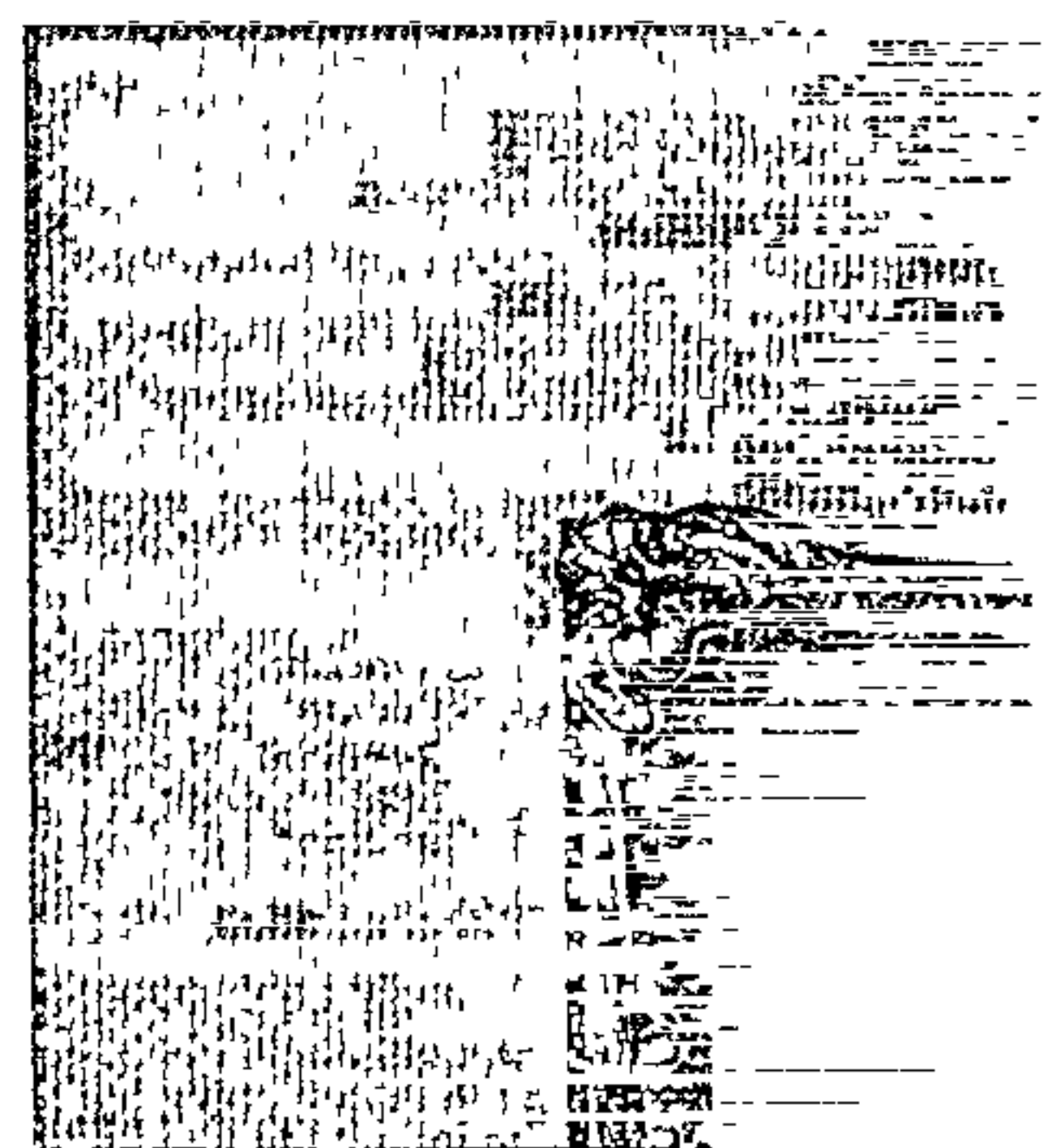
CCB and its possible part in political assassinations

Brigadier Mostert said investigations into Dr Webster's death had been hamstrung by the Harms and Hiemstra commissions

He was unable to question people because they had been subpoenaed

Brigadier Mostert said there were clear indications investigations by the two commissions and his own were overlapping

Revelation of Mr de Swardt's existence had given him new leads to follow. But he was waiting for both commissions to first finish their work.



Hospital go-slow crisis

JOHANNESBURG — In its first official confirmation of the disruption of medical services in the wake of a go-slow by hospital staff, the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Friday revealed that two hospitals, Baragwanath and Hillbrow, have been severely affected

Several hundred general assistants, such as cleaners, porters and some clerical staff, have been on a go-slow since Thursday last week demanding higher wages, recognition of their union and better employment conditions

In a statement issued to Sapa, the MEC charged with health services, Mr Fanie Ferreira, revealed dispensary supplies at Baragwanath hospital would be exhausted within the next three days

In the laundry section, circumstances had taken on such proportions that babies were being born on unmade mattresses, there were no napkins or clothing for newly-born babies, and mothers had no maternity jackets

Food, he continued, was still being prepared, but was not being served, while clean-

ing delivery and transport services had been severely curtailed. No porter services were in operation at the casualty, x-ray, theatre and wards departments, while theatres were dealing only with emergencies

At Hillbrow hospital, only emergency operations were being undertaken, only casualties were being handled, patients were being discharged earlier than they should be, and the out-patients department was functioning only in the afternoons

Despite the situation, Mr Ferreira made it clear the TPA did not see its way clear to meeting the demands of the protesters

"I wish to point out that certain demands are being made in the (workers') memoranda on the Province in respect of which it has no exclusive powers of decision-making, for example the recognition of the union, the desegregation of hospitals, privatisation and salary demands," said Mr Ferreira

He went on to say that it was clear hospitals in the country had become the targets "of certain groups/bodies for the furthering of their political aspirations" — Sapa

Court victory for municipal union

THE South African Black Municipality and Allied Workers Union is set to significantly boost its membership among council employees in the wake of a decision by the Rand Supreme Court granting the union the right to represent employees at Industrial Council hearings.

In a judgment against the Johannesburg City Council on Friday, Mr Justice PJ Schabert ruled that the dismissal of three employees be referred to the Industrial Council and that Sabmawu be granted the right to assist their members in the hearing.

The case arose from the dismissals of the three in November 1988, after which Sabmawu appealed to the Industrial Council to intervene and settle the dispute.

But the Johannesburg City Council objected to the presence of the union on the grounds that it did not belong to the closed shop, and therefore had no locus standi to approach the Industrial Council.

The proceedings then came to a halt.

However, Friday's judgement has effectively overturned the Johannesburg municipality's argument, thus forcing the council to recognise in an oblique manner the existence of Sabmawu.

General secretary Mr Philip Dhlamini, told Sapa on Saturday that his union would boost its membership substantially

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Give us security - plea

THE Government was responsible for the recent mass resignation of black councillors.

This was said by delegates at the annual general meeting of the Urban Councils Association of the Transvaal, an affiliate of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, held in Kempton Park yesterday.

The meeting was attended by about 200 councillors

More than 60 councillors in the Transvaal have resigned in the past two months following pressure from the community and political organisations.

Mr Prince Mokoena, a member of the Alexandra Town Council, warned that if the Government did not increase security for councillors and their families, black local authorities would collapse.

Delegates at the meeting accused the Democratic Party of siding with the African National Congress and other extra-parliamentary organisations. Mr Peter Soal,

MP for Johannesburg, denied this. 266 ~~266~~

He said: "The DP is not against local authorities because they have to provide services in the townships. You must make good use of this platform to help in ending apartheid." *South African 30/4/90*

He said it was the wish of the DP to see all local authorities, presently based on the colour line, to be amalgamated into non-racial structures.

Mr A.P. Khumalo, chairman of Ucat, appealed to councillors not to resign despite pressure from "radicals and murderers". He said councillors were not defaulters because they were democratically elected into power.

President of Ucasa, Mr Philip Nhlapo, said: "Councillors have no problem because they have achieved a lot for the people in the past. It's the ANC which has problems and that is why it will be meeting the Government this week."

Joburg to probe black taxi operations

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The black taxi industry — one of Johannesburg's fastest-growing enterprises — threatens to become uncontrollable unless a co-ordinated approach to problems is launched. This issue is one of the first the new DP-controlled city council has addressed, reports HELEN GRANGE.

The black taxi industry continues to flourish but the problem of uncontrolled growth has become an increasing burden on taxi resources and on the service itself.

Congestion at taxi zones and ranks, the lack of communication between taxi associations and inadequate training of drivers are among the most urgent challenges facing the industry.

The Johannesburg City Council has appointed a special committee — representing the private sector, councillors and taxi associations — to investigate black taxi operations.

Attention will be paid to the provision of additional facilities and to developing policies for the running of minibuses taxi operations. The implications of introducing new legislation will also be considered.

The Southern African Black Taxi Association has welcomed these initiatives and will help the committee to bring about the measures needed to improve and control this burgeoning trade.

Among the most urgent needs, according to Sabta communications manager Mr Knox Matjula, are training facilities for drivers.

"The attitude and skills of black taxi-drivers have long been a point of contention among commuters. Most taxi-drivers have not been trained. Some have got driving licences, but many have got licences through bribery. Very few have got a professional driver's licence," he said.

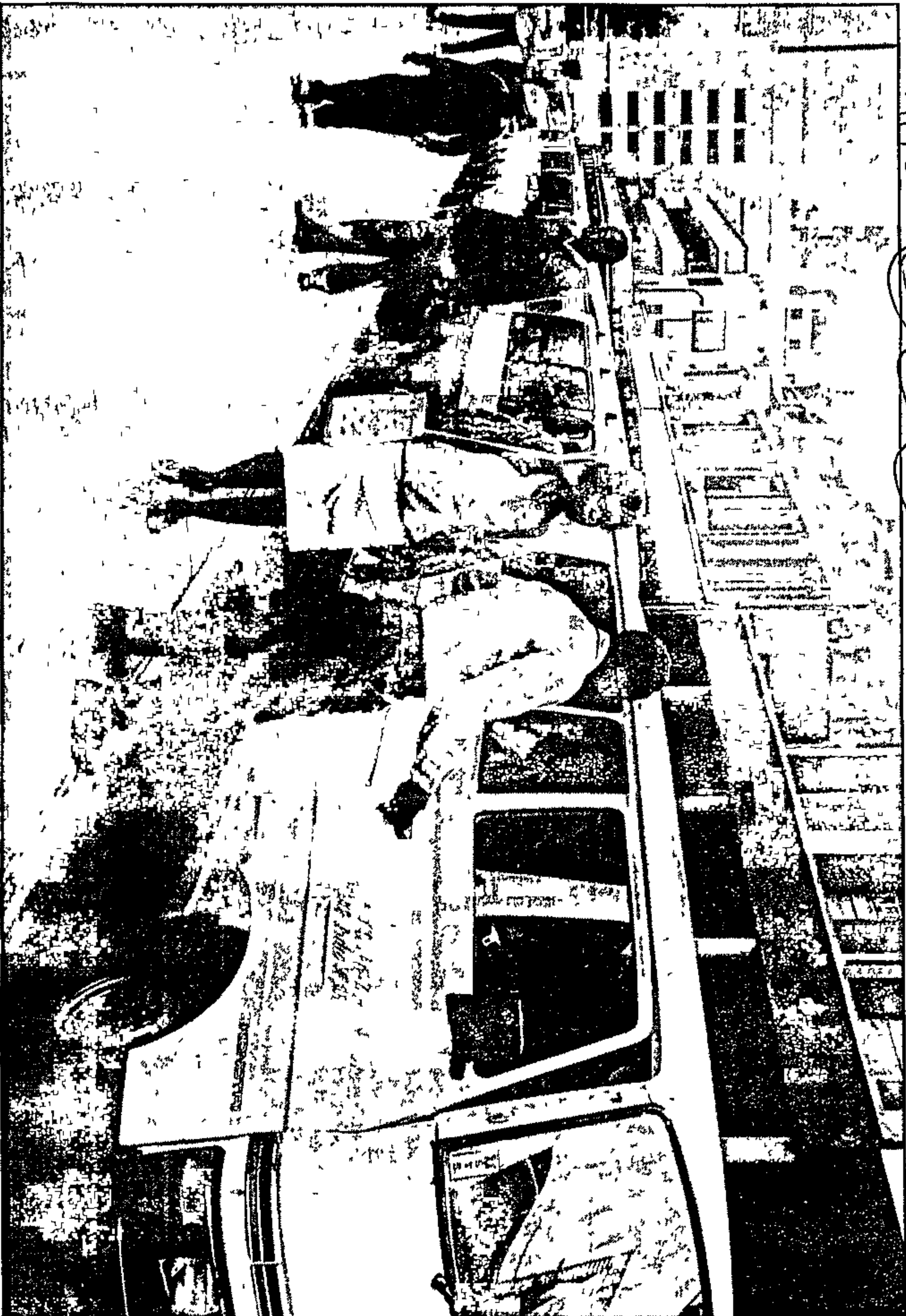
Although Sabta had established sponsored driver-training centres countrywide, many more training schools were needed to absorb the increasing number of drivers entering the industry. "Education in driving skills would ultimately serve to improve the level of personal responsibility and influence the drivers' approach to the job," he said.

Another problem lay in the "shoddy communications infrastructure" inherited by the taxi industry.

"We have immense problems contacting the various taxi associations and co-ordinating operations. Most associations don't have proper offices or skilled staff. The casualty in this case is the service," Mr Matjula said.

He said that exercising a co-ordinated approach to taxi operations was also being frustrated by the continuous mushrooming of taxi associations, some of which had fewer than 10 members.

"As far as we are concerned, a taxi association should consist of a minimum of 50 members and should have a computerised list of those members. There should also be only one association in each locality to prevent the kind of conflict and rivalry



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He warned that operators always considered new legislation as a negative, restrictive approach. "If legislation is introduced, it should be supplementary to positive, constructive planning," he said.

Overcrowded and antiquated taxi ranks and badly planned route structures were also a thorn in the industry's progress.

"Loading and offloading zones are almost always congested and the traffic flow is often disrupted because of this," Mr Matjula said. Ranks needed expanding, and zones had to be planned and pro-

perly demarcated, he said.

Johannesburg taxi operators who spoke to The Star said that inadequate parking facilities and heavy fines were their greatest concern.

Mr Abram Nkabinde, an operator at the Kort Street taxi rank, said taxis overflowed into Market Street and drivers were often fined R50. The Kort Street rank was used to accommodate taxis ferrying people to four different destinations in Soweto.

Mr Job Mbatha, an operator at the Noord Street rank, said the worst period was during peak traffic hours. His rank was used by different taxi asso-

ciations transporting people to Alexandra, Meadowlands, Pieterburg, Rustenburg and Potgietersrus.

Operators complained that a taxi's certificate of fitness expired after six months and had to be renewed before it could continue to operate. The fine for failing to do this was R300.

The city council has remained tight-lipped about the problems. According to a spokesman, the new committee will try, with the associations, to iron these out. "It's a sensitive issue, and until discussions are under way, the committee is unlikely to spell out what it feels should be addressed," he said.

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Missing advocate 'owes banks cash'

Debt may have played a role in the disappearance of Pretoria advocate Pieter Leeuwner.

Detectives have established that Mr Leeuwner apparently owes banks more than R100 000.

He went missing last month. He represented alleged CCB member Willie van Deventer at the Harms Commission hearings. — Crime Reporter.

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Aids policies 'based on fear and prejudice'

By DON HOLLIDAY
Municipal Reporter

TESTING prospective employees for Aids is a waste of time, says Cape Town's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Michael Popkiss

He was reacting to an announcement that Pretoria municipality has approved a policy preventing Aids victims and HIV-positive people from being employed.

Most Transvaal municipalities are expected to soon have a policy regarding the employment of people with Aids or HIV

Dr Popkiss said: "Aids does

not spread in the workplace. If the City Council was to consider adopting such a policy I would strongly resist it.

"There is no reason to panic and a lot of these policies are based on fear, prejudice and ignorance."

He said logic and compassion should be used in the handling of the issue.

Screening prospective employees was a waste of time as testing a person who was HIV-positive would not necessarily reveal the condition.

"Even if they are identified as HIV-positive it may take as long as 10 years before the

disease becomes full-blown.

"Until that time the person can make a normal contribution to his or her work.

"If the City Council was to bar them who would employ them and then who would be responsible for looking after them?" he asked.

Pension schemes would not be affected as most schemes made payments only after 10 or 12 years' service.

Employers would not be obliged to grant special sick leave and medical aid schemes were protected as there was a standard limit on benefits, said Dr Popkiss.

'Open' Hillbrow opposed

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday pushed for the entire city to be open to all races in spite of opposition from individual residents. It opposed Hillbrow being declared a free settlement area.

Addressing the Free Settlement Board sitting on Hillbrow, JCC representative R. Bosman said the declaration of the suburb as a free settlement area would lead to the decline of its maintenance services as local bodies in a fragmented city would have less decision-making powers.

However, local residents addressing the eight-man board argued in favour of maintaining Hillbrow's former status — "an elite, whites-only area".

J E van der Merwe, a pensioner and flat owner, said since the influx of blacks into the area there had been a slump in property values coupled with steadily deteriorating living conditions.

She said the Government should compensate flat owners for damages they had suffered as a result of the slump. A trustee of a Hillbrow building, Mr. W Ostrowika described Hillbrow as having become a "Third World crime-ridden slum".

The board is expected to take a decision next month, after which it would refer its findings to the Minister's Council.

ANC, TPA hold
talks in Witbank

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Secrecy at TPA probe

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A VEIL of secrecy will mask the identities of Transvaal Provincial Administration officials mentioned in evidence before the Cillie Commission today.

Commission chairman Mr Justice PM Cillie ruled yesterday that the true identities of "Mrs X", "Miss Y", "Mr X" and "Mr G", all of whom are to be mentioned in evidence regarding workers' grievances at Garankuwa Hospital, may not be made public.

Their names will however be released to the commission and the various legal teams involved in the inquiry.

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Babies

The evidence will be presented to the commission today by a senior personnel officer Mr AK Malatje.

The commission is investigating the causes and consequences of an eight-day strike at the hospital during April which is alleged to have resulted in the deaths of 23 premature babies.

It informed legal representatives of its ruling after a two-hour adjournment to discuss the permissibility of evidence contained in a statement by Malatje.

It adjourned after the TPA's legal representative Mr J Wessels objected to the statement on the grounds that it was

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Burning colliery now a disaster area - council

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The Government has acted quickly following the Witbank Town Council's request to have the burning underground Outspan Colliery declared a disaster area.

Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Andre Fourie yesterday announced a task group of mining, fire brigade and legal experts from both the private and public sector to advise on the extent of the problem and how it can be handled. He has given the task group until Friday to make a report.

Independent mining experts told The Star they believed it would cost about R15 million to extinguish the long-burning mine fire by digging a huge trench along its 1 km-wide front.

During the past three weeks, the blaze has caused concern in mining, civic and environmental circles after breaking out in new areas.

The rail link to Maputo is being threatened as the encroaching fire is now less than 30 m away from the railway line.

The fire, and attempts to flood it over the years, have created serious water and air pollution problems in the area.

Environmentalists say the acidic water pouring out of the burning mine finds its way into Loskop Dam and the entire Olifants River system.

A Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs spokesman said the Witbank council had asked for a "state of disaster" in terms of the Civil Protection Act.

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Meeting offers promise of end to rent boycott

Staff Reporters

A meeting yesterday between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and two Soweto delegations could signal an end to the four-year rent boycott in Soweto.

Cyril Ramaphosa of the Soweto People's Delegation said he was optimistic that if his organisation's demands were met the boycott could be called off.

Soweto City Council chairman Mbutana Tshabalala said the council was hopeful that an agreement would soon be reached.

The TPA's MEC for housing, Olaus van Zyl, said the three parties had made progress.

It was agreed that Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils would be included in the negotiations which resume on Tuesday.

The meeting will focus on:

- Writing-off an outstanding amount of R570-million
- Upgrading municipal services
- Affordable tariffs for services
- The transfer of rented houses
- A common fiscal tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg

According to the TPA, of the R428-million budgeted for 1990/1, only R99-million is left.

It has launched a massive advertising campaign. In a series of four advertisements in The Star today, the TPA sends this message:

"It's no bluff, it's no threat, it's no joke. There is no more money. There can be no more services."

'Meet demands and boycott will end'

TANIA LEVY

housing stock and a common fiscal base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

The discussions were postponed until Tuesday so that Dobsonville and Diepkopje-down councils could be included.

Local government MEC Olaus van Zyl said the three parties had agreed it was necessary to involve the other two councils as many items under discussion affected the greater Soweto area.

Soweto management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala said the Soweto council could not take decisions affecting greater Soweto

SOWETO's four-year rent boycott could be lifted next week if the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) acceded to demands made by the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), SPD spokesman Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday. Ramaphosa said he was confident agreement would be reached between the TPA, SPD and Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepkopje-down councils at a meeting next Tuesday.

The TPA, SPD and Soweto council met in Johannesburg yesterday to discuss a joint technical committee's recommendations regarding the boycott and writing-off of arrears, upgrading of and affordable municipal services, transfer of rented



Local government MEC Olaus van Zyl, left, and Soweto City Council management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala chat after the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto People's Delegation and the council met yesterday to discuss ways of resolving the rent boycott in the township. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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sparks new rent wrangle

By SANDILE MEMELA

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TALKS this week between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) aimed at ending the four-year-old rent boycott may spark a renewal of the issue.

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In a newspaper advertising campaign, the TPA has given Soweto residents until the end of August "to decide what should happen with rent and services".

At the same time, hundreds of Dobsonville rent-defaulters were served with eviction notices for rent arrears, site and service charges.

The local advice office and Azapo branch have advised residents to ignore the notices.

The advertisement in *City Press* today reads: "It's no bluff, it's no threat, it's no joke. There is no more money. There can be no more services.

"Whoever you are, wherever you live, if you want something, you pay for it. Or you don't get it. Simple as that."

Azapo spokesman Molantoa Mavi cautioned this could result in violence among residents if any were evicted.

A key meeting this week between the TPA and the SPD will, for the first time, include representatives from Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

The meeting will focus on the upgrading of municipal services, affordable tariffs; the transfer of rented houses to the people and a common fiscal base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

Political comment and newbills by K Sibya, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg

Johannesburg City Council briefs

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● Residents have been reminded that in terms of the Atmospheric Pollution Act, the whole of Johannesburg is a smoke-controlled zone. (166)

Burning of garden refuse or rubbish in the garden or in the open is illegal. The penalty is a fine of up to R1 000 for the first offence, rising to R2 000 for the second.

Smoke emitted from a house must be less than 20 percent in opacity. Except in residential houses, no fuel-burning appliances may be installed without council approval.

● Pioneer Park swimming pool in the

south will be opened to the public only in the second week of September.

● Regular art classes for children aged 7-12 will be held at the Joubert Park Art Gallery from August 28 to September 29. Booking is essential. Phone 725 3130 or 725/3181.

● Tenants in council houses will have to pay higher rates and taxes from this month.

Assessment rates go up by nearly 10 percent, electricity charges rise by 9 percent, gas by 14 percent, water by 11 percent, refuse removal by 12 percent and sewerage by 45 percent.

Councillors query army plan

JOHANNESBURG, Randburg and Sandton municipal leaders have called on the SA Army to supply information on its area protection groups to be established in those cities **B Day 13/8/90**

The management committee chairmen of the three centres said at the weekend too many questions about the system — which will involve part-time SADF members being issued with automatic weapons to keep in their homes — remained unanswered

The SADF confirmed last week it was looking at setting up area protection units — which had worked successfully in rural areas of SA and the former SWA — in

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metropolitan areas **266** ~~257~~
Under the scheme, commando and citizen force members approved for participation will be grouped into neighbourhood units to protect their homes and immediate areas

The first area protection groups are expected to be established in Randburg and Sandton, possibly followed by Yeoville

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said he believed the units' functions should be carried out

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by a municipal police force

He was also concerned at the possibility of the groups doing patrols in their suburbs

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said a concern which would have to be addressed was whether the units could develop into vigilante groups

He said it was a "contradiction in terms" that while the ANC had suspended its armed struggle, the SADF was arming part-time soldiers in their own homes.

Davidson also questioned why area protection units were apparently taking over the role of the police in some areas.

"A burning question which has to be answered is who they will protect us against."

Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said he had no knowledge of the system and would definitely be approaching the SADF about it, particularly on the involvement of municipalities

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that an army spokesman said at the weekend that army commando area protection units had been in operation in every magisterial district in SA, urban and rural, for "over a decade" and were constantly re-evaluated.

Army public relations director Col Hans Stempfle also said that "certain key personnel" were issued with R-4 rifles and ammunition which they could keep at home under strict safety controls.

Weapons were issued to selected people if strategic and logistics demanded it for contingency purposes

Such an example would be if there was major unrest near the particular area, he added

"Commandos must be able to respond quickly, for example during a terrorist attack on a suburb They support the local police. The drawing of arms at a central point may not always be practical for contingency plans," he added.

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Civic groups want direct voice on Jo'burg council

By Shirley Woodgate
Demands for the scrapping of the South Western Management Committee (SWMC) have been voiced by two major civic groups accusing the coloured controlling body of mismanagement and ineffectiveness

Mounting problems in Johannesburg's coloured suburbs have led to Riverlea Interim Civic (RIC), led by Ralph Peffer and the Klipptown, Eldorado Park and Klipspruit West Interim Democratic Civic Association (Kekidca) headed by Bill Jardien demanding direct representation on the Johannesburg City Council to ensure a fair deal for their ratepayers

Complaints had to take the

long route via the SWMC to Johannesburg's Housing Department and then to Ian Davidson's Johannesburg council management committee

Mr Peffer said the RIC was angry over mid-year municipal increases imposed by the white management committee

Tenants had still not been legally informed, and in view of the SWMC's laxness, he had requested an "eyeball-to-eyeball" meeting with Mr Davidson. This had not been granted.

"The people will get tough I am totally opposed to violence but we cannot control the mood of the people who are using strong language," he warned.

Kekidca spokesman Victor Coetzee said their main grievance was the planned initial

demolition of five housing units in Klipptown to make way for a road linking their suburb with the K43 provincial road

The SWMC had failed to liaise or to react to complaints. In desperation people had been forced to approach the Legal Resources Centre.

Urgent litigation was avoided at the 11th hour when the contractor discontinued blasting and a seven-man committee formed on Friday to discussing the issue yesterday.

In what is seen as a breakthrough by Kekidca, four of its members have been drawn from the association to deliberate with local MP Anthony Reeves, SWMC chairman Margaret Matemen and SWMC member Claude Jacobs.

Burial fees go up in Soweto

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SOWETO residents are now digging deeper into their pockets to bury their dead.

Since August 1, the Soweto Council has increased its grave tariffs. At the same time the Transvaal Provincial Administration has announced that mortuary fees in all its provincial hospitals have been increased with effect from August 1.

Mr Grant Walker, the council's control officer of parks, recreation and cemeteries, said the council had been very considerate in increasing the cemetery fees.

He said the last increase was in October 1984.

"The increases are necessary for the purchase and servicing of equipment required to maintain the cemetery," he said.

The new increases are as follows with old tariffs in brackets. Burials in the

Residents to pay more for graves and tariffs at mortuaries increase

By NKOPANE
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special family section - Soweto residents - adults purchase of grave R60 (R40), re-opening of grave R45 (R30); and enlargement (casket) R30 (R20)

Burials in the special family section - non-Soweto residents - adults purchase of grave R200 (R100), re-opening of grave R120 (R60), and enlargement (casket) R80 (R40)

Burials in general section - Soweto residents - adults purchase of grave R45 (R30), re-opening of grave R45 (R30), and enlargement (casket) R30 (R20)

Burials in general section - non-Soweto residents - adults purchase of

grave R120 (R60), re-opening of grave R120 (R60), and enlargement (casket) R80 (R40)

Burials in children's section - Soweto residents purchase of grave R15 (R10), re-opening of grave R15 (R10).

Burials in children's section - non-Soweto residents. purchase of grave R40 (R20), re-opening of grave R40 (R20)

Burials of paupers found in Soweto's magisterial jurisdiction. The fees are for a single body adults R45 (R30), newborns R15 (R10), and stillborns R10 (R5)

Burials of paupers found outside Soweto's magisterial jurisdiction. The fees are for a single body adults R60 (R30), newborns R20 (R10), and stillborns R15 (R5)

Exhumations of paupers - if deceased was a Soweto resident reburial in special R75, reburial in general R60

Exhumations of paupers - if deceased was not a Soweto resident reburial in special R215, reburial in general R135

Mr Jan van Wyk, of the TPA's directorate of liaison services, said the mortuary fees at provincial hospitals were not a new thing.

He said the present increase was the first since April 3 1968. The fees will be as follows:

With regard to the accommodation of a body of a person who dies in a provincial hospital (a) for the first 24 hours or for the duration of a weekend if death occurs during a weekend - free

(b) thereafter or every 24 hours or a part thereof - R35

For a person who did not die in a provincial hospital for every 24 hours or part thereof - R35.

Rent ad blitz 'not a threat'

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THE TPA had embarked on a R1,8m advertising campaign in an attempt to break the Transvaal rent boycott, but not to threaten residents, local government MEC Olaus van Zyl said yesterday.

The administration placed advertisements over the weekend and yesterday warning township residents to pay up or there would be no services after August 31.

Rent and service charge payments to Transvaal councils are said to be about R800m in arrears.

The TPA, Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) meet today in Johannesburg to resume talks on the rent issue. *B1 Day 14/8/90*

Asked what the TPA's reaction would be if the advertising campaign failed to bring results, Van Zyl said: "The information campaign should not be seen in isolation. It is part of an agreement that communication with the people would be conducted at local level through several channels, including notices and accounts.

He added: "The campaign is not a threat to the people but an attempt to break the boycott before the end of that period."

TPA spokesman Gert de Jager said Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) member Cyril Ramaphosa had been told that the campaign would start last week.

The newspaper adverts would be followed by a TV, radio and "outboard" campaign. The total cost of the drive would be R1,8m.

Alberton delays township cut-off

THE Alberton Town Council has promised not to cut health services to the nearby Thokoza township until its meeting on August 29. *Monday 15/8/90*

The council's management committee met yesterday to discuss the future of health services for Thokoza in the light of the rent boycott in the township

But Town Clerk A S de Beer said yesterday the committee's resolution on the issue would not be made public until the full council meeting on August 29

"Health services will not be cut until the management committee has reported to the council," he said.

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It was reported earlier this week that health services provided by the Alberton municipality could be cut if the boycott continued — a move that would affect between 150 000 and 250 000 people

Thokoza administrator Gert Muller was reported as saying he had been informed by Alberton that the services would be suspended if Thokoza did not pay.

Saying the Thokoza council had no source of income due to the boycott, Muller said Alberton was sympathetic and had indicated it might seek funds elsewhere to deliver the necessary health services.

Seminar on negotiations 266

South Africa 16/8/90
THE Institute for Public Interest Law and Research and the Pretoria Civic Association will hold a workshop on negotiating a non-racial municipality for the city at St Albans Church, Schoeman Street, Pretoria, at 11 30am on Saturday

Speakers will be Mathole Motshekga of the University of South Africa, Mr Andrew Borame and Mr Titus Mafolo of the UDF and the ANC

One council for all races in Greater Johannesburg

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Shirley Woodgate

Top Johannesburg councillors and officials studying the report of the Thornhill Commission, have opted for direct representation on a central council for people of all races living in Greater Johannesburg.

This immediately addresses the grievances of Indian and coloured communities who are presently represented by ethnic management committees which report to the Johannesburg City Council

But it must be assumed that if the recommendation is formally accepted, presented and approved by Government, the sitting members of the controversial South Western and Lena-

sia management committees would not automatically be transferred to the central council.

Responding to calls from two coloured civic associations for the scrapping of separate management committees, Johannesburg management committee chairman and leader of the working group Ian Davidson said. "We are currently intent on creating a new metropolitan area based not on politics but economic structure

"Looking at the metropolitan concept we have also looked elsewhere in the world where the best example is the now defunct Greater London experience

"Our entire area already fits the bill, now it is necessary to thrash out a metropolitan form of government consisting of all local councils"

Mr Davidson rejected the Regional Services Council as an umbrella body in its present state since it was politically tainted, defined according to politics and not based on economic criteria.

"A technical committee is already considering the question of Johannesburg and Soweto as one city. We are very aware of trying not to destroy the Johannesburg tax base, in other words, putting them together so that one depletes the other," he said

Don't replace mayor - residents

THE Alexandra Civic Association yesterday called on the authorities not to replace the township's mayor, who has resigned, and to disband the council.

It said the council should be replaced with an administrator acceptable to the community.

Mr Moses Mayekiso, president of ACA, said an administrator must not be imposed on the people but discussions should be started with the community over who should be responsible for administration in the township.

Mayekiso said they welcomed Mrs Jackie Poo's resignation from the unpopular bankrupt council and her deci-

sion to join ACA as a bold move.

Alexandra Council's acting town clerk Mr Willy Khumalo said. "A meeting will be held today by councillors to elect a new mayor. The council was not aware that Mrs Poo had joined the ACA.

"The call for councillors to resign is nothing new and it depends on the councillors whether they adhere to the call or not." *Sowetan 16/8/90*

Poo resigned from the council after her house was petrol-bombed six times since February this year.

A statement released by the council said her deteriorating health and family members had forced her to resign.

Residents contest council banning

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THE Atteridgeville
le Saulsville Residents
Organisation has filed an
application in the Pretoria
Supreme Court seeking
an order to set aside the
decision by the At-
teridgeville Council to bar
them from using council
facilities.

Dr Abraham Nkomo,
chairman of Asro, filed
the application and asked
the court to nullify the
council's decision to
refuse them the right to
use the Super Stadium to
hold public meetings to
discuss issues that af-
fected residents

The application is
scheduled to be heard in
the Supreme Court on
September 11.

Atteridgeville's acting
town clerk, Mr Daan
Mouton, yesterday
declined to comment on
the matter

Hospital workers' union to negotiate with TPA top brass

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By Brendan Templeton
Top level negotiations between hospital workers and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) were due to take place today following initial talks yesterday.

Andre Cornelissen said. Today's talks were to include TPA director-general of health services Dr Hennie van Wyk after a demand by Nehawu that it speak to the administration's top brass.

The TPA yesterday condemned plans by the National Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) to hold lunch-hour demonstrations at hospitals in the Transvaal to protest against alleged delays in wage negotiations.

While yesterday's talks were in progress, workers at Hillbrow Hospital staged a sit-in over the delays, poor working conditions and the refusal by authorities to open the Ursula Mansions nurses residence to all races.

"As far as the TPA is concerned, there is no deadlock in the negotiations between itself and Nehawu as alleged," TPA director-general

Mr Cornelissen said the TPA did not have the authority to make final decisions on wage demands, but had to pass them on to the Commission for Administration.

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For the record

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The Star of July 13, in a report dealing with squatter removals in Soweto, quoted an eyewitness as saying "Last night police arrested five people and demolished 10 more shacks in Dobsonville..".

In a statement the S A Police say: "It has on numerous occasions been pointed out to the media that the S A Police do not demolish squatter shacks. This task is normally carried out by council officials"

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Women want hostels evacuated now

THE Administrator of the Transvaal has promised to respond to a demand by Soweto women to convert hostels into family units

Soweto town clerk Mr Piet Geers said yesterday "The Administrator will soon make an announcement regarding a demand by Soweto women for the evacuation

By **KENOSI MODISANE**

of hostel dwellers "

The women, who are demanding that hostel dwellers be evacuated from all camps in the township immediately, have threatened to continue their occupation

of the Soweto Council chambers until the demand was met

They moved into the chambers on Monday afternoon and only left after an "emergency meeting with senior officials"

Geers, however, said the evacuation could not be done overnight

"We have instead asked for the reinforcement of the civil defence force in an attempt to restore peace in the township"

A spokesman for the women's delegation said they would not release a statement until the Administrator had given them a "firm indication

that our demand will be met"

A meeting was held on Monday night between the women's delegation, SADF and SAP officials, the Soweto town clerk and the Administrator

No response could be obtained from the Administrator's office at the time of going to press.

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NP nod for march angers CP

Sowetan 23/8/90

THE National Party-controlled town council of Sasolburg has granted permission for a South African Youth Congress protest march through the town centre on Saturday - a move that has enraged the Conservative Party.

At a council meeting on Monday night, the NP outvoted the CP by five to three to give Sayco the go-ahead for a march. One independent councillor did not attend the meeting.

CP caucus chairman Mr Daan van Staden said the NP councillors had indicated that they were not really in favour of the march.

"The only reason they are allowing it is to vote against the CP," he said.

The CP was opposed to the march because it believed the African Na-

tional Congress, which wanted to open a branch in the town but was battling to obtain the necessary 100 signatures, was using its "youth branch" to muster support.

"Those radical kids should be at school not campaigning for political rights for grown-ups," Van Staden said.

The CP also queried the NP's permission for the march, which included conditions that only residents of Zamdela township participated, the number of marchers kept to 12 000 and no dangerous weapons be carried.

Said Van Staden "Who is going to check that only Zamdela residents participate, who is going to count them and what is the definition of a dangerous weapon?"

Sowetan Cor-

respondent

Impasse over rent crisis may end today

Soweto 23/8/90
By SY MAKARINGE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto People's Delegation and the three Greater Soweto councils meet again today in a bid to end the four-year-old Soweto rent boycott.

A technical committee, appointed after last week's meeting, is expected to table its recommendations before the start of the talks at TPA's offices at Jubilee Centre, Johannesburg.

All three parties are expected to make major announcements at the end of the meeting amid expectations that an amicable and satisfactory settlement will finally be reached today to end the impasse.

The TPA is expected to announce the writing off of a major portion of the arrears - possibly R400 million - in what could have significant implications on all local authorities falling under its jurisdiction.

Sources said the TPA would be prepared to write off the rent arrears provided the SPD made an undertaking that residents would resume paying for essential services.

The Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils, which did not take part in earlier meetings with the TPA and the SPD, have been included in the talks.

The three parties are also expected to make a decision on a new flat rate for services and the transfer of housing stock to registered tenants.

It is not clear at this stage if the parties will reach a decision on the creation of a single tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg, a demand put forward by the SPD.

Deadlock

A HIGH-LEVEL meeting aimed at finding a solution to the Soweto rents boycott ended in deadlock yesterday after a fierce clash between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto People's Delegation.

The meeting was postponed to next Tuesday after the SPD objected to an advertisement placed by the TPA in several newspapers in which it implied that residents were being intimidated by certain leaders to boycott paying rent.

The SPD took exception to the advert which, among other things, asked the question: "(For) how is the silent majority going to allow a small mi-

nority to ram the rent and services boycott down their throats with a knob-kierie?"

It felt this could be construed as referring to them

The TPA is spending more than R1,8 million on an advertising campaign in a bid to break the boycott following an announcement a few weeks ago that it had run out of bridging finance.

The adverts warned that essential services would be cut if the residents did not start paying.

In a statement last night, Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the Transvaal, said the advertisement on

intimidation did not relate to the SPD, but "to intimidators and whoever their leaders might be".

He said it related to a general situation which had emerged in many towns in the Transvaal since March this year. In addition to pressure and threats to ordinary residents, many councillors had also been intimidated.

"The TPA remains strongly committed to finding a satisfactory way to end the boycott and solve the financial and other problems of Greater Soweto in the interests of all its people and in full co-operation with the four other principal parties involved in the present negotiations," Van Zyl said.

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Electricity switch-off may spark more rage

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AS violence continues to rage throughout the Reef a new flash-point is looming - the August 31 rent boycott deadline when millions of township residents face the possibility of having their electricity cut.

The Government announced in July that bridging finance for the payment of bulk supply services would be "curtailed" at the end of this month to local authorities where non-payment still occurred.

However yesterday the Black Sash's Transvaal region chairman Judith Hawarden cautioned that the deadline for the Transvaal's 50 boycotting townships - from Soweto take advice (on the rent boycott issue) from the Soweto People's Delegation and civic associations.

Sowetan Correspondent

Yesterday saw a further attempt to resolve the issue before next week's deadline

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Piet Wilken said a TPA delegation would meet the Soweto People's Delegation and the three local authorities of greater Soweto in a bid to reach an agreement to break the boycott

In return for a commitment to start paying rent again, the SPD has demanded that the TPA write off the R516 million to Ermelo - was coming at an extremely volatile time
"The Black Sash is deeply concerned about the killings in the townships and any action which could exacerbate the situation.
"We urge the relevant

Government authorities to arrears, transfer houses to the people of Soweto, upgrade services, introduce an affordable service charge and create a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto

It is widely believed that if an agreement is reached between the TPA and the SPD, other boycotting communities will

accept similar settlements
According to the TPA, of the R428 million budgeted for bridging finance for 1990/1, only R99million is left
The total amount owed in rent and services arrears by the 50 local authorities in the boycott effected areas is R800 million.

Asked if the TPA would be responsible for instructing local authorities to switch off township electricity on September 1, Wilken said this was not the TPA's task.
"The TPA will not be cutting any services. This responsibility will be with the local authorities themselves."

'No town power cuts without talks'

Friday 27/8/90

THEO RAWANA

ESKOM would not cut off electricity supplies to black townships without prior consultation with the local authorities concerned, Eskom spokesman Laetitia van Staden said at the weekend (26/8/90).

Commenting on warnings that the TPA could stop providing bridging finance to black councils, Van Staden said the commission was reluctant to cut off whole towns and would prefer an arrangement with any council that had problems in paying for electricity.

The TPA had warned that the five-year-old rent boycott, which had black councils collectively R831m in arrears by June 30, had dried up financial resources and bridging finance to councils would be curtailed by the end of this month.

Van Staden said "We believe that by negotiations with councils who have problems, we can find other solutions. We are reluctant to cut off whole towns as there are other people who are paying electricity charges."

A TPA spokesman said Transvaal councils were R831m in arrears at the end of June. The combined arrears of the councils of Greater Soweto — Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto — were R507m.

Talks between the TPA, the Soweto Peo-

ple's Delegation (SPD) and Greater Soweto councils to resolve the rent boycott problem broke down last Thursday after the TPA refused to withdraw and apologise for an advertisement calling on residents to ignore "intimidators" and start paying rent and service charges.

The delegation felt that the advertisement, showing men in silhouette carrying bricks and clubs, had branded them as intimidators, and demanded that the TPA withdraw it and apologise.

The SPD requested talks with Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel and Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough before meeting the TPA again tomorrow.

SPD spokesman Patrick Lephunya said on Friday that if tomorrow's talks broke down and electricity and water supply was cut off, TPA delegation head and MEC for local government Olaus Van Zyl would be held responsible.

He said the SPD was committed to seeing that the talks were a success as cutting off electricity and water might result in chaos.

'Positive feedback' to TPA anti-boycott ad campaign

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THE controversial advertising campaign run by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) aimed at ending the rent boycott in more than 50 townships was part of a three pronged strategy to address the crisis, MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday

Talks between the TPA and the Soweto Peoples Delegation (SPD) broke down last Thursday as a result of the campaign

Another meeting has been scheduled for today

In particular, the delegation objected to the advert dealing with intimidation. It has demanded the advert be withdrawn immediately, and that the TPA apologise to Soweto residents. The TPA has rejected the demand

Van Zyl said the campaign — an earnest attempt to let people know how serious the situation was — had "very positive feedback" from a number of communities, local authorities and people in the communications business

"But we will only know at the end of August if the payment situation has improved. We certainly didn't plan it to sabotage our negotiations with local authorities. One can argue whether or not the timing was good vis a vis the negotiations, but we had to run the campaign before the end of August, when our money runs out"

In May this year, when the TPA became aware that bridging finance used to assist local authorities would run out at the end

of August, it was decided to launch a campaign comprising

□ Communication — the R1,8m campaign began on August 10 with full page adverts in several national newspapers, including the Star, City Press, Sowetan and the Sunday Star. Radio and television spots began August 20 on all black language stations. Pamphlets and outdoor billboards have also been used,

□ Negotiation — negotiations between the TPA and local leaders in more than 40 townships are under way, and,

□ Action — making sure local authorities are offering an efficient service

Consultants appointed by the TPA to devise the campaign advised the TPA that five basic messages had to go out to the townships, Van Zyl said

"First, we had to stress this was serious and we were not bluffing, secondly, we had to inform the people they had to pay or face losing services and thirdly, if they didn't pay, their services would suffer

"We also had to address the issue of intimidation and finally we had to point out that residents would get better services if they paid, if they didn't the quality of services could not be guaranteed," he said

The TPA is aiming to ensure everyone knows exactly what the score is

"That's the philosophy of the whole campaign. We are still hoping for a breakthrough in negotiations before the end of August," Van Zyl said

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DAY, Tuesday, August 28 1990

Jo'burg council to vote on opening city to all races

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THE Johannesburg City Council will apply for the entire city to be opened as a free settlement area, if a recommendation to do so is approved by councillors at the monthly meeting tonight.

The council will also ask government to repeal all discriminatory legislation, including the Group Areas Act, the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

The council committee investigating Open City Initiatives suggested the moves, stressing the urgent need to prevent the piecemeal declaration of free settlement areas in Johannesburg.

If its recommendations, already approved by the management committee, are adopted tonight, the Free Settlement Board would be asked to defer considering applications to declare Mayfair, parts of Pageview, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and parts

of Houghton as free settlement areas.

The application would put into action the management committee's commitment in May to an open SA and an open Johannesburg.

Opening the city to all races was one of the DP's main goals on taking over leadership of the management committee in April.

Proviso

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said although most councillors were opposed to the concept of free settlement areas, Johannesburg had to set the pace and open the city to all races as an act of faith.

He said the application would be made with the proviso that no management committee be set up in terms of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act

Council wanted to be able to manage the integration of Johannesburg.

Davidson said he expected the majority of councillors to support the recommendations.

However, CP leader in council Jacques Theron said his caucus would oppose the item which went against the wishes of most Johannesburg ratepayers. They did not want security in their areas to deteriorate, Theron said.

EDYTH BULBRING reports from Pretoria that President F W de Klerk for the first time turned down an application for the opening of a residential area under the Free Settlement Areas Act. A Free Settlement Areas Board spokesman said at the weekend an application for the opening of a King William's Town area, Balaze Valley, was rejected.

It was also announced on Friday that Zeekoewallei, an area near Durban, was approved by De Klerk as a free settlement area.

The 11 Cape last night

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tribution officer Babu Schalk, were arrested... The three union officials were charged with kidnapping, robbery and assault and released on R1 005 bail each by a Johannesburg police conference and informed the police... such an operation appeared a prelude to an attempt and called a Press conference and informed the police...

BUSINESS DAY, Wednesday, August 29 1990

Rent talks helping to iron out problems, says TPA

THE TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) had substantially narrowed the range of differences in the talks aimed at resolving Greater Soweto's five-year rent boycott, the TPA said yesterday.

Transvaal MEC Fanie Ferreira, chairman of the meeting, said in a statement the negotiations, which included representatives of the three Greater Soweto councils — Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville — had been postponed until tomorrow.

Talks to resolve the boycott, which has led to the three councils collectively owing R507m, broke down last Thursday.

This followed objections by the SPD to an advertisement placed in a newspaper by the TPA in its campaign to get residents to end the boycott.

The SPD felt the advertisement

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had branded them as "intimidators". They demanded the TPA withdraw it and apologise to the people of Soweto.

Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl had later explained in a statement that the advertisement did not relate to the SPD, but to the situation in the whole of the Transvaal.

CONSENSUS

The TPA said yesterday "Certain aspects of today's discussions have been referred back for consideration by the Joint Technical Committee tomorrow, August 29."

"They are to report back to the principal bodies on Thursday, August 30, when it is hoped that consensus will be achieved in the interest of the people of Greater Soweto."

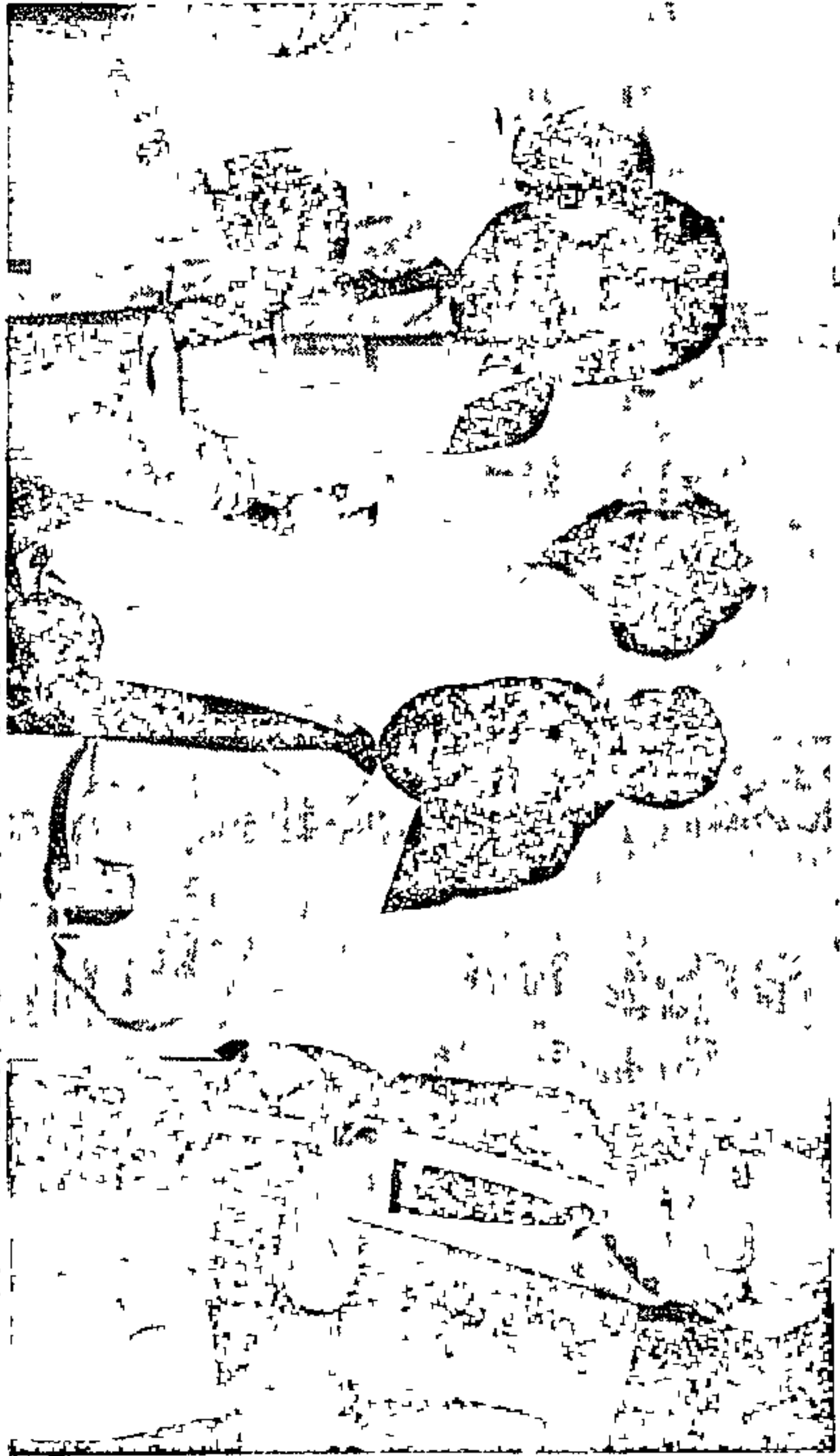
Issues being negotiated are

- The writing off of municipal charges and rent arrears;
- The upgrading of municipal services;
- Affordable tariffs for municipal services;
- The transfer of the rented housing stock to tenants; and
- A common fiscal base for Greater Soweto and Johannesburg.

The talks will be resumed a day before the TPA's deadline for the curtailment of bridging finance for black councils.

The TPA had warned recently that the boycott, which had seen Transvaal black councils collectively owing R831m by June 30, had dried up financial resources.

It said bridging finance to councils would be curtailed by the end of this month.



Taking tea during a break in yesterday's rent boycott talks between the Soweto People's Delegation and the TPA were, from left, Soweto city council management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala, Diepsmeadow Mayor Moses Khumalo and Transvaal local government MEC Olaus van Zyl.

Picture: ROBERT GOYVA

Govt-ANC peace team has started its work — Viljoen

Extortionist plan a 'deadly treasure'

Jo'burg votes to open city

JOHANNESBURG — The Johannesburg City Council last night voted overwhelmingly in favour of opening the entire city to all races

A stormy debate, lasting almost four hours over the proposal, raged in the council chamber but only seven dissenting votes were recorded

A proposal to have the matter referred back to the Minister's Council was defeated by 36 votes to seven

Although votes for the open city proposal were not counted — there was no show of hands — those against included the four Conservative Party councillors, independents Mr Eddie Magia and Mr Mike Levine, and the National Party's Mr Cecil Long of whom only Mr Long had his objection

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The decision for an open city could not be acted upon immediately as legislation does not exist for this to be done, but all the councillors who spoke in favour of the motion said this would signal Johannesburg's willingness to back the government in its reform initiatives and its drive to end discrimination

The Democratic Party's Mr Ian Davidson said that informal discussion had taken place with other Witwatersrand councils on the issue and the idea had received support

"We have thought through the consequences of an open city and we will live through them," Mr Davidson said — Sapa

DP, Nats join in seeking 'open' city

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council voted last night to apply for the entire city to become a free settlement area.

The vote came after a stormy four-hour debate which led to the resignation of National Party councillor Cecil Long from the party.

Mr Long tendered his resignation after objecting to the motion. He said he was completely disillusioned with the NP in Johannesburg and described it as leaderless, dictatorial and completely taken over by the Democratic Party.

Independent management committee member Eddy Magid voted against the motion, for town planning reasons. He criticised the "indecent haste" of his colleagues on

the management committee in trying to open the city, saying he believed it would be a planning blunder to declare Johannesburg a free settlement area without the inclusion of surrounding municipalities.

The motion, proposed by the DP/NP management committee, also called for all current free settlement area investigations in Johannesburg to be deferred. It was passed by an overwhelming majority.

Uproar

Mr Long broke NP caucus ranks and voted against the motion, along with Mr Magid and the four CP councillors.

Some councillors accused NP councillors Theuns Oosthuizen and Jan van Blerk, who were not pres-

ent during the vote, of boycotting the debate.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron caused an uproar when he said it was "easy to throw petrol bombs over a garden wall" if a white community decided it wanted to keep its area white.

Cries of "white scum", "terrorist", and "Piet Skiet Rudolph" were shouted at Mr Theron and he was accused of inciting violence. The CP leader withdrew his comment when ordered to by mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg.

During the debate, NP councillors denied statements by Turffontein's NP MP, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fourie, that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by applying to become a free settlement area.

Sasol cobalt workers undergo tests

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By Melody McDougall,
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At least 24 Sasol 1 employees spent several hours close to a Cobalt-60 isotope which had accidentally been left on site at the plant in Sasolburg.

It seems six of the workers handled the radioactive material.

The incident happened about two weeks ago after a worker picked up the isotope. Not knowing what it was, he put it in a tool cabinet.

Several hours later it was shown to someone who identified it as an isotope.

A Sasol spokesman said that because it was initially unknown how many people had been exposed, all workers who could possibly have been affected had been tested.

Indications were that six employees had been exposed to radiation, and would possibly suffer after-effects. They were now under constant medical observation.

According to the chief director of environmental health services in Pretoria, Gerhardus Oberholster, the isotope was left behind after an industrial radiography team carried out work at the plant on August 18.

A nuclear consultant at Eskom in Johannesburg, Peter Spencer, described a cobalt-60 isotope as having quite a powerful gamma emission which was commonly used for radiography and in radiation units to sterilise vegetables.

Commenting on the effects caused by exposure, he said "If someone is exposed from a distance, it may barely be noticeable in terms of medical effects.

"But if it is handled and kept on the person, this could lead to significant effects, similar to being badly burnt."

TPA probe of Khutsong funds urged

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THE Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) in Carletonville has called on the TPA to appoint an administrator in the township and to launch an investigation into the finances of the local town council.

After their meeting with Mr Olaus Van Zyl, MEC for the Transvaal, in Pretoria on Monday, the executive committee of the KCA said they had also asked the TPA to remove the three remaining councillors who still made decisions and received monthly allowances despite the fact that they did not form a quorum

By MONK NKOMO

The other five councillors resigned in April this year.

The KCA said the TPA has also agreed to provide them with a copy of the last audited financial report of the council so that alleged financial irregularities could be investigated

The TPA was also to investigate if council funds were used by a councillor and a senior official who recently instituted damages claims totalling R130,000 against a newspaper reporter and five councillors

The TPA and KCA

also discussed the possibility of the township being administratively run by the white Carletonville City Council

In a statement released yesterday, the KCA said they were going to seek a mandate from residents whether to merge with their local town council or to serve on the advisory committee to the administrator

Request

The delegation also requested the TPA to stop the Town Clerk and the three remaining councillors to stop issuing threats to cut essential services and taking legal action against residents, including pensioners who owed rent

The KCA urged residents to continue paying rent and said they were working out a flat rate to be paid by all

According to the KCA the TPA has also promised to develop a vast piece of land and build houses to alleviate the acute housing shortage

Threat of white backlash over rent boycott

TRANSVAAL councils were facing a backlash from white ratepayers over the black rent boycott, president of the province's municipal association warned yesterday as councils started cutting off services to their defaulting townships.

Independent president of the CP-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) Johan van der Merwe said white ratepayers were threatening to boycott rates and service charges if township residents did not pay up.

A spokesman for the Belfast Town Council said yesterday his municipality would cut off electricity to the Siyathuthuka township on September 4.

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Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said 34 Transvaal townships' services were supplied by 44 white municipalities.

The Carolina Town Council cut electricity to Selobela township on Tuesday.

Another TPA spokesman said yesterday the Bronkhorstspruit municipality had cut power to consumers in Zithubeni two weeks ago, but this was denied by the council which said Eskom supplied the township directly.

Van der Merwe said many municipali-

ties not controlled by the CP would have to consider steps similar to those taken by Carolina and Belfast. His own municipality of Alberton would probably be forced into ending services by the end of next week if a solution was not found, he said.

United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president Tom Boya said he was confident President F W de Klerk would be sympathetic towards an appeal that black local authorities be given three months' grace in which to meet their outstanding rent and service bills.

Urban Councils' Association of SA (Ucasa) president Phillip Nhlapo said

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Backlash

moves to cut off electricity were unfair, because Cabinet's decision on the matter was still unknown.

"The issue does not apply only in the Transvaal but affects all four provinces. President F W de Klerk said in July the Cabinet would meet and make a decision during August. Now the white councils are cutting off electricity even before the cabinet decision is known — before word from the President is received," Nhlapo said.

De Klerk, in his July 19 directive that the July 31 deadline for curtailing bridging finance should be extended to August 31, had said "The general problematics of financing of services, as well as arrears, are at present being urgently examined, and Cabinet will decide on this in August."

TPA spokesman Piet Wilkens said De

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Klerk had said bridging finance would be terminated at the end of August.

"The TPA naturally regrets that services have been cut to these townships, but the white councils are autonomous and can do as they please."

The R313m the administration had set aside for bridging finance had dried up and only R99m was left.

Spokesman in the President's Office Casper Venter said last night he could not say whether the bridging finance issue had been discussed by the Cabinet in its meeting yesterday. After the meeting, a government spokesman said he did not foresee any statement being released last night.

Eskom spokesman Laetitia van Staden said Eskom had not cut off electricity supplies to any council.

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'No' to E Rand loans

By Abel Mabelane,
East Rand Bureau

Electricity master-plan schemes contracted by the now defunct East Rand Administration Board, were still owing R131,9 million in April this year and the amounts are escalating because local authorities are unable to pay.

This was said at the East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC) meeting last week when the council decided not to guarantee loans granted by the Development Bank of Southern Africa to local authorities.

The ERRSC said it was well known that the developing local authorities were, under normal circumstances, experiencing deficits in their budgets because income did not cover expenditure.

"During the last four months the financial position of these local authorities has deteriorated drastically"

'Health must be ensured'

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By Louise Burgers

electricity to the Silobela township because it was R25 000 in arrears

In terms of the Health Act governing the duties and powers of local authorities, municipalities which cut water and sewerage to townships could be breaking the law if unsanitary conditions develop

Section 20 of the Local Authorities Health Act requires councils to maintain their districts at all times in a hygienic and clean condition

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's director of liaison services, Piet Wilkens, said consumers had been warned of cuts if they did not pay their bills.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg Health Department said a medical officer of health was responsible for ensuring the health of the population in his district. This meant the provision of adequate water and sewerage.

"Our bridging finance to assist boycott-hit black local authorities to pay their accounts and salaries is running out"

On Tuesday, Carolina's Conservative Party town council cut water, waterborne sewerage and

Mr Wilkens said he was sorry to hear that Carolina had cut services — "but people must pay for what they get"



Vaal blackout

Own Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG — One Conservative Party-controlled Transvaal town has cut off power supplies to the local township and another two towns are to follow.

On Tuesday the Carolina town council cut electricity, water and water-borne sewage to Selobela township and a Belfast town council spokesman said his municipality would cut off supplies on September 4

There were also reports that the Alberton town council might do the same. Reports that the Bronkhorstspruit town council will also cut supplies were denied by that council.

The independent president of the CP-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA), Mr Johan van der Merwe, blamed the actions on a white ratepayer backlash.

He said many Transvaal town councils were facing a ratepayers' boycott of rates

and service charges if township residents did not pay theirs.

Mr Van de Merwe said many municipalities not controlled by the CP would have to consider similar steps to those taken by Carolina and Belfast

Cabinet decision

United Municipalities of SA (UMSA) president Mr Tom Boya said he was confident President F W de Klerk would be sympathetic towards an UMSA appeal that black local authorities be given an extra three months' grace in which to meet their outstanding rent and service bills

Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) president Mr Phillip Nhlapo said "Mr De Klerk said in July the cabinet would meet and make a decision during August. Now the white councils are cutting off electricity even before the cabinet decision is known"

However, TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilkens said Mr De Klerk had, in fact, said

bridging finance would be terminated at the end of August

He said the R313 million the administration had set aside for bridging finance had dried up in four months and only R99m was left

Eskom spokesman Ms Laetitia van Staden said Eskom had not cut off electricity supplies to any council

Representatives of the Mass Democratic Movement in the Eastern Transvaal will meet today to develop a strategy in response to the switch-off of services by the Carolina council

"We have no choice but to meet their action with some sort of action," said ANC regional chairman Mr Jackson Mthembu

He described the situation in Selobela (Carolina) as tense, saying residents were being refused permission to draw water from a nearby dam by authorities

Meanwhile, Carolina mayor Dr Sarel Bloem said the decision to switch off the services had been a question of economics, not politics — Sapa

Jo'burg 'will only be open next year'

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JOHANNESBURG would not be opened as a free settlement area this year as the application would take at least five months to process, Free Settlement Board (FSB) chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

This, however, would not stop the board making recommendations within 10 days to President F W de Klerk on whether to open Hillbrow and surrounding suburbs as free settlement areas, Kruger said. He would not say what decision had been reached by the FSB but the final decision lay with De Klerk.

Kruger said the Johannesburg City Council's application to have the whole city declared a free settlement area was welcomed but would take at least five months to process. Government would most likely be unable to take a decision before about April 1991 although this was a rough guess.

He said the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, expected during the next Parliamentary session, could happen before Johannesburg could be declared a free settlement area.

Planning Deputy Minister Andre Fourie said it would be improper to respond to Johannesburg's moves before a decision was reached by De Klerk or Minister Hernus Kriel.

Johannesburg Deputy City Secretary Gert Marais said council would submit its application to the FSB within the next week.

Kruger said once the application was received, the board would decide whether to proceed with an investigation. Within two weeks, council would have

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to inform every person on the municipal voters roll of the investigation. Two weeks after that, advertisements would be placed giving anyone the right to object or approve of the application within 28 days. Kruger said in the case of a city like Johannesburg people would probably be given longer to comment.

The FSB would then decide if further verbal input from ratepayers' associations, political parties and other organisations would be necessary.

The Johannesburg council had voted itself out of existence in deciding it wanted the city to become a free settlement area, he said. In terms of the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act, residents would elect a management committee to run the area.

Legal opinion differed about the technicalities behind establishing this committee in the case of an entire city being declared open under the Free Settlement Act, said Kruger.

Johannesburg's moves were widely welcomed yesterday although neighbouring Sandton said it would be unlikely to follow Johannesburg's lead.

Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said he was concerned about flaws in the Free Settlement Areas Act and felt the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year anyway.

Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer local affairs committee chairman Henne de Clerq said the chamber approved of the move and had recommended earlier to the FSB that Johan-

nesburg be considered as a municipality rather than as isolated suburbs.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Jonny Frankel said the move was a step in the right direction, an interim measure hopefully leading up to the scrapping in its entirety of the Group Areas Act.

Sapa reports the United Municipalities of South Africa welcomed council's decision and called on government to stop condemning councils which were ready for local options. The Five Freedoms Forum said the council vote would put government to a litmus test on its commitment to scrap apartheid.

Rotting bodies moved from mortuary yards

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THE bodies of Reef unrest victims, which had been stored in yards outside mortuaries in Boksburg and Germiston, have been moved to mortuaries in Roodepoort and Diepkloof, where they are now being stored in refrigerators, police said yesterday.

SAP Soweto liaison officer Capt Joe Ngobeni confirmed yesterday that 93 partly decomposed bodies had been moved from Germiston to Diepkloof mortuary, while a Sgt Koeke-moer at the Boksburg mortuary, where "piles of bodies" were viewed by relatives and journalists, said all the bodies had been transferred to Roodepoort.

SAP spokesman Capt Ruben Bloomberg said yesterday storage of bodies on the Witwatersrand had caused serious problems, but private undertakers were being used now to transfer the bodies to private mortuaries.

He said the undertakers had insisted that the corpses first be put into

LINDEN BIRNS

body-bags

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Brig Leon Mellet said he could not comment on the issue as the Minister was at a Cabinet meeting and had not been fully informed of the situation.

An official SAP statement said the Transkei consul-general had asked that the bodies not be moved to private mortuaries from the Germiston and Boksburg mortuaries so next of kin could identify them.

Horrible

Transkei's consul-general Victor Mditshwa said "That's utter rubbish. Why should we tell the cops not to move the bodies?"

Mditshwa accompanied victims' family members and friends to the Boksburg mortuary to identify the bodies on Monday.

"It was so gruesome, very horrible, and no ordinary person would be able to stomach facing a sight like that," he said.

"There were piles of bodies I can't say how many bodies, but there were piles

"There's no way they would have acted like that if the victims had been white"

Health Department spokesman Francois Henning said no complaints about the stench of rotting bodies had been received from people living near the mortuaries.

Bloomberg said he did not know why the bodies had been left for more than a week before being transferred to other mortuaries.

Meanwhile, police said yesterday three men had been hacked to death at Reef hostels, reports AP-DJ.

Two of the men were killed and set on fire in Tembisa, north-east of Johannesburg, while the other died in Katlehong, south-east of the city.

In Durban, fighting broke out again in the Malakazi squatter settlement outside Durban on Tuesday and hundreds of people had fled from the area with their children to the adjacent township of Umlazi, Sapa reported yesterday.

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By DON SEOKANE

THE Soweto People's Delegation and Transvaal Provincial Administration today continue crucial talks on the rent boycott, while Silobela township in the eastern Transvaal has already had its services cut off.

Water and electricity in the township are provided by the Carolina Town Council. An official of the Conservative Party-controlled council said it could no longer carry the arrears, in excess of

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Court move plan to oust town council

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THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation has resolved to turn to the Pretoria Supreme Court to have the local town council dissolved because of alleged incompetency.

A spokesman for Asro alleged that this decision was taken because the TPA was reluctant to act against the council in terms of recommenda-

By MONK NKOMO

tions by a commission of inquiry that the Administrator should take action against the council in terms of the provisions of Section 29 of the Black Local Authorities' Act

Mr Willie Kriel, chairman of the TPA, appointed inquiry which investigated corruption and irregularities in the council last year, recommended that action be

taken against the council early this year.

Kriel also found that it would serve no purpose to provide the council with bridging funds because there was no proper budget control and the bookkeeping system was inefficient.

He also established that the council had not submitted financial statements since 1986.

A spokesman for Asro said their lawyers were

preparing an application which would be filed in the Supreme Court soon to dissolve the council.

"Residents unanimously decided to call for the resignation of councillors and the stopping of rent payment following recommendations of the inquiry which, ironically was appointed by the TPA", the Asro spokesman said

He accused the TPA of supporting the council and being reluctant to implement recommendations made by Kriel.

"We no longer have faith in the TPA. That is why we have turned to the court of law."

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the Transvaal, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

A TPA spokesman, Mr Gert De Jager, said none of the senior officials were available for comment

Kriel, in his general conclusions, remarked that the public had lost faith in the council because of its poor financial position and the increase of service charges which

the council viewed as the solution to the problem

He also highlighted the misuse of council vehicles by councillors for personal use as well as the "fruitless expenditure" on expensive security equipment and the thousands of rands used for the laying out of a garden at the council offices

New doctors' association to fight for a better deal



A NEW association to address the problems of young doctors - especially "unacceptable" working conditions and poor pay - has been established by the Medical Association of South Africa

The Junior Doctors' Association of South Africa, one of 40 special interest groups of Masa, will represent student-interns (final-year medical students), interns (house doctors) and other doctors up to two years after qualification.

One of the most pressing issues to be addressed will be "unacceptable working conditions and inadequate remuneration".

According to the newly elected chairman, Mr Johan Scholtz, student interns earn R200 a month and interns R1 300 a month - "which barely covers costs".

Scholtz, a final-year student at Pretoria University, said a comprehensive investigation of working conditions would be done to negotiate better working conditions

Concern has also been expressed about the training standards of foreign doctors allowed to work in South Africa.

The inauguration meeting in Pretoria was attended by 40 delegates

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For its part, Sabta had the driving performance - Sapa

FACTFILE - by Norris McWhirter

THE LARGEST OBJECT STOLEN BY A SINGLE MAN IS THE 7,681 TONNES SS ORIENT TRADER ON THE NIGHT OF 5 JUNE 1966 N WILLIAM KENNEDY CUT THE VESSEL FREE OF HER MOORING LINES AT WOLFE'S COVE, ST LAWRENCE SEAWAY, CANADA AND SHE DRIFTED TO A WAITING TUG TO BE TAKEN TO SPAIN.



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Services to townships will be cut

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Govt takes a hard line on rent boycotts

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PRETORIA — Services, including electricity, would soon be cut to townships where residents refused to pay their bills, Provincial Planning Minister Henus Kriel said yesterday.

This move is an attempt by government to force residents to start paying, as local authority finance has run dry.

"The fact is that government simply does not have funds to continue providing bridging finance and that the onus to pay for these services rests with the consumers themselves," Kriel said.

