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Co-operation the key says Hough

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THE new year promised to bring South Africans closer to a new dispensation for the country as well as its provinces, Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough said yesterday.

However, he warned in his New Year's message that a new dispensation would not be successful if violence and anarchy prevalent in towns and cities were allowed to con-

tinue

"Positive and constructive co-operation by all is needed to create peace, prosperity and welfare for each and every inhabitant of our province"

Talents

Hough said the nation's talents and energy had been wasted for too long on generating and upholding conflict

"I hope that self-control and realistic thinking will

prevail at last"

Hough predicted that as a result of continuing urbanisation, 1992 would see a tremendous increase in demands on communities, the Government and his administration in particular

In the Transvaal alone, 390 000 erven were needed for the settlement of people living in the "backyards of the city", he said

"It is projected that by the year 2000 in the Central, Eastern and Western

Witwatersrand, including the Vaal Triangle, provision has to be made for an additional 3,3 million people

"With the present backlog we will need 50 000 hectares of land"

Hough called on all Transvaalers to work together towards creating the new South Africa where everybody would have their own special place in society regardless of race, colour, religion or culture -
Sapa

Two policemen die in 'brutal' attack

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TWO Thokoza policemen were shot and burnt in their police vehicle on Wednesday night, in an attack on the SAP a spokesman described as the most brutal in years.

The murders bring to 148 the number of policemen killed in the past 12 months despite concerted efforts by the SAP to stem the number of deaths in the force. So far three policemen have died this year.

In Wednesday's incident, the killers allegedly stopped a police van on its way from Thokoza to nearby Katilehong and overpowered Sgt J B Mokothe and an unidentified constable before seizing their weapons.

The assailants forced them to drive a short distance into the Katilehong area before shooting them with AK-47s and burning their vehicle.

Police, who found 24 AK-47 cartridges on the scene, said they were baffled by the murder and horrified no one had come to help the policemen or report the incident.

PWV SAP Commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus extended his condolences to the families and colleagues of the two men and appealed to the public to help find the killers. An SAP spokesman said there was a R25 000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone involved in killing a policeman.

JONATHAN REES

In other incidents reported yesterday, a civilian who wished to remain anonymous helped police foil an armed robbery, seize seven weapons and recover a large amount of cash on Tuesday morning.

Four robbers had held up TrustBank security guards in Denver and were followed by the civilian to a city parking lot, where he managed to arrest one of the robbers after calling the police, an SAP spokesman said.

When the suspect tried to flee the man shot him in the back, seriously wounding him. Police recovered a mimbus, cash, two AK-47s, two 357 Magnums, a 45 revolver and two 9mm pistols. The other three robbers escaped.

Two robbers were arrested by a security guard and the SAP dog unit in another incident in Devland on Tuesday, but the robbers' made off with R122 000 in cash after holding up the Price Club.

Also on Tuesday, five armed men held up a Bree Street bottle store and made off with R12 000 in cash after shooting and wounding an employee.

In yesterday's unrest report, police said a man was seriously injured in Mandela squatter camp, near Hout Bay, after attackers drove a stake into his head.

Treating unrest victims adds to TPA's burden

8/10/92 3/11/92 PATRICK BULGER

HOSPITAL treatment for the victims of civil unrest costs the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) R16 000 for each patient, says Transvaal Administration for Danie Hough.

In his end-of-year address, Hough said unrest was adding to the already considerable burden that urbanisation placed on the TPA.

"At all levels of society, the influence of constant violence and states of unrest in our towns is felt. This situation has resulted, in particular, in an unforeseen and high rate of patient admission at casualty wards in hospitals, and has given the province an enormous additional financial burden to carry."

"It is estimated that this amounts to R16 000 per patient," Hough said.

He said a new dispensation for SA would not succeed if violence and anarchy continued.

Even without the violence, urbanisation was placing extreme demands on the TPA, Hough said.

He said the TPA had been responsible for setting 90 000 people in informal settlements and that 43 000 erven were being developed at present. But he warned that demands placed on resources would increase tremendously.

The PWV area would have to accommodate an additional 3.3-million people before the end of the century. This would require an extra 50 000ha of land (Soweto comprises 8 000ha and Johannesburg 50 000ha).

In the Transvaal alone, an extra 390 000 erven were necessary to settle people living in backyard shacks.

"The urbanisation process will, in the first place, require even more understanding and realism on the part of the existing communities in urbanised areas," Hough said.

Whoobie starts filming



Action on accord

THE Greater Soweto Accord of a month ago kicks off with a programme of action this week involving residents, black and white councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Regional Services Council

The programme is intended to dismantle apartheid structures at local government level and improve services in greater Soweto

Pamphlets outlining the December 4 agreement are being delivered to every household in the area.

The accord, brokered by Chamber chairman Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, ended the greater Soweto boycott of rent and service fees

Actions to improve municipal services - linked to an increased miscellaneous service charge for residential units of R55 from the beginning of this month - have been agreed. Attempts will be made to involve Roodepoort and other white local authorities in the accord

Negotiations to co-ordinate the budgets of the local authorities and the Regional Services Council will begin in February - Sapa

Municipalities calling for centralised bus services

NINA SHAND

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THE Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and other local government structures have called for a centralised body to run bus services for satellite towns around Johannesburg.

The move follows the recent termination of services by several Reef municipalities due to increased running costs and decreased demand.

In the past year towns on the East Rand — Benoni, Kempton Park, Edenvale and Nigel — have lost four bus services which were either terminated or sold to private companies. BIDA 6/1/92

Other municipalities have also indicated that they may soon abort their services.

Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van zyl Slabbert said that with the current tendency towards a metropolitan type of government, various public services would need to be rationalised.

A Roodeport municipal spokesman said that rather than have each municipality run its own independent service, a centralised body should be introduced.

Many Reef councils are still operating at a substantial cost to ratepayers — 95% of whom do not even use the service.

Springs municipality expected to lose an estimated R2,4m in the 1991/92 financial year, said town clerk Gerrie Opperman. Most bus commuters in the area were school children and teachers.

A spokesman for the Brakpan municipality said that while the council was still rendering a bus service, the municipality was looking at future prospects as well as attempting to cut losses wherever possible.

Putco MD Jack Visser said his company would not be taking over those services terminated by the municipalities as they were unprofitable.

Jo'burg civic association wants action from council

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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The Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ) says it is impatient to see concrete results from the agreements reached in the closing weeks of 1991 in the multiracial Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

CAJ, which includes civic bodies from Soweto and Ennerdale in the south to Alexandra in the north, intended "mobilising its constituency" to achieve change in the way services were planned and administered at local and metropolitan levels, said general secretary Cas Coovadia.

With the first chamber meeting of the year due to take place tomorrow, Mr Coovadia ex-

pressed a sense of achievement about the agreements reached between the civics and various local and provincial bodies in the chamber last year.

CAJ's expectations of the chamber were that:

- The in-principle agreement to transfer rented and leased housing stock in Soweto to full ownership of the present occupants would be rapidly implemented.

- White local authorities would take crucial strides to alleviate problems in the townships.

"This includes the central involvement of Johannesburg City Council in Soweto. It also includes the incorporation of Ennerdale and Lenasia South within the responsibility of the Johannesburg City Council," said Mr Coovadia

Chamber to discuss bank

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THEO RAWANA

A WORLD Bank team held talks with a Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber delegation last month, chamber CE Vic Milne said yesterday.

The chamber team had made "recommendations" to the bank mission visiting SA. A report on the talks would be made at the chamber's monthly meeting tomorrow. (266)

He said the bank had expected government to approach it for aid, and had wanted to assess the situation in SA. (266)

The chamber meeting is also expected to focus on Greater Soweto Principal Parties' report on introduction of new service tariffs for greater Soweto

The implementation of the Alexandra Accord, which provides for the establishment of a northern joint negotiating forum, will also be discussed

SA to get first 'Chinatown'

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Own Correspondent

Bronkhorstspuit will become the home of South Africa's first "Chinatown" this year in an ambitious bid to rescue the town's flagging industrial area, Ekandustria

This disclosure follows Verwoerdburg Town Council's announcement last year that about 500 families from Hong Kong were to be resettled at a "Chinatown" near Irene

About 200 stands south of the N4 freeway in Bronkhorstspuit have already been allocated to prospective Taiwanese immigrants on a site earmarked by the town council for the Taiwanese residential area

Contractors started installing services this week and construction of the first houses is ex-

pected to begin in March

A public relations company, Welcome Consulting, headed by Taiwanese expatriate Linda Lee, has offices in Bronkhorstspuit and Taiwan, and is co-ordinating the settlement on behalf of Bronkhorstspuit Town Council

Residential

Town clerk Dr Hennie Senekal said the immigration scheme comprised a residential project and an industrial project in Ekandustria

The project had the blessing of the Government and the town council was working hand-in-hand with the Department of Home Affairs, Dr Senekal said

At present, the council was concentrating on the residential project as financial support could not be raised for industrial

development in Ekandustria

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The first immigrants are expected after the Taiwanese New Year in February

Civic body, Jo'burg council slug it out ^{STAR} 9/11/92

Municipal Reporter (266)

evict people on Tuesday

At the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting on Tuesday, Ennerdale Civic Association members and the Johannesburg City Council accused each other of lying.

Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert had to intervene during the heated exchange and forbid further discussion of the issue as the chamber was not aware of all the facts.

Ennerdale civic chairman Clifford Smith accused the council of arrogance in not addressing its problems. He said the council had called in police and security officers to

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Mr Smith had not mentioned the true facts to the chamber. He said an agreement had been reached with the civic association in May to try to resolve the housing crisis in the area.

Ennerdale residents owe the city council about R6 million in rent arrears.

An arbitrator was to be appointed to investigate which houses were structurally unsound, but Mr Davidson said the civic, which was supposed to ratify the agreement with

its members, had never come back to the council.

Mr Smith said it was very traumatic for families to be evicted from their homes. The council had still not attended to a memorandum handed in a month ago by protesting residents, he added.

Mr Davidson said a meeting with the civic would be held next week. Mr Smith said he had not been informed about the meeting.

Dr Slabbert said that no matter how sympathetic he was to residents' problems, the chamber was not the place for discussion on such issues.

used socially as a library and a couple of other educational and cultural amenities. Having done this, they neglected or ignored them for years, so the museums were cramped and underfunded, the libraries didn't expand as they should — also for lack of funding — and culture became identified in the public mind as the eccentric pursuit of the few sad souls who didn't understand the rules of rugby or the fun of boxing.

The rich did their social climbing largely without any patronage of the arts or pretensions to cultural sophistication, especially as there were no tax concessions attached to donations made to cultural institutions.

The municipal rulers understood rates and taxes. They understood the value of comfortable chairs and comfortable offices and big salaries. They understood the racist ideology of the government. But they didn't understand human beings, or their need for song and dance, music and fantasy, shady parks and sociable recreational spaces.

Last year, however, in a surprising contradiction of this dismal record, the city council appointed, for the first time, a director of culture Christopher Till, previously the director of the Johannesburg Art Gallery and director of museums, took up his portfolio in July at the same

time as a director of sport and one of business.

This followed the restructuring of the council, which provided some impetus for a more innovative, progressive and contemporary conception of how a city can function. "The council identified three major thrusts — culture, sport and business development — working in tandem," explains Till. It's very pragmatic — and Till is pragmatic too.

"The private sector has to be convinced of the benefits of culture."

He cites the example of Glasgow, where the development of cultural activities also created 4 000 jobs. And no doubt brought in lots of tourists. City councillors love tourists and even build them malls with expensive shops and special police stations so they don't get mugged on their way to buy curros.

Till's portfolio includes everything from libraries and theatres to museums and more museums. He's on the board of the much-criticised Civic Theatre, about which he makes cautious noises, and by July will have a budget which will allow him to make grants-in-aid. The city clerk, Graham Collins, says that Till's powers are "far more than advisory". But whether his ideas are realised depends on council approval.

One idea is to develop the Newtown area around the Market Theatre into a cultural focus

for the city. But already developers have nabbed the old Turbine Hall (part of the long block ending opposite Mary Fitzgerald Square) and are building a shopping complex. Maps of the area are pinned up on his office walls. Like a general preparing for battle, he points to areas still available for cultural uses, pinpoints the Electricity Building for a Science and Technology Museum, and assesses other interest groups' plans for the area.

Other projects include "upgrading the Five Roses Bowl in Soweto, regenerating the City Hall" and promoting an arts festival for Johannesburg.

He sees the city as a cultural whole, and thinks the way forward from white councils and black councils will be through the Metropolitan Chamber. But he worries about politicians. "We have to prove culture is important. We must take care not to lose the initiative and find that when the politicians have struck their deals, culture is on a back burner. We must make sure culture is on the agenda of any new dispensation to emerge."

For the public, he believes "cultural projects must have a developmental value for the city, otherwise ratepayers won't see them as having any value".

Till knows how to make things work. His

years as director of the Johannesburg Art Gallery are evidence of that. Innovative, path-breaking exhibitions organised by guest curators, encouragement of research and co-operation with the universities, development of staff (in a traditionally radically understaffed institution) and lively openings featuring bands such as The African Jazz Pioneers gave new life to the gallery, which had stagnated for decades.

Till isn't boastful, and when he says he sees himself as a facilitator rather than a cultural commissar it fits with his evident gift at working with artists, scholars, businessmen, councillors and the public. He is ambitious for Johannesburg, though: he envisages the city as nothing less than the cultural capital of Africa.

It is true, as he notes, that there is a lot happening here culturally. There have always been resilient pockets of creativity in music, art, literature, theatre and photography. But it's been a struggle every inch of the way.

If the council provides real support, we might witness a spectacular growth among the makers of art as well as their audiences. It could be the transformation of a cultural flea-pit into a cultural capital in a spectacular, triumphant leap forward into the future and away from the bad old days.

Johannesburg's new cultural 'facilitator'

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Johannesburg, we are told, is the 'city with its act together', and Christopher Till of the Johannesburg Art Gallery has just been appointed the city's first director of culture. He spoke to

JOYCE OZYNSKI



In the early Twenties, Johannesburg had already gained a reputation for rampant materialism. One journalist described it as "the City of Dreadful Wealth."

From Olive Schreiner, it had evoked a comment of passionate revulsion: "Here's this great fendish hell of a city sprung up in 10 years in our sweet pure rare African veld. A city which for glitter and gold, and wickedness — carriages and palaces and brothels, and gambling halls — beats creation."

Later, in a letter to a friend, she mused "You know the longer I live in Johannesburg the greater becomes my horror of the place. It seems to me like a big cancer on the surface of South Africa."

Over the decades, Johannesburg merely changed from a small, sleazy mining town into a big, boring city with a plush, empty white heart surrounded by officially created ghettos without proper sanitation, electricity, tarred roads, pavements or cultural amenities. The municipal authorities did not just neglect the needs of the city's voteless majority of black workers, but actively persecuted them with pass laws and increasingly rigid segregation. The city fathers purchased a place among



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ANC, govt tackle crisis in services

B/Day 10/1/92
TIM COHEN

IN WHAT was described as the first talks between government and the ANC on local government yesterday, the parties agreed the provision of services was a crisis requiring a national response

But the parties disagreed on whether a separate negotiating forum should be established to deal with the problem

The ANC delegation, led by local and regional government department head Thozamile Botha, asked the meeting to discuss the breakdown in local government and particularly the inadequate provision of services, the ANC said in a statement

The ANC delegation stressed the need for a local negotiation framework through the creation of a national negotiation forum. This forum would co-ordinate local negotiations but would not conflict with, or undermine, the national negotiations process, the ANC said

In a separate statement, Local Government Minister Leon Wessels said government favoured a negotiated form of transitional government implemented as quickly as possible in a constitutional manner

But government was against the institution of new structures and forums because

this would entail the establishment of an interim government "by stealth"

Both parties agreed that local negotiations should be encouraged in the interim but these should not undermine the national constitution-making process

The Interim Measures on Local Government Act of 1991, supposed to provide a framework for local level negotiations, was rejected as deeply flawed and obstructive of interim solutions, the ANC said

Government acknowledged the Act contained inadequacies but said it served as a vehicle to move away from existing racially-based local government structures

THEO RAWANA reports the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) has rejected the idea of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber seeking any relationship with Codesa.

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday that the chamber — which was a locally based forum — should stop engaging in an "ambitious exercise" of trying to establish a relationship with Codesa, which was a national structure

HOUSING'S dream shattered

STAR 13/1/92

THE TITLE alone gave a magical ring to the recent Golden Highway Housing Expo that transformed a stretch of raw veld 30 km south of the overcrowded sprawl of Johannesburg and Soweto into a model village of low-cost homes.

Its launch stirred optimism among thousands of homeless black families that South Africa was on the brink of bold new solutions to a housing shortage now grown to crisis levels.

The wave of optimism was encouraged by the confident note struck by Cabinet Minister Leon Wessels when he addressed the crowds at the opening ceremony.

Here, midway on the Golden Highway that links Johannesburg to the Vaal Triangle, the Transvaal Provincial Administration had set aside a chunk of land where eager building contractors had the chance to erect the best bargains they had to offer within the budgets of low-income families.

All angles seemed to have been covered by Government sponsors under the formidable banner and wide brief of the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing.

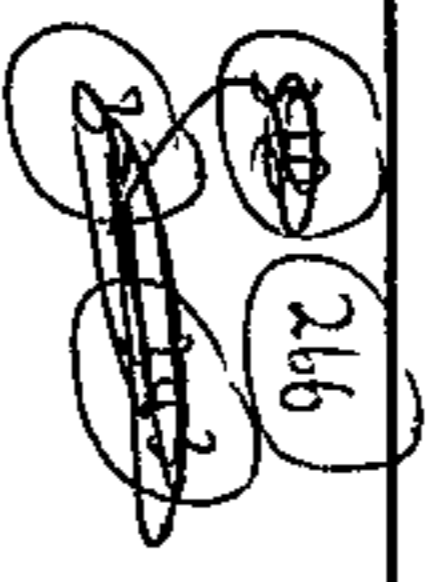
It seemed that the sponsors were striking at the core of the housing problem when they stipulated that each of the 41 contractors invited to share 105 stands had to keep total costs inside a modest R10 000 — or as low as R5 000, if possible.

Affordability was the key-note. And practically was undepined when builders had to beat a four-week deadline to complete each house from foundation to rooftop.

Contractors of all shapes and sizes responded with enthusiasm to the challenge. So did potential house-buyers when they were invited to tour the expo and select their dream home while it ran from September 25 to October 9. They arrived in droves.

A team of contractors from the African Builders Association (ABA) were elated when they scooped first prize. Their winning entry — a two-bedroomed house, built in conventional brick, with lounge, bathroom and large kitchen, on offer

The recent Golden Highway Housing Expo raised the hopes of thousands of homeless black families. But now the expo site is a ghost-town. Experts believe it symbolises a lack of co-ordination in the entire housing programme, reports MICHAEL CHESTER



Empty shells Nema Tshabalala of the African Builders Association and home-hunter Monica Ndlovu puzzle over why sponsors have left a ghost-town behind them. Across the highway is the start of a sprawl of squatter huts that have sprung up while business at the expo site stands still.

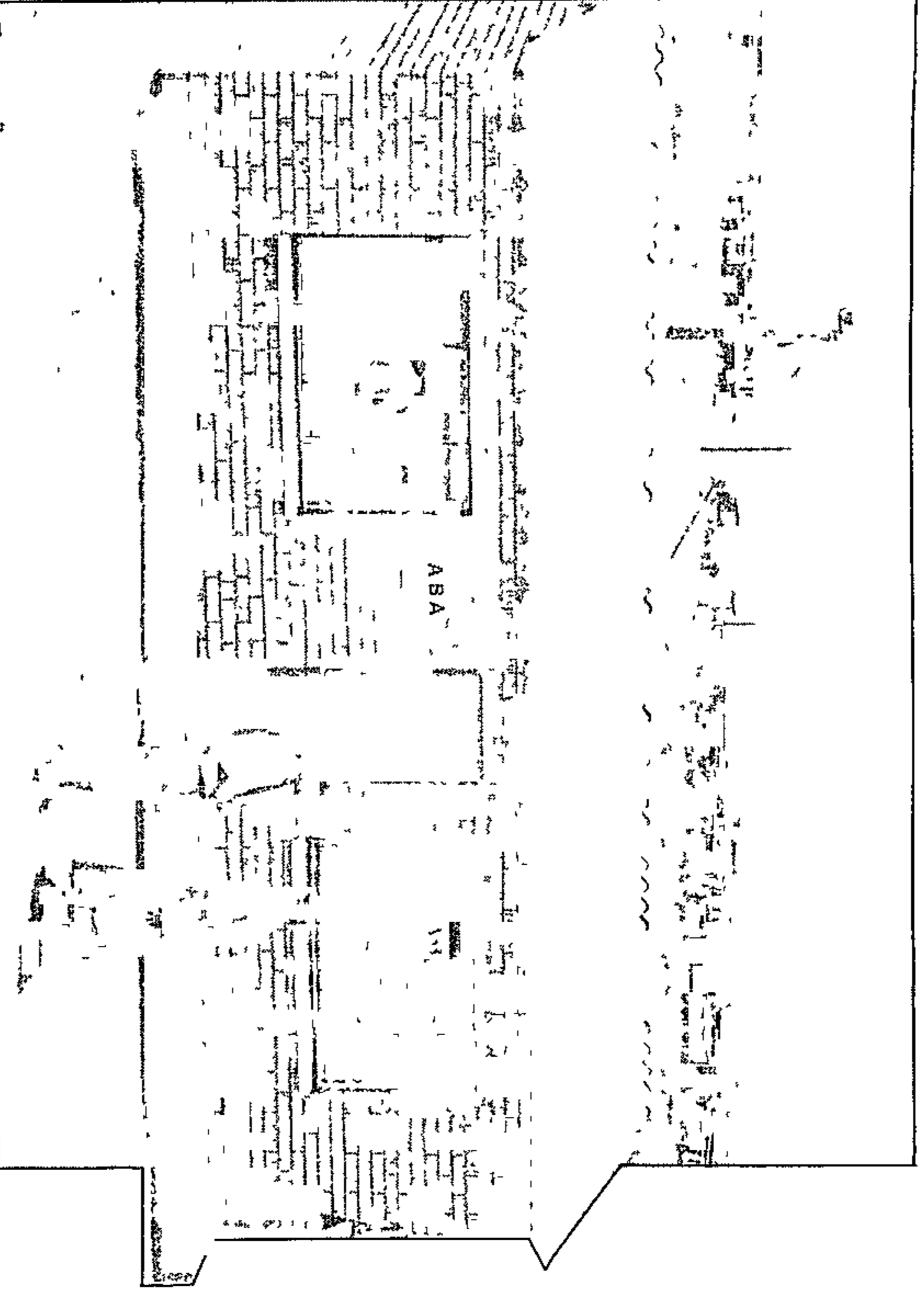
Picture Jacob Rynkiff

in the R5 000-R10 000 bracket — drew the vote of no fewer than 14 000 home-hunters.

The elation has been short-lived. ABA executive Nema Tshabalala revisited the expo site a few days ago in dismay. "The dream has been shattered," he sighed. "There was one angle that was overlooked — home-buyer access to bond finance. Next, there was no planning to ensure the initiative maintained an ongoing momentum.

"It's all turned into bitter disappointment — a classic example of the tragic lack of a really co-ordinated housing policy that can come to grips with the crisis of the homeless.

"The hopes of thousands of potential buyers were raised and then dashed when they dis-



covered the harsh realities of the difficulties of persuading banks and building societies to provide mortgage finance for low-cost black housing.

"Most of the financial institutions have been scared off by talk of bond payment boycotts, spasms of violence and unrest, problems when retrenchments hit jobs and family budgets, the headaches of repossessions if there are defaults on accounts.

"And the problems are compounded by the total absence of any co-ordination in all the efforts to solve the crisis. There are grand announcements about new initiatives from time to time. Then silence."

To rain home the argument, Mr Tshabalala spread his arms, turned in a circle and gestured around the almost deserted expo site. All the demonstration

houses were still standing — but are locked and barred. The only trace of the bustle of three months ago was a handful of TPA security guards.

"We had all the fanfare — but there's no sign of any follow-through to keep the momentum going. There are still late visitors who missed the show but arrive to make their choice of the house they want to order. But, as you see, the sponsors have not even left behind a noticeboard to tell them where to find more information.

"The expo raised all kinds of high expectations that finally someone was serious about solving the housing shortage. All that's left is a ghost-town. Mr Tshabalala turned and pointed across the Golden Highway. Sprawled across the veld was a vast jumble of squatter

huts packed into 16 000 sites provided by a controlled settlement scheme, named Orange Farm, launched by the TPA.

The close juxtaposition of the two housing initiatives, and the stunning contrasts, seemed ironical. "Is that going to be the alternative while the house-building programmes grind almost to a halt?" he asked.

"It becomes more and more obvious that there are crucial missing links in the chain of housing initiatives. Here we have classic proof that what has become vital is a radical rethink of the whole issue."

Equally bitter is a technical expert who acts as a special adviser to the South African Housing Trust and who was astonished by the high quality of many of the homes unveiled at the expo.

"The very successful Golden Highway Housing Expo," he has written in a post-mortem memo that has been handed to the Government, "is rapidly becoming a very explicit illustration of the alarming inadequacies of the housing process for low-cost housing."

"On the western side of the highway is the housing expo. It is a cluster of splendid little houses which is a brilliant example of how things should be done.

"On the eastern side is a vast expanse of squatter huts which mushroomed overnight. This awesome sight is a clear signal of how things should not be done. There may be very good reasons for this unfortunate event. But what makes it so im-

portant is the speed at which it took place and the size of the development.

"What we see on the ground are thousands of families trying to house themselves. Stripped of human dignity and encouragement, they battle for survival in what they consider to be a very unequal dispensation.

"If abandoned to rely only on their own resources they will undoubtedly lose the battle, and the area will deteriorate into a massive slum of human distress, crime and violence. This may easily happen within the short time-span of three years. The costs will then be astronomical to rectify matters.

"The problem is immense but the housing expo shows us viable solutions.

"It may not be possible to provide each family with a properly built house right now, but a start must be made to demonstrate concern and a willingness to assist. We must give guidance and muster some sort of financial assistance to families who can afford it.

"We must be in direct contact with conditions on the ground and synchronise actions where required. This is a better option than to be complacent and wait for a new South Africa to take on the problem."

● A spokesman at the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing says the expo was organised at the request of builders who were eager to display what homes could be provided in a range affordable to low-income families.

"It was highly successful and a full report with all technical details about the show houses has been sent to the TPA and interested parties in the private sector," he added. The matter is now in the hands of the TPA.

● At the TPA, an official said "We laid on a promotion at the Golden Highway expo for builders to erect their houses and bring them into contact with potential customers, as they had requested. We are involved in the supply of stands and basic services for housing but we cannot arrange finance for house construction.

"It's now up to the builders and home-buyers to arrange details about actual purchases." □

Chinese town to rise in Transvaal

Sowetan 14/1/92

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT will become the home of South Africa's first "Chinatown" this year in an ambitious bid to rescue the town's flagging industrial area, Ekandustria.

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A public relations company, Welcome Consulting Company, headed by Taiwanese expatriate Mrs Linda Lee, has offices in

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Sowetan Correspondent

Bronkhorstspuit and Taiwan and is co-ordinating the settlement on behalf of the Bronkhorstspuit Town Council.

Town clerk Dr Hennie Senekal said the immigration scheme comprised a residential and an industrial project in the nearby Ekandustria industrial area.

The project had the blessing of central Government, and the town council was working hand-in-hand with the Department of Home Affairs, Senekal said.

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The first immigrants are expected to arrive after the Taiwanese New Year in February, but 15 Taiwanese children have already enrolled in the Bronkhorstspuit Primary School, which has been

upgraded to cater for the new residents' children.

Senekal said the town council was already negotiating with the Transvaal Education Department to provide secondary schooling for the immigrants' children, as there was no English-language high school in Bronkhorstspuit. Money for the project is being provided by the town council in the form of free land to the Welcome Consulting Company, as well as a "small subsidy", he said.

According to Lee, 387 prospective immigrants have already visited Bronkhorstspuit with a view to settling there.

"Every month we bring in groups to look at the area, and then leave it to them to decide whether they want to stay."

"We haven't decided on a name for the area yet, but we don't want it to be known as 'Chinatown', because that would give the impression of a closed community."

A Buddhist temple will be erected in the area, Lee said.

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Sandton reshuffle (266)

THE Sandton council yesterday elected Willem Hefer as its new management committee deputy chairman, following Mike Melunsky's departure to take up a post in the Cape. Melunsky was also voted onto the management committee and Peter Shardene will be the council's delegate to the Regional Services Council.

New bid to control greenbelt area

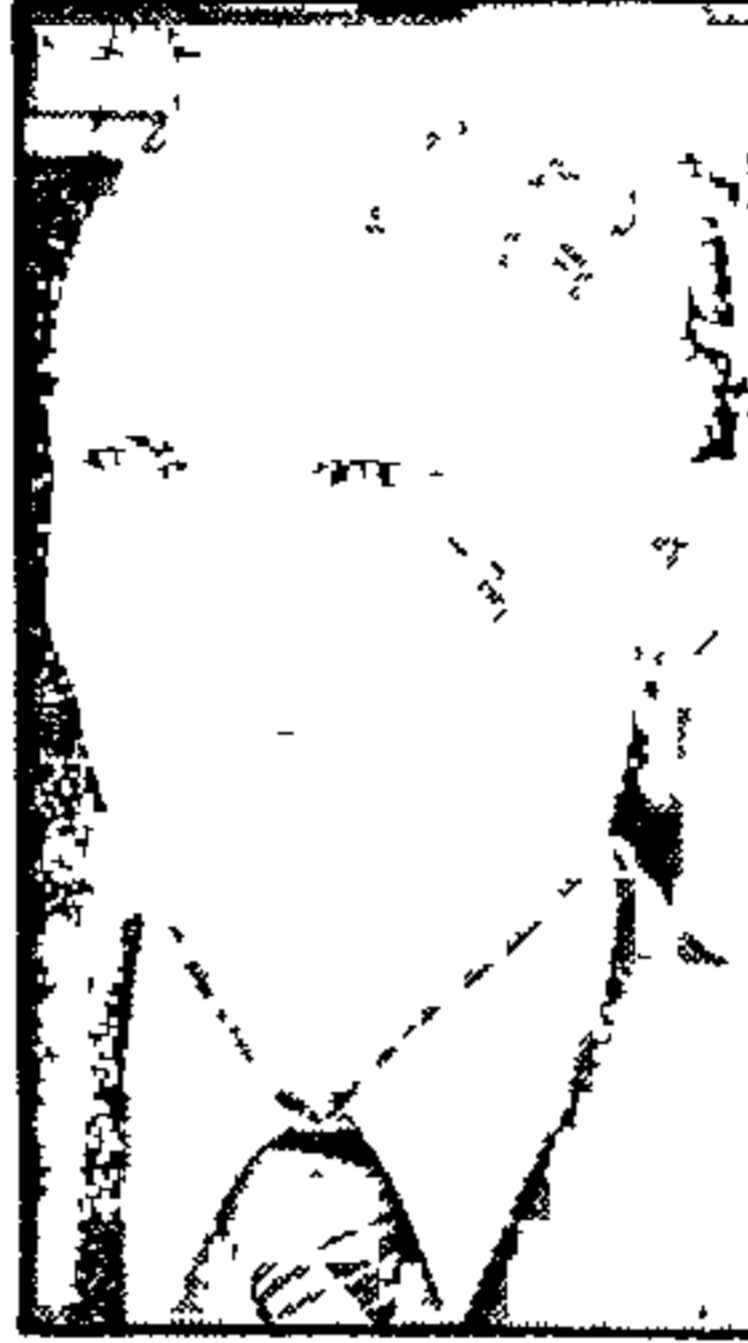
STAR 16/11/92
By Shirley Woodgate

Plans by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to establish an arc of "squatter" camps north of Johannesburg have triggered applications for the establishment of a new local authority for the area between Randburg, Midrand and Hartbeesfontein.

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder, who is chairman of the newly formed Garden Triangle Action Group (the newest applicant), said the land was predominantly under the control of the former Peri-Urban Board for the Development of Rural Areas.

The application, by five "property owner societies", adds yet another claimant to the race for control of the vast agricultural holdings north of the city.

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) has also



Robert van Tonder . . . chairs new group.

lodge an application, another is believed to have come from the Muldersdrif area, and it is speculated that Krugersdorp, Randburg and Sandton are planning to expand their northern boundaries.

Motivating the application to the Administrator, Mr van Tonder said the concept of creating

squatter camps was unwelcome and outdated

Accommodation for workers should be provided near the centre of cities, he added.

The destruction of nature in the interest of development, the random expansion of towns, and an outright refusal to become a squatter and sewage dumping-ground are among the reasons for the application for a new authority.

Mr van Tonder said the Garden Triangle Action Group planned to liaise with GAG.

GAG chairman Anthony Dugan said he believed the TPA was looking at the entire region with the aim of expediting the processing of applications for the greater greenbelt area.

"We will liaise with any interested party, including the ANC, the Zwenfontein squatters, the civic associations and Mr van Tonder's group," Mr Dugan added.

City surplus may be wiped out by debts

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THE Pretoria City Council closed the 1990/91 book year with a surplus of R14,8 million - but nearly all of this could be wiped out if debts owed by Atteridgeville and Mamelodi are not paid.

According to the report of the city treasurer tabled before the management committee this week, the council's total income was R1 119 365 641 while the total expenditures were R1 104 476 589, leaving the council with a "profit" of R14,8-million for the book year.

However nearly all of this - R14,6-million - could be wiped out if debts owed by the two townships were not paid.

The report indicated that the amounts owed by the city councils of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi for electricity, water and sewerage services and diverse items, were R6,2 million and R8,4 million respectively.

Written off

If these amounts could not be collected, and the higher authorities did not stand in for them, then they would have to be written off against the council's income.

However, taking into account the accumulated surplus of R31 222 902 carried over from the previous year, transfers to reserves and settlements made, there was an unapplied surplus of R37 482 928 as on June 30 1991.

The council's financial statements for the financial year 1990/91 were audited by a firm appointed by the Auditor-General and the management committee recommended that the council take cognizance of the statements.

SAP says it will not act to evict greenbelt squatters

POLICE would not move people out of the greenbelt north of Johannesburg, but would maintain a presence, SAP spokesman Col Frans Malherbe said yesterday.

The TPA had earlier assured the Greenbelt Action Group, which is objecting to plans to establish a squatter belt in the area, that further influx of people would be prevented.

The police had been approached to turn would-be squatters away.

The TPA executive committee would discuss the matter at a meeting on Monday, the TPA said.

Malherbe said it was the duty of the TPA to move people out of squatter camps. "If there are no charges laid, the police do not act. So we will just

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maintain a presence in case of any problems, until Monday's meeting," he said.

Police and lawyers of the ratepayers would meet today to discuss the squatter problem, he added.

Smallholders in the area have objected to squatters occupying the land.

The action group's chairman Tony Dugan said the problem was that the TPA treated the problem as one that could be addressed in an ad hoc way.

"This is a national problem which calls for a national strategy," he said.

The issue was complicated by the fact that there was no local authority to take responsibility for resolving the problem in the area, he added.

Contracts awarded for Sandton Square

PETER GALLI

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THE Sandton Square development is set to roll, with the first contracts for the initial R20m phase being awarded at a management committee meeting this week.

The focus of this section of the development will be a new main library for Sandton, but the building will also house an art gallery and other municipal facilities.

Funding of the development is from money raised earlier, when major portions of the municipal grounds were sold to the developers of Sandton Square, the Sandton Town Council said yesterday.

When completed, a variety of new buildings offering retail facilities, offices, the present civic centre and possibly a concert hall will be available.

The library will be adapted to the needs of the various sectors of the community, previously not possible because of limited space. *B/day 17/1/92*

"It is important that the library be ready when the proposed changes to our education system come into effect. The new library will allow us to introduce new services to cater for the educational, recreational and information needs of the community," Sandton town librarian Santa Newlands said.

The R550 000 contract for bulk earthworks was awarded to Stocks & Stocks/Grinaker Joint Venture Company, and for piling to Grinaker Dura Piling.

Tenders for the construction of the building are awaited and construction is expected to begin on March 1, with completion by July 1993.

Rates clash with Jo'burg council looms

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Johannesburg ratepayers, particularly in the northern suburbs, are heading for a major confrontation with the city council management committee over demands that the controversial rates increases be scrapped and a new system brought in.

About 50 ratepayers associations have given the management committee until the end of January to reply to their "proposition 10" open letter presented to the council in November by independent councillor Sam Moss.

A mass meeting will be convened in the next few weeks to address the crisis.

In the open letter drafted last year, ratepayers — led by former Johannesburg city valuer John McCulloch — declared war on the council, stating that mass action would be taken if nothing was done about the rates increases by the end of January.

Ratepayers demanded that a new valuation roll be in place by July next year and that enough time be given for objections, that from February 1, residential rates be based on those of the previous financial year plus 10 percent, profit generated by electricity tariffs be limited to 10 percent, and the drop in income by the reduction in rates be offset by controlling costs more strictly.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson has already indicated that it is impossible to change the budget at

this late stage and that the rates structure will not be changed now.

On receiving the letter in November, he said it would be suicidal to accede to the demands. A formal response to the letter is expected at the next council meeting on January 28.

Mr Davidson said last week he was not surprised at the anger directed at the council by ratepayers.

"Local authorities are under seige from their ratepayers. The reason is that there is a feeling of insecurity in this period of transition in this country."

"People obviously need to express that insecurity and local authorities are the nearest to them and that's where they lash out. Some of their grievances may well be legitimate, but some are not."

Mr Davidson said that crime was quite clearly not the responsibility of city councils.

"We are being forced to react to issues such as this and it is also becoming increasingly evident that the Government wants to devolve more responsibility down to us, without giving us the resources."

He said the management committee would certainly not resign.

"Who do they want us to be replaced with? It is very easy to sit on the sidelines and criticise."

Mr McCulloch said the next step was to arrange a mass meeting of ratepayers in Johannesburg.

"We want to report back to all ratepayers. I don't know what action we will take, that is for the ratepayers to decide."

ANC warns against troops in suburbs

Staff Reporters

The ANC has rejected the Democratic Party's "troops in the suburbs" proposal, saying that using the SADF to supplement the SAP in the quest to curb escalating crime might lead to a backlash

The ANC's department of information and publicity said the military should be used only to protect the country's borders. "The responsibility of curbing crime lies squarely on the shoulders of the SAP and not the army," said a statement

Residents have been up in arms about the soaring crime rate, and the Johannesburg City Council's DP-controlled management committee has requested a meeting with Law and Order Minister Hernus

Kriel to discuss the troops in the suburbs proposal.

Mr Kriel is to meet the management committee later this month to discuss the proposal

At a weekend press briefing in Saldanha, Mr Kriel would not give any indication of how he would respond, saying he wished to discuss the matter with the city council first

However, Lieutenant-General Louw Malan, head of the SAP's visible policing division, said the call-up by the SADF of economically active civilians to perform duties related to crime prevention did not appear to be a viable proposition

The ANC statement blamed escalating crime on the Government

"Most crime explosions, not only in Hillbrow but in other residential areas as well, are a result of the Government's disastrous economic mismanage-

ment"

The ANC condemned what it called the "scum of our society — the criminal element, both black and white, for continuing to cause untold suffering to our people".

It called on the city council to take note of the campaign being conducted to canvass residents' opinions on various problems, including the growing crime rate and the deployment of the army in their area. A meeting would be held where views could be expressed

The ANC said the SADF had not been trained in the skills of police science, necessary to combat crime. This could result in the use of excessive force and violence.

"In the past, when the army was deployed into residential areas, such a move resulted in unnecessary deaths of civilians."

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TPA to decide on area

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FAR-REACHING decisions that could totally change the North Rand greenbelt, the PWV's last major green area are likely to be taken today.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is expected to announce its decision on whether it will proceed with plans to create a network of informal settlements and a new local government system for the region - SA Press Association

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New Pretoria-Atteridgeville local govt system proposed

Pretoria Bureau ^{STAR} 20/1/92 vincial Administration —
will also examine the up-
grading of services and
infrastructures

A forum has been established to negotiate a new system of local government in Pretoria and Atteridgeville.

The forum — involving the Pretoria Regional Services Council, Pretoria City Council, the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation and the Transvaal Pro-

In addition, service charges, the reorganisation of Atteridgeville's administration, sharing of resources in the region, transfer of houses, land and housing policies, and communication with communities will be examined

Decision on Midrand squatters delayed

By Shirley Woodgate
and Sapa

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday deferred a decision on the fate of the Zevenfontein squatters until Thursday when all late objections and recommendations will have been considered.

Deputy director-general of Community Development

Len Dekker said last-minute representations had been received from several parties and the matter had not been finalised at the first meeting of the executive committee this year.

Yesterday, the ANC, the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) and the Greenbelt Action Group resolved to consider a joint approach over the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters. They discussed the pro-

posed TPA plan to resettle the community in the Diep-sloot area.

The resettlement is part of a TPA masterplan which entails the possible settlement of low-cost housing camps north of Johannesburg.

The ANC said there had not been sufficient consultation with the communities and interested parties. The issue would now be discussed more widely and a joint approach would be considered.

The proposals were that the Randburg and Sandton town councils had to take responsibility for municipal services in the area, that they had to identify land within their jurisdiction for settling the communities and that both the ANC and CAST had to support the proposals.

The meeting finally resolved to recommend the need for the establishment of a regional local government and housing forum as a mat-

ter of urgency.

Amid reports that the squatter community at Zevenfontein had swelled to 8 000, Mr Dekker appealed to Midrand residents not to take the law into their own hands. It had been decided to investigate the entire issue of demarcating land.

He said some local authorities, including Randburg and Sandton, wanted to extend their boundaries.

Some groups had indicated

they wanted to create new local authorities so that they could control their own affairs. These included the Greenbelt Action Group and Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder's group.

All parties had been given until February 29 to make representations, he said.

But this would not affect plans for the Zevenfontein squatters, who would be re-located as soon as a suitable land had been identified.

Tembisa councillors sacked

The councillors on the Tembisa Town Council have been relieved of their posts, the executive committee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday. The council had been

warned in September last year that steps would be taken to correct its financial position. A new administrator for Tembisa will be appointed this week. -- Sapa.

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'We'll call in AWB to move squatters'

STAFF 22/1/92
By Julienne du Toit

"Either the Zevenfontein squatters go, or we go. And I ain't moving," an angry Midrand resident said yesterday after he had initiated the setting up of police barricades on the road to the camp on Monday to prevent more squatters settling there.

The resident, an organiser of the Chartwell North Action Group, said the AWB might be called in to remove the 650 families if they did not leave, "and that is not even the biggest card up our sleeve".

The man did not want his name published because he was "too close to the squatter camp for comfort".

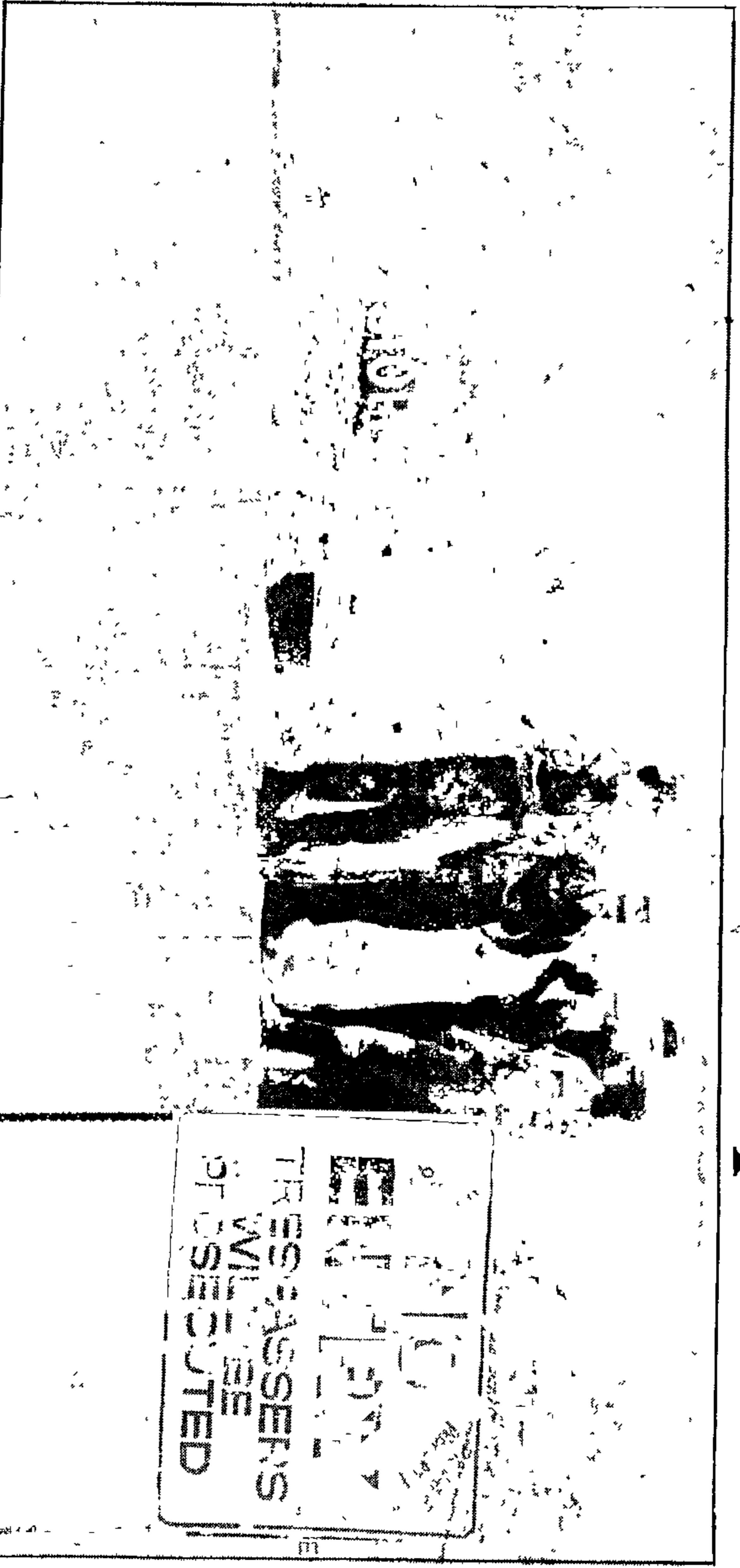
He said many people in the areas of Chartwell, Broadacres, Fourways and Kyalami had joined the Conservative Party and were in touch with the party on a daily basis.

On Monday they distributed pamphlets in the area warning squatters they had settled there illegally and that they would have to go.

No time limit was set, but the organiser said he wanted them out "right now if possible", or else action would be taken. He would not elaborate on this.

Yesterday, infuriated Zevenfontein residents, who had left for work in vehicles, were stopped about a kilometre from the camp by barricades guarded by policemen recruited by the action group.

No vehicles would be allowed in, in case they were carrying building materials, said the or-



No way in . . . police guard the entrance to Zevenfontein squatter camp at Midrand yesterday, blocking the way in for all vehicles in case they were carrying materials to build more shacks.

Picture: Sean Woods

ganiser. Only emergency vehicles and those carrying elderly people would be allowed in.

Others would have to park and walk, said the organiser.

On Monday the action group stopped a water tanker from Randburg going into the squatter camp, but said they allowed it through yesterday and would continue doing so provided the

TPA co-operated with them.

This meant giving the action group a daily update on what was going on in the camp.

"The TPA must get them out. They let conditions get out of control. The fifth is disgraceful. Someone was murdered here two weeks ago and the murderer was seen going back to the camp."

"Our children see us armed all the time. This is not life. We hear gunshots every night. The TPA says there is no land to put them on. But the squatters are going," warned the organiser.

He denied residents were taking the law into their own hands. TPA director of liaison services Piet Wilken said that the

TPA had ordered police last week to make sure no more shacks were erected.

"But people have to understand that the homeless must be settled somewhere. We are doing our utmost to put them in suitable places. It is an ongoing process. I wonder what happened to all the liberated people who worried about these things before?"

Mr Wilken added that the homeless were not the sole responsibility of the Government — local authorities and municipalities should also "join hands" with the TPA to solve the problem.

A final decision on where to move the Zevenfontein squatters would be taken by the TPA executive committee by the end of this week, said Mr Wilken.

Randburg, Sandton aim to expand

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By Shirley Woodgate

Randburg is set to double in size if an application to the Transvaal Provincial Administration is approved, and Sandton aims to incorporate about 2 000 ha north of the town within its boundaries.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said that in terms of municipal land, Randburg — established in 1959 and covering 90 sq km — covered about half the area of Roodepoort or Sandton.

"Although the ideal size of a town is debatable, compared with the boundaries of our neighbours the addition of another 60 to 70 sq km alone makes sense," Mr Jacobs said.

The application calls

for the inclusion of land to the north and west up to the R28 (Krugersdorp/Pretoria) highway, which covers Nooitgedacht, the lion park, Mostyn Park and Cosmo City.

The eastern border may be shifted to include Chartwell.

Mr Jacobs said it might become necessary to extend the application to include Lanseria.

Benefits for property owners in incorporated areas included the provision of municipal facilities and services, which would be more cost-effective, he said.

A spokesman for Sandton said land surveyors had been appointed to draw up a map showing the different farm portions to be incorporated before applying to the Administrator.

Areas which are being considered as part of Sandton are mainly to the north, and include parts of Zevenfontein which lie east of Chartwell, Dainfern and Dainfern Extension 1, and part of the farm Waterval, commonly referred to as the Mia Farm.

Leeukop prison farm, which the spokesman said was one of the most valuable properties in the area, is also on the list for incorporation.

This week the TPA said applications for extension of boundaries must be submitted to the demarcation board by February 29.

Sandton, however, will submit an application only at a later date when extensive groundwork has been completed.

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Attempts to lay charges against council officials

Sowetan 23/1/92
 By MONK NKOMO

MAMELODI council employees yesterday briefed lawyers on the possibility of laying criminal charges against three white senior municipal officials who allegedly misappropriated the municipality's property

A spokesman for the National Union of Employees of Local Authority, a trade union representing council employees, said their executive members had already briefed lawyers with a view to laying charges against the three

The union's action was

sparked off by the resignation of Mamelodi town engineer Mr Wolfgang Hubertus Riede last week, a few hours before he was to appear before the council's disciplinary committee on four counts of misconduct

He was accused of having lied to the council that he held a diploma and a degree in engineering, which he allegedly did not have

Riede also allegedly deceived the council by alleg-

edly stating in his application form for employment in 1986 that he had no previous convictions

According to the council, Riede had previous criminal offences in Germany, the country of his birth

A Nuela spokesman said their members believed that criminal offences had been committed by the three officials and that it was in the interest of the council's employees and residents "to lay charges against them so that justice must be done"

Mamelodi's assistant engineer, Mr Jan Hendrik Venter, appeared before the disciplinary committee last Wednesday on charges of having repaired his wife's car with the council's money

The council is to meet soon to decide Venter's fate following recommendations by the committee

Another senior council employee, Mr Leon Jurgens Hanekom, chief electrical technician, is due to appear before the disciplinary committee next month

No convictions as train blitz resumes

GAVIN DU VENAGE
and JONATHON REES

DESPITE the arrests of several suspects, no one has yet been convicted in connection with train attacks which have left at least 145 dead and more than 700 injured in the past 18 months

Commuters, meanwhile, are again running a gauntlet of death as violence on trains returns after a seasonal lull, with seven dead and 23 injured so far this week

Yesterday two men were found dead near Westgate Station at first light, Sapa reports. They had been hacked with pangas and were then apparently thrown off a train, police said.

Two other commuters were injured at Riverlea Station and a man at Nancefield was attacked by a mob with pangas

Peace Action, an independent monitoring group, noted "a definite increase" in train-related violence since last week

The period from mid-November until the first week of January had been "very quiet", a fact the group put down to increased police presence on commuter lines

"Monitors accused police of not doing enough to prevent attacks or apprehend and convict attackers, a charge denied by the SAP

A Peace Action spokesman yesterday alleged that policemen had stood idle on Tuesday evening while about 20 armed men boarded a train at Mayfair Station.

Alleged killer Albert Dhlamini faces three charges of murder and nine of attempted murder in the Germiston Magistrate's Court today — more than three months after he was arrested by civilians during the October 9 attack on a commuter train between Katlehong and Wadeville which left three dead and nine injured. He is out on R2 000 bail.

After the murders on trains near Jeppe in 1990, police arrested about 10 people, most of whom were released when the case

was temporarily withdrawn

It is understood that three people are still awaiting trial on murder charges in connection with attacks in which 49 people died in September 1990.

Police say strategies implemented last year, including reinforcements on trains and at stations, and helicopter patrols, are still in force

But with 641 trains moving through the Reef daily, it was impossible to have personnel on duty at every station and on every train, said SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman

Last year police began patrolling platforms and trains, and searching passengers for weapons, using metal detectors

Law and Order spokesman Maj-Gen Leon Mellet put the current wave of violence down to "gangsterism", and said "We have little doubt the majority of incidents are criminally motivated"

SA Rail Commuter Corporation director Koos Meyer said the corporation was aware of the rising rate of violence, but added that safety of passengers was a police responsibility

Soweto police spokesman Capt Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday police had sufficient staff on metro trains. In a prepared statement, he blamed the recent deaths on false alarms

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said the organisation doubted whether the violence was due to criminal activity "Gangsters may attack people, but what would be the purpose of throwing them from trains?"

Meanwhile, Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus von Lieres said yesterday only one case against an alleged train killer was pending, resulting from the attack on Jeppe Station last year. However, there might still be some dockets outstanding

TPA faces hard task over squatters

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) today faces a tough decision on what to do about the North Rand squatters as groups of residents in the area vow to take drastic action if the shack dwellers are allowed to stay near their homes

Residents of the North Chartwell area near Zeven-

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fontein farm, where several hundred squatter families are staying illegally, warned yesterday that the squatters would be forcibly removed if the TPA allowed them to stay

The North Chartwell Action Group is already "patrolling" the Zevenfontein squatter camp and preventing trucks loaded with corrugated iron — for building shacks — from entering

And residents in nearby Diepsloot, where the TPA has proposed to move the squatters, warned yesterday there would be "armed resistance" if the squatters

were relocated there

The TPA said on Monday it would "probably" make a decision today on the fate of the squatters, whose numbers have risen dramatically recently (266)

The CP has given the TPA a 10-day ultimatum to remove the squatters

An informed CP source said yesterday Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough had admitted to colleagues recently that the TPA "does not know where to put the squatters"

Local residents' patrols and barricades of the Zevenfontein settlement continued yesterday, although no violence was reported

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In search of solutions to the squatter problem

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AS SELF-APPOINTED right-wing "patrols" use intimidation tactics on the several hundred homeless families squatting on the Zevenfontein farm north of Randburg, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) says it will decide today what to do with the squatters, who were ordered off the farm by the courts last year.

The TPA ran into a storm of protest from groups across the political spectrum late last year when it came out with a plan to move the Zevenfontein squatters to Diepsloot, a rural belt northwest of Johannesburg, and to construct 12 other "squatter camps" in the area to house the thousands of homeless people pouring into the PWV area in a desperate quest for employment and survival.

The plan was attacked by the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG), a local residents' association, as ill-conceived, badly thought out and unilateral. The ANC PWV region and a representative group for the homeless, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle), blasted the TPA plan for the same reasons. Local resi-

dents, whether white landowners or black squatters, had not been consulted by the TPA, they alleged.

Meanwhile, residents near the Zevenfontein farm — which does not fall within GAG's self-proclaimed "Greenbelt" area — have threatened to come up with the most South African of solutions, taking the law into their own hands. White toughs are "patrolling" Zevenfontein, barricades have been set up to stop building material from coming in, and some residents have threatened to import AWB troopers to throw out the Zevenfontein squatters.

GAG, though officially non-aligned, has come under criticism for these reasons. It aims to preserve the area between the Randburg-Santon boundary and the Hartbeespoort Dam as a recreational "greenbelt", and various elements of the CP and Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder have wholeheartedly supported GAG's principles.

But will the shifting of homeless blacks from one area to another solve the squatter problem in the PWV area?

GAG chairman Anthony Dugan is highly critical of the intimidatory tactics being used by residents near Zevenfontein. But he says there are two good reasons why the squatters should not be moved north to the greenbelt area.

Firstly, says Dugan, the areas proposed by the TPA as squatter camps have no facilities and are far from possible places of employment. Here, the ANC is in agreement with GAG. ANC PWV region spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa says that the proposed settlements are "far away from roads, facilities and municipalities to put squatters there will be tantamount to taking their lives away".

Dugan's second point is more controversial that even if facilities and infrastructure existed, the area should be kept free of squatter settlements because it should be preserved as a "green lung" for the PWV.

He readily admits that part of the feeling behind GAG's action is the local residents' desire not to be overwhelmed by unemployed, homeless people — who will lead to a high crime rate. But why should the "greenbelt" be spared the influx of the homeless — and why should residents in other areas have to live with them?

Randburg and Santon, he says, are more suited to providing proper facilities and opportunities for employment than the rural greenbelt. He insists GAG is not opposed to limited urbanisation of the area. "Low-cost housing, for instance, is a perfectly acceptable option, as the people are no longer squatters. But it needs a national housing strategy to work such things out."

Dugan denies that his association — formed in the mid-1980s to mobilise opposition to government's plans to build "Norweto" in the area — is just another group of white landowners trying to keep poor blacks out of sight and out of mind.

Black people have been buying into the Greenbelt area, he says, and

some of the Ndebele-speaking black communities have been there longer than the whites — and have every right to stay.

Only a coherent national policy, to be formulated by all sides, can solve the squatter problem, he says.

The ANC's Mamoepa said he agreed with many things that Dugan was saying. The TPA proposals were one-sided, and the squatters and civic associations had to be consulted on any future decision by the TPA.

The ANC had an exploratory meeting with GAG earlier this week, and Mamoepa said the two organisations hoped to work together to establish some kind of a consensus on what should be done.

More militant white residents, meanwhile, keep rumbling about military-style action that should be taken against the squatters. The TPA decides today what it will do with the Zevenfontein community. GAG, the ANC and squatter groups warn that unless it changes its methods of operation, the TPA will make many such decisions in the future without ever finding a solution.

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Tembisa council is kicked out

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THE Tembisa City Council was on Tuesday dissolved for the second time by the Transvaal Provincial Administration because of mismanagement and failure to comply with financial obligations.

The TPA said in a statement that the decision came after the council had been warned in November last year to take steps "as a matter of urgency" to rectify its financial position.

"It is the express policy of the TPA to do everything within its power to prevent any form of unsound administration and to take steps to remedy

By DANIEL MAINE

the situation if mismanagement occurs," the statement said.

The executive committee of the TPA also resolved to appoint an administrator for Tembisa.

The TPA believed the council's problems would have been alleviated if it had not unilaterally cancelled an agreement with the Kempton Park council providing for a joint administration.

In the transitional period before a new system of local government had been negotiated and agreed upon,

sound administration was essential and services had to be rendered to the community concerned, the statement added.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal's general secretary, Mr Dan Mofokeng, said the TPA should have dissolved all other city councils as well.

"All existing black local authorities should be dissolved immediately because they do not serve the interests of the community. Their high levels of corruption are virtually never investigated," he added.

TPA invites ideas on squatters

^{8/Day 24/1/92}
A WORKING group of all parties interested in the controversial low-cost housing strategy for the area north of Johannesburg is to be instituted, the Department of Community Development announced yesterday.

Deputy director-general of the department L Dekker said the working group, chaired by chief director of Physical Planning and Development of the Transvaal Provincial Administration P P C van der Hoven, would investigate and evaluate all proposals for a solution to homelessness in the area.

It would report to the Executive Committee of the TPA by March 31.

About the immediate problem of relocating the Zevenfontein squatters, Dekker said the community would be moved within a week.

"The TPA is urgently negotiating with especially the Randburg Town Council and the Sandton Town Council to try to find land closer to work opportunities and where basic ser-

vices could be provided (S10)
Dekker said more time was needed to evaluate proposals that had been received from interested groups up to yesterday morning (266)

"What is definite is that the community will be moved before the end of January. If a suitable site cannot be found closer to Randburg or Sandton, they will temporarily be moved to Diepsloot, the original site chosen for them."

Arrangements would be made for basic services to be provided at this site until a permanent site could be found.

"The present site at Zevenfontein is not suited. It has an adverse impact on the environment and the living circumstances are poor," he said.

Dekker said the issue of finding space for the influx of poor people was obviously sensitive and the working group had been introduced to hear proposals by all interested groups and individuals — Sapa

PW tapes subject of official probe

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~~Political Staff~~

CAPE TOWN — Ombudsman Mr Justice Piet van der Walt confirmed yesterday he was investigating a complaint by former President P W Botha about the destruction of the tape-recording of his conversation with ANC president Nelson Mandela.

He could not say when the investigation would be completed.

A spokesman for Botha said he had no comment.

The complaint concerns a recording made in 1989 of a conversation between Botha and Mandela, who at that stage was serving a life sentence. The recording was destroyed by the National Intelligence Service after notes had been made about the discussions ^{8/Day 24/1/92}

Last year, Botha strongly criticised the decision to destroy the recording and said this had been done without his permission.

Inquest told of Sabax's delay in advising against drips

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DRIP manufacturer Sabax had not "considered" advising client hospitals to change their baby drips until five months after it was told its products could be contaminated, a Johannesburg inquest into the deaths of 13 babies heard yesterday.

Sabax was first informed by Garden City Clinic of possible drip contamination on 4 May 1990, but only stopped supplying the implicated products in late September 1990.

However, Sabax quality assurance

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ANDREW KRUMM
manager Keith Allen said bacterial tests on products removed from hospitals and performed by Sabax in June 1990 had found no contamination.

During cross-examination by Adv R Levine, representing Clinic Holdings — Garden City's holding company — Allen said a company representative had followed up incidents at Garden City Clinic and Johannes-

burg Hospital in May and June 1990.

He confirmed the company had "not officially" considered advising hospitals to change to a heat-sterilised product (183)

On Wednesday, corporate planner for Sabax's holding company Adcock Ingram, Arthur Barnett said Sabax stopped supplying the drips in late September after contamination was found in drips received by two babies who died at Morningside Clinic.

The inquest continues.

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Squatters: the problem no one wants

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PART of the millions of rands which municipalities collected in assessment rates from businesses should be used to provide effective housing for their workers, says ANC PWV region spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe.

Entering the row over the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters, he said up to 75 percent of rates was derived from business and industrial property, but used towards subsidising residential environments with high cost services.

"There should be a proportional link between the rates paid by businesses and the provision of land for workers, either inside or outside the towns," he added.

As the pressure to provide land for the squatters shifts from the Transvaal Provincial Administration to Randburg and Sandton where most of the residents are employed, Administrator Damie Hough said the 650 families would be temporarily settled in a transit area until a permanent site was found.

He said the two towns and the Local Government Affairs Council would be approached for the loan of a temporary site but if negotiations failed, the squatters would be moved to 30 ha in Diepsloot which would be declared a transit area.

It is believed permanent sites being investigated for low-cost housing by Randburg include Maroeladal and Cosmo City.

At this late hour, the TPA has also decided to appoint a working group at which all parties will be represented, to evaluate the existing urbanisation strategy and identify sites under the jurisdiction of Midrand, Sandton and Randburg for permanent, orderly urbanisation.

Welcoming the announcement, Mr Mamoepe referred to previous TPA plans to establish a network of squatter villages in the northern PWV, and said the TPA had no right to move squatters or identify land for informal housing without full consultation.

Garden Triangle Group spokesman Robert van Tonder warned that the Zevenfontein residents would probably have to live in Diepsloot for "quite a while", and he repeated a previous call for Randburg and Sandton to help in the provision of housing

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for those affected

The chairman of the Chartwell Local Area Committee Graham Dean said the announcement was good in that the TPA had accepted responsibility for moving the people but it was bad moving them to Diepsloot and leaving the people there.

"Social engineering creates conflict — you cannot put squatters next to people with million-rand assets and, wherever you move them, there will be conflict. They must go where they will be acceptable to the community," he said.

Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan said it was imperative that Randburg get involved, as the people worked in Randburg.

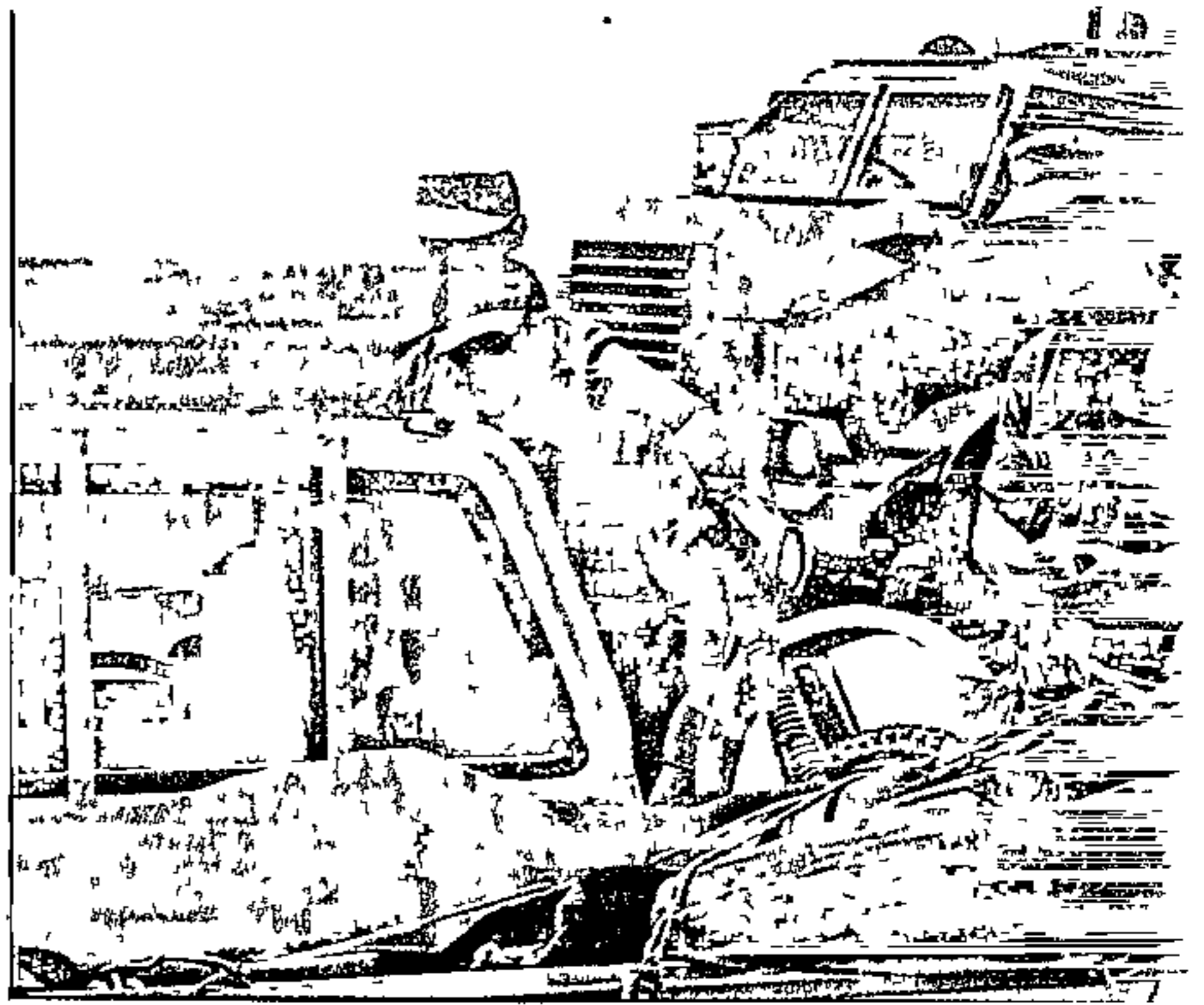
Mr Dugan also said GAG found the TPA's decision that Diepsloot could be made into a "transit camp" ominous as it could trigger a higher level of conflict. "We remain implacably opposed to any form of dense settlement in the area," he said.

A group calling itself Peace Action which has started monitoring the situation, has claimed widespread intimidation of the squatters by the South African Defence Force and local residents.

Chartwell North Action Group chairman Johnny Knez dismissed the allegations as "utter rubbish".

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SEAN WOODS



Zevenfontein: conflict looms

By MARTIN NTSOELNGOE
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A TIME-BOMB is ticking away at Zevenfontein between squatters and landowners

A violent confrontation in that area grows more likely every day as stand owners from surrounding areas are threatening to physically remove the defiant squatters

The Diepsloot Residents' Association (Dare) and the Chartwell Action Group (Cag) have more than 1 000 men ready to force the squatters out of the area. A leading member of the Conservative Party, MP Clive Derby-Lewis, confirmed he had sent an ultimatum to the TPA.

Writing on behalf of the "afflicted white residents of the area" through the Chartwell North Action Group, he says. "I wish to inform you that unless the Zevenfontein squatters are removed by January 30, 1992, to a recognised black residential area, action will be launched with the express purpose of ridding the area of illegal squatters, whose criminal activities appear to be

condoned by the government.

AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche confirmed that his organisation had been asked for help.

The 700 squatter families at Zevenfontein camp have been at the centre of a row between the TPA, residents in the area and the Greenbelt Action Group (Gag)

The office of TPA Administrator Dame Hough issued a statement saying the squatters should be resettled by the end of the month in a suitable area and the city councils of Randburg and Sandton would be asked to provide a temporary site

The TPA added that the families would be resettled in a transit area, where water, sewerage and refuse disposal would be provided

If negotiations are successful, the TPA would approve the purchase of parts of Diepsloot Farm in terms of the Illegal Squatting Act of 1951

The TPA executive is to appoint a working group comprising representatives of all concerned parties to evaluate urbanisation

Zevenfontein residents confused and angry

By Zingisa Mkhuma

There is still tension between squatters at Zevenfontein settlement near Lonehill, north of Johannesburg, and nearby land-owners, after officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration last week began dismantling shacks in the area.

The TPA, together with the land-owners, began tearing down unoccupied shacks on Thursday and vowed the entire settlement would have to be relocated by January 31.

The squatters are to be moved temporarily to Diepsloot

while the TPA negotiates with the Randburg and Sandton town councils for permanent sites

On Friday, confusion and anger reigned among the shack dwellers, none of whom seemed to know where they would be moved to. Some frustrated residents said they knew they would be forcibly removed from the area and feared they could be relocated in unsuitable areas, far from their work places

Others expressed a wish to be relocated at Diepsloot

Tension between the squat-

ters and representatives of the land-owners, the Chartwell North Action Group (CNAG) — who were manning a roadblock at the entrance to the settlement, together with police, was evident.

People entering the area were screened and journalists saw residents sneaking crates of soft drinks into the area.

The residents said CNAG members were preventing a TPA water truck from making deliveries, and stopping residents from bringing in food

A mother of five, Nolasti

Siko, complained bitterly about the heat and accused the CNAG and the TPA of trying to starve them to death. She said all the spaza shops in the area were without food and people had to use polluted water from the Jukskei River

Mrs Siko added "It's such a struggle to survive here. They even turned away a bakery van at the roadblock."

But CNAG spokesman Mike Finlay denied his organisation had prevented food and water supplies from reaching the settlement

well-furnished homes
cars, motorbikes and

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Dissent over call for councillors to quit over rates

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The Northern Areas Group (NAG), a body representing 18 rate-payers' associations in the northern suburbs of Johannesburg, has distanced itself from a document calling on the Johannesburg City Council management committee to resign.

At the November council meeting, a letter called "Proposition 10" was handed to the council by ratepayers, who called on the management committee to lower rates or resign.

Former city valuer Dr John McCulloch, who drafted the letter after a meeting with representatives of about 50 rate-payers' associations, claimed to have the support of most northern suburbs ratepayers.

NAG chairman Tony Challenger said they did not support all the proposals contained in Proposition 10 and had not endorsed the letter.

"While NAG remains extremely concerned about the level of rates increases, and particularly the unacceptable manner in which the whole issue was handled by the city valuer's department, the group

feels it necessary to make it clear it does not support the Proposition 10 proposals in their present form," Mr Challenger said.

Dr McCulloch claims to have extensive support from many rate-payers' associations, and said that if the people in the north wanted to pay the rates increases, they were welcome.

He said he was receiving calls daily from rate-payers in the entire city who supported Proposition 10.

Residents in the so-called coloured suburbs of Johannesburg wish to join forces with Dr McCulloch and other ratepayers.

Ralph Pheffer of the Riverlea Residents Association said their services were not comparable to the rates they were forced to pay.

"We're prepared to cooperate with northern suburbs ratepayers. We were denied a chance to present our case at the Valuation Board, and despite submissions to the council, our case has been totally ignored."

A formal response on the entire rates issue will be given by management committee chairman Ian Davidson at the monthly council meeting tomorrow.

Diepsloot residents warn of bloodbath

DARIUS SANAI

RESIDENTS near Diepsloot yesterday warned of a bloodbath if the 4 000 Zevenfontein squatters were moved to the North Rand area by the TPA later this week.

The residents said they would not tolerate a rising tide of crime in their area if the squatters were allowed in.

They also said they blamed the TPA for the "mess", and said the squatters did not want to move to Diepsloot either.

But squatters on the Zevenfontein farm said yesterday most of them worked in the area, that there was no crime emanating from the squatter camp, and they would not mind moving to Diepsloot. Most also said they believed the TPA had tried its best to resolve the "difficult situation".

"We just want to go somewhere where

we will be allowed to live," one said

Most of the squatters said their greatest fear was that their building materials would be taken away if their shacks were demolished

Over the weekend, local Zevenfontein residents once again issued an ultimatum to the squatters to move — but residents near the Diepsloot farm, where the TPA is proposing to move the squatters "temporarily", say they want to preserve their area as a rural "green lung". (266)

Diepsloot residents gathered in a local estate agency yesterday spoke of their fear of escalating crime and overcrowding that would accompany an influx of squatters

Man killed, 7 hurt in train attacks

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A TRAIN commuter was killed by gunmen who opened fire from Johannesburg's President station yesterday morning, police reported

A 28-year-old man was fatally wounded in the 7.15am attack. Police said they found no injured, but witnesses told police several other injured had fled.

The attackers, believed to be two men, disappeared. And, earlier at 6.55am, on a train running between Wadeville and Kaitleng, a policeman was shot by four men who removed his service pistol before throwing him off the train.

The injured policeman walked to a nearby road from where he called an ambulance. He is in a stable condition in hospital. The same group apparently also shot at other commuters before alighting at Germiston West Station from where they began firing at passing trains.

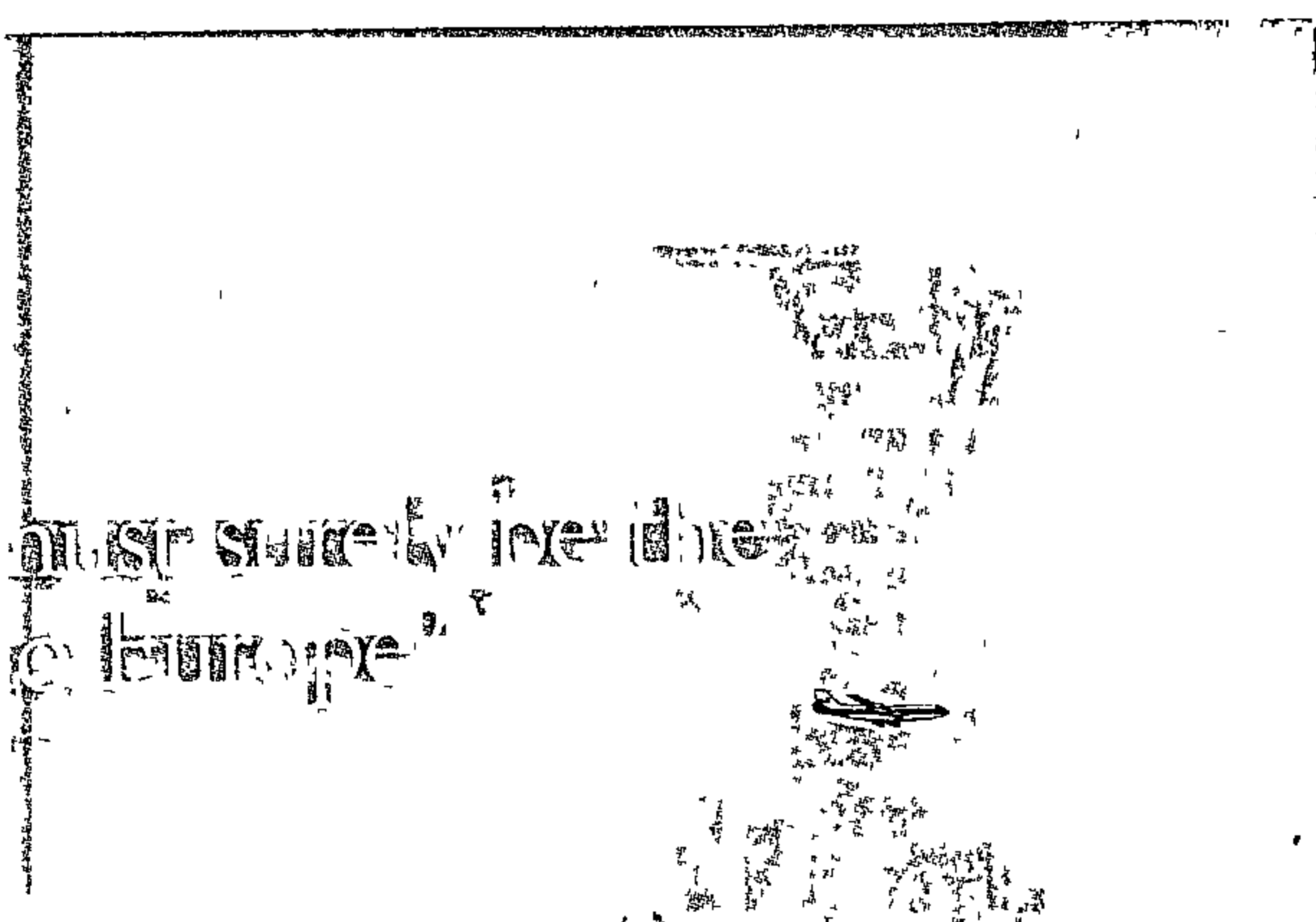
Five men and a woman were injured. An ambulance spokesman said the woman was shot in the head and an elderly man in the chest.

One man is in a coma at the Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston, while the woman has been transferred to the Johannesburg Hospital.

Police found Makarov pistol cartridges at the scene, but the men were allegedly also armed with AK-47 rifles — Sapa

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By Charles Schulz



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**Larger council
being formed** 266

A new local government for the East Rand will be formed on April 1 with the amalgamation of Germiston, Bedfordview, Katlehong and Palmridge to form the second biggest city council in Transvaal, after Johannesburg.

The Germiston council confirmed yesterday that negotiations between the four local authorities, which started more than a year ago, were on target.

The council said the decision to amalgamate had been taken because of the historical links between the four councils and the need for greater stability in the area which would encourage business interest.

All councillors would retain their seats until elections for non-racial local government structures. — Sapa

New local govt system in pipeline

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By Louise Burgers
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A local negotiating forum between Johannesburg Ratepayers Associations and Civics is being set up with the City Council to discuss issues such as the annual municipal budget, management committee chairman Ian Davidson announced last night.

In a report to council on the stage of negotiations in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Mr Davidson said major steps towards a new system of local and metropolitan government for the region were being taken.

Mr Davidson said Johannesburg was actively involved in wide-ranging negotiations on the future of the city which would have structural and financial implications for Johannesburg and

'Jo'burg Council lax over by-laws'

Johannesburg was descending into a state of anarchy because of the council's inability to enforce its by-laws, independent councillor Sam Moss warned last night.

Mr Moss said citizens would rise up against the city council.

The deterioration of standards in the city came under the spotlight after the appointment of a sub-committee to investigate the enforcement of the council's by-laws relating to littering and to launch a campaign to create public awareness and to improve perceptions in regard to the cleanliness of Johannesburg.

Mr Davidson said the council could only do so much, as ultimately it was up to the people living in the city —

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the central Rand.

"The negotiations will lead to Johannesburg accepting certain responsibilities outside the council's area of jurisdiction," he said.

Possible members of the local negotiating forum include the City Council, Northern Areas Group, Southern Johannesburg Ratepayer's Federation of Western Johannesburg Ratepayers, Federation of Eastern Ratepayer's, Acstop, Western Resident's Action Committee, Riverlea Civic Association, Lenasia Civic Association, Kliptown, Eldorado Park, Klipspruit Interim Democratic Civic Association, South Western Management Committee and Lenasia Management Committee.

Mr Davidson said negotiations were continuing with the TPA, Soweto Councils and Soweto Civics with regard to Johannesburg's administration, technical and service assistance to Soweto.

Conservative Party council leader Jacques Theron called the resolution "sinister" and said it resulted in a de facto abdication of council. He called for elections.

"The Johannesburg City Council has no authority to implement any new model of local government," he said.

Koos Roets (NP Manco) said it was a mistake to separate Soweto from Johannesburg's administration 14 years ago. "It is time to put things right."

Cecil Long (Ind) accused the NP and DP of misusing Johannesburg as a guinea pig for the future SA.

The DP's Sias Reyneke accused the CP of having tunnel vision which turned towards the barrel of a gun.

"Who pays the taxes in Johannesburg — the whites that's who," said Hendrick Claassen (CP).

Independent Sam Moss said "Our future will be decided in the Sowetos of SA."

East Rand councils planning to merge

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adding that government would apply the law in a "legal manner"

Squatters move to go ahead

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DARIUS SANAI

THE Zevenfontein squatters will almost certainly be moved to the Diepsloot farm at the end of this week despite protests from local residents and the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG)

The last resort open to the TPA to avoid a potentially confrontational situation has failed as both Sandton and Randburg councils said yesterday they would be unable to accommodate squatters this week.

Residents near Diepsloot said they would resort to violence even if the 4 000 squatters were moved there temporarily 29/1/92

But some squatters said yesterday they all had jobs and the fears of the local residents were unfounded.

A TPA spokesman confirmed yesterday that the

squatters would be moved to Diepsloot as a suitable site had not been found for them elsewhere Diepsloot residents insist it is the prerogative of Randburg and Sandton councils to find houses for the squatters, as many are employed there

The spokesman emphasised the move was temporary and said the squatters would stay at Diepsloot until the end of March, by which time a working group comprising representatives from the TPA, local councils, the Metropolitan Chamber, residents' associations and the squatters would have identified sites in the North Rand area suitable for "permanent urbanisation".

Sandton Council spokes-

man Deline van Wyk said yesterday the council would not come up with any alternative sites for the squatters before the end of the week — the TPA's deadline for the move

And a spokesman for Randburg council said it was unlikely that space would be provided for the squatters by the end of the week, although the council was investigating possible low cost housing sites

GAG is having a meeting tomorrow night to decide what to do about the issue. Meanwhile, local residents have been saying in private that they want to barricade Diepsloot against the TPA trucks moving the squatters in on Friday, and that they will try to convince GAG to support this action



Eybers is the new boss of Tembisa

MR Henri (Han) Eybers has been appointed administrator for Tembisa.

The MEC for Institutional Development and Negotiations, Mr Olaus van Zyl, said the appointment followed a decision by the Executive Committee of the Transvaal to dismiss the councillors of the Tembisa City Council on January 21.

The appointment of Eybers is valid until October 31 or until the Administrator of the Transvaal repeals the authorisation

"The administrator will manage and control the affairs of the city council of Tembisa and will exercise all rights and powers and will carry out all functions, duties and obligations of the council," Van Zyl said

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said on Tuesday last week the Tembisa councillors had been relieved of their posts

On Wednesday, the Tembisa Residents Association welcomed the TPA's decision, but rejected the unilateral decision to appoint an admin-

istrator for the township

The all-white Kempton Park Town Council should take over control of the township until democratic elections were held for non-racial municipalities, the TRA said

"It is our belief that if the TPA had heeded our call and dissolved Tembisa town council four years ago, the six-year-old rent boycott currently in place could have been resolved long ago and the unstable situation normalised," the TRA said - SA Press Association

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New row brews over Randburg squatter plan

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DARIUS SANAI

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A NEW row was brewing last night over the Zevenfontein squatters as the Transvaal Provincial Administration said the 750 families would be moved to Randburg — and Randburg residents condemned the move as “ridiculous and dangerous”.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough told a news conference yesterday that a “breakthrough” had been made because the Randburg Town Council had found an area where the squatters could be housed.

A council spokesman said the decision to house the squatters at Bloubostrand, near Fourways, had been taken at a meeting the previous evening, with the full approval of all residents' associations concerned.

But angry Bloubostrand residents — who said they were unaware of a residents' association in the area — said last night they had not been informed.

An unsigned circular delivered to them within an hour of the TPA announcement urged them to “stand together and ward off the threatening problems”.

“We are generally a young, liberal group of people,” said one resident, “but we know our house values will go down and crime will go up if the squatters are moved here.”

Other residents claimed the TPA and Randburg council were “sneaking” the squatters into their area because right-wingers would not have them elsewhere.

Hough denied that the decision to move the squatters to Randburg and not Diepsloot, as originally planned, was because of pressure from the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) and right-wing residents in the Diepsloot area, who include Boerestaart Party leader Robert van Tonder.

The squatters would be moved within the next 14 days, after the land at Bloubostrand had been prepared, he said.

The Randburg council spokesman said full facilities, including water, electricity and sewage pipes, would be provided on the site, which would subsequently be developed as a low-cost housing area, with the former squatters becoming homeowners and ratepayers.

Squatters said yesterday they would be happy to move to Bloubostrand if this meant they would be allowed to stay there.

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Letting go of land

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Pretoria City Council's recent announcement that it has amended its strategic plan, after consulting the private sector, holds interesting prospects for the market.

The FM has learnt that the council intends, through a "reduction of surplus ground," to dispose of undeveloped parkland and some land allocated for various freeway sections which, because of a lack of funds, have been scaled down.

The parks and recreation department has done an inventory of its properties. 111 park sites which make up 80 ha will be sold, then perhaps another 30 sites totalling 20 ha.

The engineering department, which is responsible for the freeway land, expects its stocktaking to take at least five years.

Consultants were recently appointed to plan the transport system foreseen in the PreTrans Report, a March 1991 document which sets guidelines for planning transport

in Pretoria in the next 10 years. But various authorities must still consider whether they might need any freeway property that could become available.

Senior deputy city engineer Henry Enslin says land north of Skinner Street — the street is to be made twice as long in 1992 — could soon be made available for development.

Mark Theron, deputy director of the parks and recreation department, estimates park land, including nature reserves, takes up 7%-8% of Pretoria partly because the city has many nature reserves.

Developers are required by town planning ordinance to make land available for public open space. How much is set aside depends on the size and nature of the township or development.

Over the years, Pretoria, like many other municipalities, has acquired a great deal of

land zoned for public open space. Not all of the land was suitable for development as parks, however.

The city sometimes accepted a cash contribution from a developer in lieu of land, especially when the formula laid down by the ordinance would have led to the provision of an unsuitable park.

The contributions have been used to acquire attractive sites where nature reserves and parks could be developed. But maintaining the unsuitable park sites has become a financial burden and it is this land which the council wants to get rid of. It has laid out its procedures.

Property valuation director Chris Smal says the park and freeway land will be sold in parcels, by advertising or auction, but the council will look at offers from developers who have done their research and know what pieces of land they want. ■

Lake District springs up in Transvaal

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WHERE'S South Africa's Lake District? In dry Greater Johannesburg, that's where

For a metropolis that hasn't been built on a river or seashore — a rare distinction it shares with Birmingham, England — a lot of local residents work on the waterfront these days

Thousands in Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton and Midrand go daily to work in landscaped office parks characterised by tranquil lakes and even babbling brooks, albeit as phony as the Victorian lamp-posts that decorate many sites

At lunchtime, secretaries sit under willows outside their offices sharing their wholewheat sandwiches with yellow-billed ducks

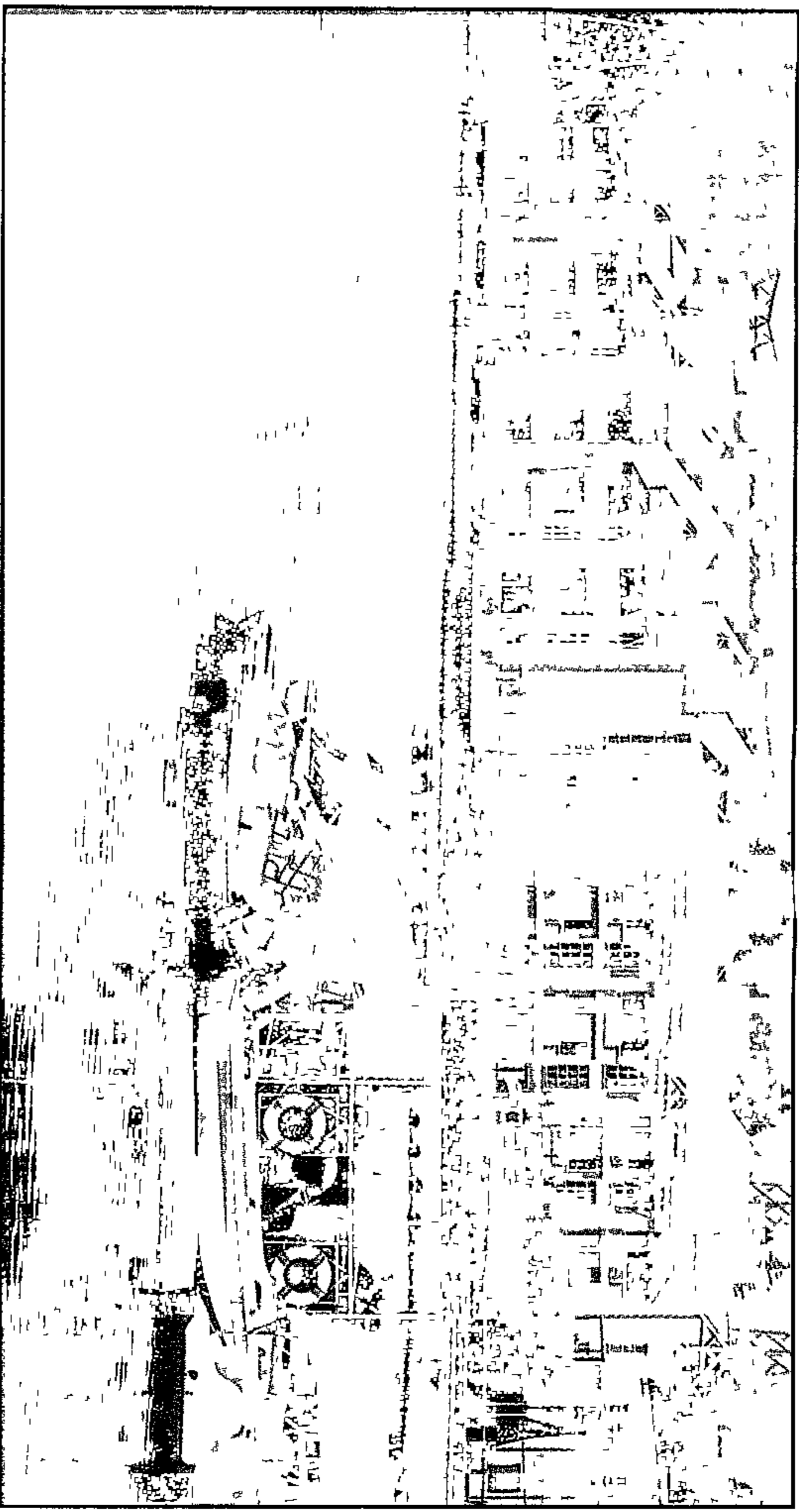
Stream

The water features are a part of a success

local dignitaries were expecting to see the water rise and a lake form. But they went home disappointed and apprehensive. Although the river had been dammed, and for 24 hours water was being released from upstream, the Hennops showed little inclination to swell into a lake.

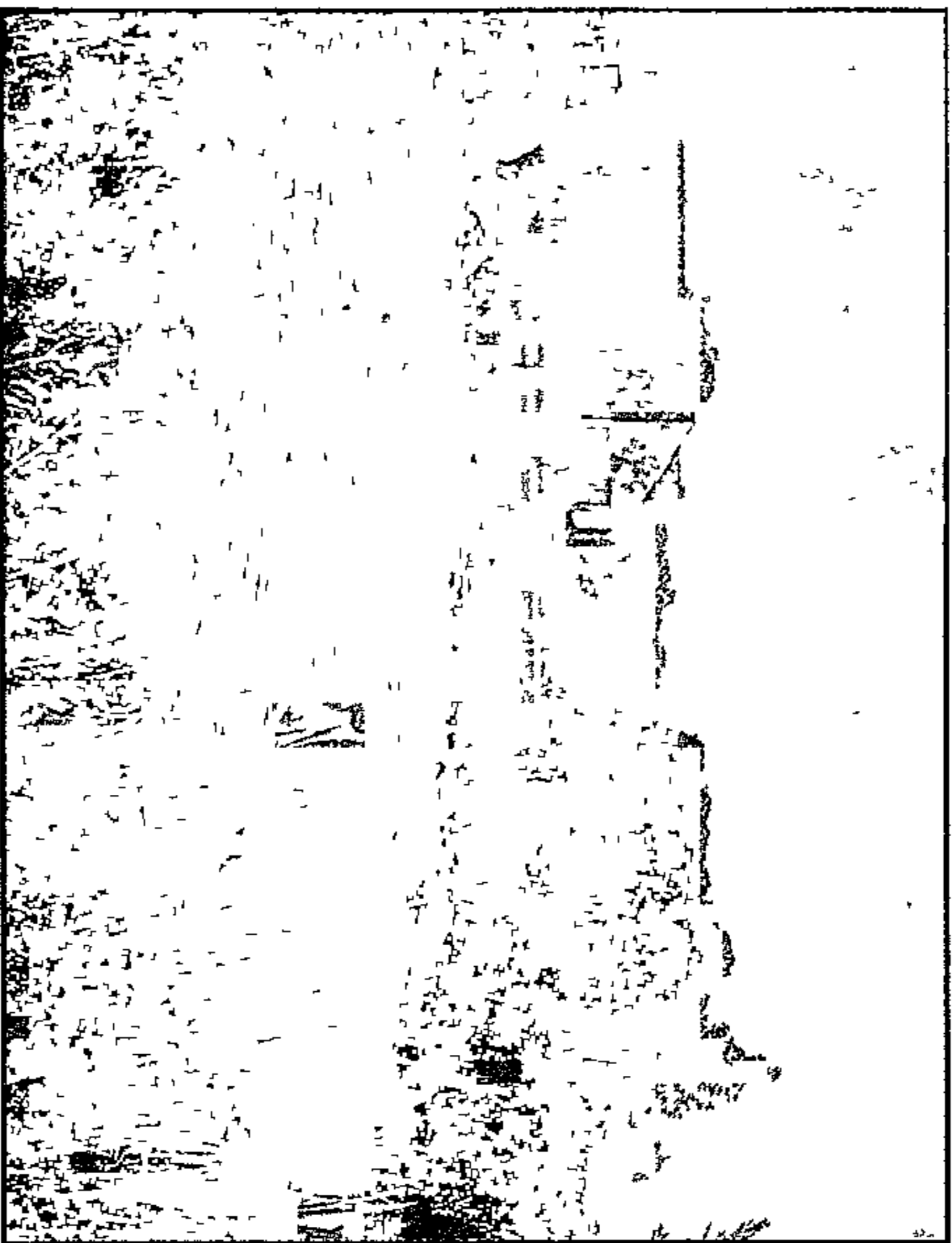
The next morning Mr Nel was up early to see if the river had grown any more. He was met by the sight of colourful sailboards skimming over a large blue lake.

Property prices around the lake soared and Verwoerd's dam was, literally, an overnight success. Today the lakeside has a thriving R60 million shopping centre on its banks, a waterside boardwalk and an



BRUMA LAKE. This three-year-old water project has waterside restaurants and a fisherman's wharf complete with trendy shops. Photograph: KAREN FLETCHER

Thousands on waterfront



WOODMEAD OFFICE PARK. Buildings are set among indigenous trees and waterside vegetation. Photograph: GARETH SINGLETON

capture office development from Johannesburg's city centre

A major pioneer of the idea was Douw Nel of Verwoerdburg. In 1975, aged 28 and newly appointed as town planner, he knew that if Verwoerdburg wanted a decent rates base it had to start winning office development away from central Pretoria.

He decided that the Hennops River, a little stream that passed through some open veld in the town, could provide the answer.

On a Friday evening in the summer of 1985, he thought his dream was about to come true. He attended a civic ceremony at the riverside at which

Then came Bruma, Johannesburg's three-year-old, R500 million water project which now has waterside restaurants and a Fisherman's Wharf complete with trendy shops.