However, electricity and water supplies to the eastern Transvaal township of Silobela near Carolina were reconnected yesterday, after provincial authorities undertook to pay the R22 298 account, Carolina's Mayor Sarel Bloem said last night.

He said he received a fax from the Transvaal Provincial Administration at about 5pm and immediately ordered the reconnection of services which had been cut for the past two days.

But he predicted the payment of the June account would provide only temporary relief to the residents, as the August account was almost due.

Kriel said the decision to cut services was taken after lengthy consultations with the leaders of communities involved, and after repeated reminders of the consequences of non-payment.

He said the decision to discontinue the services was up to the bodies which supplied the services, such as Eskom.

Kriel said he hoped this move would not exacerbate violence in Reef townships.

The cutting of services would not be implemented in "one shot" but would be

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and TIM COHEN

done in phases.

Government would ensure that essential services would not be affected.

Section 20 of the Health Act states that local authorities must take reasonable steps to render services that prevent communicable diseases and promote health.

The Act also states that local authorities must provide occupied dwellings with a proper and sufficient supply of pure water at a reasonable distance.

Kriel said government had made available R632m in bridging finance for black local authorities to balance their books. Of the R428m allocated in the Transvaal, only R99m was left to last until March.

The provinces would decide to which local authorities the remaining money would go. He said those townships which had been paying their bills would have a right to be assisted.

Electricity would be the first service to be cut off, but hospitals and sewerage would not be affected. Refuse removal would be the next service to go, while water supplies would be reduced, or cut off, at certain times of the day, he said.

A distinction would be made between people with bona fide financial problems, and those who were "simply exploiting the non-payment issue".

"The government wishes to emphasise that the responsibility for this unfortunate situation rests entirely with those who are behind the boycotts," he said.

Eskom's management board held an ur-

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gent meeting last night to discuss Kriel's announcement, Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said.

He said the responsibility for the administration of electricity services lay with local authority concerned and it was the local authority's decision to implement a blackout.

But ultimately Eskom was a business and if all other options had been exhausted, the corporation could not supply electricity to local authorities if it was not paid, Plessis said.

PETER DELMAR reports that United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president

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Tom Boya predicted widespread township chaos if electricity and water supplies were restricted.

He said Kriel's announcement was likely to jeopardise negotiations on future local government structures.

"This is very sad. There will be so much anger if these townships are blacked out.

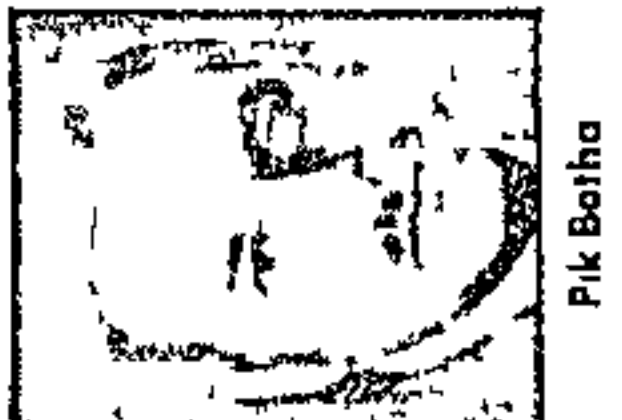
Umsa councillors were pinning their hopes on intervention by President F.W. de Klerk, Boya said.

Kriel said a decision would be taken on Soweto's services after the conclusion of talks between the Soweto People's Delegation, the TPA and the Soweto City Council.

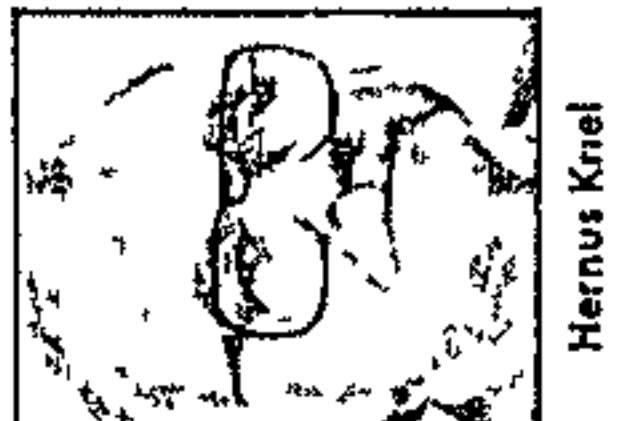
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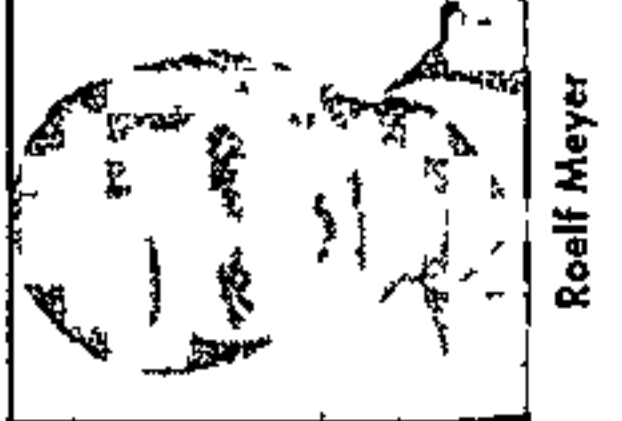
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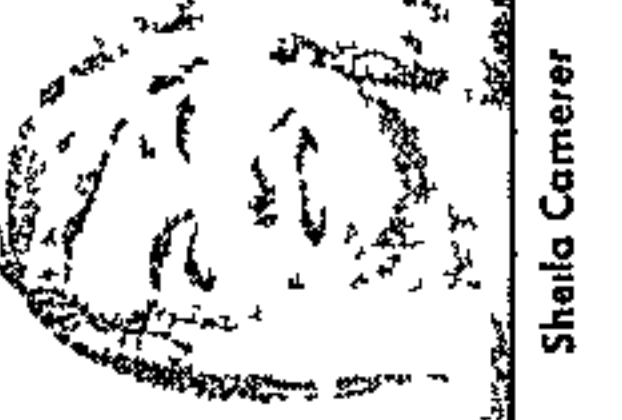
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back bid to open Jo'burg

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FOUR Cabinet Ministers and one Deputy Minister gave their tacit support to Johannesburg's historic decision this week to open its residential areas to all races

They are Barend du Plessis, Minister of Finance and Transvaal leader of the National Party, Pik Botha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and leader of the NP in Johannesburg, Mr Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr A A (Ami) Venter, Minister of Local Government, and Mr Roelf Meyer, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development

Also briefed were Mr Andre Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning, and Mrs Sheila Camerer, Transvaal NP information officer

Other town councils in the Transvaal may soon follow Johannesburg's example. Informed sources told Saturday Star that informal talks had already been held between Johannesburg and the councils of Randburg, Midrand and Sandton

Similar discussions would soon take place with the Roodepoort, Germiston and Edenvale town councils

"Initial reaction has been positive and it seems there could be a dramatic breakthrough on a large scale," an NP city councillor said

Although the Ministers have not yet publicly approved the decision — supported by 36 votes to seven — they were fully briefed by the city council's NP councillors before and after the council voted in favour of a proposal calling on the authorities to declare Johannesburg a free settlement area

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None of the Ministers lodged official or unofficial objections to the plan, which NP sources described as "significant" and which, they said, contrasted sharply with Mr Fourie's "negative" view earlier this week

"It was clear that we were given the go-ahead," said an NP source, adding that President de Klerk too was probably advised

On the day the proposal was put to the vote, Mr Fourie, who represents the conservative Turffontein constituency, warned that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by opening its suburbs to all

But the fact that five of

STEVE McQUILLAN and KITT KATZIN

Mr Fourie's Cabinet colleagues appear to disagree with him by supporting the move in principle has dispelled fears, say NP spokesmen, that the Government will reject Johannesburg's application for an open city

On the contrary, informed NP leaders believe Johannesburg will be given the green light to go ahead

This is despite the fact that white ratepayers have not been consulted and that the fate of the Group Areas Act, which may not be repealed but revised, still hangs in the balance

As a free settlement area, the whole of Johannesburg would be open to all races. Only sections would open if the Act was merely amended and brought back in disguise

Allowing residents of individual suburbs to decide whether to admit other races is one option the Government is apparently considering as a means of protecting communities

The city council, controlled by a joint NP-DP management committee, believes it can best achieve racial harmony by exploiting the free settlement option now, rather than waiting to see if the Group Areas Act will be scrapped in its entirety

Task force

The Ministers were also briefed on the findings of a special task force of six councillors, which looked at the practical implications of opening the city to all races

The group submitted a unanimous recommendation to the management committee, which formed the basis of the proposal approved by the council this week

Johannesburg's application will be submitted to the Free Settlement Board, the Ministers' Council and the State President. If the board agrees to consider the request, the city council will be given two weeks' notice to inform voters of developments

● Johannesburg abolished apartheid in swimming pools, public libraries and recreation centres in September 1989, and buses were desegregated later

The task group which opted for open areas

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Hein Kruger, chairman of the Free Settlement Board, from the NP. Mr Kruger was deputy chairman of the committee

Said DP councillor Mr Paul Asherson "We appointed the committee as part of our commitment to free Johannesburg from the last remnants of racial discrimination."

He said the committee also investigated ways of amending bylaws to ensure orderly urbanisation in a new open society

Members of the group acted independently of their respective caucuses, but reported to them once their report was completed and before it was considered for approval in open council this week

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KIT KATZIN and STEVE McQUILLAN

Lid lifted on DP-NP 'power grab'

THIS week's dramatic decision to open Johannesburg to all races was born out of a messy power struggle earlier this year that left a trail of casualties in the corridors of power

This was revealed by councillor Cecil Long, the representative for Robertsham, and was the reason

behind his quitting the NP caucus and the party in the wake of the "free Johannesburg" proposal.

He said that a shift in the balance of power on the six-man management committee — brought about by what one veteran councillor labelled "lies, deceit, collusion and treachery" — resulted in an "unholy alliance" between the the Democratic Party and the National Party

It was this which resulted in this week's decision to apply to the Government for the city to become a free settlement area

Mr Long termed the DP takeover of the management committee a "cold-blooded revolution" supported by members of the NP, and said this week's decision was the "final straw"

In an interview with the Saturday Star, he claimed the seeds of revolution were sown in March after high-level talks in Cape Town between the NP and the DP

'Collusion'

Mr Long said he had irrefutable proof of collusion and that NP councillors held talks with at least one DP MP and a senior Cabinet Minister

It was at this meeting, allegedly at a Cape Town hotel, that a plan for the DP-NP coalition plot for joint control of the Johannesburg management committee was hatched

He claimed that among the "conspirators" were Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is the leader of the NP in Johannesburg; DP leader Zach de Beer; Marietta Marx, then deputy-chairman of the NP-controlled management committee, and NP councillor Hein Kruger Jun

Also playing a role, claimed Mr Long, were Mrs Marx's husband, Alwyn Marx, and Johan Fick, NP information officer in Johannesburg and former councillor for Melville

Mr Botha, Mr Kruger, Mrs Marx and Mr de Beer vehemently denied any involvement in such a plot. Mr Kruger and Mrs Marx said they were not in Cape Town at the time.

Mr de Beer said "The



CECIL LONG Quit NP caucus

only time I was in touch with Mr Botha over council matters was when we together urged both parties to resolve their problems in order to get the budget through"

At that stage, the balance of power was such that the NP had doubts it would be able to have it approved by a majority vote

But Mr Long is sticking to his guns. He alleges he has information to prove that these were the players who negotiated the deal "I don't expect them to acknowledge this, it would be foolish of them to do so"

The effect of the plot, said Mr Long, was to alienate about half of the NP caucus members, who were not in favour of such a coalition

He named Mr Kruger as the "Mr Fixit" behind the Cape Town talks "From that point, things took their course. Obviously the motion of no-confidence in the NP's control of the council was pre-arranged"

Disclosing for the first time what happened behind the scenes on the day the new DP-NP management committee was voted into power, Mr Long



MARIETTA MARX: Denied plot claims

said that part of the takeover strategy was to oust conservative councillors from the south

They were himself, Ernie Fabel and Koos Roets, both former mayors

According to his own research, Mr Long said a deal was struck between the DP and the independents that allowed Professor Harold Rudolph and Howard Bloomberg to be nominated by the DP for seats on the management committee, but Mr Rudolph and Mr Bloomberg were betrayed

Also to be nominated were DP councillors Ian Davidson, Paul Asherson and Cecil Bass

The NP would nominate Mr Long, Mr Fabel, Mrs Marx, Jan Burger, Mr Roets and Eddie Magid, an Independent.

"In the end, Professor Rudolph and Mr Bloomberg won only partial DP support, which meant the DP did not keep its promise. Instead, DP councillors voted for Mr Magid (12 DP votes), Mrs Marx (eight votes) and Mr Burger (eight votes) in a carefully devised plot."

'Fall guys'

Meanwhile, Mr Bloomberg and Professor Rudolph, instead of each getting the full 20 DP votes, obtained only 16 apiece.

The "fall guys" on the NP side, said Mr Long, were himself, Mr Fabel and Mr Roets, who each got 20 votes of the available 21 votes held by the NP

Said Mr Long "In addition to that, they each got four votes from the CP, and Ernie Fabel and I got the vote of Eddie Magid"

Explaining the breakdown in voting, Mr Long said each of Johannesburg's 51 councillors had six votes, making a total of 306

He said the NP sought an alliance with the DP because it was "bleeding to death" In 15 months, the NP had lost five councillors

He said one of the reasons for the management committee takeover was to ensure that the NP, ruling at the time but losing favour, was able to push through the budget vote in June

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Computer 'kills off' thousands of pensioners

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THOUSANDS of elderly black people are deprived of their pensions every month – because a computer has declared them dead.

A 79-year-old Soweto woman, Violet Maqubela, is among several pensioners who have been battling for the pension which was stopped because she was believed to have died.

A spokeswoman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration Pensions Department said: "We have had thousands of complaints from people who have been 'killed by the computer'.

"But if these people come forward and claim their money we do our best to see to it they are paid their outstanding pensions."

This week, Maqubela said she had been battling since February 1989 for her pension, which she did not receive during December 1988 and January 1989.

She said: "I was requested to submit an affidavit that I received no pension for the two months, but until now I have had no response."

Veteran civic leader George Xorile said his pension was approved in November 1989. He was promised he would be paid arrears of R510 for the period September 27 to November 30 and R150 for December 1989.

In January this year he found there was no money for him and was told his pension had been deposited in a building society. The account number he was given belonged to someone else.

"Then I went to Albert Street to the pensions department and only after one of the officials had taken me to the bank was a new account opened for me. A sum of R660 was deposited but subsequently I did not receive my pension for February, March and April.

"When I went back I was told to submit my ID numbers and an affidavit stating I had not received my pension for three months. In May I was paid for only one month and until now I have not received payment for the three outstanding months."

Leah Elizabeth Baqwa had her pension cut off for 14 months.

After she had made several representations to the TPA Pensions Department she received only R750 for the months that she had not been paid. Baqwa says she is still owed R1 350.

It's over! Soweto rent boycott is now history

THE scrapping of the massive Soweto rent debt represents one of the most important breakthroughs in the quest for a new South Africa

The R516-million debt was written off this week after lengthy meetings among the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto Council

Parties at the meetings said the agreement would only be applicable to the greater Soweto townships, but could be persuasive in other areas

It was agreed that each household in greater Soweto will pay R55 tomorrow to cover September's bills and thereafter R23 a month plus 12c a unit for electricity.

During the debate, delegates agreed that residents will pay an extra R5 from January 1991 as a levy towards the Greater Soweto People's Fund - to be established for community development and assistance. The fund will be controlled by an independent board of trustees and nominees from all principal bodies will serve on it.

A similar levy on businesses in greater Soweto is being considered

The board is to establish a Metropolitan Chamber for the Central Witwatersrand to serve as an interim forum with the primary function of investigating and formulating regional, non-racial and democratic policies.

A sixth principal body

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the Johannesburg City Council - will be invited to participate.

A table of electricity discounts was also formulated at the meetings. They are:

- 33,3 percent for the first 250 units
- 25 percent from 251 to 350 units.
- 20 percent from 351 to 450 units
- 15 percent from 451 to

550 units.

■ 10 percent from 551 to 650 units

■ For non-metered consumption (such as meters out of order) the charge will be based on 400 units.

Soweto Civic Association (SCA) president Isaac Mogase, who attended the meetings, said yesterday he had been inundated with congratulatory calls from residents.

He said "They ex-

pressed their jubilation at the announcement and we would also like to express our gratitude to them for their support and co-operation throughout the marathon negotiations"

Mogase said the SCA would embark on an information campaign to explain clearly to all residents the terms of the agreement.

Charles Khuluse, a father of three, said elimination of rent arrears was a welcome gesture from the authorities, but that the whole thing needed to be explained clearly

"Residents want to know exactly the amount they are required to pay.

"If the amount is not stated clearly, they may later change their minds and make us pay exorbitant amounts, as before"

Thalitha Matsoporo, a disabled pensioner from Naledi in Soweto, said people were prepared to pay, but let it be the right amount.

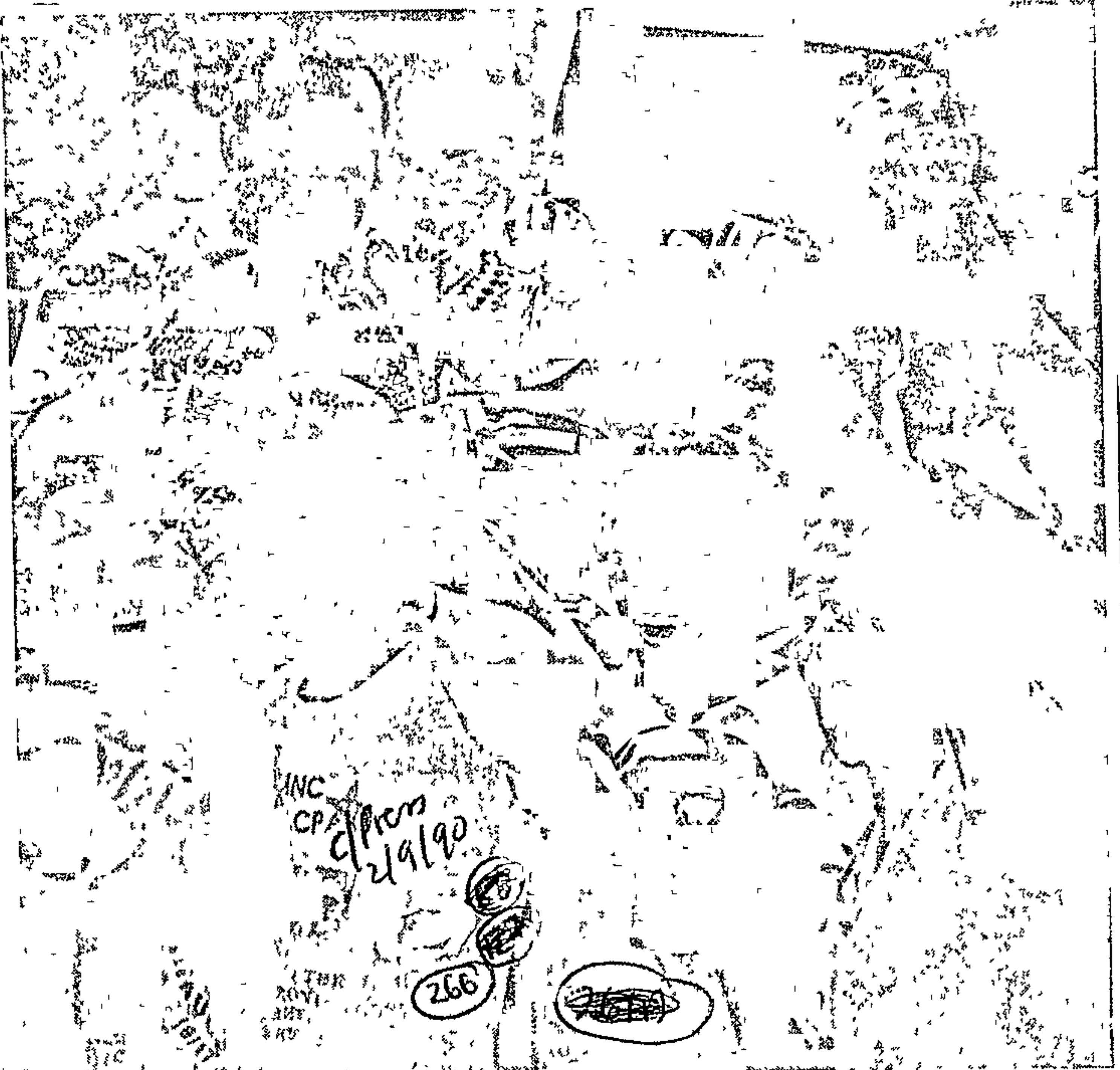
Welcoming the move, Matsoporo also said these measures should apply countrywide.

"We only hope the write-off won't mean overcharging residents again," she said.

John Khambule of Zola in Soweto was pessimistic, saying authorities haven't done enough

He said. "Before they started removing us from our old freehold areas, they promised that after 20 years the house becomes yours. This has not happened"

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On a high ... Soweto Civic Association president Isaac Mogase (above), who has announced an information campaign to help explain the rent breakthrough.

UDF, govt discuss power cuts

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SENIOR government officials will meet a UDF delegation in Pretoria today to discuss government's announcement that it is to cut off services to boycotting townships

Planning and Provincial Affairs deputy Minister Andre Fourie yesterday confirmed he and Transvaal MEC for Local Government Olaus van Zyl would meet the UDF group, expected to include general secretary Popo Molefe, national treasurer Azhar Cachalia and national Press officer Titus Mofolo

The meeting follows a UDF request for talks with Planning and Provincial Affairs minister Hernus Kriel, who is overseas.

Cachalia said in a statement on Friday the UDF was concerned Kriel's announcement to stop services would generate widespread anger and have an inflammatory effect on the volatile townships.

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His announcement also contradicted government's declared position to negotiate the resolution of conflicts as happened with the negotiated end to the rent boycott in greater Soweto last week

Cachalia said Kriel ignored the reasons for the boycott in the first place which were the rejection of black local authorities and the unfair service charges communities had been expected to pay

Cachalia said yesterday the delegation wanted to play a constructive role between the boycotting townships and government

This followed the resolution of boycotts in 18 Eastern Transvaal townships on Friday after a month of negotiations between

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Power cuts

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the TPA, the town councils and the Eastern Transvaal Civic Association

Residents would start paying rent and service charges not later than September 17 while service arrears will be frozen and rent arrears written off

Eskom Communications manager Johan du Plessis said yesterday there were only four black local authorities out of the 291 it supplied directly or indirectly which were in arrears with payments

While Du Plessis declined to name the townships for business reasons, he said two in the Transvaal were part of the 18 Eastern Transvaal townships that had agreed to end the boycott and they therefore no longer posed a problem

Regarding the other two townships which were in the Free State, Du Plessis said he believed boycotts could be settled through negotiations

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TPA deputy director general (community development) Len Dekker said yesterday the TPA would have to assess the progress made to end boycotts in the Transvaal townships today and certain decisions might have to be taken. He said 51 townships had not been paying

Those leaders who had encouraged the boycotts now had to prove that they could stop the boycotts, Dekker said

The tentative agreement between the TPA, the Soweto People's Delegation and the three Greater Soweto councils could, if replicated around the country, mean "tremendous progress", SPD leader Cyril Ramaphosa said at the weekend

He described the agreement, which still had to be approved by residents at report-back meetings over the next few weeks, as a major economic, social and political advance

Sharpeville faces services switch-off

PRETORIA — The Vereeniging Town Council is pulling the switches on all services in Sharpeville township at 2pm today unless Eskom, government or the TPA comes up with R450 000 in cash, Vereeniging Town Council management committee chairman Mario Milani said last night.

Milani said even if Sharpeville residents committed themselves to ending the boycott before 2pm, the lights, water and sewage removal would still be shut down unless the council had an ironclad guarantee of payment for September's services.

This announcement follows a meeting in Pretoria between Planning and Provincial Affairs Deputy Minister Andre Fourie and a UDF delegation yesterday at which it was reiterated that essential services such as water and sewerage would not be cut off and that solutions to the problem should be resolved through negotiations.

UDF national treasurer Azhar Cachalia

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said last night the cutting off of services could jeopardise the convening of a meeting on September 15 between the UDF and all the Transvaal civic associations about ending the boycotts.

He said cutting services would inconvenience people, harden attitudes and make it more difficult for the UDF to convene the meeting.

Milani said Vereeniging had borne the costs of supplying all services to Sharpeville in July and August at R450 000 a month.

"Although negotiations have been held with the Sharpeville Residents' Association, the TPA, Eskom and any other party we could name, no reasonable solutions to the boycott have been offered," he said.

Milani said the white ratepayers could

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Sharpeville

not pay for the services. He said 94% of Sharpeville residents had not been paying their bills.

Negotiations with interested parties would continue.

The Vereeniging Town Council was holding two meetings with Eskom today and the council would be on standby until 2pm awaiting the guarantee.

Milani said the council had informed the TPA, President F W de Klerk and Eskom of its decisions.

Cachalia said the UDF would convene the September 15 meeting with a view to settling the boycott along the same lines as the agreement reached by the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation last Thursday.

The TPA agreed to write off rent and service arrears in greater Soweto and the SPD agreed to pay new rent and service

rates set by the TPA in September.

He said the UDF expected government to take the position that if the UDF negotiated in good faith, it would prevail on the councils not to cut off services.

He also said the UDF had hoped the government would have provided the finances in the interim until the negotiations had been held.

The UDF delegation had accepted Fourie's sincerity in saying he would communicate its request to government not to cut off services until the negotiations had taken place.

"I can't see why they cannot wait two weeks," Cachalia said.

At yesterday's meeting both parties accepted the principle of payment for services with due regard to affordability.

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Sharpeville gets a reprieve

PRETORIA — Sharpeville residents were given an 11th hour reprieve from having their electricity cut off yesterday afternoon, when Eskom undertook to guarantee payment for the supply of electricity to the Vereeniging Town Council

The council warned on Monday that it would cut electricity, water and sewage disposal to Sharpeville at 2pm yesterday unless Eskom, the TPA or government guaranteed payment for September's services. *Monday 5/9/90*

The council's management committee chairman, Mario Milani, said yesterday the council had stuck to its guns that it would cut the services unless it got a guarantee of R450 000 by 2pm

However, at 1 30pm yesterday, Eskom gave the council assurances which enabled

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the council to continue its services to Sharpeville, Milani said

He would not elaborate on the assurances given. But he emphasised that the council would have suspended the services unless it received an iron-clad guarantee that it would not have to pay the bill.

"We received the type of assurances we wanted. Work it out for yourself," Milani said.

He said he was relieved the council had been able to continue to supply Sharpeville as an electricity cut off would have resulted in "total anarchy, loss of life and rampant crime".

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Sharpeville *Monday 5/9/90*

Milani said the problem was solved in the short term but if certain conditions were not met in the medium term, the council would be back where it had started

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said Eskom was able to demonstrate sufficiently to the Vereeniging council that solutions could be found to the problems of services' payments

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Eskom yesterday entered into negotiations with the Lekoa Town Council, which administers Sharpeville. These negotiations would continue today until a solution was found, he said

The Vereeniging council agreed not to suspend the services to Sharpeville until the negotiations had been concluded

Rent write-off not applicable to all

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration announced in Pretoria yesterday that the writing-off of arrears in black residential areas experiencing rent boycotts will not be implemented throughout the province.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, MEC for the local government and regional services councils, told reporters that cases involving the non-payment of rent differed from place to place and therefore the solution which

By ALINAH DUBE

was arrived at by the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation was not applicable in other areas.

Emphasis was put on the fact that the TPA was merely a provider of bridging finance and could not decide whether services should be cut in a particular residential area.

The province is presently left with R10,5 million a month in bridging finance for the remainder of its financial year.

Eskom sues Benoni council

Staff Reporters

A R3,4 million lawsuit has been launched against the Benoni Town Council by Eskom for outstanding electricity accounts owed by the Daveyton and Wattville town councils

Benoni town clerk Deneys Conradie said many residents had been paying their accounts, but it appeared that this money

had not been used by Daveyton or Wattville for the payment of their arrears accounts

The Benoni Town Council would be negotiating with all parties concerned before resorting to an electricity cut-off to the two townships, he said

Urgent meetings with the two local authorities have been arranged to discuss the situation

Lack of funds constrains Midrand

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) lack of funds could strain future growth in the Midrand, which needs capital to bring the primary road network in the area and its surroundings into line

with the rate of commercial development.

Local businessmen have identified poor access to the existing CBD and the high-tech strip from the Ben Schoeman highway, coupled with an overstrained road system, as factors which would discourage developers planning to invest in the Midrand/Halfway House area.

Midrand Town Council assistant town engineer Marinus van Aardt said in an interview that the council's five-year plan addressed these inadequacies to the best of its ability using funds made available annually by the Pretoria Regional Service Council.

However, roads like the K27 route stretching from

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the old Pretoria/Johannesburg road (K101) to Olifantsfontein, the K101 route and the K58 Chloorkop crossroad were the TPA's responsibility to maintain and upgrade.

Van Aardt said that after several unsuccessful attempts over the past three years to get the TPA to accelerate the construction and upgrading of the other TPA roads — it was constructing the new K27 route — the council approached the RSC for permission to take responsibility for main routes leading to and from Midrand.

Van Aardt said the general belief seemed to be that the TPA possibly lacked the momentum of a

private contractor, because it was the last project TPA's construction teams were involved with before they closed down on account of a lack of funds and recent privatisation initiatives by government.

Commenting on the issue, a TPA spokesman said each of its seven regions had a list of priorities, and funds were allocated every year according to where needed most.

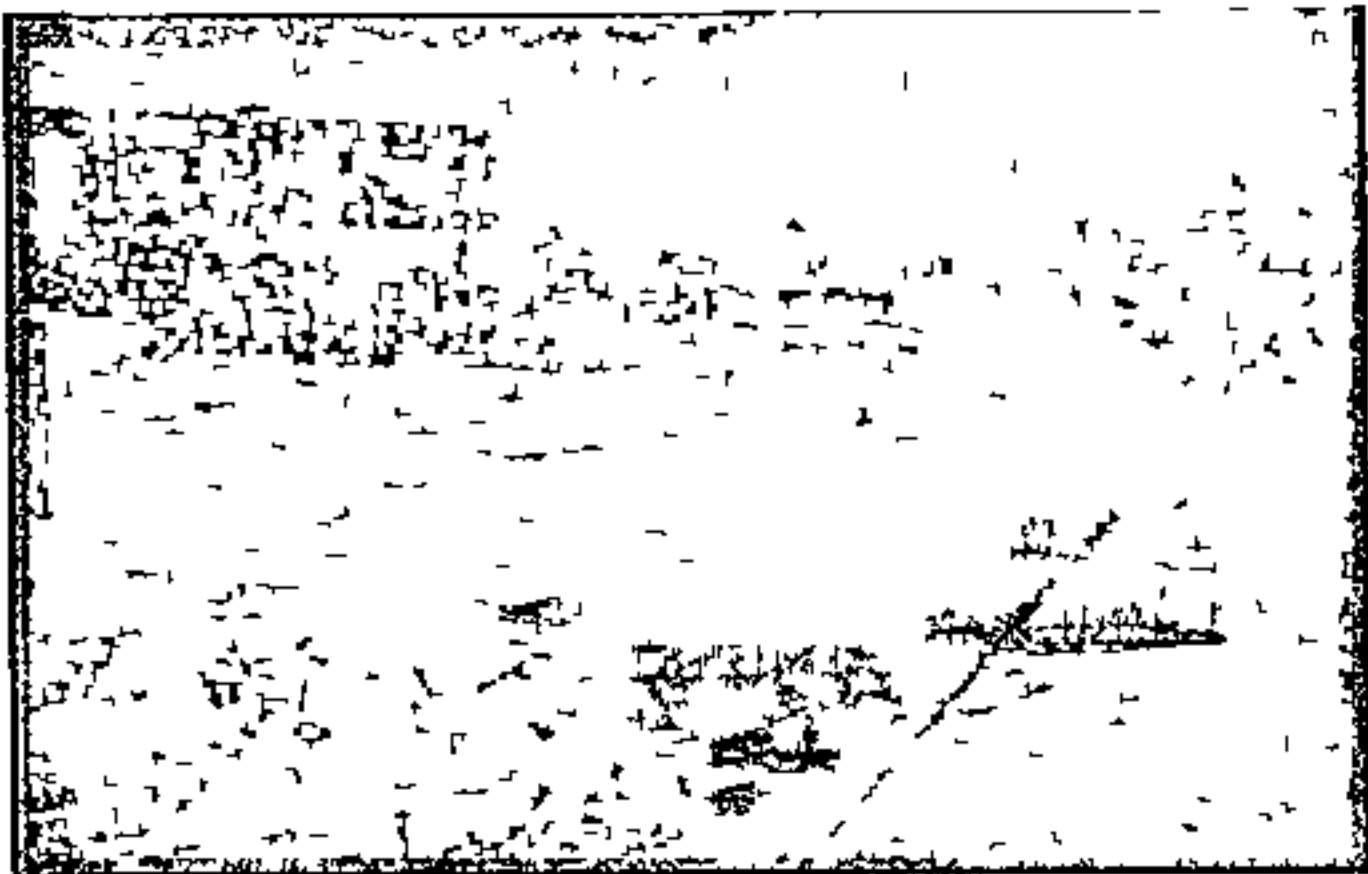
These funds were inadequate to meet all the demands and it was quite possible that no contracts would be carried out in 1991 for this reason. The TPA would also be unable to commit itself over the next 10 years, following budget cutbacks by government.

The spokesman said the TPA was at a dead end regarding new roads, since government's priorities at present seemed to be elsewhere.

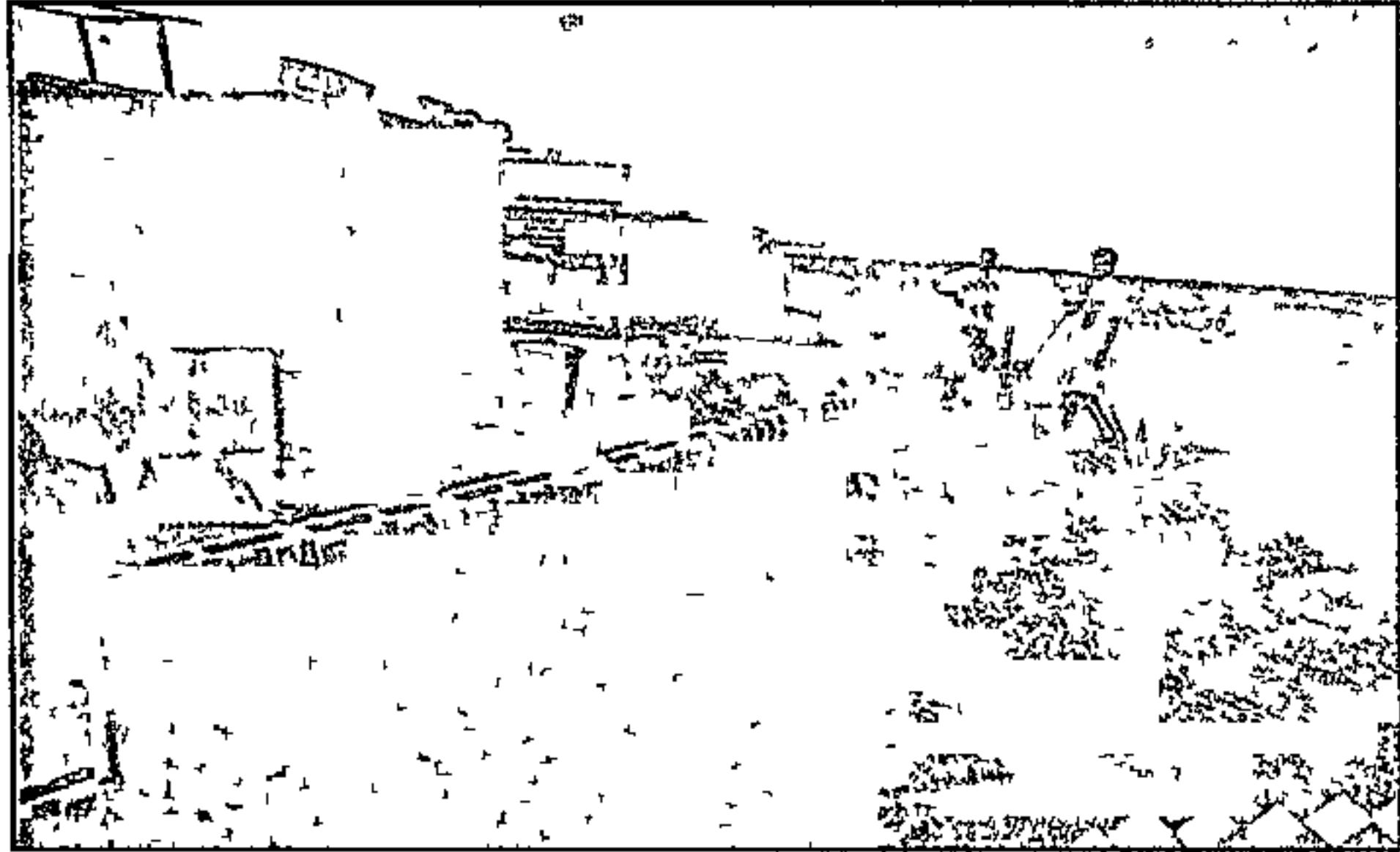
However, Van Aardt believed the new K27 would alleviate the traffic congestion to a great extent and was optimistic that upgrading planned for the Kyalami and Olifantsfontein interchange, part of the old Pretoria road and the main bottleneck at the K58 Chloorkop crossroad, would ease present congestion.

Costs amounting to about R2m a kilometre for the development of roads would be financed partly through funds from other sources and those allocated by the RSC.

NEWS



SECURED AGAINST SQUATTING The piece of land formerly occupied by the Kwa-Green squatters has been cleared to make way for the development of a regional shopping and community centre. A strong fence ensures that new squatters cannot occupy the land. ● Photograph Sue Olswang



PROUD SHACK-DWELLERS People who previously lived in squalid, unhygienic conditions are now planting flower beds in Ivory Park. Mrs Ann Mataung's garden is known as the only "proper" one in the area. ● Photograph Alf Kumalo

The place squatters can settle with pride

SUE OLSWANG

THE Kwa-Green squatter camp — which was visible from the Old Pretoria Road when passing Wynberg in Sandton — has been demolished and its approximately 4 000 inhabitants have moved peacefully to a permanent site in Ivory Park, Midrand.

Security

The move — completed entirely without the use of force — was accomplished after delicate negotiations between the squatters, legal representatives, the Sandton Town Council, the owners of the Kwa-Green site, and the company planning to develop the area.

"The most important thing that has transpired is a willingness on the part of squatters to relocate if they are provided with an acceptable permanent location. All they want is security for their future," said a spokesman for the developers.

The move by Kwa-Green squatters was negotiated soon after the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) earmarked Ivory Park for the relocation of squatters from Sandton, Alexandra, Midrand and Tembisa.

An official involved in the negotiations said the Kwa-Green move proved that the availability of suitable alternative land was the key to squatter relocation.

"Up until recently the obstacle preventing the Kwa-Green move was the difficulty in finding suitable land," he said.

The official said community involvement was the second most important feature in reaching agreement after suitable land had been earmarked.

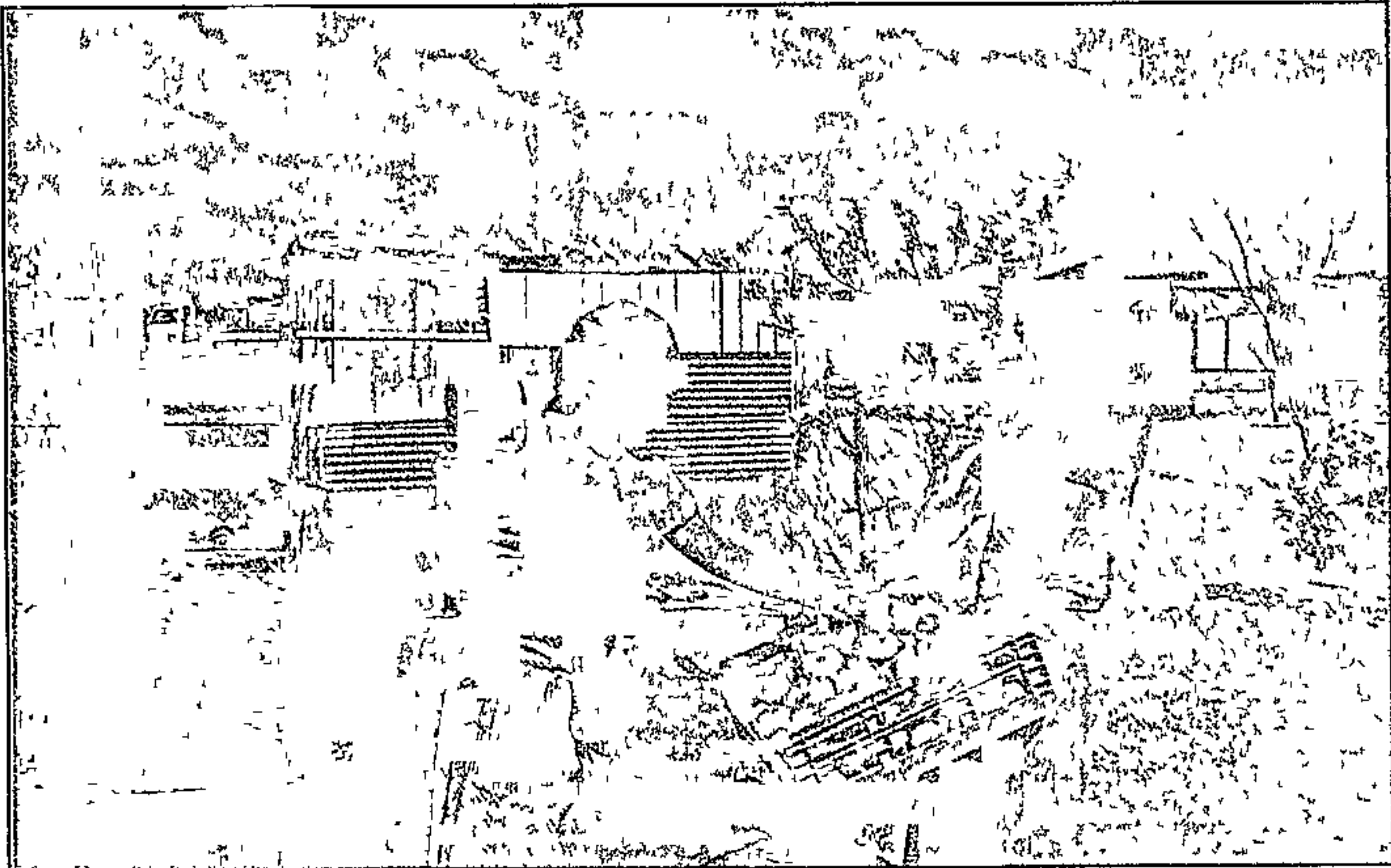
"The agreement to move came soon after the TPA provided an acceptable piece of land," he said.

Indaba

"Members of the Kwa-Green squatter committee were taken to Ivory Park to view the site and one week later the Sandton Town Council provided buses for 160 members of the community to take another look. The Kwa-Green community then held an 'indaba' to discuss the issue, and came back with a 'yes' answer."

The Kwa-Green squatters, who occupied the Sandton site after it had been identified for development, were moved to their new location in Ivory Park over a two-week period in August. Physical and social assistance were provided by the Kwa-Green land-owners, legal representatives, and council authorities.

A team from the Saturday Star visited the Ivory Park site earlier this week to determine whether



TIDY EXISTENCE Many of the squatters relocated to Ivory Park are not only planting trees and tiny gardens to upgrade their existence, but are taking the trouble to fence their stands with an assortment of structures ranging from proper wire fencing to bamboo poles. Rubbish bins — an unheard-of sanitation luxury in squatter camps — are used and even washed out after refuse has been collected. Agnes Shimela was photographed outside one of the tidy stands while purchasing fruit from hawker David Maola. ● Photograph Alf Kumalo

1 500 new shacks a month

THE latest figures supplied by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on squatting in the Johannesburg, West Rand and Orange Vaal areas show an increase of about 1 900 structures from June to July this year. About 1 300 of these structures were put up in black residential areas.

The total number of structures occupied by squatters in the three areas is now estimated by the TPA to stand at just over 158 000 — Sapa.

the Kwa-Green squatters had in fact willingly moved to their new location.

"We were happy to come here," said one elderly man. "It's a much nicer place."

Pointing with pride to his 220-sq m stand, he said "Look, I've got my own garden and I even have a peach tree. It's a place where we can live without fear of being evicted."

Another resident, one of the many who previously lived in squalid conditions at Kwa-Green, said Ivory Park represented a positive future for him and his family.

"I pay rent and I know this is my piece of land," he said, adding that he planned to build a permanent home as soon as he had enough money.

Other residents, also former Kwa Green squatters, expressed the same positive attitude towards their new location. They are still living in pitiful shacks which offer little comfort and protection but they said their willingness to vacate Kwa-Green was largely motivated by the prospect of

better living conditions in a permanent, and legal, location.

"This is an informal housing development which can be upgraded to become a permanent or formal development," said one resident.

"We do have transport problems. I have to catch three different taxis — at a cost of R4 each way — to get to and from my job in Sandton. That eats the money I was hoping to put aside for building materials. I want a proper home for my family — we don't want to live in a shack forever."

Service

About 1 300 squatter families have already been resettled on the Ivory Park site, which is situated between Tembisa and Rabie Ridge. The resettled squatter families have come mostly from Kwa-Green, Midrand and Tembisa.

It is estimated that about 1 000 families will be resettled in Ivory Park every month. The 700 hectare site — made up of about 12 000 stands measuring between 220 and 340 sq m — should be fully inhabited by the end of next year.

Ivory Park residents pay R55 per month for their stands, which are provided on a 'site and service' basis. The R55 covers rental, water, sewerage and refuse removal. The area is presently being serviced by water tanks and chemical toilets, but will soon be provided with reticulation for running water and flushing toilets.

One of the most notable features about the site is the sense of pride among its residents.

People who previously lived in cramped, unhealthy, unhygienic conditions in squatter camps are now living on clean and tidy stands separated by low wire fences.

Pension disappears

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A 72-year-old woman has had her pension cut off for the past three years because of a computer error.

Since November 1987 when Agnes Dlamini's pension was suddenly withdrawn, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) repeatedly told Dlamini her records were not on the computer.

Despite several re-applications to the TPA pensions office, she remained without an income for years.

Dlamini's grandson asked *City Press* to investigate the reasons for withdrawal of her pension.

A TPA pensions department spokesman said it was not clear why Dlamini's pension had been cut off, but that it was possibly due to an error during the computerisation of records.

Last month the pension was reinstated, but no mention was made of arrears. *City Press* asked the TPA to investigate further and was assured that all outstanding money - R4 500 - would be paid without delay.

After a similar complaint from another 72-year-old pensioner, Thakane Mokwana, the TPA will pay out arrears of R1 200.

Mokwana stopped receiving her pension at the Leydenburg pension office in January. Once again, the TPA could not explain why the pension was cut off.

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Enthusiasm over rent arrangements

By SY MAKARINGE

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~~THE~~ tentative agreement reached between the Soweto Peoples Delegation and the TPA on the ending of the Soweto rent boycott has been met with great enthusiasm, according to Mr Isaac Mogase, president of the Soweto Civic Associations

Mogase was one of six executives members of the SPD who addressed eight report-back meetings held in various parts of Soweto at the weekend

He said the SPD was given an overwhelming support by Soweto residents who also wished them well in future negotiations with the TPA.

The agreement was reached nearly two weeks ago after a series of meetings which also involved the three Greater Soweto councils *Sowetan 11/9/90*

In return of assurances that the residents would start paying for their services, the TPA agreed to write off arrears totalling more than R500-million accumulated over the past four years

The parties also agreed on an interim service charge of R23 a month which comes into effect next month
Electricity consumption costs 12 cents a unit

Hospitals

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services

By Julienne du Toit and Sapa

The under-utilised J G Strijdom Hospital and the overcrowded Coronation Hospital in Johannesburg are about to amalgamate their services, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing Sam de Beer announced yesterday.

In a joint statement with the University of the Witwatersrand and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr de Beer said a decision had been taken that initially one of the four main medical disciplines at Coronation Hospital would move to the J G Strijdom.

"Better patient care and an improved utilisation of facilities and manpower will result from this decision," he said.

Implementation

No details were given about the implementation of the decision.

Health organisations said they welcomed the move, but the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and the National Medical and Dental Association qualified their approval.

Last year there were repeated calls for the services of the hospitals, which are only 2 km apart, to be amalgamated.

When the J G Strijdom was declared an "own affairs" hospital last year, there were rumours that the hospital might close when the University of the Witwatersrand withdrew its academic staff.

Patients at Coronation Hospital often had to be transferred to the Lenasia South Hospital, 42 km away, when there was an overflow.

Parys cuts power to local township

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THE Parys Town Council, under pressure from white ratepayers, yesterday slapped an electricity blackout on neighbouring Tumahole township and cut its water flow by 90%, Town Secretary Joop Ferreira said yesterday. ~~19190~~

The town could not carry the R235 000 Tumahole owed for electricity, water and sewerage services, he said.

The cuts would stay in place until the outstanding bill was paid by residents, or an agreement was reached with Tumahole Town Committee at a meeting on Thursday, Ferreira said last night. ~~125~~

Eskom said last night Parys had not reported the switch-off, but a call to its local office confirmed the power cut.

Eskom spokesman Johan du Plessis said Eskom had offered its services, as in Sharpeville recently, to try and resolve the problems of non-payment so that power would be restored.

Sapa reports Tumahole consumer committee head Ace Magashule said many residents had protested against the switch-off by not going to work. ~~125~~

Ferreira said Parys supplied services to the township at cost and was not making any profit. "My own people have said they will stop paying if we do not withdraw the services to the township. What do I say to the people who are paying if we have to pay 21% on bank overdraft?"

He said there had been a rent boycott in the township since 1984 but bridging finance had been provided to the Tumahole Town Committee until June.

A meeting between the Parys Town Council, the SAP and the Tumahole Town Committee was due to take place on Thursday morning, Ferreira said.

TPA spokesman Piet Wilkens said yesterday talks with 40 of the 50 Transvaal councils involved in rent boycotts were "being completed or were under way".

A number of councils had undertaken to end the boycott since the TPA had written off the R515m owed by the three councils comprising Greater Soweto, he said.

Council plan to cremate unrest corpses

THE Johannesburg City Council is considering cremating unclaimed corpses instead of burying them - a move which the municipality believes will drastically reduce costs. (266)

The council says, however, they will first consider public opinion on the matter before the decision is taken to cremate unclaimed bodies

On the other hand, the Amended Health Act provides for a local authority to choose to cremate the body of a unclaimed person instead of burying it

Members of the public who wish to respond to the proposed amendment should contact Mrs Joe Pretorius of the Parks and Recreation Department at 407-6792 *Sowetan 12/9/90*

In terms of the Health Act, the council is legally obliged to bury the body of a needy person

The council is expected to bury an estimated 500 unknown people in the current financial year, from July 1990 to June 1991, at an estimated cost of R92 779.

The cost of cremating the same number of bodies would be about R26 880 - *Sowetan Reporter*

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Kimberley poised to switch off power

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THEO RAWANA

KIMBERLEY yesterday threatened to withhold electricity from its neighbour, Galeshewe, which owes about R6m in service bills.

The threat came as Tumahole township business began to feel the bite after the Parys Town Council cut off electricity and reduced water supplies by 90% on Monday morning.

Kimberley's threat to switch off follows close on the heels of Carolina in the Eastern Transvaal, Alberton in the East Rand and Vereeniging in the Vaal triangle. The cutting of supplies to neighbouring townships was prevented by means of negotiation and intervention by Eskom and the TPA.

Sapa reports that Kimberley City Council said yesterday water and electricity to nearby Galeshewe township would be cut from September 18.

The report quotes township

mayor Taolo Bosvark as saying residents had been boycotting rent and service charges since March this year, and they now owed about R6m to the Kimberley council.

Pleading with residents to pay, Bosvark said his council might be able to convince Kimberley not to proceed with the switch-off.

Meanwhile, Tumahole butcher Solly Mlambo had to send R14 000 worth of meat back to the supplier yesterday because of the blanket electricity cut by Parys.

Parys cut services to Tumahole after the township had run up three-month arrears of about R235 000, according to Town Secretary Joop Ferreira.

Mlambo runs a butchery with a daily turnover of R8 000, and his adjacent grocery shop averages about the same turnover.

"But with the electric saw, the scales, the fridge and the till not working, I had to send the meat I had in stock to Vereeniging for cutting. I had to serve customers without a scale, and my stock was getting bad."

"So when the supplier came with new stock I had to send the stuff back because I could not keep rotting meat on the premises," Mlambo said.

Dry cleaner Peter Monkhe had piles of clothing sitting at his factory that had been brought by clients who hoped power would be restored.

"I keep hoping electricity will be restored, and the people hope their clothes will be cleaned. It's puzzling because not one business owes money. The Tumahole Town Committee cuts off power if you owe," Monkhe said.

His assertion was echoed by al-

most all businessmen interviewed, including grocer Ruth Tladi, who reduced orders as milk, chicken, milk products and other items began to go bad.

A meeting between the Parys Town Council, the local civic association, the Tumahole Town Committee and the SAP is scheduled for tomorrow.

And according to Sapa, about 1 000 Toekomrus residents yesterday handed a petition of grievances to Randfontein town clerk Louw Brits, demanding the immediate and unconditional resignation of the management committee.

The residents gave the Randfontein council a week to reply.

The march, which had all the makings of a showdown between "coloured" participants and conservative white residents of Randfontein, was peaceful.

Power

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Residents
worried about
attacks in
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COUNCILLORS have threatened to cut off electricity in the troubled East Rand townships today.

The Katlehong Town Council yesterday used a helicopter to distribute pamphlets warning residents that electricity would be cut off because there were "no funds" to run the township.

Earlier in the week Tembisa mayor Mr SB More announced that his council had resolved to discontinue the supply of

By SY MAKARINGE

electricity to rent defaulters.

More than 10 people were killed this week in the dark township of Vosloorus.

Mr Cyril Jantjies, an

African National Congress representative on the East Rand, has warned of a disaster "if the councils go ahead with their decision to cut off electricity in the

townships".

The ANC said the cutting of electricity "will give vigilantes a perfect chance of launching their violent attacks on our people".

Said Jantjies. "There is clear evidence that these attacks are not directed at specific people but are carried out at random".

There was no reason why the councils were reluctant to negotiate with the civic associations in resolving the problem.

Publicity secretary of the Tembisa Residents Association Mr George Bila said the council's decision to cut off the elec-

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BLACKOUT AS PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES PULL THE PLUG

THE long-standing threat to cut off supplies of electricity and water to townships where residents are refusing to pay for services became a reality in several townships this week.

In the bloodied and battered East Rand areas of Katlehong and Tokoza electricity supplies were cut early yesterday.

The response of residents was one of fear rather than anger, as they felt that the intensity of night time attacks could only increase under cover of complete darkness.

In Katlehong, boycotts have resulted in the local council being owed R4-million in arrears electricity payments and R1,5-million for water.

The Katlehong Civic Association, holding to the position that the council is illegitimate, is attempting to negotiate with provincial authorities.

Council spokesman Fanie Maree

told Sapa this week that the KCA had firm arrangements to meet the TPA, but that the council was not pleased that its official status was not being recognised. *Uthman 14/9-2019/90*

On Monday the Parys Town Council cut off supplies to the township of Tumahole — leaving just a trickle of water, a mere 10 percent of the normal supply, to cater to residents' most basic needs. *(266)*

According to Parys town secretary Joop Ferreira, the Tumahole Town Council owes the Parys council R200 000 for services.

Tumahole school pupils immediately began boycotting classes and yesterday the overwhelming majority of workers stayed home in protest as members of the Tumahole People's Delegation met councillors, the police and provincial authorities in a bid to solve the problem.

The Tumahole situation is compounded by a consumer boycott of white-owned shops which began on August 29.

Services are due to be chopped in the Kimberley township of Galeshewe within days.

Two months ago, when the council suspended services, a sit-in of residents at the mayor's house resulted in their rapid resumption, according to sources in the community.

Silobela near Carolina was the first boycotting township to experience a cut in services.

The drastic action by local authorities has been prompted by the fact that provincial authorities are no longer able or willing to provide bridging finance to enable municipalities to pay their bills to Eskom and various water suppliers.

CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
EDGING INTO POWER

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Township civic associations representing several million Reef residents will meet this weekend to forge closer ties

The meeting on September 15 in Johannesburg, hosted by the UDF, will launch the Southern Transvaal region of civic associations as a prelude to the formation of a national civic association early next year. Delegates will attend from 97 "civics" across the Reef and will elect a 15-member executive body

Regional civics are already established in Border and the northern Transvaal

In effect, the move should be seen as the ANC-UDF establishing local government structures as future alternatives to existing local authorities, now struggling to survive. The local authorities, which face deficits of tens of billions of rand as a consequence of a four-year rent boycott and a five-month rates boycott, have had bridging finance turned off by the Transvaal Provincial Administration. This in turn is leading to supply switch-offs in some townships and deteriorating health conditions as sewage

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removal is not effected in some areas. All the authorities are on their knees

Titus Mafolo, UDF publicity secretary, said the rents and rates crisis had revealed the need for a national civic association. "While the TPA is negotiating as a provincial structure we have been negotiating as individual civics. There has been no cohesion in terms of approach," Mafolo pointed out that not only would the bargaining position of civics be strengthened from within a national forum, but situations such as boycotts could "be resolved more amicably and quicker by a national structure"

Late last week, the UDF again approached Minister of Planning & Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel for an answer to a suggestion when they met with him three weeks ago that the UDF should serve on the National Land Commission. However, Kriel is abroad until September 17

The initial meeting with Kriel took place after a UDF decision — since rescinded — that squatters should occupy vacant property. Mafolo said the UDF wanted to sit on the land commission to know best which land was available for informal settlement and to promote cohesion between communities and civic organisations with government land policies. He said that last week's destruction of shacks at Dobsonville was indicative of the poor communication between government and local authorities

Charlene Smith

Big blackout hits township business

THE first victims of the electricity blackout that hit the East Rand townships of Thokoza and Katlehong yesterday were the local petrol stations.

As the Thokoza town committee and the local civic association were deeply locked in negotiations to resolve the electricity-bill question, taxis operating in the adjacent areas were speeding to the nearest filling station — an Indian-owned operation on the Alberton side of the border of the two townships.

The two councils cut off power to the townships yesterday morning after the five-month rent boycott in the areas.

Meanwhile, Tumahole township was celebrating last night after electricity and water were restored after talks between the local township administration, the civic association and the Parys Town Council.

Parys withdrew the services on Monday after the township failed to pay its R235 000 bill to the council, town secretary Joop Ferreira said earlier.

A Thokoza garage owner said yesterday all her filling station operations had come to a standstill.

Taxi driver Sandile Mbhele said he had to get his petrol from a station over the bridge when electricity was cut off yesterday.

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"I sympathise with Thokoza and Katlehong garage owners, but I also have to keep my operation going," he said.

Katlehong's switch-off was selective, with emergency services such as the local hospital and the police station spared. Some street lights were on in Katlehong and the local shopping centre had power reinstated in the afternoon.

But Thokoza, whose town committee had asked Alberton to cut off its electricity supply, had a complete blackout.

Businesses in areas outside Katlehong's shopping centre experienced a day of lowered turnovers as butcheries had to do without refrigeration.

Weighing facilities were affected and meat had to be cut with butcher-knives instead of electric saws.

Shops had to use calculators instead of tills and could not keep food fresh.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said last night police had made no arrangements for street lights to be switched on in the trouble-torn areas.

"We are deeply concerned about the street lights being switched off and are going to talk to the people involved tomorrow," he said.

Klerksdorp 'one council' model

KLERKSDORP could be the country's first "one town, one council" model. Plans crystallised earlier this year when Klerksdorp took over the running of Jouberton services.

Klerksdorp town clerk Jan Muller has also been appointed town clerk of Jouberton. A new post in the Klerksdorp Town Council has been created and former town clerk At Strydom is now a personnel assistant.

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Two jailed for forging R50 notes

TWO black men who were found in possession of more than 1 000 forged R50 notes were this week found guilty of forgery when they appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Josef Putula, 31, of Sebokeng was sentenced to five-and-a-half years' imprisonment. His co-accused, Manteau Sithole, 55, of Vereeniging, received a one-year suspended sentence.

Reports by CP staff, Sapa

APPENDIX

□ NEGOTIATION BREAKTHROUGH

Delicate talks solve rent boycott

Special Correspondent

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Report on spy ring: concern over leaks

By Kitt Katzin and Louise Burgers

There is concern over a decision to release the Hiemstra report on the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal to two directly implicated parties — the council itself and the SA Defence Force — before it is made public.

The report will be made public by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough on September 26.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night he would be handed a copy of Judge Victor Hiemstra's report today.

Condemned

"We will have 10 days to consider the findings of the Hiemstra Commission before the report is made public."

He said that although the Auditor-General, Peter Wronsley, had found that control of cash used to fund the spy ring was unsatisfactory, no steps would be taken until the Hiemstra report had been made public.

The spy network, which cost ratepayers R1,8 million, was operated by the council's security department, which passed secret reports on individuals and legitimate political organisations to the SADF's Military Intelligence.

The role of the military in the council's spy operation was condemned in evidence to the Hiemstra Commission.

Yet copies of the report are to be given to the SADF and the city council by the Transvaal Provincial Executive Committee and the Administrator, who

appointed the Hiemstra Commission to investigate the spy ring.

This will be done after the executive committee has considered the Hiemstra report in Pretoria tomorrow — and before the report is made public.

A second report on the spy scandal, by the Auditor-General, has also been submitted to the city council before being made public. The council was itself treated as an "accused" at the Hiemstra inquiry.

The report by Mr Wronsley was critical of the security department's internal control procedures and questioned the "inherent risks" attached to covert operations. It was sent by Mr Wronsley to Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter on July 31.

The Five Freedoms Forum, one of the organisations which was spied upon, called on Mr Hough not to release the Hiemstra report to any of the parties involved before it had been made public.

Regulations

FFF press officer Gael Neke expressed concern that the report could be leaked to those involved in the spy ring.

But Mr Davidson said the report would not be leaked to officials involved.

He added: "We have done the obvious and tightened up on petty cash regulations. But we are also waiting for a report from city secretary Howard Veale on any irregularities that may have come to light."

Mr Wronsley's report was handed to the management committee recently.

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Johannesburg treasurer acts on findings

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JOHANNESBURG's city treasurer had taken immediate steps to ensure the council's cash advance procedures were stringently followed after Auditor-General Peter Wronsley's findings on expenditure by the security department's spy network, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

The Wronsley report, the Hiemstra Commission's report on malpractices in the security department's spying activities, and an independent report undertaken by the city secretary on violations of financial procedures, would be studied in conjunction by the management committee, Davidson said.

The Hiemstra report would be handed to Davidson today and would be made public on September 25 by the TPA. Decisions on the futures of council officials named in the report, including town clerk Manie Venter and public safety director John Pearce, would be taken before the end of the month after consideration of the reports, Davidson said.

A copy of the Wronsley report, which has not been made public, was obtained by the Sunday Star.

The newspaper reports that Wronsley found the control of cash used to fund the council's spy ring was unsatisfactory. Wronsley criticised the inadequate system

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Findings

used by handlers to pay unregistered informers.

In some cases, council spy handlers accepted funds on behalf of informers without keeping records of who was paid, and there was no proof these people existed or that, in fact, they were paid

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Wronsley found that in other cases the informants were overpaid.

In regard to the role of town clerk Manie Venter, the newspaper quoted Wronsley as saying it would depend on whether Venter's interpretation of the Act, under which he believed he had acted lawfully by authorising payments, was correct.

Report of council spy ring next week

THE Hiemstra Commission report concerning the Johannesburg City Council spy ring will be made public by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough on September 26.

SOWETAN Correspondent

Two die at squatter's shebeen

ONE man was shot dead and another fatally stabbed at a shebeen at the Orange Farms squatter camp in the early hours of Sunday morning. According to police the incident happened after an argument arose among a group of people visiting the shebeen. Several shots were apparently fired and Sidney Mathobela (28) of Zola North, Soweto, was wounded in the head. He died almost immediately. Moments later another man, who has not yet been identified, was also attacked and stabbed in the chest with a knife. He too died on the scene. No arrests have been made yet.

September 26.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said on Sunday night that he expected a copy of Mr Justice Victor Heinstras report yesterday.

"We will have ten days to consider the findings of the Hiemstra Commission before the report is made public," Davidson said.

"We will in all likelihood hold our own Press conference once the report has been released to announce any steps the city council may take."

Davidson said that although the Auditor General Peter Wronsley had found in his report that the control of cash used to fund the spy ring was unsatisfactory, no steps would be taken until the Hiemstra report was made public.

Wronsley's report,

commissioned before the Hiemstra Commission was established, was handed to the management committee recently.

Davidson said: "We have done the obvious and tightened up on petty cash regulations. But we are also waiting for a report from the City Secretary Howard Veale on any irregularities that may have come to light."

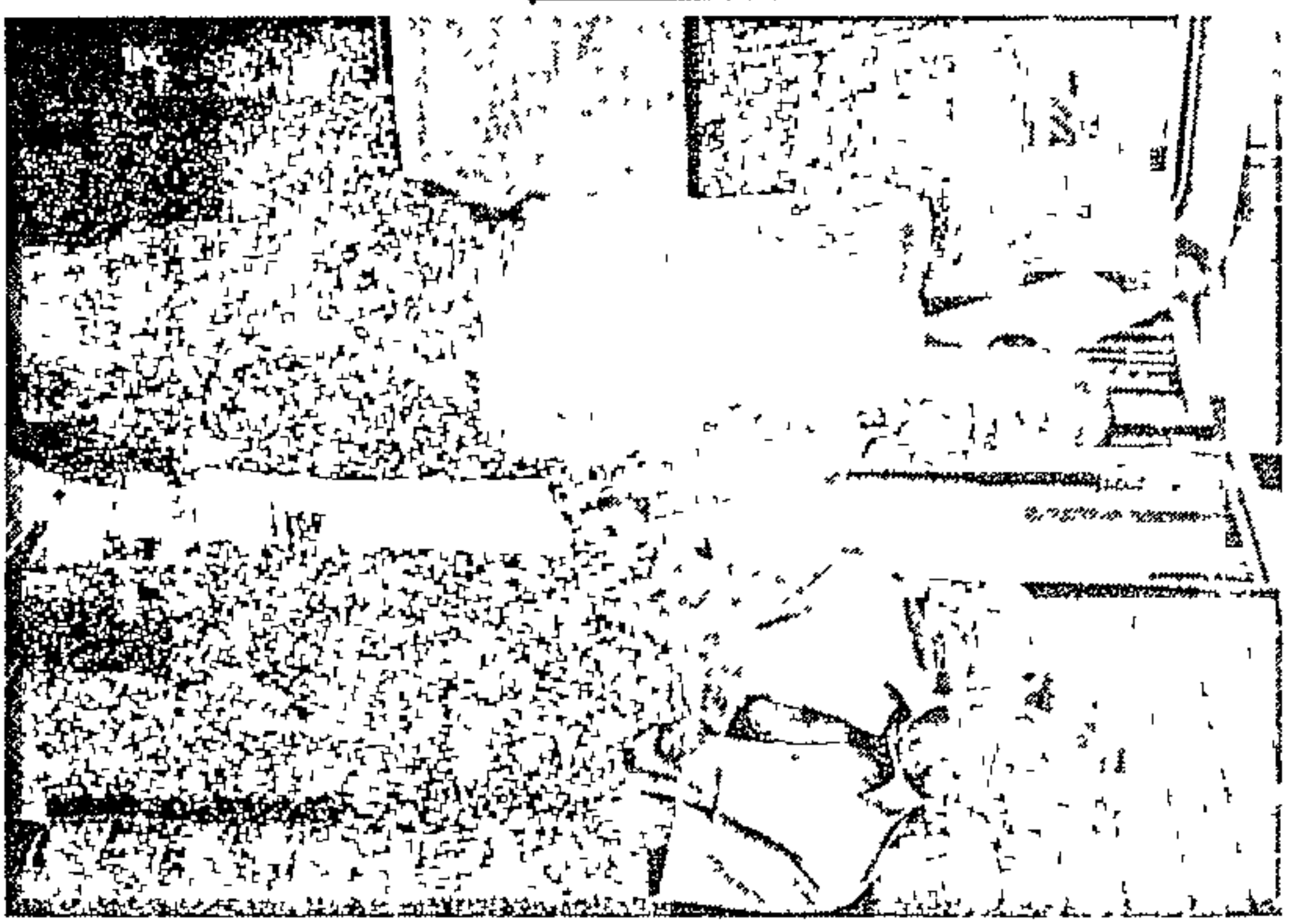
"All three reports will be looked at together - they cannot be seen in

isolation," Davidson said. In his report Wronsley strongly criticised the inadequate system used by handlers to pay unregistered informers (spies).

He found that the City Treasurer's procedures for the control of petty cash floats were generally not followed in regard to advances to the security department's liaison section, which operated the spy ring. Wronsley also dis-

covered that informers were overpaid in some instances and control of cash advances were generally unsatisfactory.

Mr Solly Mavimbela, a cabby from Mamelodi West is the 2nd winner of our bumper sticker contest. He is being presented with his R100 prize by Mr Thomas Maswan-ganyi of Fenyane's Filling Station, where Solly got his sticker.



Exhibitions attract many small businessmen

MORE than 200 small entrepreneurs will participate in the Caltex Oil sponsored exhibitions to be held at four venues in the PWV area during the Sowetan Nation Building campaign in October.

The Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) and Sowetan are to assist and promote the rapidly growing small entrepreneurs. Their aim is

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

to give small businessmen the opportunity to expose their goods during these events. The exhibitions will

take place at Vista in Soweto; Lionel Kent Centre in Daveyton; Sebokeng Zone 10 Industrial Park on October 5, 6 and 7; and near Den-neboom Station in Mamelodi on October 5 and 6.

It is anticipated that economic terms. He said it was in the economic context that his company wanted to help and support the informal sector, in whatever way they could be helped to improve themselves. "Black manufacturers have the skills, but they often battle to expose their wares to the market and they desperately need to do this." Crous said the events include activities such as national promotion aimed at furthering the interests of the small business sector. This year, our objective is to surpass our previous success and to take public awareness of small entrepreneurship in South Africa to new heights. An array of more than 100 exciting events has been planned for the week.

Public will see full spy report - Olaus

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By Kitt Katzin

The full 217-page Hiemstra report on the Johannesburg City Council spy scandal will be made public next week, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday

He said that both the findings in the report and the Transvaal Provincial Administration's recommendations would be made known, thereby discounting earlier indications that only parts of the report would be released

Implicated

Mr van Zyl denied allegations that the report would be sent ahead of release to individuals such as city council officials, who had been implicated in the spy ring, to give them an opportunity to make representations on adverse findings

He gave the assurance that nothing would be leaked until the report had been made public

Copies of the report, he said, would be sent this week to Peter Wronsley, the Auditor-General, Ian Davidson, chairman of the city council's management committee, which asked for an inquiry following

The Star's disclosures on the spy ring, and to the SADF

Asked why the SADF, whose military arm evaluated the spy ring's reports on individuals and legitimate political organisations, would receive an advance copy, Mr van Zyl said this was a courtesy and was intended only as information for the Defence Force

Meanwhile, a second report on the spy scandal, by the Auditor-General, has been submitted to the city council

The report, which is in the possession of The Star, and due to be released only next week in conjunction with the Hiemstra findings, criticises the internal control procedures of the city council's security department which controlled the municipal spy ring

The release of this report, together with the Hiemstra findings, to the city council and other affected parties drew sharp criticism from the Five Freedoms Forum, one of the organisations that was spied on by the city council

The FFF called on Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough, who appointed the Hiemstra commission, not to release the report to anyone before it was made public.

Common approach on local bodies

A STRATEGY on local government and planning is expected to emerge from a consultative conference organised by the African National Congress and the Centre for Development Studies (CDS) next month.

The conference, from October 5 to 7, is a culmination of workshops held on local government in the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Transvaal.

It intends to formulate a common approach to all policy aspects of local government and planning and assess the needs of communities based on local and regional differences. (266)

Last Sunday, members of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) held a one-day workshop in preparation for the conference. *Sour lw 20/19 - 26/19*

They agreed that the restructuring of local government in South Africa would require the dismantling of all apartheid cities and black local authorities.

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300 bodies

Not identified

MORE than 300 bodies of unrest victims have still not been identified at Government mortuaries in Soweto and the East Rand.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Mkhachane Ngobeni

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

said yesterday there were 270 bodies at the Government mortuary in Soweto.

Transferred

Seventy of the corpses had been found in Soweto and 200 transferred

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from crowded Government mortuaries in Germiston and Boksburg

Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen of the Pretoria Police Directorate said "a large number" of corpses of unrest victims had not yet been claimed at the two East Rand mortuaries.

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Police deny involvement in roadside burials

POLICE yesterday denied involvement in the burial of nine unidentified bodies within two metres of a road in Vosloorus on Tuesday (266) (218)

SAP spokesman Lt Ina Barkhuizen said the bodies were removed from Boksburg state mortuary and transferred to Alpha Undertakers, which was responsible for the burials

Police said they were unclaimed bodies, while undertaker Arthur Daries of Boksburg said the state of the corpses indicated that the nine died in June or July this year, and not during recent unrest

"All nine were men aged from their mid-30s to their 50s. One had stab wounds, and others could have been in car crashes. They were probably found in fields," Daries said 81047 20/9/90

He refuted the ANC's claim that police placed bodies in plastic bags and buried them in mass graves.

No police were present at the burials, which he had supervised, he said. Each corpse was placed in a coffin.

"In terms of my contract with the Vosloorus municipality I do not have to cover the graves, but because of the fumes or the stench I decided to half fill them.

"The municipality said it would send a machine to complete the job," Daries said.

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Vosloorus municipality head of parks Ben van Niekerk said he had a labour shortage on his hands because of unrest and could not acquire the services of an earth-mover on Tuesday.

"These so-called pauper funerals happen on a weekly basis. The causes of death are varied and I do not even bother to read the death certificates any more.

"I just write the entries into the register," Van Niekerk said.

"Anyway, with these people, the families never come to the funerals so I guess you could call it a government funeral," he added.

Vosloorus Town Clerk George Prinsloo said the municipality's obligations were to supply graves. He confirmed that these "pauper graves" were pre-designated and lay on the cemetery's border with the road.

"We are not responsible for filling the graves, but we normally go past to cover any graves that have not been properly filled," Prinsloo said.

It was quite possible that the corpses were those of unrest victims, as the undertaker only specified that he wanted to purchase "pauper graves" — a term for unmarked graves for unidentified bodies, Prinsloo said.

Barkhuizen said unclaimed bodies in state mortuaries were all photographed and fingerprinted in case somebody arrived to identify a body after it had been buried.

A spokesman for the Boksburg mortuary could not be reached for comment or to ascertain where or when the nine tagged bodies were picked up.

ANC leader



Visiting British junior foreign minister William Waldegrave talks to Dr Ntatho Motlana, director and trustee of Promat, during the unveiling of a plaque at the new Promat Independent Teacher Training College outside Pretoria yesterday. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Tembisa residents take council to court over electricity cuts

THE rent crisis which has gripped many Transvaal townships takes on a new dimension today when residents of Tembisa, on the East Rand, take legal action against the local town council for cutting off electricity supplies

Electricity was switched off in a quarter of Tembisa on Tuesday night

Tembisa Residents' Association (TRA) official Amon Msane said his organisation felt it was illegal for the town council to cut off electricity as residents were not against the payment of services tariffs

"Residents do want to pay, but they want to pay for what they consume. There are people who get electricity bills despite the fact that their houses are not electrified"

"The cutting off of electricity goes against assurances given by the TPA that no essential services will be terminated pending the outcome of our negotiations with the town council, TPA and Eskom"

The Tembisa Town Council could not be reached for comment

Earlier this week Eskom deputy GM, marketing and distribution, Allen Morgan said his company was discussing with the Tembisa Town Council and TRA how to resolve problems causing the non-payment of services tariffs

In another development, the Alberton Town Council, Thokoza Town Council, Thokoza Civic Association, Eskom, business-

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men and the TPA meet tomorrow to review Thokoza's rent crisis

The move follows the cutting off of electricity to the East Rand township by the Alberton council last week. Power was restored after it was agreed that Thokoza residents would again pay for services

Thokoza council chairmah Gert Muller said "We are meeting to review progress achieved so far. We have until Monday to ensure that enough funds are generated to enable the Thokoza council to pay the Alberton council. Failure to generate those funds will result in an immediate electricity cut-off."

Thokoza Civic Association president Sam Ntuli said he had "no fears of power cut-offs on Monday", as residents would begin paying again for services today

Sapa reports that CP MP for Brakpan Frank le Roux has criticised government for giving away taxpayers' money by donating R27,7m belonging to the East Rand Regional Services Council to the TPA

"This money has now been donated merely to catch up on unpaid water and electricity bills"

As a result, upgrading of infrastructure in black townships would be postponed indefinitely, Le Roux said

Half an hour later another police spokes-
that the nine died in June or July this

Committee to oversee PWV funding

PRETORIA — A committee to co-ordinate development priorities and the distribution of funds in the PWV area was instituted by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) in Johannesburg yesterday.

TPA director-general Andre Cornelissen said in a statement it was becoming necessary to follow a holistic approach to the distribution of scarce funds.

Affordable and sustained development had to take place regarding all

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the province's functions with due allowance for the needs in a geographical area, he said.

The committee, which will be co-ordinated by the TPA, will liaise with city councils, regional services councils, regional development advisory committees and the private sector.

Recently similar committees were instituted in the northern, western and eastern Transvaal.

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Township civic associations in the southern and western Transvaal have agreed to accept the administration of a white town clerk if a local black council resigns

Last week, Tumahole Township Council near Parys resigned after the Parys Town Council threatened to cut power to the township, which owes the council R235 000. At a conference last weekend, about 400 delegates from 38 civic associations formed a southern Transvaal civic association regional structure and approved interim moves if local authorities resign.

Local authorities have been plagued by controversy for 15 years, because black communities have rejected them as "puppet structures." Communities have overwhelmingly refused to vote for representatives to those structures, as long as blacks have no parliamentary vote. Now, with millions of rands owed, after a four-year rent boycott and a rates boycott since March, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has put the screws on further bridging finance to townships but has passed the buck to local authorities.

Rents are trickling in in Soweto, where the boycott was suspended late last month. Residents are confused about the end of the boycott and what must be paid. The TPA, which spent R1,8m on ads threatening a services cut-off, does not appear to see the value in spending money on joint ads with civic associations to inform residents of the agreement to end the boycott.

The launch of the southern Transvaal group of civic associations is a prelude to the formation of a national civic association early next year. Regional "civics" are already established in Border and the northern Transvaal.

Titus Mafolo, UDF publicity secretary, says the rents and rates crisis has revealed the need for a national civic association. More cohesion would be a relief. ■

United at last: Jo'burg and Soweto get one chamber

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By ELSABE WESSELS

CENTRAL Witwatersrand will get a non-racial interim government involving the state and civic organisations after the signing of a landmark agreement on Monday

The agreement, to be signed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), will constitute a Metropolitan Chamber for the Central Witwatersrand as an "interim forum". It will draw together in one structure for the first time the TPA, the SPD and the city councils of Johannesburg, Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow

The chamber, the primary purpose of which is to form a non-racial regional government, will also draw in local authorities and other civic associations in the area

The agreement sounds a death knell for race-based local government. It recognises the Reef as one metropolitan region with a common fiscal base from which all residents should draw equally

The chamber's "primary purpose will be to investigate and formulate the setting of regional, non-racial and democratic policy approaches for longer-term implementation at a metropolitan level"

The agreement could also end the rent boycott as residents will pay a uniform rate for rent and service charges from October. And rent arrears will be written off

Roodepoort, Randburg, Sandton, Johannesburg, Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, Alexandra, Eldorado Park, Davidsonville, Fleurhof, Lenasia Lenasia South and Marlborough Gardens will be included in the search for a long-term local government solution

The new chamber will serve as a body in which political participation and interaction could take place during the period of constitutional transition

The TPA's recognition of Soweto as part of a regional economy is regarded a victory for the residents of the townships who for decades have contributed to the economy of Johannesburg without ever benefiting from its tax accrual

The Metropolitan Chamber will be considered to have completed its mandate only once an appropriate new system of local government and administration of the region has been established

Monday's agreement will pave the way for the "transfer" within three months of an estimated 70 000 houses from state controlled town councils to residents, while the upgrading of hostels

will be treated as a matter of urgency

A full-time technical committee, constituted by the chamber, will within three months submit blueprints on crucial issues, such as the payment of "affordable" tariffs, the upgrading of services, the transfer of housing and the creation of a common fiscal base for the racially segregated and economically divided Witwatersrand

Long term goals are the implementation of a system of participatory democracy, a new industrial development strategy, a new land policy and the rationalisation of administrations in the region.

A formula to increase the current Regional Services Council levy, as a method of fund raising, is also on the cards.

During the interim period the government will still be contributing the bulk of the running costs of Soweto. While R6-million will be forthcoming from residents the government will be expected to pay another R12-million

According to civic sources this amounts to merely a "partial" suspension of the rent boycott and a strategy that will put pressure on the Transvaal Provincial Administration to rapidly push through the new system

No clarity yet over 'Spruit rent arrears

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AN agreement has not yet been reached between the Katlehong Civic Association and the Transvaal Provincial Administration on how much the residents should pay in the meantime for arrears on services, KCA spokesman Mr Oupa Thibile said yesterday.

A compromise was reached at a meeting earlier this month for Katlehong Council officials to restore electricity in the township, while the KCA and the

TPA were still sorting out the technical problems, he said.

Thibile blamed what he called "the arrogance and obstinacy of the councillors" for the present boycott.

"Katlehong residents have always been willing to pay but were not going to pay for ridiculous service charges, which councillors and council officials failed to explain," he said.

The KCA will meet the TPA's consultant, Mr Nigel Mandy, next Tuesday, Thibile said - *Sapa*.

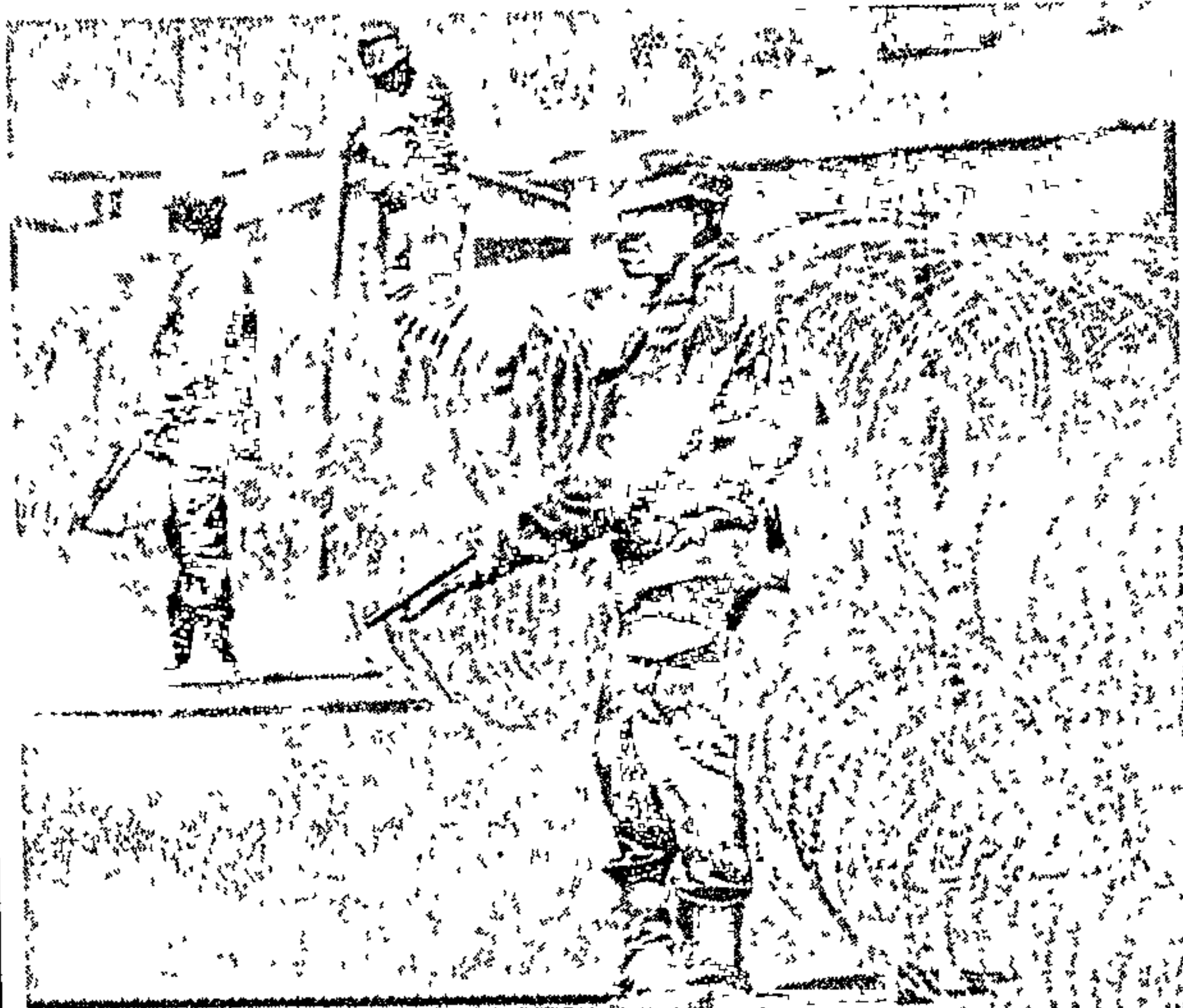
TPA firm on call for payment

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has reiterated its call to residents in areas affected by the rent boycott to pay their tariffs.

The call comes in the wake of an announcement by the Pretoria City Council that it intended cutting electricity in Atteridgeville and Mamelodi on September 25. Sowetan 21/9/90

Mr. Olaus van Zyl, the Transvaal MEC entrusted with local government and regional services councils, said at a Press conference in Pretoria yesterday that consumers should note that bulk suppliers would not be able to render services indefinitely without payment to local authorities.

Van Zyl said "I wish to emphasise that black consumers in boycott-affected areas will eventually suffer most, since money set aside for capital or development projects or for part of such projects, will now be used for financing essential services."



Security forces stand guard while colleagues build a razor-wire fence around a Zulu workers' hostel in Soweto as part of government's "iron fist" security crackdown. Picture REUTERS

Unrest: mortuaries hold 478 bodies

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STATE mortuaries on the East Rand and Soweto were storing 478 unclaimed bodies of unrest victims, 292 of which were unidentified, police liaison officers confirmed yesterday

None of the corpses had been buried but photographs and fingerprints had been made to enable people to identify bodies that might be buried in the future, police spokesman Lt Burger van Rooyen said

At present, 150 unclaimed bodies are in storage at the Germiston state mortuary, while 58 are being kept at the Boksburg mortuary Diepkloof mortuary in Soweto is holding 270 unclaimed bodies, 84 of them unidentified

Of those in Diepkloof, police said, only 70 were victims of Soweto unrest The other 200 were transferred from overcrowded East Rand morgues where, due to lack of refrigeration space, bodies were stored outdoors

People who might be able to identify any of the victims, or who were concerned they might have lost family or friends in the

recent wave of township violence, could contact the state mortuaries for assistance, Soweto liaison officer Lt Govindsamy Mariemuthoo explained yesterday

Sapa reports police spokesman Lt Ina Barkhuizen as saying the bodies would have to be given "pauper burials" if no-one came forward to identify them

Commenting on the recent burial of nine bodies in Vosloorus, a worker at the Boksburg mortuary said those buried in roadside graves were not unrest victims

Reporters found mortuary toe-tags for bodies numbered 729 and 714 at the burial site and checked the body numbers with the mortuary

"The 700 series of bodies are those corpses picked up in and around the Boksburg CBD," the mortuary worker said.

Meanwhile, it has been reported from Vosloorus that the pauper graves, left half covered on Tuesday, have been properly filled-in by municipal labourers

Pay up, Mamelodi urges folk

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THE Mamelodi City Council, which has until today to pay the R3,5-million it owes the City Council of Pretoria (CCP), has urged the local residents to promptly pay their rent and service charges to avoid the pend-

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ing power cut. A Press statement by the Mamelodi council called on the residents to pay their end-of-the-month accounts to avoid the possible cut of some of the township's "vital services next month".

The CCP has issued notices to both the Mamelodi and Atteridgeville city councils giving its sister councils until today to pay their electricity debts accounts or face a blackout.

Mamelodi and Atteridgeville councils owe CCP R3,5-million and R1,7-million respectively.

The Mamelodi council said it was doing its best to get financial help to pay its debts.

Move to delay electricity cut in Pretoria

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville City Council, which faces electricity power cuts today unless they pay the Pretoria City Council more than R1 million for arrear bills, has asked the council for a four-week reprieve

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk of Atteridgeville, said yesterday they were scheduled to meet with officials of the local civic association (Asro) later in the day to resolve the rent boycott that started on April 1, this year.

Mouton, who confirmed that the council had lost about R6 million in revenue since the boycott started, said the Pretoria City Council had written them a letter threatening to cut off electricity supply to the township today unless they paid the arrears of more than R1 million.

Urgent meeting

"We have asked the Pretoria City Council to give us an extension of four weeks to discuss the issue again with Asro. We also asked for an urgent meeting between our executive committee and that of the Pretoria City Council. We are aware that the power cuts would result in serious consequences," Mouton said.

At a public meeting at the Super Stadium last Sunday, residents resolved that rent would only be paid after councillors resigned. A spokesman for Asro said this decision followed the finding of a commission of inquiry which investigated irregularities in the council last year and recommended that the council be dissolved following alleged mismanagement of public funds.

The commission, which was appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, also recommended that the council not be allocated bridging finance until their finances are properly controlled.

Township plans hit by boycotts

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Multimillion-rand township development projects are being shelved in Transvaal areas afflicted by payment boycotts as the funds allocated for these projects are used to pay for essential services.

The projects expected to be affected include electrification programmes, the upgrading of stormwater facilities and the erection of buildings such as community centres

Essential

The funds earmarked for these projects by regional services councils (RSCs) are in many cases to be used as bridging finance to pay for essential services such as water, sewerage and waste removal.

The relocation of RSC funds has been given the blessing of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, but the TPA has stipulated that no RSC money is to be used for settling township electricity accounts.

This means that while boycotting townships no longer face the threat of having their water supply cut, they could still have power blackouts

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said defaulting townships were now R30 million in arrears to the electricity giant

He stressed that Eskom would not be suspending supplies to any of the more than 20 defaulting townships until all avenues had been exhausted. Eskom was now holding discussions with 15 townships in a bid to resolve payment problems, he said

The TPA said the supply of clean water and sewage removal were absolutely essential services in all communities.

"In order to ensure that these indispensable services are rendered and that the bulk suppliers — these are in many cases the adjacent white local authorities — are paid, high-level discussions were held on the possible rescheduling of funds with RSCs.

"At this stage the only possible alternative is that local authorities with a cash-flow problem should approach RSCs with the request that capital projects earmarked for such local authorities be suspended, and that those funds be used to pay bulk suppliers for their services."

Councils try to avert power cuts

TWO major meetings are due to take place on the Reef over the next two days in a bid to avert electricity cut-offs

A Pretoria City Council spokesman confirmed yesterday that the city's management committee would meet today to discuss the rent crisis affecting Atteridgeville and Mamelodi townships

The move follows council threats that Mamelodi and Atteridgeville would have their electricity cut if they did not pay overdue accounts by yesterday

Mamelodi and Atteridgeville owe the Pretoria City Council about R3,5m and R1,7m respectively.

In another development, Daveyton mayor Tom Boya said his town council would meet Benoni council officials tomorrow to report on a residents' resolution to resume services payments

"Residents agreed on Sunday to start paying interim rates of R70 and R50 a month for services in order to recover

more than R3m owed to the Benoni Town Council," Boya said

Boya also pleaded with Daveyton residents to pay more than the agreed interim rates if possible to prevent a switch-off.

All residents, except those living in the low-income area of Etwatwa, will pay R70 a month for services as opposed to the original demand for R130 a month. Etwatwa residents will pay R50 a month

The rent boycott in Thokoza was broken on Friday. Administrator Gert Muller said the township's council had collected R60 000 from residents for services

The money would help to pay for the electricity supply to the township for the next six days, Muller said

He added that the Thokoza Town Council had agreed to pay the Alberton Town Council a minimum of R10 000 a day until an economical rental could be worked out

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Seal of approval on Soweto accord

THE Greater Soweto Accord, which formally wrote off the area's R516m in rent arrears and ended the five-year boycott, was signed in Soweto yesterday

The accord ratified and adopted an agreement reached at the end of last month between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Greater Soweto city councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD)

Transvaal Health Services MEC Fanle Ferreira, who acted as chairman at the signing ceremony, said the accord was significant because "the councils and the civic association have come together in a spirit of conciliation and mutual understanding, in the best interests of all the people of Soweto"

The accord provided for writing off arrears, ending the boycott and re-

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sumption of monthly payments

The document also adopted the establishment of a Metropolitan Chamber (comprising the five signatories) which would be a forum whose main purpose would be to formulate the setting up of regional, non-racial and democratic approaches for longer-term implementation of measures for the constitutional, economic, institutional and social development of the metropolis

The Johannesburg City Council has been invited to join the chamber as a sixth member

A Greater Soweto People's Trust was created for community development and would be financed, inter alia, by a R5 rent levy

A Joint Technical Committee was created under the Metropolitan Chamber. The committee's working

groups are to investigate and make recommendations on implementing solutions, upgrading the services and infrastructure of Greater Soweto, affordable tariffs, transferring the rented housing stock to the residents, and the establishment of a common fiscal base

Ferreira said the different tariffs previously applied for residential units in the three council areas would be made uniform, and a flat rate of R55 a month was to be paid for September "as a goodwill gesture".

"From October onwards, and until proper affordable tariffs have been established, the monthly account will comprise a miscellaneous service debit of R23, plus a charge for metered electricity," Ferreira said

Residents had had many justifiable complaints concerning accounts rendered to them, but he hoped trust would be restored

SPD, mayors clash after rent accord

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THE Soweto Peoples Delegation and mayors of the three Greater Soweto councils clashed bitterly yesterday, minutes after signing the Greater Soweto accord to mark the end of the four-year-old rent boycott.

The clash took place at a Press conference at Tshiwelo Community Centre when Mr Pat Lephunya, secretary of the SPD, said the curfew could jeopardise the entire agreement if it was not lifted

Lephunya said the resignation of councillors "in line with a long-standing demand from the community must now take place as the first step in the dismantling of the Black Local Authorities and the apartheid local government system"

Mr Steve Nkatlo of Dobsonville said it was not decent for Lephunya to call for the resignation of councillors as they had been elected by 46 percent of Soweto residents

Mr MJ Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow, said councillors refused to be called liars

By SY MAKARINGE

"We are here to see to it that peace prevails in our area," he said

An obviously shocked Mr Olaus van Zyl MEC for Transvaal, said the mere fact the SPD had agreed to sign the accord meant that the councillors were recognised

The drama ended when Mr Fanie Ferreira, MEC for Health Services, stopped the proceedings

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The five groups agreed to establish a Metropolitan Chamber which would investigate and make recommendations on issues such as the setting up of regional, non-racial and democratic structures

They also agreed to set up the Greater Soweto Peoples Fund for community development and assistance to the people

Residents will from January next year be expected to pay a R5 levy into the fund

City officials face overseas spending row

THE Johannesburg City Council management committee has been criticised for allocating hundreds of thousands of rands of ratepayers' money for overseas trips by officials and councillors.

According to an item approved at the monthly council meeting last night, management committee members, the town clerk, mayor and deputy mayor will receive \$290 a day while overseas, councillors and heads of departments will get \$180 and other officials \$130 a day.

The council would pay nearly R100 000 to send management committee member

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Marietta Marx and four officials to Rio de Janeiro in October. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson and five officials would visit London at an estimated cost of more than R80 000 and mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg was at present in the Far East with two secretaries, each costing the council R26 000.

Independent councillor Harold Rudolph said a tap of funds had been opened by DP management committee members who, as the formal opposition a short while ago,

had placed council expenditure under sharp scrutiny.

Rudolph said he was not opposed to overseas travel but he questioned the necessity of sending such large entourages to overseas conferences.

He said there was a tremendous shortage of funds for pressing needs such as housing, education and health facilities.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron said the council's overseas trips were extravagant. Money spent on them was covered by a blanket budget vote of R500 000.

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He said there was no indication of how much Davidson's trip would cost. Later Davidson said he did not know the amount.

Theron said while he accepted the necessity of overseas travel as a way to widen contacts, it was common practice not to send full teams to congresses.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said the city secretariat was working on engaging a full-time travel agent to be based in the civic centre.

In the meantime, guidelines for allow-

ances had to be set down.

The management committee had turned down more overseas visits than those it had approved, he said.

The trip to Brazil by Marx and others would provide invaluable information on addressing the housing needs of Johannesburg's squatters and indigent people, while Davidson had been invited by ICL computer company to the UK where he and five officials would investigate financial modelling systems for the city.

Council spy ring illegal — Hiemstra

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JOHANNESBURG.— The Johannesburg City Council did not have the authority to run a spy ring with ratepayers' money and its clandestine activities were illegal, the Hiemstra Commission has found.

The commission, in a 217-page report, confirmed the substance of a series of shock disclosures on the spy network in March this year.

Commission chairman Mr Justice Victor Hiemstra found that in his view the infiltration of and spying on trade unions, other organisations and individuals undertaken by the council's security department constituted a "wrongful intrusion upon the privacy of their targets".

Trickery and deceit

"Covert eavesdropping on the private meetings and confidential conversations of others is manifestly unlawful," the judge said, adding that an invasion of privacy was both a civil and criminal wrong.

He asked: "Can it be any different if the intruder were to gain access to those private meetings and become a party to those confidential conversations by dishonest trickery and deceit? Clearly not."

Judge's finding welcomed

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— A number of organisations today welcomed the findings of the Hiemstra Commission into the Johannesburg City Council's spying activities, and urged that action be taken against people implicated in these activities.

Democratic Party leader Dr Zac de Beer, said the Hiemstra Commission Report confirmed "the worst fears" people had at the time the council was under the late Mr Danie van Zyl.

The people of Johannesburg, Dr De Beer said, could only be grateful to Mr Justice Hiemstra for exposing the rot and be thankful that the city now had a different kind of administration under the DP's Mr Ian Davidson.

The leader of the Conservative Party in the council, Mr Jacques Theron,

Judge Hiemstra said that only State departments required by law to perform functions regarding national security were authorised to collect intelligence. The city council, he said, was not a department of state.

He went on to say that even State departments authorised to do so may not, as a rule, do so in a covert manner.

"Only the SAP and the SADF engage in the covert collection of intelligence, and then only in times of war and when engaged in counter-intelligence."

Judge Hiemstra strongly suggested that charges of *crimen injuria* could be brought against some of those responsible for spying.

Act didn't exist

The "big four" behind the spy ring were Mr Manie Venter, the town clerk, Mr Pearce, Brigadier Jan Visser, director of the security department, and Mr F J "Frik" Barnard, who co-ordinated the spy ring.

In the case of Mr Venter, the judge said he had authorised more than 60 payments for spies under an act that did not exist, but which he thought provided for the safeguarding of assets.

Mr Venter, he found, knew of the infiltration of organisations, though he was not apparently kept informed by officials operating the spy network.

declined to comment on the grounds that he had not yet seen the full text of Mr Justice Hiemstra's report.

In its reaction, the African National Congress said the report was yet more evidence of the existence of "clandestine, para-military organisations" which had the full backing of the police and the Defence Force.

Spokeswoman Gill Marcus said the ANC welcomed the fact that these clandestine activities had now been exposed, and the organisation hoped that the Johannesburg spy network's links with the police and the SADF would be fully investigated.

The Five Freedoms Forum, victim of the council's spying activities, hailed the report as a justification of "our angry rejection of the activities of the Johannesburg City Council spy ring".

Onus on council - official

THE onus on taking action against municipal officials implicated in the spying operation of the security department rests with Johannesburg City Council.

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that the persons involved in the unlawful activities are council officials, it is for the council to decide what actions it intends taking," Hoods said.

He added that Mr Dame Hough, the Administrator, had already written to the council "expressing his disquiet at the events" and asking that a recurrence should be prevented.

In addition, Johannesburg was criticised for not

complying with legislative measures relating to administration and in particular its financial affairs.

Hoods said it had been noted that what had taken place in the security department occurred "against the background of violent unrest, the political climate and the onslaught against local government elections which largely typified the period covered by the report".

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Good accounting may have stopped the rot

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Officials of Johannesburg City Council did not follow acceptable accounting procedures in making payments to spies, the Hiemstra Commission has found

Commenting on the lack of accountability in the funding of the spy-ring, Mr Justice Victor Hiemstra said "The ratepayers and citizens of Johannesburg are entitled to receive value for their money

"They demand accountability by their local authority which enjoys a monopolistic advantage in many spheres

"We maintain that if the normal acceptable procedures were adhered to, the regrettable incidents surrounding the information system could have been avoided."

Slipped the net

The judge said that some of the costs incurred by the spy network slipped through the net of audit procedures

The commission found that

- A cash payment of R127,94 had been made for a braaivleis with members of the SADF
- An unauthorised personal loan (unspecified) had been made
- Some documentation for spy payments was missing
- A suggestion that records could be traced in any fashion, such as making verbal inquiries, was in total disregard of sound accounting

In his report on the Johannesburg City Council spy network, Mr Justice Hiemstra, finds that acceptable accounting procedures were not followed **STEVE McQUILLAN AND KITT KATZIN** report

The Hiemstra Commission



● Receipts made available should be viewed with caution and circumspection, because sources ostensibly signed for amounts received under false names, making it impossible to verify who paid whom

● An amount of R350 was wrongly allocated in a cash book as payment to a Mr Adler, an official in the Receiver of Revenue's office, when it was for the registration of 20 black athletes

● The cost of the information system was R1 831 135 from 1981 to 1989. However, a costing centre was not kept for this operation which compelled the city treasurer to qualify his figures in certain major respects

● Mr H P Cruywagen, who was appointed chief internal auditor in March 1988, was totally unaware of the activities of the information system

● Mr Cruywagen's predecessor did not instruct or alert his staff to include spy payments in the audit programme for checking. Failure to do so allowed the payments system to flourish unabated

● The City Treasurer should have told his accountants how records of sensitive payments should be kept to comply with the rigid standards of accountability. Specific instructions should have been given to the internal auditors to exercise extreme vigilance concerning these transactions

● Had the previous City treasurer complied with his statutory duties, the accounting problems could have been eliminated. "He should have realised that covert activities in many instances breed contempt for generally-accepted legal and accounting principles

● Staff did not know about the monitoring activities, which resulted in a breakdown in the internal audit function with far-reaching complications

The judge found that a sum of R64 396 spent in 1986 on the town clerk's house was incorrectly allocated from an accounting point of view and should have been capitalised

The money had been allocated under the council's general expenses vote and the repairs

and maintenance vote of the Land Management Branch

Regarding the controversy surrounding alterations to the town clerk's home, the judge found that they were justified in the light of security measures taken to protect the him and his property, which belonged to the council

A sum R120 455 was also spent on safeguarding the houses of councillors and officials as a result of a spate of bombings and threats to public personalities. He ruled that the management committee was empowered to take the required security measures

Valiant action

"It behoves a council to protect its councillors and officials," said the judge. "This is what Johannesburg is trying to achieve and the council must be commended for the valiant action that it took in this respect"

● The auditor-general Peter Wronsley, in an independent report on the funding of the spy-ring, also found that the control of cash was unsatisfactory

He too questioned the inherent risk of covert dealings undertaken by the council's security department and harshly criticised the inadequate system used by handlers to pay unregistered informers

He also found that the city treasurer's procedures for the control of "petty cash float" were not followed

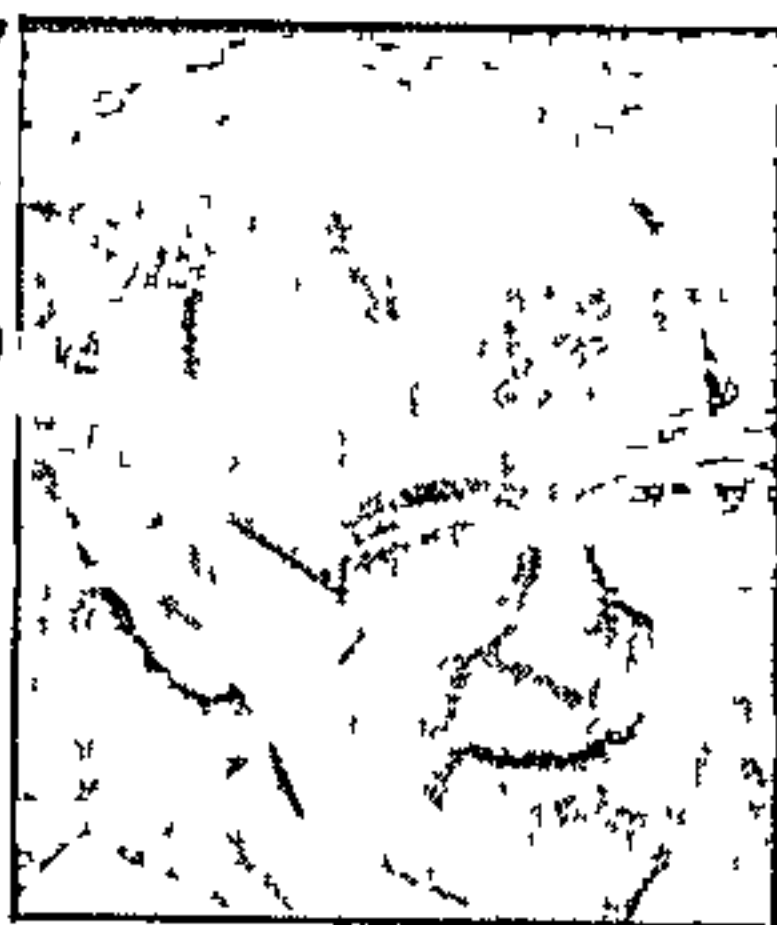
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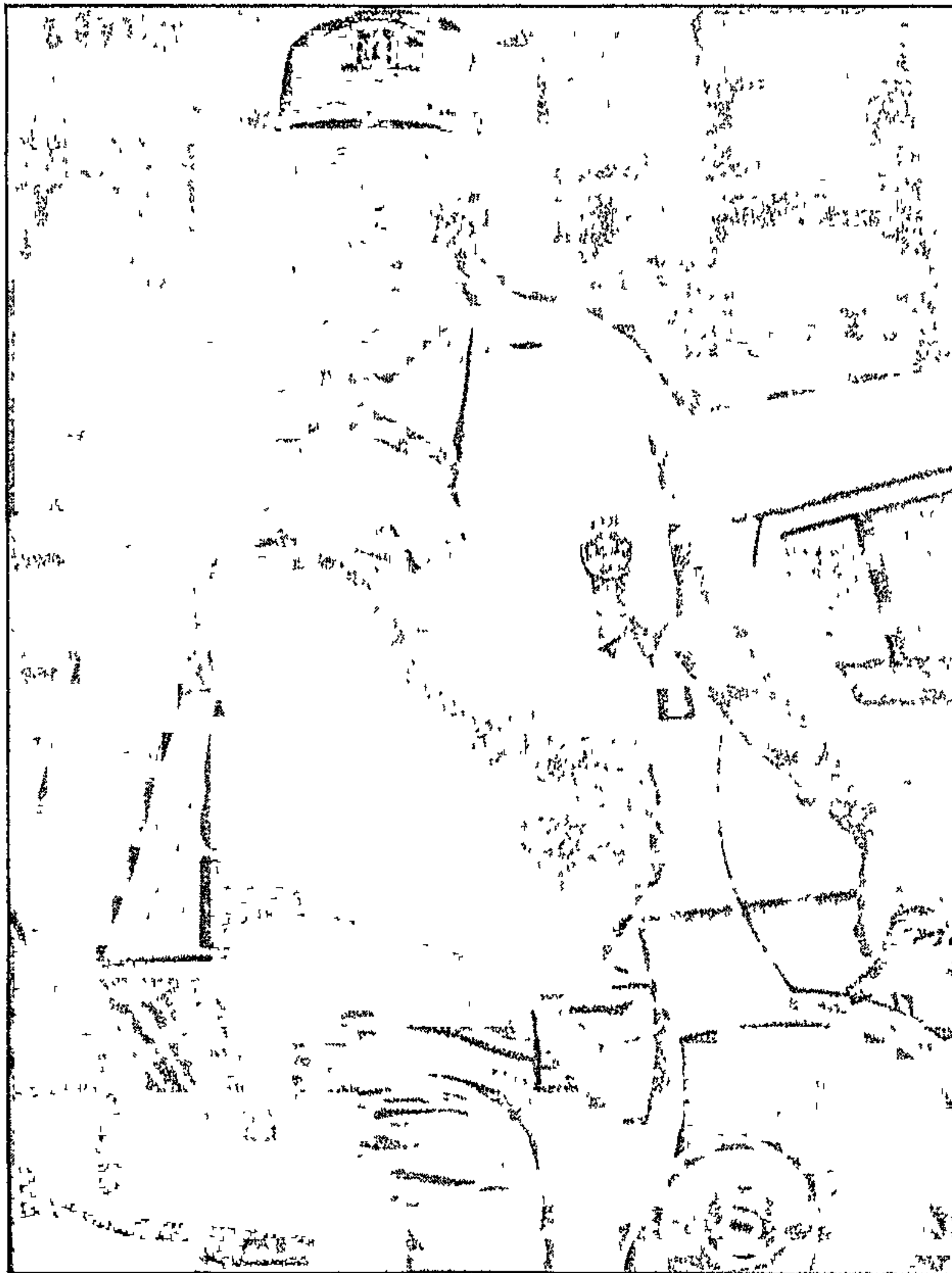
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Negligent Mr Don't Know

By NORMAN CHANDLER
 Johannesburg City Council's security chief John Pearce was yesterday labelled "Mr Don't Know" by the Hiemstra Commission.

In its report on spies in the council's security department, the commission says Mr Pearce was guilty of gross negligence over how his department operated.

Appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal to investigate revelations published by The Star about the spy network, the commission severely criticises Mr Pearce.

Mr Justice V G Hiemstra, assisted by Mr W van den Berg, found he had contended there were "no targets for the spies" but had nevertheless signed requests for payments to be made

to spies and informers "without verifying the facts because he relied completely on Brigadier J F Visser" (former deputy director of the department).

"A massive surveillance network had been laid bare in the press but he did not even question Brigadier Visser or any one of the others about it because he had a touching faith in this commission."

Accountability

"One of the cornerstones of democracy is accountability and it is on the issue of accountability that John Pearce stands accused."

He had not inquired into The Star's claims that 48 organisations were being spied upon because he was not concerned

about it, the report said.

Other "typical Pearcean irresponsibilities" included not knowing whether there were laws allowing infiltration, nor what the information section (of the security department) had in mind when authorising subversive activities.

He could not justify the reasons for infiltrating an organisation and had vehemently denied there were party political considerations in decisions taken. Even obvious political undertones in letters between departmental heads "did not ruffle his calm."

Answers he gave about the security department were "peppered with 'I don't know'."

The report said "There is no answer he gave more often than 'I don't know'."

Security link-up wasn't improper

By NORMAN CHANDLER

The Hiemstra Commission report has found nothing untoward about co-operation between the Johannesburg City Council's security department and other intelligence-gathering organisations.

The commission's report, issued yesterday, points out that the council's management committee had, in fact, twice taken decisions that co-operation with the military be started and maintained.

The first was on September 17 1982 and the second on November 29 1983.

They were taken "for the formulation of an effective security planning system in the maintenance of law and order and the protection of national key points."

An eight-point plan was adopted by the council for the assessment of security risks, research, monitoring, compilation of security plans, investigations, forecasting, liaison with NIS, and provision of security consulting services.

There was "no express provision for informing clandestinely on civilian organisations," says the commission.

Approached

The report adds that the SADF was the first organisation to be approached, and later similar co-operation arranged with the SA Police's security branch, the National Intelligence Service (NIS), and the Bureau for Information.

The programme was extended when former police officer Brigadier Johannes Visser became senior deputy director (security).

It was on Brigadier Visser's suggestion that spies or "sources" were employed — Councillor Dame van Zyl, who is now dead, agreed at a meeting also attended by town clerk Manie Venter and security chief John Pearce that spies "be appointed for reward."

There was no evidence, according to the commission, that the SADF may have asked or instructed that security department officials infiltrate or spy on trade unions and organisations, or monitor the activities of any person.

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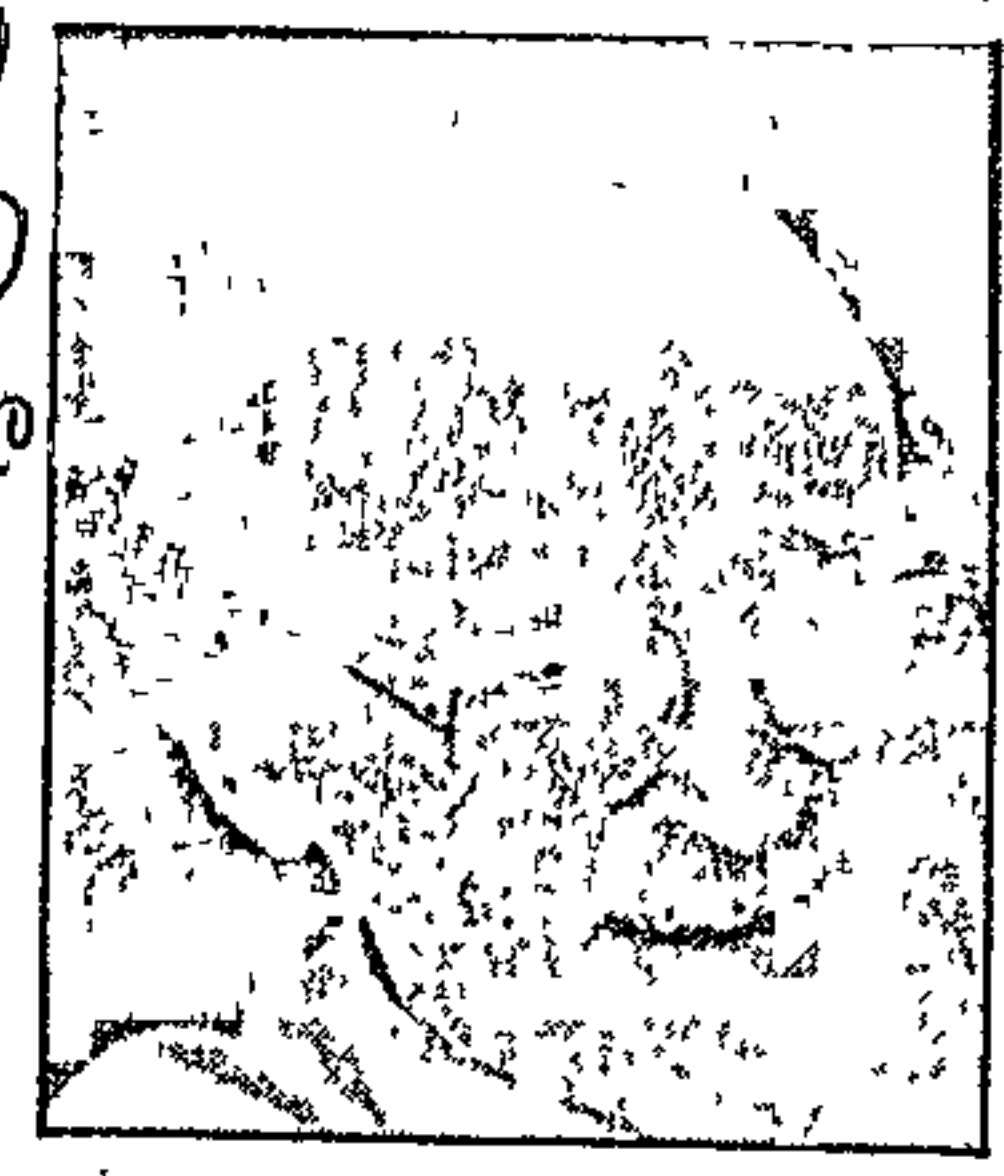
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player in the spy scandal, was grossly negligent in approving payments for agents

● The security department's information-gathering network cost a minimum of R1,8 million between June 1985 and December 1989. This included the cost of ordinary criminal investigations as well

● Spy payments alone cost R20 805.

● The "big four" behind the spy ring were town clerk Manie Venter, Mr Pearce, security department director Brigadier Jan Visser and F J "Frik" Barnard who coordinated the spy ring

In the case of Mr Venter, the judge said he had authorised more than 60 payments for spies under an Act that did not exist.

Infiltration

However, said the judge, "in our opinion Mr Venter knew that the payment was for sources which had nothing to do with the safeguarding of or access to buildings".

Mr Venter, he found, knew of the infiltration of organisations but was not grossly negligent as he was entitled to rely on his senior officials. However, he should have been more critical

He said Mr Venter's testimony was typified by his general attitude of "I don't know, the others know"

The judge said it was the commission's view that the spy operation

was not motivated by National Party interests

On the other hand, there was much to be said for the strong argument from counsel for the commission that the entire spying action was oriented in favour of the NP's power position in the council.

It was contended, he said, that there were political considerations in the choice of targets, many of whom were individuals opposed to Government policy

As examples, the judge disclosed the existence of a document that named 91 black people, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Dr Allan Boesak, who were potential targets of surveillance

"The list of individuals consists entirely of people with leanings against the NP, and the same can be said of the organisations"

Dealing with Brigadier Visser, the judge said the former police officer regarded all organisations to the left of the Government as the enemy, and also those on the right

Turning to Mr Barnard, he said he had acquitted himself well in evidence. But the judge found that Mr Barnard, in his enthusiasm, overstepped his mandate

After being told by Brigadier Visser to monitor the FFF, he deduced from the fact that the name was English and that he was unable to find an Afrikaans equivalent, that it was leftist.

Hienstra confirms Star's disclosures

Town Clerk to retire after spying scandal

By Louise Burgers, Kitt Katzin, and Steve McQuillan

The controversial Johannesburg Director of Public Safety, John Pearce, will be charged with negligence and unauthorised activities by the city council following the revelations of the Hienstra report, council sources told The Star today.

The Hienstra Commission report, released yesterday, accused Mr Pearce as being "grossly negligent"

Town clerk Mamie Venter, a key player in the municipal spy scandal, will be told to take long leave pending his retirement next year.

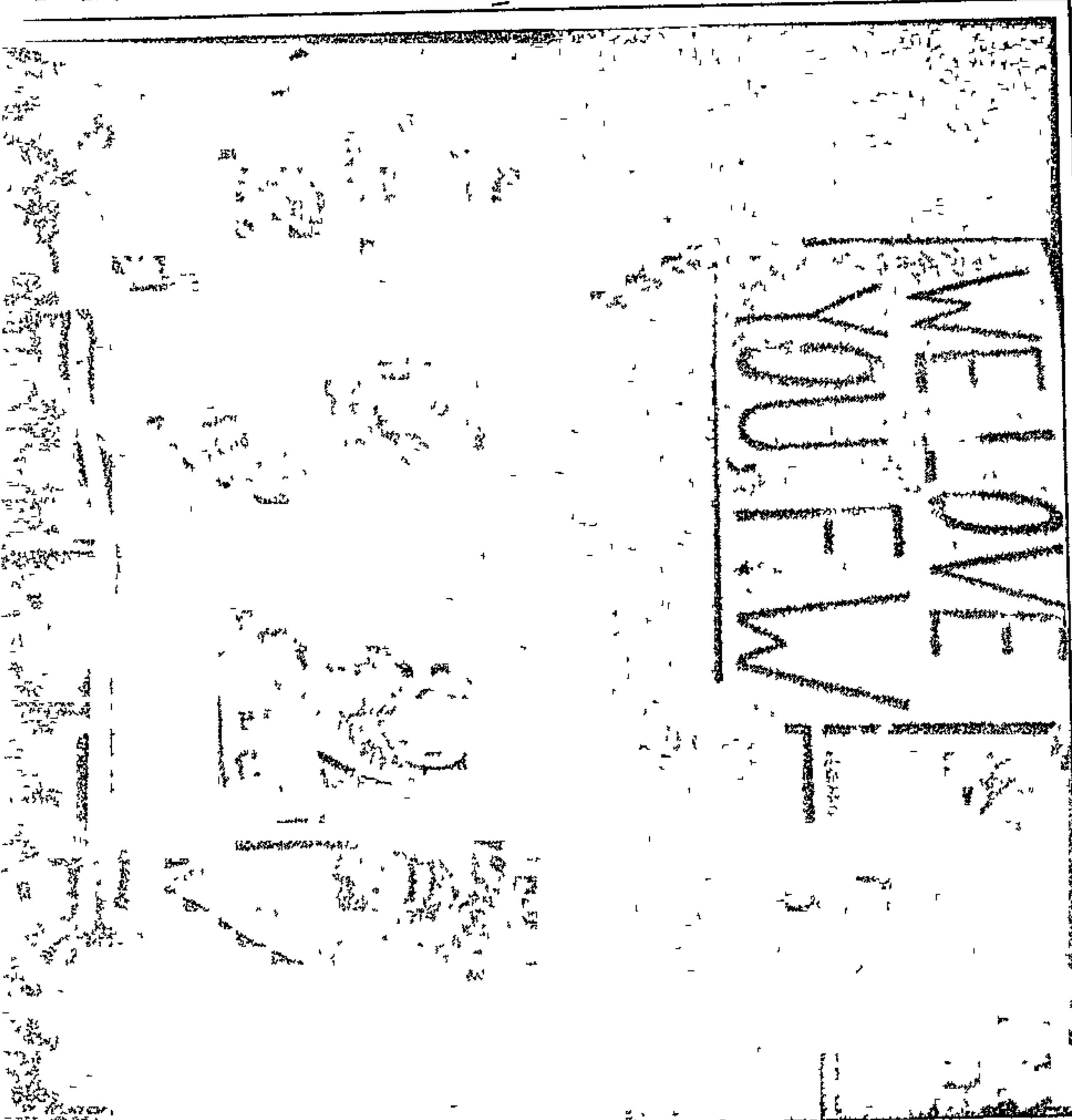
The Star was told that an agreement would be reached with Mr Venter today. The city council cannot fire the town clerk, as town clerks are appointed by the Town Clerks Board.

Deputy town clerk Graham Collins will become acting town clerk in Mr Venter's absence. His first duty will be to lay charges against

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Mr Pearce in terms of internal council procedures. According to council sources, Mr Pearce alleges he has been framed and intends fighting to keep his job. The matter, according to a spokesman for the Johannesburg

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Spy network in city council



Uncovered - The Star broke the spy network story in March

Third 'summit' this week?

Political Staff

President de Klerk, just back from a triumphant American tour, today has to deal with urgent requests from the ANC for a third "summit" — to be held within a week — to set the peace process at home back on track.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said there had been contact at the highest level of both ANC and Government to set up a summit meeting.

The ANC believed the peace process had become "fragile" and it was necessary to redirect it.

She said there was a possibility that Mr de Klerk and ANC deputy-president Nelson Mandela would meet to arrange the summit, but this had not yet been scheduled.

Miss Marcus said the proposed summit meeting would need to take place within a week, as Mr Mandela would be leaving for Natal on October 6 and then was then going abroad on October 7.

Mr de Klerk returned to South Africa from the United States last night encouraged not only by the political impact he made, but by the interest shown by prominent US businessmen in investment and development possibilities.

He made it clear in media conferences aboard the plane and after

landing at Jan Smuts Airport last night that he considered the fact that there would be further fundamental change and a new South Africa far more important than a debate on whether political change had become irreversible.

Referring indirectly to the ANC, he said those organisations which maintained that reform had not become irreversible "must start looking for a new cause."

He added that, apart from his contacts with politicians, a feature of his visit was his contact with businessmen. He met a large number of them at two dinners.

One of the themes of his speeches was that South Africa with its expertise and its economy could serve as the springboard for development in the region.

"Those who are still in South Africa are glad they remained. Those who withdrew were sorry they had to, while others were interested."

"They are looking for good investment opportunities. They do not want to be side-lined by Europe or Japan."

There was interest in a constructive role that could be played through South Africa to develop the region to its full potential.

Sayco leader wounded as police raid home

Staff Reporters

The general secretary of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), ...

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He said when the house was searched, the police found two R1 hand grenades, ...

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Suspend law: (266) 'We're waiting for CP govt'

By Gien Elsas,
West Rand Bureau

The Krugersdorp Town Council has decided to recommend that legislation concerning racial discrimination, which is to be repealed by Parliament as from October 15, should be suspended and not scrapped.

The recommendation put before council at its monthly meeting last night was that all council by-laws which mention race, and which discriminate against any race, should be altered to fit in with Parliament's decision

Wessel Cronje, one of the town's Conservative Party majority councillors, said that it would facilitate mat-

ters to suspend the legislation rather than scrap it so that it could be more easily reinstated once the new government took over after the next elections.

He said the council would have to comply with the law for the time being and added that it would do so although the majority of the councillors were totally opposed to, and abhorred, the scrapping of the legislation

Dr Benoni van Graan said he was not certain if a law could be suspended. The council then decided that legal counsel concerning the matter would be sought

If the council's decision is legally unsound, a special council meeting will be called before October 15

Pretoria townships light up after emergency plan

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PRETORIA — The lights are on again in Pretoria's Mamelodi and Atteridgeville townships, where power had been cut off. A Pretoria City Council spokesman said the municipality decided yesterday afternoon to conditionally restore power to the townships. Power was cut off on Tuesday afternoon after the township councils had failed to pay arrears totalling R4,7m.

GERALD REILLY

"cap in hand" after residents announced they were planning to initiate court action for an order declaring the action illegal.

The power cut was met with anger and bewilderment by thousands of township families.

A police spokesman said extra police were deployed in Atteridgeville and Mamelodi yesterday but no incidents had been reported up to late yesterday.

WILSON ZWANE reports that residents of the East Rand townships of Wattville and Daveyton have until tomorrow to raise more than R1m for electricity or face power cuts.

This ultimatum was issued after a meeting between the Benoni Town Council officials and representatives of Wattville and Daveyton town councils yesterday.

Benoni acting town clerk Andre de Jager said the meeting agreed that electricity would not be switched off if the two townships paid their October electricity in advance.

"The agreement represents an interim arrangement. Daveyton and Wattville still have to pay the Benoni Town Council about R6m in electricity arrears," De Jager said.

He added that in terms of the arrangement advance payments of R1,2m and R180 000 had to be made by the Daveyton Town Council and Wattville Town Council respectively.

Daveyton mayor Tom Boya said "Residents have started paying the flat rates we agreed upon on Sunday and I am confident that we will raise money to avert the switch-off."

Boya said he did not think the Daveyton council would be able to raise the R1,2m within the given time. "But if we raise a portion of it we can negotiate with the Benoni Town Council for a few days breathing space."

Wattville mayor George Nkosi said the executive committee of Wattville Town Council would hold a special meeting today to discuss the matter. This would be followed by consultations with residents, he added.

Another East Rand township, Katlehong, faces a power cut unless more than R3m in electricity arrears is paid to Eskom before October 8.

Mayor Gideon Molotsi yesterday urged residents to pay monthly flat rates of R70 (for houses with electricity) and R30 (for houses without electricity) to avert a switch-off.

At an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon, an appeal was made to the Pretoria RSC for a loan for the two township councils.

Pretoria RSC chairman Piet Delpoort said a meeting would be held in October to consider the application.

The council spokesman said Pretoria's management committee was confident a settlement could be reached at the meeting "and pending final agreement by not later than October 12 the council is prepared temporarily to restore power immediately".

Delpoort stressed the loan could only be considered if residents paid their accounts.

UDF publicity secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said the council had come

Davidson: overseas trips a carrot for city officials

TANIA LEVY

OVERSEAS trips were one of the carrots offered to highly experienced council officials in the absence of competitive salaries, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

The Town Clerks Remuneration Act, which placed a ceiling on the salaries of all other officials, prevented council from trying to compete with the private sector for the top professional people, he said.

The management committee has been accused of being extravagant by sending groups of officials on overseas trips.

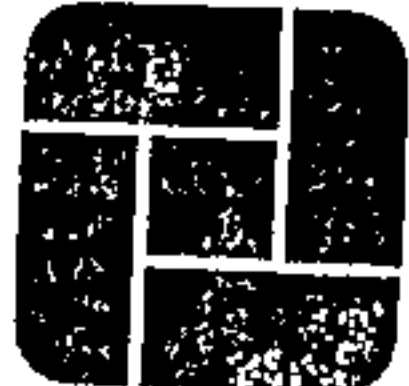
Davidson said he and four others would be travelling to the UK to attend a four-day conference on financial modelling systems and would spend 10 days assessing systems implemented by the councils of London, Birmingham and Manchester.

Johannesburg's financial management systems were antiquated to the extent that the management committee did not have the tools to manage the city financially, he said.

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SADF 'a duty'

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A DECISION by the Johannesburg City Council security department to pass house plans to the SADF was not unlawful, says the Hiemstra Commission.

"In fact, it is part and parcel of the (security department's) duties imposed by the mandate given by the council", the Hiemstra Commission report says.

The commission also found that handing over the names and addresses of motor vehicle owners was not unlawful.

Although one of the documents presented to the commission contained the name and address of Norman Manorum, whose house was later fire-bombed, there was no evidence that this house plan was received by the SADF.

There was no doubt the security department had a close working relationship with the SADF.

The SADF played an important role in safeguarding national key points and the exchange of information between the council and the SADF was of mutual benefit to all the parties concerned.

One councillor 'in the know'

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FORMER Johannesburg Management Committee chairman and council NP leader Danie van Zyl was instrumental in setting up the council security department's information section and was the only councillor who was kept informed of its activities.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Johannesburg municipal security department found that Van Zyl, who died in April last year, took the decision to introduce paid informers with three paid municipal officials.

Kept secret

They were town clerk Manne Venter, public safety director John Pearce and then security director Brig Jan Visser in September 1986.

No record was found that the men were sworn to secrecy.

In practice, though, the system was kept secret from the management committee and the full council.

The decision to form a security committee to deal specifically with matters affecting the security of the council and its officials was taken in September 1986.

It was decided the committee would consist of the management committee chairman, Visser, Pearce, Van Zyl and Venter.

The small committee never reported to the management committee and Francois Oberholzer and Jan Burger, who were management chairmen during the period of its operation, never attended meetings and were not informed of them.

The commission concluded that NP member and last year's mayor Koos Roets, as well as independent councillor and former NP member Cecil Long, knew of the section's existence, but "not much more".

The organisations that were infiltrated were the End Conscription Campaign, the Five Freedoms Forum, ANC, UDF, Cosatu, Soweto Civic Association, the Black Sash, the Transport and General Workers' Union, Vukani, Municipal Workers' Union of SA, Unemployed Workers' Co-ordinating Committee, Health Workers' Association, Johannesburg Democratic Action Committee, Media Workers' Association of SA and the Paper Printing Wood and Allied Workers' Union.

Attempts were made to infiltrate the Legal Resources Centre, Lawyers for Human Rights, Free the Children Alliance, Azapo, the DP and the PFP youth movement, the commission found.

The information gathered was



Van Zyl served on committees

swapped with information in the possession of military intelligence, the security police and the SAP at John Vorster Square.

The commission found that there was no secret fund run by the town clerk for the spy network.

Johannesburg's town clerk has delegated powers to spend amounts of up to R300 without the

special permission of the management committee.

Transactions dealing with secret payments were kept under lock and key in the town clerk's safe.

Officials gave July 1989 as the time when spying activities were completely wound down, but there was evidence of sporadic activity up to October.

Bugging equipment, including fountain pens containing microphones, were bought.

The commission could not definitely find that such equipment was used in the process of spying.

The commission could not establish conclusively that such equipment was bought by the Johannesburg City Council for the security department, the commission's report says.

Referring to testimony that the council bought bugging equipment worth R11 050, the commission noted that traffic and security head John Pearce said the equipment was used to trap traffic officers.

This testimony was corroborated by another witness, who said it was used to trap traffic staff who obtained bribes from the public.

Taking this evidence into account, the commission found that it must be accepted that this bugging equipment was never under the control of, or used by, the security department.

R65 000 spent on home improvements 'not improper'

IMPROVEMENTS worth R65 000 made to Johannesburg Town Clerk Mame Venter's R325 000 rent-free Houghton home were not improper, the Hiemstra Commission has found.

The commission also commended the Johannesburg City Council for "valiant action" taken to protect its officials. *B104 27/9/90*

Apart from the town clerk's residence, which is owned by the council, an additional amount of R120 445 was spent on safeguarding the homes of councillors and officials.

However, the commission found

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that from an accounting point of view the expenditure on Venter's home was of a permanent nature and ought to have been capitalised.

The expenditure was instead roughly divided between the council's general expenses vote and the repairs and maintenance vote. *(266)*

The management committee was advised that Venter was at risk, which necessitated security measures to protect him and council

property, the commission found

During the commission, Advocate Dennis Fine — acting for the commission — cross-examined Venter on the R24 000 used for improvements which included the building of an extension to the garage consisting of a kitchen, toilet and shower.

The commission did not find that this practice was improper.

"Should expenditure on improvement be divorced from direct security expenditure . . . any attempts to keep a veil of secrecy over the town clerk's house would be futile."

Treasurer was aware of 'cash for spies'

PAYMENTS made to Johannesburg City Council informers over five years "slipped through the net of audit investigations" because of a lack of acceptable accounting and audit procedures.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry found that former city treasurer Perry Rabe and previous chief internal auditor Colin Findlay were fully aware of cash payments made to informers. However, records had not been kept in accordance with rigid accounting standards and the information slipped through the net of audit investigations.

The commission did not agree with the argument that payment of R14 355 to spies, R4 250 in operational expenses and R2 200 for criminal investigations was insignificant, or

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that about R1,8m absorbed by the information section in five years was minimal when measured against council's total R5bn annual budget.

Ratepayers and citizens of Johannesburg demanded accountability from their local authority. They were entitled to value for money.

Rabe should have realised that covert activities bred contempt for generally accepted legal and accounting principles. If he had complied with his statutory duties the accounting problems could at least have been eliminated. He should have indicated to his accountants how to record the payments to comply with rigid accounting standards.

Specific instructions should have

been given to internal auditors to exercise extreme vigilance concerning the transactions.

A breakdown in the internal audit function, caused by Findlay's actions, had led to far-reaching complications, said the commission. Findlay had failed to instruct his staff to include these transactions in audit programmes for regular checking.

Chief internal auditor Pieter Cruywagen testified that audit programmes currently in use were in operation when he was appointed in 1988. They contained no reference to the information section or payments to spies.

The commission said external auditor Casper Venter and his staff had been unaware of payments made over five years.

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Objections to ER 'Berlin Wall' plan

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A WAR of words has erupted between the Brakpan Town Council and the Wattville Concerned Residents Committee over a plan by residents of a white suburb to build a wall to separate them from Tamboville.

The Dalpark Residents Committee has sent a petition to State President Mr FW de Klerk and the Brakpan Town Council about their plans to erect the "Berlin Wall" between Dalpark Extension Six and the informal housing project on the outskirts of Wattville township.

Dalpark residents said in a memorandum sent to the council that the development of Tamboville would lead to an increase in burglaries and devalue properties.

A spokesman for the DRC, Mr Chris de Lange, was quoted in a local newspaper as saying "We do not want a squatter camp on our doorstep."

The chairman of the WCRC, Mr Abbey Nyalunga, has lashed out at the proposed plan and vowed that his

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organisation would not recognise the buffer.

He said residents visiting Dalpark were domestic workers and it was absurd to blame crime on black people.

However the acting town clerk of Benoni, Mr JA de Jager, said the development of Tamboville would go ahead as planned.

Tamboville is a stretch of land bordering the Brakpan suburb and Wattville.

Early this year, more than 3 000 families were poised to erect shacks on the land and some were demolished by authorities because they had occupied private land.

The Benoni Town Council later entered into an agreement with the WCRC that it would develop the land and build low-cost houses.

Council had links with security units

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THE Hiemstra Commission report has found nothing untoward about co-operation between the Johannesburg City Council's security department and other intelligence-gathering organisations.

The commission's report points out that the council's management committee had, in fact, twice taken decisions that co-operation with the military be started and maintained.

They were taken "for the formulation of an effective security planning system in the maintenance of law and order and the protection of national key points."

An eight-point plan was adopted by the council for the assessment of security risks, research, monitoring, compilation of security plans, investigations, forecasting, liaison with the NIS and provision of security consulting services.

There was "no express provision for informing clandestinely on civilian organisations", says the commission.

The report adds that the SADF was the first organisation to be approached, and later similar co-operation was arranged with the SAP's security branch, the National Intelligence Service and the Bureau for Information.

The programme was extended when former Brigadier Johannes Visser became senior deputy director.

"On assuming his duties, he found there was co-operation with the SADF but in his view in-

reward".

"There is no record that they were sworn to secrecy but in practice the whole system was kept secret from the management committee, not even to mention the full council."

There was no evidence, according to the commission, that the SADF may have asked or instructed that security department officials infiltrate or spy on trade

unions and organisations. There was nothing wrong with council employees handing over house plans, names and addresses of motor vehicle owners to the SADF.

adequate linkage with NIS and the Bureau for Information. He felt that information should be interchanged with them." It was on Visser's suggestion that spies or "sources" were employed - Councillor Danie van Zyl, who is now dead, agreed at a meeting also attended by Town Clerk Manie Venter and security chief John Pearce that spies "be appointed for

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Jhb council spent R1,8m on spying

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Own Correspondent

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Commission finds 'gross negligence'

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Management committee members were yesterday locked in consultation with senior counsel. Davidson said he could not comment further before this morning.

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After his death, successive councils and their management committees were kept in the dark about the spying, and only two other NP councillors, Koos Roets and Cecil Long, knew about it.

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The activities of the monitoring section were unlawful because they were not sanctioned by any statutes or ordinances. While there was no proof of fraud, as had been argued in evidence, invasion of privacy "is both a criminal and a civil wrong".

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the commission said "The infiltration of and spying on trade unions, other organisations and individuals perpetrated by the information section of the Security Department constituted such wrongful intrusion upon the privacy of their targets"

The commission found that Venter issued numerous letters to the city treasurer for expenses which proved to be payment to sources spying on organisations including the Five Freedoms Forum, ANC, UDF

and Black Sash

The information gathered by the spy network was passed on to the SAP and the SA Defence Force, the commission found.

It concluded that spies and their handlers were acting on instructions and felt justified in doing what they had done.

The commission makes no recommendations on future action, saying that this is up to the City Council itself.

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Self-styled sheriff's fall from grace

By LOUISE BURGERS

It was his childhood dream to become a traffic officer. He realised that dream when he became Johannesburg's youngest traffic chief at the age of 34 in 1978. But now John Pearce, Johannesburg's self-styled sheriff, may be at the end of his career.

For many years he was Johannesburg's golden boy, with a vision to make his traffic force one of the best in the world.

In March - this year, Mr Pearce emerged as a key player in the City Hall spy scandal and now he has been called grossly negligent by Mr Justice Hiemstra.