On the other side of its 2 km shoreline, distinctive human-scale offices, brick-built and reminiscent of English industrial architecture, stand in manicured waterfront gardens.

Yet another large urban lake which is commercially thriving is Centurian Lake in Verwoerdburg, dominated by the new Centurian Park Hotel. The hotel has a pool deck bigger than any hotel at the coast, and the lake, like Bruma, has

boats and an ornate bridge.

Centurian Lake, instead of attracting business from the city, attracted it from the sticks. The hotel complex was developed by Kwa Maritane, the hotel and time-share complex at Pilanesberg National Park in Bophuthatswana.

Now Pretoria is planning a counter-attack, with a lake of its own — in the middle of town.

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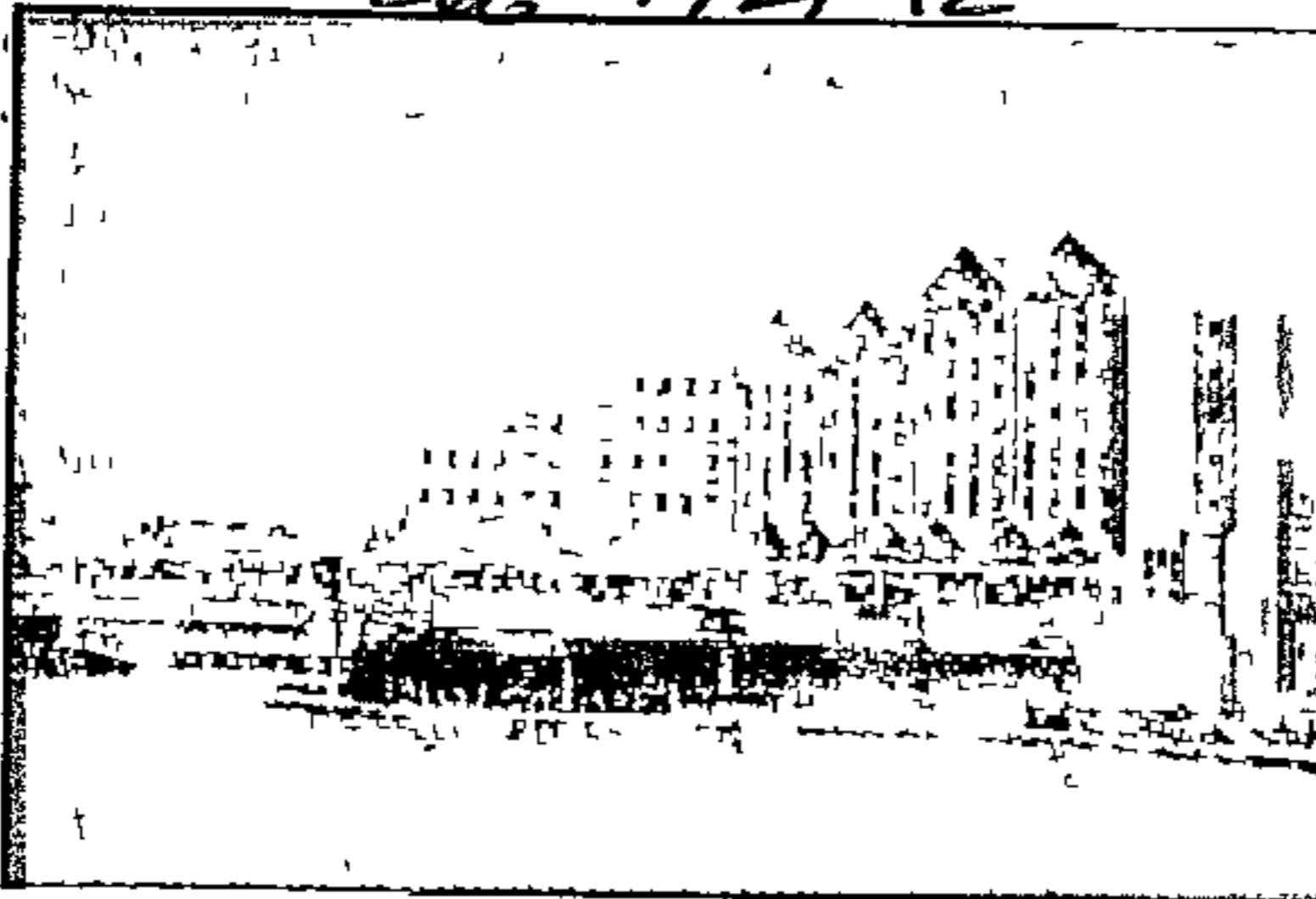
Pretoria City Council wants to dam the Apies River as it flows through Arcadia. Pretorius Street will be reconstructed as a bridge, and land around the lake will be developed by private enterprise.

But outer Johannesburg and Midrand are not being left behind. They are leading the way in smaller-scale waterside offices. A prime example is Woodmead Park, which looks a little like Kirstenbosch Gardens, except that, set among its mainly indigenous trees, are slate-roofed, house-like office complexes.

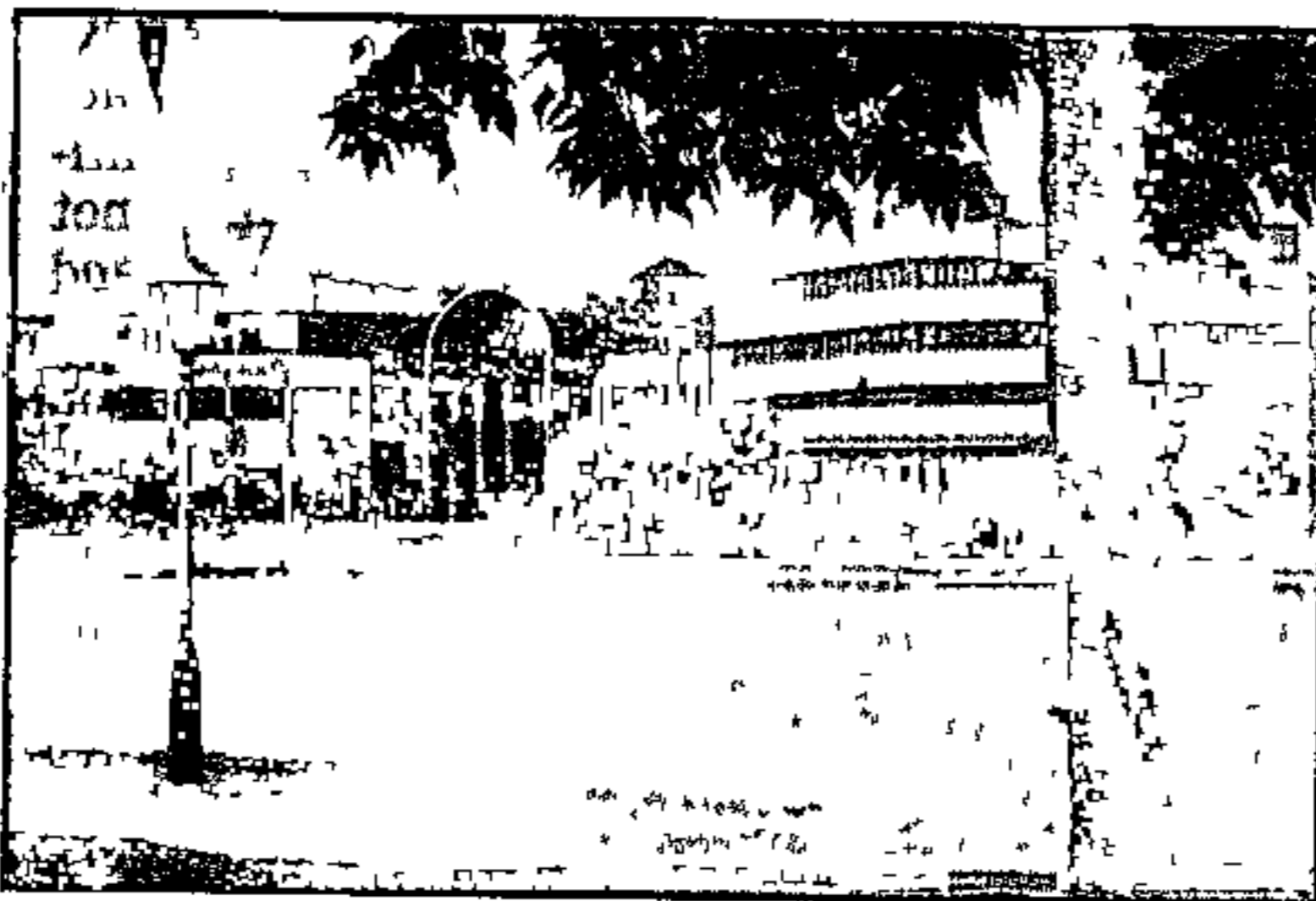
John Dewar of Johannesburg, the mastermind behind Woodmead, told Saturday Star "I wanted to prove it is possible to incorporate conservation and development. The park, because of its indigenous trees and waterside vegetation, has become a bird sanctuary too."

Mr Dewar asked landscape architect Gareth Singleton to design a public park as part of the complex.

Offices on the lakes and on the artificial stream that connects them sold at 20 percent more than those on the periphery.



CENTURION LAKE: Feature of a thriving complex dominated by the Centurian Park Hotel.



VERWOERDBURG LAKE An overnight success — literally. ● Photograph KAREN FLETCHER

TPA faces legal action over new site for Zevenfontein squatters

THE TPA is facing legal action from a major property developer and from Randburg residents angered by its decision to relocate the Zevenfontein squatters to a 44ha site originally earmarked for middle-class homes

Bloubostrand Action Committee spokesman Peter Brown, said yesterday the committee had briefed lawyers to interdict Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough from relocating the squatters to the area.

Committee members armed with a variety of clubs manned roadblocks in the area at the weekend

And property developer Gough Cooper Homes, involved in a multimillion-rand

project in the surrounding area, is considering legal action against the TPA

MD Rob Ballentine said "legal advice on possible action" was being sought to stop the resettlement of squatters at Bloubostrand Extension TPA claims that all relevant parties had been consulted and were happy, were untrue His company had made it "obvious" to the TPA that any move to turn the area into one for low-cost housing would be resisted

Ballentine warned that the TPA's actions would have "major repercussions" on property development countrywide, as developers would be wary of undertaking projects on land next to open spaces

"Developers investing money in ground won't know when the next Zevenfontein will suddenly appear," he said His company was "extensively exposed" in the area, having acquired large areas of ground for further development Ballentine estimated that homeowners who had already bought from his company had invested about R50m in their houses

Schachat Cullum group MD Hyton Katz described the problem as a "knee-jerk reaction" to a problem long ignored by government and provincial authorities

Schachat Cullum had established 240

stands in Bloubostrand, said Katz, and was "just about to push the button" on another middle class housing tract in the area, but "the risk is simply too immense". Costs incurred on the new project would have to be written off

Now that it had become politically expedient to find a solution for Zevenfontein, the TPA had implemented a scheme without taking into consideration the long-term financial, political and social costs

Katz identified three bones of contention: the lack of adequate planning, the pushing aside of conventional town planning norms, which frowned on placing high and low cost housing close together, and

the overnight changing of ground already marked for a conventional township

He said estimates that Bloubostrand property values would fall by 50% were "entirely realistic"

Schachat was not considering legal action, but would be "watching closely" the outcome of any such measures, said Katz

"It is now up to the 600 Bloubostrand families in the area to determine the outcome of the situation"

TPA spokesman Piet Wilken would not comment at the weekend on the threat of legal action, but said his department was "aware" of it He added that the TPA had

followed correct procedure, and was "allowed by law" to develop a township

Wilken said the department was "in a hell of a position", being caught between the need to house the squatters, and pressure from other residents in the area

People would not be moved until "adequate services" were in place, and strict measures were being taken to ensure the community did not grow beyond its present numbers

He said the wall being built around the area would ensure effective policing of numbers, and the SAP would also control access to the proposed site "for as long as it is necessary" Consultations with the squatters had convinced him that they understood and accepted the situation

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Voting for a new future

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Potchefstroom faces a by-election at a time when South Africa is moving into a new era. CARINA LE GRANGE and photographer Joao Silva paid a visit to the constituency to ask voters how they would vote — and why they chose to vote for either the National or the Conservative Party.

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THE FEBRUARY 19 by-election in Potchefstroom is a matter of conscience to many voters in giving their reasons for voting for either the National Party or the Conservative Party, people invoke moral issues and Christian principles to justify their choice.

None of the voters interviewed by The Star talked about the respective candidates — Theuns Kruger for the National Party and Andries Beyers for the Conservative Party. It was their future they were considering as they prepared to vote.

A middle-aged woman, who was working for the CP offices at the party's local office, said in great earnestness "We are fighting for our religion. For our religion and for the Lord because the ANC is the anti-Christ."

Indecision

But on the other side of town, Maryna van Wyk, a mother in her 30s — who, incidentally, has a gardener named Mandela — said her religious convictions dictated her choice, the NP.

"I believe we cannot continue to oppress people. The new

most of those we can across said they would vote for the NP.

But the CP claimed it was running ahead on special votes, and the NP conceded this. Yet the contest will be close, with the NP hoping to retain the seat left vacant after the death of long-time MP Louis le Grange, and the CP pulling out all the stops to turn its 1583-vote defeat in the previous election into another CP victory.

Military man Fanie Buys, in his 40s, said it was traditional to vote for either the "Natte of Sappe", and that he would vote NP — but backed it up with his own thinking that "black people are human, just like you and me."

"The NP wants to offer black people what we have always enjoyed. If you oppress people they can never offer their best."

The friendly retired Schoeman couple was enigmatic and tried to be secretive about their choice. Tant Nellie was "still thinking" and Oom Schoeman had cast his "secret" special vote.

But what they wanted was "peace for all our country" for the country to "come right", for international relations to improve.

ony," she said
The matter of choice between
the NP and CP weighs heavily
on many voters

Time after time we were told
by voters that they had not yet
been able to decide. They were
"still thinking", it was "difficult
to decide", "we are struggling
to decide", were general re-
sponses

In Suiddorp — said to be CP
territory — nurse Andries
Cronje (49) said although he had
once voted for the CP, he would
vote NP "because we now live
in the new South Africa" and he
supported the NP initiative

But a neighbour of his, who
would not give her name, has
clearly been unaffected by im-
mentous or small changes
"What election? I know nothing
about politics," she responded

There was much coyness too
— or a desire not to enrage
friends who might be of differ-
ent persuasions. An elderly
women coming out of a Victori-
an-style house with a beautiful
garden said very coyly "I'm
voting. No, I'm not telling
you or anyone else who I'm vot-
ing for"

Stopping people in the street
and knocking on doors is such a
random exercise that no conclu-
sions can be drawn from it. But

in black sport, their daughter-
in-law teaches at a black col-
lege and they have two grand-
children whose future they
weigh as they consider options
"We don't know who will
bring the peace", Om Schoe-
man said. But having clearly
accepted Codesa, it was easy to
guess where his vote had gone

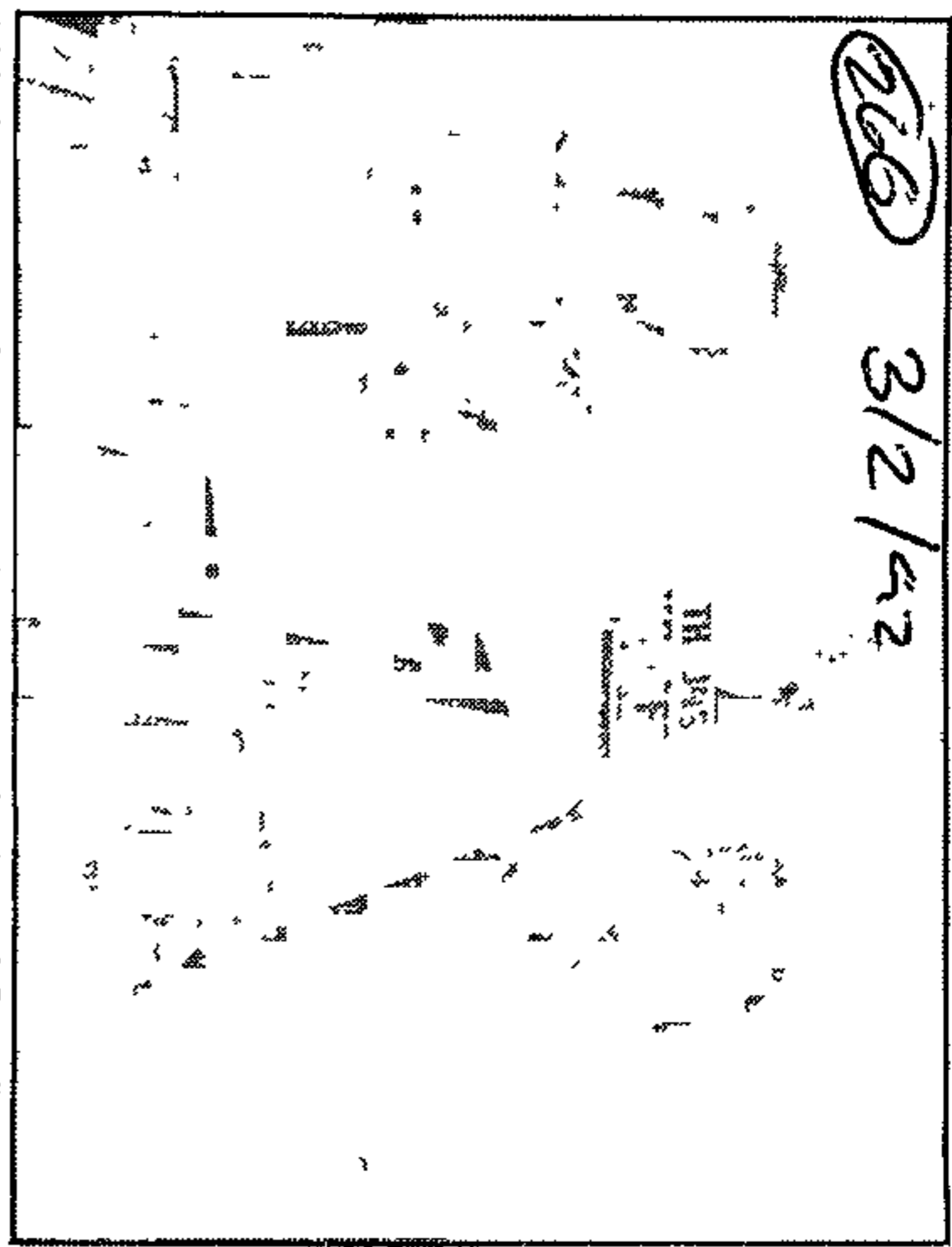
Spoke

The CP election worker ex-
plained the apparent indecision
of many voters in the following
way, "You can't change a na-
tion's heart overnight. People
are in the process of realising
we are getting a majority gov-
ernment, a communist govern-
ment, which is unacceptable
even to many black nations"

In the main, the students on
the campus of the Potchef-
stroom University for Christian
Higher Education spoke with
academic rationality about the
election

NP supporter Gerard Hat-
tingh, a post-graduate political
science student, said what
would prevent a large group of
NP supporters from voting
would be fear about economic
security. He said the women's
residences consisted mainly of
NP supporters, while the men's

Slogans for the election. The voice of Potchefstroom don't

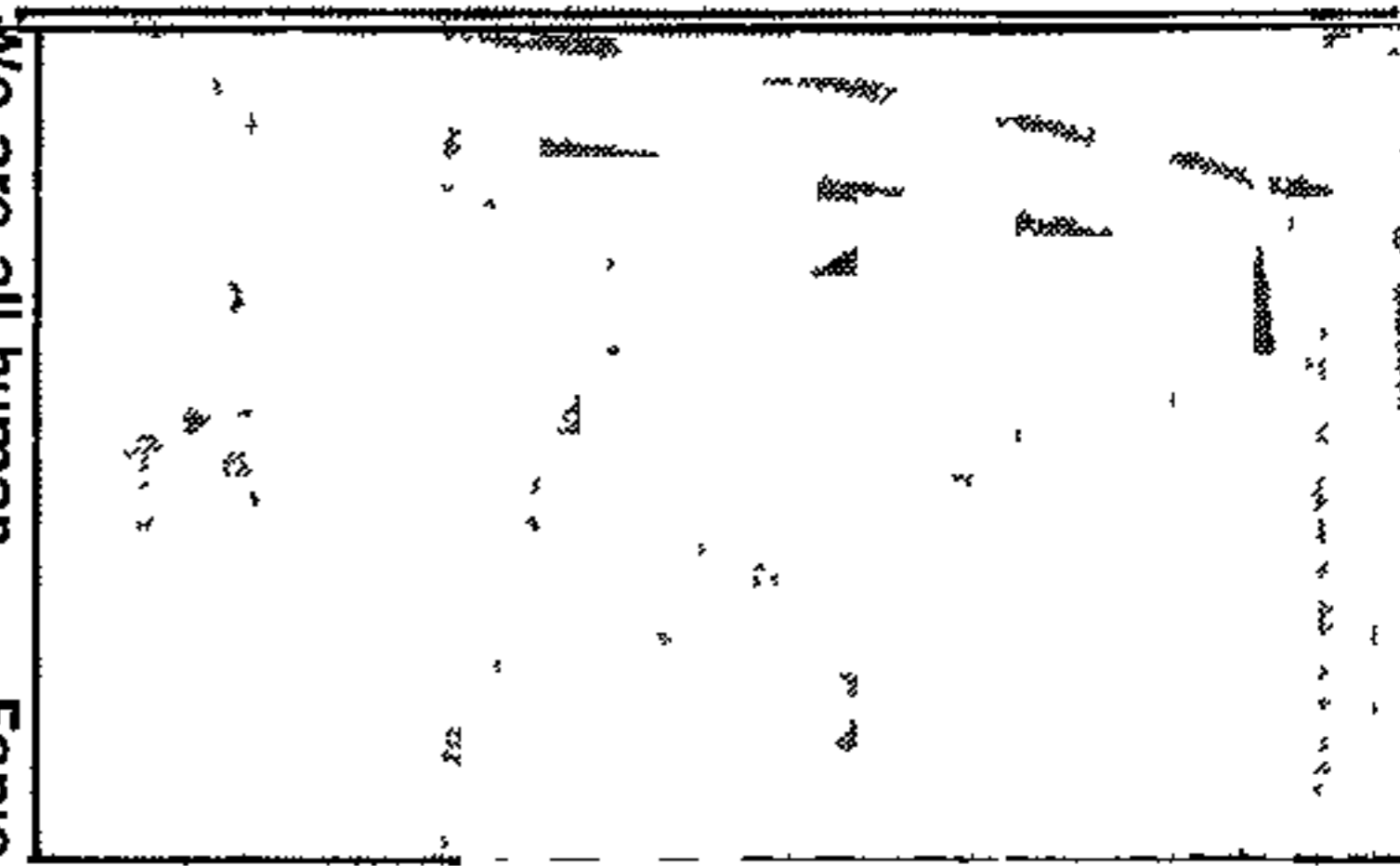


This is the way for us. Gerard Hattlingh and Gert Postma show which way they are going

residences seemed to favour the
CP
He was adamant that the NP
was the only option which
would allow full citizenship for
all
"All other alternatives would
lead to violence, economic stag-
nation and international isola-

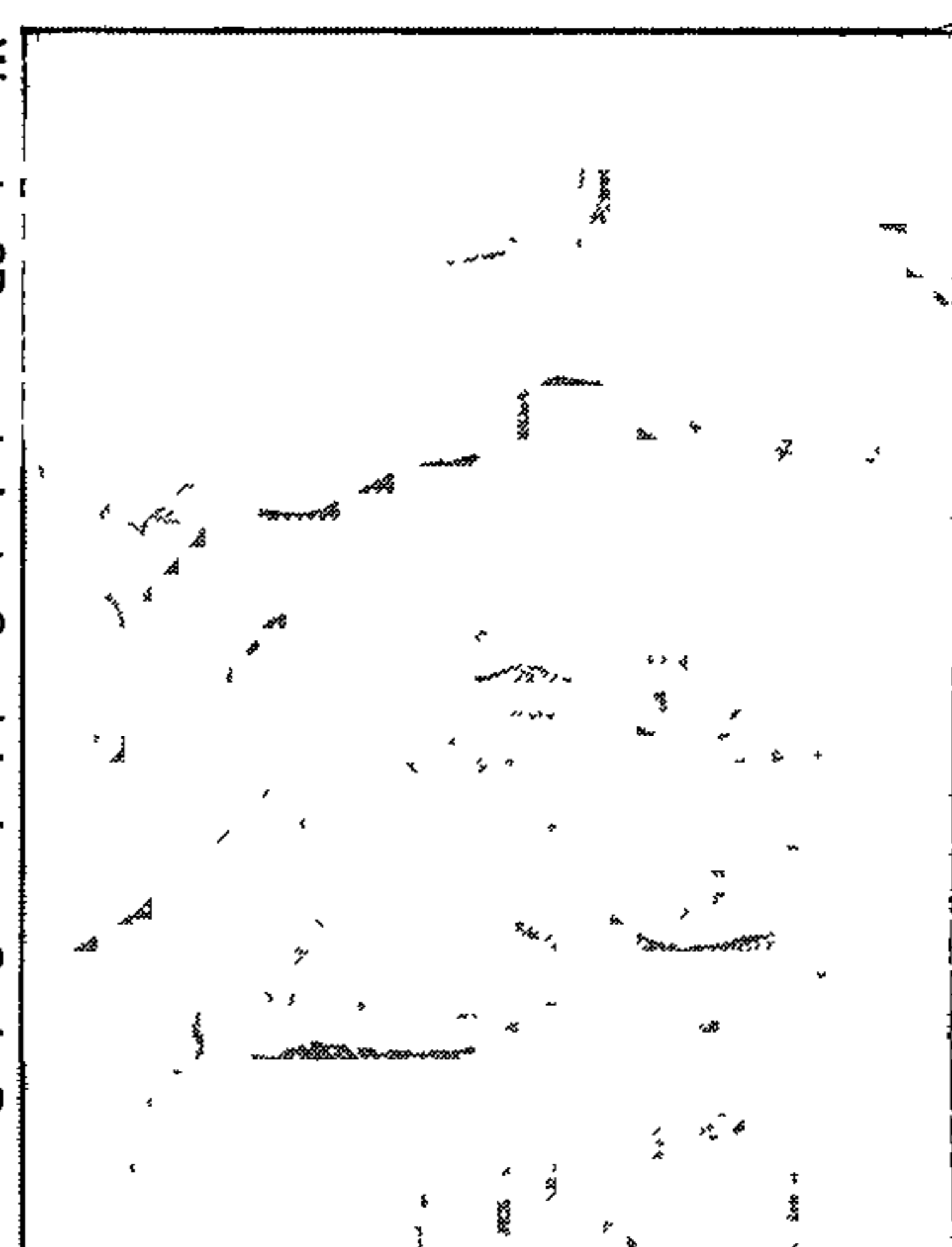
tion," he said
Gert Postma who, with a B Sc
under his belt is now doing an
LL.B, said he saw the CP as ide-
alistic while the NP was realis-
tic "F. W. de Klerk was the right
man at the right time to defuse
powers of nature that could
have led to revolution"

... makes the main street with the ... sn p ng a ... on re s i e - C u i l ...



We are all human... Famine Buys will vote for the NP

Three women students inter-
viewed were, however, CP sup-
porters
Gerda Bierman and Sunel
Jordan said "We love our
country and the NP is going to
take it away" Estie Venter said
she would vote CP "so we can
hold on to our identity"



We vote CP... students Sunel Jordan, Gerda Bierman and Estie Venter

An anonymous male student,
a CP supporter, said for him the
most important issues were
those of mother tongue and
Christian education — which he
believed the NP could no longer
offer
The last word, however, be-
longed to Maggie Braci from
Ikageng, who said she was "a
kitchen worker" She did not
know there was going to be an
election — and she would rather
not say who she would like to
win. Her situation was echoed
by house painter Frans Moloi
Elections did not — yet —
feature in their lives □

Single body to run East Rand towns

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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The joint decision making forum established between Germiston, Katlehong, Bedfordview and Palm Ridge has approved measures for their amalgamation which should come into effect by April 1

The resolution adopted by the forum has certain built-in mechanisms to avoid it being hamstrung by rent, electricity and other boycotts

The management committee chairman of Germiston City Council, Leon Louw, outlined the basics of how the new local authority, which was one of the first non-racial councils in the country, would function

All the present councillors of the four local authorities will be members of the new council

Votes will be taken on all issues by all councillors

Elected

Income derived from the four areas will be spent in the areas where the money is collected, except for 5 percent of the income on rates and the profits on electricity from the industrial and commercial sectors in Germiston and Bedfordview, which will be subject to approved expenditure by the new council in any one of the four areas

The proposed local body is to be named "The Greater Germiston"

Its management committee will comprise seven to nine

members. A mayor and two deputy mayors will be elected by the councillors.

The office and other facilities of the mayor and management committee will be situated in Germiston and the councillors will be remunerated on the same basis as the members of a Group 12 Local Authority for the interim

The current services and infrastructure are to be maintained but efforts will be made to improve the quality and efficiency of those structures

Recognise

The Government will be requested to recognise Katlehong as separate after the amalgamation, for the purpose of continued inter-governmental payment by the TPA and the State

The regional services council will deal with members of the body in a similar manner as before the amalgamation with regard to approval of projects and allocations of funds

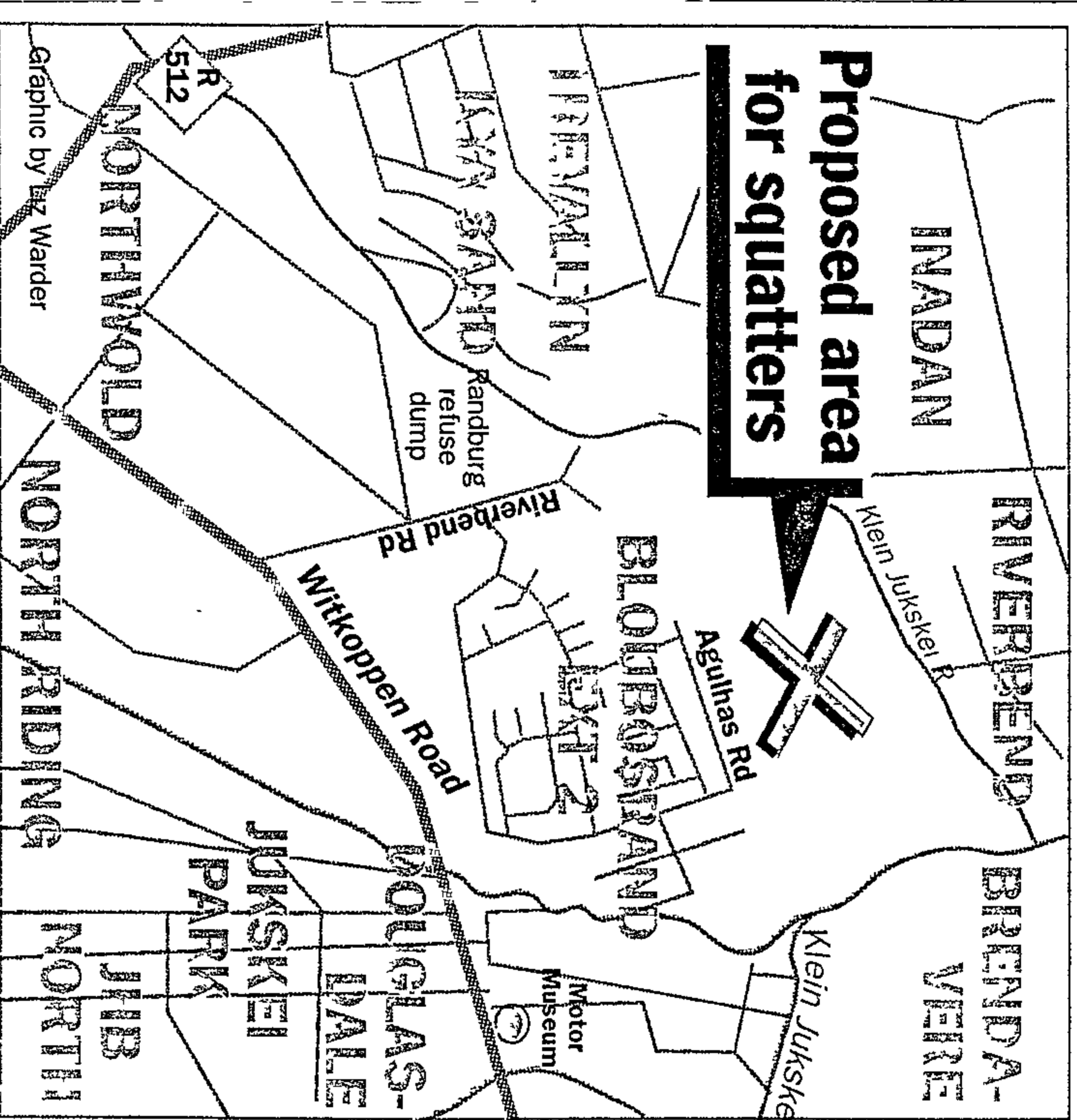
The financial management of the new council will remain the responsibility of the respective personnel

A consolidated budget will be compiled and approved next year

After the amalgamation the principle of one tax base will apply. Municipal services including the provision of water will be rendered only to those consumers and ratepayers who make the required contribution

The new council will also accept responsibility for the repayment of all loans.

Proposed area for squatters



TPA admission on squatter sites

By Shirley Woodgate

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday, for the first time, acknowledged the accuracy of reports in The Star in December that 13 sites were being investigated for developing string of squatter villages in the north-western PWV.

When The Star revealed the location of the areas under investigation, Administrator Danie Hough merely replied that no final decision had been taken on what he termed "speculative reports".

It was claimed soon after that the Executive Committee of the Transvaal had postponed until the end of last month a decision on whether to establish the squatter camps.

The TPA yesterday admitted in a statement that 13 areas to the north and north-west of Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort had been provisionally identified for possible township development.

But spokesman Piet Wilken said nothing had been finalised.

Permanent suitable sites for township development in the areas north of Sandton and Randburg, and west of Midrand and Verwoerdburg, are to be identified by a 15-member task group appointed by Mr Hough to report back by March 31.

Bid to oust CP body postponed 266

An attempt to oust the Conservative Party Boksburg Town Council management committee last night was postponed at the 11th hour *STAR 4/2/92*

A proposed alliance of National Party and certain CP councillors intended to pass a motion of no confidence in the committee at last night's council meeting

No reasons were given for the postponement, but it is believed to be related to the forthcoming Potchefstroom by-election

The motion is expected to be presented at a council meeting on February 24

The envisaged replacement management committee would comprise two Nats, 2 Conservatives and a member of the Herstigte Nasionale Party — East Rand Bureau

Bloubostrand residents

dig in while agents fume

Staff Reporter 4/2/92

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After meeting the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Bloubostrand Action Committee yesterday, the Randburg Town Council proposed that the Bloubostrand area be set aside for formal low-cost housing

This proposal was rejected by the action committee, which has refused to accept low-cost housing of any nature on the property, a stand they describe as non-negotiable

Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough has undertaken to consider the proposal and consult with various bodies in the next few days. He has said that no construction or relocation would take place before the next meeting, due to take place on Monday

The property had been mooted as a relocation site for about 700 squatter families currently on the farm Zevenfontein

The action committee intends resisting the proposal with all

legal means at its disposal

An estate agent on the action committee, Dee Monteith, said the relocation plans came as a complete surprise, with no consultation with people in the community. This had created a panic situation

She added it was obvious there had been no proper planning on where the squatters should go

"This is not a racist thing. We are not opposed to black people moving in, as long as they don't build a R20 000 house next to one that costs much more than that. Otherwise it brings the value of the property down."

People were just trying to protect their property, she said. "We are trying not to be violent, but there is a very tense situation out there."

The property business in the Bloubostrand area had been killed stone dead by plans to settle the squatters in Extension 1, according to estate agents operating in the area

One agent is reeling after sales totalling about R400 000

were cancelled on Friday following Mr Hough's announcement that between 10 000 and 20 000 squatters would be relocated within two weeks at a 44 ha low-cost housing development adjoining middle-market homes

Mrs Monteith said one of the cancellations was by a black family who had sought a new home in a quiet area to escape problems caused by the squatter problem in Soweto

Predicting a spate of court cases if the controversial relocation was forced through, Mrs Monteith said "Sellers are desperate to get rid of their homes. Buyers, equally desperate to cancel the deals, are prepared to risk losing deposits and face possible legal action"

"House sales handled by five agents operating in Bloubostrand totalled 52 in December/November. Will the TPA compensate these parties?"

Estate agent Douglas Keyes-Transfeldt condemned "shotgun planning", which he slated as "apartheid all over again,

where only low-income blacks without access to building society home loans will be admitted in Extension 1"

He said "Ask the people in Kelvin, near Alexandra. Pollution and a high crime rate has depressed some property prices from a potential R400 000 to R250 000. In Bloubostrand, the TPA wants to locate 10-member families in R20 000 homes across the road from four-member family homes on properties valued at about R150 000"

Gough Cooper Homes marketing director Russell Cuthbert said many clients had tried to cancel contracts to build homes in the extension divided by Agnes Road

The company was "terribly concerned" about developments, but clients had been advised not to take rash action

The SA Council of Churches yesterday sought an urgent meeting with Randburg mayor Mark Manley to discuss hostility against the squatters

● Focus on the squatting issue — Page 13

New sites for townships

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THIRTEEN areas to the north and north-west of Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort have been provisionally identified for possible township development, a spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration confirmed yesterday.

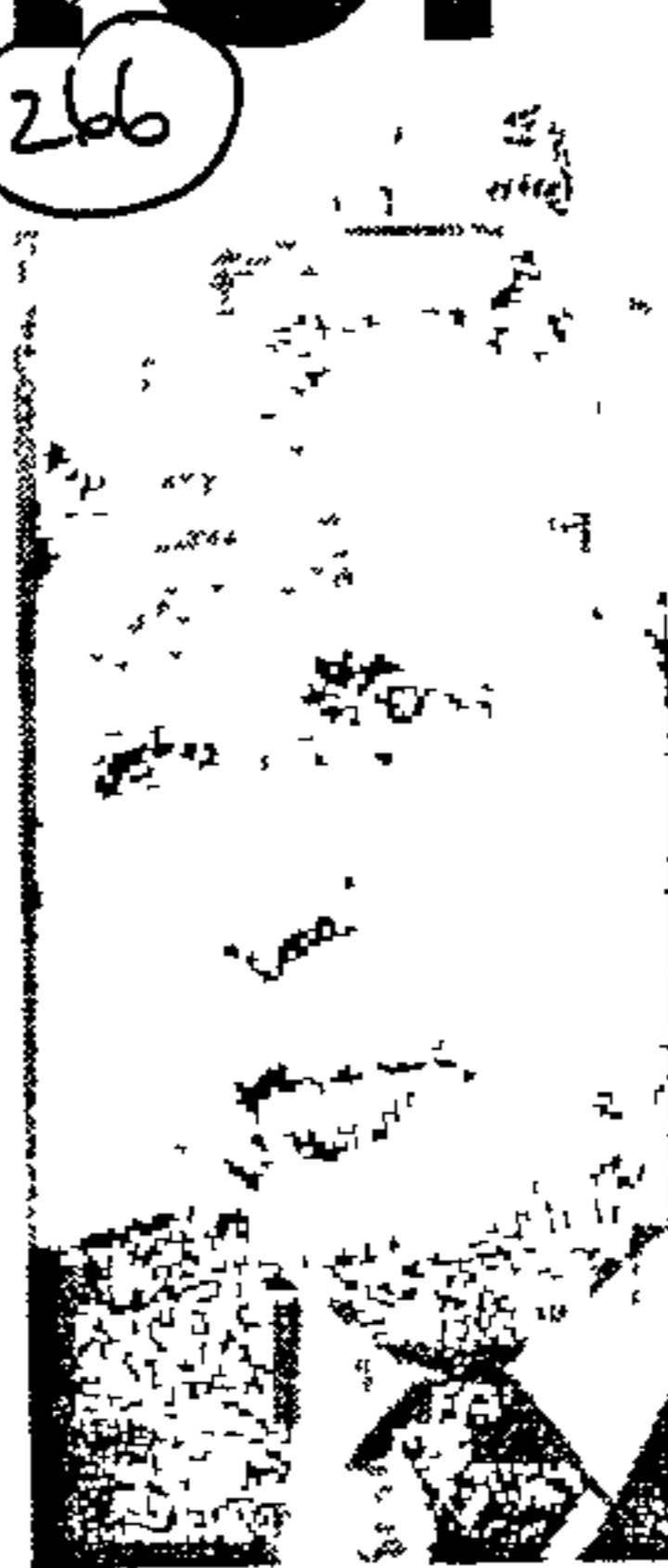
Nothing had, however, been finalised and all relevant and interested parties would be consulted before development took place, said TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilken

"That doesn't mean that they will be developed," he stressed, anxious to allay

outries similar to those that followed the Randburg City Council's decision to approve the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters to Bloubastrand.

Permanent suitable sites for township development in the areas north of Sandton and Randburg, and west of Midrand and Verwoerdburg, are to be identified by a task group appointed by Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough on January 23

The 15-member task group is to report back to the Executive Committee of the Transvaal by March 31, and must provide a complete evaluation of the existing urbanisation strategy for the areas



DANIE HOUGH

Come clean on squatter plans, residents demand

By Shirley Woodgate STAK 5/2/92

Fresh controversy has erupted over the Zevenfontein squatter issue, with the Bloubostrand Action Committee (BAC) claiming residents of the Randburg suburb have been fed two sets of information by the authorities.

Chairman Peter Bantock alleges that Randburg Town Council led residents to believe the council was approached by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Tuesday last week to provide land for the squatters.

Randburg indicated that the TPA had expropriated the land, having first sought the council's approval.

This was reiterated after Thursday night's bombshell announcement by Administrator Dame Hough that Bloubostrand Extension 1 had been earmarked to house 750 squatter families from Zevenfontein.

Randburg council repeated at a hastily convened midnight meeting with the Bloubostrand residents that the first approach had been by the TPA to the municipality. But four days later, at a top-level meeting between the BAC, the TPA and Randburg council on Monday, the

council admitted it had known about the proposed moves for two years, said Mr Bantock.

"Then deputy director-general for community development Len Dekker said on television that Randburg had approached the TPA. We now demand that they clear up the contradictions and come clean."

"We want to know how long this plan has been in the pipeline and who instigated moves to use Bloubostrand Extension 1 as the housing site."

A second row is brewing over the number of squatters the TPA plans to move from Zevenfontein. The TPA claims 750 families are affected, but residents of Bloubostrand maintain the TPA has never taken a proper census and that the authorities have no idea of the true figure. They say 2 200 families is a more accurate

"Either the TPA and Randburg have no idea of numbers or they are deliberately misleading us. We demand answers from the people in charge of this planning debacle," said one resident.

Neither Mr Dekker nor Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs was available for comment.



Grid watch . . . the map held by Bloubostrand Action Committee chairman Peter Bantock is being used to assist residents man their 24-hour security watch. Picture. Alf Kumalo

State, TPA slated for poor planning

CAROLINE HURRY.

MIDRAND management committee members are furious with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Government over what they describe as an "abysmal lack of leadership and planning" over the squatter problem.

"I'm reaching boiling point with the TPA," said management committee chairman Dave Hidden.

"We now have a crisis on our hands. The squatters are not political footballs to be kicked around by the TPA on the one hand and the white electorate on the other.

"However, we endorse the TPA's statement that every local authority should look after the accommodation requirements of the people who have employment within their municipalities.

"At least 80 percent of the Zevenfontein squatters work in Randburg, yet the Randburg Town Council has not even started making proper provision for them.

"Instead the council is trying to extend its borders into the greenbelt area. This won't work."

Illegal

"At Ivory Park in Midrand, we've been forced to take in illegal immigrants from Mozambique and Swaziland," Mr Hidden added.

"Also, of the 60 percent of employed people at Ivory Park, 80 percent work in Kempton Park. At present we still have 4 000 families to accommodate," he said.

Arrangements had to be worked out to accommodate the homeless employees in the region.

Mr Hidden said. "It is totally unreasonable to expect ratepayers to accommodate illegal immigrants who do not have employment and therefore turn to crime."

"The increase in crime and violence is the biggest concern of the ratepayers," he said.

Anthony Duigan, chairman of the Greenbelt Action Group, which will be part of a task team formed by the TPA to manage the areas north and north-west of Sandton, Randburg and Midrand, said the Randburg council deserved support.

"The Bloubastrand project is a pioneering effort in which the principle of bringing people closer to their work is being applied for the first time.

Brave

"The Randburg council deserves our support for being brave enough to face the challenge, even though it is being roasted by the Bloubastrand community.

"The Zevenfontein squatter problem is not just related to the greenbelt, it is a larger, national problem.

"Certain people have had to face the reality more forcibly than others, such as the Walkerville community in the south and areas in the Cape and Natal.

"People living north of Johannesburg have been spared this problem up until now. Now the squatting situation is becoming an issue throughout the PWV area.

"Sandton is going to have to face this problem sooner or later, as they also have no formalised black community.

"At last the TPA seems to be coming to grips with the situation.

"But this is going to be a long, uphill battle. The new South Africa spells more chaos for the upper-income groups," Mr Duigan said.

Midrand complex to go ahead

PETER GALLI

THE final go-ahead has been given for the development of a R500m Midrand Town Centre over the next 10 years, following 18 months of ground assembly and tenant negotiations, the developers announced last night

The special zoning of the land has been approved by the Midrand Town Council, as has the location of its new civic centre. It has also accepted, in principle, the development plan for the project

This includes a major retail component of about 50 000m², entertainment facilities, 12 000m² of office space for the council's own use and a civic centre and central town square

The 14 ha Broadwalk site is situated between the Old

Pretoria Road and the new K101 four-lane carriageway, scheduled for completion by 1994

It is being developed by a consortium led by the Meridien Group, consisting of General Accident, Trencor, Tiber Developments, the Sandgate Group and RMS Syfrets

"The development is seen as the pioneering development within the new urban framework for Midrand as approved by the council in 1990

"The urban planning aim is to focus new development on achieving a cohesive image for the town centre, preventing traffic congestion and adequately catering for burgeoning commercial and industrial growth," Meridien Group CE Errol Friedmann said at the launch

Construction of the first phase will begin during the fourth quarter of this year

"The retail and associat-

ed component will cost about R250m, with a further R40m for the civic centre, giving a first phase total of R290m," leasing agents and partner RMS Syfrets MD Pat Flanagan said

The first phase will be anchored by a food major, two fashion majors, a number of other stores, cinemas, restaurants and a service station

Flanagan said about 30 000m² of space had been pre-let

"The civic centre developed around a town square is also included in this phase, and open parking will be provided for 2 500 cars. The centre will be open for trading by September 1995, once the road development programme is complete," he added

Rights had been granted for 100 000m² of development, but this would only be followed in further phases as a result of market demand

Rates and taxes boycott launched in Bloubostrand

STAR 6/2/92

By Shirley Woodgate

A rates and taxes boycott has been introduced in Bloubostrand where the Transvaal Provincial Administration, in agreement with Randburg Town Council, plans to settle the Zevenfontein squatters.

The Bloubostrand Action Committee has established a trust fund where payments can be temporarily lodged, said committee member Dee Mon-teith

Irresponsible

But a council spokesman said that canvassing for a services boycott was highly irresponsible and residents who withheld payments would be acting in breach of their contracts with the municipality.