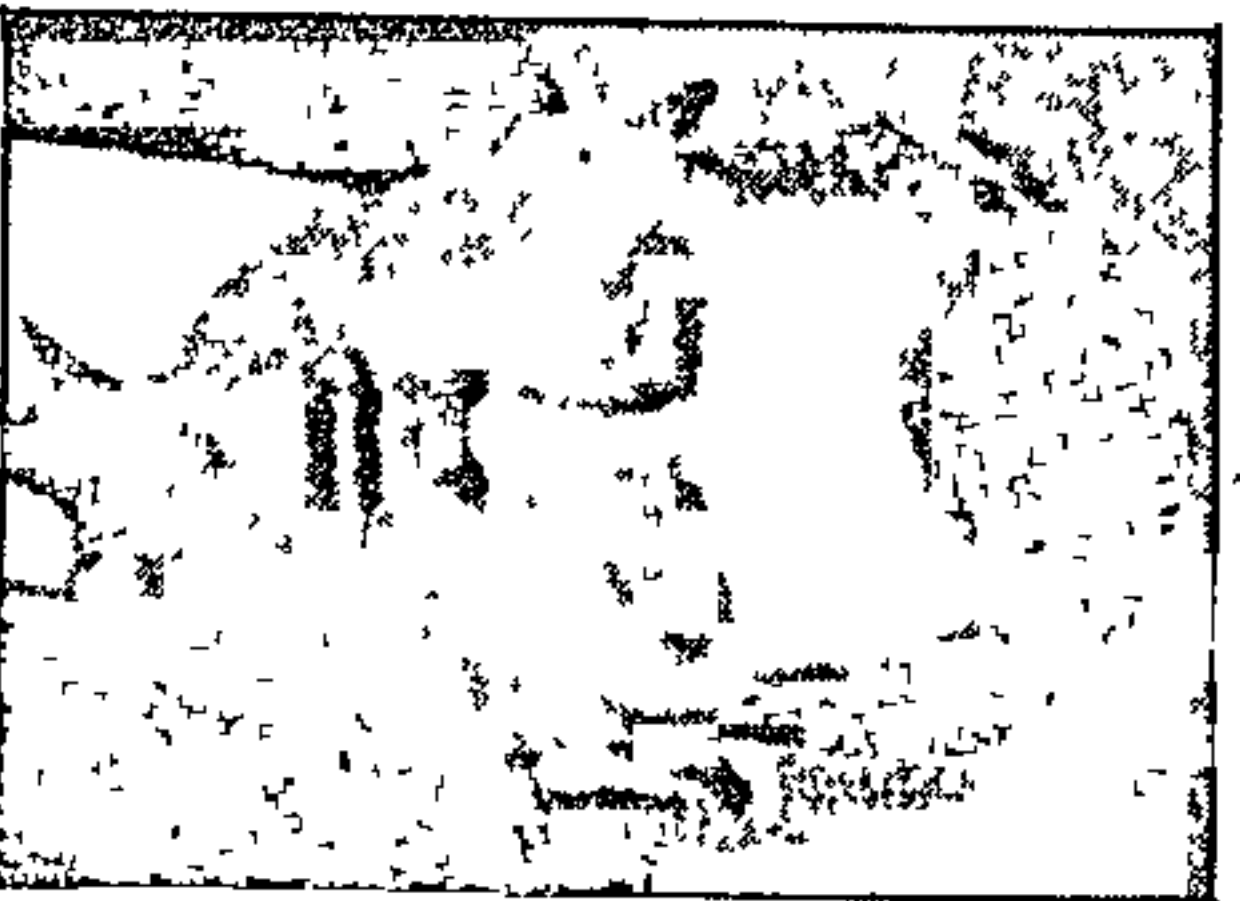
There are doubts whether

the director of public safety can outlive this latest controversy, but council sources say he is determined to fight hard to keep his job.

Mr Pearce (46) joined the Johannesburg traffic department in 1963 at 18. He has held the post of chief director of public safety for 20 months. Before that he was director of traffic and security for five years.

The larger-than-life Mr Pearce is an honorary citizen of Fort Worth, Texas, and of Colorado and Arizona.

When he took over as traffic chief in 1978, he was described as a man who would end maladministration in the department.



John Pearce.

His fall from grace began in June 1986 when there was an uproar over 38 traffic officers who travelled to Pieters-

burg in a luxury coach to attend a National Party meeting which was disrupted by the AWB.

Reports at the time suggested the officers went there to protect Foreign Minister Pik Botha, a personal friend of Mr Pearce.

In April 1987 it was revealed that Mr Pearce was to be paid to organise a R100 000 parking project at the Rand Show while he was on leave.

The next year his wife won a lucrative Rand Show parking contract.

In February 1988 he was accused of making freelance arrangements at council expense to accompany Bavarian Prime Minister Dr Franz

Josef Strauss to a northern Transvaal game lodge.

Mr Pearce said Johannesburg regularly escorted visiting VIPs at the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In December 1988 his appointment as director of public safety drew widespread criticism. And in June last year the DP launched an inquiry into the department of public safety. One of the issues raised was whether the council had donated a car to Mr Botha.

Mr Pearce has been accused of being a poor man's J Edgar Hoover and it has been alleged that he has abused his vast powers in the past.

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'Be grateful for Hiemstra'

By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

Organisations yesterday welcomed the findings of the Hiemstra Commission into Johannesburg City Council's spying activities and urged that action be taken against people implicated in these activities

Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer said the Hiemstra Commission report confirmed the worst fears people had when the council was under the late Dame van Zyl

The people of Johannesburg could only be grateful to Mr Justice Hiemstra for exposing the rot and be thankful that the city now had a different kind of administration under the DP's Ian Davidson.

The ANC said the commission's report was yet more evi-

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dence of the existence of "clandestine, paramilitary organisations" which had the full backing of the police and the defence force

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the party welcomed the fact that these clandestine activities had been exposed, and hoped that the Johannesburg spy network's links with the police and the SADF would be fully investigated

The Five Freedoms Forum hailed the report as a justification of "our angry rejection of the activities of the Johannesburg City Council spy ring"

The leader of the CP in the city council, Jacques Theron, refused to comment on the grounds that he had not yet seen the full text of Mr Justice Hiemstra's report

'Negligent' Pearce faces city inquiry

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By Louise Burgers,
Kitt Katzin
and Steve McQuillan

Controversial Johannesburg director of public safety John Pearce is to face a municipal inquiry after the Hiemstra Commission found him to have been grossly negligent

Civil action is being considered against other city council officials implicated in the Hiemstra report, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday

Town clerk Mame Venter, a key player in the spy scandal, has left office and taken paid long leave pending his retirement in September next year

Resigned

Yesterday Mr Venter would not comment on his decision to retire. Deputy town clerk Graham Collins will take over as acting town clerk

Action is not contemplated against Mr Venter or two other top officials, spy chief Frik Barnard and former security director Brigadier Jan Visser.

Mr Barnard has resigned from the council and Brigadier Visser retired earlier this year.

The conduct of other officials involved — spy handlers Martin Hennig, Anthony Bennett and John Egan — is being urgently investigated

A special council meeting may be held next week to decide whether Mr Pearce should be suspended

According to council sources, Mr Pearce is determined to fight the charges against him, and alleges he has been framed. If found guilty he could face anything from a written warning to dismissal

The Hiemstra Commission found the city council did not have the authority to run a spy ring with ratepayers' money and that its clandestine activities were illegal

The commission confirmed the substance of disclosures on the spy network by The Star and the Sunday Star in March

Commission chairman Mr Justice Victor Hiemstra found that in his view the infiltration of and spying on trade unions, other organisations and individuals undertaken by the council's security department constituted a "wrongful intrusion upon the privacy of their targets".

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Pearce will face Council inquiry

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THE Johannesburg City Council's public safety director, Mr John Pearce, will face a disciplinary inquiry into his "gross negligence" and alleged misconduct exposed by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry

Another senior council official, town clerk Mr Manie Venter, is to go on paid leave until his retirement in September next year. The commission found he had not been grossly negligent.

The council's management committee chairman, Mr Ian Davidson, yesterday told a news conference consideration was being given to restructuring council security departments to prevent a recurrence of spying.

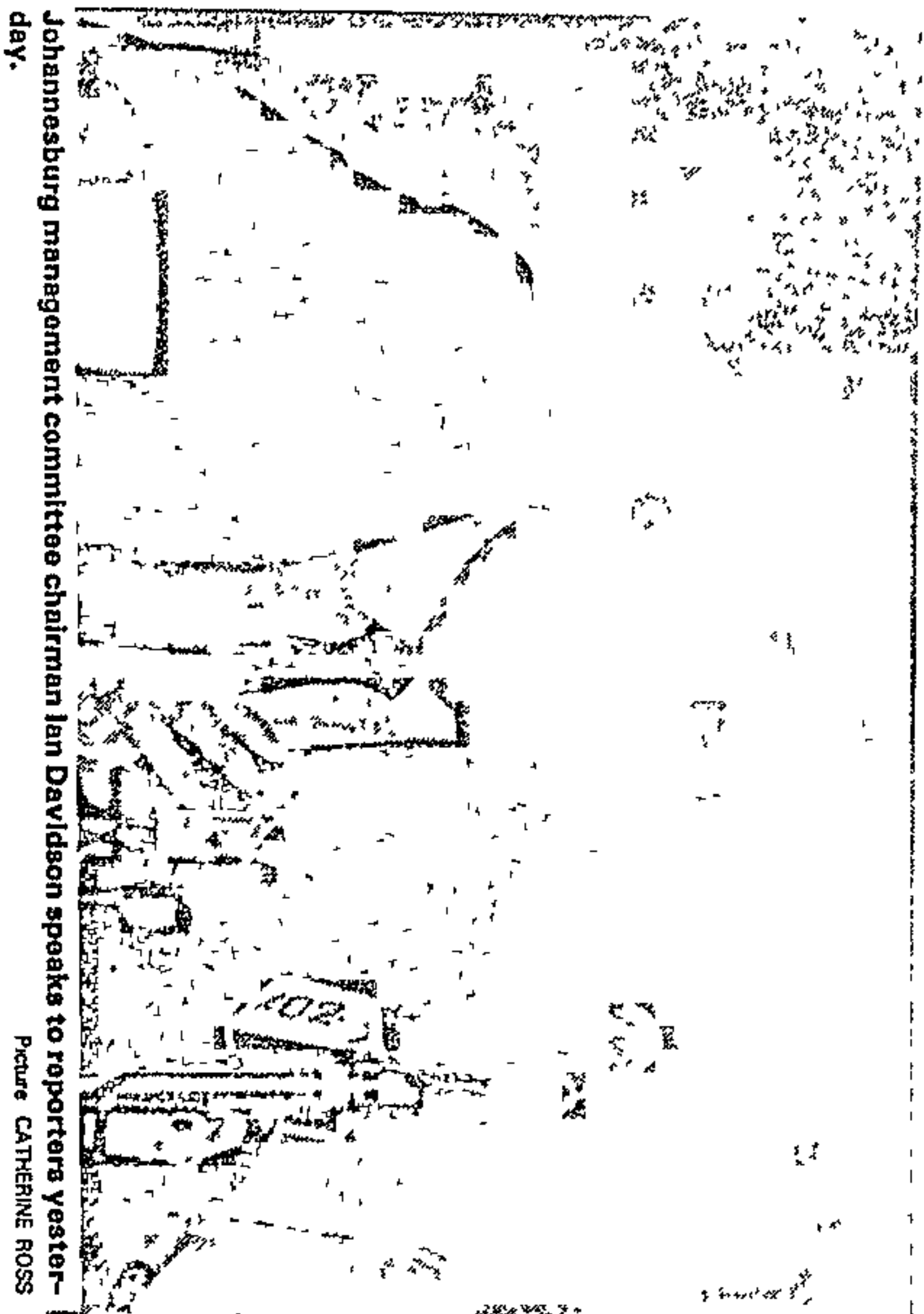
He said the department's monitoring section had been closed and no longer existed.

Davidson said no further action was considered against Venter, but Pearce faced possible penalties ranging from a written warning to dismissal for his alleged misconduct.

Charges against Pearce follow his alleged misconduct, namely "disgraceful or unbecoming conduct, prejudicial to the good working of the council's service," Davidson said.

The conduct of other council officials implicated in unlawful activities - Mr MG Hennig, Mr AR Benett and Mr J Egan - was being urgently investigated by their department head.

Davidson said he was completely satisfied with the findings of the Hiemstra Commission. - *Sapa*



Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson speaks to reporters yesterday. Picture CATHERINE ROSS

Nampak ordered to pay employees' costs

Nampak Products Ltd was yesterday ordered by a Rand Supreme Court judge to pay the legal costs incurred by one of its senior executives and two other employees in interdict proceedings brought against them over an alleged R2,4m fraud.

Mr Justice Streicher ordered Nampak to pay the costs incurred by the CEO of its Corrugated Division, Adrian Barker, and two other employees in opposing an application brought against them and Corrugating Machinery Services CC (CMS) by Nampak in a bid to recover the R2,4m.

Amended

The company has alleged the money was fraudulently paid into a bank account held by CMS.

Nampak obtained an interim interdict on July 2 freezing CMS's TrustBank account. The order was later amended to cover the R2,4m. Nampak alleges the money was paid into the account by means of a conspiracy between CMS and Barker.

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When the matter came before Mr Justice Streicher this week the parties asked the judge to refer to trial where the disputes of fact could be heard.

CMS and Barker also agreed to an extension of the interim order without conceding the truth of any of the allegations made against them.

The parties then argued the question of costs.

In ordering to pay the costs incurred by Barker and the other employees allegedly involved in irregularities, Mr Justice Streicher said Nampak should have realised that a dispute of fact was bound to happen. By Nampak asking for judgment by way of application, he said, Barker and the other respondents had incurred substantial unnecessary costs which they should not have to pay, whether they were dishonest or honest.

Mr Justice Streicher referred the matter to trial and extended the interim interdict pending the determination of the

Joburg chief on Hiemstra report

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PETER DELMAR and TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG Town Clerk Mame Venter only agreed to retire from the city council after a meeting on Wednesday night lasting several hours with management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

Council sources said yesterday the management committee had engaged two senior counsel a week ago to consider the position of senior officials likely to be centred in the Hiemstra Commission's report, which was released on Wednesday.

Davidson yesterday refused to comment on his meeting with Venter, but confirmed that the management committee had refused permission for Public Safety director John Pearce, described by the commission as "grossly negligent", to travel to a US conference next week.

Council sources said the Transvaal Provincial Administration had decided that no action should be taken against Venter. It believed that any attempt by the management committee to fire him would almost certainly fail on legal grounds.

Meanwhile, Pearce faces a council disciplinary inquiry.

Davidson told reporters yesterday the council would decide in the next week whether or not to suspend him, pending the outcome of the hearing.

The commission found Venter was not grossly negligent.

He is to take immediate long leave pending retirement in September next year.

Brig Jan Visser had retired and Frikkie Barnard had left the council's service after resigning two weeks ago.

Council would consider civil action against wrongdoers, said Davidson.

It was to be regretted that the commission found ratepayers' money had been unlawfully and wastefully used to spy on innocent people, he said.

He said officials who were pursuing their own unlawful ends had to be brought to book.

Davidson said Pearce had to be given a

chance to defend himself before an impartial disciplinary tribunal.

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry was not a criminal investigation or disciplinary hearing but a fact-finding commission. Although its finding that Pearce was grossly negligent was not binding on council, the facts underlying the finding justified an inquiry, he said.

Allegations of Pearce's misconduct were serious enough to justify his suspension but he had to be given an opportunity to make representations why he should not be suspended, said Davidson.

Davidson said the conduct of other officials involved in the unlawful activities — former spy handler Martin Hennig, former End Conscription Campaign spy Anthony Bennett and a third person, John Egan — were being urgently investigated by their departmental head.

Distanced

He said spying activities had been totally eliminated and all ties with the SADF and SAP should have been severed.

Meanwhile, the NP in the Johannesburg City Council has distanced itself from the spying operations in "the strongest possible terms", the caucus said in a statement yesterday.

Johannesburg's NP leadership "noted with concern" suggestions that spying by the security department was instigated by and on behalf of the NP.

It emphasised that the Hiemstra Commission had exonerated the NP, saying it was the commission's view that "the effort was not primarily a NP effort".

Although Alderman Danie van Zyl and Brig Jan Visser had had close links with the NP, "there were powerful concomitant forces" influencing their decisions.

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Spy report: Joburg town clerk retires

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The city's town clerk, Mr Manie Venter, has agreed to retire

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We want an independent administrator, say Sowetans

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By ELSABE WESSELS

THE Soweto Civic Association (SCA) this week called for the appointment of independent administrators to run Reef townships until a new local government constitution has been established.

The demand was made by SCA secretary Pat Lephunya following the signing of the historic accord between the Soweto People's Delegation — the negotiating arm of the SCA — and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, (TPA) on Monday (28/9) (28/9).

"Such administrators will be responsible for running the townships from day to day while the new structure is put in place," Lephunya said.

The accord paves the way for an irrevocable process of change to third tier government in the Central Witwatersrand.

The implementation of the guidelines set out in the accord will affect the redefinition of local government borders in the region and secure the complete elimination of apartheid at that level.

Lephunya this week described the signing of the accord as a victory for the SCA. The programme of action it stipulates echoes the demands of Sowetans since they embarked on a mass rent boycott in June 1986, he said, underlining the significance of the accord. "Through the establishment of a Joint Metropolitan Chamber we have secured a structural mechanism to address and solve the problems of apartheid local government."

"The Chamber will begin to redress the legacies of the past, and the leaders delegated to it will draft the new constitution."

The new single metropolitan area would include Johannesburg, greater Soweto, Roodepoort, Sandton, Alexandra, Eldorado Park, Lenasia and Marlboro Gardens. It is envisaged that delegates from all these local government bodies will be represented on the Chamber.

Another major victory claimed by the SCA is the transference of houses to Soweto residents. Lephunya said the handing over of housing stock to the people recognised the permanence of blacks in South Africa's cities.

He envisaged that the accord would fundamentally impact on the restructuring of local government countrywide.

SPY PROBE: The 'Big Four' at centre of scandal are likely to escape scot-free

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The Hiemstra Whitewash



Spy-master... John Pearce who is continuing his work as head of public security in Johannesburg's city council

By CHARLES LEONARD
THE men behind the worst scandal in Johannesburg's civic history — the illegal spy scandal which cost the city R1,8-million — could escape with little more than a rap on the knuckles.
Human rights groups yesterday expressed outrage at the findings of the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry into the spy ring and the "weak" response of the city's management committee.
It emerged yesterday that:
● The strongest action planned by the council is to instigate an internal inquiry into the actions of Johannesburg's spy-master, security chief John Pearce.
● Pearce is meanwhile continuing his work as head of public security.
● The rest of the "big four" named in the report face no action from the management committee.
● Town clerk Mame Visser yesterday went on a year's leave on full salary — after which he will be allowed to retire.
● Chief of the security department Brigadier Jan Visser and chief of the intelligence department Fik Barnard face no action.
● Visser has retired and Barnard

has resigned.
● The council itself had been absolved of responsibility for the illegal use of funds.
The Hiemstra report, tabled on Wednesday, has drawn sharp reaction for not dealing fully with the apparent link between city council spies and the assassination of human rights activist David Webster on May 1 last year.
The report also failed to pursue the highly controversial link between the Civil Co-operation Bureau and the city council spy ring and condoned the fact that the city officials had handed over to military intelligence house plans and names of anti-apartheid activists — at least one of whom had their house subsequently burnt down.
The Five Freedoms Forum expressed disappointment and said they were considering legal action as Hiemstra has stated that invasion of privacy was both a civil and criminal wrong, and that grounds for damages existed. A number of FFF members were victims of coun-

cil spies.
A lawyer for End Conscription Campaign, the United Democratic Front and the Black Sash, Azhar Cachalia, said in general they welcomed the commission's finding that the spying operation was illegal.
"I am perplexed at the fact that no findings were made about the SADF's involvement," he said.
"There is sufficient evidence that Military Intelligence was deeply involved in the spy council."
Hiemstra let them off — it is highly relevant who was involved in illegal activities," Cachalia said.
Mr Justice Victor Hiemstra found that the spying was "unlawful. It intruded upon people's private lives and this is contrary to the tenets of our society."
Hiemstra found that there was close co-operation by the Security Department with Military Intelligence as well as with the police. The South African Defence Force (SADF) however, came off very lightly in the commission's findings.

The council had given a wide mandate to the officials of the Security Department to liaise and co-operate with the military authorities. Hiemstra found that the Security Department officials acted within their powers when they liaised and co-operated with the military.
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Namibian police sent to oversee seal culling

By EDDIE KOCH Cape Cross
NAMIBIA'S new national police force has been sent to patrol the beaches at Cape Cross after a Greenpeace campaign and two animal rights activists were involved in a scuffle with government officials responsible for culling some 9 000 seals on the Skeleton Coast.

Four policemen, one of them a commander of the former Koekoek counter-insurgency unit, were rushed from Swakopmund, 110km to the south, to Cape Cross as conservation officials feared the presence of the environmentalists would escalate international protest against Namibia's annual seal harvest. The killin, of some 19 000 Cape Fur



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The only mention made of Webster in the report was in reference to council spy Tony Naude who befriended the slain academic and passed information about his political activities on to the Security Department. This department had weekly meetings with military intelligence where information was exchanged.

Webster's killer has still not been found.

In their reaction to the report the management committee said it was reassuring that the council and its committees had been found blameless by the commission.

"It is however deeply disturbing that a number of officials were implicated in unlawful activities in varying degrees," Davidson said.

Acting town clerk Graham Collins is to institute a disciplinary enquiry into what Hiemstra termed Pearce's gross negligence and misconduct.

No further action against town clerk Venter — who had authorised more than 60 payments for spies under an Act which did not exist — is contemplated, Davidson announced.

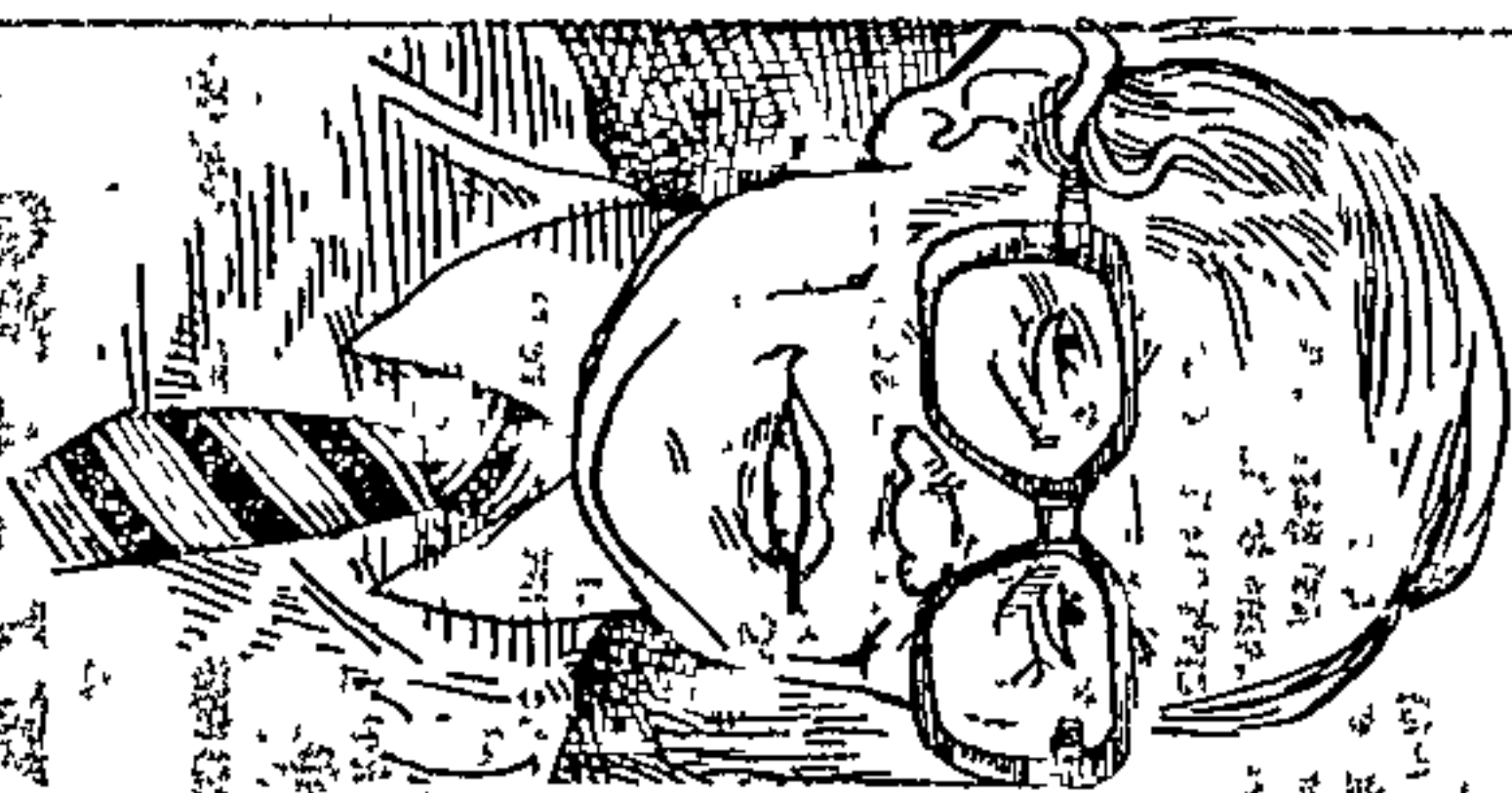
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Diplomacy is key for man behind historic accord



GREAT INNOVATOR Works-holic MEC Olaus van Zyl

THE signing of the Greater Soweto Accord this week was the culmination of intense negotiation and effort by many prominent people.

But if anyone could be singled out as having played a key role in what might well result in the most ambitious innovation in the country's local government history, that person would be Olaus Albin Werner van Zyl, Transvaal provincial MEC responsible for local government and Regional Services Councils.

With the ink barely dry on the historic accord, Mr Van Zyl has already looked beyond the implications it will have for Transvaal metropolitan areas. "I believe that the signing of the accord has not only set an example for other regions in the country to follow, but it has demonstrated that the process of negotiation does work and does work well."

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But he is a man who prefers not to take a tough line. Instead he opts whenever possible to use diplomacy, guile and his obvious pragmatic negotiating power to solve problems.

Mr Van Zyl clearly enjoys being a TPA executive committee member, but there is no doubt that the great love of his life is civil engineering.

There is little doubt too, that should Mr Van Zyl ever decide to embark on a career in public relations he would excel at that as well.

Personality

OLAUS VAN ZYL

Interviewed by: **CHRIS MOERDYK**

Undoubtedly a tough negotiator, is Mr Van Zyl not also perhaps a tough administrator using an iron fist in a velvet glove? After all, it was Mr Van Zyl, for example, who ordered a number of town councils to put their houses in order or face cuts in

bridging finance with the subsequent disruption of electricity supplies, and so on.

In 1981 he was elected Mayor of Randburg. He was also president of the Transvaal Municipal Association. From 1984 to 1988 Mr Van Zyl was a member of the President's Council.



FRIK BARNARD

Unisa job for city spy chief

KITT KATZIN

JOHANNESBURG's former spy-master Frik Barnard has been appointed second-in-charge in the security department of the University of South Africa (Unisa).

This was confirmed yesterday by Professor Cas van Vuuren, the principal of Unisa, amid the emerging controversy of the Hemstra Commission spy report.

Mr Barnard, who was deputy director of the city council's security department, which operated the spy network, applied for his new post earlier this year.

Yesterday, Professor van Vuuren said that Unisa was not aware of his involvement in the spy scandal until, this week, when the Hemstra Commission released its findings, but would honour its decision to employ him, which was taken on July 4.

"We assessed Mr Barnard's application on the merits of his experience, qualifications and

Webster: police move to quiz council spies

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THE Johannesburg City Council officials who spied on Dr David Webster are to be pulled in for questioning by police investigating the assassination of the 44-year-old academic.

In the wake of the Hemstra Commission spy report, police are to investigate allegations that officials compiled a detailed Webster dossier during their smugster surveillance activities.

CID chief General Jaap Joubert told Saturday Star that police were calling for the record of the commission's evidence dealing with the Webster allegations.

"We are still investigating all possibilities and the evidence in the Hemstra report could lead to new inquiries," said General Joubert.

"The police are also studying the Hemstra report itself and will be calling witnesses."

IT is now 516 days since Dr David Webster, university lecturer and human rights activist, was gunned down outside his Troyeville home.

No one has been arrested or charged for Dr Webster's assassination.

A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the jailing of Dr Webster's killers.

STEVE MCQUILLAN and KITT KATZIN

ing on the commission secretary to provide a copy of the record of the proceedings."

Informal sources disclosed last night that fresh investigations will lead to a number of council officials and others being questioned by police, depending on what they said in evidence.

They could include John Pearce, director of public safety, Frik Barnard, deputy director of the security department, and Martin Hennig, a spy-handler.

The probe is being headed by Brigadier Floris Mostert, commanding officer of police special forces of the Witwatersrand, and chief investigating officer in the Webster murder.

Said General Joubert: "We are taking note of everything that can help us to solve the murder." He gave a public assurance that the police "are determined to solve this crime."

Dr Webster died after a shotgun attack outside his home in Troyeville, Johannesburg, on May 1 last year.

General Joubert's comments come amid mounting criticism that the police investigation — after 17 months — is on the road to nowhere.

Now, however, the police are in a position to question witnesses without

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DOWNFALL OF A MAN WHO WANTED TO RETIRE IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

JOYBURGER'S 'BIG BRO' GOT SPANKED

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THE CAREER of South Africa's top municipal official lies in tatters following the findings of the Hiemstra Commission into the Johannesburg city council's spy network.

Town clerk Manie Venter, 54, lives in a plush Houghton home owned by the council, reportedly worth R1-million. He earns an annual salary of R145 000. Sick and disillusioned, he has opted to take a year's leave — and then go into ignominious retirement. Beleguered Mr Venter revealed that he suffers from advanced Parkinson's disease — which could have ended his career even before his official retirement in three years' time

Mr Venter said yesterday "Some people say I got off lightly I don't agree for a second I had a certain status I wanted to go out one day in glory, with banners flying

"It's a terrible humiliation to have to leave office in this way"

The Hiemstra Commission found that Mr Venter — mentioned as one of the "Big Four" — was "not grossly negligent" but "should have been more critical over a period of four years"

Mr Venter said "Something which hurt terribly was a report that was written shortly after a news conference I held when the spying omb burst"

MANIE VENTER . . . Johannesburg's ailing town clerk beside the pool of his council home Picture: KOBUS BODENSTEIN



JOHN PEARCE . . . Mr Justice Hiemstra said the chief of security was 'grossly negligent'

"The report said I was so nervous my hands could not stop shaking. In fact, this was because of Parkinson's disease"

Before the report was made public on Thursday, Mr Venter discussed his "options" with management committee chairman Ian Davidson for over three hours on Wednesday night.

"If I had stayed on, I would have faced council charges. There would have been another commission or tribunal of sorts to testify to."

Leave

"I could not go through the trauma of another inquiry."

"I decided to take the year's leave I had accumulated in 37 years with the council and then retire."

"The council has not given me even one extra day's leave. I'll be staying in the council house till the end of my leave."

Mr Justice Hiemstra also found that between June 1985 and July 1989 the council's security department spied on the activities of about 20 organisations, including trade unions.

"The spying was unlawful."

It intruded on peoples' lives and this is contrary to the tenets of our present society," Mr Justice Hiemstra said.

Mr Justice Hiemstra was highly critical of Mr John Pearce, chief director of public safety, who "signed papers indiscriminately without even asking questions."

"We find that he was grossly negligent."

Other members of the Big Four have left the council.

● Of security director, Brigadier Jan Visser, who has retired, Mr Justice Hiemstra said, "He was a policeman and was only interested in getting more and more information."

"There were things like personal profiles that should have raised his ire, but he said nothing."

● Mr Frik Barnard, deputy director of operational services, who has resigned, "was full of suspicion about leftist bodies," Mr Justice Hiemstra said.

"In his enthusiasm he overstepped the limits of his mandate."

It became known yesterday that Mr Barnard has been appointed second-in-charge of the security department of the University of South Africa.

The judge found that Mr Venter knew about the infiltration of organisations, but had placed all his trust in the three senior officials below him.

"He was not kept informed of the details," Mr Justice Hiemstra found.

The judge found that former Johannesburg management committee chairman and council NP leader Danie van Zyl was instrumental in setting up the security department's information section.

He was the only councillor who was kept informed of its activities, Mr Hiemstra said.

Mr Van Zyl died of leukaemia in April last year.

On the rationale behind the "information gathering" network which ended in the biggest scandal in the city council's history, Mr Venter was unrepentant.

Caught

"The spy ring should be seen in the light of the times. In the mid-80s all indications were that forces were bent on making the country ungovernable."

"It was the general perception — even the State President said as much."

"Mr Van Zyl felt we had to plan things and not be caught with our pants down."

"To me it was obvious that to protect key council installations, people and property, money had to be paid to get information."

"Mr Justice Hiemstra agrees that if we had done what we were supposed to do, it would have been legal."

"I had no control over some of the things that were eventually done."

How was I to know when people went on a frolic of their own? You can't look over the shoulder of 20 departmental chiefs, 23 000 employers and check every cent in a R2-billion annual budget.

"But according to law I am the chief executive and accounting officer. Cowboys don't cry — I am the big brother who got spanked."

Mr Venter said he had a problem with Mr Justice Hiemstra's verdict that he "was not grossly negligent."

"I wanted to know whether he found me negligent or otherwise," he said.

Work

"It's so ambiguous that it was necessary for the council to get a legal opinion of what it really meant when I had my discussions with Mr Davidson."

Meanwhile, Mr Venter — who has houses in Johannesburg and Roodepoort and a flat in Uvongo — revealed the management committee had given him permission to act as a local government consultant while on leave.

"I think I still can still make a contribution to local government which is experiencing many problems right now," he said.

"There are lots of things I know that other people still have to learn."

● The cost of the council's information system had reached at least R1 831 135 by December 1989.

ANC claims Winnie was held by cops

OWN CORRESPONDENT
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JOHANNESBURG. — Mrs. Winnie Mandela was detained by police during a visit yesterday to violence-wracked Thokoza township, on the East Rand, the ANC claimed yesterday.

However, police were sharply divided on whether the ANC deputy president's wife had been arrested at all.

The ANC said Mrs Mandela was released from the Thokoza police station at 1.45pm after police found spent cartridges given to her by Phola Park squatters.

After initial Thokoza police denials that Mrs Mandela had been held a constable manning a roadblock near Phola Park said she had been briefly detained for questioning.

● UK press on Mrs Mandela — Page 2

Council is reviewing its policy on homes as offices

THE Johannesburg City Council is in the process of reviewing its regulation concerning people using their homes as offices and workplaces.

However, the council's current home/office laws would still be "strictly" applied, said the council's acting deputy director of planning Morag Gilbert.

Clause 29 of the Johannesburg Town Planning Scheme currently limits the amount of floor space that can be used for office purposes in homes to 20% of the total floorspace available.

The current regulations allow a home-owner to apply for permission to extend the amount of floorspace used from 20% to 25% and to apply for permission to employ two people.

According to a council survey, it was estimated that there were currently about 3 500 home offices in the Johannesburg municipal area, both legal and illegal, which constituted 3,8% of the city's total housing stock.

The survey found that about 90% of the home offices could be accommodated in terms of the existing regulations which make provision for the

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employment of two people at the home office on application

The new proposal would permit the employment of two people without application provided there was no negative effect on neighbourhood

The draft proposals would also allow other alternatives for Johannesburg residents to use home as offices, but people who wished to acquire these rights would have to apply to the council

Rezoning

The second category would allow the employment of more than two people which would be allowed if, among other things, a Site Development Plan was approved.

The third category would allow for the rezoning of residential houses

Gilbert said in this category council planners had in mind houses adjacent to shopping centres.

She said the proposals had been sent to residents' organisations, which in the past had been hostile to the idea

Responses had been received and

the council would decide finally on the proposals in the light of the comments received from the residents' associations.

In the motivation for the new policy, the town planning department pointed out "there is a problem of having little control over the type of home office activities which cannot be accommodated in terms of the current Clause 29 requirements".

It also said that SA could not rely on mineral exports as a stimulus to growth and there was therefore a need for "inward industrialisation" and the generation of informal activity of every kind

"This implies a great need for flexibility, freedom from constraints and positive action for nurturing growth wherever it occurs spontaneously"

The Johannesburg City Council is currently engaged in a court case against well known Johannesburg artist Braam Kruger, who allegedly used more than 20% of his Yeoville home for painting

Kruger and his wife Wimpie have pleaded not guilty to the charges in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court

Council to pay more for water

ENVIRONMENT and Water Affairs Minister Gert Kotze has announced a 3c/kl increase in the water levy paid by consumers to fund SA's part of the Lesotho Highlands Project

The levy on water from the Vaal River system will go up to 7c/kl from today, according to a statement from the Rand Water Board

Johannesburg city secretary Brian Mumford said the increase would push up the council's water bill by R3,3m to R81,8m this financial year. But ratepayers would not necessarily have to pay more as the council had allowed for the anticipated increase in its budget prepared in June this year.

The council charges domestic users 111,5c/kl and industrial consumers 189c/kl.

Municipalities and certain mines served by the Rand Water Board pay 55,75c/kl. Other "non-preferent" consumers pay

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The council's water and gas senior deputy director, Stan Verrier, said the municipality's 1990/91 estimates had provided for a 9c increase in the state levy.

Mumford said that because the water board tended to increase its tariffs quarterly, council had allowed for a 3c/kl increase in the levy every three months from October.

If the board did not raise the levy again in this financial year, ratepayers would benefit from the extra 6c/kl budgeted for levy increases.

This would help keep tariff increases down during the next financial year, he said.

In addition to the basic water tariff, which includes the Lesotho Highlands Water Project levy, all consumers pay a 1,15c/kl levy to the Water Research Fund.

SAP to quiz council officials on murder

Star 2/10/90 Staff Reporter (266)

Police have confirmed that certain Johannesburg City Council officials will be questioned in connection with the murder of Wits University academic David Webster.

The 19-month-old police investigation into Dr Webster's

murder would embrace the activities of certain council officials in the light of the Hiemstra Commission spy report, said police spokesman Lieutenant Leon Engelbrecht

Lieutenant Engelbrecht said this had been confirmed to him last night by Brigadier Floris

Mostert, who is leading the investigation.

Council officials allegedly compiled a detailed dossier on Dr Webster during their surveillance activities.

He was assassinated outside his Troyville, Johannesburg, home on May 1 last year

Council still to decide on Pearce

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Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council management committee has taken no decision yet on whether to suspend director of public safety John Pearce, who faces an internal disciplinary inquiry after the Hiemstra Commission found him grossly negligent.

An unscheduled management committee meeting took place yesterday to discuss the matter. Acting town clerk Graham Collins confirmed there were complications as the issue was a legal one.

"I am dealing with the matter, but no decision has been taken as yet on convening a special council meeting to discuss the suspension of Mr Pearce," Mr Collins said.

Mr Pearce left the meeting yesterday, saying "Bad luck I haven't been suspended."

He is facing council charges relating to alleged misconduct or negligence or dilatoriness in the performance of his duties.

Workers down tools in Alex

ABOUT 780 Alexandra municipality employees downed tools yesterday morning, starting a strike to protest against the Transvaal Provincial Administration's failure to do anything about alleged corruption, maladministration and nepotism in the local town council. The employees are all members of the National Union of Public Servants, (Nups) which has threatened to maintain the

strike until a judicial commission of inquiry is ordered to investigate alleged irregularities in the running of the Alexandra town council

Nups shop steward chairman Leslie Maguro said a TPA-initiated inquiry at the end of last year had revealed corruption in the affairs of the town council, but the provincial authority had

failed to act

The employees arrived at the municipal offices yesterday morning, but refused to start working. Pickets would be established and maintained every day until their demand for a judicial inquiry was met, Maguro said.

Nups was also demanding the immediate dismissal of Alexandra's

top officials, including the town clerk, town treasurer, personnel manager and the township's advisor to the Administrator

The TPA's assistant director of liaison services, Mr Jan Loubser, said yesterday the provincial authority was not aware of the strike and could therefore not comment - *Sapa*

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Pearce suspended pending outcome of inquiry

By Louise BURGERS, 266
Municipal Reporter



Suspended . . . Johannesburg's security chief, John Pearce.

Johannesburg's director of public safety, John Pearce, has been suspended pending the outcome of an internal disciplinary inquiry which begins today.

Last week the Hiemstra Commission found Mr Pearce to have been grossly negligent.

This is the first time in many years that a top official has faced a disciplinary hearing which could result in the loss of his job.

Acting town clerk Graham Collins took the decision to suspend Mr Pearce yesterday.

Because a town clerk can suspend an official for a limited

period only, a special city council meeting will be held at 1 pm tomorrow, to vote on a management committee recommendation that Mr Pearce be suspended until the inquiry is completed.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Mr Pearce had been suspended in terms of his conditions of service.

He said Mr Collins had reported to the management committee on his discussions with Mr Pearce.

Mr Pearce is facing accusations of misconduct or negligence or dilatoriness in the performance of his duties. He has indicated he will fight the allegations.

● Transvaal Municipal Association

president, Johan van der Merwe, yesterday paid tribute to Johannesburg's town clerk, Manie Venter, who chose to take long leave pending retirement after the Hiemstra Commission findings.

Mr van der Merwe said Mr Venter paid a high price and it reflects on the whole system of local government in South Africa. His role as town clerk and in the TMA must be seen in perspective. We have great appreciation for his role in the TMA.

Mr van der Merwe said a single incident should not be seen in isolation.

"Mr Venter was in control of such a large organisation."

Council rent move backfires

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By SY MAKARINGE

THE Diepmeadow Council's attempt to recover rent arrears when it hired a firm of attorneys backfired after it was slapped with a R2-million bill in legal fees.

The cash-strapped council hired Scholtz and Botha Attorneys in July this year to collect more than R37-million owed by Diepmeadow residents. This was after several black local authorities had been warned by the Transvaal Provincial Administration that essential ser-

vices would be discontinued if they failed to collect rents.

The firm sent several letters of demand to residents in July warning them to pay their arrears or risk being taken to court. The impression given at the time was that the council would not incur any legal costs as these would be borne by the residents.

But the plan to take the residents to court was halted when the Diepmeadow Civic Association intervened on behalf of the residents.

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CP criticised for 'unacceptable moves'

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Own Correspondent

Transvaal Acting Administrator Willie Hoods said yesterday provincial authorities would take up unacceptable moves by CP-run town councils to outflank the imminent end of the Separate Amenities Act.

"It is contrary to the whole reformation process," he said in response to a report that many CP-dominated councils were rushing through new measures aimed at keeping municipal facilities exclusively for white use.

Dr Hoods said the Transvaal's Executive Committee would discuss the matter at its next meeting, and consult central Government as well.

NP sources said applications to court were in the offing to test the validity and legality of retaining racial segregation at public amenities. One of the first may be a Supreme Court hearing involving Springs Town Council's closure of two swimming pools.

It is understood documents

are presently being drawn up to challenge the disuse of the public pools, which has apparently deprived two white primary schools of their swimming facilities.

Other moves calculated to thwart the ending of amenities discrimination on October 15 include the charging of exorbitant non-refundable library membership fees. In Bethal membership for non-residents will cost R500 annually.

Restricted

Other councils, like Sasolburg, are to restrict their swimming pools and resorts to season ticket-holders. Only residents within the town's municipal jurisdiction will qualify for season tickets.

Ermelo's MP, Moolman Mentz (CP), said any person of colour wanting to use local facilities would be referred to the Provincial Administrator.

Throughout the platteland in the past few weeks, fiery public meetings have been held under the auspices of the CP to discuss the scrapping of the Act.

In most Transvaal platteland towns, nearly all public amenities are still segregated.

At Ermelo's public meeting, according to a CP MP, not one person voted for the opening of the town's amenities. In Bethal, a referendum was held among ratepayers. Of the 700 who voted, 60 opted for integration.

In Middelburg last Thursday, only eight out of about 500 residents said they were in favour of sharing the town's public facilities. A local minister and representative of industry were repeatedly jeered and shouted down when they spoke in favour of opening the town's "public" amenities.

The CP's Transvaal municipal committee chairman Pikkie Coetzee said the meetings showed that white ratepayers were upset with the decision to scrap the Act.

"The Government has no mandate to open up our facilities. White local authorities built these resorts, pools and playing fields with ratepayers' money. They're ours." Political Staff and Own Correspondent

Joburg town clerk suspends John Pearce



PEARCE

JOHANNESBURG City Council public safety and traffic director John Pearce, whom the Hemstra Commission found to be "grossly negligent", was suspended yesterday and his disciplinary inquiry is set to begin today. The commission found that Pearce was one of four council officials responsible for using more than R1.8m of ratepayers' money to run a spy network. Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the inquiry would be chaired by advocate Chris Plewman SC. Davidson said Pearce would be immediately relieved of his duties.

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The council's NP leader Jan Burger said Pearce would continue drawing his salary and receiving his usual council benefits. Burger said Pearce should be regarded as innocent until proven guilty. Davidson said the decision to suspend Pearce was taken yesterday morning by the acting town clerk, Graham Collins. Davidson said Collins had interviewed Pearce yesterday morning and had asked if he had reasons why he should not be suspended. After consideration he had decided to

proceed with the suspension. This decision was subsequently confirmed by the management committee. This procedure was followed because Pearce's union, the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association, had argued that the committee did not have the legal capacity to suspend Pearce. The union was one of the organisations spied on by the council's monitoring committee. Union president Louisa Koffler said: "It is not up to the council to make moral judgments about the actions of its members."

Alex council denies claims by strikers

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ALLEGATIONS of corruption, unfair labour practice, nepotism and non-payment of pay increases have been made against Alexandra Town Council by council employees who went on strike this weekend.

Mr Leslie Magoro, chairman of the shop stewards at the council, said yesterday a TPA inquiry into alleged corruption at the council had been initiated last December and was completed in May 1990.

Magoro claimed that the report, which is still unpublished, contained several reports of maladministration practices by the council. He said the TPA had not yet acted on the contents of the report.

Alexandra council's acting town clerk, Mr Willie Khumalo, denied that the report contained reports of maladministration and said the report contained only "calculation and administrative errors".

Khumalo said he could not comment on the allegations of nepotism and unfair labour practices.

He said the council had no viable tax base and even 100 percent payment of rentals could not help the council to pay the increase of salaries and wages.

The council, Khumalo said, has asked the TPA to intervene and provide bridging finance.

However, the assistant director of TPA's liaison

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Mr S Shai, town treasurer
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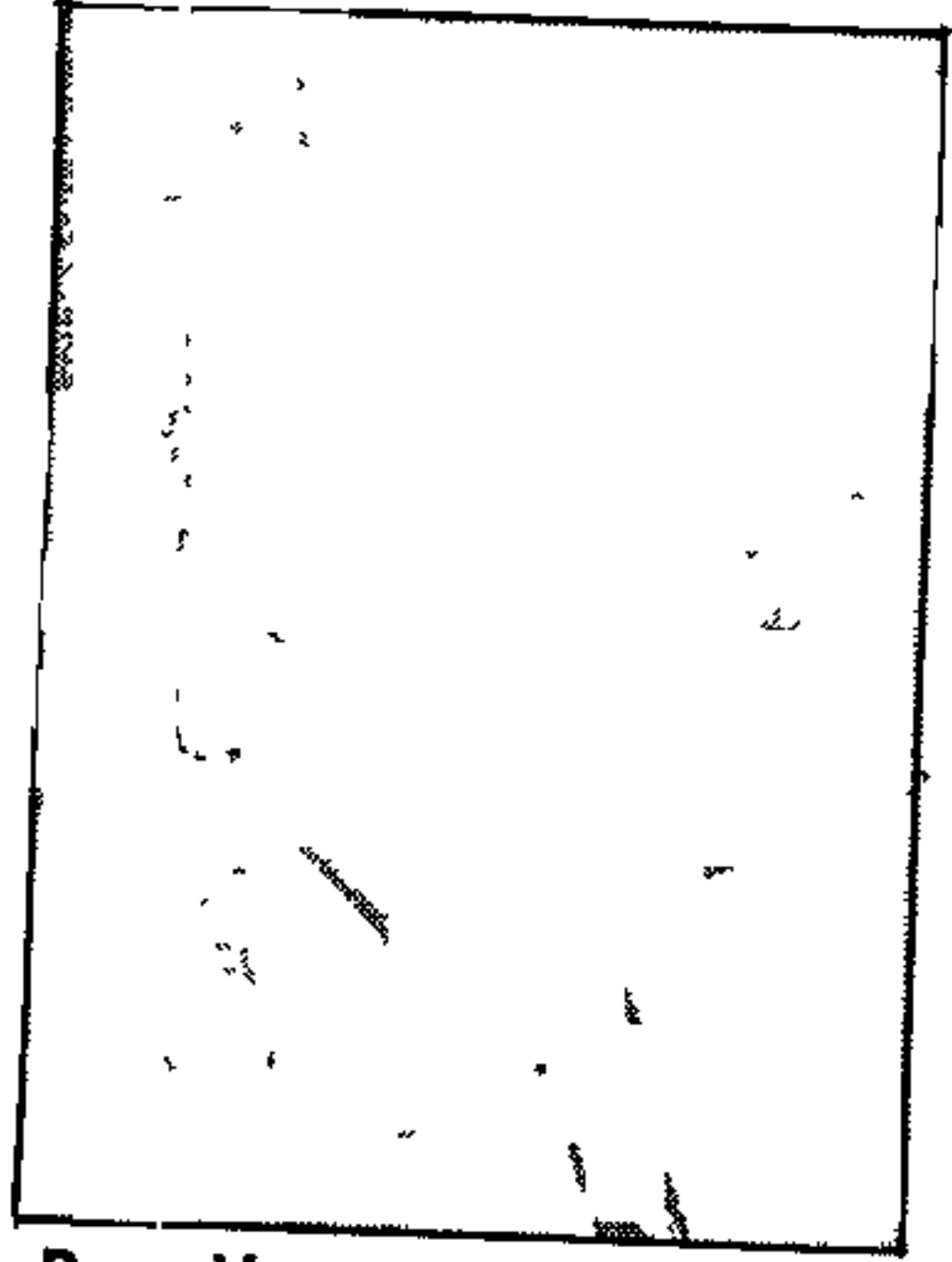
services, Mr Jan Loubser, said the council should "sort it out" as it was a matter relating to its personnel.

The workers demanded the dismissal of the personnel manager,

City councillor 'enjoying' jail spell

5/10/90

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter



Dave Verster . . . "as good a place as any".

Johannesburg city councillor Dave Verster professes to be enjoying his enforced absence from the municipal scene

He is having a relaxing time in his temporary home — Diepkloof Prison — and is even learning to cook

In a conversation with visitors, Mr Verster said life at Diepkloof Prison in Johannesburg was an escape from the "mad world"

"It's nice to be here

"The solitude is refreshing after the pace of life outside

"I am making friends, I work in the kitchens, read, draw We are allowed to make our own coffee

"It's like a holiday — they do call it Sun City.

"I get plenty of exercise and the authorities are very good," said Mr Verster

He said he had decided to grow a beard because he had run out of his type of razor-blade

He may also write a book if he remains incarcerated until Christmas

"I can weather this, I've weathered worse storms"

Mr Verster was jailed for 90 days for contempt of court after failing to comply with a judgment ordering him to pay a debt of R8 000

"I decided to come to jail — it was my own choice

"There are things that need sorting out in court and I will wait until then

"I am quite prepared to stay here

"I am enjoying it, it's a nice place, not like a prison at all

"If you want to get away from Civvie Street, this is as good a place as any," he said cheerfully

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his R145 000/year council salary Estate agents estimate the rental of the house would be at least R5 000 a month and the market value is estimated by the council at around R630 000 Venter was found by Justice Victor Hiemstra to have authorised more than 60 payments for spies under an Act which did not exist Evidence of these transactions were kept locked in the clerk's safe

Ian Davidson, DP councillor and management committee chairman, says the costs to the council — and ratepayer — work out at far less than if the council had instituted legal action against Venter "Even if he had been fired — and labour law ramifications would have made that problematic — he would have had to be paid all monies owing to him One thing the press fail to appreciate is that it is almost impossible to get rid of a town clerk, who is appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal" (266)

The committee believes it will be in the council's and ratepayers' interests to negotiate his departure No comment was forthcoming from the Transvaal Provincial Administration as to what measures, if any, they intend to take against Venter

Davidson says the procedure to dismiss a town clerk is ill-defined and the council will be reviewing the regulations

The council is now engaged in a tussle with the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association (JMEA), of which Johannesburg Traffic & Security chief John Pearce is a member The commission said of Pearce. "One of the cornerstones of democracy is accountability and it is on the issue of accountability that Pearce stands accused"

Pearce and Venter were part of a group of four which oversaw spying on a wide number of anti-apartheid individuals and organisations — a practice the Hiemstra report condemned The other two members of the group were Brig Jan Visser, since retired, and Frik Barnard, who is to assume a new position in the Unisa security department

The FM has it on reliable authority that the council moved to suspend Pearce on Monday with a view to laying internal disciplinary charges against him They were apparently blocked by the JMEA It contended that the council did not have locus standi, that the town clerk was the only person who could suspend him, and that any moves by the council against Pearce would result in Industrial Court action

The monitoring section of the security department has been closed down, moves have been taken to decentralise security, as well as open security operations to councillors' scrutiny Davidson says the council will take further steps to prevent abuses and negligence of the type documented by Hiem-

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry cost the Johannesburg City Council over R369 000 in legal fees And the ratepayers, who forked out at least R1,8m for the illegal spying activities that led to the commission, will continue to fork out (266)

Town clerk Manie Venter has taken leave until his retirement in September next year Until then, he stays in a luxury council house in Houghton — for which he pays no rent, light, water or maintenance — and receives

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The judge wrote "The ratepayers and citizens of Johannesburg are entitled to receive value for money They demand accountability from their local authority, which enjoys a monopolistic advantage in many spheres" However, it seems the ratepayers and citizens of Johannesburg will continue to foot the bill for a sordid period in council history

Davidson says the DP-led committee has moved to open doors since they came into power Whether it is prepared to deal boldly with what it finds behind those doors is another matter

Charlene Smith

Soweto rent payments pour in after accord

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THEO RAWANA

SOWETO residents are queuing at municipal offices to pay their rent and service accounts in the wake of the Greater Soweto Accord, which wrote off R515m in arrears. *Bl Day 5/10/90*

Amounts collected over the past month have risen by between 145% and 917%, according to township administrators

The accord, signed by the TPA, the three Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) on September 24, marked the end of a five-year-old rent boycott

The Soweto City Council released figures on payments yesterday:

□ One township that had collected R12 778 on September 1 collected R31 257 on October 1 — an increase of R145%,

□ Another received R3 438 on September 1 and increased its takings by 535% on October 1 to R21 834,

□ The R22 322 collected in one township on October 1 was a 202% increase on the R7 398 collected on September 1, and

□ In another township the R26 758 received on October 1 was 917% above the R2 631 collected on September 1

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said he was heartened by the way residents had responded

"The deal with the TPA was reached after long, tough negotiations and the chances of any write-off of arrears after this are remote," he said

Diepmeadow mayor Moses Khumalo said the response of residents was "nothing short of fantastic"

The two townships of Meadowlands and Diepkloof, which had been hit by a near-total boycott, had had a phenomenal turnout of residents who had come to pay since the accord was signed

Although he had no comparable figures readily available, Khumalo said "Last Saturday, which was half a day, the Diepkloof office collected R60 000, while Meadowlands had R38 000. Meadowlands collected R58 000 on Monday and the trend has been followed in the past two days"

Magnus denies Mandela's claims on violence

PRETORIA — ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela was evading the truth when he claimed security forces were behind the recent township violence, Defence Minister Magnus Malan said in a statement last night.

He said Mandela was trying to shift the blame from where it belonged. Mandela, he said, was clearly grasping at straws to take the spotlight off the ANC as it was apparently incapable of controlling its own people.

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Malan was responding to Mandela's recent statement that the CCB, Military Intelligence and agents were being used "to fan the flames of violence".

Malan said Mandela had already blamed Inkatha for the violence, then the SAP and SADF and then a so-called "hidden hand" or third force.

"If the situation was not so serious

GERALD REILLY

it would be laughable"

Our Durban correspondent reports that Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday disputed Mandela's claims that the measures introduced under Operation Iron Fist, to restore law and order in Reef townships, were ineffective and unpopular.

Vlok said in spite of these claims by Mandela and other organisations, there had been a dramatic decrease in violence since the introduction of curfews on September 25.

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Council meets on Pearce's suspension

COUNCILLORS will discuss Johannesburg public safety director John Pearce's suspension at a special meeting today.

Found by the Hiemstra Commission to have been "grossly negligent" for his part in the council's illegal spying activities, he was suspended this week pending the outcome of a disciplinary inquiry.

Because the suspension is for more than 10 days, council will be asked to ratify the suspension decision made by acting town clerk Graham Collins and confirmed by

TANIA LEVY

the management committee

The hearing would not begin before December, said Pearce's representative Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association general secretary Theo Crause.

Johannesburg advocate Chris Plewman SC will preside over the inquiry and senior city secretariat advocate Rhett Gardiner will present the council's case.

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Secret unit is unmasked but it's 'different'

THE SA Defence Force quietly operates a squad for professional people called the Military Civil Co-operation Unit (MCCU) — but it has no connection with the notorious Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

Colonel Ters Oosthuizen (60), commanding officer of the MCCU, yesterday confirmed that the two units had been confused because of the similarity in name.

But he gave the assurance that the MCCU had nothing to do with Colonel Joe Verster's CCB — an alleged death squad.

Colonel Oosthuizen's unit — a citizen force operation — recruits its members from professional ranks. Its 100-strong force includes architects, doctors, businessmen, lawyers, accountants and senior police officers. "We recruit very carefully and look for expertise."

He disclosed the existence of the unit in response to reports that it was part of a clandestine intelligence-gathering operation.

Sources told the Saturday Star that the MCCU, which was officially launched in March 1986, was a secretive and sensitive unit that was commonly referred to as the CCB by people at Witwatersrand Command in Johannesburg, where the MCCU has a base.

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and KITT KATZIN**

They said the MCCU, along with the CCB, was being disbanded and piles of documents and files had been removed from its glass-fronted office, which is staffed at Wits Command by a woman secretary. But this was denied by Colonel Oosthuizen.

Others say the unit infrequently holds big, secret meetings and is thought to be a spy unit.

Secrecy

But Colonel Oosthuizen dismissed the speculation, saying that the MCCU had no intelligence gathering capacity. "No one I know is a member of the CCB."

On the allegation of secrecy, he said this perception was brought about because the unit's work was so different.

The colonel, an advocate, has been a Citizen Force member since 1948 and was at one point second in command of Operation Savannah — the SADF's thrust into Angola in 1974.

The MCCU was born out of that experience, Colonel Oosthuizen recalled. "We had been diluting our efforts to care for the local population."

After that experience, Colonel

Oosthuizen had been asked to establish the unit, which falls under the command of the Chief of the Army, General George Meiring.

The unit was formed to assist communities after cross-border incursions and to be employed at home in times of civil unrest or after natural disasters.

Citing an example, Colonel Oosthuizen said an MCCU task force was put to good use in helping to restore the day-to-day running of Alexandra in the early 1980s when the black township's infrastructure collapsed.

In helping to uplift the locals, the MCCU arranged house loans from building societies and gave some residents a basic training in certain skills.

"We don't take over, our job is simply to assist the local community," he said.

"We are a think-tank with a problem-solving role."

The MCCU, with an SADF budget of R40 000, has offices in Pretoria — the official headquarters — Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban and Johannesburg.

Among the other known members of the unit are Johannesburg advocates Hans Bornman and Lotter Wepener, who were on opposite sides of the legal fence during the Hiemstra Commission, which investigated the Johannesburg City Council spy ring.

Pearce: DP tactics

Boycott stymies council meeting on suspension

LOUISE BURGERS
Municipal Reporter

A SPECIAL Johannesburg City Council meeting to discuss the suspension of public safety director John Pearce was abandoned yesterday when some councillors boycotted it to prevent the National Party from opposing the suspension.

A clear split between the more conservative and more liberal NP councillors emerged regarding Mr Pearce's suspension.

Democratic Party councillors refused to enter the council chamber, and as there was no quorum, Deputy Mayor Elliot Kretzmer was forced to adjourn the meeting.

Mr Pearce, a key figure in the municipal spy scandal, has been charged with misconduct by the council after the Hiemstra Commission found him to have been grossly negligent.

On Wednesday, the joint DP/NP management committee was unanimous in endorsing the decision by acting town clerk Graham Collins to suspend Mr Pearce.

Shortly before the meeting was due to begin yesterday, the more conservative faction in the NP decided, in the absence of key members, to oppose a management committee recommendation that the suspension of Mr Pearce on full pay be ratified pending the outcome of the disciplinary inquiry.



JOHN PEARCE: Suspended for 10 days.

Mr Pearce remains suspended for 10 working days in terms of the town clerk's decision, but management felt it needed the council's approval to suspend him for longer. The council inquiry into Mr Pearce's alleged misconduct is only expected to get under way next year.

"The DP knew it would lose the motion if the meeting went ahead," said the Conservative Party's leader in the council, Jacques Theron. "We, the NP and several independents were going to oppose them. They did it to save face. This is the first crack in the NP/DP coalition."

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson, who admitted instructing colleagues to leave the council chamber so there would be no quorum, said this was done in the interests of the council.

"If our motion was lost, it would have been a bluff of

the unanimous opinion of the management committee and of the acting town clerk to suspend Mr Pearce. There was clearly a schism in the NP over this issue," he said.

According to a council ordinance, the city council has to ratify a decision by the town clerk to suspend an official for longer than 10 days, but in terms of his conditions of service, Mr Pearce can be suspended indefinitely by the management committee or the town clerk.

Mr Davidson said the issue was a legal minefield and he would seek clarification from legal counsel. It was possible another special council meeting would be called.

A former NP councillor-turned independent, Cecil Long, said the onus was on the DP to ensure a quorum was present.

"They are shirking their duty by staying away. It is despicable on their part, they are not capable of ruling the city. They are cowards," Mr Long said.

Eddie Venter (NP) said the decision to oppose the suspension was taken because it was unfair to suspend a person for three months before the inquiry. He said he was not "a rubber stamp for the management committee."

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DP refuses to vote out councillor

JOHANNESBURG. — The row surrounding Johannesburg City Council's traffic chief Mr John Pearce took a bizarre turn yesterday

Moves to cement the suspension of Mr Pearce backfired when members of the ruling Democratic Party refused to enter the council chamber to vote on the issue at a special council meeting called for that very purpose

Opposition councillors shouted "cowards, cowards" when the DP members, despite being present in the Civic Centre building, failed to enter the chamber to vote on the DP-initiated motion to lengthen the period of suspension imposed by the acting town clerk on Mr Pearce

Independent city councillor Mr Cecil Long said the apparent explanation for the DP's behaviour was that the National Party caucus on the council had rallied behind Mr Pearce and had decided not to support the DP-controlled management committee call to suspend him

This loss of support, coupled with the absence of several DP councillors,

including Mr Dave Verster who is serving a jail sentence for contempt of court, would have resulted in the motion being overturned

The DP members had then "pulled out", thereby upsetting the council's quorum, rather than face defeat, Mr Long said

Mr Pearce, the city council's director of traffic and public safety, was temporarily suspended on Wednesday because of his role in the establishment and running a spy network which operated out of the council security department

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry which investigated the spy network found that Mr Pearce had been "grossly negligent"

Yesterday's council meeting was called because the acting town clerk's power to act against Mr Pearce was limited to a 10-day suspension. The council's approval was required to suspend him for the longer duration of an internal disciplinary hearing

However, Mr Pearce appears to have won the support of the NP, so warding off the suspension. He will still face the disciplinary hearing — Sapa

Wanted: Town Clerk for S A's

biggest city. Qualifications: (266)

Must be more critical of spying

activities. Benefits: A secure *SI Times 7/10/90*

house in Houghton and a salary

nearly as big as the president's

By MARK STANSFIELD
SOUTH AFRICA'S top municipal post — Town Clerk of Johannesburg — is up for grabs.

And with it goes a salary and perks almost equal to those of President F W de Klerk

The President earns R165 477 a year Johannesburg's town clerk can expect R145 000 Both men live in luxurious houses without the common man's bane of rent and utility charges

The town clerk's million-rand Houghton mansion saves the incumbent R60 000 a year in rent and R10 000 in utility charges and rates

President De Klerk does receive a R38 919 allowance, which the Johannesburg city council doesn't match, but there's a R25 000 council entertainment budget the town clerk can draw on — within reasonable bounds, of course

Inquiry

Another substantial perk for the town clerk is a R116 000 car loan

And the council pays him Automobile Association rates for wear-and-tear and running costs

The post becomes available only in September next year

The findings of the Hiemstra Commission into the council's spy ring ignominiously forced present town clerk Manie Venter to take a



MANIE VENTER ... in front of the council mansion he will have vacate Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

year's leave before he retires earlier than expected

Deputy town clerk Graham Collins will be in the hot seat until then

The Hiemstra Commission

found Mr Venter was "not grossly negligent" but should have been "more critical" over a period of four years

Negotiations with the Johannesburg council ended

with Mr Venter agreeing to retire rather than face council charges

But the man who steps into his shoes and takes over one of South Africa's top municipal jobs will be required to jump some pretty stringent hurdles, according to a spokesman for the Town Clerks' Board, which oversees the appointment

A spokesman for the board this week disclosed that, as a Grade 15 municipal employee, Johannesburg's town clerk must have a Bachelor's degree

Sad

He must also belong to a professional institute or society, such as the Institute of Town Clerks or the Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, and have at least 10 years' relevant experience

"Those are the basic requirements," the spokesman said

A sad Mr Venter confirmed he would have to vacate his Houghton mansion

"I am allowed to stay here for another year while I'm on leave, but after that I guess I'll have to make way so the new man can move in. The house is the official residence of the town clerk"

On the other perks of the job, he said "I had to entertain some pretty important overseas guests and this money was allocated in the council budget, but the amount spent annually was nowhere near the R25 000 alleged in some newspapers"

Laughable

"That figure was the council's entire entertainment budget, from which I was allowed to draw"

According to the spokesman for the Town Clerks' Board, the "entertainment allowance" stipulated by the board is a "laughable" R1 000 a year

"The council allocates an entertainment budget in excess of this to the relevant town clerk, but this is entirely at its discretion," he said

A council spokesman said applications for the job would be called for soon

"But there are not too many people in South Africa who have the qualifications," he said.

Rifts split city council

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By MARION DUNCAN

TURMOIL has returned to the Johannesburg City Council, where party politicking has once again taken precedence over municipal affairs.

Serious rifts in both the NP and the DP spilled into the open this week at the special meeting called to ratify the suspension of director of public safety John Pearce by acting town clerk Graham Collins.

Only a dramatic move by management committee chairman and DP leader Ian Davidson — who ordered his members not to enter the chamber and even sent out DP councillor Ray Graham to prevent a quorum — stopped a crushing defeat for his party.

Exacerbating the situation are attempts to pull together the nine independent councillors into a *de facto* party that would control the

balance of power.

Problems with certain DP councillors — such as the imprisoned Dave Verster (now suspended from the caucus) and Deon van Greunen (who has been accused of living and working outside Johannesburg) — also raise the spectre of possible by-elections in the near future.

The simmering situation, which could result in a major realignment and the DP's loss of management committee control, bubbled to the surface at Friday's special meeting.

Afterwards, Mr Davidson admitted it had been "a bad time".

"Shortly before the meeting, I was informed by Councillor Jan Burger that the conservative element of the NP had taken advantage of the

absence of the pro-coalition councillors and decided to oppose the motion.

"This would have been a direct over-rule of the NP members on the management committee, who had voted with the DP in a unanimous ratification of the acting town clerk's decision to suspend Mr Pearce."

His actions also highlight the fact that there is a split in his own party.

Tempers

This was obliquely confirmed later by NP Councillor Kevin Wearing, who said he had been approached by a couple of members of the DP, "uneasy at their party's stance."

"They said it was not right to suspend a council official like Mr Pearce, who has not been found guilty of any offence. They thought

politics was taking precedence over council responsibilities."

Mr Wearing added that DP members were "political footballs rather than councillors".

Tempers are running high, and there are rumours of both NP and DP councillors crossing the floor if matters remain unsettled.

Mr Pearce is on his farm near Mabula Lodge, and the question of his suspension is being referred to Senior Counsel for opinion.

A disparity between the council's conditions of service and the municipal ordinances makes it unclear as to who is entitled to suspend a head of department and for how long.

At the moment, Mr Pearce is suspended for at least 10 days.

Anything longer than that will be decided after legal advice. See Page 8

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Manie Venter at home . . . considering steps following the release of the Hiemstra Commission report. "I want my name cleared," he says. ● Picture by Karen Fletcher.

Union to decide on Pearce's fate

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The Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA) will meet next week to decide whether to appeal against the suspension of public safety director John Pearce

JMEA general secretary Theo Crouse said the union understood that Mr Pearce had been suspended pending the outcome of the disciplinary inquiry, which is expected to start early next year

The union contended from

the start that it was only necessary for acting town clerk Graham Collins to take the decision to suspend or not and that the matter did not have to be ratified by council.

Legal advice

The Johannesburg management committee is still taking legal advice on the exact position, because of the conflicting terms of the conditions of service and the relevant council ordinance which deals with the

suspension of senior officials

Mr Crouse said. "According to the conditions of service, a head of department may be suspended with full pay.

"But any suspension can be withdrawn at any time without prejudice to the proceedings in connection with the charge

"The acting town clerk acted within his powers in suspending Mr Pearce, but that suspension can be lifted at any time

"We will decide next week on further action"

I did nothing wrong, says Manie Venter

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter has vowed to clear his name following the release of the Hiemstra Commission findings and his untimely departure from the Johannesburg City Council.

"I haven't reached the end of the road yet and one day I will be vindicated," he told The Star yesterday.

"I will have the opportunity to prove that what I did was legal and within what I considered to be the council ambit. I want my name cleared and I am considering my position with regards the Hiemstra report," he said.

He refused to elaborate on the steps he was considering.

Judge V G Hiemstra found that Mr Venter had authorised more than 60 payments for spies under an Act that did not exist, but which he thought pro-

vided for the safeguarding of assets.

The commission found that Mr Venter knew of the infiltration of organisations, although he was not apparently kept informed by officials operating the spy network.

But the judge found Mr Venter was not grossly negligent, because he was entitled to rely on his senior officials. However, over a period of four years, he should have been more critical.

Terrible

In a frank interview, Mr Venter, who has decided to take long leave before his retirement in September next year, said he felt he did nothing wrong.

"I acted on orders from the council. But, if you're not wanted, there's no sense in staying," he said.

"It's a terrible thing when one has had a career of 37

years and reached the two top positions available in local government to be branded because of certain things. Even if I must say so myself, I was highly regarded in local-government circles.

"I think that in my career I have saved the council millions of rands and I don't accept responsibility for the amount quoted in Hiemstra. It hurts me to think they blame me for the R1,8 million."

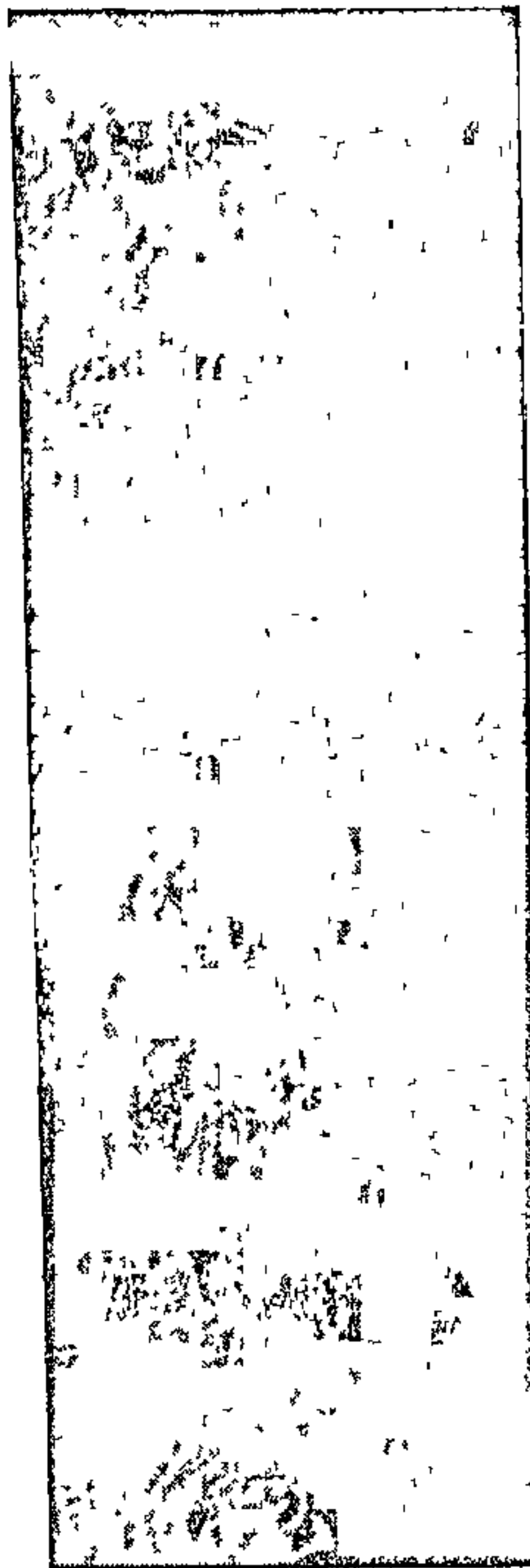
Mr Venter said there were many misconceptions surrounding his role in the spy scandal.

"I have served the city at a price — my health, my family. And now all the efforts and sacrifices my family and I have made are forgotten."

He joined the Johannesburg City Council in 1954 at the age of 17. After completing a B Comm degree part-time, he was promoted to the treasury department. He was appointed city treasurer in 1981.



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Blacks aim to wreck local govt

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

Civic associations in the Transvaal are to organise campaigns to bring about the collapse of the (black) local government system, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) said yesterday

CAST, formed last month as an umbrella for 38 civic associations, announced at a press conference in Johannesburg that "mass grassroots struggles and campaigns would be intensified" to force the resignation of councillors and the adoption of a new non-racial municipal dispensation

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said civic associations would determine the nature of protest actions within the next few weeks

CAST announced several decisions which had been taken at a one-day meeting in Johannesburg on Sunday. These included

- Racial local government structures should be disbanded and replaced with a system of single tax-bases in townships and cities
- One person, one vote elections for non-racial municipalities

'Written off'

- All service charge arrears must be written off and houses should be transferred to "those who had paid for them"
- CAST would establish community trust funds to contribute towards the building of new houses
- CAST would campaign for the conversion of hostels into family units and the development of shacks into formal housing

Mr Mayekiso said "People are angry with the State for undermining their organisations and are committed to intensifying the struggle"

CAST said yesterday guidelines on negotiations between civic associations and provincial authorities would soon be drawn up to ensure that "weaker civics" were not pressured into signing unfavourable agreements to end rent boycotts

These guidelines would ensure uniformity in agreements reached through negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and about 30 civic associations, the organisation said

Coetzee gives evidence at UK hearing

LONDON — A detailed description of the office and home of SAP forensics chief Lt Gen Lothar Neethling, and details of how he allegedly provided poison to kill anti-government activists, were led in evidence at a special hearing in London yesterday.

Alleged former police hit squad leader Dirk Coetzee was giving evidence at the start of Neethling's R1.5m defamation and damages suit against the editors and publishers of Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail

Defending

The newspapers are defending their publication of allegations by the former security force police captain that he obtained "knock-out" drops and poison from Neethling

Coetzee said it was intended to kill activists and ANC members in 1981, when he was in charge of the alleged Vlakplaas death squad camp near Pretoria.

The civil action is linked to the inquiry into hit squads by the Harms Commission, before which Neethling denied Coetzee's claims, suggesting Coetzee might have seen his office and home during the course of his duties while he was posted to the police narcotics bureau, Sanab

The Rand Supreme Court, which is to begin hearings on November 12, gave permission for evidence to be heard in London from Coetzee, who is now in exile. — Sapa.

No end yet in sight to township rent boycotts

WILSON ZWANE and
TIM COHEN

RENT and service payments in Transvaal townships improved in September, but there was still no indication that the payments boycott had been broken, TPA official Liesl Vermeulen said yesterday.

Residents of 57 Transvaal townships are refusing to pay rent and services charges. Of these, 26 owe Eskom R70m in electricity arrears

Meanwhile a body representing southern Transvaal township civic organisations yesterday reiterated a call for the rent boycott to continue until the authorities had met its demands

A conference of 30 civic organisations, organised by the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast), unanimously resolved to co-ordinate "mass activity" within the next three weeks to demand the scrapping of rent arrears and abolition of racially based local authorities.

At a Press conference yesterday, Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the envisaged mass activity would include protest marches and mass meetings.

Vermeulen said in a statement that payments improved last month after agreements had been reached in Greater Soweto, eastern Transvaal and the East Rand townships of Daveyton and KwaThema

"However that is no indication that the boycott has been broken as yet, as only two regions (eastern Transvaal and far northern Transvaal) had payments of over 50% "

It was the TPA's view that any township that did not maintain a payment percentage of 80% was engaged in a rent and services boycott, she said

Talks on how to resolve the boycott were under way, but were not going well in some affected townships such as Atteridgeville and Zithobeni, Vermeulen said.

She added that Mamelodi and Atteridgeville faced power cuts unless electricity payments were made to the Pretoria City Council by Friday

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said Eskom would not consider writing off any of the R70m electricity arrears as it still hoped to recoup them.

He said Eskom had a strategy to achieve this.

Rand Water Board PRO Louise Fourie said the board would not discontinue or reduce any water supplies before exhausting all legal remedies.

The Cast conference also rejected flat rates for township services

Instead, the TPA would be given a specific period to repair or install working meters and charge affordable rates

Cast intended requesting urgent meetings with Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the TPA to discuss guidelines for negotiations between provincial bodies and civic organisations, said Mayekiso.

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Maguire fears for life after being freed

BULAWAYO — The Zimbabwean government has unconditionally released Rory Burt Maguire, 39, who two years ago was jailed for failing to report the presence of SA agents and of assisting them in carrying out sabotage.

Maguire — who prison sources said was freed about two months ago — told Ziana national news agency on Monday he was afraid for his life.

He was jailed for seven years on July 14

1988 for withholding information from authorities about the fatal bomb attack on January 11 1988, at a house in Trenance suburb, Bulawayo, which resulted in Obert Mwanza being killed and a number of SA refugees being injured

It is not clear whether Maguire's release was in terms of the presidential amnesty proclaimed last July, when President Robert Mugabe pardoned a wide range of criminals. — Sapa.

Detained Star 10/10/90 (266) councillor

to resign

By Celeste Louw
and Louise Burgers

Jailed Johannesburg Democratic Party councillor Dave Verster announced his resignation from the council yesterday with effect from the end of November.

A by-election in ward 42 (Regents Park/City Deep) will probably be held early next year

Mr Verster, who is currently in detention for 90 days in Diepkloof prison for refusing to pay a civil debt of R8 000, stood for the National Party in 1988. He crossed the floor to the DP last year.

The DP did not contest the ward in 1988 as the south of Johannesburg was traditionally NP.

Announcing his resignation, Mr Verster said he had no desire to continue fighting the NP "about their stupid court case". He would fight them on principle.

One of the reasons for his resignation was the by-law which prevented him from skipping more than two council meetings.

"I have given my best to the city, achieved my goals for nature and urban conservation. I now wish to concentrate on my private life.

"I want to settle into conservation and extra-parliamentary activities — for example, the ANC and community work," he said in a statement to The Star.

Mr Verster appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with fraud.

According to the charge sheet, Mr Verster pretended to raise funds for the NP during the 1988 municipal elections and had obtained R3 000 fraudulently.

It was also alleged that Mr Verster offered a cheque for R3 000 to councillor Sheila Camerer.

He was not asked to plead and was granted bail of R1 000 in the fraud case. The case was postponed to November 2.

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Plan to topple local govt

CIVIC associations in the Transvaal are to organise stayaways, boycotts and protest marches in a bid to bring about the collapse of the local government system.

This was announced by the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) this week

The organisation, which was formed last month as an umbrella body for 38 civic associations, announced at a Press conference in Johannesburg that "mass grassroots struggles and campaigns will be intensified to force the resignation of councillors and the adoption of a new non-racial municipal dispensation"

Protest actions

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said civic associations would determine the nature of protest actions which would take place within the next few weeks

Cast announced several decisions which had been taken at a one-day meeting in Johannesburg

These included

*Racial local government structures should be disbanded and replaced with a system of single tax-bases in townships and cities.

*One person, one vote municipal elections for non-racial municipalities

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Family units

*All service charge arrears must be written off and houses should be transferred to "those who had paid for them"

*Cast would establish community trust funds to contribute towards the building of new houses

*All development schemes by the private and public sectors should involve community participation

*Cast would campaign for the conversion of hostels into family units and the development of shacks into formal housing

Township violence

Asked whether residents could be mobilised into mass action in view of the recent spate of township violence and continuing negotiations on national level,

Mr Mayekiso said

"The militancy of the people is still there. The violence has not hampered mass action. Instead, people are angry with the State for undermining their organisations and are committed to intensifying the struggle"

Katlehong rent talks

NEGOTIATIONS between representatives of the Katlehong Civic Association, Eskom, Katlehong City Council and Transvaal Provincial Administration resume today in a bid to resolve the rent and service charges boycott in the East Rand township.

The meeting follows proposals made last week that residents in houses with electricity pay R45 and those without electricity pay R10.

The payments were proposed by the civic association to enable Eskom's electricity supply to continue for this month while negotiations continued.

Katlehong and 27 other Transvaal townships owe Eskom R70 million

The council owes Eskom about R5 million

* Residents of Vosloorus on the East Rand could face power cuts tomorrow - *Sowetan Reporter*

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CIRCUS IN TOWN

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The NP in Johannesburg City Council is trying to make up its mind in the dispute over application of the Hiemstra Commission's findings

First the NP distanced itself in the "strongest possible terms" from the spying operations after the release two weeks ago of the Hiemstra report

After the suspension of public safety director John Pearce last week — whose actions were described by the commission as "grossly negligent," and who is the subject of a council investigation which will begin early next year — the Nat caucus appeared willing to support the suspension



Pearce

However, Foreign Minister Pik Botha reportedly upbraided NP city councillor Marietta Marx at a Nat fund-raising dinner on the day of Pearce's suspension. Botha has since said he believes the council should take responsibility for its own actions and not hide behind officials who execute them

On Friday, in order to prevent a quorum, the DP boycotted a special council meeting — called to discuss the Pearce suspension — after hearing the NP would oppose it. This had originally been supported by the two NP management committee members

Though there have been reports that the situation was likely to cause rifts in the coalition management committee, it seems clear that management committee chairman Ian Davidson (DP) is intent on keeping a tight, unified ship afloat.

Most councillors believe the management committee is not at risk — but there are those who wonder about the unity and caucus discipline of the NP. ■

Pretoria townships face power cuts

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RESIDENTS of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi are bracing themselves for electricity cuts again today following unsuccessful attempts by both town councils to urge residents to pay rent.

The executive committee of the Pretoria Regional Services Council met late yesterday to

By MONK NKOMO

consider loan applications totalling about R9 million from the two town councils to enable them to pay its outstanding electricity bills to the Pretoria City Council.

Mr Piet Delpont, chairman of the RSC, said he was optimistic the loan would be granted. "I think there is going to be an application settlement."

The Pretoria City Council, which cut electricity supplies to both townships for 12 hours on September 26, has threatened to take similar action unless the arrears

are paid today.

A spokesman for the city council said Mr James Leach, chairman of the management committee, "is full of hope that the loan will be granted."

She added that no final decision had been reached on whether to switch off electricity should the amount owed not be paid today.

Civic groups in the two townships have threatened to take court action.

They have also threatened mass action including a consumer boycott should electricity supplies be cut off.

Councils dig in against open facilities

Govt warns CP on amenities trickery

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Conservative Party-controlled councils may have miscalculated their ability to circumvent the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act. If so, legal action by anti-apartheid groups could succeed against them.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Herens Kriel warned today that if any loopholes were exposed, the Government would consider legislation to close them.

The Minister expressed his view as petty apartheid showed every sign of staying alive and well in the Transvaal and some CP-controlled towns dug in — ignoring the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act or finding alternative ways of keeping it in place.

"Whites-only" signs were displayed in some towns and black people were turned away from public facilities or charged exorbitant rates to use them.

In Springs, the CP-controlled municipality has closed its municipal swimming pools rather than open them to all races.

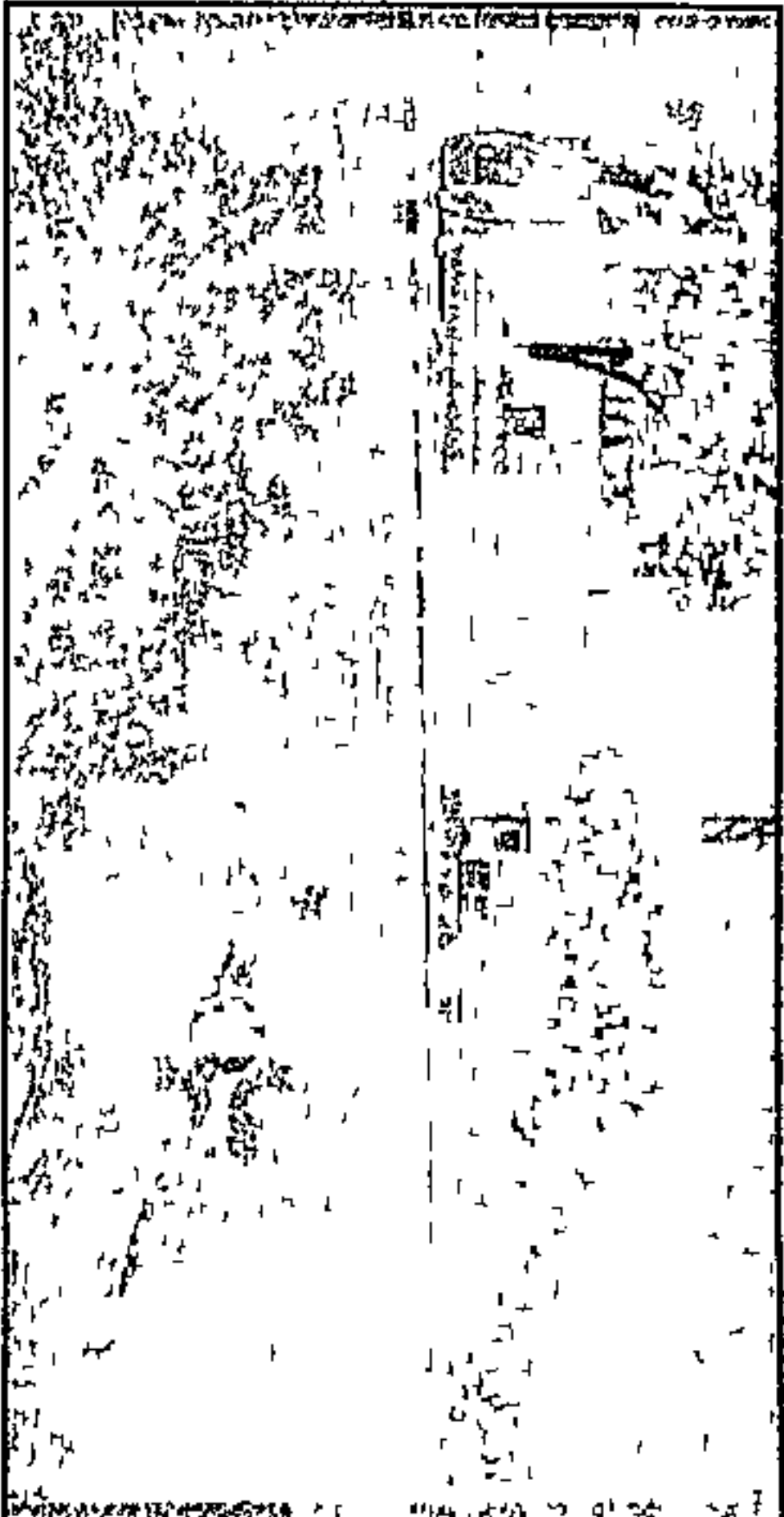
Apart from tariff increases, councils also plan to adopt by-laws restricting the number of people using amenities and controlling the behaviour of visitors.

Extra staff

In some cases, extra monitoring personnel will be used. Brakpan mayor Billy Olivier said up to 100 CP councils planned to privatise facilities or price them out of reach of blacks.

Mr Kriel said today he did not think it would be necessary to introduce legislation to prevent councils thwarting the Government's policy of opening municipal facilities.

The Government had scrutinised provincial ordinances drawn up recently to regulate the opening of amenities and did not believe they contained loopholes which would allow Conservative councils to dis-



Taking the plunge Elias Khoza, pool cleaner at the Boksburg municipal swimming bath, takes his first dip in the water he has kept clean for several years. Pool superintendent Ntshale Boshoff promised she would give him swimming lessons now that he can legally swim in the previously whites-only pool. Picture by Alf Kurnelo



In deep water an Ermelo swimming pool attendant threatens to throw Star reporter Stan Hlophpe back into the water after Hlophpe, a non-swimmer, emerged after a brief dip. Reporter Therese Anders side-steps the altercation. Picture by Jacobus Rykkliff

Attendant goes off the deep end

Highveld Bureau

The sight of a black man paddling in Ermelo's public indoor pool was too much for the pool attendant.

He went berserk, screaming racial obscenities, manhandling the Star's reporter Stan Hlophpe and threatening to throw him fully clothed into the pool.

The incident happened yesterday when a team of Star reporters and a photographer were visiting public facilities in CP-controlled Eastern Transvaal towns.

When the team arrived at Ermelo's swimming pool, the young attendant was clearly distressed to see two black men walk in.

Hlophpe asked whether he could have a quick dip. The attendant refused then telephoned the municipal offices for advice.

After waiting half an hour the Star team left returning after lunch. The attendant then told Hlophpe he was free to swim.

The reporter enjoyed a brief paddle before going to change. As he came out of the changing room, the attendant grabbed him, verbally abused him and began to push him towards the pool.

Later, at the Bethal library, Hlophpe caused a sensation. The library staff and public looked shocked. However, chief librarian Susan Kemp was gracious.

She did not inquire whether he was living in Bethal which would have entitled him to free membership. Without hesitation she said his membership fee would be R500. She added "Do you have your bank manager with you?"

Consumers face steep increases

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By Norman Chandler
By tinned goods which will inevitably increase immediately it becomes

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Asked how he thought the first day had gone, Mr Kriel said "It didn't go too badly. The sun rose again today and South Africa is still standing"

He said the Government would watch the CP councils and would consider legislation to prevent them practising discrimination, should this be necessary

"But I don't think it will be. There are just a few councils trying to circumvent the law. I don't think they will succeed"

"But eventually, if they continue to misuse the situation, we will consider legislation"

Asked if he envisaged something like the American civil rights legislation which outlaws racial discrimination, Mr Kriel said he had not even thought so far ahead

Unwelcome

Opposition groups, including the Democratic Party, believe that as in America, segregation will only end when positive legislation is introduced to outlaw it

Mr Kriel reacted to reports that CP councils intended taking advantage of recently promulgated provincial ordinances which were written to help councils maintain standards

The ordinances allow councils to bar "unwelcome visitors" and some councils intend to use this provision to keep blacks out

● From Washington David Braun of The Star Bureau reports that the US Government has welcomed the formal repeal of the Separate Amenities Act as a positive step in the transformation of South African society, but has re-affirmed its position that sanctions cannot be lifted yet

A spokesman for the State Department pointed out that residential and school segregation were both still permitted

The Separate Amenities Act was not mentioned specifically in US sanctions legislation

"Our consistent policy has been that we do not believe it appropriate to modify or suspend existing sanctions until the conditions outlined in the sanctions legislation have been met," he said

TPA, VCA meet on rent boycott



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THE Vosloorus Civic Association meets the Transvaal Provincial Administration today in an effort to end the six-month-old rent boycott

The meeting follows the local residents' rejection of the council's proposed R70 flat rate

Residents resolved on Sunday that they would resume payments only if the council conceded the R50 flat rate

VCA spokesman, Mr

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Keith Montsisi, said his organisation would "press for the R50 flat rate" when they meet the TPA. He also said the TPA would also be asked to write-off all arrears incurred since the non-payment of rent and service charges

Montsisi attacked the Vosloorus Town Council for electricity cuts in the township

E Transvaal tense as services are cut

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By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau

An explosive situation was developing in several Eastern Transvaal industrial townships last night after the cutting of essential services, including electricity, water and sewerage, by Conservative Party-controlled councils.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township, where water was cut at noon, a large crowd of angry residents was reported to be marching to the township council offices last night.

The local civic association has labelled the CP council's actions inhumane and barbaric.

The affected townships are in arrears to the white local authority supplying bulk services for amounts of up to R1 million.

And the ANC has urged the Government to use its legal powers to "call these disruptive CP elements to order before the situation gets out of hand".

The ANC's Eastern Transvaal region secretary Joe Nkuna said he believed the CP councils were cutting services to retaliate for the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

"This is a political, not economic, decision. The CP is desperately trying to prove to its followers that it is still able to control things."

Yesterday Bethal's CP town council severed all services to Emzini's 30 000 residents, and Ermelo suspended the water and sewerage service to Wesselton's 45 000 inhabitants.

Influence

Electricity has also been cut in Middelburg's Mhluzi township (population 70 000) and Carolina's tiny Silobela black residential area.

The chairman of the regional Joint Co-ordinating Committee, Paul Broodryk, has charged that the ANC and the civic associations did not keep their

side of the agreement.

"They agreed to get their people paying, but they didn't

"It is doubtful that they have influence with their people."

● Negotiations between authorities and civic associations are in danger of being derailed.

The talks were under threat yesterday when it emerged that a letter sent to black councils instructed them to use funds collected from residents to pay council salaries before paying electricity debts.

However, after a meeting, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl gave the assurance that councillors' salaries were paid with bridging finance, not residents'.

● A pamphlet blitz has been mounted in Atteridgeville by the SADF urging calm as "Operation Switchoff" began.

The pamphlets said "The SADF has been requested to maintain law and order and prevent violence and intimidation in Atteridgeville."

Massive blackout looming in townships



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NEGOTIATIONS between provincial authorities and civic associations to end rent boycotts in the Transvaal are in danger of being derailed, with tens of thousands of township residents now facing electricity blackouts.

The talks process was brought under threat today when it emerged a letter was sent to black councils instructing them to use funds collected from residents to pay council salaries before paying off electricity debts.

If councils did not follow these rules, the TPA could not become a party to agreements ending rent

and services boycotts

Civic associations have accused the TPA of blackmail and warned that residents would not pay to uphold apartheid structures.

Daveyton and Wattville townships on the East Rand faced power cuts at yesterday after negotiations broke down on Monday.

Rally

The Atteridgeville City council was yesterday continuing to cut power to houses and businesses of rent and service charge defaulters.

In Vosloorus, meetings were held yesterday to try to prevent a breakdown of talks between the Vosloorus civic association and the TPA.

A meeting between the

Benoni Town Council, the two civics in Daveyton and Wattville, the Daveyton and Wattville Town Councils, Eskom and the TPA, ended in deadlock after TPA officials insisted that a mandatory list of priorities be followed with payments.

The Benoni Town Council said the TPA thought monies collected should be used to pay salaries, then water, sewerage, refuse removal and electricity - in that order.

"Certain of the parties present insisted that the flat rate of R70 for Daveyton and R50 for Wattville be utilised primarily for the payment of services, for example, electricity."

Council calls for curfew

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THE Atteridgeville City Council on Monday proposed the implementation of a curfew and "Operation Iron Fist" after it cut off electricity supplies to houses and shops whose owners are in arrears with rent.

By MONK NKOMO

A private company was hired by the council



Firemen extinguish a burning minibus that swerved off the Potchefstroom road near Moroka police station on Monday night. No one was injured in the accident.

to cut off the electricity supply at a cost of R80 per house, according to a spokesman for the local civic association (Asro)

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk of Atteridgeville confirmed the power cuts but said he did not know the amount being paid to the private company.

The ANC, UDF and Asro yesterday condemned the council's decision "This is a highly provocative and suspicious move. We call upon our people to look at a form of mass action", the three organisations said in a statement.

A spokesman for the local branch of Cosas said the power cuts were going to retard their progress as they were busy preparing for final examinations.

The cuts were done four days after the Pretoria City Council an-

nounced that they were not going to cut electricity supplies in Atteridgeville and Mamelodi again after the Pretoria Regional Services Council granted both town councils loans to pay their electricity bills following a rent boycott.

The decision by the Atteridgeville council to cut electricity supplies yesterday was taken at a special council meeting on October 5 "to convince the RSC and the Pretoria City Council that we are doing something", Sowetan established yesterday. The council also discussed the possibility of implementing Operation Iron Fist and curfew after the power cuts.

Rate

Mouton said the reconnection fee of electricity was R15 per house plus rent arrears from June 1 this year. The rent boycott started on April 1.

A number of residents yesterday telephoned Sowetan appealing to Asro officials to hold serious talks with the council to determine a flat rate and to resolve the rent crisis.

Actstop urges action against CP councils

CIVIC Associations countrywide are being urged by Actstop to take action against Conservative Party councils which refuse to heed the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act

Spokesman Mohammed Dangor said this week people should force recalcitrant councils to implement the law by way of organised protest, marches and court action

Threatening that CP councillors and CP municipalities could be tied up in litigation for the next 20 years, Actstop further urged Lawyers for Human Rights, the National Association for Democratic Lawyers and the Black Lawyers' Association to assist any indi-

vidual or civic association which had to go to court

"It is the start of the Martin Luther King era of the 1950's in South Africa when people who are blocked, will go in their thousands to the front doors of previously segregated amenities to demand entry.

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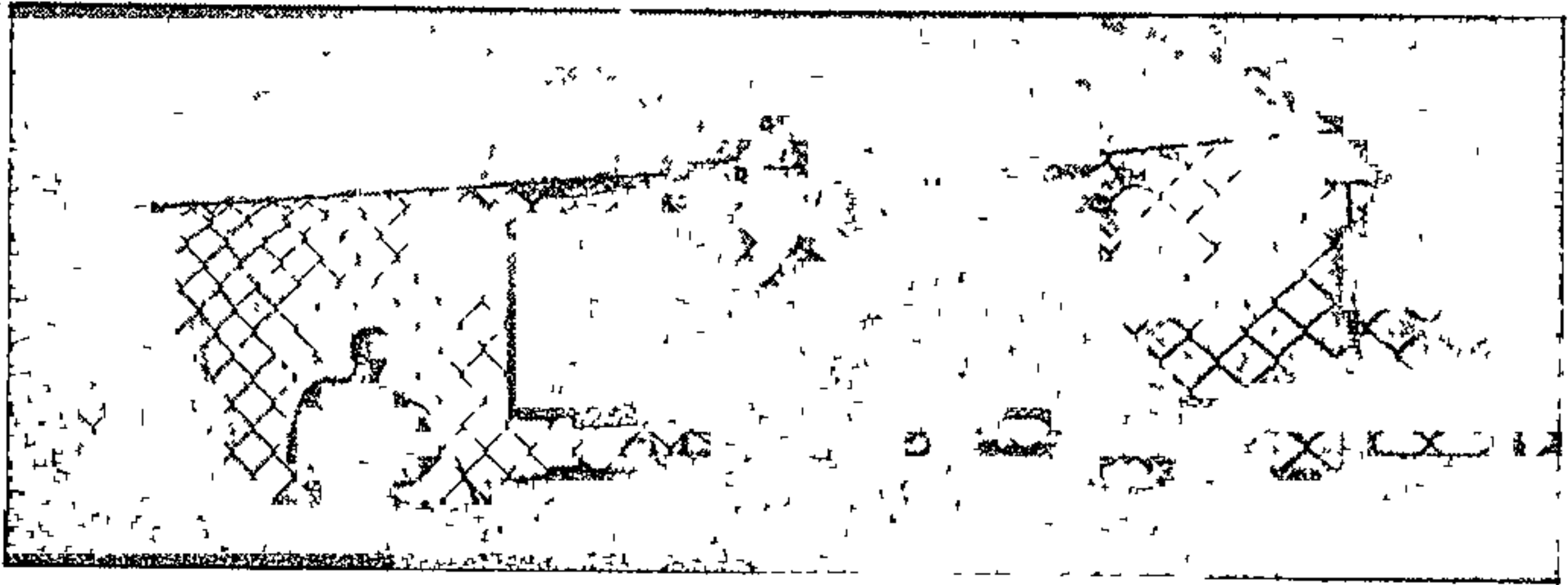
Weapons

"Their weapons will be exposure and embarrassment," he said

Dangor said Actstop had urged the powerful umbrella body, Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) representing all civic associations in the area, to adopt this form of protest

"To the CP councils

who defy the law, we say if you want to retain your apartheid signs, then you must also put up the white's only signs outside your businesses



Set alight . . . the new town council offices at Toekomsrus, Randfontein, go up in flames last night.

Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

Violence, arson follow supply cuts

Water tankers save townships

Staff Reporters

Provincial authorities will send water tankers to townships where Conservative Party councils have cut off water supplies in a move that has sparked fears of diseases spreading.

At least two townships — Wesselton in Ermelo and Emziniom at Bethal — are without water and sewerage.

The move to provide water from tankers came as many townships remained tense today following overnight violence.

Sections of Toekomsrus, Randfontein, were ablaze last night. The township's library and post office were petrol bombed and vandalised, as were a creche and several homes and municipal offices.

Youths and police were engaged in running battles in the streets where burning barricades had been erected. There were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and tear-gassing.

Members of the South African Defence Force conducted house-to-house searches in some streets. A TV camera crew had to abandon a car and flee when youths stoned it.

Late last night a Randfontein Town Council spokesman said the

situation had calmed down, with occasional outbursts of violence.

A West Rand police spokesman said this morning the situation remained tense but no new incidents had been reported.

Earlier in the evening a crowd of about 3 000 people was dispersed by police who fired teargas and rubber bullets.

Regional police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the people threw stones and petrol bombs at policemen who ordered them to disperse. Two police vehicles were damaged.

The council spokesman said electricity supplies to 24 houses had been suspended on Monday morning. These were houses where residents had last paid their accounts three months or more ago.

Stoning

No official casualty figures were available at the time of going to press.

A Toekomsrus crisis committee member, who did not want to be identified, claimed several people had been hit with rubber bullets and live ammunition. A police spokesman said no live ammunition had been used. The crowd had thrown stones and petrol bombs and the police had used only teargas and rubber bullets.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township,

which has been without water or sewerage since Tuesday, police used teargas to disperse a large crowd of angry residents attempting to march into the town.

Bitter township residents charged that the CP councils gave them no warning of the coming cuts, nor made any emergency provisions for families to get water elsewhere.

A weeping Wesselton mother of a small baby told The Star today: "These CP people are very cruel. My baby's nappies are all filthy and smelling, I've got no clean dishes left — how can they expect us to live like this?"

She said mothers were forced to walk several kilometres to nearby farms to get water because township residents were scared to go into the white town.

Many residents told The Star they felt betrayed because, in the past month, after a year-long boycott, they had begun paying a R45 flat rate to the Wesselton council.

A spokesman for the Wesselton council said its income had not been enough to meet its September water account.

Civic association representatives from Middelburg, Carolina and Bethal met at the ANC's eastern Transvaal office in Nelspruit yesterday to discuss the problems in detail and decide on action.

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Court action plan over power cuts

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AN application challenging the Atteridgeville Town Council's decision to cut electricity supplies to rent defaulters will be lodged in the Pretoria Supreme Court today, lawyers representing the residents said yesterday.

A spokesman for the lawyers said the application could have been brought to court earlier as a matter of urgency but due to certain technical problems they had to delay to prepare for the case.

Technicians belonging to a private firm started cutting electricity since Monday.

By MONK NKOMO

Acting town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, said he did not know how much the council was paying the company.

Appeal

By yesterday 3 000 houses were without electricity.

The local branch of the Congress of South African Students yesterday appealed to the Atteridgeville Council "to consider the fate of the students" who are due to start their final exams but

can now not study at night.

"We view the action taken by the council as very much disturbing especially at this time of the year," said Cosas.

The council has announced that the only way to restore electricity was for each affected resident to first pay a R15 reconnection fee and arrears from June 1.

Meanwhile, 13 women and two men arrested on Tuesday after staging a sit-in in the Atteridgeville mayor's office were due to appear in court yesterday on charges of trespassing.

Concern over unclaimed bodies

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A SOUTH African Council of Churches delegation headed by the Rev Frank Chikane has expressed "deep concern" to the police over the number of unidentified bodies at mortuaries.

Regional commissioner of police, Major-General Gerrit Maritz, said the SACC had offered its assistance in identifying the bodies, locating their next-of-

kin and rendering pastoral care to the families.

He said the SAP asked all employees, companies, relatives or friends who had someone reported missing during the recent unrest to furnish all available details to: The Regional Commissioner, SAP, Private Bag 5, Johannesburg 2000, for attention Colonel F G Malherbe. - Sapa.

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Province thwarts CP libraries plan

LOOPHOLES which CP-controlled councils planned to use to deny people access to public amenities would be tightened, Transvaal acting Administrator Willie Hoods said yesterday.

Some existing legislation, such as that governing public libraries, had already been tightened and CP local authorities would now have to apply to the TPA for permission to impose or raise tariffs on libraries, Hoods said.

This move comes in reaction to threats by defiant Transvaal CP councils, who in some cases have restricted access to public amenities by levying such high tariffs that the majority of black people now allowed to use the facilities cannot afford to do so.

Hoods said the TPA was examining other existing legislation on open amenities such as swimming pools.

"I can give my assurance that as they arise we will take the necessary steps to tighten the loopholes and do everything necessary to prevent the CP denying access to open facilities," Hoods said.

Current legislation for public libraries stated local governments could levy fees not exceeding the annual

LINDEN BIRNS

running costs per library member, including those staying or employed within the local government's jurisdiction and also of those who did not, Hoods said.

Costs that could be recovered from members included loan services, educational programmes and reference services, he said.

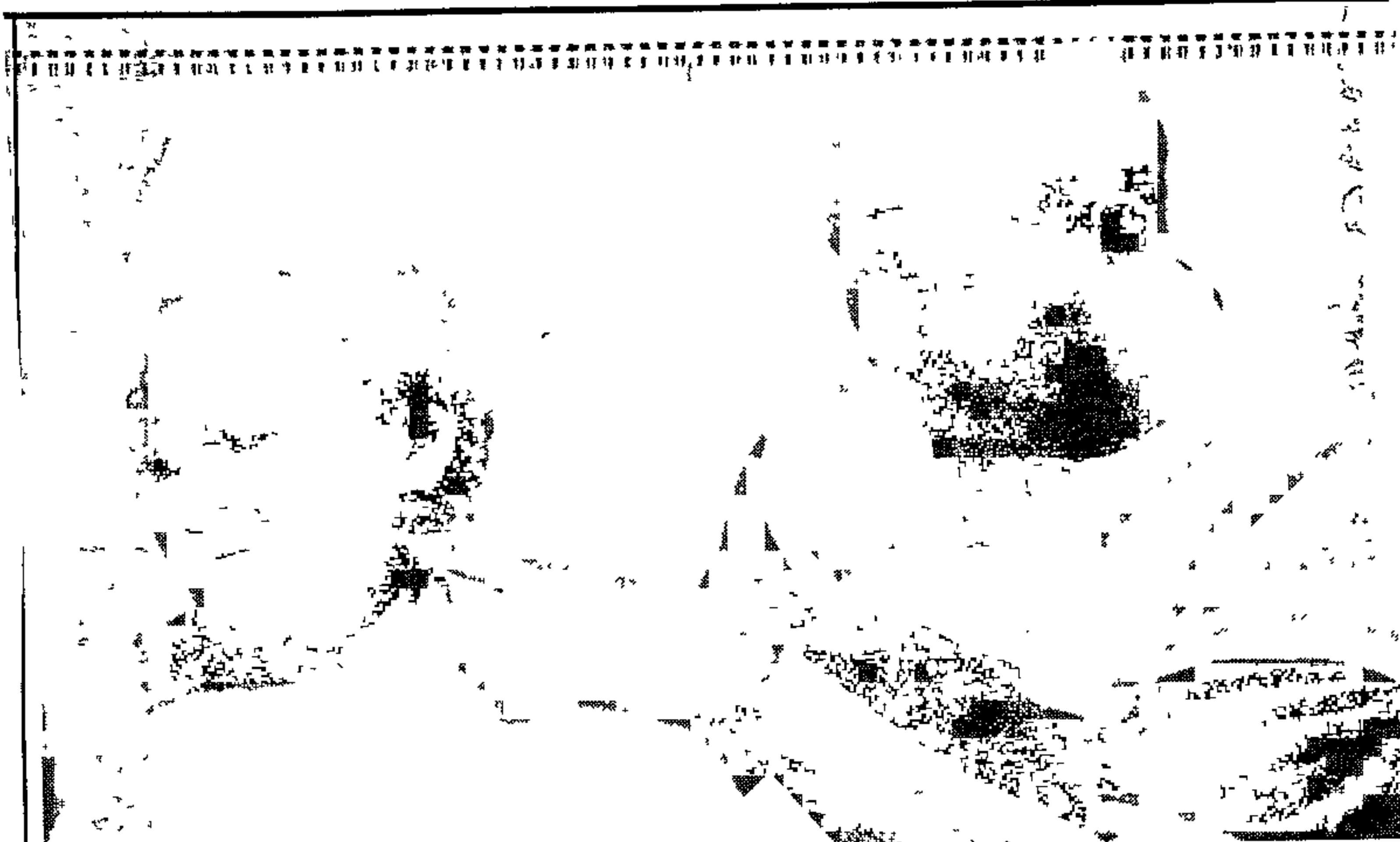
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Confront.

PETER DELMAR reports stayaways and consumer boycotts were among the tactics UDF township structures were seriously considering to resist CP councils' efforts to bar blacks from public amenities, according to UDF national civic convenor Pat Lephunya.

Lephunya said in an interview civic associations were discussing how to confront attempts by CP-controlled municipalities to keep facilities white despite the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act on Monday.

He said civic associations would not allow the CP's attitude to deny the people one of their major victories against apartheid.

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Mrs Primrose May, who was shot behind the ear and later lost consciousness after police allegedly fired teargas and birdshot in Toekomsrus township yesterday. Her son, Solomon, points to the injured area.

Talks over power cuts in six townships threatened

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NEGOTIATIONS between the TPA and the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal may break down following electricity cuts in six townships, Mr Pat Lephunya of Cast said yesterday.

Lephunya said the UDF national office had

By DON SEOKANE

confirmed it would intensify mass action to pressurise the Government to attend to the crisis created by its policies

He said several actions were being considered, including a provincial

consumer boycott and stayaway, that would extend beyond the towns affected

Four eastern Transvaal townships, Mzinomi near Bethal and Wesselton near Ermelo, are without electricity, sewerage and water while Selobela near Carolina and Mhluzi near

Middelburg are dark

Daveyton would remain without electricity until an agreement was reached with the TPA and the Benoni Town Council, Daveyton town clerk, Mr DJ Erasmus said

Power was switched off at midnight on Tuesday after negotiations between the Daveyton, Benoni councils and the TPA deadlocked

Electricity to Toekomsrus was cut off yesterday

A spokesman for the Toekomsrus Civic Association, Mr Thomas Luthers, said at least 15 army trucks and police vans accompanied municipal workers who were switching off electricity in the houses

The ANC yesterday issued a statement noting with great concern, the growing tensions in the townships, especially in the eastern Transvaal, resulting from decisions by Conservative Party-controlled councils

Blackouts in the townships 'make life more dangerous'

WILSON ZWANE and THEO RAWANA

TENSION was mounting yesterday as power was being cut to more Transvaal townships after the TPA, Eskom and representatives from the town councils and civic associations failed to solve the rent boycott crisis. The switch-off began on Monday when the Atteridgeville town council started cutting power to rent-defaulting residents.

On Tuesday, one East Rand township and three Eastern Transvaal townships were without electricity. The ANC has warned that it would "hold the government responsible for any violence or chaos that results from such cut-offs".

The TPA this week rejected a call by the Atteridgeville Residents' Organisation (Asro) to dismiss the local council "because of alleged irregularities".

"The allegation that there was corruption in the council could only be properly dealt with if full details were provided. In the absence of specific factual allegations, the matter could not be investigated," the TPA said.

"Legally, the TPA could only dismiss councillors in terms of Section 29 of the Black Local Authorities Act, if the facts in the particular case support such action.

"In the case of Atteridgeville, the Executive Committee of the TPA concluded that Section 29 steps would be inappropriate. The call for the dismissal of the Atteridgeville councillors must therefore be rejected," the TPA said in a statement.

It added that Asro should assume full responsibility for the "unnecessary discomfort which their conduct causes to the people whose interests they purport to represent".

As power was being cut in Atteridgeville, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) — a body representing 32 southern Transvaal civic associations — threatened to mobilise people to protest against the council's action.

Block

In a statement this week, Cast said it found it "inconceivable that basic services are being switched off by illegitimate council structures and racist white municipalities".

Yesterday Cast said it had made it clear to the MEC for local government, Olaus van Zyl, that the inclusion of black councillors in negotiations was a stumbling block to a fruitful negotiation process.

"We proposed that the TPA cannot benefit from the inclusion of these people and should facilitate their removal," said Cast assistant secretary Cas Coovadia in a statement.

He said Cast had committed itself to intensifying the mass struggle until apartheid was totally removed "and our real problems are resolved".

Residents and businessmen canvassed by Business Day condemned the services cuts, saying they were playing havoc with their daily activities.

Asro spokesman Abe Nkomo said the switch-off would make the lives of township residents "miserable and would put countless lives in danger".

"Most people depend on electricity for the execution of their daily chores. People cannot use their electrical gadgets now because of the power cuts. Food will rot and people will be forced, against their will, not to buy in bulk because their electric fridges are useless."

He added that night activities such as vigils and night studies would have to be "put on hold".

Asked why the residents were not paying if they wanted to have electricity, Nkomo reiterated residents were willing to pay for services but not through "corrupt structures".

A factory worker said the black-out would endanger many late-shift workers. "The tsotsis will now get their chance to mug the people coming from work late at night under the cloak of darkness," he said.

A shopkeeper said the switch-off was seriously affecting business. "There are lots and lots of perishable foods that I stock. How can I keep them frozen if my fridge has been rendered useless by the power cut?" he asked.

A Mrs Mlangeni said as a housewife she had been dealt a blow by the switch-off.

"I have an electric stove and I don't have either a gas or a paraffin stove. When electricity was switched off on Monday I did not know what to do until my neighbours suggested that we should make ourselves braziers. We are using braziers now," she said.

She added that while cooking could be done on braziers the risk of using such devices inside a house was "not negligible".

West Rand placed under new curfew

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LINDEN BIRNS, TANIA LEVY
and TIM COHEN

GOVERNMENT last night placed a curfew on the West Rand township of Toekomsrus, where violence erupted on a large scale yesterday

One person was shot dead and there were running battles between police and residents.

Although the clashes were related mainly to electricity cuts, an ANC spokesman for the area said the trouble began when police allegedly teargassed a squatter settlement, which resulted in the suffocation of an elderly woman

On Wednesday night tempers flared in Toekomsrus, culminating in the burning down of the township's library

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok warned in a statement last night he would not hesitate to reimpose curfews on other Reef townships if there was a breakdown in law and order. He said he had ordered the curfew to protect law-abiding citizens

Failure

Meanwhile an 11th-hour decision by the Pretoria Regional Services Council (RSC) to lend three of the city's townships R17m to meet service arrears prevented the blanket suspension of electricity supplies to the townships

RSC chairman Peter Delpoort announced the loans to Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Zithobeni yesterday, shortly before electricity was due to be cut to the townships because of their failure to meet their electricity, sewerage and water arrears

The loan, which must be paid back over the next five years, will meet the council's arrears until the end of October

The loan is intended to pay for the council's bulk service commitments, and will not result in the restoration of electricity to about 2 000 Atteridgeville residents who have not paid their bills

Water and electricity supplies have been

cut at six townships which collectively owe at least R12m

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has provided water tankers to Emzintombi township, outside Bethal

Sapa reports that TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday water tankers would be provided as soon as possible to Wessleton township near Ermelo, the other Eastern Transvaal township affected by water cuts

Those affected by cuts in essential services are Silobela near Carolina, Mhluzi in Middelburg, Daveyton near Benoni, Atteridgeville, Zithobeni in Bronkhorstspuit and Maokeng in Kroonstad

The Kroonstad Town Council, which cut water and power supplies on Wednesday, decided yesterday to provide water to Maokeng township for two hours a day

The curfew which came into effect last night begins at 9pm and lasts until 4am every day and covers Toekomsrus and Toekomsrus Extension 1

Any residents stopped outdoors between those times will have to show documentary proof of their bona fides. Police will man roadblocks from 9pm and will search vehicles from that time

Sapa reports that police travelled through Toekomsrus last night announcing the curfew in English and Afrikaans, barely an hour after Vlok had introduced the measures

Barricades made from assorted debris barred streets. Police attempting to clear them were pelted with petrol bombs and other missiles

In a statement, the UDF said the countrywide termination of electricity supplies raised questions as to the TPA's sincerity in holding negotiations to end the rent and services boycott

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Soweto residents tell council:

WE'RE NOT MOVING!

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By SOPHIE TEMA

ABOUT 21 Soweto families are refusing to move to make way for the new road to Roodepoort.

The families – all residents of Mofolo North – were earlier promised homes in a new area to enable the reconstruction of the road.

All the families but one previously agreed to be relocated to new homes in Zondi. They then undertook to move as soon as the houses and premises were completed.

But the families claim the Soweto City Council has not honoured its promises.

Most of the families say they had their original houses either renovated, extended or reconstructed and the council promised to build them similar houses..

They claim the sites on which their new houses are to be built are smaller than their present ones, therefore the new houses will be too small for them.



Mayor Mkhwanazi ... the council is looking into the complaints.

The foundations of the houses have been dug, but the families expressed their dissatisfaction and have told the council they would only move when the council honours the agreement

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said this week: "The council is looking into the complaints and will not force them to move if they are dissatisfied with the new offers.

"If they refuse to move, then the construction of the road will be hindered and new plans will have to be drawn up."

Mkhwanazi, however, said the council was prepared to help the families wherever possible.

The families are to be moved to an area opposite the Zondi shops, and a notice served on them warns that failure to move when required to do so, or to accept compensation, may constitute a breach of the undertaking.

According to a notice that was served on the residents, all would be obliged to move when required to do so by the council, or accept compensation.

George Siphon Mngomezulu and other residents were served with notices in January this year, informing them about the intended move.

Mngomezulu, said he immediately opted for compensation with the intention of buying a place of his own

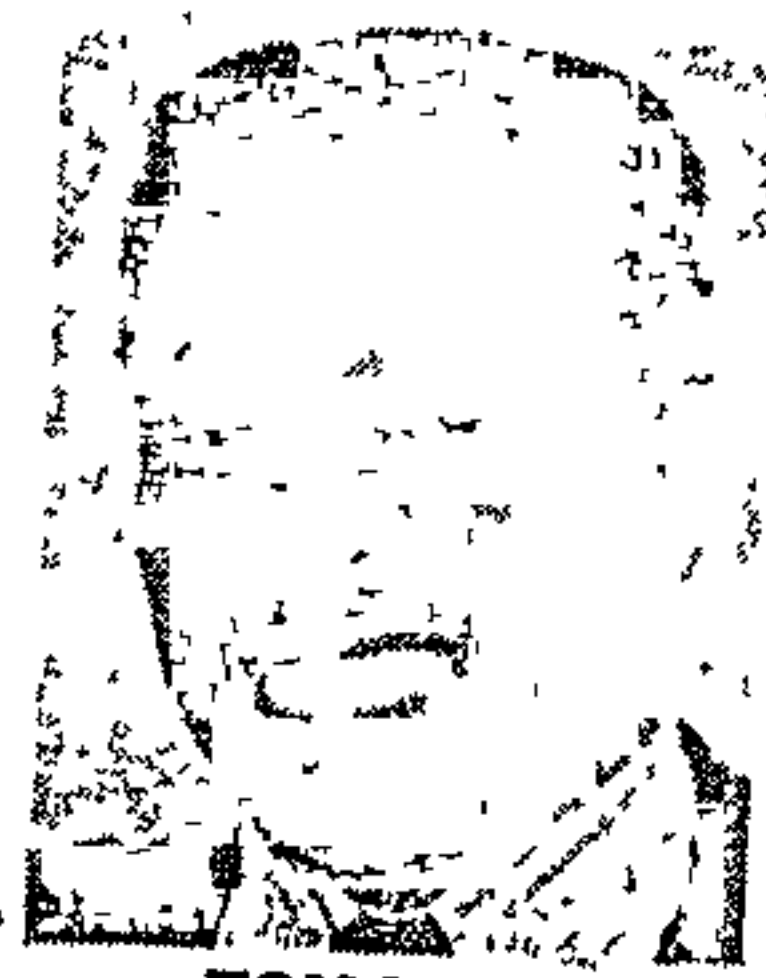
"Evaluators were sent to my house and I was told it was worth R84 000. While waiting for the transaction to be finalised, I was informed to first settle my debt with the council and pay up all arrears on my house loan, rent, water and electricity.

"It all came to R4 400 which I paid up," he said.

Mngomezulu then expected the council to pay him out, "but instead I was asked if I could remain in the house until further notice".

He said he has still not been paid, and had heard nothing further from the council.

TOM BOYA QUIT



TOM BOYA

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THE mayor of Daveyton, on the East Rand, Mr Tom Boya and three of his councillors resigned yesterday.

By PHANGISILE MTSALI

The Daveyton councillors quit two days after the resignation of the town council of Mhluzi township, near

Middelburg in the Eastern Transvaal.

Boya announced his resignation yesterday at a Daveyton Interim Committee residents meeting.

His deputy, Mr Martin Mthimunya, and councillors Mr Ruben Matukane and Mr Daniel Mokou also announced their resignations.

join the people who had elected me."

He said he could not continue working without the support of the people he represented. The repeated calls for his resignation forced him to quit.

A member of DIC, Mr Thornton Marasela, said the resignations surprised the committee.

Marasela said: "We were surprised because their resignation was not even on the agenda."

The councillors' resignation were announced when residents and councillors were negotiating the restoration of services. The Mhluzi council

Statement

Boya also resigned as the president of the United Municipalities of South Africa.

In his resignation statement Boya said: "The time had arrived to heed the resignation calls from the community and

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resigned on Friday and asked for a provincial administrator to oversee the township while the area's largest employer, Middelburg Steel and Alloys, had agreed to pay the R370 000 arrears to restore power to the township.

Middelburg Steel intervened to settle the township problems which stemmed from rent and service boycotts.

The move has brought a temporary settlement to the situation since power was switched off earlier in the week.

The Mhluzi Civic Association had also agreed that rates will be duly paid.

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**RSC says no to
financial help
for Wesselton**

Staff Reporter (266)

The Conservative Party-controlled Oosvaal Regional Services Council has refused cash aid for Ermelo's waterless Wesselton township, even though the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) had given it permission for this. Wesselton today entered its eighth day without water or waterborne sewerage after Ermelo's CP council suspended services for non-payment of services and rent.

Fears have been expressed by local leaders about the deteriorating sanitary conditions and the possible outbreak of disease.

Oosvaal RSC chairman Gert Gouws said the Wesselton Town Council had applied for general financial assistance on October 11 and had been turned down last Wednesday, the day after water was cut.

The African National Congress was due to meet the TPA today in an attempt to have Wesselton's water reconnected.

... are over. PH. LEN KUMALO

Pretoria hit as many heed call

THOUSANDS of people stayed away from work in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday in protest against the local council's decision to cut electricity supplies to the homes of rent defaulters.

All local schools were deserted as pupils heeded the call by the Atteridgeville and Saulsville Residents Organisation to embark on a stayaway in

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By MONK NKOMO

protest against the council's decision

Asro's publicity secretary, Mr John Ramatsui, said yesterday civic organisations would meet on Thursday to finalise plans for a consumer boycott which will span the Greater Pretoria area.

The campaign would also stretch from Pretoria

to KwaNdebele and on the west to Brits and Bronkhorstspruit on the east.

Ramatsui said residents in townships would buy supplies from black businessmen, but boycott all white businesses.

This course of action had been decided on because all attempts to resolve with the Government regarding the

"corrupt" black local authorities had come to nothing.

Meanwhile, homes belonging to two local councillors were attacked with petrol bombs and stones in Atteridgeville at the weekend.

A Pretoria police spokesman confirmed that councillor Mr E Ntuba's house was slightly

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Many in Pretoria Protest

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damaged after being stoned by people. Nobody was injured

The police spokesman said a petrol bomb was thrown into the house of another councillor, a Mr Makwe, early on Sunday morning but did not explode. Both houses were under police guard. No arrests have been made.

Police

Councillors' homes have been under heavy police guard since last Monday when the council started to cut the electricity supply to houses of residents who owe rent without electricity. So far 8 500 houses are

A large number of people who ignored the stayaway call were stranded because taxis were not operating. Many used trams and buses to work.

Police patrolled the streets in vans. No incidents were reported at the time of going to press. Residents said they were willing to pay rent but only after councillors had resigned.

Warned

The Pretoria Supreme Court on Friday ordered the council to suspend the cuts until tomorrow pending the response of the residents, who have been warned to pay only the September account plus a R15 reconnection fee to help the electricity power restored.

The application against the council and the Administrator of the Transvaal was brought by Asro. The hearing continues on Friday.

Municipal police plan to go before council

BT Day 23/10/90

TANIA LEVY

THE Johannesburg City Council management committee yesterday gave the go-ahead for a municipal police force for the city.

The extra 500 people would be recruited into the traffic department to deal with crime prevention and security in the city if the committee's decision were approved by council at its monthly meeting on Tuesday.

Acting management committee chairman Eddy Magid yesterday confirmed it had decided to recommend the traffic force be extended to provide patrols in the CBD and other areas.

Government, regional services councils and the private sector would be approached to help with funding which would amount to "millions" over the 18 months it would take before the force was fully operation-

al, he said.

He declined to specify an exact amount. A figure of R40m has been reportedly recommended by the section 59 committee looking at the setting up of the force.

Legal

Rates would not be increased dramatically to fund the force, Magid said, responding to assertions by the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) that ratepayers would face a 10,7% increase to foot the bill.

The JCCI has rejected council's decision to form a municipal police force independently of the SAP.

Local authorities did not have the legal power to establish a municipal

police force and even if they did, this would be opposed by the SAP, chairman of the section 59 committee Christopher Newton Thompson said. Traffic officers had almost the same powers of arrest, in their municipal boundaries, as policemen.

No provision for the formation of the force had been made in the present budget but its financial implications had been dealt with in the committee's report which would be made public in next week's council agenda.

JCCI member and Business Watch co-ordinator Gerald Heine last week rejected the council scheme, suggesting the job rather be left to the SAP.

He said the proposed training for municipal recruits was inadequate compared with the SAP's course and questioned council's ability to recruit 500 people and their ability adequately to patrol the city's streets.

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No end to electricity crisis

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG — Pretoria faces a consumer boycott if talks between Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hennis Kriel and black civic organisations fail to resolve the electricity and water crisis

Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) publicity secretary Mr John Ramatsui said yesterday that the decision to embark on a boycott of white businesses came after Pretoria City Council refused to reconnect electricity and the Transvaal Provincial Administration refused to dismiss the local authority

Mr Ramatsui said Asro had been informed by planning department officials that Mr Kriel was willing to hold talks with them, but by last night there had been no indication when these would take place

He said Asro and civic organisations from Brits, Hammanskraal, KwaNdebele and Bronkhorstspuit were due to meet on Thursday to decide on when the boycott would begin

Last week a court ordered the Pretoria and Atteridgeville councils to stop cutting power to residents, and residents were in turn urged to pay

their September accounts The order expires tomorrow

But residents would not accept the offer and decided to continue their rent boycott until the black councilors, whom they said were corrupt, had been dismissed

Mr Ramatsui said "A commission of inquiry found that Atteridgeville councilors were corrupt, so we demanded that the TPA dissolve the council and appoint an administrator, who could even be an official from the Pretoria council"

Meanwhile, the TPA yesterday gave

the following picture on the cut-off of electricity and water supplies

● Daveyton in Benoni had had its electricity supply restored last Friday, while 10 700 Atteridgeville (Pretoria) households were without lights

September bills must be paid by tomorrow

● In the Eastern Transvaal, Eskom was supplying electricity to Wesseltown township while the Ermelo town council had cut water supply

The TPA had provided water tankers to relieve the situation.

● Bethal town council cut off water supply to Emzifoni township on Friday and the TPA had provided three water tankers

Pearce's suspension: no appeal

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THE Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association has decided not to appeal against the suspension of Johannesburg director of public safety John Pearce

Pearce was suspended by Johannesburg City Council acting town clerk Graham Collins after the Hiemstra Commission found him to have been grossly negligent

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Pearce remains suspended until the outcome of the internal disciplinary in-

quiry into his alleged misconduct. The inquiry is due to start in January although a specific date still has to be fixed.

A special city council meeting to discuss the suspension of Pearce ended in chaos last month after the majority of city councillors felt it was unfair to suspend Pearce for the several months until the inquiry. Democratic Party councillors refused to attend the meeting and it was called off without debate.

Sowetan Correspondent

TPA to buy farms raided by squatters

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) swiftly announced yesterday that it would buy many smallholdings allegedly pillaged recently by Orange Farm squatters.

Former farmers told an SABC TV news team that squatters from the fast-growing resettlement area near Vereeniging had stolen their cattle and then ransacked their homes, sometimes removing window frames while residents were at home.

Urbanisation

Interviewed in front of the ruins of their homes on Monday, former residents, complaining bitterly, said squatters had swarmed over their homes, removing bricks, doors and even underground wiring.

During the interview, one squatter was shown removing bricks from a demolished farmhouse.

The squatter said building materials were expensive and he intended building his own home with the bricks.

Transvaal Acting Administrator Wilhe Hoods said yesterday that areas south of Johannesburg and north of Vereeniging would be bought with R24m set aside last week to purchase white-owned land for black urbanisation.

Properties south of the Lenasia Development Area, north of the old Golden Highway and west of the Johannesburg-Vereeniging railway line would be acquired.

Properties of white landowners on the northern, western and south-western sides of the existing Orange Farm would also be bought, he said.

TIM COHEN

The TPA would also buy the land of white landowners of the West Rand Agricultural Holdings (Zuurbekom), whose land had not yet been sold, Hoods said.

The CP called yesterday for the deployment of the SADF to deal with the "squatter threat" in the Orange Farm area.

CP defence spokesman Koos van der Merwe said in a statement it was clear that the squatter problem had become unmanageable in some areas.

He said the lives of many whites were now in danger.

He said he had contacted Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok weeks ago and asked him to increase the number of police at the De Duur police station so the squatter problem could be handled effectively.

Concerned

Sapa reports that Commissioner of Police Gen Johan van der Merwe has asked the District Commissioner of the Vaal Triangle area to furnish a report on allegations that squatters have robbed and driven farmers off their land in the area.

A police spokesman said yesterday that both the commissioner and Vlok were disturbed by and concerned over reports that Orange Farm squatters had pillaged surrounding farms and smallholdings.

According to the police, the commissioner's request for a report is aimed primarily at verifying the allegations and then establishing how such a situation could have developed.

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Midrand seeks land for 4 000

TANIA LEVY

THE Midrand Town Council was negotiating to buy land to settle an estimated 4 000 squatters permanently in the municipality, town clerk Henry Lubbe said yesterday.

The TPA would be approached to help with funding if the negotiations with three private landowners were completed successfully.

Lubbe said the council's hands had largely been tied by the TPA, which had refused to allocate more land to accommodate Midrand's homeless people.

The 300 erven of alternative land made available by the TPA earlier this year were completely used up by resettlement of a squatter camp at Second Road next to the Ben Schoeman Highway, he said.

At a meeting in September, the TPA had said Tembisa's homeless took preference since they had been without homes for years compared with Midrand's "new" squatters.

The TPA had not offered a solution to Midrand's squatter situation, leaving the council to act against illegal squatters in accordance with the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, said Lubbe.

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Violence erupts

Soweto, Alex to get R154m bailout

THE Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) is to bail Soweto and Alexandra out of their dire financial straits with assistance of R154m.

At the request of Finance Minister Bar-end du Plessis, the CWRSC will reschedule capital projects aimed at improving infrastructure. It will also provide additional financial assistance to help Alexandra and the three Greater Soweto councils meet essential operating costs.

The financial position of the four councils was critical, CWRSC chairman John Griffiths said yesterday. Available bridg-

TANIA LEVY

ing finance from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) was seriously depleted.

At its monthly meeting yesterday the CWRSC resolved to reschedule R68m worth of infrastructural projects and allocate a further R8m from income to the four councils.

In addition the CWRSC agreed to underwrite the interest and redemption responsibilities on R60m of short-term loans to be

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raised by the councils, probably from the Development Bank of SA.

From the loans R27,4m would be used to finance street and high-mast lighting, water and sewage pumping, traffic control and municipal lighting, which consumed a third of power supplied to the councils.

Griffiths said the CWRSC would finance this portion of electricity supplies until March because Eskom could not afford to continue supplying electricity without payment. Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow's arrears amounted to about R37m at the end of September and were expected to increase to R50m this month.

Cutting services dependent on electricity would create serious health and safety hazards and lead to chaos in communities. It would be ironic for power supplies to be cut just at the point when consumers were starting to pay, he said.

The CWRSC would finance this part of

councils' electricity bills on condition consumers paid the minimum amounts for electricity they used, based on rates agreed to in the Greater Soweto Accord.

Eskom would decide at what point to cut supply if residents and other consumers failed to pay their electricity accounts.

Griffiths said the CWRSC's income would increase to R240m in the 1991/92 financial year. An amount of R134m required for operating costs by the four councils would represent 56% of the income from levies.

This was way beyond the 20% to 25% proposed by Local Government and Regional Services Councils MEC Olaus van Zyl as RSC's commitment to member councils' operating costs, he said.

Every possible effort had to be made to increase black local authorities' income and the state should accept a greater responsibility in assisting them to meet their shortfalls.

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Boya explains why he resigned

BVDM 24/10/90 THEO RAWANA

THE free political activity triggered by the unbanning of organisations in February seemed to sound the death knell of government-created structures and started Tom Boya questioning whether the urban black council concept was worth defending.

Boya, former Daveyton mayor and Urban Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president, resigned from both positions in a surprise announcement to 80 000 residents who packed the local stadium on Sunday.

"For the first time I felt a free man, I had found myself again. I could not go on defending the indefensible," Boya said in an interview at his home in Daveyton yesterday.

Boya said he still saw a role for himself in local government, "but now I will be doing it on the side of the people".

Boya said the growing irrelevance of black local councils and frustrations in dealings with provincial and central government had convinced him that the time had come to leave the arena he had entered 12 years ago.

"On Saturday I attended a meeting of Umsa in Barberton and only eight councillors, out of a membership of 60, turned up."

He said they all told of frustrations they had encountered such as the water and electricity cut-offs.

The next day his council was due to address residents at a local stadium but he found residents were at a meeting called by the Daveyton Interim Committee.

Boya said he went to the meeting and listened to speaker after speaker asking councillors to join them.

"A hush fell over the stadium as I stood up to tell the crowd: 'We have heard you, gentlemen. I stand up to announce my resignation from my positions as mayor of Daveyton and president of Umsa'."

He said he and three other councillors who had stood up to announce their resignations were carried shoulder-high by toy-toying youths and freedom songs were sung.

Asked about his plans, the former furniture marketing executive said he would make an announcement in a fortnight. In a clear reference to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, he said: "There is a man I have to talk to first, but he is at present overseas."

Of the "shoddy" treatment he received from government, Boya said: "When the issue of bridging finance drying up came to a head, I, in my capacity as president of Umsa, sought a meeting with President F W de Klerk. He ignored me."

"I have had talks with Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel, TPA Administrator Danie Hough and MEC John Mavuso, pleading for a suspension of the switch off of supplies."

"But even as I was reaching accord with the TPA, I learnt that electricity had been cut off in Daveyton, and the TPA went back on its promise, saying they could only give us R220 000 for our R1,2m wage bill."

Boya said he did not regret being part of a "discredited" black local government exercise.



● BOYA

Picture ROBYN RYAN

Heated exchange over statements

By John Miller

The telephone lines burnt when Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and an Ermelo garage owner, Boetie Tilly, exchanged heated words on Radio 702's "Newstalk" last night.

The exchange came after Mr Tilly told listeners he saw policemen laughing and puncturing water containers belonging to Wesselton residents. They had come to collect water from his Cassim Park garage last week after water to the township was cut.

Earlier yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der

Merwe, claimed that one of the main witnesses to the incident had retracted his statement

Mr Tilly and Mr Vlok argued over whether there were differences in two statements.

Mr Vlok said "Why did you make the second statement to the police?"

Mr Tilly: "Which statement, I never ."

Mr Vlok: "Didn't you make a second statement to the police?"

Mr Tilly: "First statement I made and then he came for the second statement, which I gave him the same statement as the first statement"

Mr Vlok: "No, but there really are differ-

ences in the second statement that you made to the police. Why did you do that?"

Mr Tilly: "What was the difference in that statement?"

Mr Vlok: "There are differences. I don't want to get involved in specifics now."

Mr Tilly: "I made one (statement) on Friday morning and one on Friday evening."

Mr Vlok: "No I don't want to get involved, but let me make this quite clear. You made two statements to police and they differ markedly to what you said in the beginning and what you

said in the second statement This is right"

Mr Vlok suggested the two statements be "put next to each other and we can go through them and then we will see there are differences and I suggest this should be done as soon as possible I will take the necessary steps to have this done".

He said this was not to cast any doubt on Mr Tilly's version but because he took a personal interest in what had taken place.

Prior to speaking to Mr Tilly, Mr Vlok said that if such actions were true, he would severely condemn them and would not tolerate them.

Rent meeting in stalemate

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A RENT crisis meeting between the Vosloorus Civic Association and the Transvaal Provincial Association deadlocked on Tuesday over a R30 difference in service rates proposed by the VCA for residents of the East Rand township

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reconsider the association's interim offer of R50 and the town council will consider a 24-hour electricity switch-on

The rent and service boycott began in July to highlight residents' grievances about allegedly high charges and faulty meters. - Sapa

Bakane resigns

THE chairman of the ruling Venda Council for National Unity, Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana, announced the replacement of Mr Gilbert Bakane from the Taylor Commission into corruption because of ill-health

He will be replaced by Mr Isaac Raphala - Sapa

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Setback for councils as Sinaba resigns

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BLACK local authorities suffered another setback when veteran councillor and former Daveyton mayor Mr Shadrack Sinaba resigned yesterday

Sinaba is the 236th councillor to resign and followed Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya who left the job on Sunday

Addressing a press briefing yesterday, Sinaba said he had not been forced to resign. He made the decision about five weeks ago

He said after 33 years in local politics, starting at the time of the Native

By DON SEOKANE

Advisory Boards in 1957, he was disillusioned with the councils. Because of lack of funds the community's grievances could not be attended to, he said.