In another development, CAST spokesman Mohammed Dangor warned. "Today the squatter row focuses on Bloubostrand, tomorrow it may be Constantia Kloof or Kloof in

Natal, and soon it may be the Houghton ladies waving their golf clubs over squatters in the Braamfontein Spruit

Referring to current negotiations between the TPA, Randburg and the BAC, he warned against excluding the affected Zevenfontein families, Operation Masekane for the homeless and CAST, from the decision-making process

His call follows reports that the bottom has fallen out of the housing market in Bloubostrand alongside the area earmarked for relocating the squatter families, and that financial institutions are refusing to grant new bonds until the situation has been clarified

Stressing the need to manage the process properly, Mr Dangor said it was no longer an issue of race, but class, and the Zevenfontein people had worked so long in Randburg that it was the town's duty to settle them

Stung by allegations by BAC chairman Peter Bantock that residents are being fed two sets of information by the authori-

ties, a Randburg spokesman said the TPA and the council were in full agreement over the relocation of the squatters

But Randburg had laid down strict criteria that had to be met before and after the people were moved

Randburg accepted the principle of low-cost housing in areas within its jurisdiction and suitable land has been investigated over the last two years

Part of the process was the appointment of town planning consultants whose report was expected at the end of the month

Compensated

But after the Zevenfontein issue had blown up, the TPA requested municipalities to urgently identify areas within their jurisdiction where squatters could be resettled

Acting on humanitarian grounds, Randburg indicated that although it was awaiting the consultants' report, Bloubostrand Extension 1 could be considered as a suitable site

The offer was made to the

TPA on condition that certain stringent conditions were met

These included a need for sufficient time to properly develop the area, a stipulation that the TPA had to buy the land and provide it with appropriate infrastructure, then sell it to the squatters

Randburg would have to be compensated for funds which had not been budgeted for and the TPA would have to ensure that service costs were paid by the new residents and would have to control numbers settling in the township

The spokesman stressed that Randburg and the TPA were in full partnership in the proposed resettlement of the squatters

Responding to claims that the council was totally unaware of the actual number of squatters who would be involved in the move, he said it was difficult to keep proper count

He warned this was merely the start of the resettlement of 3 million squatters throughout South Africa, and it was important that the move should be successfully introduced in Randburg

Urbanisation task group formed

STAR 6/2/92
A task group to investigate urbanisation in the area north and northwest of Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton and west of Midrand was constituted in Pretoria yesterday

Headed by Paul Waanders, the group, formed in terms of an announcement by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough last week, consists of representatives of the city councils of Randburg, Roode-

poort, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg, the central and west Witwatersrand regional services councils, the area committees of Char-twell, Muldersdrift and Rantesig, the TPA, the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, the central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless, the Greenbelt Action Group and the Local Government Affairs Council

The group's main task will be to evaluate the existing urbanisation strategy for the specified areas as well as the whole PWV region

The public has been invited to submit proposals to Mr Waanders at (012) 201-2062 or Private Bag X437, Pretoria, 0001 before February 21. The task group's fax number is (012) 21-6500 — Sapa.

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Mock funeral to mark end of local authority

THE tottering Ennerdale local authority faces yet another challenge from residents who plan a mock funeral this weekend to mark its demise.

At an emotion-charged civic meeting in the township on Wednesday night, residents resolved to march to the offices of the Ennerdale Local Development on Sunday with a coffin and hold a mock funeral.

At least 30 people were injured when police last week fired on residents and

arrested others, including PAC publicity secretary Benny Alexander during a meeting to protest against increased payments in water and electricity in the township.

After a report-back on a meeting held on Tuesday with local authority officials, residents voted for the rejection of the local authority's electricity flat rate offer of R100.

"The flat rate should be affordable even to the poorest residents and pension-

ers do not have to pay anything," a resident told the meeting amid loud cheers.

Echoing a call made earlier by Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association chairman Mr Clifford Smith for the resignation of councillors and the incorporation of Ennerdale into Johannesburg, Alexander told the meeting: "We want Ennerdale to be incorporated into Johannesburg and later we must control Johannesburg."

Sowetan Correspondent

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**BY-LAWS RELATING TO SOLID
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The Town Clerk of Orkney hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes the By-laws set forth hereinafter.

CHAPTER I

Definitions

1. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**builders refuse**” means refuse generated only by demolition, excavation or building activities on premises,

“**bulky refuse**” means refuse generated on any premises but which cannot by virtue of its mass, shape, size or quantity readily be removed by means of and without damaging the container, excluding objectionable refuse;

“**business refuse**” means refuse generated on any premises and which can readily be removed by means of and without damaging containers, including garden refuse but excluding builders refuse, bulky refuse, domestic refuse or objectionable refuse;

“**charges**” means the tariff of charges as determined from time to time by the Council by special resolution, in terms of section 80B of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939,

“**container**” means a refuse container as prescribed and approved by the Council and which may be supplied by the Council free of charge, or at a prescribed tariff or at ruling prices or at a hiring charge,

“**Council**” means the Town Council of Orkney, the Council's Management Committee acting under the powers delegated to it in terms of section 58 of the Local Government (Administrations and Elections) Ordinance, 1960, and any officer to whom that Committee has been empowered by the Council in terms of subsection (3) of the said section to delegate and has in fact delegated, the powers, functions and duties vesting in the Council in relation to these By-laws,

“**lywige afval**” afval wat op enige perseel ontstaan maar wat vanwee die massa, vorm, grootte of hoeveelheid daarvan nie met gemak en sonder beskadiging van die houer daarin verwyder kan word nie, uitgesonderd aanstootlike afval,

“**okkupant**” ’n bewoner soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 Met dien verstande dat die “bewoner” in die geval van ’n perseel wat gehou word ingevolge die Deeltitelregister wat ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet op Deeltitels, 1971, geopen is, die regspersoon is wat by die Wet omskryf word,

“**openbare plek**” ’n publieke plek soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939,

“**Raad**” die Stadsraad van Orkney, die Raad se Bestuurskomitee wat handel kragtens die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 58 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Administrasie en Verkiesings), 1960, aan hom gedelegeer is, en enige beamppte aan wie die Komitee ingevolge die bepalings van subartikel (3) van genoemde artikel op gesag van die Raad, die bevoegdhede, funksies en pligte wat ten opsigte van hierdie Verordeninge by die Raad berus, kan delegeer, en dit inderdaad gedelegeer het;

“**tuinafval**” afval wat ontstaan deur normale tuinbedrywighede soos gesnyde gras, blare, plante, blomme en ander klein en ligte afval wat met gemak en sonder beskadiging van die houer daarin verwyder kan word

HOOFSTUK II

VERWYDERING VAN AFVAL

Die Raad se diens

2. (1) Die Raad lewer ’n diens vir die afhaal en verwydering van afval teen die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad vasgestel Met dien verstande dat die lewering van ’n bepaalde diens onderworpe is aan die goedkeuring van die Raad

(2) Die eienaar of die okkupant van ’n perseel waarop afval ontstaan moet onderworpe aan die bepalings van artikel 2 (1) en 4 (1), van die Raad se diens vir die afhaal en verwydering van sodanige afval gebruik maak

(3) Die eienaar of bewoner van ’n perseel waarop die afval ontstaan is aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir enige diens wat die Raad vir die afhaal en verwydering van sodanige afval lewer

Kennisgewing aan die Raad

3. (1) Die okkupant van ’n perseel, of as daar meer as een okkupant is, die eienaar van ’n perseel, moet binne sewe dae vanaf die dag waarop afval op sodanige perseel begin ontstaan, die Raad skriftelik in kennis stel—

(a) dat die perseel geokkupeer word,

(b) dat daar of bouers- of lywige- of huis- of aanstootlike afval op die perseel ontstaan,

(c) van die beraamde hoeveelheid van sodanige afval wat ontstaan,

“**domestic refuse**” means refuse which is normally generated on the premises of private dwelling-houses which are used solely for residential purposes, and which can readily be removed by means of and without damaging the container, including garden refuse, (266)

“**garden refuse**” means refuse which is generated as a result of normal gardening activities such as grass cuttings, leaves, plants, flowers and other similar small and light matter that can readily be removed by means of and without damaging the container,

“**objectionable refuse**” means refuse which is toxic, dangerous, injurious or harmful or which may pollute the environment or which results from a manufacturing process of the pre-treatment for disposal purposes of any industrial or mining liquid waste which in terms of the Council’s Drainage By-laws may not be discharged into a drain or sewer;

“**occupier**” has the same meaning as defined in the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 Provided that “occupier” in respect of premises held on the Sectional Title Register opened in terms of section 5 of the Sectional Titles Act, 1971, means the body corporate, as defined in that Act, in relation to such premises;

“**owner**” has the same meaning defined in the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 Provided that “owner” in respect of premises on the Sectional Title Register opened in terms of section 5 of the Sectional Titles Act, 1971, means the body corporate, as defined in that Act, in relation to such premises;

“**public place**” has the same meaning as defined in the Local Government Ordinance, 1939

CHAPTER II

REMOVAL OF REFUSE

The Council’s service

2. (1) The Council renders a service for the collection and removal of refuse at the tariff or charges as determined from time to time by the Council Provided that the rendering of a particular service shall be subject to the approval of the Council

(2) The owner or the occupier of a premises on which refuse is generated shall, subject to the provisions of section 2 (1) and 4 (1) avail himself of the Council’s service for the collection and removal of such refuse

(3) The owner or the occupier of the premises on which the refuse is generated, shall be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charges in respect of any service rendered by the Council for the collection and removal of such refuse

Notice to the Council

3. (1) The occupier of premises, or if there is more than one occupant, the owner of such premises, shall within seven days after the commencement of the generation of refuse on such premises, notify the Council in writing—

(a) that the premises are being occupied,

(b) whether builders’ refuse or bulky refuse or business refuse or domestic refuse or objectionable refuse is being generated on the premises,

(c) regarding the estimated volume of such refuse being generated,

(d) van die voorgestelde wyse van verwydering en hoe dikwels dit moet geskied.

(2) Die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel waarop afval ontstaan, moet op 'n wyse soos deur die Raad bepaal, al die besonderhede wat die Raad betreffende die samestelling van die afval vereis, aan die Raad verstrek

(3) Indien die eienaar van 'n perseel of die bewoner daarvan versuim om 'n skriftelike kennisgewing, soos in subartikel (1) beoog, in te dien, word sodanige eienaar of bewoner gesamentlik of afsonderlik vanaf die datum van betaling van die water- en ligtedeposito ten opsigte van die perseel vir betaling van die gelde vir 'n afvalverwyderingsdiens aanspreeklik gehou.

(4) Die eienaar van 'n perseel bly aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir die afvalverwyderingsdiens totdat—

(a) hy tot tevredenheid van die Raad bewys lewer dat hy nie meer ooreenkomstig hierdie Verordeninge vir die betaling van sodanige gelde aanspreeklik is nie;

(b) registrasie van transport van die betrokke perseel op naam van 'n nuwe eienaar plaasvind,

(c) die afvalverwyderingsdiens behoudens die bepalinge van artikel 2 (1), skriftelik deur hom by die Raad gekanselleer is.

Verskaffing van houers

4. (1) Die Raad bepaal die soort en aantal houers wat by 'n perseel benodig word.

(2) Die eienaar van 'n perseel is verantwoordelik vir die verskaffing van die voorafbepaalde soort en aantal houers, indien deur die Raad vereis.

(3) Indien die Raad 'n houer verskaf, word sodanige houer gratis of teen heersende pryse, of 'n huurtarief, na gelang die Raad bepaal, verskaf

(4) Waar 'n houer gratis of teen 'n huurtarief deur die Raad verskaf word, bly sodanige houer die eiendom van die Raad en is die eienaar van die perseel teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die verlies van of skade aan sodanige houer

Plasing van houers

5. (1) Die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel moet op 'n plek op die perseel, soos deur die Raad goedgekeur, voorsiening maak vir genoeg ruimte om die houers daarop te berg

(2) Die plek waarvoor daar ingevolge subartikel (1) op die perseel voorsiening gemaak word, moet so gelee wees dat die houers wat daarop geberg word, nie van 'n straat of openbare plek af sigbaar is nie, tensy die Raad anders bepaal

(3) Die eienaar van 'n perseel of die bewoner daarvan moet houers met huis- of besigheidsafval daarin sonder belemmering van voetganger- of motorverkeer, behoorlik toegemaak, voor 07 00 op die dag van die verwydering, buite die perseelgrens, op die naaste straatgrens of op 'n ander plek soos deur die Raad bepaal, plaas of toesien dat dit gedoen word

(4) As die Raad dit vereis, moet die plek van afhaal so gelee wees dat daar gerieflike in- en uitgange vir die Raad se afvalverwyderingsvoertuie by so 'n plek is.

(d) regarding the proposed method and frequency of removal.

(2) The owner or occupier of premises on which refuse is generated shall, in a manner as determined by the Council, furnish the Council with all the particulars required by the Council in regard to the composition of the refuse. *(266)*

(3) Should the owner of premises or the occupier thereof fail to submit a written notification, as contemplated in subsection (1), such owner or occupier shall jointly or separately from the date of payment of the water and electricity deposit in respect of the premises, be held liable for payment of the charges for a refuse removal service

(4) The owner of the premises shall remain liable for payment of the charges for the refuse removal service until—

(a) he shall have submitted proof to the satisfaction of the Council that he is no longer in accordance with these By-laws liable for payment of such charges,

(b) registration of transfer of the premises concerned in the name of a new owner takes place,

(c) the refuse removal service shall, subject to the provisions of section 2 (1) have been cancelled by him in writing with the Council.

Provision of containers

4. (1) The Council shall determine the type and number of containers required on a premises

(2) The owner of a premises shall be responsible for the supply of the pre-determined number and type of containers, if required by the Council.

(3) If a container is supplied by the Council, such container shall be supplied free of charge or at ruling prices or at a hiring tariff, as the Council may determine.

(4) Where a container is supplied free of charge or at a hiring tariff by the Council, such container shall remain the property of the Council and the owner of the premises shall be liable to the Council for the loss of or damage to such container.

Placing of containers

5. (1) The owner or occupier of premises shall provide sufficient space for the storage of the containers on a place on the premises as approved by the Council

(2) The space provided in terms of subsection (1) shall be in such a position on the premises as will allow the storage of containers without their being visible from a street or public place, unless otherwise determined by the Council

(3) Containers containing domestic or business refuse shall, without hindrance to pedestrian or motor traffic, properly closed, be placed by the owner of the premises or the occupier thereof before 07:00 on the day of removal, outside the boundary of the premises, on the nearest street boundary or in some other place as determined by the Council or shall be caused by the owner of the premises or the occupier thereof to be so placed

(4) If required by the Council, the place of collection shall be so located as to permit convenient access to and egress from such place for the Council's refuse collection vehicles

(5) 'n Groot genoeg ruimte moet voorsien word dat 'n spesiale houer vir die opberg van afval soos beskryf in artikel 6 (1) (a) (i) daar gehou kan word, benewens die ruimte benodig vir die opberging van afval wat nie in 'n spesiale houer geberg kan word nie.

(6) Die Raad kan ook na goeddunke 'n plek aanwys vanwaar afval met meer gerief verwyder kan word.

(7) Ondanks enige andersluidende bepaling kan die Raad—

(a) in die geval van geboue wat opgang is, of geboue waarvan bouplanne goedgekeur is voordat hierdie verordeninge van krag geword het; en

(b) as die Raad na sy mening nie afval van die plek af, waarvoor daar ingevolge subartikel (1) voorsiening gemaak is, kan afhaal en verwyder nie, ten einde 'n oorlas te voorkom of die afhaal van afval te vergemaklik, 'n plek op of buitekant die perseel aanwys waar die houer(s) vir die versameling en verwydering van sodanige afval geplaas moet word en die houer(s) moet op daardie plek geplaas word op die tye en vir die tydperke wat die Raad voorskryf

Gebruik en versorging van houters

6. (1) Die okkupant van die perseel of in die geval van persele waar daar meer as een okkupant is, moet die eienaar van so 'n perseel sorg dat—

(a) alle huis- of besigheidsafval wat op die perseel ontstaan, in houters geplaas en gehou word, sodat die Raad dit kan verwyder: Met dien verstande dat die bepalings van hierdie subartikel nie verhoed dat 'n okkupant of eienaar, na gelang van die geval—

(i) wat vooraf die Raad se skriftelike vergunning verkry het, vir die verkoop of op enige wyse weg te doen met draf, riefelkarton, papier, glas of ander afvalmateriaal, verkoop of vervreem sodat dit herwin kan word of in die geval van draf, vir verbruikersdoeleindes gebruik kan word,

(ii) van die huisafval wat vir komposdoeleindes geskik is, gebruik maak nie, mits die afval op die perseel bly en geen oorlas tot gevolg het nie;

(b) geen warm as, glasskerwe of ander besigheids- of huisafval wat die houters kan beskadig of die Raad se werknemers kan beseer terwyl hulle hul pligte ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge nakom in die houters geplaas word voordat hy die nodige voorsorg getref het om sodanige skade of beserings te voorkom nie,

(c) geen materiaal, insluitende vloeistof, wat weens die massa of ander eienskappe daarvan, dit waarskynlik vir die Raad se werknemers te moeilik kan maak om die houer te hanteer in sodanige houer geplaas word nie,

(d) elke houer op die perseel wat met 'n deksel voorsien is, toe is, behalwe wanneer afval daarin geplaas of daaruit verwyder word en dat elke houer skoon en higienies gehou word.

(2) Geen houer mag vir 'n ander doel waarvoor dit voorsien is, gebruik word nie en geen vuur mag daarin gemaak word nie

(3) Die Raad verwyder houters met afval slegs indien dit op die voorgeskrewe plekke, soos in artikel 5 bepaal, geplaas is met sodanige tussenposes as wat hy nodig ag

(4) Die Raad aanvaar geen aanspreeklikheid vir die verlies of skade aan 'n houer nie

(5) A sufficient area shall be provided to keep a special container for the storage of refuse as described in section 6 (1) (a) (i), apart from the space necessary for the storage of refuse not kept in a special container

(6) The Council may at its discretion indicate a position from where the refuse may be removed more conveniently

(7) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Council may—

(a) in the case of buildings erected, or buildings of which the building plans have been approved prior to the coming into operation of these By-laws; and

(b) in the event of the Council, in its opinion, being unable to collect and remove refuse from the space provided in terms of subsection (1), having regard to the avoidance of nuisance or the convenience of collection of refuse, indicate a place within or outside the premises where the container(s) shall then be placed in such position at such times and for such periods as the Council may prescribe.

Use and care of containers

6. (1) Every occupier of the premises or in the case of premises being occupied by more than one occupant, the owner of such premises, shall ensure that—

(a) all the domestic or business refuse generated on the premises is placed and kept in containers for removal by the Council. Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not prevent any occupier or owner, as the case may be—

(i) who has obtained the Council's prior written consent, from selling or otherwise disposing of any swill, corrugated cardboards, paper, glass or other waste material for recycling or, in the case of swill, for re-consumption,

(ii) from utilising such domestic refuse as may be suitable for making compost, provided that the refuse remains on the premises and does not cause a nuisance,

(b) no hot ash, glass fragments or other business or domestic refuse which may cause damage to the containers or injury to the Council's employees while carrying out their duties in terms of these By-laws, is placed in containers before he has taken the necessary precautions to avoid such damage or injury,

(c) no material, including any liquid which, by reason of its mass or other characteristics is likely to render such container too difficult for the Council's employees to handle is placed in such container,

(d) every container on the premises which is provided with a lid, is covered except when refuse is being deposited therein or discharged therefrom and that every container is kept in a clear and hygienic condition.

(2) No container may be used for a purpose other than that for which it is supplied and no fire shall be lit therein

(3) The containers containing refuse shall be removed by the Council only if such containers have been placed at the prescribed places as provided for in section 5, and at such intervals as the Council may deem necessary.

(4) The Council shall not be liable for the loss of or for any damage to a container

HOOFSTUK III**TUINAFVAL EN LYWIGE AFVAL*****Verwydering en wegdoen van tuinafval en lywige afval***

7. (1) Die okkupant of as daar meer as een okkupant is, die eienaar van 'n perseel waarop tuinafval of lywige afval ontstaan moet toesien dat sodanige afval, binne 'n redelike tydperk nadat dit ontstaan het, mee weggedoen word. Met dien verstande dat tuinafval op die perseel vir die maak van kompos gehou kan word indien dit nie 'n oorlas sal veroorsaak nie

(2) Behoudens die bepalings van artikel 2 (2) kan enigiemand tuinafval of lywige afval verwyder en daarmee wegdoen

HOOFSTUK IV**BOUERSAFVAL*****Aanspreeklikheid vir bouersafval***

8. (1) Die eienaar van die perseel waarop bouersafval ontstaan, moet sorg dat die afval binne 'n redelike tydperk nadat dit ontstaan het, ingevolge die bepalings van artikel 10 mee weggedoen word.

(2) Behoudens die bepalings van artikel 2 (2), kan enigiemand 'n diens vir die verwydering van bouersafval lewer

Wegdoening van bouersafval

9. (1) Alle bouersafval moet, onderworpe aan die bepalings van subartikel (2) op die terrein wat deur die Raad aangewys is, gestort word.

(2) Bouersafval kan vir grondherwinningsdoeleindes met skriftelike toestemming van die Raad op 'n ander plek as die Raad se afvalstortterreine gestort word

(3) Die toestemming wat ingevolge subartikel (2) verleen word, is onderworpe aan die voorwaardes wat die Raad nodig mag ag: Met dien verstande dat wanneer die Raad toestemming verleen of dit weier of voorwaardes stel, die volgende in ag geneem moet word

- (a) Openbare veiligheid.
- (b) Die omgewing van die beoogde stortterrein.
- (c) Die geskiktheid van die gebied met inbegrip van die dreinerings daarvan
- (d) Die verwagte tye en wyse waarop afval op die terrein gestort word
- (e) Die gelykmaking van die terrein.
- (f) Stofbeheer
- (g) Ander relevante faktore

HOOFSTUK V**AANSTOOTLIKE AFVAL*****Kennisgewing van die ontstaan van aanstootlike afval***

10. (1) Die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel waarop aanstootlike afval ontstaan, moet die Raad verwittig waaruit dit bestaan, hoeveel daarvan ontstaan, hoe dit opgeberg word en hoe en wanneer dit verwyder sal word

(2) Die kennisgewing waarna daar in subartikel (1) verwys word, moet as die Raad dit vereis, gestaaf word deur 'n ontleding wat deur 'n behoorlik gekwalifiseerde bedryfsielkundige of 'n persoon deur die Raad aangewys, gewaarmerk word

CHAPTER III**GARDEN AND BULKY REFUSE*****Removal and disposal of garden and bulky refuse***

7. (1) The occupier or in the case of premises occupied by more than one occupant, the owner of premises, on which garden or bulky refuse is generated, shall ensure that such refuse be disposed of within a reasonable time after the generation thereof. Provided that garden refuse may be retained on the premises for the making of compost if it will not cause a nuisance

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 2 (2), any person may remove and dispose of garden or bulky refuse

CHAPTER IV**BUILDER'S REFUSE*****Responsibility for builders refuse***

8. (1) The owner of premises on which builders refuse is generated shall ensure that such refuse be disposed of in terms of section 10 within a reasonable time after the generation thereof

(2) Subject to the provisions of section 2 (2) any person may operate a builders refuse removal service

Disposal of builders refuse

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), all builders refuse shall be deposited at the sites as pointed out by the Council

(2) For the purpose of reclamation of land, builders refuse may with the written consent of the Council be deposited at a place other than the Council's refuse disposal sites

(3) Any consent given in terms of subsection (2) shall be subject to such conditions as the Council may deem necessary: Provided that in giving or refusing its consent or in laying down conditions, the Council shall have regard to the following.

- (a) Public safety
- (b) The environment of the proposed disposal site
- (c) The suitability of the area including the drainage thereof.
- (d) The expected manner and time of depositing of refuse at the site.
- (e) The levelling of the site
- (f) Dust control
- (g) Other relevant factors

CHAPTER V**OBJECTIONAL REFUSE*****Notification of generation of objectionable refuse***

10. (1) The owner or occupier of premises on which objectionable refuse is generated, shall inform the Council of the composition thereof, the quantity generated, how it is stored and how and when it will be removed.

(2) If so required by the Council, the notification referred to in subsection (1) shall be substantiated by an analyses certified by a duly qualified industrial chemist or a person nominated by the Council

(3) Die Raad of iemand wat deur die Raad behoorlik daartoe gemagtig is, kan onderworpe aan die bepalinge van artikel 72 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, 'n perseel te enige redelike tyd betree ten einde vas te stel of aanstootlike afval op so 'n perseel ontstaan, om monsters te neem en om afval wat op die perseel gevind word te toets om vas te stel waaruit dit bestaan

(4) Die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel waarop aanstootlike afval ontstaan moet die Raad verwittig van enige verandering in die samestelling en die hoeveelheid afval wat daarna mag ontstaan.

Opberging van aanstootlike afval

11. (1) Die persoon waarna daar in artikel 10 (1) verwys word, moet sorg dat die aanstootlike afval wat op die perseel ontstaan, ingevolge subartikel (2) op die perseel gehou en opgeberg word totdat dit ingevolge artikel 12 van die perseel af verwyder word.

(2) Aanstootlike afval wat op 'n perseel opgeberg word, moet op so 'n wyse opgeberg word dat dit nie 'n oorlas veroorsaak of die omgewing besoedel nie.

(3) Indien aanstootlike afval nie ingevolge subartikel (2) op die perseel waarop dit ontstaan opgeberg word nie, kan die Raad die eienaar of okkupant van die perseel gelas om sodanige afval binne 'n redelike tydperk te verwyder en indien die afval nie binne die tydperk verwyder is nie, kan die Raad dit self of deur middel van 'n kontrakteur op koste van die eienaar of okkupant verwyder

Verwydering van aanstootlike afval

12. (1) Niemand mag, sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad of op 'n wyse anders as deur die Raad bepaal, aanstootlike afval van die perseel waarop dit ontstaan het, verwyder of wegdoen nie

(2) Die Raad kan ingevolge subartikel (1) toestemming verleen onderworpe aan voorwaardes wat hy nodig mag ag. Met dien verstande dat wanneer die Raad voorwaardes stel, die volgende in ag geneem moet word

(a) Die samestelling van die aanstootlike afval.

(b) Die geskiktheid van die voertuig en die houer wat gebruik sal word

(c) Die plek waar die afval gestort gaan word.

(d) Bewys aan die Raad van sodanige storting.

(3) Tensy die Raad daarvan oortuig is dat die persoon wat om toestemming aansoek doen, bevoeg is om die aanstootlike afval te verwyder, oor die uitrusting wat vir die verwydering van die aanstootlike afval nodig is, beskik, en aan die voorwaardes van die Raad kan voldoen, verleen die Raad nie toestemming ingevolge subartikel (1) nie

(4) Die persoon waarna in artikel 10 (1) verwys word, moet die Raad so dikwels as wat die Raad mag bepaal, met inagneming van die inligting wat ingevolge artikel 10 (1) aan die Raad verstrek moet word, inlig in verband met die verwydering van aanstootlike afval, die identiteit van die verwyderaar, die verwyderingsdatum, die hoeveelheid en die samestelling van die aanstootlike afval wat verwyder word.

(5) Enige persoon wat die bepalinge van hierdie artikel oortree is skuldig aan 'n misdryf in terme van artikel 24

(3) Subject to the provisions of section 72 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, the Council or any person duly authorized by the Council may enter premises at any reasonable time to ascertain whether objectionable refuse is generated on such premises and may take samples and test any refuse found on the premises to ascertain its composition.

(4) The owner or occupier of premises on which objectionable refuse is generated, shall notify the Council of any changes in the composition and quantity of the objectionable refuse occurring thereafter

Storing of objectionable refuse

11. (1) The person referred to in section 10 (1) shall ensure that the objectionable refuse generated on the premises shall be kept and stored thereon in terms of subsection (2) until it is removed from the premises in terms of section 12

(2) Objectionable refuse stored on premises shall be stored in such manner that it does not cause a nuisance or pollute the environment

(3) If objectionable refuse is not stored in terms of subsection (2) on the premises on which it is generated, the Council may order the owner or occupier of the premises to remove such refuse within a reasonable time and, if thereafter the refuse is not removed within such time, the Council may by itself or through a contractor remove it at the expense of the owner or occupier

Removal of objectionable refuse

12. (1) No person shall remove or dispose of objectionable refuse from the premises on which it was generated without or otherwise than in terms of the written consent of the Council

(2) The council may give its consent in terms of subsection (1) subject to such conditions as it may deem fit. Provided that in laying down conditions the council shall have regard to the following

(a) The composition of the objectionable refuse

(b) The suitability of the vehicle and container to be used

(c) The place where the refuse shall be deposited

(d) Proof to the Council of such depositing.

(3) Unless it is satisfied that the person applying for consent is competent and has the equipment to remove the objectionable refuse and to comply with the conditions laid down by the Council, the Council shall not give its consent in terms of subsection (1).

(4) The person referred to in section 10 (1) shall inform the Council, at such intervals as the Council may determine, having regard to the information to be given to the Council in terms of section 10 (1) of the removal of objectionable refuse, the identity of the remover, the date of such removal, the quantity and the composition of the objectionable refuse removed

(5) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section is guilty of an offence in terms of section 24

HOOFSTUK VI STORTTERREINE

Prosedure by stortterreine

13. (1) Iemand wat 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, met die doel om afval te stort, betree, moet—

(a) die stortterrein slegs by die gemagtigde ingangplek binnegaan,

(b) al die besonderhede wat die Raad betreffende die samestelling van die afval vereis, verstrek,

(c) alle opdragte van die Raad in verband met toegang tot die werklike stortplek, die plek waar en die manier waarop die afval gestort moet word, nakom.

(2) Niemand mag bedwelmende drank na 'n stortterrein wat onder toesig van die Raad staan, bring nie

(3) Niemand mag 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, binnegaan nie, behalwe met die doel om afval ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge te stort en dan slegs op die tye wat die Raad van tyd tot tyd bepaal.

(4) Niemand wat aanstootlike afval, besigheidsafval, bouersafval, huisafval, lywige afval of tuinafval vir enige gewin vervoer of vir gewin 'n diens vir die verwydering van sodanige afval lewer mag sodanige afval op 'n stortterrein wat deur die Raad beheer word, stort sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad nie.

(5) Niemand mag enige afval, anders as afval soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad bepaal, op 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, stort nie.

Eiendomsreg op afval

14. (1) Alle afval en plastiese voerings wat die Raad verwyder en alle afval op afvalstortterreine waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, is die eiendom van die Raad en niemand wat nie behoorlik deur die Raad daartoe gemagtig is nie, mag dit verwyder of hom daarmee bemoei nie

(2) Slegs afval afkomstig van persele wat binne die regsgebied van die Raad gelee is, mag op die Raad se stortterreine gestort word

HOOFSTUK VII

ROMMELSTROOIERY, STORTING EN VERWANTE AANGELEENTHEDE

Rommelstrooiery

15. (1) Niemand mag—

(a) afval in of op 'n openbare plek, lee standplaas, lee erf, stroom of waterloop gooi, laat val, stort of mors nie;

(b) afval in 'n straatvoor op 'n openbare plek innee nie,

(c) iemand oor wie hy beheer uitoefen, toelaat om enigiets waarna daar in paragrafe (a) en (b) verwys word, te doen nie

(2) Vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel word dit geag dat iemand die dade waarna daar in subartikel (1) verwys word, deur diegene waaroor hy beheer uitoefen, toegelaat het, tensy die teendeel bewys word.

Storting

16. (1) Behoudens enige andersluidende bepalings van hierdie Verordeninge mag niemand enigiets op 'n plek laat, of toelaat dat enigiets waaroor hy beheer voer, gelaat word op 'n plek waarheen dit gebring is met die doel om dit daar te laat nie

CHAPTER VI DISPOSAL SITES

Procedure at disposal sites

13. (1) Any person who, for the purpose of disposing of refuse, enters a refuse disposal site controlled by the Council, shall—

(a) enter the disposal site at an authorised access point only;

(b) give the Council all the particulars required in regard to the refuse;

(c) follow all instructions given to him by the Council with regard to access to the actual disposal point, the place where and the manner in which the refuse should be deposited

(2) No person shall bring any intoxicating liquor onto a disposal site controlled by the Council

(3) No person shall enter a disposal site controlled by the Council for any purpose other than the depositing of refuse in terms of these By-laws and then only at such times as the Council may determine from time to time.

(4) No person transporting for gain or rendering a service for the removal of builders refuse, bulky refuse, business refuse, domestic refuse, garden refuse or objectionable refuse or gain shall dispose of such refuse on any refuse disposal site controlled by the Council without the written permission of the Council.

(5) No person shall dispose of any refuse other than refuse as required by the Council from time to time on a refuse disposal site controlled by the Council

Ownership of refuse

14. (1) All refuse and containers removed by the Council and all refuse on disposal sites controlled by the Council shall be the property of the Council and no person who is not duly authorized by the Council to do so, shall remove or interfere therewith.

(2) Only refuse generated on premises situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Council, may be deposited on the Council's disposal sites.

CHAPTER VII

LITTERING, DUMPING AND ANCILLARY MATTERS

Littering

15. (1) No person shall—

(a) throw, let fall, deposit or spill any refuse into or onto any public place, vacant stand, vacant erf, street or watercourse;

(b) sweep any refuse into a gutter on a public place,

(c) allow any person under his control to do any of the acts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b),

(2) for the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to have allowed the acts referred to in subsection (1) of persons under his control, unless the contrary is proved.

Dumping

16. (1) Subject to any provisions to the contrary contained in these By-laws, no person shall abandon anything or allow anything under his control to be abandoned at a place to which it has been brought with the intention of abandoning it there.

(2) As daar bewys is dat so iemand iets gelaat het, of toegelaat het dat dit gelaat word op 'n plek waarvan hy nie die eienaar of okkupant is nie, word dit geag dat hy die bepalings van subartikel (1) oortree het, tensy en totdat die teendeel bewys is

Goed wat laat vaar is

17. Enigiets, behalwe 'n voertuig wat ingevolge artikel 131 van die Ordonnansie op Padverkeer, 1966, as laat vaar beskou word, wat met inagneming van faktore soos die plek waar dit gevind is, die tydperk wat dit op so 'n plek gelaat is en die aard en toestand daarvan, redelikerwys deur die Raad as laat vaar beskou word, kan na goeddunke van die Raad verwyder en weggedoen word.

Aanspreeklikheid van verantwoordelike persoon

18. (1) As die Raad enigiets ingevolge artikel 17 verwyder en weggedoen het, is die verantwoordelike persoon teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van gelde ten opsigte van sodanige verwydering en wegdoening

(2) Vir die toepassing van subartikel (1) is die verantwoordelike persoon—

(a) die eienaar van die goed en dit sluit iemand in wat daarop geregtig is om dit kragtens 'n huurkoopvooreen-koms of 'n huurkontrak in sy besit te hê toe dit laat vaar is of op die plek geplaas is waarvandaan dit verwyder is, tensy hy kan bewys dat hy nie geweet het dat dit laat vaar of daar geplaas is nie,

(b) iemand wat dit op die plek waarvan dit verwyder is, gelaat het; of

(c) iemand wat wetend toegelaat het dat dit op die plek waarvan dit verwyder is, gelaat is

HOOFSTUK VIII

ALGEMENE BEPALINGS

Toegang tot 'n perseel

19. (1) Waar die Raad 'n afvalverwyderingsdiens lewer, moet die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel aan die Raad toegang verleen en sorg dat niks die Raad in die lewering van sodanige diens dwarsboom, fruik of hinder nie

(2) Waar na die mening van die Raad, die lewering van 'n afvalverwyderingsdiens aan 'n perseel skade aan enige eiendom of besering aan enige persoon kan veroorsaak, kan die Raad as 'n voorwaarde vir die lewering van sodanige diens, vereis dat die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel die Raad skriftelik vrywaar ten opsigte van sodanige skade of besering of enige eis wat daaruit mag voortspruit.

Hoe dikwels verwydering geskied en aard van afval

20. Ondanks enige andersluidende bepaling, bepaal die Raad hoe dikwels verwydering moet geskied en wat die aard van enige afval is

Ophoping van afval

21. Waar enige afval op 'n perseel ophoop, sodat dit, na die mening van die Raad, verwyder moet word, kan die Raad sodanige afval verwyder en is die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir sodanige verwydering en wegdoening

(2) Once it has been proved that such person left a thing or allowed a thing to be left at a place of which he is not the owner or occupier, he shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of subsection (1), unless and until the contrary is proved ⁽²⁶⁶⁾

Abandoned things

17. Anything other than a vehicle deemed to have been abandoned in terms of section 131 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1966, which is, having regard to such factors as the place where it is found, the period it has been left at such place and nature and condition thereof, reasonably regarded by the Council as having been abandoned, may be removed and disposed of by the Council as it may deem fit

Liability of responsible person

18. (1) Where anything has been removed and disposed of by the Council in terms of section 17, the responsible person shall be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge in respect of such removal and disposal

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the responsible person shall be—

(a) the owner of the thing and shall include any person who is entitled to be in possession thereof by virtue of a hire purchase agreement or an agreement of lease at the time when it was abandoned or left in the place from which it was removed unless he can prove that he was not concerned in and did not know of it being abandoned or left in such place,

(b) any person by whom it was left in place from which it was removed, or

(c) any person who knowingly permitted that the thing be left in the place from which it was removed

CHAPTER VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Access to premises

19. (1) Where the Council provides a refuse removal service, the owner or occupier of premises shall grant the Council access to the premises and shall ensure that nothing obstructs, frustrates or hinders the Council in the rendering of such service

(2) Where in the opinion of the Council the rendering of a refuse collection service to a premises may cause damage to any property or injury to any person, the Council, may as a condition of rendering such service require the owner or occupier of such premises to indemnify the Council in writing in respect of any such damage or injury or any claim which may arise in respect thereof

Frequency of removal and nature of refuse

20. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary the Council shall determine the frequency of the removal and the nature of any refuse

Accumulation of refuse

21. Where any refuse accumulates on any premises so that, in the opinion of the Council, it must be removed, the Council may remove such refuse and the owner or occupier of such premises shall be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge for such removal and disposal

Aansoek om die staking van 'n diens

22. (1) 'n Aansoek om die staking van 'n diens wat ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge gelewer word, moet deur die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel of hul gevolmagtigde skriftelik of op enige ander wyse soos deur die Raad bepaal, gedoen word

(2) Ondanks die bepalings van subartikel (1) word 'n diens ten opsigte van die verwydering van huis- of besigheidsafval nie gestaak nie, alvorens 'n skriftelike kennisgewing van die eienaar van 'n perseel deur die Raad ontvang is dat sodanige afval nie meer op die perseel ontstaan nie, of indien dit vir die Raad blyk dat sodanige afval nie meer op die perseel ontstaan nie

Gelde

23. (1) Die persoon aan wie die Raad 'n diens ingevolge hierdie verordeninge gelewer het, is behoudens andersluidende bepalings van hierdie Verordeninge, teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir sodanige diens

(2) Die maandelikse gelde is betaalbaar totdat die Raad die kennisgewing wat in artikel 22 genoem word, ontvang of dit vir die Raad duidelik blyk dat daar nie meer huis- of besigheidsafval op die perseel ontstaan nie

(3) Vir die doeleindes van die berekening van die maandelikse gelde betaalbaar ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge, beteken "maand" 'n kalendermaand. Met dien verstande dat 'n gedeelte van 'n maand as 'n volle maand beskou word

(4) Die Raad het te eniger tyd die reg om gelde ten opsigte van 'n diens wat ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge aan enige perseel gelewer word, te hef, alhoewel daar geen aansoek vir die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel vir die lewering van die diens, deur die Raad ontvang is nie

(5) Iemand wat die gelde wat gehef is ten opsigte van dienste deur die Raad gelewer, later as die datum soos op die Raad se amptelike rekening aangedui, betaal, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf

Strafbepaling

24. (1) Enige persoon wat enige bepaling van hierdie Verordeninge oortree of versuim om daaraan te voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R300 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens ses maande of met beide sodanige boete en sodanige gevangenisstraf

(2) Enige persoon wat voortgaan om 'n bepaling van hierdie Verordeninge te oortree of te versuim om daaraan te voldoen, begaan ten aansien van elke tydperk van 24 uur of gedeelte daarvan, wat die oortreding voortduur, 'n afsonderlike misdryf, strafbaar soos omskryf in subartikel (1) ten opsigte van elke sodanige oortreding

Herroeping van Verordeninge

25. Die Verordeninge betreffende Vaste Afval en Saniteit van die Munisipaliteit van Orkney, afgekondig by Administrateurskennisgewing No. 1407 van 20 September 1978, soos gewysig, word hierby herroep

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Application for the discontinuing of a service

22. (1) An application for the discontinuing of a service rendered in terms of these By-laws shall be made in writing or in any other manner as determined by the Council, by the owner or occupier or their authorized agent.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a service for the removal of domestic or business refuse shall not be discontinued unless the Council has received a written notification from the owner of a premises that no such refuse is generated on the premises or unless it is obvious to the Council that no such refuse is generated on the premises

Charges

23. (1) The person to whom a service mentioned in these By-laws has been rendered by the Council shall, save where otherwise provided in these By-laws be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge in respect of such service

(2) The monthly tariff charges shall be payable until receipt by the Council of the notice mentioned in section 22 or when it has become obvious to the Council that the generation of domestic or business refuse on the premises has ceased

(3) For the purpose of calculating the monthly tariff charges payable in terms of these By-laws, "month" means a calendar month. Provided that a portion of a month shall be regarded as a full month.

(4) The Council shall have the right at any time to levy tariff charges in respect of a service rendered to any premises in terms of these By-laws, although the Council has not received an application to render such service from the owner or occupier of such premises

(5) Any person who pays the charges levied in respect of services rendered by the Council later than the date reflected on the Council's official account, shall be guilty of an offence

Penalty clause

24. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these By-laws shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding R300 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment

(2) Any person continuing to contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these By-laws, shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offence for every 24 hours or part of such period during which the offence continues and shall be liable as set out in subsection (1) in respect of each such separate offence

Repeal of By-laws

25. The By-laws relating to Solid Waste and Sanitary of the Orkney Municipality, promulgated under Administrator's Notice No 1407 dated 20 September 1978, as amended, are hereby repealed

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DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE

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MUNISIPALITEIT VAN KOSMOS

REGULASIES BETREFFENDE SLUMS

Die Stadsklerk van Kosmos publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), die Regulasies hierna uiteengesit

Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie Regulasies, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, het 'n woord of uitdrukking waaraan 'n betekenis in die Slumswet, No. 76 van 1979, geheg is, daardie betekenis en beteken—

“**bewoner**” in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon,
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon, of
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**gesin**” 'n volwasse man of vrou wat alleen of saam as man en vrou woon, saam met of sonder enige afhanklike kinders of saam met die ouers van enige van hulle,

“**Nasionale Bouregulasies**” die regulasies afgekondig in die *Staatskoerant* 9613 gedateer 1 Maart 1985, soos gewysig,

“**Raad**” die Dorpsraad van Kosmos,

“**verblyfsonderneming**” 'n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting met een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word

Verhuuring en bewoning van perseel

2. Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestande voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

(1) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 11,3 m³ vryelugruimte en 3,7 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 5,7 m³ vryelugruimte en 1,9 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon jonger as 10 jaar toelaat nie, en

(2) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trapportaal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motorhuis, stal, tent, pak-kamer, afdak, skuur, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte en ooreenkomstig regulasie A25 (1) van die Nasionale Bouregulasies goedgekeur is

3. Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

(1) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaap-akkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teenoorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS

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MUNICIPALITY OF KOSMOS

REGULATIONS RELATING TO SLUMS

The Town Clerk of Kosmos hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes the Regulations set forth hereinafter

Definitions

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned by the Slums Act, No 76 of 1979, shall have that meaning and—

“**accommodation establishment**” means, premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons;

“**Council**” means, the Village Council of Kosmos,

“**family**” means, an adult male or female living either alone or together as man and wife, with or without any dependant children or the parents of either of them;

“**National Building Regulations**” means the regulations promulgated in the *Government Gazette* 9613 dated 1 March 1985, as amended,

“**occupier**” in relation to any premises means—

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises, or;
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises; or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown

Letting and occupation of premises

2. No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

(1) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons than will allow 11,3 m³ of free air space and 3,7 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 5,7 m³ of free air space and 1,9 m² of floor space for each person less than 10 years of age, and

(2) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, storeroom, shed, cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its use for that purpose has been approved by the Medical Officer of Health and in accordance with regulation A25 (1) of the National Building Regulations

3. No person shall let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

(1) No premises or part thereof shall be occupied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of the opposite

jaar, met uitsondering van persone wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertrekke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteenmure of afskortings geskei word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte stewig en toereikend is nie

(2) Alle persele moet voorsien word van akkommodasie vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertrekke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike akkommodasie ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte dit vereis

Ablusiegeriewe

4. (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stortbaddens, elk geskik gelee in 'n afsonderlike kompartement wat geredelik toeganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies, in sodanige getalle wat ingevolge regulasie P2 (1) (a) van die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word. Met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies

(2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike en voldoende voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar is vir die bewoners daarvan

Basiese lewensvereistes

5. Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

(1) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van ligte en ventilasie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies,

(2) versuim om toe te laat dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang inbreuk maak nie, soos vereis deur hierdie Regulasies of die Nasionale Bouregulasies,

(3) versuim om toe te sien dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie. Met dien verstande egter dat vir die toepassing van hierdie regulasies—

(a) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of

(b) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon as een persoon beskou word,

(4) versuim om toe te sien dat in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg in stand gehou word nie, soos wat ingevolge regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word

sex over 10 years of age other than person living together as husband and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, separated from one another by brick walls or partitions, the construction of which are substantial and adequate in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health (266)

(2) All premises shall be provided with accommodation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately. Provided that separate accommodation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Medical Officer of Health

Ablution facilities

4. (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower baths, each suitable placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with waste pipes in accordance with the National Building Regulations, in such numbers as are required by regulation P2 (1) (a) of the National Building Regulations. Provided that a bath fitted with a waste pipe in accordance with the National Building Regulations, may be substituted for each shower

(2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof

Basic living requirements

5. No owner of any premises shall—

(1) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided separately with any other room, with light and ventilation in accordance with the National Building Regulations,

(2) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, build-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these Regulations or the National Building Regulations,

(3) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food. Provided however, that for the purposes of these regulations—

(a) two children of 10 years or under, or

(b) two persons living together as man and wife, shall be deemed to be one person,

(4) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained as is required by regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations

6. (1) Wanneer die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte ook al van mening is dat enige grond of perseel of gedeelte daarvan ongesond, onhigienies of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is, of nie in 'n skoon toestand is of nie goed in stand gehou word nie of dat dit waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees, mag die mediese gesondheidsbeampte 'n kennisgewing op die eienaar of bewoner van sodanige grond of perseel beteken waarin daar van hom vereis word om binne 'n tydperk wat in sodanige kennisgewing gespesifiseer word—

(a) die gebruik van sodanige grond of perseel vir menslike bewoning te staak, en/of

(b) sodanige stappe te doen as wat die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte in die kennisgewing spesifiseer.

(2) Enige persoon wat versuim om aan die bepalings van 'n kennisgewing ingevolge subregulasie (1) (a) te voldoen, begaan 'n misdryf

(3) Wanneer die eienaar of bewoner tot voldoening van die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte die stappe gedoen het wat in subregulasie (1) (b) gespesifiseer word, moet die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte 'n sertifikaat uitreik waarby sodanige kennisgewing herroep en die gebruik van sodanige grond of perseel toegelaat word

Verblyfondernemings

7. (1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming oor afsonderlike ablu-siegeriewe vir elke geslag beskik en moet toegerus wees met—

(a) een bad of stort; en

(b) een handwasbak,

ooreenkomstig regulasie P2 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies: Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word

(2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor dit bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees.

Algemene vereistes

8. Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

(1) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlike werkende toestand hou,

(2) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou,

(3) doeltreffende maatreels tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiers, vlieë of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou,

(4) toesien dat elke muur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanige geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word

9. (1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

(a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektrisiteitstoevoer vir verligting en krag het, en

6. (1) Whenever the Medical Officer of Health is of the opinion that any land or premises or part thereof is unhealthy, unhygienic, unfit for human habitation not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the person occupying it, the Medical Officer of Health may serve a notice on the owner or occupier of such land or premises requiring him to—

(a) cease to use such land or premises for human habitation; and/or ~~266~~ (266)

(b) take such measures as the Medical Officer of Health may specify in the notice within a time specified in such notice

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the terms of a notice in terms of subregulation (1) (a) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) When the owner or occupier has taken the measures specified in subregulation (1) (b) to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, the Medical Officer of Health shall issue a certificate rescinding such notice and permitting the use of such land or premises.

Accommodation establishment

7. (1) The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—

(a) one bath or shower, and

(b) one wash hand basin,

in accordance with regulation P2 of the National Building Regulations. Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex

(2) Every bathroom, shower compartment and water closet shall be clearly designated for the sex for which it is intended: Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments, or water closets have been installed on the premises the entrance to each series shall bear such designation

General requirements

8. The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

(1) keep all sanitary fittings, boilers, lighting and fire extinguish equipment at all times in proper working order;

(2) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter,

(3) take adequate measures to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin,

(4) ensure that every wall, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the painted area remains clean and in a good state of repair.

9. (1) Where an electrical connection is available to a premises, then no person may occupy such premises unless—

(a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity of lighting and power; and

(b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word.

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

(a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan; en

(b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker, ooreenkomstig regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

Strawwe

10. (1) Enige persoon wat enige bepalings van hierdie Regulasies oortree of versuim om daaraan te voldoen of wat in verstek is wat die voldoening daaraan betref is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R200.

(2) Indien 'n persoon skuldig is aan 'n misdryf ingevolge subregulasie (1) maak enige voortsetting van die oortreding na sodanige skuldigbevinding 'n nuwe misdryf uit.

Bestek van Regulasies

11. Die bepalings van hierdie Regulasies is van toepassing in die hele sone van die munisipale gebied van Kosmos

A. S. DU PREEZ,

Stadsklerk

Posbus 1
KOSMOS
0261

(b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting. (127) (266)

(2) Where a lift has been installed on the premises, the owner shall ensure—

(a) its continuous safe functioning, and

(b) its availability to occupiers of the premises, in accordance with regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations.

Penalties

10. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these Regulations or who is in default complying therewith shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding R200.

(2) Whenever any person has been convicted of an offence under subregulation (1), any continuation of the contravention after such conviction shall constitute a new offence.

Scope of Regulations

11. The provisions of these Regulations are applicable in the whole of the zone comprising the municipal area of Kosmos.

A. S. DU PREEZ,

Town Clerk.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN FINANSIES

No. R. 372

7 Februarie 1992

DOEANE- EN AKSYNSWET, 1964

WYSIGING VAN BYLAE No. 1 (No. 1/1/437)

Kragtens artikel 48 van die Doeane- en Aksynswet, 1964, word Deel 1 van Bylae No. 1 by genoemde Wet hiermee gewysig in die mate in die Bylae hiervan aangetoon

J. A. VAN WYK,

Adjunkminister van Finansies

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

No. R. 372

7 February 1992

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT, 1964

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE No. 1 (No. 1/1/437)

Under section 48 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, Part 1 of Schedule No 1 to the said Act is hereby amended to the extent set out in the Schedule hereto.

J. A. VAN WYK,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

BYLAE

Pos	Subpos	T S	Artikel Beskrywing	Statistiese Eenheid	Skaal van Reg	Annotasies
85 04	"8504 40	8	Deur subpos No 8504 40 deur die volgende te vervang Statiese konvertors	getal	vry"	
85 32	"8532 2		Deur subposte Nos 8532 2, 8532 30 en 8532 90 deur die volgende te vervang Ander vaste kapasitors			
	8532 21	6	Tantaal	getal	vry	
	8532 22	2	Aluminium elektrolities	getal	vry	
	8532 23	9	Keramiekdiëlektries, enkellaag	getal	vry	
	8532 24	5	Keramiekdiëlektries, veellaag	getal	vry	
	8532 25	9	Dielektries van papier of plastieke	getal	vry	
	8532 29	7	Ander	getal	vry	
	8532 30	4	Reelbare of verstelbare (vooraafgestelde) kapasitors	getal	vry	
	8532 90	1	Onderdele	getal	vry"	
85 33 en 85 34			Deur poste Nos 85 33 en 8534 deur die volgende te vervang			

ononderbroke vir langer as ses maande vertoon word nie ”

P. G. PRETORIUS,

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 394

7 Februarie 1992

STADSRAAD VAN HARTBEESPOORT

**AANNAME VAN STANDAARDVERORDENINGE
BETREFFENDE OPENBARE GERIEWE**

Die Stadsklerk van Hartbeespoort publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), dat die Stadsraad van Hartbeespoort die Standaardverordeninge betreffende Openbare Geriewe afgekondig by Offisiele Kennisgewing No 60 gedateer 14 September 1990, ingevolge artikel 96*bis* (2) van genoemde Ordonnansie, sonder wysiging aangeneem het as Verordeninge wat deur genoemde Stadsraad opgestel is.

J. A. SCHEEPERS,

Waarnemende Stadsklerk.

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 395

7 Februarie 1992

STADSRAAD VAN ORKNEY

**AANNAME VAN VERORDENINGE
BETREFFENDE PLAKKATE**

Die Stadsklerk van Orkney publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), die Verordeninge hierna uiteengesit

Woordomskrywings

1. In hierdie Verordeninge, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“**gelde**” die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad by spesiale besluit, ingevolge artikel 80B van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, bepaal,

“**plakkaat**” enige kennisgewing, advertensie, aankondiging, toestel of ander materiaal of voorwerp waarop skrif, letters, syfers of illustrasies aangebring is met die doel om direk of indirek reklame te maak vir, inligting te verskaf oor of die publiek aan te lok na enige plek, openbare vertoning, vergadering of ander gebeurtenis wat op 'n bepaalde tyd en plek sal plaasvind, en sluit 'n banier in,

these signs shall not be displayed for longer than six months at a time ”

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Town Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 394

7 February 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF HARTBEESPOORT

**ADOPTION OF STANDARD PUBLIC
AMENITIES BY-LAWS**

The Town Clerk of Hartbeespoort hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes that the Town Council of Hartbeespoort has adopted without amendment in terms of section 96*bis* (2) of the said Ordinance the Standard Public Amenities By-laws, promulgated under Official Notice No 60 dated 14 September 1990, as By-laws made by the said Town Council

J. A. SCHEEPERS,

Acting Town Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 395

7 February 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF ORKNEY

**ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS
RELATING TO POSTERS**

The Town Clerk of Orkney hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes the By-laws set forth hereinafter

Definitions

1. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“**charges**” means, the tariff of charges as determined from time to time by the Council by special resolution, in terms of section 80B of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939,

“**Council**” means, the Town Council of Orkney this Council's management Committee acting under the powers delegated to it in terms of section 58 of the Local Government Ordinance (Administration and Elections), 1960 (Ordinance 40 of 1960), and any officer of the Council to whom the Committee has been empowered by the Council in terms of subsection (3) of the said section to delegate, and has in fact delegated the powers, functions and duties vesting in the Council in relation to these by-laws,

"Raad" die Stadsraad van Orkney die Raad se Bestuurskomitee wat handel kragtens die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge die bepaling van artikel 58 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Administrasie en Verkiezings), 1960 (Ordonnansie No. 40 van 1960), aan hom gedelegeer is, en enige beampte aan wie die Komitee ingevolge die bepaling van subartikel (3) van genoemde artikel, op gesag van die Raad, die bevoegdhede, funksies en pligte wat ten opsigte van hierdie verordeninge by die Raad berus, kan deleger, en dit inderdaad gedelegeer het,

"straat" enige openbare straat, laan, sypaadje, publieke oop ruimte of park binne die Munisipaliteit van Orkney.

2. Niemand mag in of in sig van 'n straat of ander openbare plek binne die gebied wat deur die Raad van tyd tot tyd omskryf word, 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie (die uitdrukking omvat in hierdie artikel enige advertensie-toestel) vertoon, laat vertoon, toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word nie met die doel om 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid vir sport-, opvoedkundige, liefdadigheids-, politieke of ander doeleindes, of om iemand se kandidaatskap of nominasie vir of ander belang by, 'n Parlements-, Transvaalse Provinsiale Raads- of 'n Raadsverkiezing te adverteer nie.

3. Niemand mag in of in sig van 'n straat of 'n ander openbare plek buite die gebied soos deur die Raad van tyd tot tyd omskryf word en binne die munisipaliteit 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie, soos dit in artikel 2 beskryf word, vertoon of laat vertoon, toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word nie, tensy hy eers die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad, wat deur die ingenieur onderteken moet word, verkry het. Met dien verstande dat geen toestemming verleen word om 'n plakkaat of ander soortgelyke advertensie te vertoon wat betrekking het op 'n handelsonderneming of -bedrywigheid of op enige bedrywigheid wat na die mening van die ingenieur allereers of hoofsaaklik van 'n kommersiele aard is nie.

4. Enige persoon wat uit hoofde van 'n toestemming wat ingevolge artikel 3 verleen is, in 'n straat of ander openbare plek 'n plakkaat of 'n ander advertensie vertoon, laat vertoon of duld dat dit vertoon word, moet aan die volgende vereistes voldoen of sorg dat dit nagekom word

(a) Die plakkaat of ander advertensie moet, op so 'n wyse aan 'n netjiese en sterk bord van hout of 'n ander geskikte materiaal wat deur die ingenieur goedgekeur moet word, bevestig word, dat dit nie vanwee wind of reen heeltemal of gedeeltelik los sal raak nie, en nóg die bord of ander materiaal, nóg die plakkaat of advertensie self mag groter as 900 mm by 600 mm wees

(b) 'n Bord of materiaal soos ingevolge subartikel (a) voorgeskryf, mag nie geplaas word op of teen of bevestig word aan, of andersins gestut word deur, enige transformator, gele- of telegraafpaal, verkeerslig of -teken of ander bouwerk of voorwerp wat deur die Raad, die Provinsiale Raad of die Regering van die Republiek opgerig is nie of, tensy dit met 'n tou of 'n sterk lyn geskied, aan 'n boom wat in 'n straat, park of ander openbare plek staan, bevestig word nie

(c) Behoudens enige bepaling wat in subartikel (b) vervat is, moet 'n bord of materiaal soos voorgeskryf ingevolge subartikel (a), met draad van uiters 4 mm en ten minste 3 mm in deursnee styf aan 'n sterk en stewige stut vasgeheg word

"poster" means, any notice, advertisement, announcement, device or other material or object on which writing, print, figures of illustrations have been affixed with the purpose to promote directly or to give information to the public or to attract or invite the public to any place, public display, meeting or other event which will take place on a certain date, place and time and includes a banner,

"street" means any public street, lane, sidewalk, public open space or park within the Municipality of Orkney.

2. No person shall in or in view of any street of other public place within the area defined by the Council from time to time, display or cause, permit or suffer to be displayed any poster or other advertisement (which expression in this section includes any advertising device) with a view to advertise any meeting, function or event of a sporting, educational, charitable, political or any other character or the candidature or nomination of any person for, or other interest of any person in, an election to Parliament, the Transvaal Provincial Council or the Council

3. No person shall in or in view of any street or other public place outside the area as defined by the Council from time to time and within the municipality, display or cause, permit or suffer to be displayed any poster or other advertisement as described in section 2 unless he has first obtained the permission of the Council, to be given in writing under the hand of the engineer. Provided that no permission shall be given for the display of any poster or other similar advertisement having reference to any commercial undertaking or activity or to any activity which in the opinion of the engineer is primarily or mainly of a commercial character

4. Any person who, in the exercise of a permission granted in terms of section 3, displays or causes or suffers to be displayed in a street or other public place a poster or other advertisement, shall comply with or cause to be complied with the following requirements

(a) The poster or other advertisement shall be attached, in such a manner that it will not become wholly or partially dislodged by wind or rain, to a neat and strong board made of wood or other suitable material which must be approved by the engineer, and neither such board or such material nor the poster or the advertisement itself shall measure more than 900 mm by 600 mm

(b) A board or material as prescribed in terms of subsection (a) shall not be placed on or against or attached to or otherwise supported by any transformer box, electricity or telegraph pole, traffic light or sign or other structure or object erected by the Council, the Provincial Council of the Government of the Republic or, save by means of cord or strong string, be attached to any tree growing in a street, park or other public place.

(c) Without prejudice to any provision contained in subsection (b), a board or material as prescribed in terms of subsection (a), shall be firmly fastened to a strong and stable support by means of wire not exceeding 4 mm and not less than 3 mm in diameter

(d) Geen bord of materiaal, mag op so 'n plek geplaas of op so 'n wyse gevestig word dat dit na die Raad se mening moontlik 'n gevaar vir voertuigverkeer of voetgangers in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek, inhou ne

(e) Geen plakkaat of ander advertensie met betrekking tot 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid, uitgesonderd 'n verkiesing, mag langer as 14 dae voor die dag waarop dit 'n aanvang neem en langer as drie dae ná die dag waarop dit geëindig het, vertoon word nie

(f) Enige persoon wat enige plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon, laat vertoon of toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word, moet eers 'n skriftelike verklaring aan die Raad verstrek waarin hy meld in watter straat of in sig van watter straat en watter straatkruising, naaste aan die plek is, waar elke sodanige plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon sal word

5. (a) Daar moet aan die vereistes wat in die volgende subartikels van hierdie artikel voorgeskryf word, voldoen word, ten opsigte van plakkate of ander advertensies wat op 'n Parlements-, Provinsiale Raads- of munisipale verkiesing betrekking het. Met dien verstande dat niks wat in hierdie artikel vervat is, betrekking het op 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie betreffende sodanige verkiesing nie, wat—

(i) heeltemal binne 'n vaste perseel aangebring is, dit wil sê wat op 'n ander plek op so 'n perseel aangebring is as op 'n buitemuur of aan die buitekant van 'n heining wat kennelik die grens van die perseel uitmaak,

(ii) vertoon word in of op 'n private motorvoertuig wat in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek geparkeer is of bestuur word in die loop van die normale gebruik van sodanige voertuig,

(iii) vertoon word by 'n verkiesingskandidaat se komiteekamers wat duidelik as sodanige aangedui moet wees, of

(iv) bevestig is aan 'n skutting wat vir die vertoon van advertensies gelisensieer is

(b) Ten opsigte van elke kandidaat mag daar uiters 100 plakkate of ander advertensies op enige enkele tydstep in enige munisipale wyk, en uiters 200 in enige parlementêre kiesafdeling, vertoon word

(c) Geen plakkaat of ander advertensie mag langer as 'n tydperk wat strek van die begin van die nominasiedag tot die einde van die vierde dag na middernag van die verkiesingsdag vertoon word nie

(d) Advertensies kan in die vorm van baniere wat uiters 1 m by 4 m groot is, vertoon word en daar kan uiters drie sodanige baniere in elke munisipale wyk en vyf in elke parlementêre kiesafdeling wees

6. Hoogstens 40 plakkate of ander advertensies mag met betrekking tot enige vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid, uitgesonderd 'n verkiesing, op dieselfde tyd vertoon word

7. Tensy daar ingevolge artikel 3 vergunning daartoe verleen is al dan nie, mag geen plakkaat of ander advertensie in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek geplaas word nie, tensy die toepaslike bedrag wat in Bylae 2 hierby voorgeskryf is, by wyse van 'n deposito aan die Raad betaal is

(d) No board or material shall be placed on such a place or in such a manner as is likely, in the opinion of the Council, to constitute a danger to vehicular traffic or pedestrians in any street or other public place

(e) No poster or other advertisement relating to a meeting, function or event, other than an election, shall be displayed for longer than 14 days before the day on which it begins and longer than three days after the day on which it ends

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(f) Any person who displays or causes, permits or suffers to be displayed any poster or other advertisement, shall first furnish the Council with a statement, in writing, mentioning the street in or in view of which and the intersection nearest to which every such poster or other advertisement will be displayed

5. (a) The requirements as prescribed in the succeeding subsections of this section shall be complied with in respect of posters or other advertisements relating to a Parliamentary, Provincial or municipal election. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply to a poster or other advertisement relating to such an election which—

(i) is located entirely inside fixed premises, that is to say, is displayed elsewhere on such premises than on an exterior wall or on the outside of any fence forming the apparent boundary of the premises,

(ii) is displayed in or on a private motor vehicle parked or being driven in a street or other public place in the course of the normal use of such vehicle,

(iii) is displayed at the committee rooms, clearly marked as such, of a candidate in an election, or

(iv) is affixed to a hoarding licensed for the display of advertisements

(b) In respect of each candidate not more than 100 posters or other advertisements shall be exhibited at any one time in any municipal ward and not more than 200 shall be exhibited in any parliamentary constituency

(c) No poster or other advertisement shall be displayed for longer than the period extending from the beginning of the day of nomination to the end of the fourth day after midnight of the day of the election

(d) Advertisements may be displayed in the form of banners not exceeding 1 m by 4 m on size or three in number of such banners in each municipal ward and five in each parliamentary constituency

6. Not more than 40 posters or other advertisements shall be displayed at any one time in relation to any meeting, function or event, other than an election

7. Except, whether or not by virtue of permission given in terms of section 3, no poster or other advertisement shall be placed in a street or other public place, unless the appropriate sum as prescribed in Schedule 2 hereto has been paid to the Council by way of deposit

8. Elke deposito wat ingevolge artikel 7 betaal is, word, behoudens die bepalings van artikel 9, terugbetaal wanneer al die plakkaate of ander advertensies waarop die deposito betrekking het, tot bevrediging van die Raad verwyder is, en nie voor dié tyd nie.

9. Enige persoon wat, nadat hy 'n advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon het, versuim om dit te verwyder of te laat verwyder binne die tydperke wat ingevolge artikel 4 (e) of artikel 5 (c) voorgeskryf is, begaan 'n misdryf en benewens enige boete wat hy ingevolge artikel 10 (a) moet betaal, verbeur hy ook die deposito met betrekking tot die advertensies wat ingevolge artikel 7 betaal is of 'n deel van dié deposito wat die Raad in verhouding tot die getal plakkaate of advertensies wat nie verwyder is nie, kan bepaal.

10. (a) Enige persoon wat in of in sig van 'n straat of 'n ander openbare plek 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon of duld dat dit vertoon word sonder dat hy ingevolge artikel 3 vergunning daartoe verkry het, en iemand wat, nadat hy die betrokke vergunning verkry het, ten opsigte van 'n plakkaat of advertensie versuim om te voldoen aan die bepalings van hierdie artikel of wat andersins enige bepaling daarvan oortree, begaan 'n misdryf en is by skuldigebevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R100.

(b) Indien iemand ingevolge hierdie artikel aangekla word van 'n misdryf met betrekking tot 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie, rus die bewyslys op hom en moet hy bewys dat hy nie die plakkaat of advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon of toegelaat of geduld het dat dit vertoon word nie.

(c) Enige persoon wat 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie in of in sig van 'n straat of ander openbare plek vertoon, laat vertoon of toelaat of duld dat dit daar vertoon word en enigiemand anders, uitgesonderd 'n polisiebeampte of enige ander persoon wie se plig dit is om hierdie verordeninge toe te pas, wat deur die persoon wat vir die vertoning van die plakkaat of ander advertensie verantwoordelik is, gemagtig is om dit te verwyder, word as die vertoner daarvan beskou terwyl dit soos hierbo uiteengesit, vertoon word.

(d) Enige persoon wat, hetsy alleen of saam met iemand anders verantwoordelik is vir die reeling van, of wat in beheer staan van, 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid waarop 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie betrekking het, word tot tyd en wyl die teendeel bewys is, beskou as die persoon wat elke plakkaat wat vertoon word en wat op daardie vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid betrekking het, vertoon het of laat vertoon, of toegelaat of geduld het dat dit vertoon word.

(e) Dit word geag dat die eienaar en die okkupant van die grond of 'n perseel waarop 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie strydig met hierdie artikel vertoon word, 'n misdryf begaan het tensy hy in enigeen van dié gevalle bewys dat hy nie van die vertoning van die plakkaat of ander advertensie geweet het nie, of dat hy nie deur 'n redelike mate van waaksaamheid aan die dag te lê, daarvan kon geweet het of dit kon verhinder het nie.

(f) Die Raad kan, sonder om enigiemand daarvan kennis te gee, self enige advertensie verwyder en vernietig wat sonder sy vergunning ingevolge artikel 3 of wat in stryd met enige bepaling van hierdie artikel vertoon word, of wat nie verwyder is binne die tydperk wat ingevolge artikel 4 (e) of artikel 5 (c) voorgeskryf is nie, of wat in enige opsig strydig is met die bepalings van

8. Every deposit paid in terms of section 7 shall, subject to the provisions of section 9, refunded when and not before all the posters or other advertisements to which the deposit relates, have been removed to the satisfaction of the Council. ~~266~~ (266)

9. Any person who, having displayed or caused to be displayed any advertisement, fails to remove it or cause it to be removed within the periods prescribed in terms of section 4 (e) or section 5 (c) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, in addition to any penalty imposed upon him in terms of section 10 (a), forfeit the deposit relating to it made in terms of section 7 or such proportionate part of that deposit as that the Council shall assess having regard to the number of posters or advertisements not removed.

10. (a) Any person who displays or causes or suffers to be displayed any poster or other advertisement in or in view of any street or other public place without having obtained permission to do so in terms of section 3 and any person who, having obtained permission as aforesaid, fails in respect of a poster or advertisement to comply with any provision of this section or who otherwise contravenes any provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding R100

(b) If any person is charged with an offence under this section relating to any poster or advertisement, the onus shall rest on him of proving that he neither displayed the poster or other advertisement nor caused, permitted or suffered it to be displayed.

(c) Any person who displays or causes, permits or suffers to be displayed in or in view of any street or other public place any poster or other advertisement and any person other than a police officer or other person charged with the enforcement of these by-laws, who is authorized by the person responsible for the display of the poster or other advertisement to remove it, shall be deemed to be the displayer thereof so long as it is displayed as aforesaid

(d) Any person who is either alone or jointly with any other person responsible for organizing, or in control of, any meeting, function or event to which a poster or other advertisement relates shall, until the contrary be proved, be deemed to have displayed or to have caused, permitted or suffered to be displayed every poster which is displayed relating to that meeting, function or event.

(e) The owner and the occupier of land or premises on which any poster or other advertisement is displayed in contravention of this section, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence unless in either case he proves that he did not know of or could not by the exercise of reasonable diligence have known of or prevented such display

(f) The Council shall be entitled without giving notice to anyone, itself to remove and destroy any advertisement displayed without its permission having been obtained in terms of section 3 or in contravention of any provision of this section or which has not been removed within the period specified in terms of section 4 (e) or section 5 (c), or which constitutes in any

hierdie artikel, en die persoon wat enige sodanige advertensie vertoon het of dit laat vertoon word, is verplig om aan die Raad die koste van genoemde verwydering en vernietiging wat deur die Raad bepaal en van die gestorte deposito afgetrek moet word, te vergoed, en is boonop skuldig aan 'n misdryf

P. J. SMITH,
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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 396

7 Februarie 1992

MUNISIPALITEIT VAN ORKNEY

**VERORDENINGE BETREFFENDE
VASTE AFVAL EN SANITEIT**

Die Stadsklerk van Orkney publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), die Verordeninge hierna uiteengesit

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Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie Verordeninge, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“aanstootlike afval” afval wat toksies, gevaarlik, nadelig of skadelik is of wat die omgewing kan besoedel of wat ontstaan as gevolg van 'n vervaardigingsproses of die voorafbehandeling vir wegdoendoeleindes van myn- of bedryfsvloei-afval, wat ingevolge die Raad se Rioleringsverordeninge nie in 'n perseel of straatrool gestort mag word nie,

“besigheidsafval” afval wat op enige perseel ontstaan wat met gemak en sonder beskadiging van die houer daarin verwyder kan word, met inbegrip van tuinafval maar uitgesonderd bouersafval, lywige afval, huisafval of aanstootlike afval,

“bouersafval” afval wat slegs weens slopings-, uitgrawings- of boubedrywighede op 'n perseel ontstaan;

“eienaar” 'n eienaar soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939. Met dien verstande dat die “eienaar” van 'n perseel wat gehou word ingevolge die Deeltitelregister wat ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet op Deeltitels, 1971, geopen is, die regsposson is wat by die Wet omskryf word;

“gelde” die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad, by spesiale besluit, ingevolge artikel 80B van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, vasgestel,

“houer” 'n vullishouer soos deur die Raad bepaal en goedgekeur en wat deur die Raad gratis of teen 'n vasgestelde tarief of teen heersende pryse of 'n huurtarief, voorsien kan word;

“huisafval” afval wat normaalweg op die persele van private woonhuise wat uitsluitlik vir woondoeleindes gebruik word, ontstaan en wat met gemak en sonder die beskadiging van die houer, daarin verwyder kan word, en wat tuinafval insluit;

respect a contravention of the provisions of this section, and the person who displayed any such advertisement or caused, permitted or suffered it to be displayed shall be liable to refund to the Council the cost to be assessed and deducted by the council from the deposit made, of the said removal and destruction, and in addition shall be guilty of an offence.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

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MUNICIPALITY OF ORKNEY

**BY-LAWS RELATING TO SOLID
WASTE AND SANITARY**

The Town Clerk of Orkney hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No. 17 of 1939), publishes the By-laws set forth hereinafter

CHAPTER I

Definitions

1. In these By-laws, unless the context otherwise indicates—

“builders refuse” means refuse generated only by demolition, excavation or building activities on premises;

“bulky refuse” means refuse generated on any premises but which cannot by virtue of its mass, shape, size or quantity readily be removed by means of and without damaging the container, excluding objectionable refuse,

“business refuse” means refuse generated on any premises and which can readily be removed by means of and without damaging containers, including garden refuse but excluding builders refuse, bulky refuse, domestic refuse or objectionable refuse,

“charges” means the tariff of charges as determined from time to time by the Council by special resolution, in terms of section 80B of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939,

“container” means a refuse container as prescribed and approved by the Council and which may be supplied by the Council free of charge, or at a prescribed tariff or at ruling prices or at a hiring charge;

“Council” means the Town Council of Orkney, the Council's Management Committee acting under the powers delegated to it in terms of section 58 of the Local Government (Administrations and Elections) Ordinance, 1960, and any officer to whom that Committee has been empowered by the Council in terms of subsection (3) of the said section to delegate and has in fact delegated, the powers, functions and duties vesting in the Council in relation to these By-laws.

Councillor may resign over threats, outcry

DISILLUSIONED Bloubostrand councillor Charles Humphris is considering resigning over the outcry against Zevenfontein families being settled in his constituency.

And it has emerged that a spate of death threats from the lunatic fringe in the community has prompted the Randburg Town Council to post guards outside his house as well as the homes of mayor Mark Manley and management committee chairman Andre Jacobs.

Mr Humphris said poor communication was to blame for the outcry over the controversial decision to relocate about 750 Zevenfontein squatter families to a low-income housing scheme next to his suburb.

"People must realise that they at least have a choice between squatters or low-

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income housing, which they can make now

"In three years' time, do you think people will have a choice when squatters suddenly move in next door?" he asked.

He was angry about calls for his resignation and said he would decide whether he would resign after he had learnt the outcome of a meeting between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Randburg council yesterday afternoon.

"I don't need this in my life. People seem to think councillors just sit around all month doing nothing. Well, I can resign and they (Bloubostrand residents) can do

without a councillor for the next four months."

"This whole thing has been a mess from start to finish. It's bad public relations which is to blame — and the media have not been too helpful either," he added.

Emotions had reached a peak and he had heard stories of men armed to the teeth roaring around the suburb in bakkies late at night.

One of them, known only as "Titch", was rumoured to be a former Selous Scout and walked around with "all sorts of weapons" dangling from his belt.

The armed guards were called in last Friday after Mr Humphris had received anonymous death threats. No incidents have so far been reported.

TPA drops plan to move squatters

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) announced yesterday it had dropped plans to relocate the Zevenfontein squatters at Bloubostrand in Randburg.

Bloubostrand Action Group chairman Peter Bantock hailed the TPA's decision as a victory for the group and for Randburg residents who had opposed the move.

The TPA said 10 days ago that the more than 750 squatter families at Zevenfontein, north of Fourways, would be moved to Bloubostrand 10km away after an agreement was reached with Randburg Town Council.

The squatters have been at the centre of controversy since the TPA announced last year it was to move them to Diepsloot, provoking anger from local residents and the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG).

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Zevenfontein landowners, represented by the Chartwell North Action Group, threatened to evict the squatters, leading to the TPA's decision to move them to Bloubostrand.

The TPA said yesterday the squatters would be allowed to stay at Zevenfontein, where rudimentary services would be provided until July. A decision would then be made about where to house them. The decision to allow them to stay was made with the approval of the Chartwell group.

Transvaal administrator Dame Hough did not deny yesterday that the TPA had made an about-turn on the issue, but did deny that the change of heart was a result

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Squatters

of pressure from the Bloubostrand residents.

At a joint news conference after consultations between the TPA, Randburg Town Council and the Bloubostrand Action Group, it was also announced that the Bloubostrand site originally earmarked for the squatters would be developed into "affordable housing", with the addition of full service facilities, tarred roads, primary and secondary education facilities and a police station.

Neither Bantock nor Randburg council

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management committee chairman André Jacobs would define what "affordable housing" meant, nor were they able to give an estimated price for housing units, but they confirmed that "affordable housing" was more expensive than the "low-cost housing" option mooted by the council for the area last week.

The Zevenfontein squatters would be able to buy houses in Bloubostrand if they could afford them, although they would not get first priority in the selection process, Hough said.

City council to appoint ombudsman

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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11/2/92

The Johannesburg City Council has decided to appoint an ombudsman to investigate complaints from ratepayers and residents concerning problems with local municipal administration

The position, advertised in the press at the weekend, called for someone with extensive experience in local government administration, good communication skills and an "intuitive understanding" of the inner workings of a local authority

The management committee stated at the last council meeting, in answer to questions from Greenside councillor Professor Harold Rudolph, that it believed an ombudsman was necessary to promote democratic and efficient administration

Human resources executive director Dirk Lamprecht said the appointment of an ombudsman would bring the council closer to ratepayers

"He will be someone they can refer to if they have problems with a service or are not getting satisfaction with the council"

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Opposition to housing for immigrants in Irene

PRETORIA — The Irene Vigilance Association has opposed a development project that will apparently house 550 families, mainly from Hong Kong, at Verwoerdburg near Pretoria

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Privatisation 'has not stalled'

PRETORIA — Government's privatisation programme, as part of an overall economic restructuring plan, had not stalled

It would be promoted "in no uncertain terms" at the proposed multiparty economic forum, a Privatisation Commission spokesman said yesterday

Earlier yesterday Parliament passed legislation providing for the incorporation of the Tweefontein Timber Company and the Alexander Bay Development Corporation into public companies

The Tweefontein Timber Company Act said the conversion would enable the company "to be managed in modern, independent manner"

In terms of the Alexcor Act, the Public Enterprises Minister may sell up to 25% of its shares to employees Alexcor will have a share capital of R50m

The Privatisation Commission spokesman said yesterday there was a general expectation

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after Iscor and Sasol were privatised that many more public utilities would follow suit

However, these two were among a few entities which had business records and results sound enough to enable them to be prepared easily for privatisation

Preparatory work was necessary to give government and future shareholders a clear picture of business records and performances

The privatisation of the Abatour Corporation would also come before Parliament this session

However, DP trade and industry spokesman Brian Goodall said if the programme had not stalled it was crawling along at a snail's pace

Privatisation should be placed on the Codesa agenda as a matter of great urgency Expanding the privatisation process was seen as vital by the IMF and the World Bank, he added



Planners divided on how to house 3-m

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"CONSULTATION" may be the buzzword on the lips of urban planners in the Johannesburg area, but when it comes down to brass tacks it is clear they are still talking past each other

Last week's furore over Bloubastrand highlighted the pressing need to identify suitable land for low-income housing to accommodate the PWV's 3 million homeless

The criterion for this — whether it should be market-related or based on need — is becoming a source of conflict between authorities and other bodies

And no one is willing to say which land has been earmarked for future housing development

Each has his own idea of how the chronic housing shortage should best be addressed, but finding common ground is a problem

Workable solution

While the Transvaal Provincial Administration is looking at the outskirts of Johannesburg for land, civic associations are increasingly turning their eyes inwards, particularly to prime mining land just south of the city

The Bloubastrand furore also illustrated the need for established residents, as well as the homeless, to have their say if a workable solution is to be found

After the announcement that the low-income housing project planned for the area would not go ahead, suggestions for a solution flew thick and fast

The Urban Foundation claimed that land identification could no longer be trusted to officials and called for a task group of all interested parties to identify suitable land

This was followed by a Metropolitan Chamber — the "Codesa of the central Rand" — announcement that such a task group had already been established

A chamber spokesman told Saturday Star the Urban Foundation's announcement was "naive, ill-considered and an attempt to capture the limelight"

Despite all criticism, the TPA believes it is doing a great job addressing the huge housing shortage

It had been talking to everybody and would be providing about 43 000 new sites south of Johannesburg this year, liaison officer Magda du Toit said this week

Around the Johannesburg area, the TPA had settled 90 000 people in the last book year and made almost 100 000 stands available in recent years, she said

But detractors say this is not fast enough and that, although the TPA may be talking to everyone, it is not necessarily listening to everybody

Major partners in the Metropolitan Chamber, the Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ), believe land identification should not be based on the market value of the land, but rather on

the suitability and need for housing

The TPA is buying up land for housing in areas which lie outside Johannesburg's 20 km radius because it is cheaper

But, according to CAJ general-secretary Cas Coovadia, this will prove more expensive in the long run in terms of transport costs

He believes the starting point for any planning should be based on people's need for housing His movement believes that any land identified as suitable should be used and that legislation needs to be enacted to make this possible

If the mining companies are not willing to make their land — which is largely unused — available for housing, then some way should be found to force them to do so

"Either the mining houses put their social responsibility priorities higher up, or we bring in agents to ensure it becomes affordable for the people," Mr Coovadia said

One way would be to drastically raise the rates on unused land, he added

Another chamber member, Mark Swilling, said present legislation did not make it possible for creative alternatives Of particular hindrance were municipal by-laws

"We are talking about economic survival here Johannesburg is the goose that lays the golden egg If we do not get our planning for the future right now, we could be messing up the development of the whole subcontinent's economy

"I don't think the market should be allowed to stand in the way of economic growth Over-regulation is preventing the city from breathing and moving where it wants to go"

Holistic

Mr Swilling said he believed the TPA was trying to do its job within constraints "and those are formidable"

But, he said, the framework provided by the Metropolitan Chamber would be the solution to the TPA's headache

Ann Bernstein, executive director of the Urban Foundation, said the TPA's approach was still working on an ad hoc basis — housing needed to be looked at holistically if the problem were to be solved

"What we are saying is that you cannot, in a situation of rapid urbanisation where you have a large demand for land and an enormous backlog, survive without an overall plan

"What we are facing is the failure of past policies and the failure of present policies too," Ms Bernstein said

Mr Coovadia said it was still too early to say if the TPA-chamber task-group would be successful or not

"Its terms of reference have still not been worked out, but we definitely do not want to become a rubber stamp for the TPA," he added

Struggles for common ground

Warned of black 'contamination'

THE STILFONTEIN City Council has sent 40 000 letters to white residents, warning that they could be "contaminated" by their domestic workers.

Following a disconnection of water and electricity to the Western Transvaal township of Khuma, white Stilfontein residents have been told they are in danger of catching "cholera, dysentery, diarrhoea etc" from domestic workers living in Khuma.

In response to the letters, the South African Council of Churches (SACC) said: "What can bring people to this place of such inhumanity when one group is warned of health hazards while at the same time another group is placed in a position where the chance of such health hazards are increased? (200) (266) (52)

"Are black lives still of less value than white? It seems as if the Stilfontein council thinks so," the SACC said in a press release.

The letters say white residents should "ensure" a domestic worker did "not prepare any foodstuffs or handle any utensils unless she has washed herself properly".

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Revenge might be motive for arson

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By DAN DHLAMINI

STILFONTEIN'S Khuma Council offices were gutted this week in what is suspected to be an act of retaliation.

The blaze, which engulfed the treasury section of the municipal offices, follows the water and electricity cuts in the trouble-torn township.

Damage estimated at R300 000 was caused at the office block, which is covered with a high security fence and is about 50 metres from the local police station. The offices contained valuable records and equipment.

Police said the arsonists apparently cut a hole in the security fence and may have doused the office with a flammable liquid.

A Western Transvaal police spokesman said police were investigating arson. No arrest has been made.

Khuma administrator Dennis Archer told City Press various electricity

cuts and water rationing had been in force for some time now as a result of huge arrears. He declined to say how much was owed to his council.

Khuma People's Delegation spokesman, France Masike, said he suspected that the burning down of the office could be the work of the agents of the "system" in retaliation against the residents' successful boycotts.

Masike said the sole aim of the gutting of the council office was to discredit the rent and consumer boycott organisers in the eyes of outsiders.

He said the boycotts would continue until the demands of residents were met.

Masike said the real trouble in this poor gold mining dorp started when Archer displayed arrogance and disregarded his previous agreements with residents that a flat rate should be paid while negotiations for a solution continued.

Scam sites won't be grabbed

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not confiscate any of the unoccupied sites at its Doornkop site-and-service scheme which belong to victims of the Laduma Construction scam

City Press reported last month that Laduma Construction has gone bankrupt, leaving dozens of

people at Doornkop and other housing schemes without the homes they had paid for

Since then, several readers have complained they are receiving letters from the TPA's Doornkop administration demanding that they occupy the sites they have been allocated. *C/P-16/2/92*

City Press contacted the TPA, which agreed not to take any action against people who could not occupy sites because they had been defrauded by contractors

"How can we occupy our sites when we have no

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more money to build?" asked Idah Mbatha, who paid a R1 300 deposit to Laduma manager Gerrie van der Merwe

Mbatha said she and several friends had believed Laduma was a reputable contractor because

it was allowed by the TPA to market homes from TPA sites.

"How can the TPA give us land, then allow criminals to steal the money we struggled to save for our houses?" she asked.

Several months ago, when Laduma and other contractors with similar schemes were still operating from Doornkop, City Press put the same question to the TPA, pointing out that the schemes Laduma and other contractors were marketing were unworkable.

A TPA spokesman said at the time that the free market system must be allowed to operate and that the TPA was not vetting the contractors who were given show sites to build on.

The TPA said it was up to individuals to decide whether to do business with any particular contractor.

Maria Mofokeng put down R1 000 in the hope of providing a decent home for her severely disabled and retarded daughter

"I hoped that having a new house would be the start of a better life for us," Maria told City Press.

"Now Van Der Merwe has stolen the R1 000. I worked so hard to save for a house. I don't know how I will be able to save that money again," she said.

Grandmother Ruth Melato put down R2 400 and now has no home and has lost her money

■ If you have paid money to Laduma or any other contractor and have not got a house, come to City Press Hotline on Mondays or Tuesdays or telephone (011) 402-1632 and we will try to help you.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Draft plan for PWV

GOVERNMENT yesterday unveiled a draft development strategy for the PWV region in view of the changing aspects of urbanisation, resulting from the scrapping of discriminatory legislation and other factors

Regional Development Deputy Minister Andre Fourie said he was convinced the draft plan would serve as a guideline for consideration and future discussion by political and other interest groups

The plan places emphasis on industrial and residential re-evaluation of the present structural outlook of the region

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Soweto councillors axed



Mr Milton Khanyile and Mr Mandla Mazibuko of the Sofasonke Party.

Furtive tariff hike at centre of controversy

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BY MOKGADI PELA

FIVE Soweto councillors have been expelled by their party for serving on the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber which has increased tariffs for greater Soweto.

Expelled

The Sofasonke Party (which has a majority in the Soweto Council) this week said five Soweto councillors had been expelled for serving on a non-statutory body without its approval.

In terms of the agreement reached between CWMC and the five councillors the rates would be raised by R32,50 from the current R22,50. This amount is set to rise by R10 at the end of every three months.

Those allegedly expelled are Mr Payne Tshabalala (chairman of the management committee in the Soweto Council), Mr Jabu Mnguni (deputy chairman), Ms Mavis Maseko, Mr Simon Nontsele and Mr L

Matela.

The vice-president of the party, Mr Mandla Mazibuko and chief whip Mr Milton Khanyile, said at a special meeting on Sunday the five councillors had also been expelled because they had failed to notify the community about the impending increases.

Attempts by *Sowetan* to obtain comment from the five councillors have failed as they were said to be either out of town or in meetings.

Mazibuko and Khanyile told *Sowetan* that the party was preparing for an urgent interdict to stop the council from collecting the increased tariffs from residents.

The Sofasonke Party will hold a public meeting at the Jabulani Amphitheatre on Sunday.

Transvaal gets sister province

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TRANSVAAL Administrator Danie Hough will sign a sister province agreement with Province of Taiwan governor, Lien Chan today

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said yesterday the agreement was the first of its kind between SA and a foreign province

It will be signed in Tai Chung, near the Taiwan capital Taipei, she said.

The agreement is intended to lay the foundation for promotion of trade between the Transvaal and Province of Taiwan

It is also expected to promote the exchange of expertise in regional government, and the understanding of each other's culture patterns

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Hoping to be catalysts for change

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Two new Sandton councillors attend their first council meeting tonight, hoping they will be the catalysts of some significant changes on the council.

Independent councillor for Ward 2, Dave Jordaan, who beat National Party candidate Rob Davis at the polls last week, said he aimed to demonstrate just how powerful public participation could be.

"The Sandton Council has moved too far away from its electorate," he said.

Mr Jordaan and new councillor for Ward 9, Melanie Stewart, both have the backing of their Ratepayers' Associations. Mr Jordaan was chairman of the Paulshof/Kildrummy Ratepayers' Association and Mrs Stewart chairman of the Ballyclare/Grosvenor Group.

"We have come straight out of residents' associations, so will bring some balance to the council," Mrs Stewart said.

Mr Jordaan said some might consider him politically naive, but the Sandton Council did not operate

democratically.

"People claim for themselves the right to make decisions when they have been voted into power.

"It is time for every Sandtonian to become involved," he said.

Mrs Stewart said she intended to be an "available" councillor. She would promote a greater flow of information from the council to residents.

"I am also very keen on recycling and the environment and would like Bryanston to set an example where the true waste is minimal," she said.

Survey of Jo'burg's inner city completed

~~ADRIAN HADLAND~~ ADRIAN HADLAND (266)

A MAJOR survey of the inner city areas of Johannesburg, with significant implications for the framing of urban policy, was completed by the Human Sciences Research Council this week.

The findings of the survey, in which 1 400 respondents were questioned on household income, family size and residents' opinions about high-density living conditions, will be passed on to the Johannesburg City Council's committee on urbanisation for consideration next week. *BLOAN 24/2/92*

All council directorates concerned with housing and urbanisation would be using the results of the survey to set short-, medium- and long-term priorities, said a statement issued by the council's urban strategies division.

The areas covered by the survey include Yeoville, Berea, Newtown, Bellevue, Bertrams and nine other sectors of Johannesburg's inner city region.

"The inner city areas of any major metropolitan area are renowned for displaying a wide range of physical, social and economic problems," said the statement.

However, the same areas "also offer the greatest potential in terms of access to jobs, affordable housing, social and welfare amenities", it said.

Urban strategies division spokesman Bonnie Rosen said the information on community organisations gathered in the survey would be used to set up forums for discussion and negotiation.

The involvement of the community in the planning process, from the identification of problems to the formulation of policy proposals, was considered fundamental to decision making, she said.

Plans to upgrade parts of Joubert Park, subject to council approval, were announced by the inner city working group this week.

The plans cover provision of extra parking for businesses and residents, play areas and equipment for children, as well as a road and pavement resurfacing programme.

3 Soweto councillors STAR 25/2/92 contest dismissals (266)

By Stan Hlophe

Three Soweto councillors have been summarily dismissed in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act for falling behind in the payment of their service charges

Soweto town clerk Elizabeth Sithole dismissed former mayor Sam Mkhwanazi, Isaac Galela and Simon Tsatsi with effect from last Thursday

But the trio believe their dismissals are unconstitutional as well as a result of in-fighting within the council and the Sofasonke Party

The in-fighting began when Mr Mkhwanazi and then deputy mayor, Esther Mkhabela, were deposed in the mayoral elections in October 1990

Mr Mkhwanazi, Ms Mkhabela, the former chairman of the finance committee and vice-president of the Sofasonke Party, Mandla Mazibuko; chief whip Milton Khanyile and seven other councillors had formed an opposition

party after falling out with the executive committee led by Mbutane Tshabalala.

The three dismissed councillors were yesterday adamant that they were not in arrears

Mr Mazibuko, at a Sofasonke rally held in Jabulani amphitheatre on Sunday to discuss the recent tariff increase, said Ms Sithole, as a council employee, had no right to fire councillors

However, public relations officer Mojalefa Moseki confirmed the sacking of the trio and said Ms Sithole was empowered to terminate the services of the three in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act

● The chairman of the housing committee, Simon Mkhize, has appealed to potential home-owners to visit their local offices to inquire about 52 low-cost houses to be built in Chiawelo buffer strip (Ext 5) Those who qualify for the R35 000 houses must be earning R2 000 a month or more

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Sandton STAR 25/2/92 council run 'like junta'

By Jacqueline Myburgh (266)

A group of Sandton Town councillors were last night accused of lying and forming "a ruling junta" which deliberately did not consult all councillors on certain matters because they were not "yes-men".

In a heated debate during the regular monthly council meeting, councillor and management committee member A J M van Niekerk, attacked his management committee colleagues for not having informed him of a recommendation that investigation be made by the Sandton, Randburg and Mariboro Gardens management committees into the creation of an interim joint administration, between the three authorities.

"In this council if you ask all good questions, then it is assumed that you are totally against the proposal," he said.

The council later adopted an amended resolution that a Section 59 Committee, and not the management committee, investigate the feasibility of this proposal.

Mr van Niekerk, challenged management committee chairman Bruce Stewart to "come clean", and several councillors fell in behind him in blasting those councillors that had attended what others saw as a secret meeting.

Reacting to the outburst, Mr Stewart said the meeting "of like-minded people" had been informal.

"It is just the way things are, other councillors have meetings, to which I am not invited and I don't stand and scream and shout."

Mr Stewart said any joint administration would be an interim measure since national and metropolitan negotiations could be expected to restructure local government.

CP ousted in Boksburg

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East Rand Bureau

An alliance between right-wing parties and the National Party led to the ousting of the Conservative Party management committee in the Boksburg Town Council at the monthly council meeting last night.

A vote of no-confidence in the CP management committee was proposed by the opposition NP.

The move followed

dissatisfaction with the manner in which the CP management committee conducted its affairs.

The latest vote of no-confidence was the fifth since the CP came into power in Boksburg in the 1988 municipal elections.

The new management committee consists of Pierre van Staden (CP), Stephanie Greyling (HNP), Beyers de Klerk (CP), Dawn Jacob (independent) and Ronnie

Wiggle (NP) (26)

Mr de Klerk, a former Boksburg mayor, was unanimously elected new management committee chairman and Mrs Greyling was elected vice-chairman.

The alliance was formed around a policy of running Boksburg on a non-political basis.

Local NP councillor Chris Smith said "This is not a political victory for anyone, but a victory for Boksburg."

Big future planned for power meters

ELECTRONICS company Spescom was poised to market overseas its "encoded number" system of metering electricity payments, spokesman Ian Alport said yesterday

Alport said a number of municipalities in SA had already shown interest in the pre-paid electricity meters, or Cash Power 2 000

About 14 000 prepaid meters had already been installed in several townships

Alport said Zambia, Angola, Zim-

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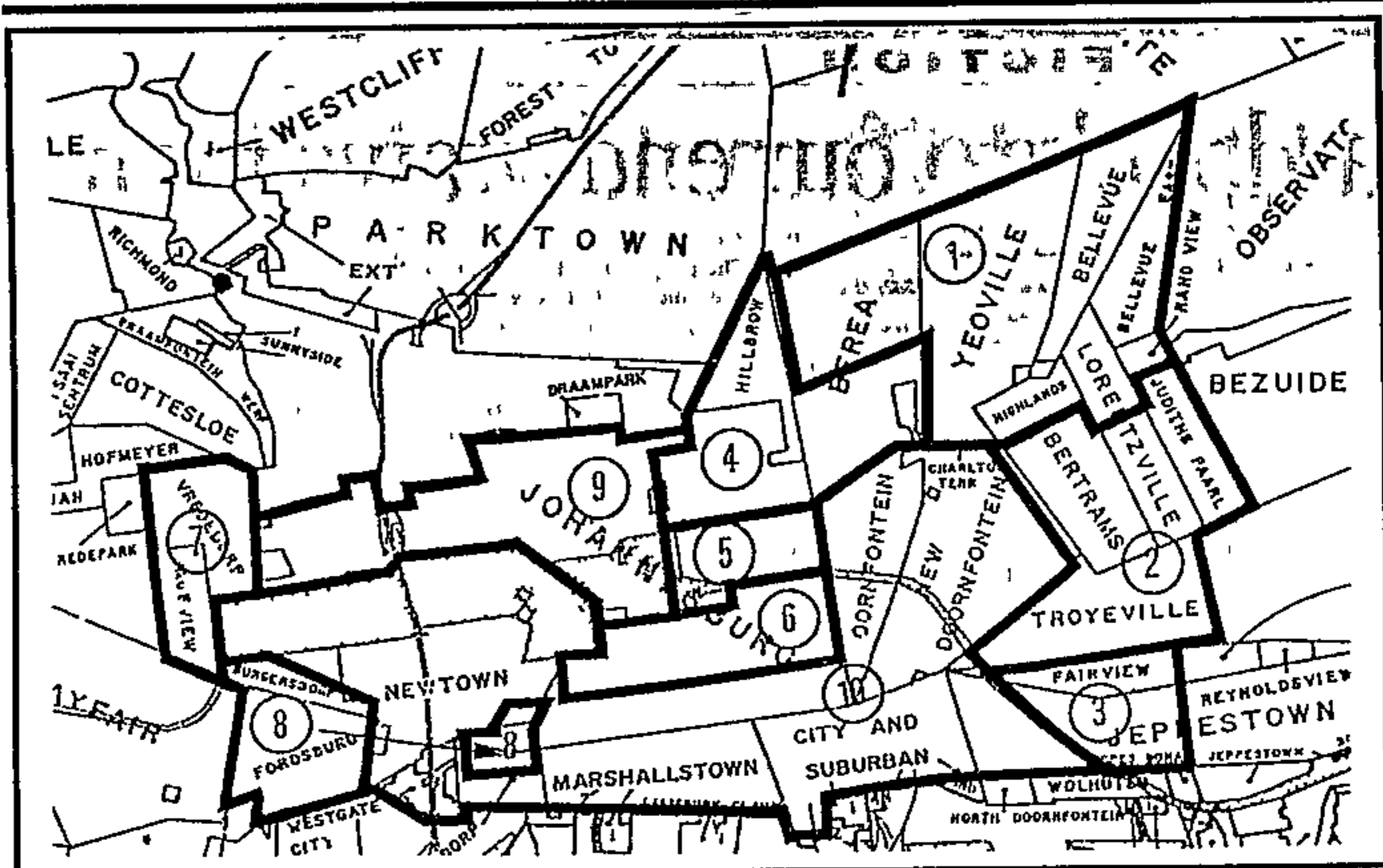
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Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) spokesman Richard Mdakane said many township residents were confused about how the meters worked. He said since Eskom had already installed 4 000 metres in the township and was installing 7 000 more, the ACO would soon embark on an education campaign

Vote 'yes' council

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The Randburg Town Council has called on all white voters in the town to vote "yes" in the March 17 referendum, in an urgent motion at the monthly council meeting on Wednesday. Management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said Randburg voters should support the process of reform. The motion was unanimously supported.