"Problems are enormous in the township, the cutting of electricity and lack of services such as refuse removal, constitute some of the difficulties the council is faced with

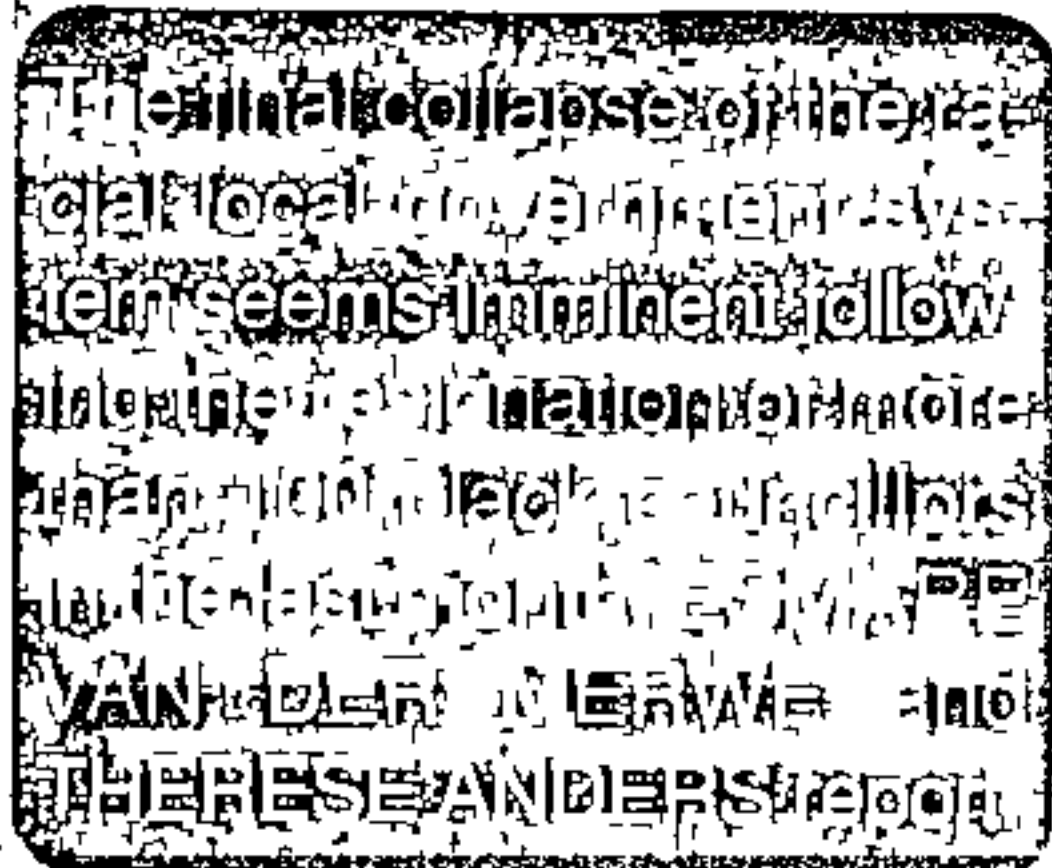
"The government should dissolve the present system of black local authorities because they are not economically viable," said Sinaba



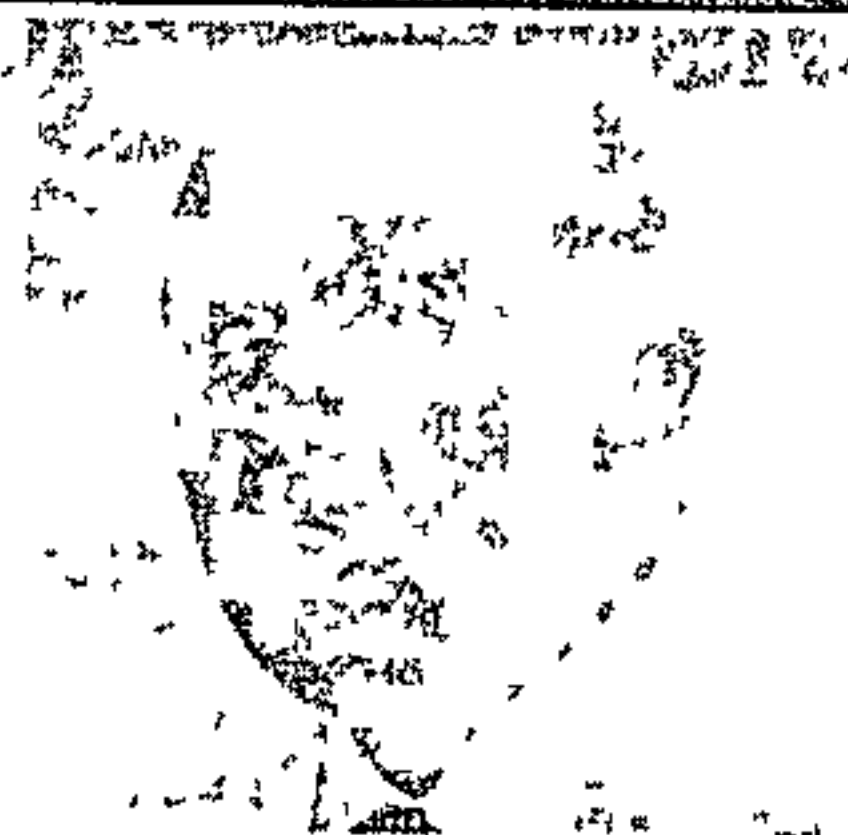
SHADRACK SINABA

Daveyton council now has 10 councillors after the resignation of Boya, his deputy and two other councillors on Sunday

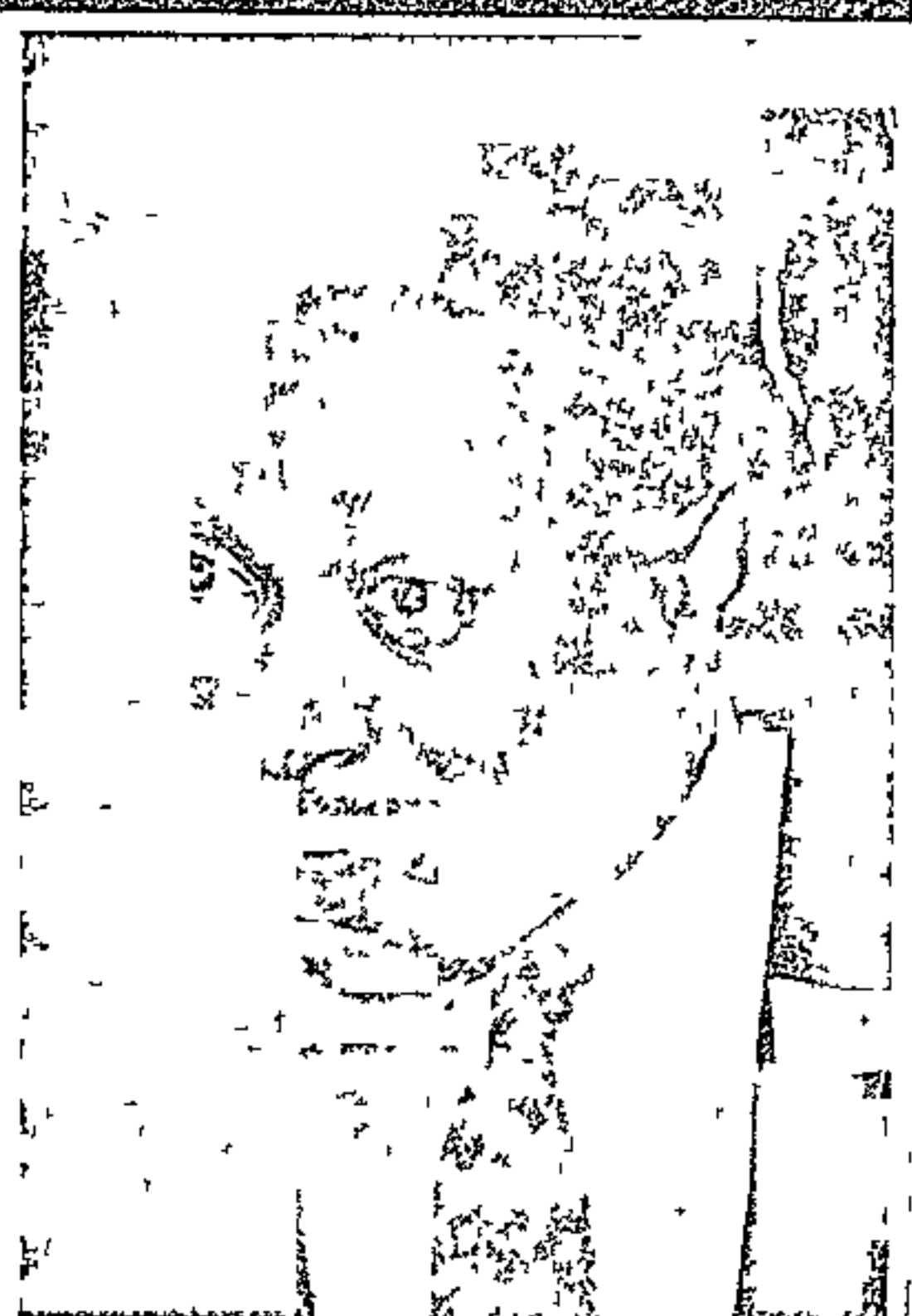
Another councillor, Mr Simon Mothwa, who was present at the Press briefing, said he was likely to resign soon after attending to some "urgent matters"



OLAUS VAN ZYL MEC



PHILLIP NHLAPO Mhluzi mayor



TOM BOYA quit Daveyton council

Black councils on verge of collapse

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BLACK local authorities are on the verge of collapse, with councillors resigning in droves and communities simply refusing to foot the astronomical bill of racially segregated local government structures.

Almost a third of the Transvaal's 82 black councils have collapsed since the beginning of the year, more in the past few months.

And in the past month more than 100 councillors have resigned, leaving 235 of the 692 council seats vacant.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration attributes most of the resignations to severe financial constraints.

Anti-apartheid activists believe community opposition, as indicated by protracted rent and services boycotts, have brought about the collapse of the system.

This week, the outgoing chairman of the United Municipalities of South Africa, and Daveyton mayor Tom Boya resigned, a move which could signal further resignations.

And the chairman of the rival Urban Councils Association of South Africa, Phillip Nhlapo, indicated that he would resign from the Mhluzi council, of which he has been mayor for many years.

Mr. Boya cited Government refusal to dissolve black local authorities as the main reason for his resignation, but insiders say his resignation was prompted by a negotiated settlement in terms of which residents' service fees would be paid towards a massive outstanding electricity bill - leaving virtually no money for the payment of council officials' salaries, which amount to R1 million a month.

Commented a local government expert, who cannot be named for professional reasons.

"The system is collapsing as a result of the contradictions of apartheid, namely a large duplicated administration that costs millions of rands to run

and breadth of the Transvaal, councillors are resigning because they are coming around to agree with the position of civic associations that there should be one administration per town.

"If the State wants to keep black local authorities alive, it must pay Communities will no longer foot the bill. That is the bottom line."

He believed the Government should immediately scrap the Black Local Authorities Act by presidential decree.

"The sooner the Act is suspended, the lower the chances of a mass escalation of conflict (White councils' decision to cut water and electricity supplies have turned the townships into major flashpoints).

"We are witnessing a serious breakdown on a scale never seen before. Particularly significant is the conflict between Conservative Party-controlled town councils and radical civic associations."

Force

He suggested that the State either appoint administrators from white councils "to force the integration" of adjacent white and black areas, or "continue to squander what little resources there are on trying to prop up what is left."

The 26 councils no longer able to form a quorum include large urban townships such as Daveyton (Benoni), Lekoa (Vanderbijtpark), Tsakane (Brakpan), Tokoza (Alberton) and KwaGuga (Wilbank).

However, most of the non-functioning councils are situated in the eastern Transvaal, the heart of CP territory.

The TPA's director of liaison services, Piet Wilken, said administrators had so far been appointed to run 19 of the townships which no longer had functioning councils.

Despite the virtual lapse of BLAs, the TPA remains adamant that black councillors remain in their posts until a new system has been negotiated.

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Township residents paying bills

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RESIDENTS were honouring their Greater Soweto Accord commitment and payments for rent and service charges were picking up, Soweto Town Clerk Piet Geers said yesterday.

He was reacting to a R154m financial assistance package from the Central Witwatersrand RSC to Greater Soweto and Alexandra. This was as additional financial assistance to meet essential operating costs until March 31 1991.

The three Greater Soweto councils of Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto were bound by the accord — signed with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Soweto People's Delegation — to negotiate with the RSC for interim finance. The accord effectively ended the rent boycott and wrote off Soweto's R516m debt.

The RSC grant, announced at the council's meeting on Tuesday, was made on the understanding that Soweto residents would keep up payments, which would average about R56,80 a month.

Geers said yesterday payments were "picking up", but figures would be available only next week.

The RSC decided a new agreement would be necessary after March 31.

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Pressure forces 146 councillors to quit ²⁶⁶ TPA

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A TOTAL of 235 seats were vacant in Transvaal black local councils, and 146 councillors were known to have resigned because of pressure from civic associations, TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday

Wilken, who said this was the situation before the weekend resignation of Daveyton mayor Tom Boya, said the calls for councillors to resign could not be accommodated until new models had been worked out.

"Until new models have been negotiated, we must go on with the existing structures," Wilken said

He said the 235 vacancies — out of a total of 692 seats — could not all be taken as resignations, "but 146 councillors are known to have resigned through pressure from civic associations"

A TPA source said administrators had been appointed in 22 councils and 24 townships were without councils. Of the 82 local authorities in the Transvaal, 58 still had councils, she said

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast), which was campaigning for the dissolution of black local authorities, yesterday welcomed Boya's resignation

The mayor of the Middelburg township of Mhluzi, Phillip Nhlapo, and his council were expected to resign tomorrow after pressure from the local civic association.

Nhlapo, who is also president of the Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa), confirmed yesterday that his council had been given an ultimatum to resign tomorrow, and said "If others go, I can't remain"

Mhluzi town clerk Lucky Mokae said yesterday a meeting at which a local stainless steel company decided to pay Mhluzi's R370 000 electricity debt to Middelburg had decided that the council should resign by October 26

Adcock ~~(S)~~ welcomes ^{Bibay 25/10/90} govt probe

ADCOCK Ingram Limited, whose pharmaceutical company Sabax manufactures drips allegedly linked to the deaths of 24 babies and four adults in the Transvaal, yesterday welcomed the investigation by the Department of Health into the spate of deaths.

Group CE Don Bodley also confirmed the company expected the results of its own internal and external investigations by the end of the week

TANIA LEVY reports that Health and Population Development Minister Rina Venter and House of Assemblies Health Services and Welfare Minister Sam de Beer will now not ask President F W de Klerk for a judicial commission of inquiry — requested by the parents — until they have results of the investigations now under way

TPA Health Services spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday "rumours" of more deaths at black hospitals were being investigated but declined to give details. — Sapa.

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There have been unorthodox measures In a bid to ease negotiations between the Thokoza Residents' Association and the TPA, Eskom supplied electricity for 24 hours to the township

"It was a one-off," says Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis, adding that the decision was made to stave off social chaos And acting on advice from Eskom, the Alberton Industries Association organised payment of Thokoza's electricity bill until September 24 — when the majority of residents resumed payment

In the past week agreements have been struck in Atteridgeville (Pretoria) and Mhluzi (near Middelburg) to arrange flat-rate interim payments for electricity and services — even if below-cost — while negotiations continue Third parties — the regional services council and Middelburg Steel, respectively — paid the Eskom debt

The hottest issue in negotiations is outstanding debts to provincial associations Many East Rand residents' associations continue to insist that the TPA writes off their arrears But the TPA budgeted R313m in bridging money for the year ending April 1991, and only R74m is left ■

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STOP PRETENDING (266)

The steady collapse of black local authorities — highlighted by the resignation of Daveyton mayor Tom Boya — is forcing genuine negotiations to end electricity and service boycotts

Increasingly, provincial authorities have to deal directly with civic and residents' associations The extent to which these associations are representative varies from township to township, but they certainly enjoy a legitimacy never afforded the official "puppet" councils

National UDF civic co-ordinator Patrick Lephuna, who sat in on negotiations in Parys in the Free State, tells the *FM* that provincial administrations "are beginning to realise that people are willing to pay, and the administrations are more prepared to negotiate"

The problem is complicated Black local authorities are broke because of protracted boycotts and weak industrial infrastructures, government is reluctant to provide more bridging finance, and in many areas negotiations between civic associations, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and local councils have hardly got off the ground — partly because smaller residents' associations lack political experience And in some townships, such as Duduza, residents' associations are loathe to even talk to apartheid-tarnished local councils



Boya resignation forces negotiations

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Midrand officials broke law — judge

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Anything illegal done by Midrand municipal officials revolved around town clerk Philip Botha, a provincial commission of inquiry into the town's affairs has decided

His activities, as well as top senior municipal staff and some outsiders, should be referred to the Attorney-General, commission chairman Mr Justice T H van Reenen, has recommended

The judge's report, released in Pretoria last night, said there had been lack of control over the activities of officials and that they had contra-

vened criminal law as well as other Acts and provincial ordinances

The commission found fault with money and benefits Mr Botha received for the use of his car, as well as overtime and housing benefits

Mr Botha had also received R22 000 from a deal in terms of which R500 000 a year of council funds were invested with Old Mutual

It was recommended that the A-G look at Mr Botha's involvement in an illegal hunting trip, an investment with Old Mutual, the receipt of a leather jacket and his role in a canteen contract, a taxi rank, and

trade licences

Mr Justice van Reenen said Mr Botha was not dutiful and did not hesitate to invite his juniors, directly or indirectly, to neglect their duties

Other officials mentioned in the report are deputy town secretary I H Breytenbach (for receiving leather jackets and medical expenses), senior administration officer H W Hughes (for hiring out of property, to be referred to the A-G), former chief town planner J G Koekemoer (to be referred to the SA Institute of Town Planners) and town secretary and acting town clerk H R A Lubbe (for possible disci-

plinary action by council for neglecting to mention a criminal record when he applied for a post with the council)

The judge noted Mr Botha alleged Mr Lubbe committed misdeeds "in his private time"

Also mentioned in the report are town treasurer C J Sutherland, H Van Wyk and J P van der Westhuizen

Mr Justice van Reenen directed the council to overhaul its guidelines regarding financial controls, tenders, contracts, ability, staff discipline, delegation of powers, and regulations for renting out council property

Mnguni sticks to his guns on council post

AN Atteridgeville City Councillor who resigned from his post in 1987 and bounced back into civic politics the following year, yesterday said he would quit again but only after being told to do so by his constituency.

"I will not resign because of pressure from the local civic association (Asro).

I will go only if residents in my ward tell me to quit and I won't waste time to do that", said Mr Petros Mnguni, councillor for ward five.

Residents who attended a public meeting on April 1 this year resolved to stop paying rent until all councillors resigned following the finding of a commission of inquiry.

In an interview, Mnguni said he resigned from the Atteridgeville Council in 1987 following pressure from his children.

Residents in my ward then came to me the following year and asked me to serve them and I did that. These residents gave me a mandate during a ward meeting on August 19 this year to continue as a councillor. That is why I say I won't quit unless told to do so by my ward.

The rent boycott, which started on April 2 this year, has forced the local city council to cut electricity supply to 8 500 houses since last week Monday - a move which will be challenged, argued, in the Pretoria Supreme Court today.

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk of Atteridgeville, yesterday said about 50 residents who had their electricity supplies cut, had paid their accounts since Monday. He urged residents to pay only their September account and the R15 reconnection fee to have their supplies restored in terms of the Pretoria Supreme Court order.

By **MONK NKOMO**

Asro distributed pamphlets this week urging residents to continue with the rent boycott until all councillors had resigned.

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Ucasa president quits post as township mayor

URBAN Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) president Phillip Nhlapo has followed his council in the Middelburg township of Mhluzi and resigned as mayor

But Nhlapo, as Ucasa's president, has been appointed to the committee which will investigate interim measures to alleviate the pressure on black local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees to resign

A meeting held to resolve Mhluzi's financial position had decided, after a local steel company had agreed to pay the council's R370 000 electricity debt, that the Mhluzi council should resign by today.

Nhlapo said in Johannesburg yesterday: "If everyone has resigned, I will also go. I can't carry on alone. I am out of local government

"But now I have been appointed to this new committee at today's meeting of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs"

The committee, under the chairmanship of Deputy Provincial Affairs Minister Tertius Delport, will include Department of

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Planning and Provincial Affairs representatives and one delegate each from the United Municipal Executive (UME), the four provinces, the three own affairs administrations, the National Ad Hoc Committee, Ucasa, United Municipalities of SA and the RSC Association.

Meanwhile, another black local government veteran, Shadrack Sinaba, has also resigned from the Daveyton Town Council.

Sinaba, 71, said yesterday he was quitting because of the way in which local government was being conducted

"We always seem to be running things from Pretoria down to the people, not the other way round. Nothing that comes from and serves the interests of the people is ever carried," Sinaba said.

He said he was going into national politics and joining the ANC.

Sinaba's resignation follows that of former Daveyton mayor Tom Boya and three other councillors.

SA mayors refuse more power

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By BOETI ESHAK

SOUTH AFRICAN mayors have rejected proposals for a change in their status

They were reacting to a report by the Co-ordinating Council on Local Government this week which made extensive proposals for nonracial local councils and new methods of financing

The report suggested three models for the mayoral office.

Each town or city, it said, should be allowed to decide what sort of mayor it preferred — a ceremonial one, or one elected either directly or indirectly. South African towns have always had ceremonial mayors, a model derived from the British system of local government

Although several first citizens of South African towns prefer to retain the present method of electing mayors by a vote of council, the Transvaal MEC for local government, Olaus van Zyl, said the other models should be

supported for the choice they offered

But Johannesburg mayor Willie Janse van Rensburg echoed the sentiments of most when he said: "A mayor should not be politically oriented, and that's bound to happen if he's directly or indirectly elected"

Randfontein mayor Chris Rousseau also prefers the present system: "I don't believe a mayor should be part of a political party."

"I would opt for the present system of ceremonial mayors in which the first citizen is above party politics and serves all the people in his town."

Several alternative models for local authorities were proposed in the report, which was compiled by a committee constituted to oversee an investigation into a new system of local government for South Africa.

Its findings and recommendations have been distributed for urgent com-

ment to all parliamentary political parties, local authorities, the ANC, PAC, UDF and political parties in the self-governing states.

The committee was chaired by Chris Thornhill, deputy director-general of the Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs

"There are some very good proposals in the Thornhill report," said Mr Van Zyl.

"It provides a whole range of alternatives, not only constitutional but institutional, too"

"The philosophy of the report is simple. It is not based on race. Each community has a choice"

Meanwhile, the United Democratic Front has spurned the report as a reflection of "the racial thinking of the National Party"

UDF executive member Titus Mafolo said his organisation rejected suggestions about the protection of minority rights

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'Comrades' switch on power

The mood in the Pretoria township of Atteridgeville was one of joyful revolution at the weekend as defiant youths mounted step ladders, reconnecting electricity cut off by the town council

Virtually every house was switched on by the "comrades" who carried out their work under the noses of passing police patrols

The hundreds of residents whose electricity was cut off following the township's rent boycott chanted slogans and sang freedom songs as the youths climbed the poles and switched on the lights

A police van drove past along Komane Street on Saturday afternoon as youths reconnected the electricity of a row of houses about 50 m from the council offices, but no action was taken

Members of the community provided vehicles, step ladders and tools towards the switch-on campaign that had attracted scores of activist youths

The campaign is in defiance of last week's electricity cuts following the township's rent boycott. — Sapa

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Power cut threats to 17 Tvl townships

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Electricity to 17 Transvaal townships, which collectively owe R23 million to Eskom, could be cut if legal action fails to prompt the black local authorities to settle their bills

The legal action against the 17 out of 27 black local authorities was not aimed at end-users, although electricity supplies could be cut if the courts ordered it, or if the legal process "didn't yield the desired result", Eskom spokesman Mr Johan du Plessis said at the weekend

The action was part of Eskom's credit control procedures and this route was preferred above the punitive cutting of the power supply to the townships, he said

"In fact, Eskom has no reason to assume the legal process will not be satisfactory," Mr Du Plessis said

"We realise that many township residents have started making regular payments again, but for some reason these monies are not always reaching us"

There are 27 local authorities in arrears, four of which have already been summonsed while another 13 will be summonsed this week.

Mr Du Plessis indicated that apart from the Benoni municipality, which was summonsed in September, no other action against white authorities was being considered.

He said he was not in a position to disclose what local authorities had been summonsed

Meanwhile, a delegation of representatives from Ermelo's Wesselon township are to hold an urgent meeting with Eskom officials this week to allay rumours that electricity could be cut off again.

Councillors assaulted

By MONK NKOMO



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THE Atteridgeville Council is expected to hold an urgent meeting this week to discuss the illegal restoration of the electricity supply to the township and the attack on three councillors by residents last Friday.

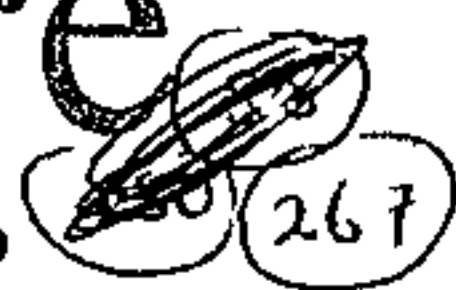
Acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton said yesterday the council was concerned about the unlawful action. *Sowetan 30/10/90*

He said they would probably discuss the matter with senior officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration this week to determine what kind of action to take.

The council is also expected to discuss the attack on councillors Petros Mnguni, Piet Makwe and MP Nangambe, who were assaulted by residents.

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Market ratings ensure long overdue discipline



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IN THE past few months, SA financial markets have been subjected to the gradual advent of a degree of sophistication in the form of ratings — the process whereby companies and their debt issues are independently judged by a rating agency

Investors are then free to use the different ratings — say, AAA versus AA — as a yardstick to decide on what basis to deal with a company or whether to invest in its paper

Republic Ratings, SA's equivalent of such well-known overseas rating agencies as Standard & Poor or Moody's, has rated Eskom, the Post Office and local water board Umgeni Water since it started operating about four months ago

Unanimous

Republic says that Transnet and Landbank are the next big entities to come out with a rating, and that ratings of a number of other "substantial capital and money market participants from both the public and private sectors" are in the pipeline

Financial market specialists, from the Reserve Bank to banks and discount houses, are unanimous that this gradual rise in the number of ratings will instil a degree of discipline into the market that is long overdue

"There is just no way one can be negative about the long-term advantages of a rating agency," says Prima

Bank executive director Herman Hamman

The logic behind the enthusiasm is simple a rating strips away the hype often heard about different companies — "You can't go wrong with us because our name is well known in the market" or "We're a bank Banks don't go bust" — and replaces it with a clinical, uniform standard investors can relate to

The rating company achieves this by a thorough analysis of a company's financial state of health as well as its competitive position in the industry in which it operates

It then assesses the risk of a company defaulting on a specific debt issue Depending on legal structure, seniority and credit enhancement, it is possible to have different ratings for different debt issues within a company

Republic issues long- and short-term ratings The highest long-term rating is AAA+ and the highest short-term rating is A1 Ratings are further categorised into investment grade and speculative

The Post Office got a AAA+ rating not because it is inherently any better than Eskom (which got a AAA rating), but because it is inextricably part of the state

"The state, by definition, represents the most favourable risk category from a domestic credit viewpoint," says Republic executive director Gideon van Rhyen

"Should ownership structure of the Post Office change the rating would obviously require reconsideration"

Ratings are a reflection of the relative credit risk of different companies and debt issues However, says Van Rhyen, other investor preferences such as tradeability also play a role in determining the price at which a stock trades

So whether one is talking companies or commercial paper, ratings separate the excellent from the merely good, the okay from the rather less-than-okay, and the bad from the terrible

For example, the view that a bank is a bank is a bank is contested by Van Rhyen "There is no such thing as the big five banks They are different, and the fact that some have to pay more to attract wholesale deposits than others reflects this"

Downgraded

Indeed, ratings among banks could have been the early warning system that may have prevented the Alpha Bank debacle, which was triggered by motor distributor Spareco's inability to repay a R6m loan — almost twice Alpha's capital base

The ultimate success of the SA ratings scene will depend on the accuracy and soundness of Republic's ratings methodology The extent to which the market accepts them will soon become apparent as further ratings are announced

R36m needed to set up municipal force

JOHANNESBURG will need about R36m to set up the municipal "police" force to be proposed to council today

The recommendation involves extending Johannesburg's Traffic Department by about 500 posts, subject to the necessary funds being made available.

Nearly R23m a year would be needed to pay an extra 509 salaries and council would have to provide R13m to equip, insure and provide a training facility for the unit. The estimated annual running cost of vehicles is R3,7m. A further R1,2m a year

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would be needed for general running costs. Rates would have to be raised 10,7% to cover the estimated R28m-a-year costs.

The management committee will ask for permission to exceed government limitations on its budget and for financial assistance. The SAP will be asked to support council's representations to government. The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council could also be approached for funds.

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First black addresses council

Municipal Reporter

It was an historic moment when black members of Actstop were allowed to address Johannesburg city councillors last night in the council chamber to protest against exploitation and discrimination in the city.

About 200 members of Actstop staged a sit-in in the Johannesburg City Council.

The crowd, many sporting ANC colours and bearing

placards calling for the downfall of "apartheid local government", were barred from entering the council chamber by security guards on the grounds that they were not dressed properly.

After talks, the Actstop members were allowed in.

General secretary, Pas-sage Nkosi, said black inner city residents were upset at the city council's response to a memorandum they handed to the council in May, listing grievances which included

high rentals and exploitation by landlords, lack of recreation facilities for black people in the city and a shortage of graveyard plots.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson, allowed Mr Nkosi to state his case after the monthly meeting was adjourned.

In response, Mr Davidson said he recognised the problems they experienced and said the council would continue to look into them.

Town clerk knew nothing of white pool vigilantes

Staff Reporter

Ermelo's town clerk Pieter van Oudtshoorn says he has no knowledge of a white vigilante group who allegedly beat up three black youths last week after they swam in the public pool.

He said he had personally given instructions to pool attendant Gideon Coetzer not to take any action against blacks wanting to swim

Yesterday The Star reported that one of the youths, Freddie Mofokeng, is expected to lose

an eye after being assaulted with sticks by a gang of white men

The youths claim they had been lured in by the pool attendant

An Ermelo resident, who claimed he was disgusted with what was happening in his town, telephoned The Star to expose the plan

He said the swimming pool attendant was to call another man and give the password "swemles" (swimming lesson) if blacks arrived at the pool

The man in turn would

round up the vigilantes and head for the pool to "beat up the blacks"

An Ermelo resident, who did not want to be named, said he believed white women at the pool had complained about the attire of the youths

He said one of the students had swum in his ordinary clothes and when he stepped out of the pool his pants were around his knees

Police confirmed the youths had come to the police station, but did not press charges. They had then driven them to the local hospital

Maseko is new mayor of Soweto

By PHANGISILE (266) MTSHALI

SOWETO has a new mayor.

He is Mr Oscar Maseko (46), a Sofasonke Party member who has been a councillor for Moletsane for two years. Maseko and his deputy, Mr Alfred Nyathi, were elected yesterday.

The election took place amid allegations of corruption and fraudulent land sales.

Councillors jeered and made sarcastic remarks as town clerk Mr Piet Geers conducted the election.



OSCAR MASEKO

In his inaugural speech, Maseko pledged an open-door policy and constant communication with civic and political organisations.

"We recognise that the ANC, PAC and the Azanian People's

Organisation are the main political organisations of the people," he said. "Our relationship with them will always remain cordial."

Maseko also promised to resolve the hostel issue, get more land to house the homeless and speed up the upgrading of Soweto's roads and sewerage system.

Maseko, who thanked God that he was at last the mayor of Soweto, is a father of two.

He has a Standard 10 certificate and works as a controller for a retail store.

No big swing in by-election

Own Correspondent

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A Conservative Party victory in the Akasia by-election, north of Pretoria, has not indicated a swing away from the National Party.

The CP increased its majority by only three votes in the two-way by-election.

The CP candidate for Ward 9, Mr Harrie Lichthelm polled 408 votes while the NP candidate, Mr John Vos, received 330 votes. The polling percentage was 63,3 percent and the CP retains its 6-3 majority.

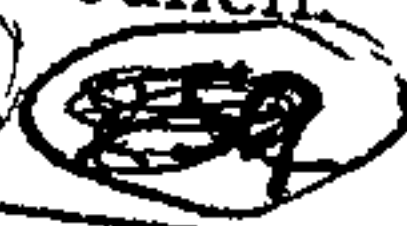
Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said the result indicated that the NP was "on the right track".

Council meeting

The Midrand Town Council will hold a special meeting later this month to decide what action to take against officials implicated by the findings of the Van Reenen commission of inquiry into irregularities in the council.

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Two key Jhb spies cleared by council

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JOHANNESBURG — Two key Johannesburg City Council spies have been cleared of any misconduct by the council's security department.

A third, spy handler Mr Martin Hennig, will on November 26 face charges of hiding documents

Mr Anthony Bennett, who infiltrated the End Conscription Campaign (ECC) for the council's security department, was acquitted of fraud by an internal disciplinary inquiry.

The council's security department brought no charges against Mr John Egan, who spied on the council's 13 trade unions.

All three former spy-ring officials are still in the employ of the council.

Five Freedoms Forum spokesperson Ms Gail Neke said the FFF found it reprehensible that the public had no evidence of justice prevailing where public servants had acted wrongly

"Whether these two are technically cleared or not this outcome is morally unacceptable. It lowers even further the trustworthiness of public servants in the eyes of the public," she said — Sapa

Bank told to freeze payment on cheques

R3,2-m stolen from council

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By DON SEOKANE

A RACKET involving the theft of cheques amounting to at least R3,2 million has been uncovered at Soweto's Diepmeadow City Council.

Three blank cheques were missing from the expenditure section's cheque-book, one of R265 000 was deposited at the

Ficksburg branch of Volkskas bank in the Free State

Another R3 million cheque was deposited at the Germiston branch of First National Bank.

The signatures on the cheques resembled those of a Mr T Mabambe, who acted as town clerk during the town clerk's absence, and management committee

chairman Mr F Phiri. Minutes from a special meeting of the council on October 16 showed the signatories agreed the signatures were theirs but had no knowledge of the amount.

A memorandum to the town clerk, Mr Johan de Jager said that during September three blank cheques went missing from the salaries section and payment had been stopped.

In fact, no payment has been made and the missing cheques have not been traced.

The blank cheques' numbers are 10798, 10799 and 10800 which went missing during September. Cheques numbered 12259/ 60/61 disappeared during October.

Reported

De Jager said the matter had been reported to police at John Vorster Square and that R4 000 had been withdrawn from the Ficksburg account. The bank had been instructed to freeze payment.

Meanwhile, the council has also paid R240 to a repair centre in Germiston for a car which was auctioned six days earlier.

The internal audit section said in a memorandum to the town clerk that the vehicle had been sold for R1 400 to a Mr Naidoo and it had been repaired at the council's expense six days later.



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THE SEARCH IS ON FOR THE TRANSVAAL'S HOTTEST MUSIC TALENT

SECOND PRIZE

THIRD PRIZE

SPECIAL GUEST: REBECCA MALOPE

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Judith Maphalala is one of the Miss Rustenburg '90 contestants. The pageant takes place at the Thlabane Town Hall on Saturday at 7pm and the winner of the contest will take part in the Miss Black South Africa '90.

Residents take councils to court over power cuts

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FOUR Daveyton residents launched an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday against the Benoni City Council and the Daveyton Council to have their electricity supply uninterrupted until December 31.

tricity to Daveyton on October 16 and although the supply was reconnected it may be cut again.

The application, which is being opposed by the two municipalities, is being heard by Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst.

Residents and the Daveyton Council have an agreement that provided residents pay R70 a month for services and electricity, no-one would have their electricity cut off while negotiations continued.

Mr Denis Kuny, SC, for the residents, said Eskom's electric current was supplied to Daveyton via Benoni's network.

Kuny said Daveyton had the power to cut off supply to individuals.

Benoni cut off elec-

He said the council had agreed to payment of R70 a month and it was responsible for accepting that agreement.

Actstop, council try to patch up

Sowetan 1/11/90

BLACK members of Actstop were allowed to address Johannesburg councillors on Tuesday night about exploitation and discrimination in the city

About 200 members of the anti-Group Areas Act organisation staged a sit-in in the council chambers

General secretary Pas-sage Nkosi said black inner city residents were upset at the council's response to a memorandum listing grievances which included high rentals and exploitation by landlords

Nkosi said there were

no schools for the people, who were constantly harassed by police

Johannesburg was prospering because of blacks' buying power but they were turned away from recreation centres and cemeteries in the city

Problems

Councillor Ian Davidson said he recognised the problems they experienced and said the council would continue to look into them

He assured Actstop that all amenities and cemeteries were open to all races

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KATLEHONG entrepreneurs are suffering heavy financial losses running into several thousands of rands following electricity cuts in the township since last Tuesday.

A butchery owner in the township, Mrs. M Mahoa, claimed she had suffered losses estimated at more than R8 000 as a result of the erratic power supply.

Meat

"Meat is rotting in our butcheries at Ramokonopi and Mnisi sections. We sent a delegation to talk to the town council about our plight.

"It was said the power would probably be restored by Friday. We are really running our businesses at a loss," Mahoa said.

A spaza shop owner at Mngadi Section said, "I have since stopped selling cold drinks. This is affecting my business I must have lost about R300 so

By MOLEFI MIKA



SAM DE BEER

far. And this happens after we have resumed paying rent."

The town clerk of Katlehong, Mr SH Mare, said in a statement that it was not known when electricity would be restored

the affected areas as the council had "financial constraints".

"The council apologises for the inconvenience caused by the power failure and will do everything in its power to repair the damage as soon as funds become available."

The affected sections are Mngadi, Radebe, Zuma and Hlongwane and two hostels, KwaMazibuko and Buyafuthi

Panels

Sections which are partly affected are Goba, Moseleki, Monisi, Sali, Ndlazi, Ncala, Ramokonopi and Mokoena

Mare explained that the power cuts were as a result of electric panels which blew up at main sub-station B on October 23

"The mayor, Mr GT Molotsi, said the panels blew up as a result of a lack of maintainance," Mare said

R3,2m council cheque fraud uncovered

A R3,2m cheque fraud has been uncovered at Diepmeadow City Council.

Diepmeadow is one of the three Greater Soweto townships. **5/10/90**

Diepmeadow town clerk Johan de Jager said yesterday that two cheques were involved. One, for R265 000, was deposited at the Ficksburg (Free State) branch of Volkskas Bank, and the other, for R3m, was deposited at First National Bank's Germiston branch.

De Jager said three blank cheques had

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been removed from the council's cheque book during September.

Signatures on the two which were deposited were "good" forgeries of those of two top council officials.

Only R4 000 had been withdrawn from the Ficksburg bank. Both banks had been instructed to freeze payment.

"We will take disciplinary measures against some people for laxity on security, and we have tightened measures to avoid a

recurrence of the racket," De Jager said.

Although the submission to a bank of two forged council cheques for R2 000 last year was reported to police, he could not say whether prosecution had followed.

Diepmeadow City Council, Soweto, City Council and Dobsonville Town Council were signatories to the Greater Soweto Accord, which wrote off R516m in combined rent arrears. The accord, signed on September 24, heralded a series of negotiations by other indebted Transvaal councils.

Residents lose in electricity battle

2/11/90

By MONK NKOMO

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AN application by the Atteridgeville\Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro), challenging the local city council's decision to cut of electricity supplies to houses of rent defaulters, has been dismissed with costs in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Mr Justice H Daniels ruled that the council's action in disconnecting the power supply was sanctioned by its by-laws. "Only upon payment of the amounts involved (in respect of electricity charges in the present instance) and the continued payment thereof would entitle all residents involved to claim the reconnection of the electricity supply", the judge said.

The application was brought against the council, the administrator of the Transvaal and the City Council of Pretoria, by

Asro and Mr John Legong, a resident.

A similar application by four representatives of Daveyton's residents and business community, was also dismissed with costs by Mr Justice Van Dijkhorst in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

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The Atteridgeville Council yesterday started to switch off electricity again to the houses of people who owe rent amid angry reaction from the residents.

Mr David Bam, attorney representing Asro and Legong, yesterday said they were going to appeal against the judge's ruling. An application for leave to appeal will be filed within 14 days, he said.

Appeal to white owners

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has made an urgent appeal to white landowners in certain areas to contact its offices because their land was needed for urban development.

The TPA said valuers were experiencing problems in tracing white landowners in areas such as Orange Farm, Drieziek and the West Rand Agricultural Holdings (Zuurbekom), which had been declared Section 33 development areas.

"Owing to the fact that the owners are not all living on their properties anymore, the TPA is making an urgent appeal to such owners to contact Mr Thys Massyn at (012) 201-4298."

The statement said owners' co-operation would speed up the buying of land. - Sapa

TPA warns council on breaking rules

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has warned councillors that they faced prosecution if they acted contrary to regulations governing black local authorities.

It said in a circular tabled before the Atteridgeville Council's monthly meeting last night that when it came to its notice that a councillor had an interest in a contract with the council - contrary to the regulations and without prior permission of the Director of Local Authorities - a charge will be laid with the police against him.

The circular was recommended for information and strict compliance by the council.

It also stated that private purchases of councillors or employees may under no circumstances be funded from council

funds, not even as a temporary arrangement

The payment of salary advances or personal loans to councillors or employees was also prohibited.

Vehicle loans and other liabilities due to the council should be redeemed on resignation

The use of council vehicles for private purposes was prohibited and may result in a councillor losing his seat or an official losing his post.

The TPA said it was frequently receiving applications from local authorities for the approval of transactions between councillors and local authorities. The number of such transactions was alarming.

Such transactions generally put councillors and the local government system in a very poor light.

"The public is dissatisfied and come to the conclusion that councillors only look after their own interests."

The TPA said approval of a transaction with a councillor or an employee would in future not be considered unless formal tenders were called for and that the tender submitted by the councillor or employee was the most advantageous or only tender. - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Hoseka

Mrs Rebecca Mmatshidi Hoseka (66) of Kromkuil near Winterveldt will be buried at the local cemetery tomorrow.

The service will be held at the Dutch Reformed Church at 9am and the cortege leaves for the cemetery at 10am

Anger over ...

Faceless five control Joburg's future

A FACELESS group of men — all Pretoria residents — are the final planners of Johannesburg. They can overturn any Johannesburg planning decision brought before them — and once the Minister of Local Government has rubber-stamped their view, the matter is closed.

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The Minister is not even obliged to visit Houghton on Island" issue.

He can simply take the board's advice and demand that Johannesburg city council, which is against Sanlam developing offices in Houghton, accepts Sanlam's plan.

When Johannesburg council officials argued their case to the five men they had exactly the same status as Sanlam. The fact that tens of thousands of voters were behind them meant nothing to the board.

The normal procedure for objections to planning decisions in Johannesburg is to first go to the Town

Planning Tribunal which comprises a chairman and 14 city councillors (a quorum is five). The tribunal listens to the council's planners and to the applicant and then makes its decision.

Astonishingly, it can overrule the city council itself. "This makes the tribunal a policy-making body," said Mr Lange. "Surely that sort of job should not be left to five councillors whose votes are not made public, but should be a function of the full council who do come election day."

The city's director of planning, Rudi Erasmus, disagrees. "The tribunal does not overrule the council. It is obliged to take into account policies approved by the council in its deliberations."

The fact remains that the tribunal arbitrates and can come to a decision in favour of an applicant. But if its decision goes against the applicant then the applicant can go to the Townships Board where another set of criteria applies.

Tony Challenger has a suggestion. "The democratic thing to do is form a planning appeals board comprised of local residents under a retired judge or senior counsel — similar to the Valuation Appeals Board."

(The Valuations Appeal Board, comprising local people, is totally independent of the city council and cannot be overruled by Pretoria.) Anthony Lange said "Town-planning decisions must be made locally. We are a big enough city to know our own minds."

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I was told by an official that there were five members and he named them. But when I asked questions she referred me to the board's chairman, Mr P W K van Heerden.

I asked him who, precisely, sat on the board and what their qualifications were. He refused to say. He was adamant "I cannot give you their qualifications. They are appointed by the Administrator and that's as far as I am prepared to go."

I argued that as they make far-reaching and complicated town-planning decisions — decisions which can make or break people and alter the destiny of towns and cities — the public should be told their qualifications.

"They don't make decisions," he said. "They make recommendations. The Minister makes the decisions on their advice."

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Mr Justice Gordon said that by not giving evidence the four had created an unfavourable impression.

They had also created the impression they had something to hide, the judge said.

must have known that they approved of the assault or he would not have done it.

The judge said there was a lack of admissible evidence that Vorster, De Witt and De Villiers had assaulted Ndaba.

The trial continues.

Act allows townships to have civil protection units

EDYTH BULBRING

PRETORIA — Black local authorities in the Transvaal have been empowered by the administrator to form civil protection units under the Civil Protection Act.

A black local authority, like Soweto, will be able to set up protection units consisting of volunteer residents who will be trained in emergency skills like first aid.

In terms of the Act, the civil protection units will be activated in a disaster situation. This includes a natural disaster, the influx of refugees, or any consequence arising from terrorism, subversion or sabotage contemplated in the Internal Security Act.

Civil protection units, co-ordinated by the town clerk, may be activated during the disruption of essential services including water, electricity and sewerage. The disruption of health services and the transportation of goods is also included.

Before the announcement, in the latest Provincial Gazette, black local authorities were assisted by adjacent white local authorities in the event of a disaster, a TPA spokesman said. The civil protection units would not be involved in military action, but would play a role in helping civilians in time of disaster, he said.



ANC slams decision on protection units

THE ANC yesterday criticised the TPA's

decision to empower black local authorities to form "civil protection units", saying the decision was an attempt to create vigilante groups to bolster discredited town councillors.

The ANC said in a statement the latest Transvaal Provincial Gazette, which empowered black local authorities to form "civil protection units" in terms of the Civil Protection Act, was aimed at propping up the discredited local government system and the town councillors whose "callous actions" had resulted in essential services such as water and electricity being cut off.

Hazards

Consequently hundreds of thousands of people were daily experiencing the hardship and health hazards which accompanied life without water, sewerage and electricity.

The protection units, according to the Provincial Gazette, will be made up of volunteer residents

and would be activated when either an influx of refugees or a disruption of essential services occurred.

"It is significant that such 'protection' units are being created at the same time as the Government expresses opposition to self-defence units created by and accountable to the people," the ANC said.

The organisation said "the confrontational approach" of Conservative Party-led local authorities and "the indifference" expressed by bodies such as Eskom had already heightened tensions in the townships.

The introduction of "a legalised vigilante force into this already explosive situation" was an outrage, and the ANC would hold both the Government and the local authorities responsible for further escalation of violence, death and destruction which were "bound to follow this foolhardy action".

The ANC statement said the organisation would soon be approaching civic associations to discuss the matter further

- Sowetan Correspondent

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'Management board to run Johannesburg buses'

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council is considering important changes to its bus services and the establishment of a transport management board to co-ordinate a fragmented transport network

A report will be released at the end of this month concerning proposed radical changes to bus routes, the possible extension of Johannesburg bus services into neighbouring townships, the viability of light rail, and cost-cutting measures

Johannesburg transport chairman Paul Asherson said he believed millions of rands would be saved if the city council approved some of the recommendations

"Johannesburg hasn't changed its bus routes for 40 years, and it appears more and more likely that to run the service effectively, to respond to

passenger demands, we will have to establish a transport management board similar to the one which operated successfully in Durban for a number of years," he said

The board would be given a budget from the city council and would be expected to run transport in Johannesburg

Mr Asherson said one of the problems with Johannesburg's bus service was that the passenger mix appeared to be wrong

Both Durban and Cape Town had gone after the major market of potential users, which was those who had no alternative means of transport — the black population

"We realise that in the new South Africa there is going to be little money to spend on grandiose highway structures. It benefits us to utilise and fine-tune our existing road network a lot better, by introducing light rail, for example," he added

TPA probe into Alex 'scandal' is complete

By DON SEOKANE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's director of liaison services, Mr Piet Wilkens, said yesterday an investigation into allegations of corruption and irregularities within the Alexandra Council had been completed and the report would be made public soon.

The allegations were made by council workers during their strike recently.

Wilkens said the TPA had been investigating allegations of financial irregularities, the selling of vehicles, improper administrative procedures and development of the township.

The chairman of Alexandra Civic Association, Mr Mike Beca, sent a 10-page report to the Deputy Minister of Planning, Mr Andre Fourie, exposing "the unsatisfactory state of affairs and malpractices in the council". *Sowetan 6/11/70*

A copy of the report was also sent to the Administrator of the TPA, Mr Dame Hough.

Alexandra Council acting town clerk Mr Willie Khumalo said the TPA's report contained "calculation mistakes and administrative errors" and the council was querying this with the TPA.

Eskom goes to court

ESKOM has summonsed 17 local authorities in an attempt to be paid arrears owed it for electricity charges, the organisation said yesterday.

Eskom public relations spokesman, Johan du Plessis, said his organisation had decided to try and get its supply arrears through the application of legal steps against those local authorities who were in default.

He declined to name the councils summonsed but said almost all were in the Transvaal with two in the Free State.

A summary of the situation was expected later yesterday. - Sapa.

Council takes 500 workers to court

THE Atteridgeville Council yesterday brought an application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to have more than 500 of its employees convicted for contempt of a court order.

The action followed an illegal strike on July 23 by 516 workers, all of whom are members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities.

In papers before court

By MONK NKOMO

the council cites as respondents five former executive committee members of Taebela who are presently on suspension.

They are Mr Harry Mauoane, Mr Simon Moropa, Mr Noel Madiba, Mr Simon Mashigo and Mr Patrick Khomola.

Mr Justice Preiss ruled

on July 31 that the five should not be permitted to enter council premises pending the finalisation of the council's application.

The council submitted yesterday that the respondents should be convicted for having failed to honour a court order prohibiting them from striking or holding meetings on council premises.

The matter was postponed to tomorrow.

Campaign to oust black councils gets under way

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A CONCERTED drive to force the collapse of black local authorities would begin with marches in southern and western Transvaal towns, the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) announced yesterday.

Cast spokesman Moses Mayekiso told a news conference in Johannesburg that a recent conference of affiliated civic associations gave his organisation a mandate to announce the beginning of mass action to mobilise people towards effective change.

In the wake of electricity and water supply cuts to townships recently, the civic associations had stepped up pressure for the resignation of black councillors and, under the umbrella of Cast, have seen a number of them leave their posts.

Mass action in the form of protests, isolation of councillors and boycotts against their businesses would be embarked on, with the immediate goal

of getting all black councillors to resign by November 30.

Pressure on white councillors would soon follow to work for one city, one tax base, Mayekiso said. Coloured and Indian management committee systems had to go by the end of December.

Tax base

The reasons for the mass action were given as the continued existence of the black local authorities and coloured and Indian management systems, and the cutting off of electricity supply to many black townships.

Another reason was the lack of appreciable movement towards the establishment of one tax base per city.

GERALD REILLY reports the TPA yesterday listed nine townships hit by, or threatened with, power and

electricity cuts. They are Silobela (Carolina), Kwaguga (Witbank), Emgwenya (Waterval Boven), Atteridgeville in Pretoria, Zithobeni in Northern Transvaal, Tsweselang (Wolmarandstad), Botunelong (Bloemhof), Kqakale (Leeudoringstad) and Jouberton (Klerksdorp).

A TPA spokesman stressed the administration was not responsible for power and water cuts. This was done by the bulk suppliers.

Negotiations had been held or would be held later this month with about 20 other black townships on the issue of mounting unpaid service charges and possible power and water cuts. Included are Kagiso (Krugersdorp), Alexandra and Evaton (Vaal), Jouberton and Wesselton in the eastern Transvaal.

The spokesman said it was difficult to determine at any one time how many towns had been blacked out because the situation fluctuated.



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CP crushed in Randburg by-election

By Esmaré van der Merwe and Peter Fabricius

M van Schalkwyk (NP)	10 882
L Steele (CP)	1 969
NP majority	8 913
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Poll	56,5
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Randburg voters gave a clear thumbs-up yesterday to President de Klerk's constitutional initiatives in a parliamentary by-election which has been interpreted as a mini-referendum on white urban support for the reformist Government

In a severe blow to the Conservative Party's claim that it now represented the majority of whites following the Government's reforms, the National Party scored a resounding 8 913 victory in a 56,5 percent poll. There were 72 spoilt papers.

The NP's Marthinus van Schalkwyk received 10 882 votes and the Conservative Party's Leone Steele, 1 969. However, the CP increased its support by 1 214 votes compared with the 755 it received in last year's general election, fuelling its belief that it could obtain the majority of House of Assembly seats in a general election.

Ecstatic

Jubilation reigned in the NP camp when the election result was announced by electoral officer Gert Reyneke at 11 30 pm.

The NP's Transvaal leader, Finance Minister Barend du Plessis, and an ecstatic Mr van Schalkwyk were carried shoulder-high by supporters.

Mr van Schalkwyk said the result had confirmed that the NP government did have a mandate for its reforms, and that "we are unfalteringly on the way to a new South Africa".

He urged the CP to become part of the negotiating process, since "it has now been proved that this is the only way forward". Mr du Plessis described the NP's victory as "convincing", and interpreted it as a clear mandate from white voters to continue on the road of constitutional reform.

He added "The CP's pathetic performance has indicated that

South Africa has no faith in its message and its style of politics

CP leader Andries Treurnicht expressed disappointment at the result, saying "We would have been happy had we fared better, but we are thankful for the support received".

Emphasising the big increase in CP support in the constituency, he nevertheless described the result as a "devastating blow" for the Nationalists.

"We have made significant progress. This result places a province such as the Orange Free State within our reach".

Dr Treurnicht said his party had increased its support in Randburg by about 1 200 votes — "a considerable leap in an unfavourable climate".

By comparison, the NP's support had decreased hugely from the combined NP/DP vote in last year's general election.

"This is a blow to the NP/DP alliance," Dr Treurnicht said.

The swing to the CP, even by the party's own calculations, fell short of what was required to justify a claim that it could win a general election or national referendum. CP deputy leader Ferdi Hartzenberg had said that a 12 percent swing would mean the CP could win a general election and a 17 percent could swing a referendum.

DP leader Zach de Beer said the result demonstrated that when the NP and the DP got together, the CP was not a threat. It was clear there had been a considerable turn-out of DP supporters for the NP, and the NP owed much of its victory to the DP.

Other DP sources calculated that the DP had contributed about 5 300 of the NP's 10 882 votes.



Victory . . . National Party candidate Marthinus van Schalkwyk (left) shakes hands with Transvaal NP leader Barend du Plessis as the two are carried on the shoulders of jubilant supporters after the by-election result was announced in Randburg last night

Picture Sean Woods

Nats decide not to contest Yeoville seat

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The appointment of veteran Democratic Party MP Harry Schwarz as ambassador to Washington has revived hopes of a National Party/Democratic Party deal

Foreign Minister Pik Botha announced the appointment at the weekend — the first time an opposition politician has been appointed an ambassador

And Transvaal NP leader Barend du Plessis announced yesterday that the NP would not fight the DP in Yeoville when Mr Schwarz vacates the constituency early next year

DP southern Transvaal chairman Peter Soal last night responded by calling on DP supporters in Randburg to vote for the NP in Wednesday's by-election — something he has conspicuously refrained from doing so far

"In the light of the Yeoville decision, I would hope that DP supporters in Randburg would vote to promote reform and reject the policies of the Conservative Party," the MP said

DP sources said they believed the NP offer could be the start of an "arrangement" with the NP. The NP offer has gone some way to placate the DP for the NP's last-minute withdrawal from an election pact a few weeks ago

DP sources believe Mr Schwarz engineered the Yeoville deal as a condition of taking the Washington job

He was intimately involved in negotiations with Mr du Plessis for the election pact, which fell through after two other NP provincial leaders got cold feet

Mr Schwarz has also minimised the damage of his departure from the DP by saying he would remain a member of the DP and stating that the party was still relevant

He said last night that the DP was relevant because it was

still the best party to promote human rights and because its social, market and federal policies had to be put on the negotiating table

DP leader Zach de Beer said he was sorry to lose an MP of Mr Schwarz's calibre but he was proud that a DP member had been chosen for such an important job

DP sources believe the NP offer of Yeoville is a significant concession because the party would have battled to keep it without Mr Schwarz's personal following. Nonetheless, Mr Schwarz's decision to retire from active party politics has inevitably had some demoralising effect on a party already doubting its relevance

Mr Schwarz said last night he had decided on the move because he believed President de Klerk's reforms were irreversible and that he could make a contribution in Washington

(Report by P Fabricius, 216 Vermeulen St, Pretoria)

ANC slams defence units

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JOHANNESBURG — The African

National Congress this week slammed the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) decision to empower black local authorities to form "civil protection units", saying the decision was an attempt to create vigilante groups to bolster discredited town councillors.

"It is significant that such 'protection units' are being created at the same time as the government expresses opposition to self-defence units created by and accountable to the people," the ANC said.

According to the Provincial Gazette, the protection units will be made up of volunteers.

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Cut-offs: TPA 'not involved'

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has dissociated itself from the cutting off of electricity and water supplies to black townships in the province

A press statement from the TPA yesterday said the bulk suppliers of services — not the TPA — were responsible for the cutting off of services

"It must be stressed that it is not the TPA who is cutting off electricity and water in black towns This is done

by the bulk suppliers of these services," the statement read.

Suppliers had already cut off either electricity or water, or both, to about nine townships. Negotiations to avert the cuts were being held in about 20 townships.

The TPA said Silobela township had been without electricity since October 16, KwaGuqa (Witbank) from Monday, and Emgwenya (Waterval Boven) had been without electricity and water since October 31 but water had later been made available for two hours daily. All three townships are in the

eastern Transvaal

In Atteridgeville, where power cuts to individual rent defaulters started on October 15, negotiations were held between MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl, the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation, Concerned Citizens Organisation of Atteridgeville, the Atteridgeville People's Party and the local city council on November 1 and would continue on November 13

Negotiations were also being held in Kagiso, Alexandra and Munsieville, as well as Evaton on the West Rand

Verster quits council

JOHANNESBURG
Democratic Party councillor Mr Dave Verster has resigned as a city councillor with effect from November 30

The acting town clerk Mr Graham Collins confirmed he had received Verster's letter of resignation. Verster was earlier suspended from the DP caucus because of his imprisonment for civil debt.

Another DP councillor, Mr Deon van Greuen, indicated he would resign soon as he was moving to Pietermaritzburg. - Sapa

Mass action over councils

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CIVIC Associations of Southern Transvaal yesterday announced plans of mass activity intended to persuade councillors to resign and for the Government to dismantle the system of Black Local Authorities.

The president of Cast, Mr Moses Mayekiso, said all councillors should resign by the end of November and that the Government should dismantle the BLAs and Coloured and Indian

Management Committee system by the end of December.

Mass activity will include marches, which will be held in various cities of the Southern and Western Transvaal, starting on November 17. Memoranda will be handed to the regional offices of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Mayekiso said further action will be determined by the response of the

authorities after the marches and that failure by the councillors to heed the call will result in their isolation in the communities, including boycotting their businesses.

He said the switching-off of electricity in numerous townships and lack of appreciable movement towards the establishment of "one-city, one tax-base" compelled Cast to embark on a programme of mass action.

Black local authorities about to feel the squeeze

By WALLY MBHELE

BLACK local authorities are about to come under unprecedented pressure to resign before November 30 this year.

Plans to replace them with a "genuine non-racial and democratically elected system of local government" were this week announced by the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast).

Speaking at a press conference in Johannesburg on Wednesday, Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the decision to announce "the beginning of mass action to mobilise our people towards effective and genuine change in their day to day lives" follows the mandate given to Cast by a special conference of affiliates three weeks ago and extensive consultation since then.

Mayekiso said mass protest action will include marches in cities of the Southern and Western Transvaal on November 17

"Failure on the part of the councillors to resign by November 30 will result in their isolation in the communities, including a boycott of their businesses," he said.

In a statement issued at the press conference, the reasons cited for the mass action include the continued existence of black local authorities, coloured and Indian management committee systems, the switching-off of power in many townships and the lack of appreciable movement towards the establishment of "one city, one tax base" situations in the area of Cast jurisdiction.

"Black councillors and white local authorities have persisted in cutting power in many townships, even though attempts have been made to negotiate a resolution to the problem," the statement said.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) was criticised for "unwillingness to facilitate a climate conducive to a resolution

of the problems"

"The TPA insists on including councillors in local negotiations and they are not even prepared to condemn their switching-off of electricity," added Cast general secretary, Sam Nhali.

As a result, Cast said it would seek a meeting with Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Herman Kriel, to put forward the demands of the people.

The decision to step up pressure on councillors to tender their resignations has been strengthened "by the avalanche of resignations of black councillors, led by that of Tom Boya", Mayekiso said.

He said the resignation of councillors must be followed by immediate negotiations with the TPA to set up replacement structures.

In the Transvaal, 237 of 692 council seats are vacant, while 24 of the 82 councils do not operate normally, according to reports

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Steven Friedman



Township strife a threat to talks

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BEFORE the government and African National Congress negotiate anything else, they may have to agree on ways to run townships for the next few years. If they don't, they may be unable to negotiate anything else.

Township conflict between ANC-aligned civic groups and the authorities has become the major threat to national negotiations.

The ANC and many civics call for "mass action" to overthrow racial local government — and township councils in particular. The government insists that councils stay until a new local government system is negotiated.

Continuing rent and service charge boycotts threaten to collapse township administrations — and prompt electricity, water and sewerage cuts which dislocate township life. These conflicts have triggered violence which may escalate, making a national settlement difficult, or impossible.

The government now demands that the ANC stop "mass action" if prisoners are to be released and exiles are to return. A stalemate could develop which will delay or halt negotiations.

This is a far cry from three months ago when it seemed that negotiation between civics and the authorities might end boycotts, avert service cuts, and end in agreements to manage townships until a new city government system is negotiated. Talks on ending boycotts had begun in scores of townships. In several, there were settlements. In some, there was agreement on interim arrangements allowing township administration to continue provided civics gained a say in how it operated.

In September, an agreement ended the Soweto boycott and established a forum to handle conflicts until a new system is in place. Some believed it would be followed by agreements in other townships and the conflict would end.

The opposite happened. Most agreements in other townships have collapsed and civics greeted the Soweto accord with demands for stepped-up mass action.

Many in the ANC and the civics saw the Soweto agreement as a compromise because it allowed existing local governments to remain — they want them scrapped and replaced with interim bodies elected in a non-racial poll.

But they knew that other civics were not strong enough to negotiate similar agreements and make them stick.

Soweto's civic is one of the few in the Transvaal which represents an organised constituency: if it has to compromise, it has a chance of taking township residents with it.

Perhaps because it represents a constituency, the Soweto civic had negotiated with the authorities and was ready to do so. It had framed demands and decided which it could compromise on.

The other civics aren't ready. They are used to denouncing apartheid, not to framing concrete policies and strategies. This explains why some agreements have collapsed.

Civics who negotiated them weren't strong enough to ensure that residents would honour them. Some also made them without consulting residents — or realising the implications. When these became clear, the deals collapsed. Many civics have reverted to rhetoric and protest not because they are too strong to negotiate, but because they are too weak.

If negotiating a transition is left to individual civics, the conflict won't be settled. Decades of powerlessness have left most too weak to negotiate now and this won't change quickly. This is why the government is unlikely to achieve a change in local activists' strategies by demanding it.

It assumes that civics could change from mass action to negotiation if they want to. But they may be choosing mass action because they are too weak to choose anything else.

They may choose something else only if structures are created which offer them gains if they take part in local decisions — and the prospect of major losses if they don't.

Structures are needed which formalise local negotiation and give civics a share in decisions. We know now that, in most areas, they can't be created by local negotiation.

The government, the ANC and the civics have an interest in a stable journey from the old local government system to the new. But they insist the journey can begin on their terms only.

The government wants existing structures to remain because this shows it is in control. It wants councillors to stay because it sees them as allies who share an interest in limiting local majority rule. The ANC wants the structures and councils to go because it wants to show it is in control and that stability is only possible if the government concedes local majority rule now.

But neither side is strong enough to prevail.

The government has found that, in many townships, it cannot ensure that councillors remain in office. Where they have resigned — or been removed by force — it has not replaced them. Its present stance weakens it because it sends a signal to local activists that, if they want councils to go, they will have to force them out.

The ANC and civics cannot remove some township councils — still less can they remove white councils. Their current strategy is doing little to strengthen them.

So both sides have an interest in compromising and in agreeing on ways to manage the local transition.

If the process begun by those two earlier minutes is to continue, it may need a third minute, which includes the civics, and agrees on how townships will be run until a new system is in place. It may have to be negotiated nationally. But it will have to give grassroots groups a key role in the arrangements which are agreed — or the weakness which caused the stalemate will continue.

A third minute might also send a message to the local level that conflict is a dead end which may kill prospects for a non-racial democracy, nationally and locally.

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Mandela: Crush township councils

Sf Times 11/11/90

By MARION DUNCAN

The deputy leader of the ANC, Nelson Mandela, has joined the demand for black city and town councils to be wrecked.

The stand — adding to the deepening crisis in the country's townships — came amid a day of violent clashes at Pretoria's Atteridgeville township. Police clashed with gangs

of youths intent on reconquering electricity to houses that had been cut off for failure to pay services arrears.

A youth and an 11-year-old child were killed and 28 people have been admitted to hospital. Police have denied they were responsible for the deaths.

On the other, the government and a band of black mayors and councillors who wish to stay in office, at least until segregated local au-

thorities are scrapped and replaced by a new system. The groups are hoping for a meeting with government ministers this week to avert a looming crisis caused by a township council in the Transvaal (Gaut) who have pledged to wreck the black local authorities.

Mr Mandela, recently returned from another overseas trip, backed the ANC Youth League's demand for the fall of community councillors and banhusan re-

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First steps to a constitutional summit

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ANC have

A proposal that negotiations begin with local government has been made by the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs. S/Thwca 11/11/90.

The council includes black and white local authorities and is chaired by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Herms Krul.

The government view is that this area of negotiations could be based on the recent Thornhill Report which recommended that local authorities be autonomous, directly elected and non-racial.

The report was drawn up by a committee under Chris Thornhill, a deputy director-general in Mr. Krul's department.

Neither the government nor the ANC would officially confirm the discussions.

Formal issues, such as whether negotiations should be undertaken by an elected constituent assembly, as the ANC favours, or in an open forum, as the government favours, have still to be resolved.

A government official said it was not yet known where the formal negotiations would take place. Details of the venue and other issues will emerge from talks now taking place with potential participants.

One motivation for starting negotiations with talks on local government is that this could bring early success to the negotiations, which would lay a foundation for further agreement.

The joint working committee of the government and the ANC received a setback at its meeting on Friday when Umkhonto we Sizwe Chief of Staff Chris Hani failed to arrive.

Other members of the ANC group, including its foreign relations portfolio holder Thabo Mbeki, were unable to explain Mr Hani's absence, according to sources close to the committee.

The meeting went ahead without Mr Hani.

The government group was led by Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

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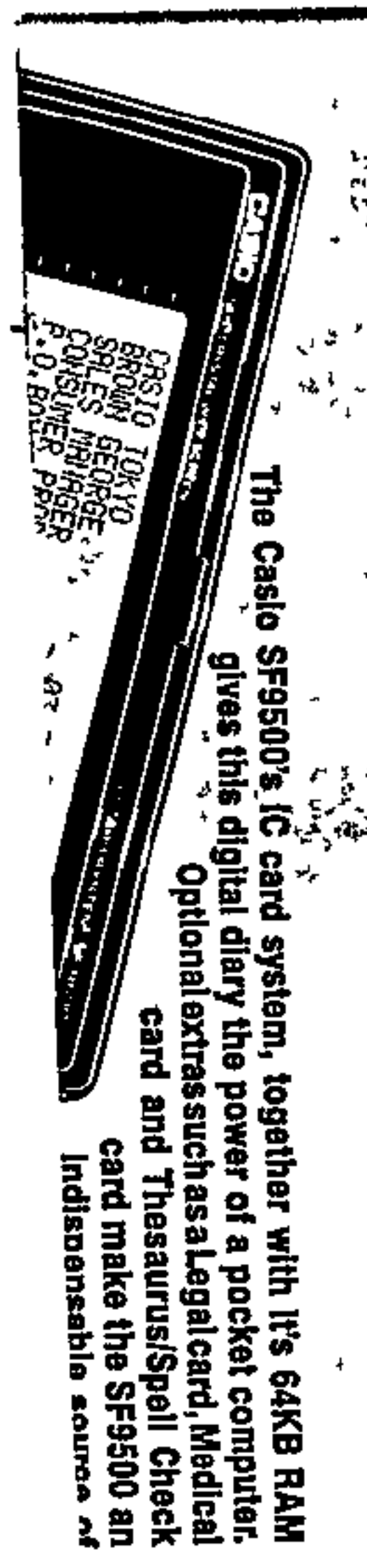
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AP of which heaves black local government in the worst crisis of its history. Between 1984 and mid-1989, the homes of 120 councillors were attacked. More than 20 have been murdered. At the moment, 237 of the 622 seats in the Transvaal's 82 councils are vacant. More than half of the councils — a total of 47 — are in the throes of rent and utilities boycotts, a debt of more than R1 000 million, as well as owing the Transvaal Provincial Administration R338-million in loans from 1988 and 1989. Also in the Transvaal, Eskom is taking legal action

against 17 councils that owe R23-million for electricity. Another 10 (also in arrears) are facing similar action. And nationally, cut-outs of electricity and water supplies to townships have fo-

mented unrest and cost lives — most recently the clashes in Khayelitsha that killed at least 10 people and yesterday's violence in Atteridgeville.

Mr Makings won a merit award in the South African Transport Services annual Journalism awards. His reports in the Magazine showed the other side of SAA, its technological advances and its pilots who supply excitement — and entertain-

ment at air shows. In 1988 he won the news section. The Financial Mail's David Pines award for the second year for his series on deregulation. SABCA's Arlene Walstein won the news category and the Executive's David Robbins shared the honours with De Kat's Wilma de Bryn in the articles category. Willem Steenkamp of Beeld won a merit award in the 3-year



Prominent Democratic Party members attended the funeral in Khayelitsha yesterday of Wandile Nomaxhayi, a 13-year-old victim of the recent township violence. From right, party leader Dr Zac de Beer, Jannie Mombere and Dene Smuts. AMBROSE PETERS

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Eskom 'will not wipe the slate clean on arrears'

B 12/11/90 LINDEN BIRNS

THE R70m in electricity supply arrears from 30 black townships would not be written off, an Eskom spokesman said at the weekend.

Six townships have already been summonsed by Eskom after it resorted to legal action in an attempt to recoup unpaid accounts.

Eskom spokesman Johan du Plessis said at the weekend although legal action had been initiated, this did not mean Eskom was closing the door on negotiating a solution to the non-payment with all relevant parties.

"We are always ready to talk to the civic organisations, the local authorities and the TPA," he said.

Summonses were expected to be served on another 15 black councils soon. They were considering what type of action to take against the remaining nine townships, Du Plessis said.

"We won't be cutting electricity to any of the 30 black councils as it would be unfair to those individuals who do pay their accounts. Cutting off the supply to the whole area will not be a solution."

A temporary agreement on tariffs should be fixed while the issues which had led to the "non-payment situation" were addressed.

Most of the 30 black councils which owed Eskom arrears were located in the Transvaal with two or three in the Free State, Du Plessis said.

Negotiations, which in some cases included input from Eskom, were scheduled to begin on Friday between the TPA and 10 Transvaal black local authorities. Meetings were also planned with the Evaton, Alexandra, Munsiesville, Jouberton and Kanana civic associations.

By Friday, 10 Transvaal townships which bought their electricity in bulk from neighbouring white local councils had had their electricity supplies cut.

These areas were Situbem near Bronkhorstspruit, Engwenya near Waterval Boven; KwaGuqa and Boitumelong near Bloemhof; Silobela near Carolina; Tswelelang near Wolmaranstad; Kgakala near Leeudoringstad; and Maokeng and Jouberton near Klerksdorp



Boya calls for single non-racial councils

By MONK NKOMO

All black town councillors should resign and black local authorities scrapped and replaced by single non-racial municipalities, former Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya said in Pretoria.

Addressing a monthly meeting of the Pretoria Media Club on Saturday, Boya who resigned as mayor and councillor about three weeks ago, said. "The scrapping of racially segregated local authorities would assist us to reach our envisaged new South Africa free of domination and oppression from whatever quarter".

Boya added that Black Local Authorities had no future "because they represent essentially underdeveloped areas characterised by inadequate infrastructures for the

provision of basic services such as electricity, sanitation, roads and stormwater drainage.

"All Black Local Authorities have to be incorporated into one economic, non-racial single tax-base local authority," Boya said.

He stressed however that the administrative structures in the black local authorities should be maintained until non-racial local government structures are formed.

"This will allow the rendering of essential services to continue."

Another speaker, Mr James Mahlangu chief minister of KwaNdebele, said there was no room for homelands in a new South Africa. He added that blacks were abused

by the "white minority Government" and forced into reserves known today as Bantustans or homelands based on ethnicity.

Leaders who operated from the homeland platform were disadvantaged, unpopular and not well-accepted however good their intentions.

Mahlangu stressed that the will of the people should govern and said he would resign as chief minister if his people asked him to do so.

He added "It is a regrettable misfortune that the exponents of apartheid and white domination have now successfully turned some of our brothers and sisters into a shield against the hard attack waged by democratic masses against apartheid."