The survey area ... from the overcrowded flatlands to trendy Yeoville

THE Johannesburg inner city is ugly, crowded, crime-infested and filthy. Not surprisingly, most of the people who live there cling to the belief that they're just passing through.

Results of an inner city survey released today by the Johannesburg City Council describe a classic inner city populated by the elderly or the young, mostly singles, with very few school-aged children running up and down the stairs in the high-rise flat blocks. But although inner cities in other countries attract people who think they're there to stay, in Johannesburg residents of the central business district, Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park want to move onward and upward.

"It's an area where people come to settle into the urban environment, orientate themselves to the city, find a job, decide where they'd like to stay before bringing their families," says Bonnie Rosen, spokesman for the city Planning Department's Urban Strategies Division, which commissioned the study from the Human Sciences Research Council's Group for Human Resources.

The past decade has wrought stunning changes to the area. "Hillbrow used to be an entertainment centre for adults," says Rosen. In that, "it was more characteristic of inner city areas than it is at the moment".

Ten years ago, most residents of the inner city flatland, including Hillbrow, were white. Today the proportion of black residents is about 80 percent. 46 percent African, according to the HSRC study, 21 percent coloured, 14 percent Indian.

Sixty percent of the population is under the age of 30. Most residents — white or black — are new arrivals, one-third of the households moved into their present flats last year, although nearly all residents previously lived in urban areas. People moved on, said the study, because they wanted a place of their own, or their job changed. Almost every household has at least one person earning.

Blacks and whites work as clerks or sales people, but there are also a great many blacks employed in "fairly secure but unskilled and low-paid jobs" — messengers, cleaners, porters. There are waiters, chefs, petrol pump attendants, drivers, hawkers.

Residents of high-rise districts complained to the researchers of overcrowding, which points to an anomaly: the survey shows a reasonable density of two or three people a flat. Researchers tell horror stories — one flat housed 36 people, a researcher was chased out of another by 20 men wielding traditional weapons — and they admit it is "difficult to get 100 percent accurate information" as people "will tend to under-represent". Still, they stick to their figures, as an average.

More than 92 percent of the residents rent, mostly bachelor or one-bedroom flats.

Flatland constituted only a small part of the

The inner city people who hope they're just passing through

by BARBARA LUDMAN

Johannesburg Inner City Survey, which also included areas on the periphery — Yeoville/Belleveue/Highlands, for example, Troyeville/Judiths Paarl/Bertrams, Vrededorp and Braamfontein.

Not surprisingly, results differed spectacularly as one moved away from the city centre. Bertrams/Troyeville, an area with "some low-rise apartment buildings but a majority of family houses", is awash with children — 42 percent of the households have dependent children and there are many cases of young couples living with parents. "This is not an area where top managers live," the study notes, "the whites tending to be in middle-range positions such as clerks, semi-professionals, artisans and semi-skilled operatives" and blacks in unskilled positions or employed as artisans or clerks. One has the impression of an area that is poor but friendly and outgoing: among residents "there appears to be a considerable degree of social mixing between people of different races".

Yeoville/Belleveue/Highlands is described as "a largely-residential suburb of tree-shaded residential streets ... attracting young, middle class professionals", 82 percent of the population is white and only 12 percent African, most blacks having moved to the area last year from Hillbrow or other parts of the city. Although 91 percent of the residents believe they are living in uncrowded conditions, the remainder, mostly blacks in low-paying jobs, say their living space is indeed overcrowded, largely because they must take in lodgers to help pay the rent or they stay in servants' quarters.

Fairview/Jeppeshtown is pocked with vacant

lots and incomplete buildings occupied by the homeless — "these factors all contribute to the impression of an area in decline", the study notes. The population is relatively poor and not highly educated, equal in education, employment and income, the races show a high degree of social mixing.

There are very few Indian households left in Pageview — although numbers are increasing as people from Lenasia return to the neighbourhood from which they were removed. It's grouped in the study with the white working class area of Vrededorp. The white population of this area is "relatively poor and less educated", the study notes, while the Indians and coloureds are better-off and follow occupations requiring more education.

The old buildings in Fordsburg/Burgersdorp were never renovated because their Indian residents lived under the threat of removal, thus the area looks shabbier than it should. It is a stable district: more than half the Indian residents were born there or moved in years ago.

Braamfontein, on the other hand, attracts a highly mobile population. Wits University students (42 percent) and office workers. Residents are mostly young, mostly single and moved to their present flats within the past six years. Moreover, "it is quite striking that the racial characteristics of Braamfontein residents are not a useful measure of class differences in the population", the study notes.

The purpose of the Johannesburg Inner City Survey was to find out how the city council could improve the inner city. Presumably stung by the outrage that greeted alleged beautification projects like the civic spine and the Yeoville upgrading scheme, they briefed researchers to gather — along with statistics — complaints and suggestions from a range of people and organisations, from landlords, tenants, Actstop and estate agents to street children, shop owners and hawkers.

"We understand," says Rosen, "that the underlying causes of environmental degradation and urban decay are symptomatic of underlying socio-economic problems and that physical upgrading on its own is not going to solve these underlying problems. We had to get an understanding of what the underlying problems were to formulate effective policy."

The temporarily homeless were desperate for a security net before their situation became permanent. City centre shopkeepers complained about hawkers. Police came in for a great deal of flak — it was a subject that managed to unite Actstop, Inkatha and the Pan Africanist Congress.

Now the council is planning to set up an inner city forum consisting of "key representatives of the community" plus council representatives as a platform for negotiation, discussion and debate.

Watersheim said yesterday "Naturally, these special incentives will be

years and thereafter a substantially reduced standard rate

75 percent of total costs incurred in training Namibian citizens — Sapa

The US recession is now estimated to be in its 18th month — The Independent

Midrand to get R500-m town centre

By Meg Wilson

Midrand, one of the fastest growing municipalities in the country, has at last outgrown the village at its centre

The town council has accepted plans for a R500 million Town Centre, to be developed over the next 10 years. It will be sited on the 14 ha Broadwalk between the Old Johannesburg Road and the new K101 carriageway.

A consortium led by the Meridien Group and including General Accident, Tencor, Tiber Developments, the Sand-

gate Group and RMS Syfrets, is to start work on the first phase of the project in the last quarter of this year.

This will cost R200 million and contain a new civic centre built around a town square.

Pat Flanagan, MD of leasing agent RMS Syfrets, says the 55 000 sq m phase will be anchored by a food major and two fashion majors and have 2 500 parking bays.

However, some analysts think Midrand may now be in danger of overdevelopment, given its relatively small resident population of

around 30 000

A major shopping centre, funded by the Motor Industry Fund Administration (Mifa), and across the road from the Broadwalk site, is almost complete.

Called The Boulders, it is linked with the Checkers/Midrand Mall, and has Pick 'n Pay, Game and Starnet (with seven cinemas) as its anchors.

Other tenants signed by leasing agents Baker Street Associates (BSA) include CNA, Clicks, Boardmans, Wimpy and a health club.

Rodney Timm, MD of BSA, says the centre will also have several banks

(those not represented in the Midrand Mall) and is negotiating with local traders to fill the line shops.

Mifa has also acquired land and buildings to the north, with an eye to expanding the centre for other major clients.

The question now is whether there will be enough tenants left to make the Town Centre's retail component viable, given the reluctance of majors such as Hyperama, Edgars and Woolworths to support developments in areas without the population to sustain massive stores.

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Blueprint to lift inner city

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ADRIAN HADLAND

A WIDE range of measures aimed at reinvigorating Johannesburg's CBD were recommended by the Human Sciences Research Council this week following the release of its substantive survey into inner city areas

The results of the survey, which was based on 1 400 questionnaires taken from 14 inner city regions, are likely to guide the Johannesburg City Council's future urban policies

Among the recommendations are the creation of a non profit-making housing trust aimed at lending money to areas spurned by financial institutions, the establishment of a municipal police force controlled by the community and increased fines for landlords who overcharge rents and let their buildings deteriorate

Greater powers of inspection for the council and higher fines were suggested to combat overcrowding, exorbitant rents and unfair evictions

It was reported that residents in regions such as Hillbrow, Joubert Park, the CBD, Doornfontein and Berea were having great difficulty securing mortgages and loans from lending institutions. The report recommended a first-time buyer's housing subsidy as well as the possible provision of loan collateral to encourage "the return of normal financial institutions to the area"

Further recommendations included the provision of shelters for homeless adults, street children and abused women and the provision of legitimacy and support to organisations catering to the needs of gay people and street children

All council directorates concerned with housing and urbanisation would be using the results of the survey to set short, medium and long-term priorities, the council's urban strategies division said in a statement this week

Meat industry plan 'ineffective'

B1 Day 28/2/92

THE Meat Board's announcement this week that it plans to deregulate the red meat industry has drawn sharp reaction from the Organisation of Livestock Producers (OLP)

Speaking at a news conference yesterday OLP chairman Nils Dittmer said the board's announcement was a smokescreen as it did not address the cause of the meat industry's main problem

The concern was the heavily controlled meat scheme, he said, which controlled the flow of meat to the market and resulted in a lower income for producers, raised consumer prices and reduced consumption

The board announced on Tuesday that a new meat scheme would soon be introduced — which meant in practice that the distinction between controlled and uncontrolled areas would fall away and that the SA Abattoir Corporation would be privatised

Dittmer said producers objected to being legally forced into the meat scheme and said the cost of intervention had been great

Farmers also opposed the board's practice of raising compulsory levies on each animal slaughtered in order to fund services which did not necessarily benefit producers or consumers. Coupled with this, the Board was not accountable to those it was meant to serve and the producers had not been able to get access to the board's audited financial statement for the past three years, he said

Dittmer said the deregulation should be supported by farmers having the option to choose to operate

KATHRYN STRACHAN

within the meat scheme or to function independently according to market forces

The OLP believed farmers should have the choice of opting out of the scheme if they wished and negotiating their own prices, but that the scheme should still be there for those who needed the comfort of the minimum price protection. The compulsory levies payable by the producers to the board would then become fees payable for services provided

Dittmer said true deregulation meant that meat traders and butchers would be able to buy livestock directly from farmers, have the animals slaughtered at abattoirs of their choice and be able to sell their produce on consumer-based demand rather than according to centralised regulations

Fundamental restructuring of the current meat scheme was the only way to stop consumers paying three times more for meat than what the producers received and allow farmers to negotiate their own prices according to market forces, he said. Red meat prices rose 38% during 1991

The OLP has taken two years to research the estimated 1 000 regulations governing the industry and concluded the restrictions constrained efficient production and distribution of red meat. As a result, consumers paid far more for meat than necessary while producers' profit margins shrank, he said

The OLP has presented its recommendations to the Meat Board and to the Department of Agriculture

Council acts

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No pay, so council sheds 3

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THREE Soweto councillors have been disqualified from serving on the council for failing to pay their service charges for a period exceeding three months

The three councillors owed a total of about R5 000.

The disqualification of former Soweto mayor Sam Mkwanazi, councillor Simon Tsatsi and Isaac Galela came into effect from February 19 ~~1992~~

This week the three councillors did not attend the council's monthly meeting after having held a meeting with Witwatersrand Chief Director of the TPA, J van der Walt

The three councillors were among several others who were served with 14 days' notice to pay the full amount owing on February 4, 1992

The three councillors failed to comply with the notice and were therefore automatically disqualified.

The Soweto City Council is presently discussing procedures for collecting service-charge arrears with the Soweto Civic Association and members of the Metropolitan Chamber

Clean councillors fear for lives as they battle to expose the rot

HAAUNTED BOY HITMEN

By COLLETTE CAINE

AS renewed allegations of massive bribery and corruption rock the Diepmeadow Council, hitmen are stalking the four council officials battling to expose a web of maladministration and alleged fraud running into millions of rands

Targeted by the killer squad are Diepmeadow mayor Josiah Makhala, deputy mayor Zebulun Mabalane, and senior legal adviser Eldred Maheppy

The four have received death threats since Maheppy laid charges of misappropriation of council funds against town clerk Johan de Jager, former executive committee chairman, Frederick Phiri and council legal adviser Sello Monyatsi

SAP spokesman Captain James Ngobeni confirmed charges had been laid and said police investigations were continuing

Maheppy told City Press the four had received anonymous phone calls warning them they were on a hitlist

They had also been warned personally that there was a price on their heads

They believe they have been targeted to prevent them finalising the months-long investigation into maladministration and corruption involving the three officials

A special council meeting two weeks ago ordered an inquiry into alleged irregularities by town clerk De Jager

A memorandum listing 23 "irregularities" by De Jager was submitted to the meeting, which appointed council lawyers Hofmeyr Van Der Merwe to chair the inquiry

A council delegation to the Transvaal Provincial Administration last month called on the TPA to investigate allegations against Phiri, De Jager and Monyatsi

The TPA refused to comment, but City Press understands that an investigation in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 is already under way

At the council's meeting in January, Phiri was ousted as chairman of the executive committee - a powerful position he had held since 1988 and which entitled him to sign council cheques

The three are still in their posts, although De Jager and Phiri were unavailable for comment as they are on sick leave

Colleagues said De Jager was suffering from high blood pressure and that Phiri had been off sick since losing his chairmanship

Council officials said Monyatsi, a lawyer who was struck off the roll of attorneys in 1986 for theft of money from trust funds, had been at his desk for only a few days during February

They did not know his whereabouts

The allegations of bribery, corruption, fraud and their arise out of agreements entered into by the council and various developers

Maheppy was suspended from his job as senior legal adviser to the council by De Jager and Phiri in February last year after laying charges of fraud against Phiri

He was reinstated last month after threatening to fight his allegedly illegal suspension in court

Allegations of corruption include that developers and contractors paid bribes of hundreds of thousands of rands to councillors for fraudulent land-availability agreements

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City Press has a copy of one land-availability agreement allegedly entered into fraudulently

Two councillors say they witnessed payment of R200 000 to Phiri by the developer involved

De Jager and assassinated mayor M J Khumalo signed a 50-year lease on behalf of the council with Century Retail Developments, a close corporation, to develop Baragate shopping complex

This agreement was not approved by the council and councillors and the council's legal advisers claim it is invalid

The Traders' Association of the Baragwanath Shopping Centre, representing all 18 traders currently operating in the complex, were in the process of negotiating with the council to buy their shops when De Jager and

Phiri is building a luxury house in Diepkloof on a site he allegedly allocated to himself, using council building materials and council labour he allegedly has not paid for

Council legal advisers laid charges with the police and the case was due to be heard in the Johannesburg Regional Court, but was withdrawn

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Khumalo signed the lease. Some of the tenants have leased their shops from the council for more than 20 years

De Jager and Phiri allegedly entered into an agreement to sell Diepkloof Hostel to a company called Ivory Tusk which apparently has not been registered with the Registrar of Companies

No work has been done on upgrading the hostel, but rents are allegedly being collected by Ivory Tusk

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Council men get 'death threats'

TWO Diepmeadow councillors and two officials have received death threats following allegations that the town clerk and other officials were misappropriating funds

The four are mayor Mr Josiah Matlala, deputy mayor Mr Zebulon Tlhabane, city secretary Mr David Mabalane and senior legal adviser Mr Eldrid Maheppy

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni confirmed charges had been laid

He said investigations were continuing

The four men said the threats were aimed at preventing them finalising their investigations into maladministration and corruption "involving certain council officials"

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Randburg, Sandton get praise for Alex upgrade

STAR 2/3/92 (266)

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Constitutional negotiations between the members of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum — comprising Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra — should start by the end of this month, Sandton management committee deputy chairman Willem Hefer said on Friday

At a press conference on the progress of the forum, Mr Hefer said the constitution of the NJNF had not yet been approved by all parties

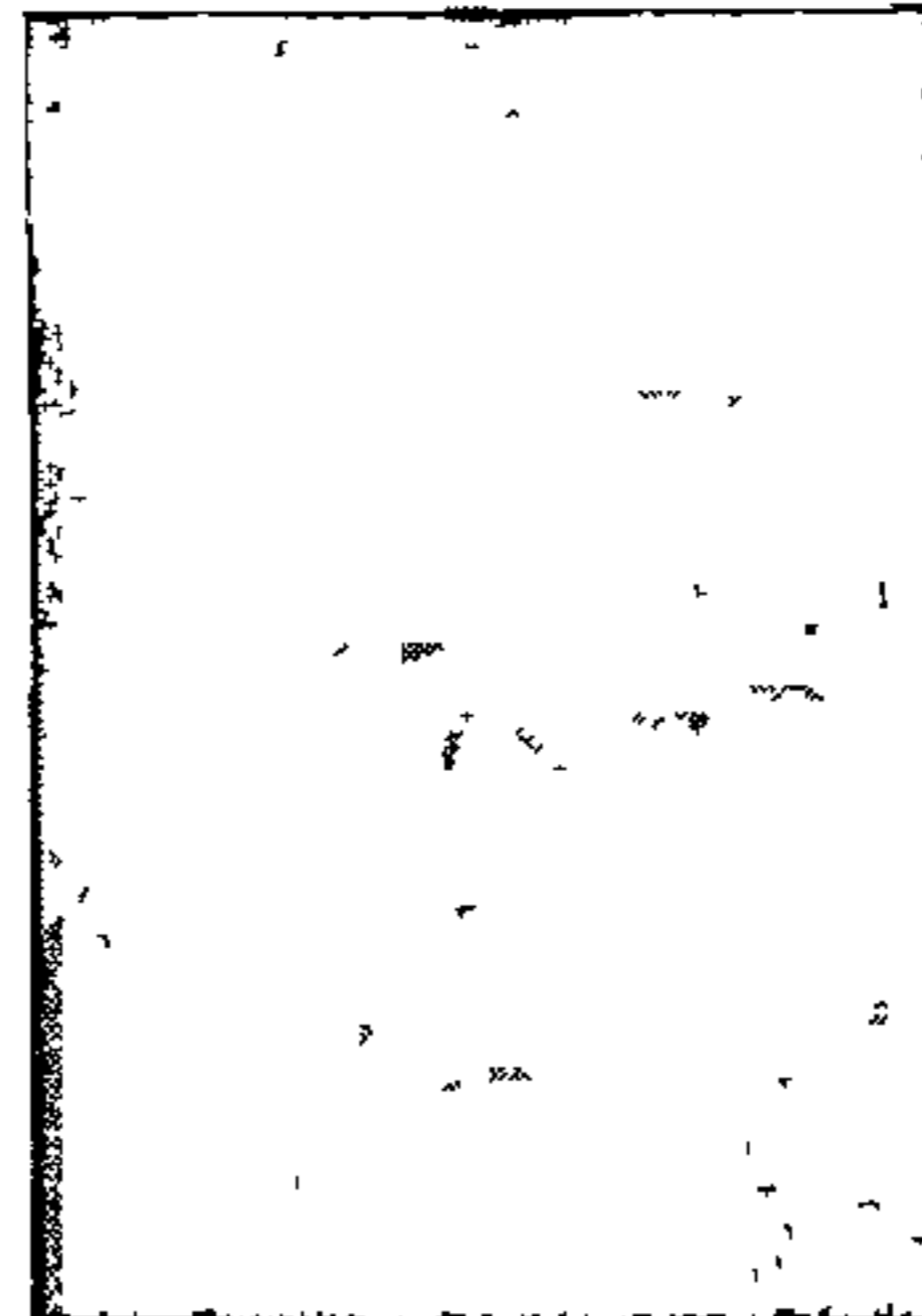
Alexandra Civic Organisation chairman Moses Mayekiso said Alexandra was proud that Sandton and Randburg had "accepted the challenge" to help the township and he hoped the three municipalities would merge

"Today when you get to Alex it is a different place — it is not like the Alex of 1986 or the early 1990s. This is the Alex of 1992 because of the work of this forum," Mr Mayekiso said

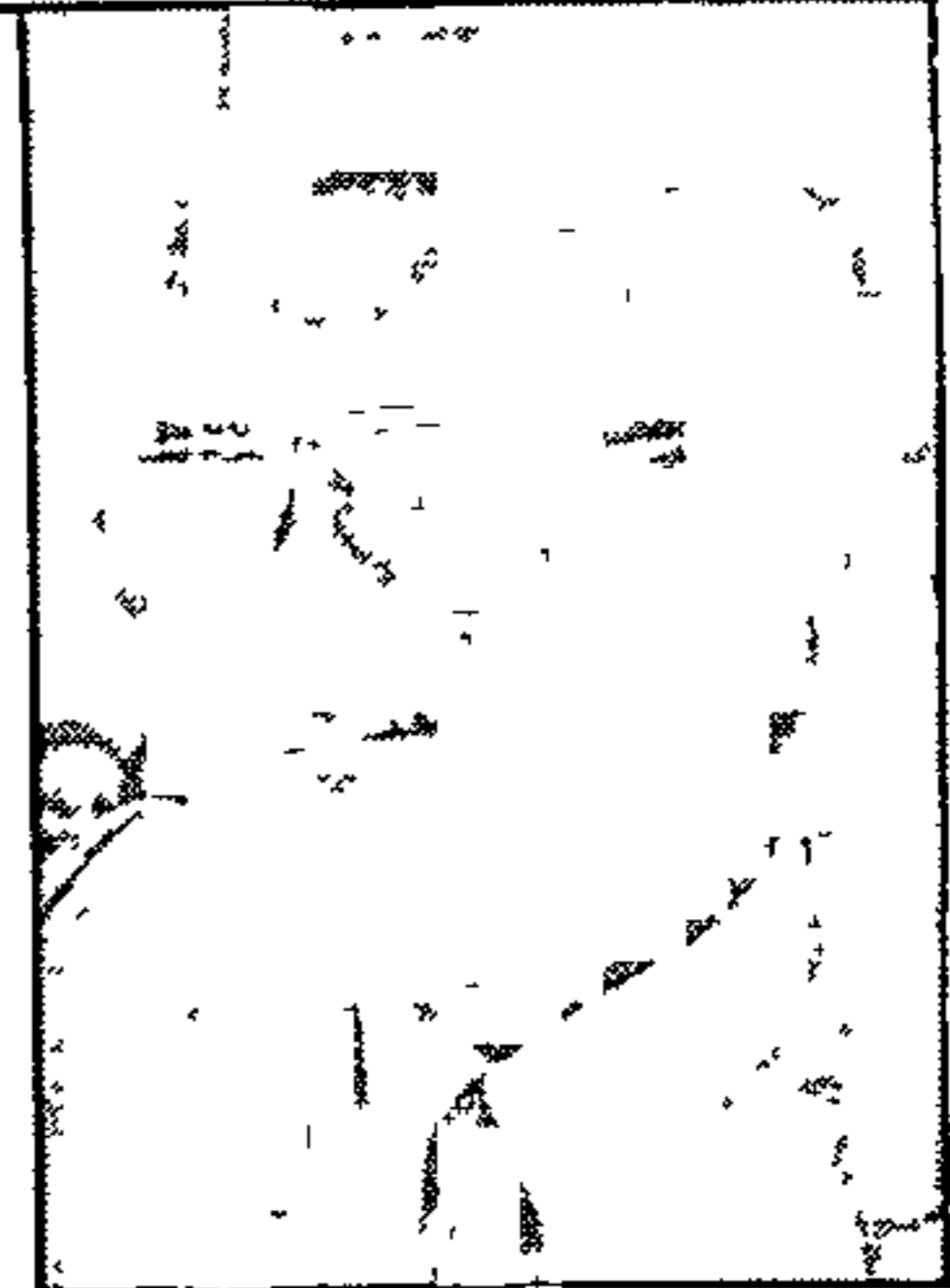
Steve Burger of the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced that development of the far east bank of Alexandra would start in mid-March at a cost of R17,5 million

The development involves installing civil and electrical services for 1 700 stands

NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner said no constitutional negotiations had taken place between the three towns and that



Willem Hefer . . . constitution has not yet been approved by all parties.



Moses Mayekiso . . . proud that Sandton has accepted the challenge

the function of the NJNF had been to assist the township to normalise community life

Mr Gardiner said achievements of the NJNF included

- A dramatic increase in payment levels for services which were expected, by June this year, to reach 80 percent of the amount due
- By the end of last year, electricity payments had improved to 55 percent of the total due
- Nearly 100 pre-paid electricity meters were installed by Eskom each day
- Upgrading and improvements to hostels at a cost of R900 000 to the TPA would be completed by the end of March
- The construction of a new

clinic on the east bank would start this month

- Health services were being rationalised and the possibility of re-establishing the Edenvale Hospital as a community hospital was being investigated
- The rendering of services such as refuse removal, and the repair and maintenance of water and sewerage systems and roads, had improved with the assistance of Randburg and Sandton
- New sewer lines were currently being installed
- Shack areas had been improved, with relocation in some instances and the introduction of temporary facilities such as water connections and toilets

City council lays down conditions for posters

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Staff Reporter

As white South Africa gears up for a referendum, the Johannesburg City Council has levelled the playing field by laying down conditions for a display of posters by political parties taking part

Council spokesman Fouch Fouche said there was no limit to posters to be displayed by political parties in city streets as long as

● Each poster was first brought to the council for ap-

proval and a deposit of R100 was paid to the council for each type of poster to be displayed

● Posters mounted on a rigid backing and tied to trees, pavements or telephone poles did not exceed 1 m by 60 cm in size

● Mounted posters were taken down 10 days after the referendum

Political parties should bring sample posters and a deposit to Director of Architecture, 6th Floor, Civic Centre, Braamfontein

(Report by Brian Sokutu, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

Council amalgamation plan looks set to falter

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ADRIAN HADLAND

THE planned amalgamation of Bedfordview, Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge into one greater Germiston city council looks set to falter this week.

A special council meeting tonight, called by Bedfordview's mayor John Lewis and supported by three other councillors, will reconsider the amalgamation.

Lewis said a majority of the Bedfordview councillors, following pressure from their wards and ratepayers, would seek to end the proposed amalgamation plans until relevant legislation was promulgated by a new government.

The creation of the greater Germiston city council, which has been negotiated over the past 18 months by the Southeast Rand Co-ordinating Committee, was due to occur on April 1 this year.

Germiston and Katlehong have already agreed to joining their councils which would have resulted in the Transvaal's second biggest city council after Johannesburg.

A poll aimed at registering support for the merger, due to be held in Bedfordview on March 18, would probably not take place, Lewis said.

Lewis explained that while the council agreed that amalgamation was desirable, it would prefer to delay it until Codesa had discussed the issue and a new local government dispensation had been formulated.

Bedfordview councillor Jennifer Warwick held a meeting last week to put amalgamation plans to residents.

The response, said Lewis, was "over our dead bodies".

Lewis and councillor Janet Semple, a signatory to the special council meeting request, are to face residents tomorrow on the issue.

"We believe we would just like to slow it all down a bit," said Lewis.

"It is a momentous decision and we do not believe there is consensus in Bedfordview to go ahead with the amalgamation."

Lewis said councillors were concerned about the financial implications of the merger.

He said the terms of the amalgamation agreement would have exempted Bedfordview from responsibility for debts incurred by Katlehong and Palm Ridge prior to April 1.

However, after this date that would no longer be the case.

"The Bedfordview council is committed and in favour of uniting with black local authorities but, at the same time, it must retain its autonomy until new legislation has been promulgated by a new government," Lewis said.

Inkatha education linked to SADF

PRETORIA — Creed Consultants, who ran political education courses for a group of elite Inkatha bodyguards, were paid with money given by Richard's Appointments who were linked to the SADF, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi's former personal assistant M Z N Khumalo said this in testimony to a Committee of the Inquiry into Public Violence and Intimidation.

The committee, sitting in Pretoria to hear allegations of SADF funding of Inkatha hit squads, was told that Creed was not paid out of Inkatha coffers.

Khumalo denied allegations that Guy Boardman of Creed had called to warn members of the elite unit to

go into hiding or that police were looking for them.

At a previous hearing a former Inkatha Youth Brigade organiser alleged these incidents had occurred.

Khumalo told the committee the SADF, through Richard's Appointments, spent between R200 000 and R300 000 on renovations to a camp at Makuze in Kwa-Zulu to accommodate the unit trained in the Caprivi Strip.

It was thought the men could undergo a course in political education while at the Makuze camp, from where they could go into the community and teach others.

Richard's Appointments also footed the bill for four vehicles when some of the group from Caprivi had

gone to Pretoria for a further course.

Khumalo also admitted attending meetings with Louis Pasques, head of Adult Education Consultants, who wanted to discuss the formation of a multi-party democratic group. Pasques was introduced to Khumalo by Boardman.

Khumalo said he had not heard Pasques offer Inkatha R11m.

There was also no mention of any connections between AEC and Creed.

The hearing was adjourned after David Soggot SC — for the ANC, Weekly Mail, Cosatu and SA Communist Party — said he had just received documents concerning Khumalo.

The committee sitting resumes today. — Sapa.

Bedfordview

pulls out of merger

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By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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Bedfordview Town Council has pulled out of the amalgamation with Germiston, Kathlehong and Palm Ridge at the eleventh hour because an angry electorate is strongly opposed to, among other things, inheriting outstanding debts incurred by Kathlehong.

The decision to call off the deal with the other three local authorities was made at a special meeting of the Bedfordview council late yesterday.

The meeting was convened after councillors received reportbacks of strong opposition to the merger from Bedfordview ratepayers and residents.

A resident recently told a radio talk show that Bedfordview would rather amalgamate with Kathlehong than with Germiston.

Withdrawal

The new council, which was to have been named the Greater Germiston Council, was due to come into effect on April 1.

A motion was adopted to rescind all previous resolutions in which Bedfordview committed itself to the amalgamation.

The council will inform the administrator of the withdrawal of its commitment to the merger "due to total public dissatisfaction indicated by ratepayers, residents and staff of the council".

Bedfordview council is also to inform the administrator of its wishes to remain an autonomous local authority until such time that a new system is decreed in terms of new legislation following a Government decision and which may be applied to democratic principles "by choice of the local community and electorate or after sufficient further investigation into a proposed amalgamation has taken place and consensus reached among all parties concerned".

The council is to convey its willingness to the administrator to assist black local authorities financially and administratively, where possible on an equitable basis, to all white authorities in the country, "on condition Bedfordview retains its autonomy as a separate local authority".

Bedfordview mayor John Lewis last night said eight councillors voted in favour of the merger when it was first discussed in 1991. One councillor opposed the move.

"Bedfordview council is apolitical and we felt it was important to go back to the people before a final decision was made," said Mr Lewis.

He said the management committee believed it had a mandate to go ahead with the merger but it turned out that it was not so.

An angry electorate conveyed a clear message that it opposed the merger.

"There is no hurry to force the issue," said Mr Lewis.

He said Bedfordview backed out of the deal because "there was an uncomfortable feeling that (the deal) was being rushed into and because of the responsibility of inheriting others' debts", said Mr Lewis.

"It is a case of for better or worse, in sickness and health — and it was decided in the best interests of Bedfordview, to call off the merger."

Mr Lewis said the door had not been closed, but it was simply a matter of listening to the electorate.

● Germiston City Council's management committee chairman Leon Louw said it was "a pity that Bedfordview had withdrawn from the merger which would have benefited all".

He said Germiston would go ahead with the amalgamation with Kathlehong and Palm Ridge but Bedfordview's decision had altered the date, as legally a new agreement would have to be drawn up.

Mr Louw said he hoped Bedfordview would change its mind in the future.

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Vanderbijlpark says 'no' ~~357~~
THE Vanderbijlpark Town Council appealed yesterday to white voters to vote "no" in the referendum. It said "The council believes the reform process, which aims at creating a unitary state on a one-person-one-vote basis, should be halted" (266)



Councils to pay more for water

By Michael Sparks

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The Rand Water Board yesterday announced a 9,5 percent increase in the cost of the water it supplies in bulk to municipalities effective from April 1

However, municipalities will not be passing the increased rate on to the consumer immediately

In the case of Johannesburg, a spokesman said the water tariff was considered along with the budget in June, so there would be no increase before then

Sandton treasurer Ken Roelofs said the municipality had just received notification of the increase and could not comment on it. However, he said, for the past three years the municipality had absorbed such increases until July. Relevant in-

formation and recommendations would go to the management committee and the council by the last week in April, when a decision would be made

The same was true in Krugersdorp, Randvaal and Verwoerdburg

A spokesman for the Rustenburg municipality said the previous budget would be studied and, if more money came in from the sale of water than budgeted, then the increase would not be passed on to the consumer. But, he added, there was normally an increase, although he did not know when it would be

While the tariff increase affecting households would depend on individual municipalities, if only the water board increase was passed on, an aver-

age household using 30 kilolitres a month would pay an additional R2

Last year the tariff increase for water supplied by the board was 11,5 percent

From April 1 bulk consumers will pay 78,1c/kl, up from the present 71,31c

A levy of 10c/kl to help finance the construction of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project is included in the increase

For small consumers outside of municipal areas, water will increase from 118,32c to 129,56c/kl

Water board chief Vincent Bath said that since the increase in the cost of raw water and electricity had been moderate, the board was able to keep the increase six points below the inflation rate

Water tariffs go up 9,5%

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WATER tariffs in the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle and southeastern Transvaal would increase by 9,5% from the beginning of April, the Rand Water Board announced yesterday.

The increase was lower than last year's 11,5% hike and was below the 16,2% rate of inflation, the board said.

Bulk consumers will pay 78,10c a kilolitre, representing a 6,79c increase. To the average household using 30kl a month, the tariff translates to about an extra R2 a month.

Tariffs for small consumers outside municipal areas will increase by 11,24c/kl. This will raise their tariffs to 129,56c/kl.

Rand Water Board CE Vincent Bath said the increase was below the inflation rate because hikes in the costs of raw water and electricity had been moderate this year at 5% and 9,5% respectively. Loan charges to finance capital expenditure had increased by less than 3%.

Greater efficiency had also contributed to keeping the costs low, he said.

However, costs for coal, chemicals, transport and other sundry items were higher and in line with overall inflation.

The drought would result in a 4% increase in water sales, which was higher than expected. There was sufficient water in the Vaal and Sterkfontein dams — the major storage dams — for at least another two to three years.

In February the Vaal and Sterkfontein dams were 48,9% and 97,7% full respectively. The Bloemhof dam was 39% full and the Woodstock dam 84,2% full. Total rainfall for February was 68mm, more than 100mm less than February 1991.

Bath warned that water restrictions could be introduced if the drought continued into the next rain season. These would be implemented to conserve supplies until water from the Lesotho Highlands scheme was received in 1997.

Since 1988 a 10c/kl levy had been imposed by the state to finance a portion of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, for which SA was responsible. This will be increased on October 1 of each year until 1996.

A further 1,43c/kl Water Research Fund levy was implemented on January 1.

LINDEN BIRNS

Bedfordview pulls out of merger deal

THE Bedfordview Town Council has withdrawn from the proposed amalgamation with three other councils because its ratepayers are dissatisfied with the deal.

Town clerk Mr Anton Kruger said yesterday they had pulled out because there was no binding legislation which forced Bedfordview to amalgamate with Katlehong, Germiston and Palm Ridge.

It therefore had to adhere to the demands of their residents

"The public, ratepayers and the staff in the local council are disgruntled with the council's move to merge with other councils without consulting them.

"Bedfordview is therefore going to wait until the Government drafts new legislation which enforces amalgamation," said Kruger. *Sowetan 5/3/92*

By TSIDI THINANE

Meanwhile, the remaining councils have postponed the official date of the amalgamation from April 1 to July 1.

The amalgamation was proposed in 1991 in a bid to provide better administration of services to the underprivileged.

The town clerk of Katlehong, Mr Fanie Mare, said they were disappointed by Bedfordview's pullout

"The chairman of the South East Rand Co-ordinating Committee, Mr Sarel Harting, brought the news to us during the meeting on Tuesday evening. We were however not informed of the reason," he added.

Although Katlehong's debts were once a concern, they no longer were an issue.

Wife 'barred'

Sowetan 5/3/92
THE wife of ailing Bophuthatswana prisoner Christopher Makgale was barred from seeing him on Tuesday, the Mafikeng Anti-Repression Forum claimed yesterday.

Mrs Louisa Bosman had reportedly been to see Makgale, who suspended his hunger strike on February 27 following the meeting between Chief Lucas Mangope and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela.

Maref said Bosman was refused permission to see her husband at Odi Hospital because he should not be visited "during the week".

- Sapa.

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TPA probes
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irregularities

The Transvaal Provincial Administration instituted an inquiry into alleged irregularities by certain members of the Diepmeadow Town Council two weeks ago, local government MEC Burger Lategan announced yesterday.

The TPA has appointed consultants to assist in the inquiry — the result of various complaints — and instructed them to inform the administration as soon as possible whether any further action was needed in this matter — Staff Reporter

TPA ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ orders probe

Sowetan 6/3/92
THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has launched an investigation into allegations of irregularities at the Diepmeadow Council

TPA's MEC for local government, Mr Burger Lategan, yesterday confirmed the Administration was aware of complaints from "various parties about alleged irregularities practised by an official and certain members of the Diepmeadow Town Council"

He said the investigation was launched in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act

He said the TPA had also appointed consultants to help with the investigation

"The TPA requires that even the slightest suggestion of irregularities or corruption, should be thoroughly investigated and that if the investigation yields evidence of irregular conduct or corruption, firm steps be taken against those involved," he said - Sapa

Sandtonians seethe over merger bid

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SANDTON councillors are having the "yes you did, no I didn't" row that some married couples had last night, but there will be no reconciliation afterwards.

Divorce isn't on the cards, but a self-appointed "ruling group" is making waves, and all the running, over a possible joint administration deal with Randburg.

One "ruling group" member is former management committee chairman Bruce Stewart. Until recently their ratepayers didn't know about the talks.

Other councillors such as Liz Clogg accuse them of secret dealings, but the group says there's no secret, they simply didn't tell anybody until there was something to talk about.

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Mrs Clogg says "The rest of the councillors, officials and ratepayers knew nothing about all this until it started coming out under questioning at the January and February meetings of the Sandton Town Council. Discussions have been going on for about a year.

"But until recently there was a total lack of information.

"Sandton is committed to assisting Alexandra, that was openly motivated in council and was unanimously supported.

"So why did the group think this secrecy about a joint administration with Randburg would succeed? They are clapping hands for Tinkerbelle, not realising that the never-never world isn't there."

She also said that since Sandton had higher land values but lower rates, a union held no ad-

The blood pressure rate among Sandton councillors is higher than the crime rate in the area over allegations of secret merger talks with Randburg. PETER WELLMAN reports.

vantages for Sandton

The "ruling group" — an expression Mr Stewart uses — is said to include himself, Willem Hefer, Peter Gardiner, Mike Melunsky, Don Forbes, Peter Jardine, Dennis Greyvenstein, Bruce Burns, Richard Cheary, Dave Anderson, Di Sandin and Ernie Saks.

Mr Hefer saw nothing in Mrs Clogg's remarks to apologise for. He pointed out that the council had placed the issue before a committee of which he was acting chairman. The chairman said there might be much in common between Sandton and Randburg, including savings on unnecessary capital and operating costs.

And the public would be "informed or consulted" in terms of the council resolution.

Mr Stewart said that at first this was an "internal, domestic issue", which had already been debated at length in open council, and he did not want to see "emotional statements by some people against other people" in the press.

Agreeing that non-group management committee member Meyer van Niekerk had not been briefed on the Randburg talks, he said the committee did

not have to be unanimous on everything, and they had the right to disagree as individuals.

The "ruling group" arose naturally, and anyone not allowing for this was naive.

It comprised "like-minded people who see things like office development, road plans and population densities in the same way, and have similar political points of view."

Mr Stewart agreed with Mr Hefer that there was no need to tell anyone about the Randburg talks until there was something to go on.

The public would "probably be consulted or informed" before the council decided on a joint administration with Randburg, he said. Later Mr Stewart said there would be consultation, through the investigative committee headed by Mr Hefer.

Initiative

Mr Stewart said the final shape of things depended on a new political dispensation, but his group was showing initiative in the meantime.

Gail Daus, chairman of the Sandton ratepayers' federation, brushed these arguments aside.

"The group is autocratic and does not understand that democracy is not simply a one-way channel for giving out bits of information," she said.

Watching on the sidelines is Moses Mayekiso, chairman of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, which is also involved in amalgamation talks with Sandton. He would not comment directly on the Randburg wrangle, but said: "We keep our constituency informed of developments all the time." □

Fears of Transnet retrenchments

PRETORIA — Transnet had put together a contingency retrenchment policy which was causing anxiety among the organization's 155 000 workers, Federation of Transnet Trade Unions general secretary Abe Koekemoer said yesterday.

Although the policy had not been implemented, there were fears that it could soon be, due to continuing recession and declining traffic and revenue in virtually all sectors of the organisation.

Koekemoer said Transnet had agreed with the unions on severance benefits

Koekemoer, who is also vice-chairman of the SA Federation of Labour Unions (Fedal) warned Fedal's annual conference this week that a "no" vote in the March 17 referendum would lead to the almost immediate disintegration of the

economy and wholesale unemployment

If this happened the transport industry would be one of the worst hit and the retrenchment policy would have to be activated



With a "yes" majority and the stimulus this would give imports and exports, and a greater use of the transport system, the threat of unemployment would disappear and staff numbers might even have to be increased **B1029/6/3/92**

Another issue still ranking with Transnet workers was the affirmative action policy of giving employment preference to blacks. Although this had not yet happened to any great extent the policy had not been altered and it was only where a suitably qualified black could not be found that a white was employed.

Diepmeadow council probe

WILSON ZWANE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has engaged experts to assist it in its probe into alleged irregularities in the Diepmeadow Town Council.

Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan said the probe was ordered two weeks ago after complaints had been received from members of the Diepmeadow community about irregularities in the council. **B1029/6/3/92**

It is understood that allegations of corruption have been levelled at the Diepmeadow town clerk and two Diepmeadow Town Council members.

Lategan said the administration had appointed experts on local government to look into the matter as the "TPA requires that even the slightest suggestion of irregularities should be thoroughly investigated". He said the investigations would be concluded as soon as possible.

"If they yield evidence of irregular conduct, firm steps will be taken against those involved," he said.

Germiston merger goes on

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ANNA LOUW

THE merger between Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge will go ahead in spite of Bedfordview's last-minute withdrawal this week

Citing Katlehong's outstanding debts as one of the main reasons for pulling out was a smokescreen by Bedfordview, said Germiston City Council's management committee chairman, Leon Louw

It was intended to hide the "snobbishness" expressed by the mayor, some councillors and residents of Bedfordview that they would "rather amalgamate with Katlehong than Germiston"

He pointed out that Bedfordview's former management committee chairman, Lew Leppan, who was axed after an angry ratepayers' meeting this week, had approached Germiston in June to discuss the possibilities of incorporating Bedfordview into Germiston

"Mr Leppan made the overtures on behalf of Bedfordview

at the time Germiston had already discussed a merger with Katlehong at a co-ordinating committee level," he said

Mr Louw reacted to a statement by Bedfordview's new mayor, Jules Civin, regarding assessment rates and said municipal property valuations had played a major role in the assessment of rates and taxes

"Bedfordview's rates may be cheaper, but the municipal valuations are sky-high. It is more expensive to live in Bedfordview," Mr Louw said. Electricity in Germiston cost 9,9c a unit, as against 14,6c in Bedfordview

Regarding outstanding debts, Mr Louw said protection mechanisms were built into the agreement so that no local authority would be liable for debts incurred by another

"What was intended with the merger was closer co-operation through joint decision-making and not plunging anyone into a

situation which would be to their detriment," he said

Reacting to Bedfordview's former mayor, John Lewis, who said it was a case of "for better or worse, in sickness and health", Mr Louw said "Germiston recognises the fact that a neighbouring community (Katlehong) may be ailing

"Its problems can only become worse if a helping hand is not extended"

● Bedfordview Town Clerk Anton Kruger yesterday said council employees had expressed mixed feelings over Bedfordview's withdrawal from the merger

Some, he said, opposed the withdrawal "but the average person was comfortable" with the status quo

Bedfordview's withdrawal from the merger had led to the postponement of the amalgamation date for Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge from April 1 to July 1

Trend towards decentralising

THE Johannesburg CBD is still the most concentrated area a square kilometre for top industrial companies' head offices, but relocation over the past few years shows that the area of investment growth is between Braamfontein and Midrand.

"For every top industrial company with headquarters in the Johannesburg CBD, there are now two positioned between Braamfontein and Midrand," says Property Economist's Neville Berkowitz.

While the decentralisation trend of head offices has often been disputed, the facts are that 63% of these are found in the decentralised zone between Braamfontein and Midrand compared with 37% in the Johannesburg CBD, he says.

"Within this area, 86 of the top 300 industrial companies have their headquarters primarily feeding off the spine development of the M1 motorway from Johannesburg to Pretoria."

The implications of this shift in demand were fundamental to strategic planning about where to develop new buildings.

"Head office locations chosen by top companies are often a strong indicator of the potential target market for prospective tenants, giving an idea of the goods and services infrastructure needed."

Diepmeadow rot spreads

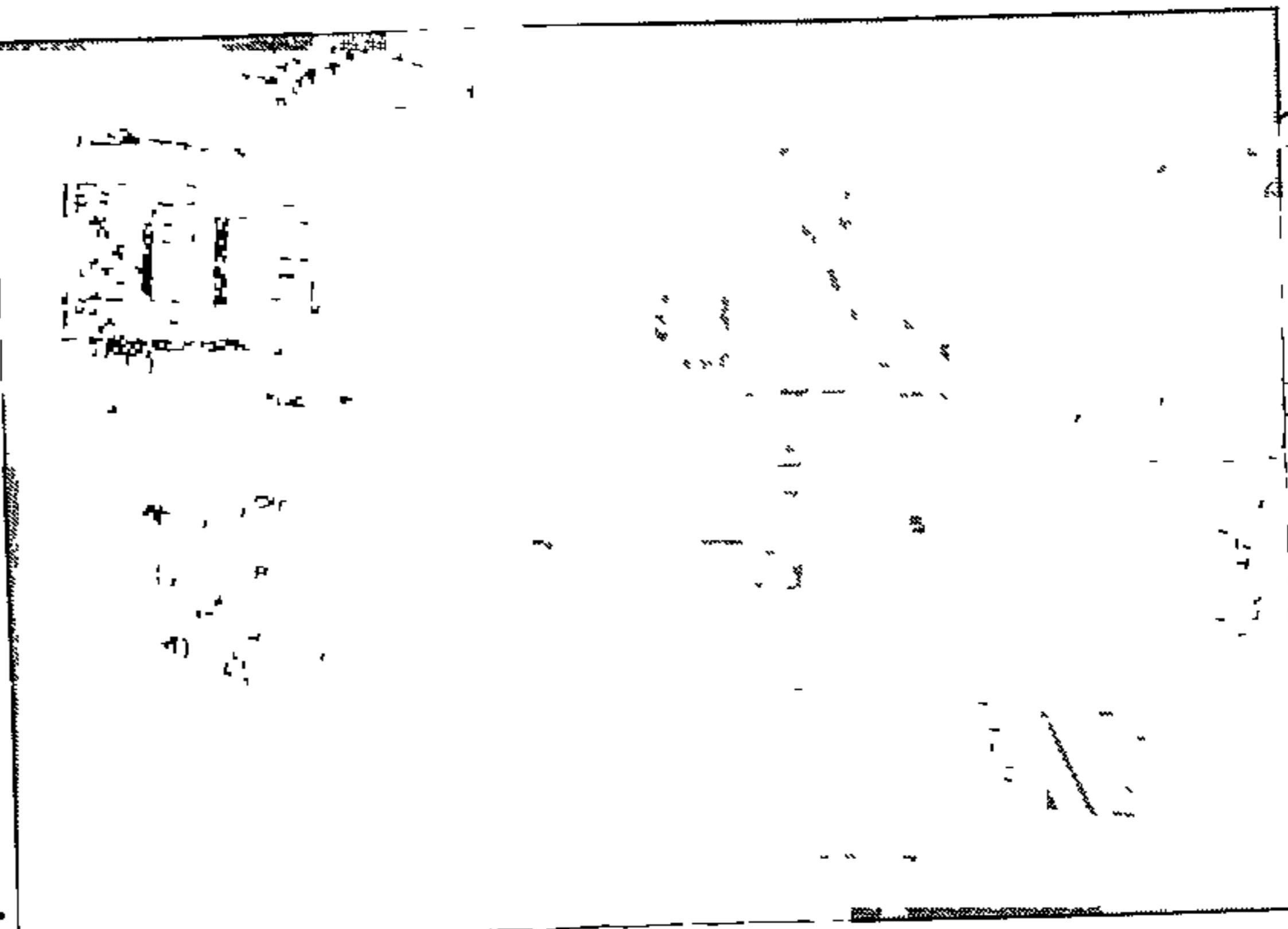
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FOLLOWING last week's exposure of widespread corruption in the Diepmeadow City Council, a City Press Hotline investigation has uncovered a string of allegedly fraudulent property deals involving millions of lands

The deals - involving allegedly fraudulent Land Availability Agreements (long-lease agreements) entered into by council officials without the approval of the council and forged council documents - have seriously hampered development in Diepkloof and Meadowlands.

Allegedly fraudulent or irregular deals which will come under the spotlight in an investigation by the TPA and an internal council investigation into town clerk Johan De Jager include:

- Allocation of land in Diepkloof and Meadowlands to Group Housing Corporation (Ltd);
- Illegally changing of documentation from Group Housing, which has closed down, to Per-



AGAINST WISHES ... Bara traders were not consulted about the new shopping mall.

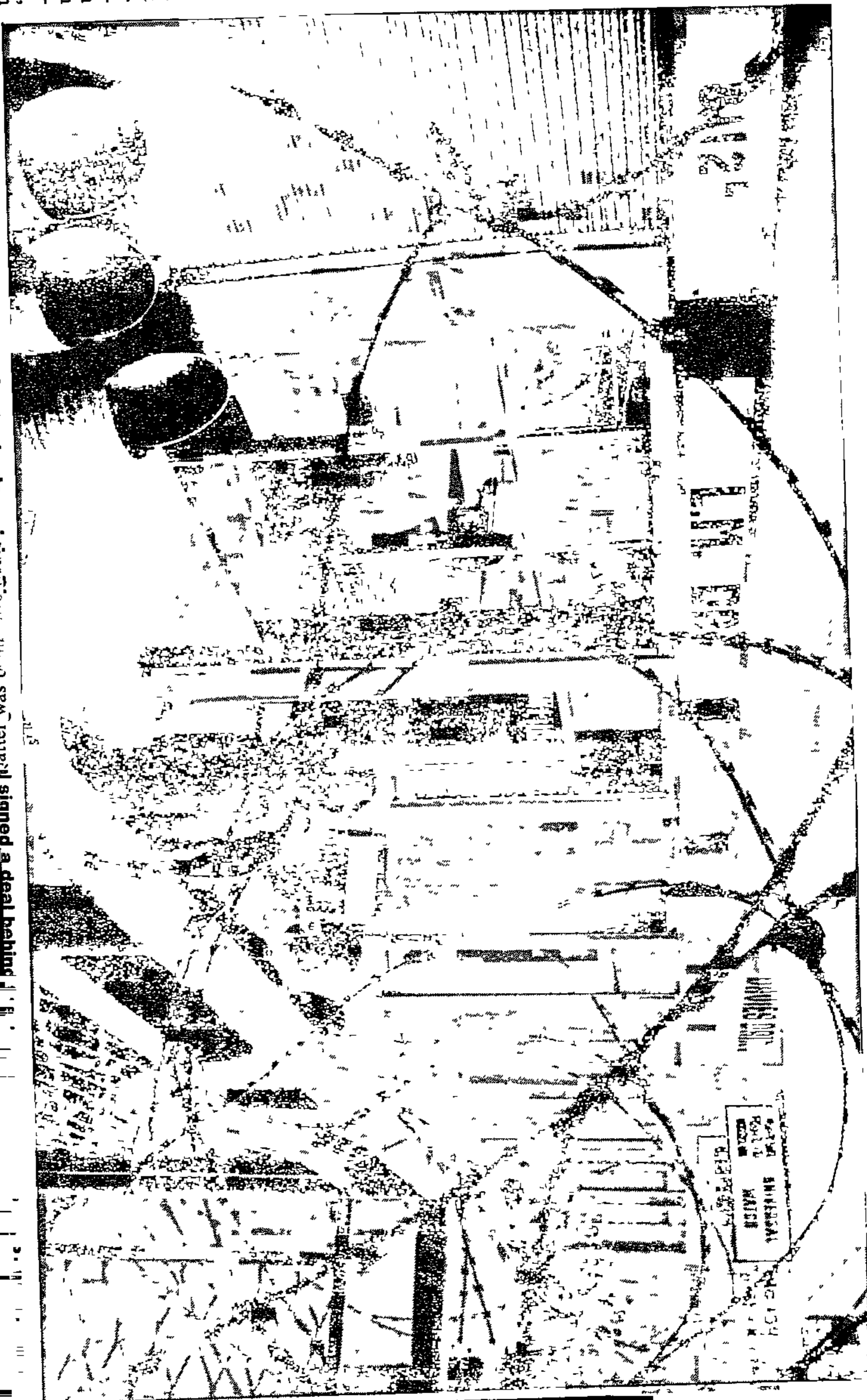
- tax's Civil Engineering Contractors which is run by the same people,
- Marketing land on the basis of fraudulent Land Availability Agreements,
- Selling Diepkloof Hotel to a closed corporation

which does not exist; and ■ Signing a 50-year lease with private developers to rebuild Baragwanath Shopping Centre against the wishes of the existing shopkeepers

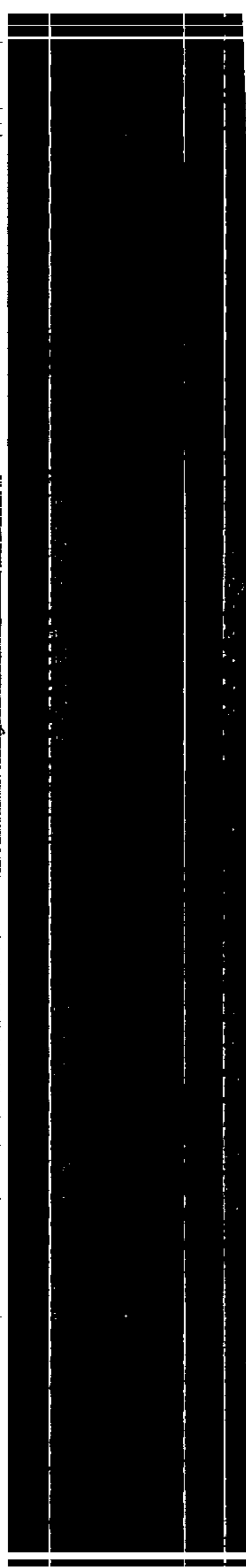
Soweto Civic Associations general secretary Pat Lephunya said the SCA called on the TPA to appoint an independent commission of inquiry into council corruption and mismanagement in Greater Soweto.

"It is this kind of corruption and mismanagement which delays much-needed housing developments. We desperately need affordable houses in Diepmeadow and other parts of Soweto, but council deals with unscrupulous developers does not help people get houses," Lephunya said.

An investigation by the TPA into the scandal at Diepmeadow is underway. MEC for Local Government Burger Latagan said, "If the investigation yields evidence of irregular conduct or corruption, firm steps will be taken against those involved."



FIRE BEHIND WIRE Bara Shepela, general manager, signed a deal behind



Council of Courtroom

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TRADERS at the Baragwanath Shopping Centre are demanding that the Diepmeadow Council scrap a 50-year lease agreement with a private developer to build a shopping mall on the site of their shops.

Scrap deal, demand angry traders

Town clerk Johan de Jager and assassinated mayor M J Khumalo signed a 50-year lease on behalf of the council with Century Retail Developments, a close corporation, to develop Baragwanath Shopping Complex on the site of the existing Baragwanath Shopping centre.

The traders have accused the council of going behind their backs in signing the lease. The Traders' Association of the Baragwanath Shopping Centre, representing all 18 traders in the complex, were in the process of negotiating with the council to buy their shops when De Jager and Khumalo signed the lease.

Some of the tenants have leased their shops since they were built twenty years ago.

Last month a council meeting voted to cancel the agreement. However, the council does not have the right to overturn the lease, as it has been registered against the title

deeds. Only the Supreme Court can overturn the lease.

A spokesman for Century Retail and architect of the new shopping complex, Louis Peens, said this week the company was going ahead with its plans.

Peens believed that poor communication between the council and its tenants had caused deep misunderstanding by the traders of the developers' intentions. Council officials had insisted that the developers should not communicate directly with the traders.

Peens said following the council's decision to repudiate the lease agreement, the developers were now going ahead and establishing direct communication with the traders. The developers' proposals are

■ The 18 traders will be given the option to buy shops in the new Baragwanath complex at the current valuation of their old shops, in the region of R30 000.

■ The developer will carry the loss of about R12 million for the 18 shops. Each shop will cost in the region of R100 000, but existing traders will pay only about R30 000.

■ The new shops will be ready before the old shops are demolished, so trading will not be affected.

The developers will now be asking the council to approve its proposal that the 18 shops be allowed to be sold on freehold title to the existing traders.

Century Retail had spent about R1-million on the development.

However, the traders still want to buy their existing shops and are considering bringing a Supreme Court application to overturn the contract between the council and Century Retail.

In interviews with City Press this week, traders said they wanted nothing to do with the developers and that if the agreement was not cancelled they would resort to mass action.

Agency vanishes with R250 000

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HUNDREDS of people have paid deposits for Meadowlands Zone 10 sites which have allegedly been marketed illegally.

This is because the land availability agreement between the developers and the Diepmeadow Council is allegedly fraudulent.

The developers, Pentax's Civil and Engineering Contractors, have authorised several estate agents and building contractors to market Zone 10.

Some of these agents and contractors have disappeared from their offices in the past few weeks.


NN Trust Estate Agency, owned by Willem Wessel Nel, has closed its Johannesburg offices after taking an estimated R250 000 in deposits.

After clients, who have waited for more than nine months for work to start on Zone 10, complained to the Estate Agents Board (EAB) that they could not get their deposits back from NN Trust, Nel told the EAB he had not kept the deposits in trust because he is the "owner and developer" of Zone 10, not the estate agent.

He told the EAB that clients' receipts bore the company stamp of NN Trust because it was the only stamp available in his office with a telephone number on it.

An associate of Nel, unregistered estate agent Nelson Maphanga, is still operating from

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FHA House in Market Street, Johannesburg, taking deposits of R2 000. He has been given notice to leave by the end of March.

Multhomes, the building company which was to have built houses in Zone 10, has closed its central Johannesburg offices, leaving no forwarding address.

Multhomes marketing agent Eyre Hoffman, another associate of Nel, has also left Johannesburg and is now apparently involved in housing schemes in Venda.

Hoffman's sub-agents, who operated from the housing development of the Diepmeadow Council, have disappeared.

City Press investigations this week have revealed that:

- There is an internal council investigation into the Land Availability Agreement between the council and Pentax's for Zone 10, which the council's legal department says is fraudulent;
- Pentax's is owned by Piet Smit and Tony Baxter, directors of Group Housing Corp Ltd, which closed down last year after getting into financial difficulties;
- Ninety-seven dissatisfied homeowners in Zone 9 are in the process of suing Group Housing for defective workmanship;
- In the first of these claims to reach court, judgments were given ordering the company to pay R17 500, R17 000 and R10 000 in damages for shoddy workmanship; and
- Warrants of execution against the company are being processed by the Alport Sheriff's Court.

Smit relieved questions about the relationship between Pentax's and Group Housing and the legality of marketing Zone 10 to his attorney, Paul Shapiro.

Shapiro said his clients were acting "entirely legally", but refused to supply any documentary proof of the land availability agreement or of the shareholders in Group Housing.

Shapiro warned City Press against making any defamatory allegations against his clients.

A search at the offices of the Registrar of Companies revealed that Group Housing has not been closed.

According to the registrar's records, the company still operates.

Trust Bank confirmed Group Housing had not been liquidated. The bank would not confirm that two senior employees had been fired as a result of their dealings with Group Housing.

Investigations into JMM Raadgewende Densie, trading as Pentax's Civil and Engineering Contractors, showed that the application to have Smit and Baxter included as members was lodged only on February 7 this year.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration confirmed it had no record of an agreement between Pentax's Civil and Engineering Contractors and Group Housing.

All land availability agreements must be approved by the Administrator and recorded at the offices of the TPA's department of community development.

City Press has copies of the allegedly fraudulent agreement. The main part of the agreement shows the documents were entered into on June 18 last year by former mayor M J Khumalo and town clerk De Jager. Khumalo had been assassinated three months earlier.

The allegations of fraud in Zone 10 form part of the investigation currently being conducted by the TPA.

PHANTOM CONTRACT ... These Diepkloof hostel residents have allegedly been paying rent to a fictitious company, Ivory Tusk, in terms of an agreement sanctioned by the Diepmeadow Town Council.

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Soweto Council probe

By KENOSI MODISANE

POLICE are investigating a fraud charge against senior officials of the Soweto Council

Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni told *Sowetan* that the police were investigating three cases of fraud and one of intimidation

Ngobeni would, however, not specify the amounts involved in the fraud or the number of people involved

Sowetan is in possession of eight names allegedly involved

Council spokesman Mr Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday the council knew nothing about the allegations

"There is no truth in those claims," he said

A *Sowetan* informant has, however, said R800 000 was involved in the fraud case

No tax relief on school fees

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Tax relief will not be given to parents for the compulsory fees they pay for their children at the approximately 2 500 House of Assembly schools which become semi-private from next month, Natal Receiver of Revenue Geoff Grant warned yesterday.

Commenting on answers by Education Minister Piet Marais to queries about "Model C" schools, he said fees were considered domestic or private expenses which were "specifically prohibited as a deduction in terms of section 23(b) of the Income Tax Act".

Schools will not be required to collect VAT on fees. *Bl Day 10/3/92*

Another concern of parents and teachers was that Model C schools' earnings and trust funds would be taxed, but Grant said these would exempt.

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Cast slams chamber for planning to meet Codesa

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THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was jumping the gun by meeting Codesa, Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary, Dan Mofokeng said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Reacting to reports that the chamber would meet Codesa this week to discuss a possible basis of contact, Mofokeng said the chamber, being a local forum, should have left that task to national or more regional bodies.

Sapa had quoted chamber CEO Vic Milne as saying "We feel that the Witwatersrand is such an important area strategically and economically that it might be worthwhile for us and Codesa that we both know what the other is doing". *Bl Day 10/3/92*

Mofokeng said "It is incorrect and immature for the chamber to put views to Codesa; it is not fit to represent all the interests of SA on a local level. It should leave that to regional or national bodies".

The national body, which possibly would be called the Civics Association of SA, would meet in Johannesburg this weekend, he said.

Sapa reports the chamber will meet tomorrow to hear reports of all committees, including one on the forthcoming visit of the World Bank reconnaissance mission.

The chamber is seeking a compromise arrangement on the World Bank after certain members demanded they should have direct contact with the mission, Milne said.

Creditors sue Wolnit

THE directors of Wolnit, a liquidated subsidiary of Rentmeester, are being sued in the Pretoria Supreme Court for almost R2m for allegedly recklessly carrying on

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Bid to seal off Marlboro after foreman's murder

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff **SPAR** 11/3/92

A business foreman in crime-ridden Marlboro, in Sandton, was shot in the head at point-blank range yesterday — only hours before businessmen petitioned the Sandton town council for permission to seal Marlboro off from neighbouring Alexandra township.

Roger Samson (45), of Eldorado Park, died on the way to hospital.

A few hours later, protesting businessmen threatened to hold the Sandton town council responsible for every death in Marlboro if they were not allowed to build a wall around the industrial township in a desperate bid to stop the violent crime that held them "under siege".

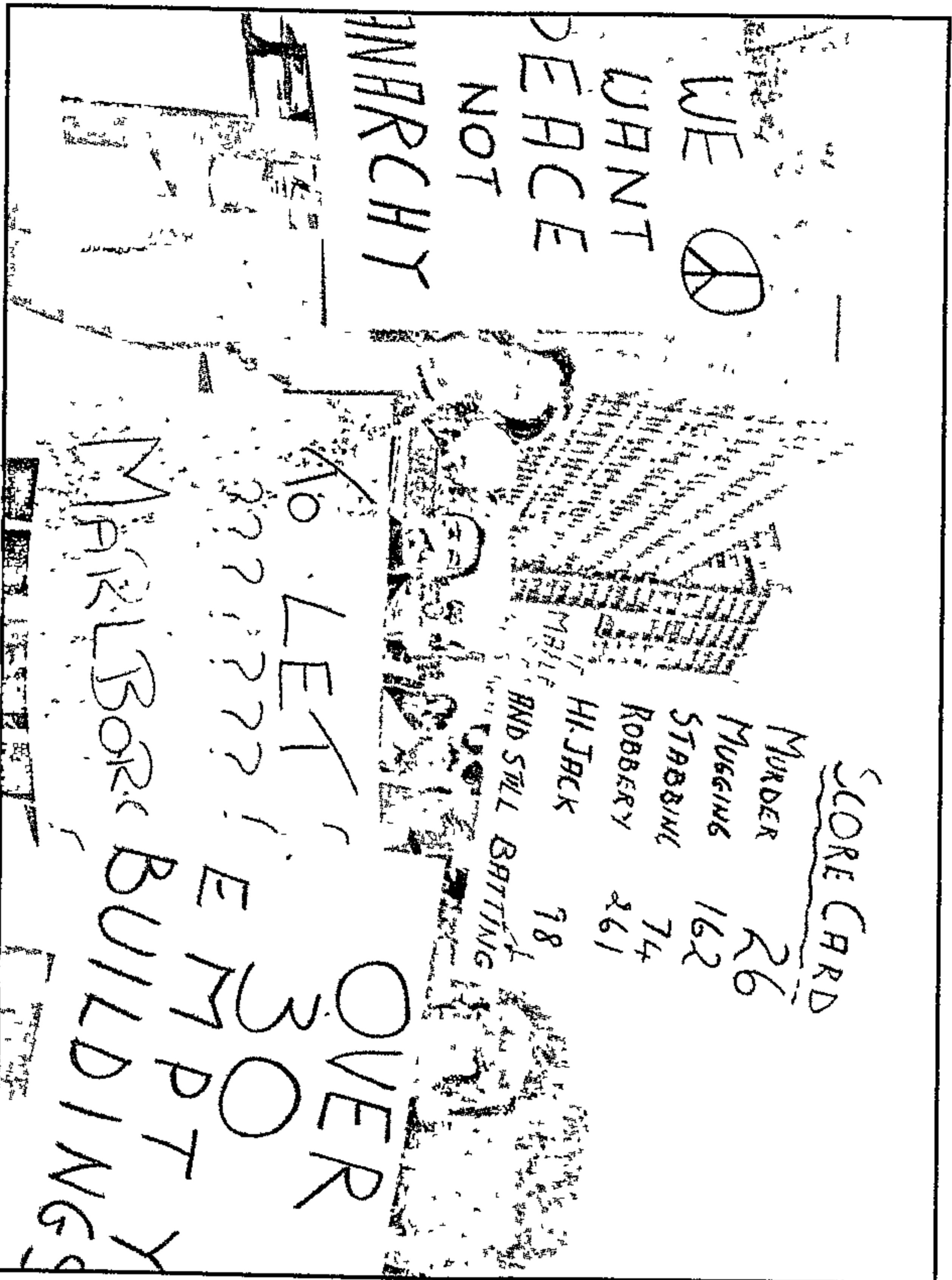
James Binda, who worked with Mr Samson at Springbok Scaffolding in Second Street, said Mr Samson was inside the gates of the premises when three men approached him at about 8.15 am. Speaking Zulu, they asked him for work. When he did not un-

derstand the language, they put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger, then took Mr Samson's gun and calmly walked out of the gate towards Alexandra.

At the Sandton Civic Centre, about 200 placard-waving people presented a petition to the town council demanding permission to build a wall around Marlboro industrial township.

"If the council does not help us, we will have to barricade ourselves in and we will hold the town council responsible for every death in Marlboro," said Marlboro management committee chairman Basil Broomberg.

Earlier this year, businessmen built barricades along First Avenue, but these were taken down by the town council. They then demanded that the area be declared an industrial park and walled off from the township. "Those barricades stopped 70 percent of the crime, and they were taken down," said one angry businessman.



Fed up . . . businessmen want a wall to seal off Marlboro from Alexandra.

Picture Alf Kumalo

Municipalities

must 'attract'

new investors

By Frank Jeans

The great commercial shift north must eventually force municipalities to improve infrastructures if they hope to continue to attract business development and, in turn, their rates base

This is the view of Neville Berkowitz, of the Property Economist, whose research statistics indicate that there is a steady build-up in commercial property from Braamfontein in Johannesburg to the Midrand

Traffic snags such as the Wynberg turn-off at Sandton and the constant snarl-up at the approaches to the burgeoning area of Halfway House are scarcely conducive to free access which is vital to sustained business property development

There is consensus, too, in property circles, that the old Pretoria road must be upgraded to accommodate what will be a rush of property development in the future

"Money will have to be spent on municipal infrastructures in obvious development areas of the future," says Mr Berkowitz

"To encourage people to come to their people and so help to boost employment, the

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municipalities will have to spend money on infrastructures including interchanges, water and power"

According to figures in the latest issue of the Property Economist, for every one top industrial company's headquarters located in central Johannesburg, there are now two positioned between Braamfontein and the Midrand.

Mr Berkowitz makes the point that the decentralisation trend of head offices has often been disputed.

However, considering that 63 percent of the head offices are now sited in the decentralised zone from Braamfontein to Midrand compared to 37 percent in the city centre, "the argument against decentralisation trends becomes fairly unrealistic"

Johannesburg's CBD is still the most concentrated area for top industrial company head offices, but relocation in recent years shows that the area of investment growth is between Braamfontein and Midrand

With this stretch, 86 out of the top 300 industrial companies have their headquarters primarily feeding off the spine development of the M1 Johannesburg-Pretoria motorway



An artist's impression of the R15m Kempstar shopping centre being developed next to the Kempton Park station. Construction of the project has begun and is scheduled to be completed by December 1.

Concor builds R15m retail centre

CONCOR Property Developments has embarked on a R15m retail project next to the Kempton Park station. It will be known as Kempstar, says MD Ian Clark.

The centre will offer 5 200m² of lettable space and is situated on a 12 586m² site.

Concor has been awarded a lease by the SA Rail Commuter Corporation on the property for 45 years with an option to renew for a further 40 years.

"As Concor Property Developments tends to be a short-term investor, we would like to sell the development on. We are talking to a number of institutions at yields varying from nine to 11%, depending on certain operating conditions and guarantees," he says.

Concor had decided that the future of retailing lay with black consumers and had identified this development as offering a good location.

Between 50 000 and 100 000 commuters pass directly through the station daily.

In addition, there is a taxi rank on one side of the development and an open municipal parking area for about 200 vehicles on the other.

"The centre is aimed exclusively at the commuter, both black and white. About 10 to 15% of the present commuters are white, and we are positive they will use the centre," Clark says.

The project is expected to be complete by December 1, but the first block accommodating the South African Transport Services should be ready for shopfitting by September.

The SA Police has also taken space in the centre, and will be "on hand if necessary", he says.

About 50% of the space has already been let. Leases are committed for another 40%, and negotiations are under way for the remaining 10%. Tenants include Diskom, Standard Bank and Captain Dorego.

Rentals levels for smaller tenants are above R30/m², with some space allocated for the informal sector.

Extensive 11/3/92

"We are looking for a tenant to take this space and then sublet it. We have held extensive discussions with the local community, through the civic association, on the development," Clark says.

The development is in line with the Concor group policy of moving away from its reliance on construction and into property development, where a package is sold on to financial institutions.

Concor is considering other similar schemes.

Sandton campaign to quell fears of merger

By Anna Cox (266)

The Sandton Town Council has embarked on a major drive to quell residents' fears of a premature merger with Randburg, Alexandra and Marlboro Gardens.

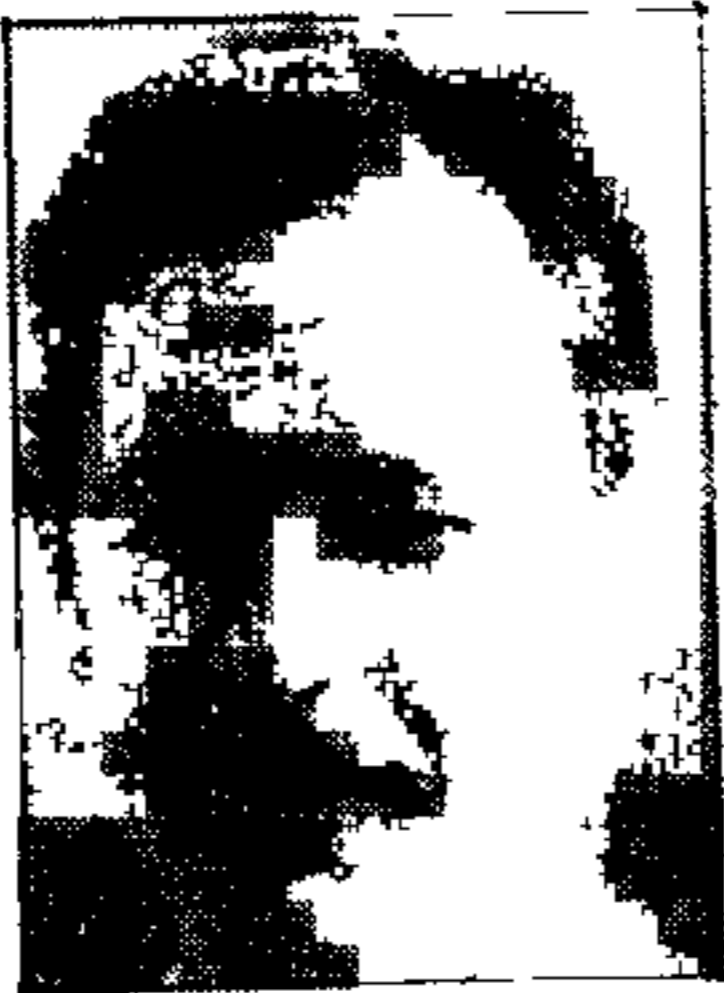
Sandton management committee chairman Bruce Stewart announced yesterday that some 50 000 copies of a special edition of the council's newsletter "The Sandtonian" would be hand-delivered to residents to inform them of the council's position on

the issue is under consideration.

"The implications of a possible joint administration will be investigated fully and residents will be consulted before any decisions are taken," he said.

The publicity drive follows a major row which erupted at a council meeting last month at which some councillors accused the management committee of secret negotiations with Alexandra and Randburg.

Mr Stewart said public

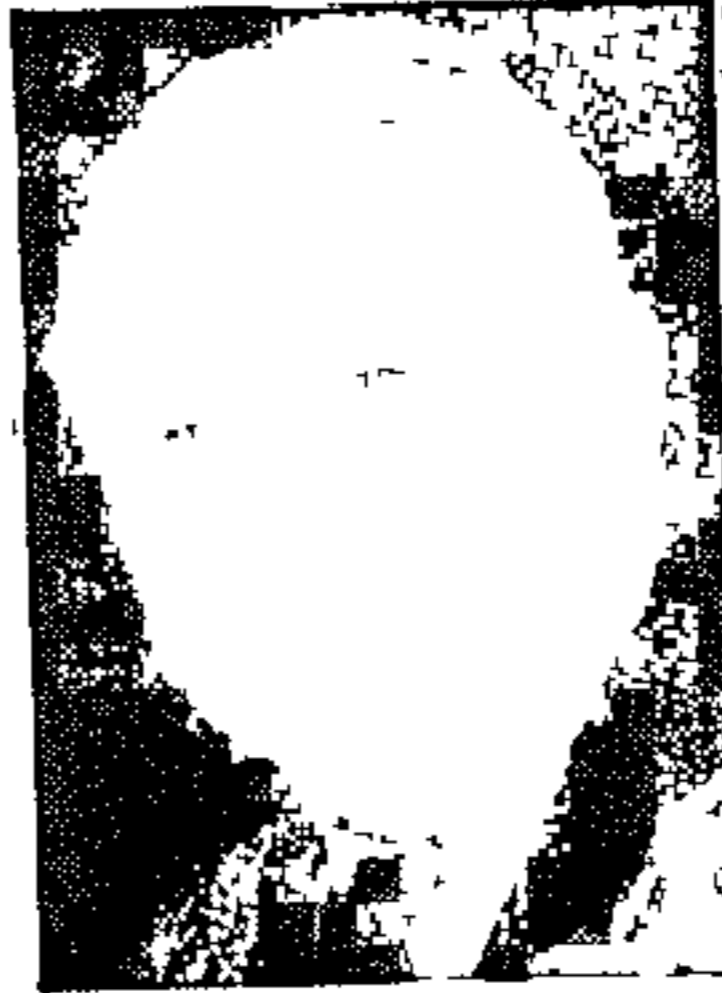


Bruce Stewart . . . public participation vital.

a proposed joint administration with the neighbouring municipalities.

The deputy chairman of Sandton's management committee, Willem Hefer, denied accusations by some councillors that they and residents had been kept in the dark about a possible joint administration.

"Our town council has never contemplated a merger with Randburg and Alexandra and is not committed to one. The only discussions held on this matter were of an exploratory nature, and



Willem Hefer . . . denied accusations

participation was vital to decision-making, and the council would not act on any proposal before a proper process of consultation was completed.

Since September, the town councils of Sandton and Randburg have been providing administrative assistance to Alexandra in terms of a formal contract.

Alexandra administrator John Griffiths has asked the town councils of Sandton and Randburg to consider extending assistance to cover all administration

Row over Vosloorus rates

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By RUTH BHENGU

A ROW is brewing between residents of Vosloorus and the local council following the municipality's threat to cut off electricity to the East Rand township

The residents have accused the council of renegeing on an agreed flat rate of R60 a month

"We thought this matter was put to rest when the agreement was reached, but the council is going back on its word," said a resident, who would not be named for fear of breaking protocol

"We were under the impression that a flat rate was all we had to pay. Some people have been turned away from the council offices when they tried to pay the R60"

The town clerk, Mr George Prinsloo, denied the council had gone back on its word or that residents were turned away

"We do not turn away anybody who wants to pay, even if they have R10. The fact that they are offering something means they are willing to pay," said Prinsloo

"After the agreement of March 1991, the residents were to pay the flat rate for three months and thereafter pay the normal rates

"Before we sent out the notices we invited the civic association to a meeting, but they did not turn up"

The Vosloorus Civic Association could not be reached for comment



Independents, CP face city council fight

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

An attempt by an alliance of five independent Johannesburg councillors to become the official Opposition in the city may be thwarted after the Conservative Party opposition gained another member.

Independent Cecil Long was this week welcomed into the CP, boosting its members in the Johannesburg City Council to five.

Veteran councillor Sam Moss, a former management committee member and Progressive Federal Party opposition leader in the council, led the Independent Alliance in its challenge to the opposition seats at the monthly council meeting last month.

Overtures

The joint Democratic Party/National Party management committee meets on Monday to decide whether it wants a liberal or conservative Opposition.

The Independent Alliance stood a good chance of ousting the CP when it had one more member — but now that their memberships are tied, the management committee may have no choice but to keep its conservative Opposition.

It is expected, though, that the strong Independent Alliance of Mr Moss, Professor Harold Rudolph, David Neppe, Desiree Simpson and dissident DP councillor

Clive Gilbert will make overtures to at least one of the remaining independents, Mike Levin or Howard Bloomberg, to raise their tally to six.

Mr Levin is expected to be approached as Mr Bloomberg has been at odds with his residents for some time over calls for his resignation.

Mr Moss yesterday emphasised that the alliance stood for its citizens, above politics and personal ambition.

"We want to put Johannesburg first and we want our councillors to be closer to the grass-roots problems of their wards. They must be closer to their wards than their own political ambitions."

He said they would not be rigid with caucus discipline and that a councillor would be able to vote as he felt was right.

Stinking

Mr Long said yesterday he had not joined the CP to boost its numbers in the council, but felt he had to "stand up and be counted" over his disillusionment with the NP over the referendum.

"Johannesburg has become a dirty, stinking hovel thanks to the NP-DP alliance in the city. I've got no problem with Mr Moss. He is a decent, honest, sincere councillor and will make a contribution. If the alliance wants to rule the city, all they have to do is go out and recruit Mr Levin or Mr Bloomberg."

"I am satisfied that the present regime can never deliver the goods," he said.

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Council worker on assault charge

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Sowetan 13/3/92

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

ELECTRICAL consultant Dr Gordon Sibiya plans to sue the Soweto Council for loss of income after projects worth R18 million allocated to his company in 1989 were allegedly frozen without any explanation.

This week Sibiya laid a charge of assault at Jabulani Police Station after he was beaten by a white employee of the council when he went to inquire about the project

Sibiya, owner of G Sibiya Electrical Consulting and Project Engineers, said he asked to see Soweto's town clerk on Monday and refused to leave the offices before seeing her.

A white employee then punched him and tore his clothes in an attempt to evict him.

Sibiya said: "The council employee said I was trespassing and started punching me in the face.

"I was surprised because all I wanted was for the council to say what had happened to the money that was allocated for the project by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council in 1989"

His firm was allocated the multimillion rand project which included the wiring of Soweto houses at a cost of R4 million. The project has still not started

Soweto town clerk Mrs Elizabeth Sithole could not be reached for comment.

Noordgesig:
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**'council used
13/3/92
paper-shot'**

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council last night said there was a possibility that the 15 Noordgesig residents injured during Wednesday's protest had been fired on with live ammunition from the back of a truck by members of a private security company

Reacting to the confrontation between the city council's security officers and about 300 residents, health and housing chairman Marietta Marx said members of the security company which drove past fired about seven shots at the crowd from the back of the truck

Mrs Marx denied allegations that live ammunition was used by the council's security officers, during a confrontation sparked by increased electricity payments.

She admitted, however, that the council's security department members fired warning shots "with paper-shelled bird-shot" to disperse the crowd "in the belief that their lives and those of other council employees in the cash office were in danger"

"At no stage was hard ammunition used by council security personnel I am informed by our staff that seven security personnel fired a total of 12 shots into the ground and one into the air," she said

Church in Pretoria's Sunnyside suburb
Capt Marietjie Louw of the Northern
Transvaal police said yesterday several
street children "who are not white" were
normally housed in the church building at

were in a serious condition
By yesterday afternoon a youth burnt
in the fire was still in a critical condition
in the H F Verwoerd Hospital
The Kalafong Hospital described the

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Sandton election sparks walkout

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THE election of new Sandton management
committee chairman Willem Hefer last
night was marked by a walkout by three
councillors protesting against his election

Councillors Frederick Ehlers, Jo Marais
and Melanie Stewart said the choice of
Hefer was unacceptable and they indicat-
ed that a perceived lack of accountability
on the part of the management committee
had prompted the walkout. Hefer was pre-
viously a committee member and succeeds
Bruce Stewart

Hefer declined to comment on the pro-
test and said his major objective for the
coming year was to make "substantial pro-
gress" with Sandton's participation in the
Joint Negotiating Forum (JNF) and in the
Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan
Chamber

The JNF is the body dealing with liaison

ADRIAN HADLAND

between Alexandra, Marlboro Gardens,
Randburg and, together with the metro-
politan chamber, is currently investigating
plans for the implementation of a new
system of local government

Meanwhile, new Sandton mayor Bruce
Burns was formally inducted at a function
in the town last night

The theme of his mayoral term is "Good-
will" and the town's new slogan "Sandton
— Put it There" embraced by a colourful
open-handed logo symbolising friendship
and a helping, sharing hand, he said

Burns and mayoress Bubble Burns can
expect to attend up to 700 functions during
their mayoral year. David Anderson was
elected deputy mayor



Tense moment . A resident confronts municipal police as SAP forces prevent an angry crowd from storming the rent offices

Photo GUY ADAMS

A CITY councillor's home was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at policemen on Wednesday night in the violent culmination of tension between the Johannesburg City Council and residents of Noordgesig, a coloured township west of Johannesburg

Hours earlier, 14 people had been injured — four of them critically — when municipal police opened fire, allegedly with birdshot, on a 250 to 300-strong crowd protesting outside the local rent offices

The Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) had called a stayaway on Wednesday in protest against 300 eviction notices served on residents by the city council for unpaid rent and electricity bills

Last month, as residents were receiving electricity accounts of more than R1 200, the NCA asked the Ennerdale Civic Association to address two mass meetings. The two townships have much in common — both were politically inactive until they became politicised by unrealistically high electricity rates. A similar protest in Ennerdale in February was broken up violently by police.

South African Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni commented that police had not been involved in the Noordgesig shootings but had been deployed only for crowd control.

Municipal police have been guarding the rent offices in Noordgesig 24-hours a day for the past fortnight. A municipal police spokesman yesterday refused to comment on the shootings, saying the incident was being investigated.

Two ambulances transported the

Electricity bills inflame a once quiet township

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People have been shot, a city councillor's house set alight and petrol bombs hurled at police — all because of accounts that a previously passive community says it can't afford.

BEATHUR BAKER reports

injured to the Baragwanath and JG Strijdom hospitals. They included two senior citizens, one a woman of 65 and the other a man of 70, who were both seriously injured.

Assistant publicity secretary of the NCA Mike Fetane said "This was definitely not only birdshot used for crowd control."

Fetane, who transported NCA co-chairman Kaplan Smith to hospital after he was shot "five times at close range", said live ammunition was used. "There was too much blood all over the back seat of my car."

Events built up slowly from early in the morning as crowds barricaded all

exits from the township and marched to the house of a local city councillor, Cathy Seefort, demanding that she resign.

The growing procession of placard-carrying residents then handed a memorandum to David Allie, superintendent of the rent offices.

In his account of the events after this, NCA secretary Keith Blandford, his arm smeared with blood, said "At 8am, three civic association members approached Allie and handed over a copy of our demands, requesting him to send them to the head of the management committee, Ian Davidson, for a reply.

"Allie promised he would present Davidson with the list and give the people a reasonable reply by 1pm."

The crowd waited outside the offices until 1pm, many uncertain whether they would be evicted during the course of the day.

Their memorandum contained the following demands:

- That the city council stop all legal proceedings against residents who have not paid rent or electricity bills until the council has met with the NCA.

- That until this time it also refrains from cutting off residents' electricity.

- That it stops procedures to evict residents, including the 300 people already issued with eviction notices.

Several people in the crowd confirmed that when the delegation returned from Allie's office, they were dismissed and told that there was no response to their demands. They were then "chased off the premises by the municipal security men."

Chaos followed, according to Sergeant Oosthuizen, a policeman in one of the police vans on the scene, and police fired two teargas canisters into the crowd "to maintain order because people started throwing stones." After being given a warning to disperse, he said, the crowd stood firmly on both sides of the road.

That evening, residents held a meeting to discuss the day's events. At about 9pm, an angry crowd gathered around Seefort's house and set it alight. Considerable damage was caused, but no one was injured. Petrol bombs were also thrown at policemen still patrolling the area.

What makes Jo'burg tick

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Zambian journalist CHRIS CHITANDA

FIRST there is the bustle and the traffic; then there is the spectrum of races and sheer numbers of humans crowded in the streets, on buses and trains and cars snaking behind each other in long chains.

Recently spent a few weeks working on the Sunday Times. This is his view of the big city

Careful here, my Zambian mind says, it would not do the old folks back home any good to hear that their chap got run down by a milk cart because he developed paralysis crossing one of the minor roads in a town where others have made fortunes.

trademark recklessness of privately owned public-service vehicles in this part of the continent. One such bus has a candid sticker on its back: "Careful this taxi can stop any time" — and indeed it can

This is not to be, for when the traffic lights say "pedestrians, cross the street," the motorists step on the brakes and give the foot plodders a chance to go about their business. Colour language is clearly understood here; red means "stop" and green indicates "proceed".

These are the guys who guard their bus routes so jealously that they would make our own bus drivers look like traffic wardens. Apartheid pushed the blacks so far from the town centre that they have to leave their various townships sometimes as early as 5am to be on time for work two or three hours later. Commuter transport is therefore mining gold of its own.

The buses are efficient and run on time. At least one gets to work on time with less queuing — that is, if one lives in the exclusive suburbs serviced by the double-deckers or some of the township routes serviced by the public bus company.

The taxi wars are so fierce that police have to move in with guns to disperse the warring factions, and most times temporary peace returns only after blood has been shed and a few lives taken.

Then are the black taxis, for blacks? My question received a variety of answers, but I think that is what the idea is. In other circles they are called Zola Budds. These are the 16-seater mini-buses which ply their trade with the

Back to the city centre One has to do a waltz through the wares piled high on the streets by a new wave of fortune-seekers on the gold-rich reef of Johannesburg

The vendors have become a part of Jo'burg and appear to be there to stay. Oh, they come in all colours here, too: Indians, whites and blacks hawking food, clothes and general goods

And a new colour has joined the street vendors. These are the Orientals with their tin and plastic watches and trunket jewellery piled on the makeshift tables at literally every street corner

This phenomenon is a result of the scrapping of the hated pass laws and other restrictions which barred blacks from the city centres unless they were in active employment. When the police relaxed their fight against vendors all races moved in for the kill.

Johannesburg is truly cosmopolitan, race issues, I discovered, have been relegated to the exclusive clubs, schools, some hospitals and maybe corporate offices.

On the street everybody appears to treat everyone else equally. Not once was I "boyed" on the street, though I must admit not everybody warms up to strangers of an-

other race in this city. Even the ANC stalwart and leader of the Communist Party, Chris Ham, has been able to move into a conservative suburb with little or no hindrance. An unimaginable act a few years ago

The history of South Africa is so clouded with mistrust between races that the country's people have been at each other's throats for the past two centuries.

The whites probably decided never to trust the man they found on the land from the time the Zulu king Dingaan mercilessly executed envoys sent to pay homage to him as the Boers were trekking north.

One thing I realised from the images that were staring at me in real life and in their frozen state from the newspapers and magazines. South Africans do a lot of their things with a great deal of passion

They revere their God, love their women like mad and would die before giving up their land — both white and black. And when they decide to hate they hate with a totality that is final. Ironically, the blacks believe their sangomas — witchdoctors and wizards — so utterly that you wonder if they have ever heard of Jesus Christ

Chris Chitanda works for the Zambian Weekly Post

**'Disband
councils'** (266)

CP Press 15/3/92
THE Civics Association
of Southern Transvaal
this week renewed its call
to disband local authori-
ties a few hours after for-
mer Soweto Town Coun-
cil employee Gordon
Thoms was sentenced to
nine years' imprisonment
for stealing between
R22 500 and R82 149
from the council. — CP
Reporter

- (iv) the implementation of a direct radio link between the Medical Emergency Service Unit and the Valkenberg Hospital
- (v) the launching of an investigation into the effective safeguarding of the Hospital

Maximum security psychiatric facilities

*12 Miss M SMUTS asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether there are any maximum security psychiatric facilities available in the Cape Peninsula at institutions other than the Valkenberg Hospital, if so, what are the relevant details, if not, why not,
- (2) whether any funds have been allocated to any administration for the erection of maximum security facilities, if so, (a) to which administration, (b) how much and (c) when?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

- (1) No, planning was undertaken and completed in January 1991 for the building of a maximum security unit on the grounds of Lentegour Hospital, Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town. No funds were specifically allocated to the Administration House of Representatives, Department of Health Services and Welfare for the building of a maximum security unit and secondly, since the total budget for the financial years 1990/1991 and 1991/1992 were significantly reduced, the project could not be proceeded with.
- (2) no, (a), (b) and (c) fall away

Codesa: assistance of public servants

*13 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development

- Whether any public servants have been re-leased temporarily or permanently from their normal duties to assist any political parties in their work at Codesa, if so, (a) what are their names, (b) what positions do they hold, (c) which political parties are they assisting and (d) what is the cost to the State of this assistance?

B304E

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Arising from his reply to Interpellation No 1 on 19 February 1992, (a) to which political parties or groupings of political parties in South West Africa did the South African Government make funds available with a view to the election of members of the Constituent Assembly in South West Africa/Namibia in November 1989 and (b) what amounts were made available to these parties or groupings of parties?

B306E

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- (a) and (b)

This matter was conclusively dealt with in my reply to Question No 29 of 27 March 1990 as well as in my reply to Interpellation No 1 of 19 February 1992

Black local authorities quorums

*16 Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing †

How many Black local authorities in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State still had quorums as at 31 January 1992?

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

- (a) Transvaal
36 out of 85
- (b) Orange Free State
19 out of 73

Questions standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992

SAP examination fees

*1 Mr A J LEON asked the Minister of Law and Order

- (1) Whether the South African Police will no longer be required to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma in Police Administration, if so, why, if not, what is the position in this regard,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter

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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

- (1) and (2)

It was never required from the South African Police to pay the examination fees for policemen studying for the National Diploma (Police Administration) nor was it a condition of service

The amount was approved by the Treasury on condition that funds were available. As a result of the reduction in state expenditure, funds have been withdrawn and expenses that were paid to members for obtaining the National Diploma (Police Administration) were recently suspended

Since January 1992 a new dispensation has come into effect, whereby a cash amount of R3 740,00 for the three year study course is allocated to students after successful completion of the course

Theft of medicines

*2 Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health

- (1) Whether any instances of theft of medicines from the State hospitals and clinics occurred during the course of 1991, if so, (a) from which hospitals and clinics and (b) what is the value of the medicines stolen,
- (2) whether her Department is investigating these thefts, if not, why not, if so, with what result,
- (3) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

B313E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH

Provincial Administration of the Cape of Good Hope (CPA)

- (1) Yes,
(a) Eben Donges Hospital, Worcester and
(b) R15 000,00,
- (2) yes, in accordance with regulations all investigations by the CPA are undertaken in conjunction with the South African Police and the Department of Justice

The above-mentioned case is still to be finalized, the accused has been brought to trial,

- (3) no

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Council leaders warned of court bid

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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19/3/92

Veteran Johannesburg city councillor Sam Moss will go to court if necessary to challenge a management committee decision to reject an Independent Alliance application to become the official council opposition

Mr Moss and four other councillors — Professor Harold Rudolph, David Neppe, Desiree Simpson and dissident Democratic Party councillor Clive

Gilbert — announced last month that they would form an alliance and try to oust the Conservative Party as the opposition in the Democratic Party/National Party-controlled council

When independent Cecil Long joined the CP, swelling their ranks to five, another independent, Mike Levin, joined the Independent Alliance, making them six and putting them in a favourable position to claim the status of official opposition

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Management committee member Paul Asherson said yesterday that Mr Moss's application had been rejected after legal advice, on the grounds that their alliance had "no unity of purpose and no firm caucus"

Mr Asherson said the management committee did not prefer a conservative opposition, but that the Independent Alliance would make a "mockery" of an opposition party as they were not unified

Mr Moss said he would im-

mediately seek an appointment with the Administrator of the Transvaal to clarify the situation

"I will challenge the management committee's decision at Provincial level and if they are trying to hide behind legal interpretations, I will go to court to overturn it"

Mr Moss accused the management committee of acting undemocratically and said it seemed they preferred a CP opposition

Bid to ~~end~~ end rent deadlock

THE Tembisa Civic Association says it has organised a mass meeting for

Sunday to try to break the East Rand township's long standing deadlock on rents

TCA chairman Mr Goba Ndhlovu in a statement said Tembisa was "almost in ruins" and the quality of life was at an "all time low" *Sourdan 19/3/92*

The aim of the meeting

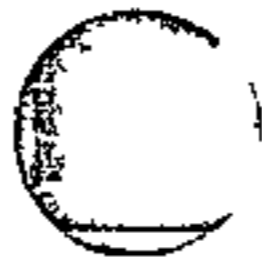
was to settle the rent issue and residents would be welcome to put forward suggestions and questions

Ndhlovu said the township had no roads to speak of and "heaps upon heaps of refuse have rendered Tembisa a health hazard"

He believed the local community was "strong and powerful enough to stop the rot"

The meeting is due to start at 9am at the Jan Lubbe Stadium on Sunday

The civic can be contacted on (011) 920-3208 - *Sapa*



Pretoria threatens to cut electricity

Sowetan 19/3/91

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THE Atteridgeville Council this week started installing pre-paid electricity meters to interested householders amid threats of bulk electricity supply cuts in the township soon

And in another development, Atteridgeville town clerk Mr Daan Mouton confirmed that he had resigned

By MONK NKOMO

from his post and would start at his new job - which he did not disclose - on April 1

The Pretoria City Council said in a statement yesterday it may terminate electricity supplies because of arrears by the

Atteridgeville Council

The Pretoria council said without these meters, it was not possible to collect accurate rent payments

And this would result in the council receiving too little money to settle Atteridgeville's electricity account which was already heavily in arrears

"The Pretoria City Council is seriously considering cutting the bulk electricity supply to Atteridgeville. A final decision will be taken soon," the statement said

General secretary of the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation Mr John Ramatsui yesterday

said individual householders should decide on whether they wanted the meters

"We believe that the issue should be determined by individual residents," said Ramatsui

About 700 meters have already been installed — free of charge



Phiri is unseated from council

AT a special meeting of the Diepmeadow Council this week, recently deposed chairman of the executive committee, Frederick Phiri was disqualified as a councillor.