Town clerk rejects retirement deal

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I'm back, says spy row Venter



Manie Venter . . . Lobbying for support

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter says he will return to office on Thursday

The Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry, which investigated The Star's disclosure of a municipal spy scandal, named Mr Venter as one of the key figures. He is on long leave pending retirement next year.

In a letter to acting town clerk Graham Collins, Mr Venter said he did not believe he was obliged to comply with the terms of a retirement agreement reached with the Johannesburg City Council management committee.

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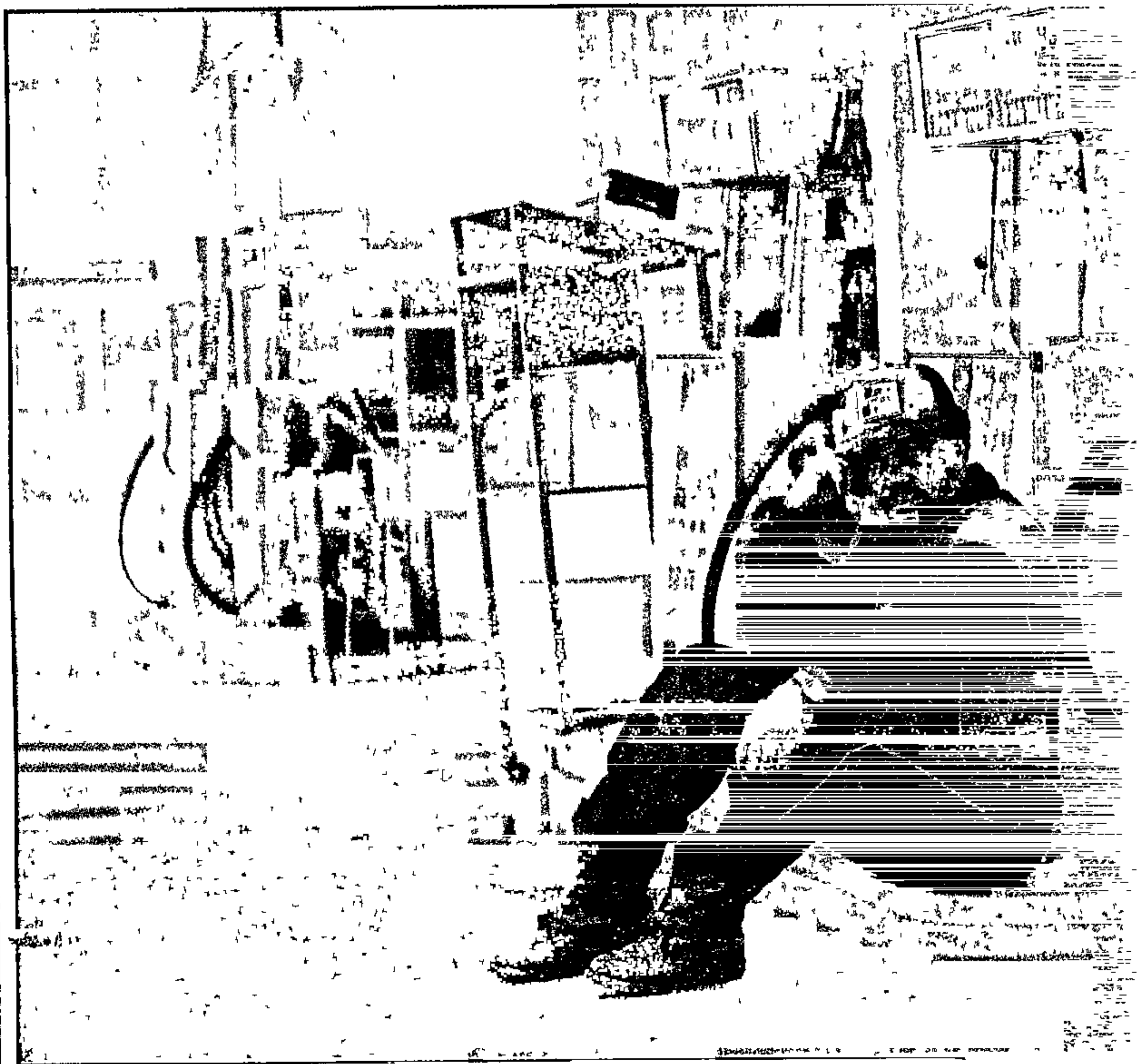
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No pump action . . . Phillamon Mhlongo was one of thousands of pump attendants who waited in line. Customers put off filling their tanks until this morning to take advantage of the 15c/litre petrol price decrease.

Reshuffle points to real negotiations

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By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

President de Klerk has reshuffled his Cabinet largely to prepare his team for the real constitutional negotiations which are expected to begin next year. Government

have hinted at the possible direction of Government constitutional thinking, especially in the creation of regional development.

He has also done some normal promoting and demoting. Environmental Affairs Minister Gert Kotze has been demoted, losing his

Thousands heed Cosatu call for work stayaway

Star 12/11/90 146A

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Tens of thousands of people failed to report for work in Pretoria today, heeding a call for a one-day stayaway by the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) in protest against alleged

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The assistance of senior Nat MPs, such as Transvaal leader Barend du Plessis and Johannesburg leader Pik Botha, has been called in.

Senior members of the DP and NP are in the process of working out an election pact in two municipal by-elections in the city next year.

Mr Venter's threat to return has also created a crisis among senior management staff at the council.

If he returns, resignations are possible in the town clerk's office, city secretariat and treasurer's department.

Approached for comment last night, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he would meet Mr Venter this week because he was sure there had been a misinterpretation of the agreement reached earlier.

Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association general secretary Theo Crause, who was present when Mr Venter's retirement agreement was negotiated, said that as far as the union was concerned a settlement had been reached with Mr Venter.

"It is now out of our hands," said Mr Crause.

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ECC slams council for 'soft line' on town clerk

By Shirley Woodgate

The threatened return to office of Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter on Thursday was the result of "pussyfooting" by the management committee, says the End Conscription Campaign (ECC)

The chairman of the Johannesburg branch of the ECC, Chris de Villiers, whose organisation was infiltrated by the council's security department, said

"The current council's approach is to brush the whole matter under the carpet. The way they have treated public safety director John Pearce is typical of the low-key response to the findings of the Hiemstra Commission, and Mr Venter has escaped an internal inquiry

"Other implicated individuals in the security department, particularly Tony Bennet, have all got off lightly," he said

Mr de Villiers was reacting to Mr Venter's letter informing acting town clerk Graham Collins that he planned to return to office on Thursday because he did not believe he was obliged to conform to the terms of a retirement agreement reached with the council's management committee

He had taken long leave prior to retiring next year after being named by the Hiemstra Commission as one of the key figures in the spy scandal.

Veteran ratepayer campaigner Flo Bird, said "I was appalled to hear they had all got off so lightly and, where Mr Venter is concerned, I want to know exactly where the buck stops if the top man simply tells a commission of inquiry 'I don't know, the others know'

"If the town clerk and former city treasurer does not know what ratepayers' money is being spent on, then who does?"

Rent boycott talks called off

A MEETING between the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Atteridgeville ANC branch on the rent boycott in the Pretoria township was called off yesterday, said TPA Assistant liaison director Jan Loubser.

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electricity switchoff. Subsequent to the violence, a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed in Atteridgeville on Sunday night.

Meanwhile, the Klerksdorp and Jouberton councils will hold a crucial meeting tomorrow to determine further action in the rent and service charges boycott in the township.

The Klerksdorp council reconnected electricity to the township on Friday last week, and said tomorrow was the deadline for residents to make satisfactory payments.

In Witbank, the town council cut power supplies to the township of Kwaguqa on Monday.

Town clerk Adam Engelbrecht announced last week that the R60 flat rate paid by residents was not enough and if the amount was not increased there would be no alternative but to effect the cuts.

A spokesman for the residents' organisation said they were surprised by the action.

Engelbrecht could not be reached for comment yesterday. — Sapa

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Women urged to help build new SA

WILSON ZWANE

DEPUTY Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer yesterday urged women to become involved in the peace process and to share the responsibility of creating a new dispensation in a growth-orientated SA.

Addressing women in Soweto, Meyer said as women made up more than half the country's total population, it was clear they had to take an active part not only in the political sphere, but also in the wider social structure.

"In working to bring about the new SA the government is not aiming only for a new political system. SA needs a whole new social structure where the ideals and aspirations of everyone can be realised," Meyer said, adding that without the involvement of women it would not be possible to negotiate a new, acceptable and workable constitution.

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The Klerksdorp council reconnected electricity to the township on Friday last week, and said tomorrow was the deadline for residents to make satisfactory payments.

In Witbank, the town council cut power supplies to the township of Kwaguqa on Monday.

Town clerk Adam Engelbrecht announced last week that the R60 flat rate paid by residents was not enough and if the amount was not increased there would be no alternative but to effect the cuts.

A spokesman for the residents' organisation said they were surprised by the action.

Engelbrecht could not be reached for comment yesterday. — Sapa.

Women urged to help build new SA

WILSON ZWANE

DEPUTY Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer yesterday urged women to become involved in the peace process and to share the responsibility of creating a new dispensation in a growth-orientated SA.

Addressing women in Soweto, Meyer said as women made up more than half the country's total population, it was clear they had to take an active part not only in the political sphere, but also in the wider social structure.

"In working to bring about the new SA the government is not aiming only for a new political system. SA needs a whole new social structure where the ideals and aspirations of everyone can be realised," Meyer said, adding that without the involvement of women it would not be possible to negotiate a new, acceptable and workable constitution.

Councillors meet defiant town clerk

STA 15/11/90
By Shirley Woodgate

Two Johannesburg National Party city councillors were locked in talks with town clerk Manie Venter at his Houghton home this morning over his threatened return to work today

After two hours, it still was not clear if he would defy the management committee and return to work

Speaking before the meeting with senior councillors Marietta Marx and Koos Roets, he was adamant he would return to work to state his case

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"Not a single member of the management committee has heard my side of the case which I now want to state directly to chairman Ian Davidson," Mr Venter said

"All I am asking is that the management committee hears me. If the council still feels the same afterwards and follows the correct procedures, then I will submit"

He said he was fit after six weeks' leave

"I have been branded a hooligan, but I am innocent. I was misled by certain members of staff, but I

worked completely openly. The auditors can check the records"

But Mr Davidson was equally adamant the town clerk would not return. His hardline attitude was based not only on legal advice but with the backing of a substantial number of senior staff, he said

"We had an agreement in October that he retire from work and take immediate leave and this will be enforced. We are backed by the findings of the Hiemstra Commission and the advice of senior counsel"

TPA 'not responsible for water cut'

Star 15/11/90
The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday denied cutting off the water supply in Tokoza and Katlehong townships on the East Rand, which were without water yesterday

TPA spokesman Gert de Jager said in a statement that the Rand Water Board's water supply pipe had burst as a result of an increase in pressure

— Political Staff

Civic groups to march on Reef and Vaal

THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal is to hold protest marches on Saturday to demand the resignation of councillors, Cast announced yesterday

Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso said marches would take place in Johannesburg, Germiston, Toekomsrus and the Vaal at 10am

Memoranda would be presented to the regional offices of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Permission had been granted for Johannesburg and Germiston. The organisation expected authorities that had not yet granted permission for the marches not to create "a climate of confrontation".

He said: "We must reiterate our contention that these marches are part of a programme of

By DON SEOKANE

peaceful mass action to rid our people of the ravages of apartheid and improve the quality of people's lives

"The curfew imposed in Atteridgeville and the policy of switching-off of power in various townships make it virtually impossible for negotiations to take place in a conducive climate"

Demands

The demands to be presented to the TPA included:

- * The dismantling of black local authorities, coloured and Indian management authorities by the end of December;

- * The immediate end to power cuts in townships; and

- * The establishment of one city and one tax base.

Minister told people to aid cops - witness

IT WAS a well-known fact in Clermont that KwaZulu Deputy Cabinet Minister Mr Bekizizwe Jamile encouraged people to co-operate with police and other authorities, the Maritzburg Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was heard during the cross-examination of Captain Eric Nkabinde, a witness in the trial of Jamile and his co-accused, Mr Msizi Hlophe.

Jamile (60) and Hlophe (19) have pleaded not guilty to five charges of murder, seven counts of attempted murder and three charges of incitement to murder.

Nkabinde has been branch commander of the Kwa Dabeka Police Station, which serves the Clermont area, since October 1987.

Under cross-examination by Jamile's defence counsel, Mr Gideon Schellema, he agreed that Jamile was criticised severely in United Democratic Front circles for his appeal to people to co-operate with police

(Proceeding). - *Sowetan Correspondent.*

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Pretoria councillor resigns

ATTERIDGEVILLE councillor Mr Paulo Nangambe resigned yesterday, saying he had done so in accordance with the will of the community and pressure from his family.

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Local groups urged to aim for unity

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MUNICIPALITIES of Pretoria, Atteridgeville, Laudium, Eersterus and Mamelodi should jointly probe the possibility of unifying into a non-racial authority, the Democratic Party said this week.

It should look into a

similar system of local government proposed by the Soweto Council for the greater Johannesburg area, the party said after a meeting of its Northern Transvaal regional executive.

Turning to the present impasse on the rent boycott in Atteridgeville, it said Government must also urgently explain why the findings of the Kriel Commission, which investigated the affairs of Atteridgeville/Saulsville, were not implemented and acted on.

The DP urged authorities and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) to speedily resolve the problem - *Sowetan Correspondent*.

Officials quit as ANC launches mass campaign

LESLEY LAMBERT and
EDYTH BULBRING

THE ANC launched its nationwide mass mobilisation campaign against local authorities in the Western Cape yesterday in the face of government claims that the action was a ploy to derail negotiations.

The campaign last night appeared to claim its first victim in the Atteridgeville Town Council after the mayor and two councillors quit, leaving the council without a quorum.

The resignations followed a campaign by the Pretoria township civic organisation and the local ANC branch.

In Cape Town, ANC leaders decided to proceed with a protest march from Guguletu to the nearby Ikapa Town Council yesterday evening, and another in Cape Town on Saturday — despite government claims that these actions went against the spirit of the Pretoria Minute agreed to by the ANC. Magisterial permission for yesterday's march was granted.

The campaign is expected to become national at the weekend, with protest marches against local authorities in six Transvaal towns ar-

ranged by the UDF-affiliated Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast)

ANC Atteridgeville branch chairman Abe Nkomo said last night the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation had received a letter from councillor Paulos Nangambe on Tuesday saying he had resigned.

The letter said he had respected calls by the community and his family for him to resign.

Atteridgeville mayor Velaphi Mathebula's wife, Lulu-Lizzy Mathebula, confirmed that her husband resigned from the council yesterday.

She said his continued presence on the council was a danger to her family and the community had put pressure on him to resign.

She said councillor H Nchabeleng had also resigned.

The Atteridgeville council was expected to hold its final meeting last night, with the remaining six councillors likely to resign because a quorum no longer existed. There were

previously three vacancies on the council and at least seven councillors are required for a quorum.

In a statement this week, Western Cape ANC leaders said there was "a growing feeling that the terms and spirit of the Pretoria Minute are being interpreted to narrow, short-term political advantage" by government.

"While the ANC has been and remains absolutely committed to the negotiation process, circumstances on the ground and the responses of those in power leave many wondering what has changed," it said.

There have been a number of sharp reactions to the campaign by Foreign Minister Pik Botha, Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and the Law and Order Department.

Sapa reports that the Federal Independent Democratic Alliance (Fida) has rejected "the high-handed actions of Cast".

In a statement yesterday Fida said a meeting of local councillors deplored the "undemocratic manner in which Cast has claimed the right to speak on behalf of township residents".

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Venter shelves return to council after talks

By Shirley Woodgate

Johannesburg town clerk Manie Venter decided yesterday, after closed-door discussions with the city's management committee, to scrap immediate plans to return to work

Mr Venter was named by the Hiemstra Commission of Inquiry as one of the major figures in the Johannesburg municipal spying scandal

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said his committee had met Mr Venter and it had been agreed he would not be coming back

Scotching rumours of a split in the working relationship between the National Party and the Democratic Party in the council, he said the entire management committee was happy with the arrangement

Mr Venter said he

would not return to office "at this stage".

He added that he was totally relaxed about the talks.

It was earlier reported that Mr Venter had written to acting town clerk Graham Collins informing him that he planned to return to office.

Mr Venter had been on sick leave before taking long leave pending retirement after the findings of the Hiemstra Commission were made public.

SA COUNCIL OF WORLD

Death knell sounds for councils

By DON SEOKANE

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THE DEATH knell has again sounded for black local authorities. When Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton and president of United Municipalities of South Africa resigned, he called on other councillors to follow his lead.

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Under pressure

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However, Cast wants to reverse the pattern and has said that independent administrators should be appointed with consultations with the residents. The TPA, Cast's president Mr Moses Mayekiso, said should not appoint administrators arbitrarily.

Administrators would have to oversee the administration and rendering of services to the townships and fill the vacuum created by the resignation of councillors.

The perception expounded by Cast is that administrators would hold the fort only as an interim structure, until a non-racial local government system has been negotiated.

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The argument put forward by Cast to demand the resignation of all councillors is the lack of progress in the establishment of "one city, one tax-base" and disconnection of power supply to the townships.

Township councils are cash-strapped because they do not have a tax base and the argument proposed by Cast is that township residents sell their labour at the neighbouring cities and as such they provide wealth, they do not share in.

Since they cut the bridging finance to councils, the TPA has, on several occasions, attempted to break the rent boycotts. Lawyers were called in. Residents were threatened with power cuts and switch-offs followed. Negotiations with civic bodies were also started in an attempt to the impoverished councils going.

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Marches against local authorities

By TSHOKOLO MOLAKENG (266)

PROTEST marches across the Reef this weekend mark the intensification of a countrywide campaign against local authorities — the focus of much of the township violence in recent weeks. W/Mon 16/11 ~ 22/11/90

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, an umbrella body of 38 civic associations, has arranged marches to various Transvaal Provincial Administration offices, where protesters will deliver memorandums to the officials tomorrow.

The demands include the resignation of councillors, scrapping of all rent and service charge arrears, immediate restoration of electricity and water supplies, and dissolution of racial local government and their replacement with a freely elected non-racial local government with a single tax-base and one city council

Atteridgeville Council collapses as two more resign

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THE Atteridgeville Council collapsed yesterday after the resignation of two more councillors, including the mayor Mr Velaphi Mathabela.

Mr Henry Nchabeleng, councillor for ward 12, resigned a few hours after his shop, which is situated inside the Saulsville hostel was petrol-bombed.

"I have decided to resign and align myself with the community because it is the will of the people that should govern," Nchabeleng said.

Mathabela, who has been a councillor since

By MONK NKOMO

1983, said he resigned because of pressure from his Ward 10 constituency who had held talks with him regularly during the past six months.

"I have made up my mind. My supporters have asked me to quit and I have done so," he said.

The resignations of the two men means the council cannot function as the remaining councillors cannot form a quorum. An administrator

has to be appointed to run the affairs of Atteridgeville.

Both councillors joined their colleague Mr Paulos Nangambe, who resigned on Wednesday following pressure from his family and members of the community.

By-elections in three wards following the death of Mr Joseph Segopa and the dismissal of councillors Matthew Mahlangu and Victor Zobane - who were both convicted on criminal charges - have not yet been held.

Sowetan yesterday also established that the

acting town clerk, Mr Daan Mouton, had also resigned from his post.

"I cannot deny or confirm that," said Mouton, who declined to comment further.

Nchabeleng, who became a councillor representing Saulsville Hostel dwellers, since October 28 1978, said he was happy he would no longer live in fear.

He also expected the community, especially hostel dwellers, to support his business, which was boycotted since March.

City security boss in new controversy

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SUSPENDED Johannesburg security chief John Pearce has gone fishing.

But his angling trip in the company of two city councillors and two municipal officials has sparked a flurry of questions at senior city council level

The city secretary is now looking into the legality of the matter, particularly in view of the fact that the two councillors — the NP's Eddy Venter and the CP's Gert Bezudenhout — will have to vote next year on Mr Pearce's future in the municipality.

Other people on the fishing expedition are A J Schoombee of the transport department, Willem Bruwer from the legal staff of the city secretariat, and several members of the SA Defence Force

Invitations to join the West Coast trip were offered to a number of other councillors, including DP members

Said a DP councillor who did not want to be named "My God! I only found out later that Big John was involved

"I could have gone along in all innocence, and then where would I have been?"

"It looks really bad"

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson (DP) agreed.

"I believe it is very unfortunate that councillors and council officials should see their way clear to going on a fishing trip with somebody who has been suspended for misconduct.

"I also believe they have compromised themselves

"It was most ill-advised of them, particularly the councillors, since Mr Pearce will ultimately go before them as the arbiters of his destiny

"I do not, however, know if they have compromised themselves sufficiently to have to absent themselves from any future vote regarding Mr Pearce

"I don't think there is anything prohibiting communication between a



JOHN PEARCE ... his angling expedition has caused a flurry

By MARION DUNCAN

councillor and a senior council official, even if there is a charge of misconduct against the official

"And then again, this is something more than just communication

Friends

"The city secretary is looking into it"

Jacques Theron, leader of the CP in the council, said "As far as I know, this is purely a private party.

"I know they wanted the party to be even bigger because there were quite a few invitations being ban-

died around It was only recently that I discovered Mr Pearce was with them"

Mr Theron added "Perhaps he had some time on his hands and just wanted in

"But I do agree that it does compromise those councillors

"It is not the best thing to have done."

He said it was not surprising that the CP's Mr Bezudenhout was on the same trip as the NP's Mr Venter.

'Unfair'

"I understand they're great friends," he said

New NP leader Koos Roets said "I won't comment until I've spoken to Mr Venter about the whole thing"

He said he wasn't aware of the fishing trip or Mr Pearce's presence, and said it would be "unfair" of him to say anything until he knew more.

Cape Town's poor rankings

From DAVID BRAUN
Argus Foreign Service
in Washington

CAPE TOWN has the highest murder rate of the world's 100 largest metropolitan areas, an international survey has found.

Johannesburg has become a pretty grim place to live too, barely escaping being classified as one of the world's 28 cities with poorest living conditions, the same study has found.

More than 70 percent of the people who live in greater Johannesburg have no electricity and/or running water in their homes, making South Africa's commercial capital the worst off in this regard in the entire world.

Johannesburg also has the least children between 14 and 17 in school, faring worse in this regard than Lagos, Nigeria and Lahore, Pakistan.

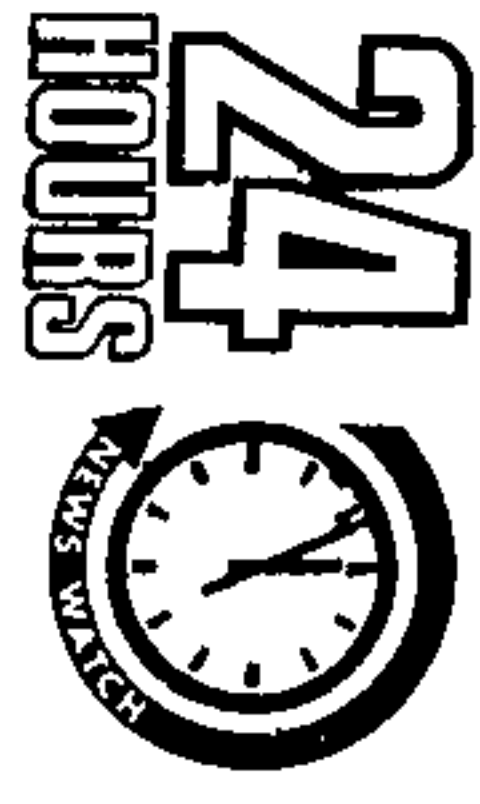
The two-year study by the Washington-based Population Crisis Committee involved nearly 200 research collaborators from 45 countries in the first comparative statistical analysis of living conditions in the world's 100 largest metropolitan areas.

Metropolitan Johannesburg, with 4.6 million people, is ranked as the world's 38th-largest urban area. Cape Town, with 2.4 million people, weighs in at the 94th position.

Desirable cities

However, when 10 selected indicators of living standards are combined, Cape Town is ranked at number 57 and Johannesburg at number 70 on a descending list of desirable places to live.

Out of a maximum urban living standards score of 100, Cape Town scores 52 points, the same as Naples in Italy, while Johannesburg gets 46, behind Casablanca's 48 and Sao Paulo's 50.



The Population Crisis Committee considers scores of 75 to 100 to be very good, 60 to 74 good, 45 to 59 fair and 44 and anything less poor.

Johannesburg therefore squeaks in as a city considered to have fair living conditions.

Among the cities scoring lower points than Johannesburg are Manila, Alexandria, Bangkok, Istanbul, Madras, Ho Chi Minh City, Mexico City and Calcutta.

The worst city to live in in the world is Lagos, Nigeria, which scores 19. Kinshasa comes in second on the worst list with a score of 29.

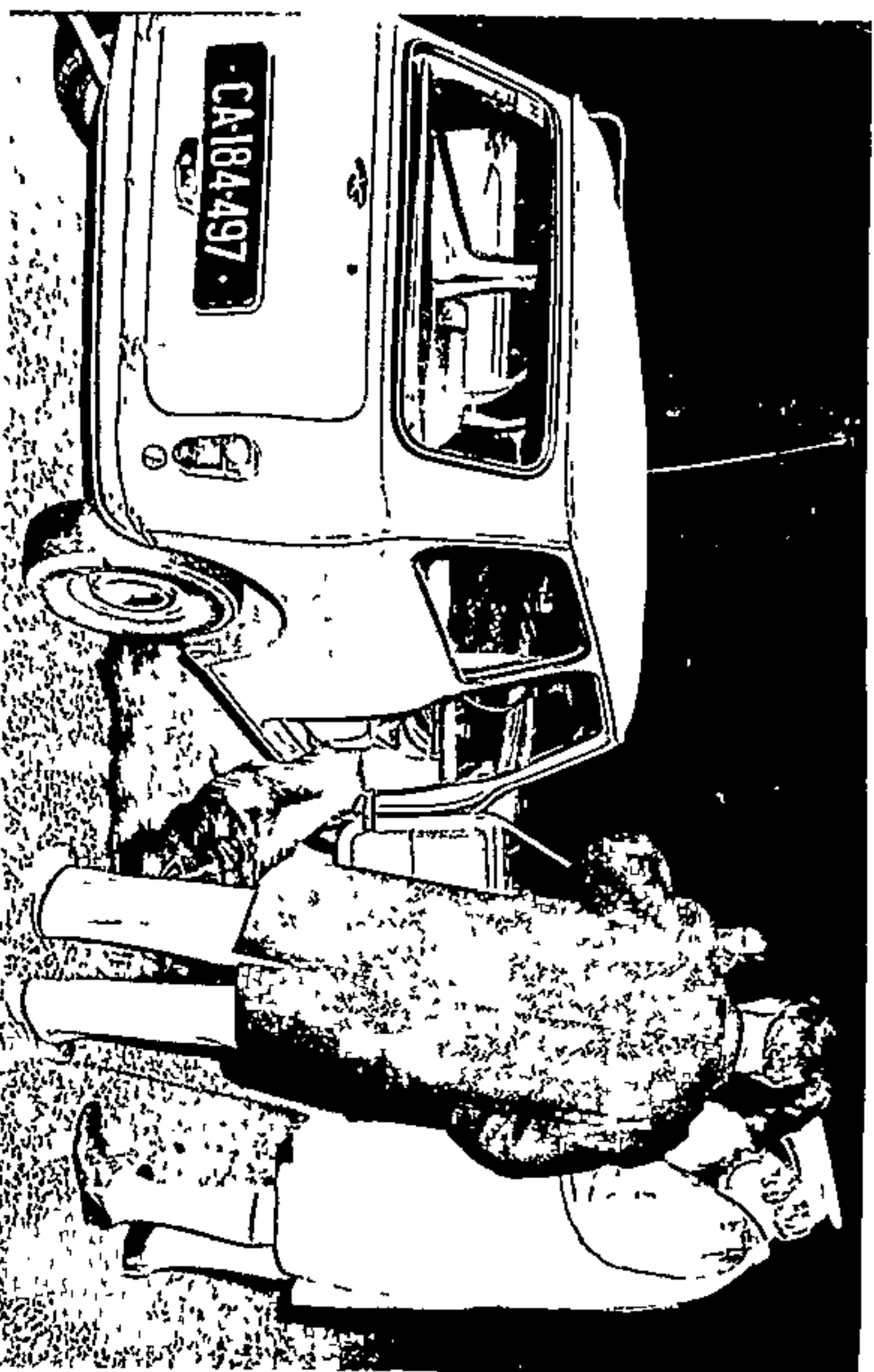
Three cities tie for best places in the world to live — Melbourne, Montreal and Seattle (each with a score of 89). They are followed by Atlanta, Essen-Dortmund-Duisberg in Germany, Detroit-Windsor and Dallas-Fort Worth.

Washington DC scores 76 points, Paris 72, New York 70 and London 69. Moscow weighs in at 64, Athens at 62 and Lisbon at 61.

Cape Town has the dubious honour of being the world's murder capital because of its annual rate of 64.7 murders per 100 000 people.

Washington DC, the US murder capital, has a paltry rate of 14.8 by comparison.

Cities with the second and third-highest murder rates are Cairo (56.4) and Alexandria (49.3), while seven other cities with murder rates above 20 are Rio de Janeiro, Manila, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, Porto Allegro, Bogota and Miami.



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The cities with the lowest murder rate are Madrid, Manchester and Bandung — less than one per 100 000 people.

The two South African cities in the world's 100 biggest urban concentrations fared poorly in terms of socio-economic conditions but did fairly well in terms of noise, traffic flow and clean air.

In the category of food costs, Capetonians spend an average 34 percent of their income feeding themselves (no figures were available for Johannesburg). This compares with 23 other metropolitan areas in which households spend half or more of their income on food. The worst off in this regard are Ho Chi Minh City (people spend 80 percent of their income on food) and Lima (70 percent).

In most cities in the US, Canada and Australia, households spend 15 percent or less of income on food. Three cities with a reputation for high living costs score low percentages: Tokyo (18 percent), London (14 percent) and Washington, DC (nine percent).

In Johannesburg there is an average five persons per room of living of space. The corresponding figure for Cape Town is 1.2.

For cities in the US, Canada and Australia, there are an average of two rooms a person. In Eastern Europe, Soviet Union and Spain there is more than one person a room.

Twenty cities in Asia and Africa have more than 2.5 persons a room, while Lagos has the least living space, with 5.8 persons a room, not much worse off than the situation in Johannesburg.

Johannesburg ranks as the world's worst-off city in terms of housing standards, with only 28 percent of all

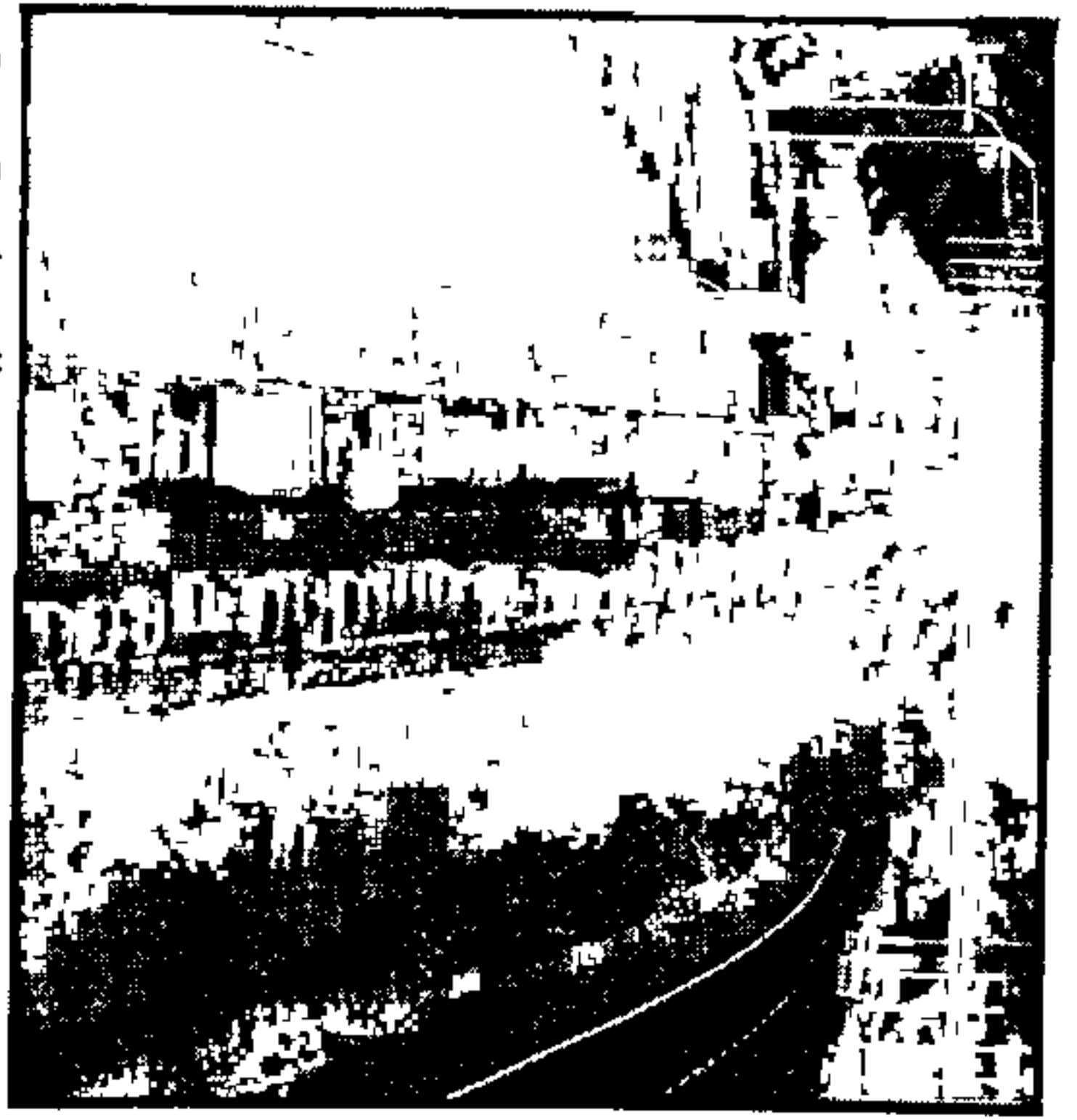
homes having electricity and/or running water (Cape Town 58 percent).

In 87 of the world's top 100 metropolitan areas, 70 percent or more homes have electricity and/or running water. Kinshasa, second on the world's worst list for this indicator, has 33 percent of its citizens living with access to electricity and/or water.

Johannesburg also scores very low in terms of the communications indicator, with only six telephones per 100 people (Cape Town 18).

San Francisco has 151 telephones per 100 people and one or more telephones are reported for every two people in 18 other cities in the US, Canada, Europe and Australia.

In most South Asian and African cities, there are only one or two telephones per 100 people. In Lagos, Ho Chi Minh City and Kinshasa there is



Cape Town's traffic congestion rates poorly. An average speed of 35 km/h was recorded between city centre and the airport during rush hour.

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In Johannesburg only 25 percent of children between 14 and 17 are in school (Cape Town 66 percent), placing the golden city again at the very bottom of the list. Kinshasa, one notch better than Johannesburg, has 31 percent of its children at school.

In terms of public health, Johannesburg reports 22 infant deaths per 1 000 live births and Cape Town 18 — levels which although are substantially higher than the rate of five infant deaths for 1 000 births recorded in three Japanese cities and Taipei, are somewhat better than the world's worst cities (Kanpur 157 deaths/1 000, Recife 122 and Dhaka 108).

Cape Town and Johannesburg are fairly quiet cities, each scoring three out of 10 for ambient noise levels. The world's noisiest cities include New York, London, Karachi, Madras, Madrid, Lahore, Na-

ples and Surabaya. Among the quietest (scoring two each) were Dallas, Singapore and Manchester.

Johannesburg is considered to be a relatively uncongested city, with an average speed of 60 km/h being recorded for traffic flow between city centre and nearest major airport during rush hour.

Cape Town recorded an average speed of 35 km/h under the same conditions.

Cities less congested than Johannesburg include Atlanta, Casablanca, Houston, Belo Horizonte and Detroit. Cities with the worst traffic congestion are Lima (6 km/h), Lisbon (9 km/h) and Manila (11 km/h).

Both Cape Town and Johannesburg scored eight out of 10 for clean air. Only three cities — Taipei, Sydney and Melbourne — scored a perfect 10. The world's most polluted cities are Calcutta, Jakarta, New Delhi, Tehran, Beijing, Shenyang and Milan.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is still to announce who will be appointed as administrator of Atteridgeville.

This follows after last week's resignation of the entire Atteridgeville City Council.

A TPA spokesman said the Administrator of Transvaal would appoint an administrator to take over the council's functions "as soon as possible".

The TPA's Chief Director of Local Government, Mr Jan van der Walt, in a statement said "self-appointed leaders of the Atteridgeville community had failed to read" the Kriel Commission's report or deliberately endeavoured to mislead the community".

He said the TPA had

Mr van der Walt said

Hot seat a poser for TPA at Atteridgeville?

"noted with shock" that the Atteridgeville city councillors had been "forced to resign by a concentrated campaign of intimidation and terror".

"If, however, one considers that in the course of a single night no less than 25 petrol bombs were thrown at the house of one councillor and his family, one may begin to understand the intolerable pressure brought to bear on these councillors," he said.

that if the Kriel report was studied properly, "it will soon become evident that these purported reasons are simply an excuse for despicable criminal conduct".

He said irregular con-

duct attributed by the report to councillors occurred prior to the 1988 municipal elections, and only three people who served on the council at the time were re-elected.

"Under the circum-

stances, the only reasonable inference seems that the Kriel report was deliberately employed with the intention of misleading the community in order to achieve certain sinister objectives," he

said. "The fact that a part of the community turned to violence causes one to question the motives of the so-called civic organisations".

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Ex-mayor Ndlazi quits

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ONE of the longest-serving community councillors in Mamelodi, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, yesterday resigned from the council.

Ndlazi, who served as mayor for five consecutive years from 1985-1989, also resigned with immediate effect as national organiser for the Urban Councillors Association of South Africa, a position he held for 10 years

By MONK NKOMO

He submitted his letter of resignation to the town clerk, Mr JP Nel, who could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Ndlazi said yesterday he had resigned because of pressure from his family and the call by the community for councillors to quit.

His resignation follows a call by the

Mamelodi People's Delegation at the weekend that local councillors should follow the example of Atteridgeville town councillors who quit their posts last week.

Appeal

Ndlazi, who was councillor for Ward 7, joined the council in November 1978 after defeating his rival, Mr Obed Mbhalati. At the time he was president of the Vulamehlo-Vukani People's Party

Asked about the future of black local authorities, Ndlazi appealed to the Government to "speed up the process of implementing non-racial local government structures for the sake of peace in the townships"

He added "I am glad that it is all over now My family and I will live freely and without fear. At certain stages I was guarded by police during my time as mayor I am happy to resign and align myself with the masses"

Ignore rent demands, says SCA

By Stan Hlophe

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) has advised members of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce to ignore letters from the Soweto Town Council which warned them to pay their rent arrears.

SCA president Isaac Mogase told the meeting yesterday that in terms of the accord reached between the SCA, the council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, all rent arrears would be written off, including those of traders.

The council has written to businessmen demanding payment.

Mr Mogase urged businessmen not to make agreements, as they could be binding.

He appealed to traders to become affiliated to the SCA by aligning themselves to street committees. He asked

traders not to donate money to youths in the township unless called on to do so by the SCA.

Soweto baker China Ngema asked the SCA to protect businessmen from vandalism — the hijacking of vehicles by youths who committed these crimes in the name of "the struggle".

Mr Mogase said the civic association and chamber should convene an anti-crime conference to address the issues.

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Krugersdorp says no to ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ civic action

GIEN ELSAS

THE Krugersdorp Town Council has decided to not recommend that a march be allowed to take place on Monday.

A special council meeting was held on Thursday night to make a decision about the march organised by the Munsieville Civic Association (MCA) and involving about 5 000 people — so that the Krugersdorp Chief Magistrate could be informed of its decision before making his own decision.

The MCA applied to hold a peaceful protest march in order to present a memorandum listing grievances to the Krugersdorp town clerk. Grievances include the recent electricity cuts to the area.

The MCA has organised 400 marshals to ensure that the march will be peaceful.

Permission is refused

STAFF REPORTER

THE Department of Justice has confirmed that Pretoria's chief magistrate has not granted permission for today's march through central Pretoria.

In a statement issued late yesterday afternoon, the Department said the magistrate's decision followed the Pretoria City Council's refusal to allow the march "at that time".

"A magistrate has no power to permit a march which has been prohibited by a local authority," the statement said.

The Department said the magistrate had not heard from the applicants after he inquired on Wednesday whether they wished to bring an amended application. The magistrate made his decision later that day "to avoid misunderstanding".

The Department said Section 53 (2) of the Internal Security Act, 1983, makes provision that a magistrate shall withhold his permission only if he has reason to believe that a procession may endanger law and order.

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BY MONK NKOMO

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FW will deliver keynote address to Labour Party

STATE President FW de Klerk is to deliver the keynote address at the 25th annual congress of the Labour Party in Cape Town on December 28.



LP spokesman Mr Peter Hendrickse confirmed De Klerk's acceptance of an invitation to speak at the congress, also said the party was awaiting a reply from Mr Nelson Mandela who had been sent a similar invitation. Hendrickse said the congress would deal with a new constitution for a future South Africa and the role of the Labour Party - Sapa

CP councillor, 2 others appear

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By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

A Kempton Park Conservative Party town councillor and two other men have appeared in the town's regional court on charges of sabotage and attempted murder

CP councillor Erasmus Greyling Bezuidenhout (36) of Birchley North, Andre Naude (24) of Nimrod Park and Hendrik de Kok (34) of Northmead, Benoni, were not asked to plead

The case was postponed to January 23 when a trial date is expected to be set

In the meantime, an application is to be made for indemnity from prosecution in terms of the Groote

Schuur Minute, counsel for the defence told the court

According to the charge sheet, the three were allegedly in possession of a quantity of explosive devices including detonators and fuses, some of which were allegedly used in separate explosions in Kempton Park earlier this year

An explosion on January 31 caused damage estimated at more than R43 000 to Swaggers Outfitters in Kempton Park as well as three other stores in the vicinity

On August 4, the railway line between the Kempton Park and Van Riebeeck stations was damaged in a blast

The men were granted bail of R500 each

Eskom takes tough stand in talks with townships

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TOWNSHIP electricity arrears have soared to R96m, and at least 21 of 36 affected areas face possible legal action from Eskom should negotiations to break the payment deadlock fail.

Eskom spokesman Johan du Plessis said yesterday the corporation was not prepared to write off any arrears, and that would be a non-negotiable item in any agreement reached with indebted township administrations

"So far negotiations have not delivered the desired results, but we will continue negotiations in our attempt to recover the outstanding money," he said

Du Plessis said although 12 townships had been summonsed and legal action against a further nine was

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in the pipeline, Eskom would still strive to negotiate a solution

Negotiations in some areas were going well

Du Plessis said the amount of arrears was a figure which rose and fell according to payments of outstanding accounts

"It was R70m a couple of weeks ago and dropped to about R60m. Now it's up to R96m"

WILSON ZWANE reports that residents of the East Rand township of Vosloorus could have a "dark Christmas", according to mayor Morris Sinukela, unless they paid an interim R60 a house

Vosloorus has an electricity debt of about R5m and, according to Sinukela, Es-

kom had already summonsed the town council

"We appeal to the community to pay an interim rate of R60 for November and December so we can pay Eskom," Sinukela said. Of that R60, R40 would be for electricity and R20 for other municipal services

Katlehong, also on the East Rand, owes Eskom about R6m. Mayor McDonald Mohlana said residents had started paying interim monthly rates of R45 (for electrified houses) and R10 (for unelectrified houses)

Eskom had sent the council a letter of demand

Sapa reports that the situation in Kroonstad's Mookeng township, where the NP-controlled town council cut off all water supplies on Friday, was reported to be tense yesterday

Township residents have vowed to continue a consumer boycott of white businesses in Kroonstad until water supplies are fully restored

In another development, the Atteridgeville-Sauls-

ville Residents' Organisation (Asro) was due to meet senior TPA officials last night to discuss crucial issues, including the possibility of the writing off rent arrears

Asro official Simon Tshidi said they were also going to discuss the repayment of R30 000 by former town councillors who, it is alleged, used the money illegally to erect security fences around their homes, and the implementation of interim rates for electricity, water and other municipal services

Atteridgeville is without electricity

As only three councillors remain there, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough is expected to decide early next month on an administrator to take charge of Atteridgeville town council affairs

Local ANC official Abe Nkomo has welcomed the appointment of an administrator, saying it would "pave a way for the resolution of the rent crisis"

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CP: Manie Venter 'paid off' to quit as town clerk

JOHANNESBURG Town Clerk Manie Venter was "paid off" to leave the council following the Hiemstra report on alleged spying activities, CP leader in the council Jacques Theron claimed yesterday.

At the monthly council meeting today the management committee will be asked to explain its actions, particularly concerning Venter and suspended public safety director John Pearce.

Theron said the management committee had incorrectly handled the Hiemstra and Wronsley reports into security and a number of councillors felt the matter had not been satisfactorily resolved.

He has forwarded a motion that Venter be asked to put his case to councillors at a special meeting which should be called to discuss the Hiemstra report. Theron will also table 20 questions regarding the actions of the management committee at today's meeting.

He will ask whether any manage-

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ment committee member had put pressure on Venter to leave the council's service and whether a "retirement package" had been negotiated with him to effect his retirement.

It was difficult to understand why there had been talk of Venter returning to council when he had agreed to resign. "I get the impression the management committee is out to get rid of Venter and Pearce," said Theron.

Members had instructed acting town clerk Graham Collins to suspend Pearce after discovering they did not have the power to do so.

Suspending Pearce before his disciplinary hearing next year amounted to finding him guilty in advance and was a waste of ratepayers' money, said Theron. He had nothing against Pearce facing a disciplinary committee.

Theron's other questions cover the cost of the Hiemstra Commission and of possible civil actions which could be instituted against council.

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THE Johannesburg City Council has spent R100 000 on a dozen contemporary SA art works to be hung in the management committee suite.

Management committee member Cecil Bass said the money was part of a trust fund set up specifically for the acquisition of paintings to decorate the civic centre.

About R500 000 had accumulated in the fund since its establishment 14 years ago, when the civic centre in Braamfontein was built.

Johannesburg Art Gallery director Christopher Till said the fund had been used very occasionally before the present management committee's acquisition of a number of paintings in the past three months.

Helmut Starcke, Jos Nel, Louis Maqubela, Alexis Preller and Liz Vels are some of the SA artists whose works have been selected by Till and the management committee.

Bass said the management committee could not be accused of lavish spending as the works had been modestly selected and the trust fund stipulated the money was for art.

Baby girl among nine shot dead in Natal ambush

DURBAN — Nine people — among them an eight-month-old girl — died when unknown gunmen ambushed two crowded vehicles near Harding, Natal.

The attack happened at 10pm on Friday, but was announced by police only yesterday.

The victims were travelling towards Mvenyane location when their

vehicles were struck by a hail of 9mm bullets.

Four survivors were admitted to St Andrew's Hospital in Harding.

Police put the killings down to faction fighting, and said no arrests had been made.

SABC news reports that a man was killed and 26 huts burned in Paddock, near Port Shepstone.

A police spokesman said faction

fighting began in the area on Sunday night. About 240 people who were arrested were to face charges of public violence.

Meanwhile, a spokesman confirmed that the SADF was calling up citizen force members by telephone. It was reported that the call-up was a hurried attempt to muster forces to help police stem township violence in the Western Cape — Sapa.

Venter Sta 28/11/90 'unfit', say doctors

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's controversial town clerk Manie Venter officially retired on Monday afternoon after a team of doctors declared him "medically unfit" for office

It was announced at the monthly Johannesburg City Council meeting yesterday that for health reasons Mr Venter, on long leave pending retirement in September next year, had been boarded by the Johannesburg Municipal Pension Fund

He will now have to vacate the exclusive R1 million town clerk's residence in Houghton with a 24-hour security guard, full-time gardening service and air-conditioned garage entertainment area.

He will be paid out for the year's leave owing to him and will receive full pension fund benefits due to a member who has been boarded

The Hiemstra Commission report named Mr Venter as a major player in the municipal spy network

Two weeks ago Mr Venter informed the management committee he was not satisfied with his initial terms of retirement and intended to return to office. After discussions, a statement said the matter had been resolved

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said that in the past week Mr Venter had made several more demands regarding his retirement benefits

Mr Venter admitted he would have been able to negotiate a better retirement package had he not sought medical advice

By being forced to retire for medical reasons, Mr Venter receives a lump sum of nearly R700 000 plus a monthly payout of about R13 500 a month

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Soweto accord row. ²⁶⁶businessmen excluded

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SOWETO businessmen would have to pay arrears dating back to 1986 because the Greater Soweto Accord wrote off only debt incurred on residential units, a signatory to the accord said yesterday.

The five signatories to the accord, which also saw an end to a five-year rent and service charges boycott, were the Soweto City Council, the Dobsonville Town Council, the Diepmeadow Town Council, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation.

A ceiling of R72,50 a month was placed on the total bill for services and electricity until December 1990. ^{51 Dec 28 11 19} Saying the clause concerning the write-off and the flat rates specifically referred to residential areas, not business sites, Khumalo added "It would be ridiculous to allow a businessman to pay R23 a month and give him a maximum of R72,50"

Former Soweto Chamber of Commerce president Makana Tshabalala said the accord applied to black business people as well as they had always been part of the population. "When there are stayaways we close We have suffered all the way with the people We cannot allow ourselves to be cut off from them when it comes to accords of this nature," said Tshabalala.

"We won't tolerate a breach of the accord. For councilors to isolate business people indicates that they are selective in their service to the community." "We are surprised that the councilors are attacking the business people." Motfunkutu, whose organization has been campaigning for the dissolution of the black local authorities system, said "But we find there is no point in engaging in verbal exchanges with the councilors as they are on their way out. They must all have resigned by November 30"



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'Spy ring' man transferred

Pretoria Correspondent

The University of South Africa has transferred security deputy Frik Barnard following protest actions at his involvement in the Johannesburg council "spy ring" as head of the intelligence division.

Mr Barnard's position was dealt with at a Unisa council meeting yesterday, and a council committee is to investigate further.

In the meantime, the university has announced

Mr Barnard's transfer to another department.

Mr Barnard was appointed deputy director of Unisa's department of internal relations and protection services.

No details were given of his new temporary position, but it was "not connected with protective services".

Mr Barnard's appointment was opposed by the Teaching Staff Association and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union.

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Pledge from TPA ends squatters' sit-in

A SIT-IN by nine people at TPA buildings in Johannesburg yesterday ended after the TPA agreed to help provide services to squatter camps in the PWV region

Seven men and two women began the sit-in at 2pm yesterday

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle) secretary Basheer Lorgat said it was sparked by the TPA's unwillingness to respond to a list of demands, including the provision of basic services such as water and refuse removal

Omhle legal representative Chris Watters said the sit-in ended after the TPA

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agreed to help provide basic services such as water to the squatter camps in the PWV area. He said the TPA also agreed to act as facilitator between Omhle, squatters, and the local authorities under which the camps fell

Watters said the TPA would issue a list of squatter camps and affected local authorities tomorrow

The TPA would also arrange meetings between itself, Omhle, and squatters, Watters added



Watters, legal representative for Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle), at the sit-in at the TPA in Johannesburg yesterday. Picture LINDEN BIRNS

Problem areas seen in new deposit-taking Act

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ROBERT GENTLE

THE soon-to-be-enacted Deposit-Taking Institutions (DTI) Act had "severe implications" for the treasury operations of SA corporate entities, Deloitte Pim Goldby partner Tim Store said yesterday

The DTI Act, which comes into effect on January 1 next year, will replace the current Banks and Building Societies Acts and bring the activities of all deposit-taking institutions under one legislative roof

Speaking during a two-day Corporate Treasury seminar which ended in Johannesburg yesterday, Store highlighted a number of potential problem areas

The most obvious was that certain funding activities undertaken by corporates could fall within the definition of "deposit" or "the business" of a deposit-taking institution

Among the criteria the Act would look for were the amounts and nature of monies received, whether they were from the general public, whether they were a regular feature of the business, whether they were solicited or advertised for and whether they were used for lending, investment or financing

Store highlighted the dramatic changes the Act could cause in SA financial markets

For example, it was designed to restrict "grey market" activities like inter-corporate lending and channel more funds into the banking sector

Store quoted evidence claiming that any

Deathbed watch as the clock ticks away slowly for township councils

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As Gus Silber is on leave, his column will not appear for the rest of the year

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The death knell for this system of administering townships as separate entities has been tolling for more than five years. Its demise is as certain as that of apartheid itself. The only question is how long the death throes will continue.

As Gus Silber is on leave, his column will not appear for the rest of the year

Businessmen 'do not have to pay'

30 THEO RAWANA (266)

GREATER Soweto Chamber of Commerce president Philemon Makgetha has advised businessmen they do not have to pay rent arrears dating back to 1986, as ordered to by local councils

The Greater Soweto Accord, which was signed in September by the three councils, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), provided for the writing off of the R516m rental debt incurred up to the end of August, and effectively brought the five-year rent boycott to an end *by 30/11/90*.

Makgetha said the three councils — Dobsonville, Soweto and Diepmeadow — were calling individual businessmen to council offices to sign undertakings that they would pay the arrears

But he said yesterday "There are between 2 500 and 3 000 businessmen in Soweto and they are part of the community

"The SPD, which was a signatory to the accord, has told us we are covered and do not have to pay any arrears"

Not a fishy tale, says councillor

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By MARION DUNCAN

A NATIONAL Party city councillor has angrily defended his fishing trip with suspended Johannesburg security chief John Pearce.

The trip provoked condemnation because a disciplinary hearing has been set down for February to probe allegations of misconduct against Mr Pearce arising from the Hiemstra commission findings into the city council's spy ring.

Mr Pearce's fate will then be debated by the city council. Councillor Eddy Venter, after being reprimanded this week by the NP caucus in the council, said "They haven't got the right to tell me what to do in my free time."

Debate

But neither Mr Venter nor fellow fisherman and Conservative Party councillor Gert Bezuidenhout will suffer anything worse than a slap on the wrist for their "compromising" behaviour.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson of the Democratic Party said "The councillors did not contravene any rules. So when the time comes next year for the council to debate the findings of the disciplinary inquiry into Mr Pearce neither will have to recuse himself."

Councillors Venter and Bezuidenhout and two city officials spent last weekend catching crayfish at the Cape with Mr Pearce



JOHN PEARCE
Each one on the trip paid his own costs

and several members of the SADF, including military intelligence staff.

Mr Venter is adamant that "there was nothing sinister about the trip".

"I organised the whole thing," he said.

"We were invited a year ago by the DP candidate for Piketberg in the Cape in the last general election (Mr A Engelbrecht). We stayed in his two chalets and in his beach house at Strandfontein."

"We each paid R200 deposit and all of us paid our own costs for the trip. We even drove ourselves down in two combis and a car."

Relaxed

"A lot of other people were invited — councillors and council officials. For instance, we invited Director of Manpower Jaap Kitchhoff and DP councillors like Paul Asherson."

"But they couldn't come because they had other commitments."

"We didn't discuss poli-

tics. We didn't talk about anything wrong. We just relaxed and caught some crayfish."

"That's all."

Mr Venter said he was "angry" at the reaction of the NP caucus and other councillors to the trip.

"It's so unfair. They've just blackened my name and that of Gert (Bezuidenhout) unnecessarily."

"Neither the party nor the management committee nor anybody else has the right to dictate to me what I can do with my free time. If I choose to go fishing with John Pearce and Gert Bezuidenhout, that's my choice and my right."

"It's none of their business."

Secrets

"I'm not going to choose my friends or drop my friends according to the opinions of other people."

"I'm John's friend. I've told him that if he's guilty of anything, he's guilty and that's it. There's nothing I or any other councillor can do about it. He agrees."

"But I've also invited him to come fishing again next year in April, and he's agreed to that."

Speaking at the council meeting last week, Mr Venter voiced his disapproval of the "condemnation" he had experienced. He also told the meeting there had been a "third councillor" on the trip, but refused to name him.

"We can keep secrets," he said.

He attacked Mr Davidson for his response to the trip and his remarks about the resulting "legal situation" which was being investigated by the city secretariat.

Powerless

Said Mr Venter: "He obviously didn't know what he was talking about, which is disgraceful in view of his position. There is nothing the council can do to us, and he should have known that."

"So, for that matter, should the city secretary."

"The council can do nothing to John. It is powerless. What happens to him is entirely up to the town clerk and nobody else. Until the findings of the inquiry, I would point out that he is an innocent man."

Mr Pearce was not available for comment.

Authorities are adamant on switch-offs

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ORGANISERS of rent boycotts in Transvaal townships had to accept responsibility for deteriorating conditions after services were cut because of non-payment, Transvaal Provincial Administration liaison services director, Mr Piet Wilken, said yesterday.

Three townships, Emzinoi near Bethal, Maokeng in Kroonstad and Tumahole in Parys have had water cut by white municipalities

The situation in Emzinoi has reached crisis proportions with an outbreak of dysentery.

An ANC spokesman said the only alternative left to communities was mass action such as consumer boycotts.

A Johannesburg Health Department spokesman said earlier that in terms of the Health Act, municipalities which cut water and waterborne sewerage to townships could be breaking the law

A spokesman for the Free State provincial authority said the water cuts to Maokeng and Tumahole were not their concern

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Diepmeadow voting today

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 THE Diepmeadow Council yesterday postponed mayoral elections to today

The postponement was agreed to after a heated debate between incumbent mayor Mr Moses Khumalo and former mayor Mr J Mathala

Khumalo moved for elections while Mathala and other councillors favoured the town clerk's suggestion to hold them next week (266)

Khumalo appears set to retain his seat after a year of intensive campaigning

Khumalo and his supporters successfully applied in the Rand Supreme Court for the disqualification of councillor Thomas Mamitsa who they said was not on the voters roll.

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Defiant councillors face boycotts

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Beleaguered black town councillors, who have defied a demand by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) that they resign by last Friday, face consumer boycotts of their businesses. Cast is also planning consumer boycotts of white towns

where councils have recently refused permission for protest marches which form part of a mounting mass mobilisation campaign.

But the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), an umbrella body of black town councillors, vowed yesterday that its members would not bow to pressure. Acting Umsa president Henock Ngakane said "It is better to die in the battle than to die running away".

Cast assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia said the success of the recent campaign for the downfall of the system of black local authorities would be reviewed at a meeting on Sunday. Member civics would then decide how the campaign could be sustained.

Function

"We will keep up the pressure," Mr Coovadia said of the ANC-backed campaign.

A look at the number of Transvaal councillors who have resigned in the last month indicates substantial success for the Cast campaign. In November, 37 councillors resigned, bringing the total number of vacant council seats in the province to 274 out of 692. Their resignations have left six more councils unable to function normally. This means 30 of the 82 councils in the province either operate with an administrator or do not have a quorum.

Mr Ngakane said Umsa members would "hang in there" despite mounting pressure and would not resign until new local government structures, which were currently being prepared, had been introduced. Commenting on the mooted boycott plans, he said "It would not be the first time our businesses are boycotted. We can't stop those people who intimidate residents, boycotting us. We will not disband because we fear violence and intimidation."

Eskom wins ruling on R4,5m arrears

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SUSAN RUSSELL



ESKOM obtained judgments against three black town councils in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday for the recovery of R4,5m in arrear electricity payments.

Mr Justice Streicher granted summary judgment in favour of Eskom against the Tembisa Town Council in the amount of R3 628 266 plus interest of 20,5% a year from October 1 this year to date of payment. 8/10/90 5/12/90

The judge also granted summary judgment against the Kagiso Town Council for R949 760 plus 21% interest a year from September 27 to date of payment.

Mr Acting Justice Levy granted a default judgment against the Katlehong Town Council in favour of Eskom for R10 292 plus interest of 21% a year from September 28 until date of payment.

All three councils were ordered to pay the costs of the applications.

An Eskom spokesman said yesterday if the court orders were not complied with the next move would be to obtain a writ of execution to take possession of the three councils' moveable assets and recover the debt from their sale.

The other option, the spokesman said, was a takeover by Eskom of the councils' network of assets.

He said since this was expensive and the value of the assets was likely to exceed the debt, the first option was preferable and more likely.





Local government system 'collapsing'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Forty percent of black local authorities countrywide has been paralysed by resignations as pressure mounts for the abolition of the discriminatory third-tier government system.

Latest statistics show substantial success for the ANC-backed campaign which forms part of a mass mobilisation

In the past month 80 councillors have resigned, according to statistics from provincial authorities.

In addition 40 percent of the 262 black local authorities have collapsed, 13 in the past month. Most are being run by province-appointed administrators

The beleaguered system is the target of severe community pres-

sure, which often involves intimidation and violence

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) meets again on Sunday to discuss new methods of forcing further resignations of those councillors who defied a November 30 deadline to vacate their jobs.

Cast assistant general secretary Mr Cas Coovadia said one tactic which was being mooted was to boycott businesses owned by councillors

Asked whether the remaining councillors should not be called in by someone of the stature of Mr Nelson Mandela and be asked to resign, which would cut out the use of force and intimidation, Mr Coovadia said: "No councillor in his right mind can believe that he was elected democratically"

The acting president of the

United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), Mr Henock Ngakane, said of the mooted boycott plans "We will not resign until a new system has been put into place. It is better to die in the battle than to die running away"

The provincial authorities have repeatedly called on councillors to stay put, while feverishly working on new models which could be introduced next year

In the Transvaal, where Cast is very active, 37 councillors have resigned in the past month, bringing the total of vacant council seats to 274 out of 692.

In the Cape, 19 new resignations have increased the vacant seats to 251 out of 636, while almost half (217) of the Free State's 436 council seats have been vacated, 23 in the past month

Natal has been least affected, with 23 of 103 seats now vacant

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More councillors quit under pressure

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

A staggering 40 percent of black local authorities countrywide have been paralysed by mass resignations of councillors as pressure for the abolition of the discriminatory third-tier government system mounts

In the last month alone, 80 councillors have resigned countrywide, according to statistics provided by provincial authorities.

In addition, 40 percent of the country's 262 black local

authorities have collapsed, 13 of them in the last month. Most are being run by province-appointed administrators

The system, the target of severe community pressure which often involves intimidation and violence, could face another test in coming weeks. The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) will meet again on Sunday to discuss new methods of forcing further resignations of councillors

Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia said one mooted tactic was to boycott

businesses owned by councillors.

Another was for township residents to "go to the councillors and say 'We have come to collect your resignations' and then to see what their reactions are".

Asked to respond to suggestions that the remaining councillors be called in by someone of the stature of Nelson Mandela and be asked to resign, which would cut out force and intimidation, Mr Coovadia said "No councillor in his right mind can still believe that he was elected democratically."

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MASS ACTION IN THE TOWNSHIPS HAS A STRANGE LACK OF CONTEXT



The campaign to destroy the remnants of black local government is turning into the greatest strategic folly since calls for "liberation before education" burnt away the life prospects of hundreds of

thousands of schoolchildren in the Eighties. While the campaign for mass mobilisation is being defended in the name of democracy, the building blocks of democracy itself, the ebb and flow of services in local communities, are being smashed.

It is not difficult to predict that when the leadership — most especially within the ANC — decides that the time has come to call off the heat, it will be too late for many elements of civilised life to be restored.

Once refuse removal, rents collection, transport, water and electricity services have been disrupted, they cannot easily be turned on again with a political switch. Like the ability to read or count, they are real things in the real world.

At the end of a period of civic disruption the ANC might notionally "control" various patchworks of streets, but it will not necessarily find that this political gain will clear the garbage, kill the rats or make people realise the need to pay rent.

It is, therefore, difficult not to see so-called mass mobilisation — so-called because discipline is lacking — as anything but a gravely short-sighted power play which coincidentally has the effect of delaying negotiations on a new democratic constitution.

Long before the latest phase of mass action it was common cause that the entire apartheid-imposed edifice of black community councils, coloured and Indian liaison and management committees and own affairs bureaucracies was moribund. Other structures had come into being or were being proposed, the issue was very much up for negotiation.

The Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), indeed, had fostered the emergence of such bodies as Cast — the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal — which were in a position to accept more responsibilities as well as power in black local government. Obviously, township authorities suffered from the taint of having been descended from the old Urban Bantu Councils with their advisory roles, dog taxes and beerhall revenues. But to make their continued existence the political issue of the day, when in effect

a second National Convention beckons, was a strange and unexpected move.

The upshot has been to throw petrol on to the flames of township violence, threatening the essential fabric of society. The "civics" — the alternative councils — have no real way of taking control of developments at present.

That is why the rubbish is piling up in the streets again, lawlessness prevails and no houses are being built.

Government officials attempting to deal with this mounting instability face a genuine dilemma. They acknowledge the need for more representative local government but argue that what remains of the status quo should be retained until there is something workable with which to replace it. But in this they are like headmasters arguing that the school should not be burnt down to promote educational ideals. They place themselves in danger.

Nihilism — whatever Cast's stated aims — is therefore prevailing. Of the 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal, 28 don't have a quorum because some councillors have resigned. The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), while haplessly urging councillors to remain at their posts, is appointing "administrators" to run townships by proxy where no quorum can be obtained. At present only 54 black townships in the Transvaal are running their own affairs — meaning that the others are ungovernable and have, at best, deteriorating services. The trend is being felt across the country.

Since Cast embarked on its campaign in the Transvaal, between 60-70 councillors have had their houses, businesses or cars damaged or destroyed by forces opposed to their participation in local government. At least four have been killed. Rent and service charge boycotts have been in effect in most

Transvaal townships since the early Eighties and, it might have been thought that with constitutional reform looming they should have been abandoned.

Yet they continue, and with government agencies owed something like R1bn in arrear payments, blackouts and scenes of mounting rubbish look increasingly like foreshadowing the future.

As eastern Europe has learnt, nothing comes free. Nonetheless, probably because of the political climate, government has attempted to save residents from the worst of their folly. Earlier this year it authorised the Transvaal Regional Services Council (RSC) to make available R130m to help black local authorities meet payments for bulk services from April to August. This money would normally have been spent on capital projects, such as improving township infrastructure, and is lost forever. Cast seems unaware of this.

By September, facing persistent rent and service charge boycotts, government had had enough. It instructed the suppliers of bulk services to start shutting down supplies to townships which failed to pay up. The measure heightened tensions in the townships and led to increased violence and intimidation.

It was meant to send an important signal — that users of municipal services have an obligation to pay for them, regardless of any political inequities within the wider society. It also had an important effect in getting civic associations, black community councillors, the TPA and providers of bulk services talking to each other — something they had previously not done. The most important upshot was the Greater Soweto Accord struck in August.

In terms of the accord, Soweto residents, and those of Dobsonville and Diepmeadow, agreed to pay an interim tariff related to service charges in September, and to pay their metered accounts (though with a ceiling) through January, after which residents were to have paid the full metered accounts. The TPA agreed to write off R516m of Soweto's arrears — a bill that will eventually have to be picked up by the taxpayer. And the province hopes to recover R120m through the establishment of the Soweto People's Trust into which residents will now make additional contributions.

The accord at least represented some form of payment plan. It covered about 40% of local government's total arrears bill in the Transvaal. It also gave birth to the



Garbage mounts up in Soweto political sharp end

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POLITICS OF DIPLOMACY

WILL THE ECONOMY SUFFER?

The point business must keep in mind about Trade & Industry Minister Kent Durr's sudden exile as ambassador to London (even if it be voluntary), is whether it means that the strong Cabinet economics team, assembled only last year, is being broken up — and whether that, in turn, means a downgrading of economic policy

After all, privatisation has clearly been abandoned. Wim de Villiers is trying to buck market trends by controlling the electricity price and this week saw the first crack in Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals's resolve over interest rates. Maybe it puts a new complexion, too, on Harry Schwarz's appointment to the Washington embassy

In economic terms, Durr is in a key ministry. He is a man to whom businessmen can relate and he patently understands what makes markets work. His department requires a minister of firm commitment and energy, for it has been responsible for a great deal of the bureaucratic regulation of the past. And the fear must be that without a minister committed to deregulation now, it could lapse back too easily into its past interventionist mould

It is too easy to argue that with Stef Naudé as director, that won't happen. The fact is that he is a public servant and can without much fuss be moved elsewhere

If President F W de Klerk's recent ministerial appointments are any guide, businessmen are not going to be confident that Durr's replacement will be a man of similar ability. For even counting Louis Pienaar, De Klerk is choosing grey men of limited if any political significance or manifest ministerial ability. Maybe, in the approaching order of things, he does not expect them to be around long

The best ministerial talent in parliament today is without any doubt in the Democratic Party, where there is weighty political experience. Indeed, if Schwarz's appointment to Washington is not also a form of banishment (it cannot be comfortable for the Nats to have in opposition someone who knows more about the national accounts than they do themselves), then it is clear from where the new Trade & Industry minister should come

Another question that remains unanswered is why Durr agreed to go to London. It was an appointment that appears to have been sprung on him. Having been SA's ambassador to the Court of St James, important though

the position may be, is not necessarily an automatic springboard to rapid advancement back home in the National Party. That, at any rate, is the experience of previous incumbents. Dawie de Villiers is an also-ran in the Cabinet and the magnificently eloquent Denis Worrall a country solicitor

Of course, Durr may have wanted to go. He is known to be upwardly socially mobile and a bit of a Flash Harry (if the titter in the *Sunday Times* is anything to go by). In the approaching order of things, he may feel that an English-speaking Nat's life will be limited. Or he may have felt that the petty Cabinet jealousies over his trade missions abroad and more radical market-orientated policies that have upset some powerful lobbies at home, are no longer worth the candle — or at least not when the alternative is to hobnob with the *haut monde* at St James's

Having said all that, it is also true that the diplomatic corps is sadly in need of resuscitation. The appointment of the late Tertius Myburgh from the editorship of an opposi-

tion liberal newspaper to become a Nat envoy in Washington suggests that De Klerk realises that some drastic action needs to be taken. According to retired diplomats, the root of our ambassadorial malaise is the egocentricity of Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha. The result is that he runs the best diplomatic kindergarten in the West. But he can field few, if any, heavy hitters from within his own department

There are those who will interpret Schwarz's appointment to Washington as being merely a substitution. But Myburgh and Schwarz were men of such profoundly differing dispositions that the banishment theory to which we have already referred will find some credence, too

So spare a thought for Pik. With the ambitious and energetic Durr in London and the combustible Schwarz in Washington, what anxiety may he have clutched to his bosom?

The plain fact is that Durr's exile (voluntary or otherwise) does not augur well for the formation of market-orientated trade and tariff policies in this country. For he brought to his post at Trade & Industry an intellectual appreciation of the totality of the policies under his stewardship and had a sure eye for what needed to be done. It is difficult to identify similar characteristics in any other junior minister



LEADING ARTICLES

Central Witwatersrand Chamber, a talking shop with representatives from the municipalities of Greater Soweto and Johannesburg, which many believe could be the first step towards metropolitan government for the region.

Such a system could simply mean shifting the burden of financing the black townships on to white local authorities — which ratepayers would no doubt resist. Nonetheless, it is a part-solution of sorts.

The situation elsewhere is much bleaker. In some cases agreements have been struck only to be broken. In others, payments have been made but have been insufficient to cover the bill.

This has led to what amounts in a few cases to charity. Middelburg Steel and the mines on the West and East Rand have offered to pay township arrears accounts to keep services flowing. Eskom, too, has negotiated special relief packages.

"The situation," says Olaus van Zyl, MEC in charge of local government and RSCs within the TPA, "is very confused."

It's clear, unfortunately, that any payment accords struck with black townships are likely to be temporary. The real question is whether any new system of local government will have sufficient support and co-operation to get services running smoothly again — which means running the rates system with equanimity.

At this stage government has had little option but to emphasise that services will be reinstated only once they are paid for. With the onset of winter, the mood in the townships is likely to worsen.

For example there could be a nonracial local authority governing a defined urban area, which would in turn devolve power down to neighbourhood committees. These would be represented on a joint local authority and share in a revenue base that comprised property and business taxes as well as full or shared RSC levies. Where functions overlapped, the funds could be voted in the municipal budget and then allocated to the committee budgets.

A simple majority model proposes that the local government area would be divided into nonracial wards with councillors elected directly by residents.

The point is that not only has government accepted for some time that the traditional black councils are outmoded, it is prepared to debate the merits of new systems. Why then does the campaign of mass action continue — particularly since its potential for violence and deprivation has now so amply been demonstrated?

Last weekend Nelson Mandela — addressing a crowd of mourners at the funeral of an activist killed in a demonstration — said "In a country where the majority don't have the vote, live under oppressive conditions and are killed daily, the government cannot expect the ANC to call off its mass campaign."

This does not answer the question. The mass action campaign does not sincerely seem intended to create the conditions for democracy at local level. It smacks more of the ANC propelling itself into sole authority at community level — whatever the consequences.

So why can't Cast see the dangers? UDF national general secretary Popo Molefe denies the MDM is being irresponsible in wanting to force councillors out of office when government has already committed itself to redrawing the structure of local government. He says that without the pressure of mass protest, government tends to drag its feet on these issues and does not take the aspirations of the democratic movement seriously enough. "We are not going to trade off mass mobilisation for negotiation," he insists.

Cast assistant general secretary Cas Coovadia takes a similar view. He says the mass action campaign will go on — but adds that Cast has no objection to entering into negotiations with government and other bodies about the interim structures that will replace the black councils once they're gone. "All we need to run the townships is an administrative structure, which could be a government-appointed administrator or some form of interim administration set up by the local civic associations and the white local authority."

Yet these matters are already being addressed — and mass mobilisation goes on. There is, for example, the report of Planning & Provincial Affairs Deputy Director-General Chris Thornhill.

It grew out of the work formerly done by Koos Stassen of Umisa, who chaired a Committee on Uniform Legislation for Local Government in SA, and outlines four basic options for nonracial local government. These range from separate local authorities to a simple majority model.

KwaGuqa light go ²⁶⁶ on again

KWA Guqa residents rejoiced on Wednesday night as electricity was reconnected to the township for the first time in three weeks.

"It's like Christmas," said one resident.

The township's power was switched on after the Highveld Regional Services Council made a R1 million payment and gave guarantees to the Witbank Town Council to cover KwaGuqa's R1,3 million services debt.

RSC chairman Paul Broodryk said the R1 million was a soft loan which was repayable.

Residents reported extreme hardship during the blackout with students having to study for examinations by candlelight and housewives unable to buy economic quantities of perishables without refrigeration.

Meanwhile Witbank town has been in the grip of a crippling consumer boycott since the switch-off *Sowetan 7/12/90*

One businessman said his turnover had been down 80 percent and he had not hired any students this year because of the boycott.

Meanwhile a Kwa-Guqa People's Delegation spokesman Jackson Mthembu hailed the agreement it had entered into with the various authorities as "a victory for the community."
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Eskom threat to councils property

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ESKOM yesterday threatened to attach and auction properties of councils which failed to meet their obligations to pay off their electricity arrears.

This follows a Supreme Court judgment granted against three Black Local Authorities for failing to settle their electricity consumption bills.

The councils are Tembisa, which owes R3 6 million which it has to repay with a 20 5 percent interest as from October

By MOJALEFA
MOSEKI

1, Kagiso, which owes R949 760 which it has to pay with 21 percent interest as from September 27, and Kailehong which has to pay R10 292 with an interest of 21 percent as from September 28

Arrears

Communications manager Mr John du Plessis yesterday ruled out the possibility of Eskom writing-off the arrears. He said: "Should these councils fail to pay, our law-

yers will apply for attachment of property such as vehicles or the electricity distribution network equipment in the area. These will be auctioned to the public and the proceeds used to settle their electricity bills."

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's liaison officer, Mr Piet Wilkin, yesterday said the TPA could not bail out the councils as they were autonomous bodies.

Eskom has instituted legal action against four other Black Local Authorities councils and 13 others are still under

consideration. Councils placed under consideration are those which have failed to pay for their electricity consumption but have responded positively to Eskom's invitation to talks and some have made undertakings acceptable to the electricity officials.

Eskom supplies 82 BLA councils with electricity and is presently owed by 34 of which the company has decided to act against 17. Du Plessis said Eskom took legal action because it was in principle against switching off electricity

Poser for Actstop leader

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ACTSTOP'S Mr. Cas Coovadia was vocal in his call for black councillors to resign but ignored Indian and so-called coloured management committees, a former councillor of the Daveyton Council said yesterday.

Mr. Phakane Mokou said he had served on the council knowing that councils were not the final solution to South Africa's problems.

But I have a problem with Mr. Cas Coovadia. He seems to have all the ways of forcing black councillors to resign but none for the Indian and coloured management committees.

"Is it not time that people are asked, through Mr. Coovadia, to identify and boycott businesses of coloureds and Indians who are serving in the Houses of Representatives and Delegates as well as those serving in management committees," Mokou said.

Diepmeadow councillors won't quit

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THE re-elected mayor of Diepmeadow town council, Mr MJ Khumalo, said this week councillors in his area were "not going to resign".

He said they would continue with their duties "until the new multiracial structures are introduced".

This is the first response by a councillor from the Greater Soweto area on the call by the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) for them to resign by today.

Khumalo was speaking during his acceptance speech after being returned unopposed in the council mayoral elections for 1991.

**By MOJALEFA
MOSEKI**

His arch-rival in the council, Mr M J Mathala, a former mayor, said Khumalo had spoken to him about the necessity to give him a chance to lead the council for yet another term. They had agreed because they realised that the council was faced with the "greatest challenge" in its history because of pressures to resign.

Thus there was a need for unity among councillors to withstand the onslaught.

With reference to Cast's call for councillors to resign, Khumalo said "I do not recall any general election where this association was elected

What I know is that they refused to go to the polls with us. Had they done that, today they would be calling on their councillors to resign without threatening people - they never elected to be councillors."

He refuted allegations that councillors had aligned themselves with Inkatha, stating that the claims were "certain to cause violent reaction".

He thanked Inkatha, Federal Independence Alliance, United Municipalities of South Africa and the Urban Councils Association of South Africa.

He accepted that councillors had made some mistakes of judgment "like any other person or association".

New battle plan against councillors

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BELEAGUERED black town councillors, defying pressure from ANC-backed civic associations to resign, face a new onslaught this week.

The Civic Association of Southern Transvaal meets in Johannesburg today to plan the next offensive against stubborn survivors of its November 30 resignation deadline.

At least 80 councillors countrywide stepped down last month, leaving nearly 40 percent of black local authorities paralysed

Split

Victims of rising hostility, remaining councillors have vowed to stand firm to the end — or at least until the present local government system is scrapped through a negotiated solution.

Their increasing isolation was highlighted this week when Minister of Education Stoffel van der Merwe said the government did not regard black councils "as appropriate for a new South Africa".

Their foothold weakened further when a split emerged in the Urban Council Association of

By DOMINIC JONES

South Africa, an umbrella body for black councils

A breakaway group this week announced it would meet in Cape Town to discuss an alternative local government system

The group also planned to march to parliament today to pray for councillors killed amid mounting pressure for the abolition of discriminatory third-tier government.

Statistics released by the Institute for Race Relations this week stated that six councillors had been killed in recent weeks and 87 attacks were carried out on their homes

The Cast meeting will decide today on the best tactics to unseat those who have refused to abdicate. Individual civic associations have already voted in favour of boycotting councillors' businesses, but a more united action could follow today's meeting

A widening of the Christmas mass action campaign, which is set to upset much of the country, is also being planned

Cast assistant general-secretary Cas Coovadia said he would impress

upon Cast members and supporters that the organisation in no way condoned the use of violence as a means of forcing black councillors out

"Only peaceful, non-violent pressure will be used," he said

At least 200 councillors — seen by Cast as vanguards of old-style apartheid — have resigned since January

Twenty-five councils crippled by resignations are being run by province-appointed administrators

But this, too, could cause problems as the appointees have not all been installed with the support of township communities

Neutral

Mr Coovadia said administrators would have to be "sufficiently neutral" and their appointment negotiated between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and individual civic associations

Another alternative would be an interim structure comprising white town councillors, TPA officials and reputable people from the local community, he said

Plan to force councillors to resign

JOHANNESBURG — Forty-nine civic associations in the Southern Transvaal yesterday decided to intensify their campaigns to force the resignation of black town councillors and coloured/Indian management committee members

Among other plans, enforced "shunning" of councillors by friends and family, boycotts of white businesses and mass

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marches on councillors' homes would be used to force them into resigning

And a spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration, in an immediate reaction to the announcement, said any mass actions which tried to intimidate people would be unacceptable — and the TPA would take steps to support the councillors

In an immediate reaction, Mr Len Dekker, the deputy director-general of Community Development of the TPA, said "The fact that the Civic Associations announced renewed action, actually proved that their previous attempts to force resignations had been unsuccessful"

Mr Dekker said more than 400 councillors in the Transvaal, of an original 700, were still active

Councillors in for 'Black Christmas'

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By Marguerite Moody

Black town councillors and management committee members are in for a "Black Christmas" after civic associations vowed yesterday to step up their efforts to unseat them.

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He said that although Cast would support actions by local civics, the organisation would not call for a regional boycott.

"We want to give the local campaigns a chance, and will reassess the situation in mid-January. If we then feel it is needed, the campaign will be waged on a regional level in the form of large-scale boycotts, mass meetings and stayaways," he said.

Mr Coovadia added that the majority of residents supported a decision not to pay rent in cases where it was being used to pay councillors' salaries.

He stressed that all actions against councillors would take place in a disciplined way.

"We do not condone violence and only peaceful, non-violent pressure will be used."

Mr Coovadia said that of 189 black councillors and Indian and coloured management committee members in the areas represented by 40 civic associations in the Southern and Western Transvaal, 79 had resigned since the campaign began on November 7.

In five townships, black local authorities had collapsed altogether.

These were Lekoa near Vereeniging, Kana near Orkney, Munsieville near Krugersdorp, Atteridgeville and Tokoza near Alberton.

Orange Farm switches on

ELECTRICITY should be made available to all urbanised areas where people could afford it, wanted it and were prepared to pay for it, the chief executive of Eskom said at the weekend.

Dr Ian McRae was speaking at a function to launch the electrification of Orange Farm. The ceremony was attended by the local community leaders, residents and the TPA and Eskom officials.

McRae said electricity was considerably cheaper than most other traditional energy sources. It improved people's

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

quality of life and stimulated the creation of jobs and wealth.

"In those towns which Eskom has electrified, we have seen how entrepreneurs use electricity to weld, grind, sew and bake, as well as for similar economic activities. Sowetan 11/12/90

"To supply affordable electricity to rapidly growing urban areas, Eskom, together with other parties, has refined and developed new applications of existing distribution technology," he said.

'Black Christmas' threat for councillors

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Hope over boycott

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By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has approved plans to upgrade Tshikota township in Louis Trichardt, thereby boosting chances of an end to the consumer boycott of the town.

Announcing this yesterday, Zoutpansberg Chamber of Commerce chairman Mr Brink Schlesinger said he was awaiting a letter from the TPA which would be handed to the consumer boycott committee.

The upgrading of the township is one of the central demands of the boycott committee.

Tshikota, situated about 2km from Louis Trichardt, was built in 1960 when the freehold area of Masaganj was demolished.

Hostel

Residents were removed from the township in 1981 and resettled, along tribal lines, at Vleifontein and Waterval, both about 30km from the town.

Only a small community of Sotho-speaking people and hostel dwellers remain in Tshikota.

The CBC has demanded that sewerage, electricity and roads be

installed so that people in the two new areas wishing to go back could do so.

Schlesinger said he had informed the CBC about the TPA decision and hoped progress could be made in the deadlocked talks over the boycott.

He said many employers had laid off staff as turnovers had fallen by up to 80 percent.

Schlesinger would not say how many workers had been laid off but cited a hardware shop that had retrenched 20 of its 24 employees.

CBC spokesman Mr Magwedzha Mphaphuli said his com-

mittee was still awaiting the letter from the TPA.

The CBC was due to meet last night to discuss the boycott and decide on its next move.

Attack

The boycott started on November 28 after the attack on Sunday school children in the town four days earlier.

Other demands of the CBC include the opening of the central business district to all races, the opening of public facilities and an end to alleged harassment of trade union members by police and employers.



Danie Hough

Warning of further intimidation

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, has warned of a renewed and intensified campaign of intimidation directed against black local authorities, their families, friends and associates.

"There are indications that this campaign is to be further intensified in the name of democracy," Mr Hough said in Pretoria yesterday.

The actions that have been planned, he added, seem to be aimed at the creation of what is commonly called a "Black Christmas" — a campaign to convert this traditional season of goodwill into a politically charged tide of darkness and misery for all South Africans.

"Democracy can never be a licence to intimidate and threaten people's lives and property. When petrol bombs are thrown at people's houses, elected councillors are attacked and their businesses destroyed, this is not democracy. *Stwily 90*

"The withholding of payment for services is not democracy

"We will not stand idly by and allow Christmas 1990 to be turned into a season of despair," said Mr Hough — Sapa

Middelburg gives go-ahead to AWB march

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By Therese Anders
Highveld Bureau (266)

In spite of a policy of not allowing any protest marches, Middelburg's Conservative Party town council has given permission for an AWB parade led by Eugene TerreBlanche through the main street on Saturday

Middelburg's acting chief magistrate has also given the go-ahead, subject to certain conditions

During the past year the council has repeatedly refused permission for marches by the local civic association, black teachers, a church group and air pollution protesters

Last month when the ANC Women's League attempted an illegal march into town they were stopped when police fired tear gas

The ANC's regional secretary Joe Nkuna said he hoped the council would now grant the right of peaceful protest to the ANC and all organisations

The AWB's head commander of the eastern Transvaal, Gawie Volschenk, said that after the parade members would drive to the AWB's camp site near Belfast

The following day, the Day of the Vow, Mr TerreBlanche would give an address at the Berg en Dal monument near Belfast

CP objects to 'intimidation' of residents

The Conservative Party is up in arms at alleged intimidation by white officials from the Department of Local Management, Land and Works to get residents of an area near Pretoria to sell their houses to Indians if they did not want them as neighbours.

The chief secretary of the CP, AS Beyers, said yesterday he had received information from a community leader in Erasmia, near Pretoria, that a department official, whose name he gave, had visited certain white residents on December 6 with the purpose of influencing them to sell their houses to Indians.

"On December 7 I wrote a letter to the director-general of the department in which I asked for his comment on these allegations.

"On December 10 (Monday) the official telephoned to tell me the director-general would fax a letter to me on that day. The fax has so far not been received by my office."

Mr Beyers said that during his conversation with the official, it was confirmed that he had vi-

sited five families in Erasmia the previous week.

The official had also reportedly confirmed he had advised one of the families to sell their house to Indians should they not wish to live next to them as neighbours.

"Through this ... (the official) has confirmed that the complaint the Erasmia community leader gave to me was not unfounded," Mr Beyers said.

"It is shocking that the department is now sending officials to influence whites to sell their houses to Indians.

"It is nothing more than blatant intimidation of people who are resisting the estrangement of their residential areas to other race groups.

"With this the department is making a mockery of an undertaking last year to whites that their own residential areas and community life would be maintained.

"I am writing to the relevant Minister, Amie Venter, to request him to put an immediate stop to his department's intimidation of white residents in Erasmia," said Mr Beyers — Sapa.

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Hough: ANC must honour its pledge

PRETORIA — Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough yesterday called on the ANC to honour its undertaking to ensure eastern Transvaal residents resumed payment for rents and services and to stop calling for such boycotts.

A statement said he wanted to remind the ANC of its undertaking, made on September 28, to stand in for losses incurred as a result of non-payment of rents and services fees to local authorities in the eastern Transvaal. (266)

"In the eastern Transvaal an agreement was reached between the ANC, the TPA and other parties on August 31 1990. As part of this agreement the ANC undertook to ensure that residents resumed payment for rents and services — the response has been very slight."

Attempts to blame the Transvaal Provincial Administration and CP-controlled councils for hardships experienced by blacks in the eastern Transvaal were "far-fetched"

Hough was reacting to a statement by ANC eastern Transvaal publicity secretary Jackson Mthembu, published in a Johannesburg newspaper.

Mthembu had warned that the ANC would call for a consumer boycott in the CP-dominated eastern Transvaal if essential services to affected townships were not reconnected immediately.

Hough said intimidation and coercion of people into withholding payments or joining consumer boycotts could not be reconciled with democracy and the freedom of choice that democracy was supposed to guarantee.

TIM COHEN reports ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said last night she had no knowledge of the undertaking referred to by Hough. — Sapa.

Big row over low tender in Diepmeadow

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A ROW is brewing between the Diepmeadow Town Council and angry residents over a garage tender awarded to a company for R204 000 against higher offers - the highest being R1.5 million.

Several angry residents have phoned *Sowetan* expressing their anger at the "gross discrepancy" in awarding the business to a tender which was almost R1.3 million less than the highest. It was the fifth highest tender out of a total of 10 considered by the council's management committee.

The tender for a garage at Diepkloof zone 6

BY MOJALEFA MOSEKI

was passed at a monthly meeting on November 28 at Central Camp Diepkloof.

The lone dissenting voice during the council meeting was that of the town clerk, Mr Johan de Jager, who objected to the choice of one of the lowest tenders being awarded the business.

The R204 657 tender was recommended for ratification by the management committee chaired by Mr Frederick Phiri. He declined to comment and referred inquiries to the mayor Mr Joseph Khumalo because he was the only councillor allowed to address the Press.

Khumalo could not comment "as yet" because he was overseas when the management committee made the recommendations, but was present at the council meeting.

De Jager said he objected to the tender because it was not offering the highest amount while the council needed every cent it could receive because it was financially hard up due to the recent rent boycott.

The garage site is situated next to houses in Diepkloof zone 6 and was formerly designated a buffer zone. Two tenders were for more than R1 million while the next was R950 000 and then R400 000.

Big business builds forum for peace in Middelburg

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By ROBERT LAING

CAUGHT in the crossfire between right-wing city councils and hard-line civic associations, industry is having to play the part of peace broker.

By getting wrangling community groups and local authorities into a conference room, urging them to draft a mission statement, an organisation chart and a code of ethics, big business has managed to work wonders in the industrial town of Middelburg.

The Middelburg Informal Regional Planning Forum has so far drawn support from the Middelburg Chamber of Commerce, the Sakekamer, the African National Congress, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, most local churches, the regional services council and the Middelburg Town Administration.

Middelburg's Conservative Party-controlled town council has not officially joined yet, but says it supports the forum's aim.

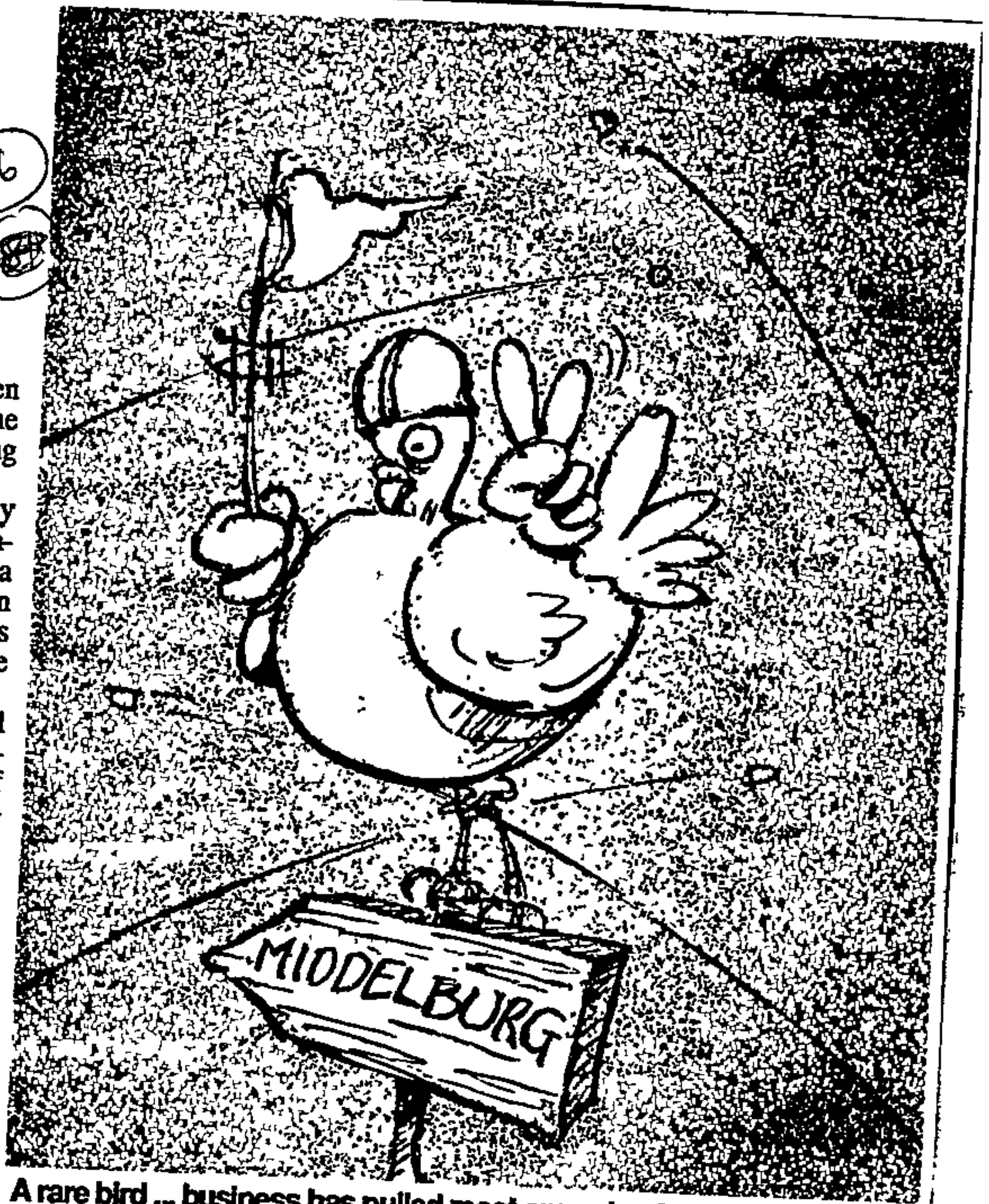
The forum's formation in May was prompted by a meeting between the Highveld Unemployed Workers' Consultative Council and the town's major employers.

Armed with the mission statement — "To create a better Middelburg for all its people (around and within existing structures, resources and services)" — the forum has raised more than R500 000, which it intends spending on social upliftment schemes.

Its first project is to set up a factory called People's Pots.

The forum's major victory to date has been keeping the township's services running.

To avert the violence which followed electricity and water cuts in neighbouring towns, Middelburg Steel & Alloy (MSA) rapidly moved to foot Mhluzi township's R370 000 services bill af-



A rare bird ... business has pulled most opposing factions together

ter the CP town council pulled the township's plug in October.

About 1 900 of MSA's 3 000 employees live in Mhluzi.

MSA manager and facilitator of the forum Brian Wegerle says: "MSA paid the bill as bridging finance on condition that the parties got together and found a long-term solution."

The forum paid November's service bill of R350 000.

Under the forum's patronage Mhluzi residents have agreed to pay a flat rate of R68 a month until February. From March residents will receive metered accounts, Wegerle says.

Council management committee chairman John Carlile says: "Of course

we support the forum, we support anybody who is working to create a better Middelburg. We're not petty, we're not children, we don't stir sh*t. We work together.

"Everything the forum is working for — job creation, education, housing, health and welfare, security liaison — we support."

However, Carlile won't say when the town council will officially join the forum: "If a body is full of political organisations, it's not a development body — it's a political body."

"As long as the forum works for a better Middelburg, we support it. But its members mustn't bring politics into it."

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Township mayor, councillors resign

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Ikageng Town Council, near Potchefstroom, has resigned en bloc, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) announced at a Press conference

The resignation of the mayor, Mr Johannes Mangoejane, and his five colleagues has been interpreted in the Western Transvaal as a collapse of the local authorities in the area

According to Cast president, Mr Sam Ntuli, the number of councillors who had resigned after the call by Cast to resign by November 30 or face the consequences, has risen to 101 out of 262 councillors

Mr Mangoejane said their resignation was in response to the mass call rather than intimidation. However, he said family pressure had played a part in his decision to resign

Another factor which led to the mass resignation, Mr Mangoejane said, was the TPA's direct consultation with civic associations without the council involvement

FELT SNUBBED

"We felt snubbed. It was time we joined the masses in their fight for a non-racial democratic council. We have decided to join the masses and be part of them as long as our expertise were needed

"This is the start of collapse of the Western Transvaal town councils. There is no future in the black town councils until a new dispensation has been agreed upon," Mr Mangoejane said

He appealed to the community was to accept the former councillors as part and parcel of them

Ex-mayor gets top township job

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — A former mayor of Pretoria, Dr Ernie Jacobson, has been appointed Administrator of Atteridgeville

Dr Jacobson, a councillor for nine years with the City Council of Pretoria and senior director of personnel at the Pretoria Technikon, said he took up his new post "with an open mind"

"I am aware that there are enormous tasks that lie ahead and I am looking forward to working with all groups to reach amicable solutions to the problems," he said

RENT CRISIS

A spokesman of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro), which has been calling for an appointment of the administrator after the collapse of the township's town council, said they welcomed the move.

"We hope the appointment of Dr Jacobson will facilitate the process of negotiations in resolving the crisis in our township. We also look forward to a healthy working relationship"

A joint committee of Asro and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has failed to determine an interim service charge rate to resolve the rent crisis in the township

Cast reacts to 'Press frenzy' ^{sowetan 14/12/70} (266)

THE Civic Association of Southern Africa yesterday said its campaign for the resignation of councillors would not "develop into a reign of terror against councillors" as claimed by sections of the Press.

Cast criticised some papers for their "frenzied reaction" to the organisation's resolution to intensify the campaign.

Cas Coovadia of Cast said: "We must question the role of the press in this regard. They appear to be assisting the State in sowing division in communities and aiding and abetting friction."

"It is black councillors and management committees

rather than Cast who are one of the causes of violence in townships and their continued existence exacerbates the violence."

He said Cast has always espoused peaceful and non-violent pressure since its launch and had continued that tradition since the intensification of the campaign on November 7.

On Cast's legitimacy, he said: "We have no hesitation in going to our people to test our legitimacy. We are prepared to invite the press and Government to such meetings and the people can respond to the question of Cast's legitimacy."

Former mayor is to control Atteridgeville

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FORMER mayor of Pretoria, Dr Ernie Jacobson, has been appointed Administrator of Atteridgeville, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, announced yesterday.

His appointment, which was also announced in the Government Gazette followed the resignation of local councillors last month.

Jacobson (51) is expected to attend a crucial meeting between the TPA and the Atteridgeville

By MONK NKOMO

le Saulsville Residents' Organisation on Monday to discuss, among other things, offers from the community of how much they could pay for essential services while negotiations on ending the rent boycott continued.

Asro's acting general secretary, Mr Simon

Tshidi, yesterday declined to announce the interim service charge agreed to by residents at block committee meetings held in the township this week.

"The amount will only be announced after we have reached an agreement with the TPA," said Tshidi.

Mr John Ramatsui, Asro's publicity secre-

tary, said negotiations on affordable rent would continue after agreement had been reached on the payment of interim service charges.

Action

Both the TPA and Asro agreed on November 26 that no action would be taken against

rent defaulters following the rent boycott that started on April 1, this year. Burning issues still to be discussed include the freezing of all arrears, the allocation of more land and the upgrading of the Saulsville hostel into family units.

Asro officials said they were satisfied with Jacobson's appointment.

Ambulance plan called blackmail

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's plan to separate fire and ambulance services could endanger the lives of patients and result in an increase in unqualified personnel being used, local authorities have warned.

The TPA has been accused of blackmailing local councils in demanding that either they split their emergency services as proposed by April 1 next year or hand ambulance services back to the TPA.

Stephen Barber, Benoni fire chief and spokesman for an action committee appointed by fire and ambulance chiefs, said 90 percent of municipalities in the Transvaal were against the TPA's plan.

"Since the 1977 Health Act, ambulance and fire services have been operated as an inte-

grated unit by local authorities as agencies for the TPA "

Two years ago, the TPA commissioned a financial study to examine the cost-effectiveness of centralising its ambulance services.

Investigations by a firm of auditors were limited to the PWV and based on statistics and information given to it by the TPA.

No local authorities were consulted until the study was finalised. A saving of R14 million was envisaged if the services were split and the ambulance service centralised.

"We contend that the service is going to cost more and will be inferior," Mr Barber said.

Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson said it was "shattering" that the proposals had never been discussed with the city council.

Mr Barber said the study was based on figures given to the auditors by the TPA which in-

cluded a structure which had up to 45 percent untrained personnel with a Std 8 certificate and a driver's licence, compared to standards which required all ambulance staff to have a minimum qualification.

Talks began between the TPA and the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) last year.

TMA director Jan van Zyl said it had accepted some TPA proposals, but had reservations about splitting services, and was concerned about the economics and quality of a centralised ambulance service.

Mr van Zyl said the TPA proposals had very dramatic implications for local authorities.

MEC for health services Fanie Ferreira said "The existing agreements between the TPA and local authorities will lapse on March 31 next year and the current negotiations with the TMA are held for the purpose of creating an acceptable model for a new agreement."

Ikageng council quits after Cast call

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By Stan Hlophe

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Political foes join forces in 'miracle' forum

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Local solutions sought

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THERESE ANDERS

SOMETHING so unusual is happening at the Eastern Transvaal home of South Africa's stainless steel industry that Archbishop Desmond Tutu cannot believe his eyes.

Not only does it have the ANC's blessing, but local Conservative Party councillors actually wish it success!

What is this "miracle" that had somehow got two implacable political foes to agree? It is the "Middelburg Forum", a local initiative which has brought together a whole range of community organisations, from civic bodies and town administrators to businesses, churches, trade unions and the unemployed.

The purpose? Nothing other than to create a better Middelburg for all its people, say those behind it.

Already it has successfully solved Mhluzi township's recent services crisis. Further blackouts were prevented when the forum covered outstanding electricity arrears, giving the community a breathing space to work out an affordable flat rate for the next few months.

Create jobs

A high percentage of residents are now paying for their services and forum officials believe the local "lights and water" issue will be a thing of the past by early next year.

The money used to pay the electricity arrears had been earmarked to start "Pots for Africa", a project which would create jobs for up to 100 unemployed.

The Middelburg Forum, now up and running for six months, is being watched and marvelled at in high places throughout the land, especially as Middelburg is not the sort of town where you would expect to find a dynamic community initiative starting up.

Let no one be fooled, the town's council is as right-wing as they come. Black children are charged R5 for a dip in the local pool and black students are asked to fork out R250 if they want to study in

the town's library

Yet it has given birth to a project that transcends entrenched barriers and has drawn former political foes into a co-operative alliance working for the benefit of everyone.

"Our goal is simply to bring about a better Middelburg for all its people," says Brian Wegerle, forum facilitator and a director of Middelburg Steel and Alloys.

"We believe our forum is a beacon of light and hope for the country. We want to encourage Nelson Mandela and F W de Klerk; what they are doing at their level is also cascading down to grassroots level.

"In the face of great odds we have something here that is working, and we would like to see other towns experiment as we have done.

"In Middelburg the black community had no access to structures, services or resources before the forum was created.

"We have been able to get the co-operative and listening ear of the police, the local magistrate, big business and local government authorities."

Apart from job creation other areas identified for attention are education, housing, health and welfare and security liaison.

So far the foundation has raised only R500 000, mainly from local industry, but small business concerns, churches and individuals have also chipped in. There are now plans to canvas for support from national and international organisations.

The forum has an interesting history. It all began in May after demands for jobs by a Cosatu-backed group of the town's unemployed. Meetings were set up with local industry.

Initially hostile, the focus of the meetings was to see how business could assist in resolving the unemployment problem.

As co-operation grew so did the realisation the issues involved were greater than unemployment. It was also apparent that it was beyond the capabilities of big business and the unemployed to solve these problems on their own.

Cosatu's Abes Matebela says the forum had been mostly well accepted by the black community "However there are those who are critical and want to see tangible results, so we are working very hard."

He believes the forum has the potential to predict and solve problems and avoid crisis situations.

Brian Wegerle says there has been a remarkable amount of support from the white community.

"Even the chairman of the town's management committee, CP councillor John Carlisle has said he hopes the forum works."

Survived

"Mr Wegerle said during November the forum had faced its toughest test when Mhluzi township erupted in violence after police had stopped an illegal protest march. A week-long stayaway resulted.

"The stayaway almost blew the forum out of the water, but we survived. In fact we've become stronger. People have said this is exactly why we need a forum."

An umbrella body has been set up on which representatives from all sectors of the community sit.

Says the local civic association's Godfrey Maseko "I feel this forum presents a real alternative for the new South Africa. The ANC and the government do not have the solution yet, but we the people at grass-roots level are working to find one for them."

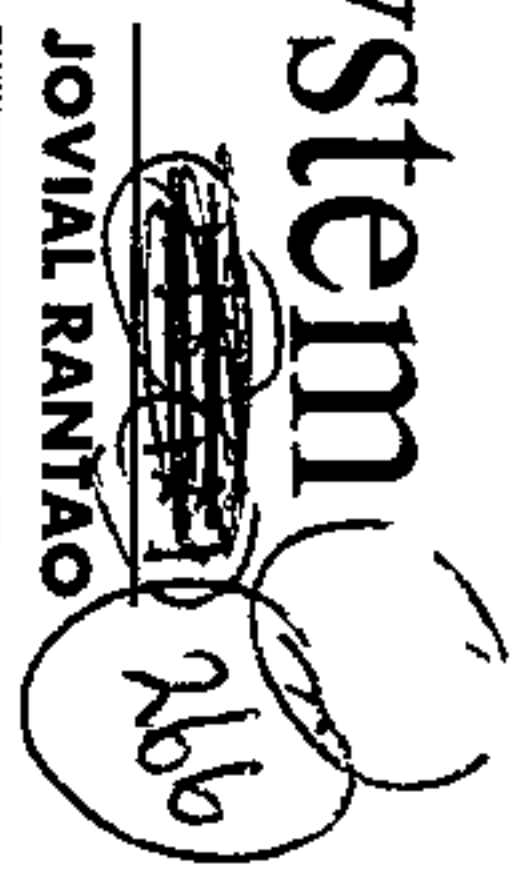
New deal for townships

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Talks on

replacing

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JOVIAL RANTAO

11 administrators
Some 82 councillors face a Christmas after the Civic Association of the Southern Vaal (Cast) decision to step out to unseat them.

Len Dekker, Deputy Director of Community Development in the Transvaal Provincial Administration, said 31 administrators had already been appointed to run townships where remaining councillors did not want a go-round.
Dekker said meetings had failed to try to find a solution

to the problems facing township residents and the TPA. The last meeting was held in Johannesburg where a number of proposals were discussed.

Mr Dekker explained the TPA had no problems with residents calling on councillors to resign. "Residents have a democratic right to call on councillors to resign, but the councillors must be replaced through a democratic voting system." He said he was against the scrapping of the present local authorities system. "We should reform the present system other than do away with it."

Services in the townships where councils had collapsed had not been affected. The appointed Administrators had the same powers as fully constituted councils and made sure services continued.

Mr Cas Coovadia, Cast's assistant general secretary said: "We are calling on councillors to resign because the people they purport to represent were not consulted when they were elected."

No upliftment

"The history of their conduct shows they've done nothing to uplift living conditions of residents. They've also been corrupt."

Mr Coovadia described the BLAs as extensions of State machinery "which continued to oppress the people they claim to represent."

The question of who should replace the BLA was still being debated. There were a number of proposals being considered.

"One proposal is that an administrator be appointed after consultation with the civics and TPA."

He explained that civic associations would remain independent of local authorities and political organisations but should be consulted before any system of local authorities was decided upon.

Second phase

Mr Coovadia said, during the second phase of the campaign (under the theme of "Black Christians against councillors, management committee members and violence")

- local civic associations would individually embark on one or more of these actions
- Boycotting councillors' businesses
- Isolating councillors and their families from the community.
- Marches to councillors' homes to demand their resignations.

"In some areas on the West Rand, civics have also decided to embark on a wider consumer boycott against white-owned businesses."

He said, although Cast would support actions by local civics, the organisation would not call for a regional boycott.

79 resignations

Mr Coovadia said that of 189 black councillors and Indian and coloured management committee members in the areas represented by 40 civic associations in the southern and western Transvaal, 79 had resigned since the campaign began on November 7.

"The situation will be reassessed in mid-January and we will consider regionalising our campaign."

● Six councillors have died in "first strike attacks" in the first seven months of 1990, says the latest South African Institute of Race Relations

(SAIRR) report. One councillor was necklaced. An average of two attacks on black city councillors were mounted daily. There were 87 attacks on the homes of black town councillors.

Dying, if need, for his community

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WHAT kind of man would risk his life and that of his family, plus damage to his property for a position in a black local authority?

"It is the kind of man who has the interest of the community at heart. It is the man who is prepared to do everything, including dying, for the welfare of the people he leads," says M J Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow who is one of the few councillors who have refused to resign from black local authorities.

Mr Khumalo, asked why he would not resign, said he would only do so when he was convinced that a better town council would replace his — "the people who replace us must serve our commu-

nity as loyally as we do".

Mr Khumalo, a long-serving Diepmeadow councillor before being elected mayor this year, said councillors also agreed that local authorities, based on race, must go.

"We've agreed that this racist system must go. However, we are also saying that, until the black authorities are done away with, we should be allowed to continue serving the community. It's no use asking us to resign because we will probably be replaced by a (white) administrator who will not be elected by the masses," Mr

Khumalo said.

Mr Khumalo said when the new constitution was being drawn up, the reconstitution of local authorities should top the agenda.

He was not worried about threats made by the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal that they would boycott businesses of councillors who refused to resign.

He dismissed the threats as undemocratic. "And I'm not saying this out of arrogance — but from my convictions."

● Mr Khumalo's Diepmeadow Town Council still has all its 20 councillors intact. So does the Soweto City Council.

Mixing and fixing in Middelburg

BUSINESS executives, the unemployed, unionists, clergy and steelworkers in the Conservative Party stronghold of Middelburg have created a unique initiative to solve the town's problems.

The community-based Middelburg Forum, which has been running now for six months, has been set up to solve problems and improve life for all the town's communities.

Already it has the blessing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the ANC and even some local CP councillors.

Many Transvaal towns presently ex-

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periencing services crises are looking at the Middelburg Forum experiment as a possible solution.

One of the most important features of the forum is that it gives the black community access to structures, services and resources.

Says the forum's facilitator Brian Wegerle: "This is different from initiatives in other towns because it is a co-operative effort of organisations that normally

wouldn't become involved in these issues.

"The other difference is that this forum is not just crisis-focused. We are here to solve crises but actually we are weakened by crisis.

"The forum has been set up to create jobs, build houses, change the education profile, look at health services, poverty and hunger.

"And we would like to facilitate a better relationship between the police and the community."

Ver-up cry as vn goes broke

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By DESMOND BLOW

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ALLEGATIONS of corruption in the finances of the Eastern Transvaal township of eMzinoni have been made

And, the Transvaal Provincial Administration was this week accused of a cover-up by refusing to probe allegations eMzinoni town clerk JJ Prinsloo misappropriated and misused funds

Instead Prinsloo was forced to resign

The township is bankrupt and unable to pay electricity and water accounts to Bethal's CP town council, despite the fact they have not had a rent boycott

The computerised light and water accounts of eMzinoni residents have been mysteriously erased and it is now impossible to tell who has paid

A *City Press* investigation this week reveals

■ R439 000 of R650 000 in a fund to build homes for some of the 40 000 inhabitants of eMzinoni is missing

■ Town Clerk Prinsloo made out a cheque to himself for R40 986,62. With the assistance of the signature of deputy mayor Abel Mahlangu the cheque was uncrossed so that it could be cashed directly

■ A cheque for town treasurer Reda du Plessis was treated the same way. The cheque, originally made out for R5 025,25 was also altered to R15 025,25 with the assistance of the signatures of Prinsloo and Mahlangu

Du Plessis has since resigned and is now working for Kriel municipality

Prinsloo denied this week he had made out a cheque for more than R40 000 to himself. He said the R15 000 for Du Plessis was "back pay"

However, *City Press* has seen both cheques and has copies of them. Both were cashed in Witbank

■ Prinsloo's wife, still employed by the eMzinoni Town Committee in charge of salaries, allegedly increased her salary from R16 740 to R18 312 and then to R33 273 a year without authority

■ Prinsloo also used a Town Committee order form to buy four tyres for his private vehicle for R922,08. He was later made to pay it back

■ Prinsloo deposited two cheques for R8 000 in back pay when he was aware that he was only entitled to one

According to the local branch of the South African Municipal Workers Union, back-pay cheques for Prinsloo, Du Plessis and Felicity Mahlangu, wife of the deputy mayor who works as a social worker on the committee, were

issued earlier than those for other employees who were also due for back-pay because of upgrading

Those cheques issued earlier were honoured, but all the other cheques, mostly for low-paid workers, bounced

The eMzinoni Town Committee has an overdraft of nearly R1 million. The township's light and water was cut off by the Bethal Town Council, but the water was later restored after an Anglican priest, Father Francis, threatened to bring a court action against the Bethal Town Council

The eMzinoni Town Committee suspended Prinsloo on allegations of misappropriating and misusing council funds and asked the TPA for an inquiry. But, said former mayor Peter Simelane, the TPA refused to have him prosecuted

The TPA's regional officer in Witbank said they must accept Prinsloo's resignation, Simelane said

Prinsloo, now working as a security officer for a company in Johannesburg, told *City Press* he resigned for "personal reasons". He intended suing the eMzinoni Town Committee, but refused to say on what grounds

Neels Malan, a former NP mayor of Bethal, has been appointed administrator of eMzinoni after most councillors resigned. He had not seen the auditors' report, but had been informed all the money was accounted for

He was informed that R439 000 missing from the housing fund had been used in a general fund, he said, adding he had only been appointed a fortnight ago - and was not in a position to comment further

Derek Muller, a regional director of the TPA, said from Witbank on Friday he was unable to comment, but would get the press liaison officer in Pretoria to phone. He did not do so and attempts by *City Press* to locate him yesterday were unsuccessful

In a memorandum from WH Schmidt, an assistant director of the TPA, to acting regional director W. Kriel on July 9, he said no audit report had been submitted to the council and that no response had been made to auditors' queries

Schmidt said cheques were issued without the necessary documentation attached. In 80 percent of payments made during April and May this year no documentation such as invoices, statements and requisitions could be found authorising payment

**Peter Simelane holds documents which he says
ged corruption which made the town broke.**

End of the road as councils fall

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By DAN DHLAMINI *CP Press 16/12/90*

THE resignation this week of Western Transvaal Councils Committee chairman and Ikageng mayor Johannes Mangoejane heralds the end of black local authorities in the region

Also, councillor Paul Sesika of Borulelo near Swaartruggens has told *City Press* his council will hold a meeting tomorrow and resignations will top the agenda

In Khuma near Stilfontein, councillors led by mayor Abraham Dikgang resigned after youths waged a "garbage war" this week

Youths used council vehicles to dump refuse in their yards and filled rooms in councillors' houses with piles of rubbish

The worst incident occurred at councillor Theo Gumede's house where youths filled rooms with rubbish and dumped more on the roof

Seven councils have collapsed in the western Transvaal since the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast)

asked councillors to resign - in Schweizer-Reneke, Leeudoringstad, Bloemhof, Hartbeesfontein, Ikageng, Orkney and Khuma

Mangoejane and his entire Ikageng council tendered their resignations and he called on other western Transvaal councils to do the same

Mangoejane said councillors were most concerned that the TPA had overlooked them and negotiated directly with civic associations

President FW de Klerk this week appealed for a halt to the "futile and senseless" disruption of township councils

"Stop fighting and threatening something which, in any case, is going to disappear," he said

"There has already been much progress in the planning of a new system which will recognise the concept of 'one city, one rate' ."

The question now was not what had to be done, but how. The matter was receiving urgent attention and further announcements would be made

De Klerk said in order to stay on course, a clear and single-minded vision of the new and just South Africa was necessary

"South Africa will never be the same again," the president said



Ikageng mayor Johannes Mangoejane, who has also resigned.

A POOL FULL OF PROPAGANDA?

By DESMOND BLOW *dpnem 16/12/90* *266*
MEMBERS of the Milanpark Indian community claim their management committee is a puppet of Bethal's CP-controlled town council and have allowed themselves to be used to drive a wedge between Indian and black communities in the area.

A community spokesman said the Bethal CP council was angry because Indians had opened their taps to the 40 000 black residents of nearby eMzini after the council had cut off their electricity and water

Milanpark residents have now signed a petition calling for the resignation of the five-person Indian management committee. They claim management committee chairman Dhirajlal Lala blamed black vandalism as the reason for his committee's decision to fill the Milanpark public swimming pool with sand

A medical doctor said the reason the pool was filled with sand was because the filter pump had failed and the water had turned black and was unhealthy.

The Bethal town engineer advised the Indian management committee to dump sand in the pool to prevent cracking after it was emptied, and the CP council took advantage of this to call a Press conference to tell the world that even the Indians were closing their pools to prevent blacks from using it because of their "bad behaviour"

"Lala and the others know this is a lie, but they have perpetuated the lie because they are intimidated by the CP council"

But Lala this week repeated the story that the pool was closed because of vandalism by black children

He said the children had broken into the Indian sporting facilities, which included tennis courts and a swimming pool, after the October 15 scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act

Lala said they had broken the locked gate to gain entry, stolen doors, ruined the pool's filter pump, stolen the fencing around the tennis courts, stolen the nets, and wrecked the ablution block

"It was the third time in four years they had ruined the ablution block," Lala said, adding it was unanimously agreed by the management committee to close

They helped the CP lie, say angry Indian residents

the pool until it was repaired. The Bethal Town Council had been informed of its decision

Lala said the pool was insured and once they received payment, repairs would be made and the pool opened to all races

"The pool was being swamped by blacks and we have appealed to the Bethal Town Council to build a pool for blacks in eMzini to alleviate the congestion"

He claimed none of the blacks had complained about the closed facility, and the relationship between Indians and blacks in the adjoining townships was good

"When the water for blacks was cut off by the Bethal Town Council, every Indian opened his taps to the residents of eMzini. They flowed night and day and we could not even bath, because there was no pressure inside the homes because the garden taps were constantly open"

In a letter to the Bethal town clerk calling for the resignation of the Indian management committee, Milanpark residents claimed the committee had "refused to do anything constructive in having the water restrictions lifted in eMzini, and thus have provided no relief to the residents of Milanpark who have been burdened by extra water accounts"

"We feel it is our religious duty NOT to deny water, and also feel it is the Christian duty of the council to provide water, if only for a few hours"

They also suggested that the R3 000 a month allowances for the management committee, which was taken from residents' rates, should be used to alleviate the water account of eMzini

The doctor also said many residents of eMzini had suffered gastric diseases as a result of water restrictions - and the overflow of sewage in the streets

Mayor's insurance cover is increased

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The mayor of the Diepmeadow Town Council has had his personal accident insurance cover for death or permanent disability increased from R150 000 to R400 000

The increase in benefits for mayor Mr Joseph Khumalo was passed by the council at its monthly meeting at the Central Camp in Diepkloof on November 28

This follows an in-

By **MOJALEFA MOSEKI**

tense campaign by civic organisations for councillors to resign

A week after the resolution was passed, Khumalo was re-elected mayor of Diepmeadow for 1991

Benefits for the deputy mayor and management committee chairman increased from R100 000 to

R300 000 while benefits for all 17 councillors will rise from R75 000 to R200 000

The council's management committee called for the review at the beginning of November - when the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) stepped up its campaign for councillors to resign.

A reliable source close to the council said the review of insurance benefits was motivated by the increasing pressure on councillors to resign and the view that the campaign may lead to violence against councillors and damage to their properties.

* The Ikageng Town Council has collapsed after six councillors, including mayor Mr Johannes Mangoejane, resigned, according to Cast

Local govt (266) system given thumbs-down

WHITE RIVER — The local government system in South Africa was rejected in a joint statement yesterday by the ANC, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer and Chambers of Commerce in Nelspruit, White River and Hazyview.

The statement said a joint forum had been formed during the meeting yesterday between the Eastern Transvaal Regional Committee of the ANC and business representatives from the Nelspruit Business Chamber, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer in Nelspruit and White River and the Hazyview Chamber of Commerce.

The Lowveld ANC/businessmen's forum also noted that the consumer boycott in White River, Nelspruit and Hazyview was "not on" — pending the outcome of the talks.

They issued the following joint statement after the meeting:

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- The forum took note of the fact that both the Government and the ANC, as well as the majority of other parties, rejected the present system of local government in South Africa.
 - The forum rejected this system and insisted that the rejection should form part of the negotiation process towards a new constitution.
 - Local government should be non-racial, as should all levels of government.
 - Moreover, local government should have much wider powers so that local government could be truly democratic and represent the will of the people in any area it represented.
 - They condemned any violence, harassment or intimidation of any kind.
 - All forum participants agreed that it had a positive effect and urged other communities to follow their example by forming similar forums — Sapa

Justus Tshungu

and the terrorists

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AFTERIDGEVILLE'S former deputy mayor Justus Tshungu has a seven-year-old grandson who wakes up screaming every night.

"They are coming. They are coming," he shrieks.

The nightmares started, said Mr Tshungu, after their house in the township outside Pretoria was petrol-bombed by a mob.

The child was playing in the yard when the mob arrived. He could see them through the fence, chanting and angry, undeterred by the gates, the police guards or the barking dogs.

The bomb went over his head and crashed through a window, exploding inside where his mother and grandmother were.

The next time the house was petrol-bombed Mr Tshungu was warned by an anonymous caller beforehand.

"I was told, 'All reason has collapsed, get out. Get your family out.' So we got out. Except my son, Manas. He is 26 and an iron-willed young man. He would not budge but I had to get my pregnant daughter out.

"I spent that whole night awake, dead with worry. In the morning I read in the newspaper that my house had been bombed. Can you imagine how a man feels knowing his only son has been petrol-bombed because of the job his father does?"

The same night 25 petrol-bombs rained onto the house of another councillor. The township was in revolt. Two men had died. The mayor of Atteridgeville quit and so did his deputy, Justus Tshungu, the man who won nationwide fame for his friendly, dignified presentation of a TV series urging whites to learn black languages.

For Mr Tshungu, his resignation spelled the end of a two-year personal battle that escalated into full-scale war from April.

"We got death threats on the phone all the time. Every time it rang I went cold, expecting that faceless voice telling me I would die.

"We survived by using the element of surprise. I never used the same route twice. We could never establish patterns.

"Before I left the office I would phone my wife and tell her to expect me in 20 minutes. She would get the the garage open in exactly 20 minutes and I would drive straight in, fast."

He also got a gun.

"We had two policemen living in the house. Everywhere I went two policemen guarded me. But sometimes, when they changed shifts, we were alone.

"Mind you, I don't think it would have mattered how many I had. For every one policeman there are 10 comrades, they come in waves. The councils can never fight the civics (the civic associations), not when they are free to use any weapon.

"My family continually had to discuss tactics, bomb strategies, escape routes. We once were a happy, close unit. We turned into tired, tense people. Always waiting for the next bomb. We couldn't do things to-

Last month 80 black town councillors resigned. So far, 40 per cent of black local authorities have collapsed. Six councillors have been killed this year. The Star spoke to Atteridgeville's former deputy mayor, Justus Tshungu



In happier times Justus Tshungu, the broadcasting personality.

gather. It was like being under house arrest.

"Those who think that terrorism is something distant are wrong."

Seeing his uncomplaining family suffering in silence weighed heavy on him.

"My wife lost all her friends. My children lived like silent prisoners. I think it would have been better if they had shouted at me, but they never did. The day I resigned my wife did a jig in the kitchen."

Another punishment was the ostracism from a community in which he had lived for 30 years.

"For a black person this is the most telling punishment. I used to be a popular broadcaster, everybody knew me. They would always say hello in the streets and shops. Suddenly there were 100 000 hate-filled, silent faces staring at me.

"I tried saying good morning to the people. They would ask how I could greet them when I had sold them out. Overnight, our friends stopped coming to the house. Many were afraid of the intimidation.

"Once in a supermarket a member of my church — my own church — called me 'Le jela thoko' (he who eats aside). It is the worst insult you can ever give a black man and he shouted it at the top his voice.

"I left as fast as my legs could carry me. Thus thing that affects people who worship together cuts deep."

The ostracism did not stop at the black community.

"As much as we were unacceptable to blacks, we were dispicable to whites. When I went with hat in hand to beg loans for my council, whites would always ask how I proposed paying it back. They never rated me highly."

In his view it was the lack of a wide tax-base, the fact that councillors had to rely largely on an impoverished constituency for finance, that was the undoing of black local authorities.

"We had to go continuously to people living below the bread-line and make them dig deeper into their pockets. That was what made the councillors unpopular. We had bridging finance, but we first had to try and pay the bills on our own."

Mr Tshungu joined the council in 1988 to "work against the system from within and do it with dignity."

"I believe in man-to-man negotiation, not shouting into the wind from the rooftops. We were not sell-outs because we joined the system. All of us are ultimately under the system. Nurses in hospitals are part of it, so is Nelson Mandela sitting at the table with F W de Klerk. Where does the system end?"

"I was prepared to step down but did not want to leave a vacuum. I did not believe those who intimidated us could take over because they were not trained."

"I find it ironic we were accused of being non-representative by organisations that were themselves never elected. We were elected."

He conceded the polls in those elections were very low.

Following his resignation in mid-November the "pressure" in Justus Tshungu's life has eased. In its place is sadness.

"My castles have crashed down. I have been through deep waters. I have been hurt, terrorised and misunderstood.

"The saddest thing is the misunderstanding. My people misunderstood me — I believed what I was doing was for their benefit." □

Campaign against councillors hot's up

THEO RAWANA

THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) would step up pressure next week on black councillors and coloured and Indian management committee members to resign, Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said yesterday.

The campaign, which would run from Monday until January 1, would involve the boycott of councillors' businesses and ostracism of councillors and their families.

"Specialised action" had begun in Klip town, Ennerdale and Eldorado Park, and soon there would be marches to collect resignations from management committee members. Petitions were being circulated in Kagiso and a consumer boycott was planned at Toekomsrus.

Councillors for Khuma, in Potchefstroom, resigned after rubbish was thrown at their houses, he said.

Sapa reported that Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said the campaign could include occupation of Johannesburg City Council chambers on January 7. Cast would not apologise for mobilising people to remove elected local government officials who were "militating against genuine resolution of township problems".

Fear and disruption of services in townships were related primarily "to govern-

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Campaign

ment's continued attempts to legitimise discredited and unrepresentative councillors and management committees"

President F W de Klerk's statement that local government had to be reviewed urgently was proof that mass action was producing results, he said

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the organisation was working with the TPA on

alternative local government structures, and was haising with Eskom on power supply cuts in townships

A national "civic" could be in place by the middle of next year, following a planned national consultative conference in March. Government's proposed alternatives for local government would be rejected even if they were good because they had not been negotiated, he said.

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Confrontation looms

Marching to isolate councillors

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CONFRONTATION is looming over planned "resign now" marches on homes of black town councillors.

But, councillors have vowed that they will not be intimidated by "criminals" and police say they will not allow the community

ABBEY MAKOE

to be harassed by "lawlessness".

The marches have been organised by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST), and are planned to take place between Christmas and New Year's Day, according to Sam Ntuli, CAST's general secretary.

A "Black Christmas" was also declared against councillors "Their businesses will be boycotted and their families isolated by the community," Mr Ntuli said

Also faced with the prospect of a boycott were businesses that had links with councillors

Permission

Their shops will be boycotted as well, Mr Ntuli warned "That's to ensure that their isolation must be a success"

Asked whether CAST had applied for permissions to march on councillors' homes Mr Ntuli said CAST would "definitely apply if needs be"

But the marches would go on, he stressed

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni insisted, however, that anyone wanting to march had to obtain permission from a magistrate first.

He warned that special guards would be posted, if required, at the houses of anybody who was in need of protection

Mr Vincent Thusi, chairman of the Dobsonville council management committee, regarded the intended marches as undemocratic

"To invade our privacy is a violation of human rights and is unacceptable," he said

He warned that he and fellow councillors would not be intimidated by anybody. "We'll rather die for upholding the ideals of democracy."

Senor Diepmeadow councillor Fred Phiri added: "It is not only immoral but also criminal for any man to walk into my privacy and intimidate me and my family."

On security measures, he said he was not going out of his way to make special arrangements "I have no fear," he said.

Soweto council management committee chairman Butana Tshabalala said councillors were democratically elected into office and the only way they could resign was, in turn, to be democratically voted out of office

'Not God'

For that reason, he anticipated some violence because "the people who elected us will retaliate against the marchers intimidation. But if they (the marchers) intend to kill me, I can't stop them from doing it I'm not God," he added

It was not his wish to request police protection, neither did he intend to carry a gun

Anti-council campaign starts today

Sowetan 24/12/90 (266)

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal is to intensify the campaign to isolate black township councillors in an attempt to force them to resign.

The campaign starts today and will involve the boycott of businesses and shops owned by councillors and their families, as well as marches on homes of councillors.

Cast general secretary, Mr Sam Ntuli, said the campaign would also include the occupation of the Johannesburg City Council's chambers when they reopen on January 7.

In Kagiso, a signature campaign to isolate councillors was already underway, and in Potchefstroom's Khuma township, rubbish was being thrown at councillor's houses

Structures

"The resignation of councillors was not negotiable and they would not be consulted.

"There were no exceptions, all councillors were in racial, oppressive and bankrupt structures," Cast said.

However, councillors have vowed they will not be intimidated by "criminals".

Police have also said they would not allow members of the community to be harassed by "lawlessness".

According to Ntuli, the marches are planned to take place between Christmas and New Year's Day.

He said a "black Christmas" has also been declared against councillors.

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CAST puts on the pressure ⁽²⁶⁶⁾

The Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) is to intensify the campaign to force township councillors to resign. ^{SN 24/1/90}

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Police have said they would not allow harassment. — Staff Reporter.

Boycotters meet Trichardt council

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A MEETING between the Consumer Boycott Committee and the Louis Trichardt Town Council is to be convened in the coming weeks.

It will take place against a background of growing racial tension over crucial issues

The CBC disagrees with the council over the lifting of the consumer boycott before all demands - which include the opening of the central business district, recognition of trade unions and

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

an end to the harassment of trade unionists by police - are met.

In a statement, the CBC has vowed that the boycott would continue despite the granting of permanent status to Tshikota township after the Government intervened and overruled the Conservative Party-dominated council

This has caused confusion among the people following reports by the

township's residents association chairman, Mr Lazarus Legong, that the boycott should be called off "in the light of the decision to upgrade the township"

Demand

"We want to make it clear that the demand about Tshikota was just one of several other demands

"We are still going to hold talks with the town council over other demands and only when

these are met, can there be talk of ending the boycott," the CBC said

The first meeting was held behind closed doors early this month

It was attended by high-ranking police officers and ended in a deadlock when the council allegedly refused to agree to most of the demands.

This fueled tension between the CBC and the council

Tension increased

again after threatening statements by AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche when he addressed the residents of the town that his organisation will "flatten the ANC in the area if it continues with its action against whites"

Many shops in the town are threatened with closure following the total absenteeism of black shoppers who are now doing their shopping in Pietersburg.

THE anti-councillors campaign of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, which was supposed to reach a climax between Christmas and New Year, seems to have met with limited success.

Little activity has been reported in the Transvaal, the main target area.

Commented Cast's assistant general secretary, Cas Coovadia: "The unfortunate thing about the struggle is that everybody seems to go into recess over the festive season."

Activities would take place in some areas before January 1, he said,

and the campaign would again be stepped up by mid-January.

However, the campaign has been largely successful since it was "intensified" on November 7.

Since then, 100 of the remaining 189 councillors had resigned in the target areas of 41 civic associations, said Coovadia.

Eight councils had either collapsed completely or had been left without quorums due to the resignations. Those were Lekoa, Kananamunsville, Atteridgeville, Tokoza, Khuma, Ikageng and Mamelodi.

Cast's Council campaign halted by festive season

Some of the activities reported over the festive season included:

* In Mamelodi, 10 councillors are said to have resigned after residents had marched to demand their resignations. * In Tokoza, residents will boycott while Alberton businesses in protest against the cutting of electricity.

* In Khuma, outside Potchefstroom, residents had dumped garbage at the homes of councillors. Six councillors had resigned. * In Eldorado Park, deputations of between 10 and 20 residents had gone to the houses of the six management committee members to demand their resignations. Five management committee members had promised to report back to residents.

* In Kagiso, block committees had started a door-to-door petition, asking residents whether they wanted the councillors to resign. It appeared that the "overwhelming majority" of residents were in favour of their resignation, Coovadia said. - Sowetan Correspondent

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Boycott 'could wreck talks'

^{Star}
Staff Reporter 28/12/90

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday accused the Tokoza Civic Association of calling a boycott of white business in Alberton in order to distract the people from their own shortcomings

The boycott began on Wednesday

In a statement yesterday, TPA acting deputy director-general Jan van der Walt said a boycott of business in Alberton could wreck fragile negotiations to have Tokoza's electricity reconnected

"This foolish tactic is an attempt to distract

the people's attention from the civic association's direct responsibility for additional misery and inconvenience which they are now suffering," he added

The TPA and the administrator of Tokoza hoped to resume negotiations early next year with a view to ending the rent boycott and promoting the concept of nonracial government under a new constitutional dispensation, said the statement

Most businesses in Alberton polled by The Star yesterday said the boycott had not yet affected sales

Pick 'n Pay spokes-

man David Jenning said "We have many customers from Vosloorus and Katlehong who are not taking part in the boycott"

The branch manager of Checkers in Alberton, Joshua Thenjekwayo, said he was not even aware of the consumer boycott.

A spokesman for OK Bazaars said the boycott had not affected her branch at all

Business was slow yesterday morning at the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet and manager Gerrit Grobbelaar blamed the boycott

Festivities affect CAST campaign

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The anti-councillors campaign of the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST), which was supposed to reach a climax between Christmas and New Year, seems to have met with limited success.

Commented CAST's assistant general-secretary, Cas Coovadia "The unfortunate thing about the struggle is that everybody seems to go into recess over the festive season."

Activities would take place in some areas before January 1, he said, and the campaign would again be stepped up by mid-January.

However, since the campaign's inception, 100 of the remaining 189 councillors had resigned in the target areas of 41

civic associations

Eight councils had either collapsed completely or had been left without quorums due to the resignations, he said.

Some of the activities reported over the festive season included:

- In Mamelodi, 10 councillors are said to have resigned after residents had marched to their houses to demand their resignations
- In Eldorado Park, deputations of between 10 and 20 residents had gone to the houses of the six management committee members to demand their resignations. Five management committee members had promised to report back to residents
- In Kagiso, block committees had started a door-to-door petition, asking residents whether they wanted the councillors to resign

Gearing up for first bobbies 266

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The Johannesburg City Council's ambitious plan for a new municipal police force gets under way on Wednesday when the first intake of about 100 recruits start their training to become "bobbies on the beat".

They will start patrolling the streets on foot in June, according to councillor Christopher Newton-Thompson, who headed a 10-man committee which investigated the feasibility and cost of such a force.

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But limited training facilities will reduce the impact of the new force on soaring crime in the city.

Said Mr Newton-Thompson "On its own it won't make much of an impact.

"We recommended that about 500 people should be recruited. But that cannot be done because of limited facilities.

"Just over 500 additional officers are to be recruited over the next 2½ years, because we can only train 100 over a six-month period."

They will be trained at the council's traffic department

academy as traffic officers, and receive additional training as police officers.

Up to June, he said, training and salaries would cost about R2,5 million.

"The major expenditure will come in the next financial year, when the officers will have to be equipped with uniforms and vehicles."

The first areas to be patrolled regularly would be the central business district, Hillbrow and Joubert Park.

From there the service would be extended to other suburbs.

Johannesburg's Year of the Spies

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The Star's exposé of the municipal spy scandal and the subsequent fall of the National Party-run management committee, resulting in a DP takeover, were the most noteworthy events in the Johannesburg City Council this year.

The secretive activities of the city council spies filled 4 000 pages of evidence and cost about R770 000.

At the judicial hearing into the scandal tales emerged of clandestine excursions, bugs in ballpoint pens, electrified briefcases and collaboration between the SADF and council security department.

The Hemstra Commission report led to the early retirement of town clerk Manie Venter and the suspension of public safety chief John Pearce, who faces an internal disciplinary inquiry in the New Year.

The commission found that Mr Venter could have been more critical. Mr Pearce was labelled grossly negligent.

Mr Venter, who threatened to return to office in November because he was not satisfied with the terms of his retirement agreement, was finally returned early due to ill-health. He walked away with a lump-sum pension fund payout of R700 000 plus a monthly payout of R13 000 a month.

In April, 10 days after the appointment of the Hemstra Commission, the DP swept to power in a new joint management committee with the NP and one independent, Eddy Magid, after a motion of no

The past year was a turbulent one in Johannesburg municipal politics. Spies came in from the cold, alliances were formed, between the National Party and Democratic Party and a new style of management was introduced in the city. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS reports

confidence in the management committee was successful.

A new enlightened era for Johannesburg with clean, open government was promised by management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

The members of the new-look management committee, Ian Davidson (DP), Paul Asherson (DP), Cecil Bass (DP), deputy chairman Eddy Magid (Ind), Marietta Marx (NP) and Jan Burger (NP) (who stepped down for Koos Roets (NP) in November), agreed that councillors had elected one of the strongest governments for Johannesburg in years.

The reason the coalition was possible was that most of the major points of contention between the Nats and the liberal opposition had been removed with the opening of buses to all races and the extension of the free trading area in the city earlier in the year.

With the reins of power firmly in his hands, Mr Davidson immediately abolished the all-powerful advisory committee

to the committee, headed by the town clerk, returning authority to the council's elected representatives.

A team of consultants was appointed to trim bureaucracy in the council.

A committee was set up to investigate the establishment of a municipal police force and the first recruits will be trained in January, following which they will be seconded to a special bobby-on-the-beat unit within the existing framework of the Johannesburg Traffic Department.

An environment charter and conservation strategy was adopted by the council and a special committee is probing the black taxi problem.

And in August the council decided to apply to the Free Settlement Board to declare the whole city an open area.

This followed an investigation by the Free Settlement Board into the opening up of 10 suburbs in the north-east of Johannesburg, including Houghton Estate.

Political infighting in the council began early in March this year when the NP was dealt a major blow with the resignation of two Nats, Mike Levin and Howard Bloomburg. They went independent only hours before the mayoral election.

They cost the NP the seat of deputy mayor, which went to the DP's Elliot Kretzmer. Talk of a motion of no confidence in the NP management committee was raised then for the first time.

In other council disruptions, The Hill councillor Dave Verstler went to jail in September for civil debt and in October, Adstrop protesters were granted an audience in the council chamber after they threatened to stage a sit-in.

This year, altogether four councillors — Cecil Long, Desirée Simpson, Mr Bloomburg and Mr Levin — resigned from the NP to go independent.

Mr Verstler (DP) and Deon van Greunen (DP) also resigned their council seats and Hans Strydom left the DP to go independent.

Municipal by-elections in The Hill and Melville wards will be held in February. An informal deal worked out between the NP and DP resulted in them standing down for each other in the two seats. The DP will take the Melville seat and The Hill will be a contest between the NP and CP.

Security was stepped up at the homes of Johannesburg's 51 councillors in July after the homes of Mr Burger and Clive Gilbert (DP) were bombed, allegedly by rightwing extremists. No one was injured.

In June, a record, but "reasonable" R2.1 billion budget was tabled by Mr Davidson. The average household faced a R25 monthly increase in his rates bill.

This year was also the year local government experts, including Johannesburg city councillors, called for local authorities to begin planning for the unification of adjoining white and black areas. Council-

ors Hen Kruger (NP) and Sias Heyneke (DP) called for Soweto to be incorporated with Johannesburg.

The Greater Soweto Accord ending Soweto's rent boycott formed the basis for discussions in other Transvaal committees between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and while local authorities.

One of the most important provisions of the accord was the establishment of a metropolitan chamber to promote negotiation for new non-racial local government structures. The chamber will be formally constituted next month.

In addition, a historic manifesto, detailing a workable and acceptable new democratic and non-racial system of local government for South Africa, was accepted by a Government advisory body in Johannesburg in October.

On a lighter note, councillor Hans Strydom bemoaned the lot of city councillors whose hands were tied by Government red tape, leaving them with no more power than toothless chihuahuas, paid only enough to shovel manure, which was the first task of the Johannesburg Village Council formed 104 years ago.

In 1991, it remains to be seen whether the present management committee can hold on to power. There are whispers of a deal being worked out between the large independent bloc and the more conservative faction within the NP, led by Mr Roets, to force the DP off the management committee.



Seat of turbulence the Civic Centre in Braamfontein, where municipal politics saw an eventful year, dominates the scene from downtown Rissik Street in Johannesburg. A judicial inquiry heard tales of bugs in ballpoint pens and electrified briefcases