Phiri was removed with immediate effect from his seat as councillor for Diepkloof Extension.

The council unseated Phiri after hearing evidence that his election in 1988 was illegal because at the time he was not a property owner or resident of Diepmeadow.

According to the Black Local Authorities Amendment Act of 1988, only bona fide residents are eligible to stand in council elections.

In a 1987 court case, Phiri's four-bedroomed, three-bathroomed double storey Diepkloof Extension home was attached by the Small Business Development Corporation and sold by public auction.

Phiri is alleged to have been living in Kagiso at the time of the 1988 council election.

The meeting on Wednesday to disqualify Phiri was the culmination of weeks of proceedings to remove him from the powerful positions he has held in the council for the past years.

He was removed as chairman of the council's executive committee last month.

The council passed a motion of no confidence in his chairmanship arising from allegations of misappropriation of council funds involving millions of rands.

The allegations include theft of council monies, suspected involvement in theft of council cheques to the value of R3,2-million and fraudulent deals with land developers.

The allegations will be investigated as part of the inquiry into Diepmeadow Council being conducted by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

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Sowetans refuse to pay new tariffs for services

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

The latest Soweto agreement providing for improved services and higher service tariffs has run aground within three months of the start of the year-long upgrading plan.

Effectively, this means residents are refusing to pay any more for services than they did during 1991 when the Soweto Council's income levels were so low that essential services teetered on the brink of collapse.

Speaking at a meeting of the newly launched Phomelong branch of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) yesterday, civic president Isaac Mogase said his organisation had made it clear to other parties that it would not agree to service tariffs rising to R65 a month from next month.

The authorities had not fulfilled the conditions for this increase, he said.

The SCA is being criticised by residents throughout Soweto for having agreed to the phased increase in service tariffs.

The queries and complaints raised by Phomelong residents were cropping up at branch after branch, civic officials confirmed.

In terms of the pact signed by the SCA with the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow councils and the Transvaal Provincial Administration last year, residents were to have paid R55 for water, refuse removal and sewerage services from January.

In April, this was due to rise again to R65, in July to R75, and in October to R85.

Each increase was conditional upon local authorities meeting specific standards of service.

Inspection

Services delivery and administration were to be jointly monitored by all parties.

"What people are saying to us is that they are being asked to pay before the authorities deliver. And after three months they are saying it is not worth it. There has been no improvement this year," said SCA secretary Pat Lephunya.

He added that a joint inspection of Soweto by all the relevant parties would take place today.

The service agreement was part of a package of reforms for the central Witwatersrand metropolitan region, announced in the Metropolitan Chamber.

- Other components were:
- An agreement to move towards a joint nonracial interim administration, with an eye to improving services and infrastructure in the townships and giving residents a share of the tax revenue realised by the central business district.
 - An appeal to the Government to approve a plan for the transfer of the bulk of Soweto's rented and leased housing stock to tenants/lessees.

In the case of older houses, this would be free of charge. In newer homes, the price would be reduced to cost.

- The transfer of Soweto's electricity supply from the Soweto Council to Eskom.

Claims of secret Sandton merger denied

By Shirley Woodgate

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Widespread allegations that Sandton had secretly decided to merge with Randburg and Alexandra were emphatically denied at the weekend by Alister Sparks, chairman of the council's Section 59 committee

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al and local government proposals put forward by the CWMC in December"

The Section 59 recommendations will include suggestions for Sandton's role in negotiations on CWMC proposals released in December

The chamber focused mainly on regional finances and controversial joint administration linking individu-

al townships with local authorities

Denying allegations of secret decision-making by the Sandton management committee, Mr Sparks said that after a five-hour Section 59 workshop on Saturday, at which all complaints had been addressed, those who attended had expressed complete satisfaction

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Prof slates decision to execute 17 killers

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ABOLITIONIST law professor Jan H. van Rooyen yesterday condemned the Justice Department's decision to hang 17 convicted murderers, saying the action showed contempt for Codesa. Van Rooyen noted that some signatories, especially the African National Congress, had included an abolitionist clause in their Bill of Rights proposals. "The Government is jumping the gun and plans to do, in the face of these negotiations, a unilateral act with irreversible consequences," he said. A statement from Van Rooyen, who is Pretoria co-chairman of the Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty in SA, said it was cynical for the Government to do this within a week of the landslide referendum vote for democratic reform. "It is totally insensitive to 'justice', in the sense that we all know that we'll have a Bill of Rights and a constitutional court within a year or two and that the validity of our death sentence will be decided upon there," the statement said. Van Rooyen said he would be campaigning to alter the Government's decision. Sapa

Sparks denies unity move

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CP protests over amalgamation

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The Conservative Party in Germiston has launched a petition against proposed local authority amalgamation with Katlehong and Palm Ridge.

The petition, which is reported to have been signed by more than 700 people last week, will be circulated until the end of the month.

Primrose CP chairman Johan Oosthuizen told a local newspaper he expected to gather between 9 000 and 12 000 more signatures.

City council management committee chairman Leon Louw said residents had been told about amalgamation.

East Rand Bureau

Codesa the ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ only way, say STAR 26/3/92 councillors

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

Four Germiston Conservative Party councillors have resigned from their caucus, citing as their reasons the CP's refusal to negotiate in Codesa and the party's association with the far Right during the referendum campaign.

They also objected to right-wing talk of an armed struggle to secure their homeland.

The councillors, Mario Valli, Jackie Nel, Rudolph van der Merwe and Phoebus Sadler, resigned on Tuesday night. They will remain in the council as independents.

The resignations leave Wouter Scholtz as the only CP councillor in Germiston.

Mr Valli said it was imperative for the CP to negotiate at Codesa. "It was due to lack of foresight and divided leadership as well as its association with the far Right that cost the CP a lot of votes in the referendum," he said.

Mr Sadler said "An armed struggle is totally out of the question. We will attain our goals only by going to Codesa."

Mr Nel said he had always favoured negotiations and believed Codesa was the only answer.

National Party management committee chairman Leon Louw said it appeared the CP was showing signs of crumbling at local level.

The four said in a statement that the CP embraced a policy of a white-controlled council with the focus on the interests of whites.

They said that in view of Germiston's impending amalgamation with Kathlehong and Palm Ridge and the fact that the new council would be conducted on a multiracial basis, the embracing of a whites-only policy was futile. "In this light we cannot propagate CP policy," they said.

Rates threat from crime-weary Marlboro businessmen

By Anna Cox

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Marlboro industrialists last night threatened to stop paying rates following the Sandton Management Committee's decision not to accede to their demands to make the suburb safer.

The management committee refused to take steps to have a wall erected around the area and for barricades to be placed in certain streets to curb crime in the area.

A proposal by councillor Hazel Egdes-Shachet to enter

negotiations with the Government for it to purchase Marlboro in its entirety for low cost housing was defeated by one vote.

Councillor Egdes-Shachet said this solution, suggested by businessmen themselves, was the ideal solution. She said the Government was looking for areas in which to establish low-cost housing.

Councillor Rick Ehlers said the area being close to Alexandra would prevent township residents from spending "a fortune" in transport costs.

Councillor Jo Marais said the town council had ignored the requests of Marlboro industrialists for over a year and that people in the township had been subjected to a "horrendous state of crime".

Chairman of the management committee Willem Hefer dismissed the proposal as "impractical and dangerous".

He said he would not support the idea because it would create false expectations and hopes among property owners.

He said a vital industrial area such as Marlboro could not be

lost to Sandton.

The approximate cost of purchasing the land and its improvements would amount to R150 million, which he doubted the State could afford.

Interim steps, however, such as the closure of First Avenue to Seventh Avenue to vehicular traffic would take place.

Chairman of the Marlboro Management Committee Basil Broomberg said industrialists would be forced to consider stopping paying their rates "The problem is more critical

than most of these councillors realise

"Lives are at stake every day and the only way to curb crime is to prevent access into the area. This is not political or far-fetched — we will not survive unless we keep criminals out with physical barricades," said Mr Broomberg.

He said he had sent letter to the Minister of Law and Order and to the Minister of Local Government calling for a meeting with them to discuss the matter.

WILLEM Hefer, the newly elected chairman of Sandton's management committee, believes the future of up-market Sandton is inextricably tied to that of Alexandra township.

If only due to the proximity of the two areas, together with the inevitable restructuring and re zoning of local government into two non-racial tiers, Alexandra and Sandton are destined to face the challenges of the new SA hand in hand.

"My own impression is that most of the councillors and people of this town understand that there will be an involvement, in one way or another, with Alexandra," said Hefer. "What remains for the town to decide is how much involvement there will be."

The process of deciding on the appropriate level of involvement with its neighbouring local authorities has been a difficult one for Sandton.

Rivalry within the council, allegations of secret negotiations, walk-out protests by councillors and a general sense of bitterness and conflict are unrivalled in the town's history.

"For the first time in Sandton there is a measure of acrimony and personal attack which is simply unnecessary and unpleasant," said Hefer, who has been a resident of Sandton since 1956 and first became

Sandton and Alex face future together

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a councillor in 1983

The resolution of the conflict between a loosely defined "ruling group" consisting of ex-Sandtonian and DP-aligned councillors on the one hand and the dissenters, made up of ratepayers' representatives, on the other, is seen as an important concern for the new management committee. "Attempts must be made to resolve the crisis. It is in nobody's interest and I intend to discuss the matter with the new mayor and deputy mayor and with every member of the management committee."

As SA makes its way towards a new dispensation and interim government, the issues and concerns with which Sandton is trying to come to terms are typical of numerous white local authorities nationwide.

The questions of ensuring local autonomy and limiting financial responsibility for poorer neighbouring areas loom large in the minds of both councillors and residents.

Hefer insists the council's constituency has been and will continue to be consulted at each new turn of events. "Sandton ratepayers and the

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public at large have had an opportunity to comment on every meaningful policy document which has been approved by this council since it took over in October 1988."

At present Sandton has not committed itself to a merger or amalgamation with Alexandra, Marlboro Gardens or Randburg. The town is providing Alexandra with administrative assistance and training on a contractual basis, funded by the regional services council.

But before long, as a final model for a new system of local government is mulled over by the metropolitan chamber, the RSC will more than likely disappear. So, too, will the non-elected Transvaal Provincial Administration The Black Local Authorities Act of 1983, which created the Alexandra Town Council, would be revoked, said Hefer.

The critical question is the nature of the structures to replace tradi-

tional pillars of apartheid "It is absolutely unacceptable that we go on with a system whereby someone in Pretoria has got the final say about regional micro-planning matters."

As the structures of local government in SA are thrown into the melting pot, Hefer believes it is vital that local authorities participate fully in the relevant negotiation forums, such as the metropolitan chamber, which will have a critical effect on Sandton's ratepayers and residents.

"In this whole game of the new SA and negotiations, the time comes when people must deal with certain things. You have to be equipped and ready to move otherwise other guys are going to make all the decisions," he said.

Among the immediate objectives of Sandton's management committee are the extension of public parks and open spaces, the anti-crime drive and the cleaning up of the town's streets.

Education and primary health care are two other areas which will become increasingly dependent upon local authorities as central govern-



□ HEFER

ment devolves responsibility to a regional level.

"The management committee wants the Sandton council to be so close to grassroots that a resident's phone call will result in any problem being dealt with immediately," he said

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Council corruption allegations

By Montshiwa Moroka

Today's monthly meeting of the Diepmeadow Council is expected to be stormy in the wake of allegations of massive bribery and corruption

The council is at present under investigation by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and council lawyers

Senior legal adviser Eldrid Maheppy has laid charges involving council funds against a council

member and two officials

He told The Star he was living in fear of his life after being stalked by unknown men in recent weeks

Meanwhile, Frederick Phiri has been dismissed as councillor for Diepkloof Extension because his October 1988 election "was invalid"

It was stated that he had owed rent at the time and was not a bona fide property owner as provided for in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Salary cuts start strike

Daveyton Town Council's black officials and municipal workers went on strike yesterday to protest against a reduction in salaries

They threatened to bring all council services, including grave-digging, to a standstill unless a white official, whom they claimed had unlawfully reduced salaries, was fired

They claimed town secretary H S Prinsloo had reduced their salaries without consultation

Workers' representative Paul Ntholeng said after Mr Prinsloo had reduced salaries an arbitrator found

the town clerk's actions to be unlawful

He said the arbitrator was appointed by agreement between the council and the SA Association of Municipal Employees

"Mr Prinsloo was fined R4 320, which was to be deducted from his salary for 12 months

"In the past our black staff members have been found guilty of offences and have been dismissed without the option of a fine"

Mr Prinsloo and town clerk, T J Erasmus, could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press — East Rand Bureau



Funds approved for Alex housing, services

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By Shirley Woodgate

A massive injection of funds for the development of strife-torn Alexandra's 238 ha far East Bank has been approved by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC)

Last night the CWRSC voted R3 million for the provision of bulk and link services, assisted by an additional loan of R5,8 million from the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Bridging finance amounting to R7,5 million has already been approved and a further R5 million will be advanced free of interest to the Transvaal Provincial Administration to assist with the development of the area, according to a report tabled at the monthly meeting.

A recent survey of squatter shacks and informal housing units in the township adjoining Sandton found there were about 19 000 family units in Alexandra.

It is necessary to provide about 7 000 stands

for low-income people on the far East Bank to relieve the over-crowding, the report said.

The first phase of the upgrading project will comprise 1 714 stands and Phase 2, involving the development of 2 139 stands at an estimated cost of R33 million, will get off the ground early next month with the help of the Independent Development Trust, the report stated.

Budget

● The CWRSC voted R50 000 to assist the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils to probe issues involved in the transfer of rented houses to the lessees.

Two single quarter hostels in Davidsonville are to be upgraded and converted into 50 sq m and 64 sq m two and three-bedroomed family flats with the help of the CWRSC.

● Melody McDougall of The Star's Vereeniging Bureau reports that the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council (VRSC) last night approved a budget of just over R28,6 million, excluding

bulk services, for the coming year.

The 1992/1993 budget — the VRSC's sixth annual budget — is slightly less than last year.

In his budget speech, VRSC chairman Gustav du Toit said the current economic situation had also had its effect on the income of the Regional Services Council.

He said this was reflected in the fact that the council was budgeting for about the same amount as last year.

He added that of the estimated revenue of R28 619 282 for the 1992/1993 year, the sum of R26 million was in respect of levy income.

Almost no increase in revenue from levies was expected during the coming year, he said.

An increase in levy income of only R739 000, or 2,9 percent, was being budgeted for.

This was due to a decline in the number of levy payers, the decrease in the leviable amount from Eskom and the decline in the economy.

The total estimated expenditure for the year is expected to amount to just over R31 million.

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Noordgesig set for major clash

By Shirley Woodgate

Noordgesig Civic Association is heading for outright confrontation with the Johannesburg City Council, despite assurances by management committee chairman Ian Davidson at a meeting yesterday that residents' grievances would be investigated.

Two conflicting versions of the meeting have

emerged

NCA secretary Keith Blandford claimed Mr Davidson acted aggressively, intimidated the delegation and walked out of the 1½ hour meeting, telling the NCA to deal with their own councillor, Cathy Seefort

The NCA wanted to negotiate over a hand-over of council houses to long-term tenants, the fact that certain owners

could not alter their houses because the area had not been proclaimed, and alleged soaring electricity accounts which had led to evictions

But Mr Davidson denied he had walked out, denied blocking debate and said discussions had been "frank and open"

"We will bend over backwards to help these people, but we need an equivalent act of good faith from them"

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Mayor puts his foot down

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

Krugersdorp's council meetings had lost their status and it was embarrassing to bring visitors to them, mayor Sakkie Nel told councillors at the start of his term last night.

He said the meetings sometimes resembled a battlefield in which the main aim seemed to be to belittle fellow councillors and officials.

"We will have to give serious thought to what is happening in this council. Either our councillors are too clever or our officials are too stupid for the positions they hold.

"Each item on the agenda goes through five different checkpoints before it is put before us. Too often we refer it back, dismiss it or presume that not enough thought and work has gone into its presentation," he said.

Mr Nel also added that councillors' attendance of meetings was worrying.

He would strive to be an impartial, would work exactly by the book, and would enforce the rules strictly.

● Roodepoort councillors are approaching various people to stand in the ward left vacant after the sudden resignation of Al Marais last month.

One of the people approached by the National Party caucus was former managing editor of a West Rand based group of newspapers, Cliff Buchler.

However, he turned down offers to stand as a NP candidate in a safe municipal ward because he believes any positive contribution he makes will be negated by the "constricting party line".

He said most councillors were very frustrated individuals often forced to decide between what was a strictly "municipal" affair and a political flashpoint.

"This situation gives rise to councillors being so hamstrung that they cannot think for themselves and for the ratepayers they represent," Mr Buchler said.

"I would prefer to assist the ratepayers as a newspaperman by bringing to their attention the inherent weaknesses that undoubtedly exist on councils."

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DP gains power balance in Randburg

By Sunty West

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Randburg Democratic Party councillors have gained the balance of power in the management committee, after the three previously elected members resigned

Those elected in their

place are DP members Deputy mayor Brian Crail as the new chairman, Gary Cooney as vice chairman, while the third member is independent councillor Cyril Ford

At a special council meeting last night, the alliance between DP and National

Party councillors was broken after three years of peaceful co-existence

DP caucus chairman Andre Jacobs explained "After the former committee resigned, the Nats approached us to draw lots for a new management team We decided this was not on"

Callers give ^{Sowetan} civic leaders flak

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CIVIC associations came under fire during the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show last night

Several callers denounced leaders of associations as autocratic and political "hopefuls" who used civics as a springboard to further their political ambitions

Other callers defended the civics and praised their efforts to tackle problems and deal with town councils

Dave from Katlehong said in his township resi-

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dents elected leaders and then sat back and not give them the necessary support.

Alex from Sebokeng said civics did not serve the interests of the people

"They have given dismal performances and they do not consult," he said

Johnny of Ratanda said most civic leaders were courageous people who had opposed the authorities when everyone was afraid of state repression

"They happen to come from a certain political organisation which has always been active and that is how they are elected to these positions," he said

Kate from Kagiso said civics had no concept of democracy, did not consult and many of their leaders appointed themselves to positions

Frans from Mamelodi said "When you elect people to be your leaders you entrust them to make decisions on issues

"You can't expect them to run to the residents on each and every issue. They are doing a great job and have resolved many matters amicably"

Tshepo from Orlando said civics were in the wrong by not consulting residents after they had already reached agreement with the authorities

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On the fast track

Consulting engineer Hill Kaplan Scott (HKS), a leading player in low-cost housing, says only a lack of finance is holding up speedy development of townships for poor people

The industry has been at pains to remove all other obstacles such as a lack of community involvement, red tape and inappropriately costly standards of servicing. It wants speedy improvements.

HKS township specialist Redmond Taggart says latest management techniques have reduced workloads that used to take years to months or even weeks. Coupled with this is an unprecedented level of co-operation among all the professional bodies concerned with township development.

Taggart says plans for township development on a massive scale have been drawn up. The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is committed to providing 315 000 stands for squatters over the next four years and the Independent Development Trust is providing finance for 100 000 stands. Even more land could become available.

HKS's call for urgent action is not dissimilar to that of the TPA, which recently told the *FM* that if private-sector employers were to make loans as low as R2 000 available to employees, shack-dwellers would be able to build at least one room and improve their living conditions.

Taggart estimates that the cost of a serviced site could vary between R2 000 and R5 100, depending on whether the land cost is taken into account. ■

Local government region in northwest takes shape

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PROSPECTS for a regional government for the northwestern area of SA moved a step closer with the formation of the SA Tswana (Satswa) Forum last week

At a conference in Potchefstroom, the Bophuthatswana government and various interest groups in west and northern Transvaal, northeastern Free State and northern Cape decided to unite their efforts and interests under the Satswa umbrella, and voted for regional government in the western regions

Bophuthatswana government representative Alwyn Viljoen said regional government was considered one of the most important

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elements of a new dispensation because it would limit the power of central government, while providing communities with the opportunity for self-determination. But the exact meaning, and the possibilities and limitations of regional government were still not clear, he said

Another Bophuthatswana delegate to the conference, Henne van der Walt, said Satswa would be made up of delegates from all the interest groups, which came from a wide range of non-political organisations. It would continue the research done over the past two years by

working groups and steering committee comprising farmers, business, township and academic groups

"Satswa will be able to represent the needs of the people in the regions officially at a national level, and possibly on negotiation platforms such as Codesa," said Van der Walt

Potchefstroom University representative Prof P J J P Potgieter said the aims of the conference were to introduce and test the work done by the steering committee over the past year and to formulate common points of departure for the planning of a regional government for the area

It was clear that Bophuthatswana — which con-

tributed 34,8% of the proposed area's total GDP and about 60% of its population — was bargaining for a position of strength within Satswa, but many of the Bophuthatswana delegates were quick to point out Bophuthatswana's commitment to the proposed region. They repeated President Lucas Mangope's statement that the arrangements for a regional government should not be a struggle for power, but "a struggle to bring together those who belong together"

Viljoen said the Bophuthatswana government aimed to retain its independence by linking up with its neighbours on a federal basis. By shaping an entirely new region it would be in a stronger position to make demands from central government, he said

It was proposed at the conference that the region be extended to accommodate requests for inclusion from other elements in the Cape and northern Transvaal.

NEWS FOCUS

Future of local govt is guided by 'self-interest'

THE days of lily-white councils and black ghettos were over, Sandton's new constitutional committee chairman, Allister Sparks, said at the weekend Uthl areas like Alexandra were upgraded, the crime rate would rise and Sandton's quality of life would diminish, he said.

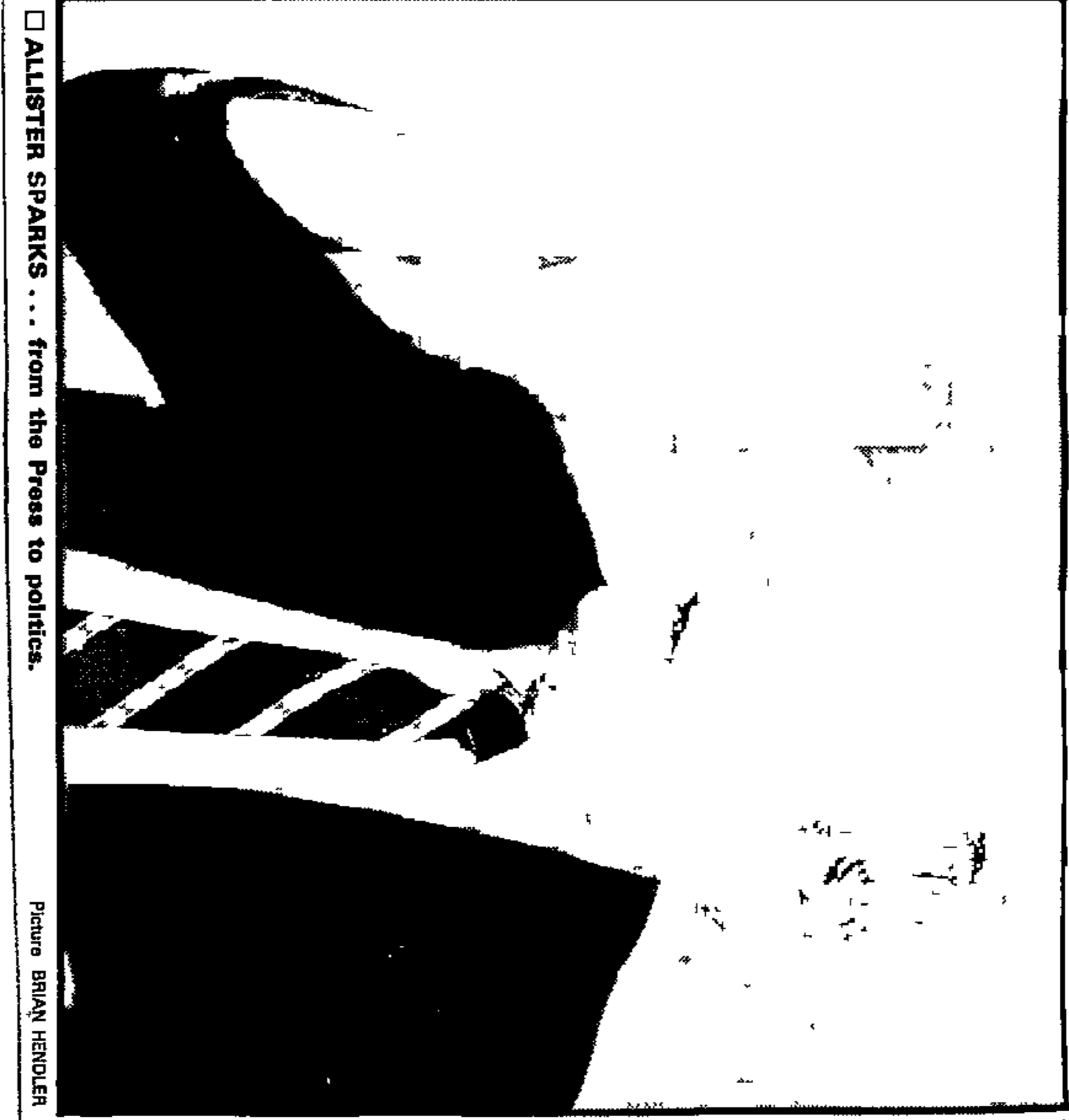
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council's management committee suggesting the kind of role or position Sandton ought to adopt concerning negotiations about the town's future

He suggested that other major cities were far behind greater Johannesburg in terms of discussing local government options. "The decisions reached on the Witwatersrand may well form a model for the whole of SA. It is in the national interest that Sandton gets going. Sandton is the weak link in the chain and is holding everything back," he said.

Sparks, a freelance journalist, said he became involved in local politics for a number of reasons. Firstly, as an "observer and analyst of the whole process" of negotiations, he believed he could provide a "contextual overview" of constitutional developments.

Rivals
"There is a lot of in-fighting in the council between rival blocks while actually there is very little difference between them in political terms. It is more a problem of personalities that is causing blockages on important issues," he said.

Fourthly, Sparks saw himself as a facilitator trying to improve communications within the town. As a long-standing member of local ratepayers' organisations, Sparks hoped to involve Sandton residents as well as other interested parties, such as the civic associations, in a careful consideration of the town's policies.



□ ALLISTER SPARKS . . . from the Press to politics.

Picture BRIAN HENDLER

Cash wanted for council's image

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Johannesburg city councillors will today be asked to approve an additional R600 000 to improve and redesign the council's image — bringing to R1,1 million the amount budgeted for the first six months of this year. *STAR 3/13/92*

Last year the council approved R511 000 for the communication programme designed by communications consultant TWS.

TWS has recommended redesigning the council's corporate image to present a unified face; a publicity programme to "wake people out of their general apathy towards the council", seize public participation opportunities, and develop an internal communication programme and a public relations development programme.

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RSC to act as agent for ambulance services

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The first agreement between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and a regional services council for the provision of ambulance services on an agency basis was signed on Friday.

The agreement, signed between health services MEC Fanie Ferreira and Bushveld Regional Services Council chairman Eben Cuyler, means that the Bushveld RSC will act as chief agent for the TPA and deal with the regulation, organisation and co-ordination of ambulance services in the north-western Transvaal.

Certain local authorities will render the physical service as sub-agents of the RSC.

Since 1982, the TPA has concluded similar agreements with 60 municipalities.

Negotiations

"Due to sharply rising costs concerning the rendering of ambulance services, the health services branch of the TPA was compelled to inspect alternative methods with the view to rationalising the service," Mr Ferreira said.

Negotiations have been taking place over the past two years between the TPA and representatives of the Transvaal Municipal Association for the establishment of a new system for rendering ambulance services effectively.

"Out of these negotiations it has gradually become clear that the 12 regional services councils in the Transvaal can play an important role as coordinators of the services," Mr Ferreira said.

He said negotiations with the other 11 RSCs were in an advanced stage and similar agreements would be concluded in the near future.

"Where RSCs were not ready to sign agreements, the existing agreement with local authorities within the concerned area would be extended on a month-to-month basis," he said.

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CAST queries debt probe's make-up

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The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal has called for Indian and coloured management committees to be included in a Government investigation probing the debt crisis in black councils.

CAST general-secretary Dan Mofokeng said it welcomed the appointment of a task group to investigate financial irregular-

ities and mismanagement in black local authorities, but took strong exception to the idea that the management committees were "immune" from investigation.

"We also criticise the composition of the task group. The disadvantaged communities who have been subjected to mismanagement and high rent and service bills are not represented

"For some time the Govern-

ment has been closing its ears to the cries and complaints of the people," Mr Mofokeng said

He said the perpetrators of financial mismanagement could not investigate themselves, so a neutral body was needed

"We demand that all black local authorities and Indian and coloured management committees should disband," Mr Mofokeng said

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Bid to jack up CBD of Jo'burg

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A company known as the Central Johannesburg Partnership (Pty) Ltd, aimed at promoting the city centre and address its problems, is to be formed by a partnership of the city council, the private sector and the community.

The agreement establishing the company, to be tabled at the council's monthly meeting today, stems from a major central business district conference last year.

The partnership between the council, the community (residents and organisations representing them) and the business sector in the city centre will be organised as a private company

A board of six members from each group will run the company, supported by a full-time secretariat. Each board member will have one vote. The elected chairman will not have a casting vote

The company is committed to involving all stakeholders in central Johannesburg in a co-operative effort to rejuvenate the city centre, thereby promoting a sound economy, an attractive, safe and vibrant city, affordable residential accommodation and a focus for the community

The objectives are to.

- Promote the central area, encouraging people and organisations to support projects for its improvement
- Establish a forum for discussion and action between the council, the community and the private sector
- Work through consensus, decision-making and committed action.
- Promote activities and development as well as the competitive marketing of the city centre
- Formulate a vision and strategy.
- Assist as a facilitator and catalyst for development
- Facilitate finance for specific projects
- Serve as a forum for conflict resolution
- Minimise red tape, serve as an information and resources centre, and monitor issues affecting the central area

Goyt probes councils' debts

31/3/92
 GOVERNMENT is investigating the more than R1,15bn black local authorities are owed, the Local Government and National Housing Department has said

A spokesman confirmed yesterday that a task group under the chairmanship of Finance director-general Gerard Croeser, which started investigations in the middle of last year, would advise government on the matter

The spokesman could not say how much local authorities owed, but the latest Race Relations Review said the amount residents owed to black local authorities as a result of rent and service charges boycotts had increased from R746m in 1989 to R1,15bn in 1990

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said: "The debt involves, among others, debt of local residents to black local authorities, debt of local authorities to financial authorities and debt to bulk suppliers"

Wessels said claims that government intended to burden white local authorities with the insolvent estates of black councils were and oversimplification

The task group would advise government, which would — in consultation with

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organised local government and other interested parties — handle the question of debt "in a manner which will promote the establishment of viable local authorities"

Sapa reports that the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday both welcomed and criticised the appointment of the task group

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said although the association welcomed the appointment of the task group, it took "strong exception to the idea that Indian and coloured management committee(s) are immune from the investigation"

Cast also criticised the exclusion from the task group of members of "the disadvantaged communities who have been subjected to mismanagement and his rent and service bills"

"We believe that the perpetrators of financial mismanagement cannot investigate themselves. A neutral body can deal effectively with that investigation," Mofokeng said.

"We demand that all black local authorities and Indian/coloured management committees should disband," he said

Much hinges on tourism

White Paper

31/3/92
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The long-awaited White Paper on tourism would be available for publication in two weeks' time, a spokesman for Administration and Tourism Minister Org Marais said yesterday

Tourism industry spokesmen said yesterday the future of the industry depended on the recommendations. They would either stimulate the industry of leave it to stagnate

Fedhasa CE Peter Hearfield said "we hope once and for all government will acknowledge the vital importance of the hotel and tourism industry and its vast potential for foreign earnings" Until now government had paid little attention to developing this potential

Hearfield said government needed to enable Satour to fund marketing campaigns properly and competitively in other parts of the world.

Hopefully Marais would take note of the recommendations dealing with a more relaxed tourism environment. Controls on trading hours in shops, cinemas theatres and liquor outlets had to be lifted, he said

The industry expected government would at least recognise that the hotel and tourism sector was an export industry

"It is of primary importance that assistance be given through the general export incentive scheme which currently applies only to the manufacturing industry"

Hearfield added that of all SA industries, the hotel and tourism industry had the biggest foreign exchange earning capability, but the conditions under which it operated had to undergo drastic changes

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Announcement

The offer of bonus shares made to shareholders registered on Friday, 21 February 1992 closed on Friday, 27 March 1992. Elections to take up bonus shares were made in respect of 7 877 700 shares out of a total of 9 447 366. Accordingly, 551 439 new ordinary shares in the company were issued and will be listed on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange with effect from the commencement of business on Wednesday, 1 April 1992

On 29 January 1992, ordinary dividend No 27 of 14 cents per share was declared and is payable on those shares in respect of which no elections were made to receive bonus shares. Share certificates in respect of the new bonus shares and dividend warrants in respect of dividend No 27 will be despatched to shareholders on or about Wednesday, 1 April 1992

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Pietersburg seeks to counter bad image

By Dirk Nel
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PIETERSBURG — The National Party-controlled Pietersburg-Town Council has decided to launch a publicity campaign to counter "negative perceptions about the town" after the "no" vote registered in the region in the March 17 referendum

But the move was strongly opposed by the Conservative Party opposition at a council meeting on Monday night

A CP amendment to the management committee's proposal, to the effect that ratepayers' money should not be used for such a campaign, was defeated by six votes to three.

Proposing the campaign, management committee chairman Lodewyk Snyman said

there had been threats of consumer boycotts, and expressions of no confidence in Pietersburg after the referendum, which could only have a detrimental effect on the town's economy.

"The country and the world should be told where we stand on the issues of reforms and relations with other population groups. Pietersburg is a positive, friendly city of the future," said Mr Snyman.

He was supported by councillor Nic van Oudtshoorn, who said there was no doubt that Pietersburg itself had returned a "yes" majority in the referendum.

Councillor Schalk Schalkwyk (NP) said it was time the culprits who repeatedly behaved like hooligans at political meetings in Pietersburg were identified and prosecuted, as they were "dragging the town's name through the mud"

Cast welcomes probe into BLAs

THE appointment of a task group to investigate financial irregularities and mismanagement in Black Local Authorities has been both welcomed and criticised by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal

Cast general secretary Mr Dan Mofokeng said in

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a statement that, although the association welcomed the appointment of the task group, it took "strong exception to the idea that Indian and coloured management committees are immune from

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Hostel inmates to get better homes

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A portion of Power Park in Soweto will be developed by the Johannesburg City Council as a pilot project to provide family housing for hostel dwellers

A survey by the Human Sciences Research Council last year revealed that it would be too costly to develop all existing hostels into family units

Between 50 and 65 percent of respondents preferred any other accommodation to living in a hostel. The most important reasons for staying in the hostels were that families stayed elsewhere and that hostels were closer to work

The council has reserved a portion of

land in Power Park for township purposes. The planning directorate is busy designing a layout to enable family units to be constructed.

It will cost the council R2 million to service the about 130 sites available.

Preliminary studies have been undertaken to determine the feasibility and cost estimates of converting accommodation at the Nancefield Hostel.

The council concluded that it would not be financially viable to convert existing hostels into family units. Only 20 percent of the hostel dwellers could be accommodated in the converted dwellings.

Johannesburg set to become capital of SA

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Johannesburg is to become the capital of South Africa and Braamfontein ridge is to be the site of a R2,2 billion "Peoples Assembly" parliamentary complex

The secret was leaked to The Star by sources at Codesa which this week ratified a proposal made by a sub-committee debating the future capital for some time. The new parliament has been designed by architect Mike Bell (30) of Johannesburg, who graduated from Wits only seven years ago.

Pretoria and Cape Town will retain their provincial status but lose their national status three years from now — April 1 1995 — when Johannesburg will be ceremonially inaugurated as the nation's capital city.

The new parliamentary complex has an intentionally heroic design, according to highly placed sources in Cape Town and at Kempton Park.

The planned buildings and landscaped gardens cascade down the ridge from the monumental conical Capitol Tower which looms over the Johannesburg Fort to Empire Road, which will become "February 2 Boulevard" or the Grand Parade.

The monumental complex will be topped by the massive cone-shaped tower higher than the 100 m Great Pyramids which will house the debating chamber for the estimated 890 members of Parliament. Encircling it will be the office complex.

The Pitsco Palace — as it is called in the report — was described by Mr Bell yesterday as "a monument to the people of South Africa."

"It took my team a year, during which we were sworn to secrecy."

He said the complex had to be something "entirely different" and was to reflect Africa rather than anywhere else in the world — "hence the central cone's symbolism."



The pride of South Africa — architect Mike Bell of Auckland Park with the architect's model of the "heroic" Parliament Building which is to straddle the Hillbrow-Braamfontein skyline once Johannesburg becomes the capital of South Africa

Asked if the cone was based on the mysterious Zimbabwe Ruins, Mr Bell said, "Perhaps — but mostly we were inspired by the cooling towers at Kriel power station."

"The design of the complex itself was heavily influenced by Casablance's new licensing office and the

new Volkswagen Building in Kinshasa. We also looked at Brasilia, of course, and Montevideo's Plaza de Video.

"It is liberal/authoritarian in style with a touch of Byzantine/post-Modern. I suppose you could say."

Peter Roos Park, a little-used open space on Parktown's border, will become Mpeki Centre — a huge transit interchange serving the

parliamentary complex with buses, trams and taxis, with attendant facilities such as formal and informal shopping, a cinema complex and "distinctly up-market" petrol stations.

It is intended that the People's Assembly will be a focus of activity not only for government but also for the general public, who will be encouraged to watch and — on occasion — take part in parliamentary debates.

The city's political planning chief, Eddy Magid, commented, "How on earth did you find out? We all had to take an oath of secrecy about this a year ago, so I can't really talk."

"But it would be marvelous if our lovely city gained its rightful place as the nation's capital and certainly, if The Star's drawings are to be believed, then, aesthetically, the Capitol Tower will surely rank with our other great architectural achievements such as Johannesburg Hospital, the Hillbrow tower and North-cliff water tower."

Jo'burg council raised R345m on capital market to boost loans fund

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THE Johannesburg City Council had raised R345m on the local capital market to augment its Consolidated Loans Fund, it said this week.

A consortium of merchant banks was approached to negotiate the loans which are required to fund capital projects and to meet the repayment of maturing loans.

City treasurer Willie Siebert said the loans had been negotiated after some "hard bargaining".

The settlement date of the first loan, worth R245m, is April 9 while the redemption date is June 30 1995. The coupon rate for both loans is 16%.

The second loan, with a

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R100m cash value, will be redeemed on June 30 1999.

Alderman Issy Schlapobersky, speaking on the motion to approve the loans at a council meeting this week, said they were prudent considering the 16% coupon rate was way below the bank rate.

"This is the way public finance ought to work," he said.

For the first interest payment, interest on both loans will be calculated on a daily basis from the date of payment until 30 June 1992. Interest thereafter will be calculated on a half yearly basis, payable on 30 June and 31 December annually.

The council's depart-

ments borrow capital from the Consolidated Loans Fund in order to finance major capital projects, such as the upgrading of roads or infrastructure.

Outstanding advances to council departments from the fund amounted to R1 243,3m at 30 June 1991 with a total investment in stocks and other securities of R44,1m.

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Local authorities meet

AT LEAST six local authorities on the East Rand are to meet representatives of political and interest groups on April 13 to negotiate the possibility of instituting a metropolitan structure for the region

The authorities are Kempton Park, Verwoerdburg, Midrand, Tembisa, Edenvale and Modderfontein.

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Moutse will not become homeland territory

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All three sections of the Moutse district in the northern Transvaal are to remain under control of the South African Government and will not be transferred to either KwaNdebele or Lebowa

This was announced yesterday by Minister of Regional and Land Affairs Jacob de Vilhiers in a statement accompanying the tabling in Parliament of the 1989 Rumpff Commission Report

Mr de Vilhiers stressed that the small area of

Moutse 2 would not be included in KwaNdebele, although the commission had recommended it be incorporated. In this decision the Government had been guided by the wishes of landowners in Moutse 2, he said

The announcement brings to a close years of vacillation over the jurisdiction of Moutse, an area with about 120 000 residents. The territory was excised from Lebowa and in early 1986 was incorporated into KwaNdebele against residents'

wishes. This triggered protracted resistance

Eventually, the incorporation was declared unlawful by the Appeal Court

But this judgement, which returned Moutse to central government administration, was subject to the findings of Mr Justice F L H Rumpff who was appointed in 1988 to look into the issue. *STAR 2/4/92*

In December 1990 the Government indicated it would support Mr Justice Rumpff's principal

recommendations — that Moutse 1 and 3 remain under central government jurisdiction for 10 years, when the constitutional problem would be considered, and that Moutse 2 be incorporated into KwaNdebele

With the tabling of the report yesterday, the official position on Moutse was revised

The Government had also not accepted the commission's general recommendations on the determination of boundaries, the Minister said

Van Tonder threatens violence over squatters

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BOERESTAAT Party leader Robert van Tonder has threatened violent opposition if the Transvaal Provincial Administration attempts to move the Zevenfontein squatters into his area

Cosmo City, one of the possible sites being considered by the TPA, is located just a few kilometres from Van Tonder's large property at Northriding, north of Randburg.

Van Tonder, who has lived in the area for 30 years and is chairman of the local residents' action group, said eight vigilante groups had been formed in the area which were ready to meet the squatters with the kind of force that would make Bloubastrand attempts to keep them out look feeble

There are indications that the Zevenfontein community has reconsidered its initial choice of moving to Cosmo City after hearing where the proposed site was

Community representative Pinky Moka-hena said the squatters had asked the TPA not to make public its final decision on where to move the squatters until the community had had time to consider it

TPA representative Magda du Toit said the TPA was taking Van Tonder's presence into account in deciding the eventual site

The TPA may also decide against the area, as it cannot afford another high profile political battle over the fate of the

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Zevenfontein community

Van Tonder said none of the squatters worked in his area and emphasised that municipalities such as Randburg and Sandton should accommodate their workforce within their own boundaries

He said Cosmo City was an affluent area and the residents would sue the TPA for billions in compensation for the drop in property values if the move took place

At a residents protest meeting in the area on Tuesday night, the DP, NP and "leftists" had all co-operated with him in discussing plans to keep the squatters out, Van Tonder said

He said residents in the area had appealed to Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough late last year to make the area between Randburg, Midrand and Hartbeespoortdam a separate municipality, called the Garden Triangle. The move was initiated when it became clear that Randburg, Sandton and the TPA were planning to create squatter camps in the area

Du Toit said a task group would report back this month on the appeal for a separate municipality

The other option favoured by the Zevenfontein community was Waterval near Megawatt Park

Invitation withdrawn

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DARIUS SANAI

FARMERS in Zimbabwe had withdrawn an invitation to SA Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk to visit Harare to address a conference, Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

Van Niekerk was not refused entry by the Zimbabwe government, as suggested in news reports.

A spokesman said the Minister had been invited to address the Zimbabwe Commercial Farmers' Union but the invitation had been withdrawn

Zimbabwe needs to import around 2-million tons of maize in the next year, and most of it will be delivered from or through SA.

Foreign Affairs also confirmed that there were long queues at Beit Bridge on the Zimbabwe-SA border due to the growing number of trucks taking maize into Zimbabwe.

Customs facilities on the SA side would be upgraded soon, but there were no plans to widen the bridge or build another crossing

Lethabile unhappy over policing by TPA

Sowetan 2/4/92
LEADERS of Lethabile Civic Association yesterday staged a sit-in at the township manager's office in protest against the Government's decision to place the area under the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The row follows the abolition by the Government of the Department of Development Aid which has been running Lethabile, 20km outside Brits

The publicity secretary of the civic association, the Rev Peter Bardenhorst, said Lethabile residents rejected the TPA and felt their affairs should rather be administered by either the land affairs or public works departments

He said yesterday's protest, which was started at 8am, was also meant to urge township authorities to introduce

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By ALINAH DUBE

affordable tariffs The Rev Bardenhorst said the civic delegation involved in the sit-in refused to discuss the matter with other officials and stated clearly that they would not leave the office until their grievances were met

"We want to discuss this problem with the deputy Minister of Development Aid, Mr Scheepers There is too much work which the department has left incomplete and we will not allow ourselves to be swallowed up by the TPA," he said

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R8,9-m for local authorities

The TPA yesterday announced grants amounting to R8,9 million to local authorities for, among others, the purpose of fire-brigade services. The TPA said in a statement "Grants-in-aid to the tune of R8,9 million were allocated to 74 local governments, 27 town councils, four health committees and two black local governments in the Transvaal for the 1991/1992 financial year."

RAADSKENNISGEWING 59 VAN 1992

STADSRAAD VAN KLERKSDORP

REGULASIES BETREFFENDE BEWONINGS-
OORLASTE

Die Stadsraad van Klerksdorp publiseer hierby ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, soos gewysig, die Regulasies betreffende Bewoningsoorlaste hierna uiteengesit wat deur die Stadsraad ooreenkomstig artikel 11 van die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, 1985, opgestel is en ingevolge artikel 96 van die genoemde Ordonnansie aanvaar is

1. WOORDOMSKRYWING

In hierdie Regulasies, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, het al die woorde wat in die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No 103 van 1985, omskryf word, die betekenis wat aan hulle in daardie Wet toegeken word en in hierdie Regulasies beteken—

“**bewonder**” in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon, of
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon,
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**eienaar**” met betrekking tot 'n gebou of grond—

- (a) die geregisteerde eienaar, of
- (b) die persoon of instansie wat verantwoordelik is vir die betaling van munisipale belastings of dienste,

“**Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste**” die hoof van die Raad se Departement Gesondheidsdienste of enige beampete wat gemagtig is om namens hom op te tree

“**gesin**” 'n man of 'n vrou of albei, met of sonder hulle ouers, en met of sonder die kinders van die een of ander of albei van hulle, wat almal saamwoon

“**Nasionale Bouregulasies**” die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing R. 1081 gedateer 10 Junie 1988, soos gewysig by Goewermentskennisgewing No 1726 van 26 Augustus 1988,

“**perseel**” enige huis, kamer, vertrek, skuur afdak, hut, voertuig, vaartuig of tent of enige ander struktuur of plek waarvan enige gedeelte gebruik word deur enige persoon vir slaapdoeleindes, of waarin enige persoon woon, of wat na die mening van die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste bedoel is om gebruik te word deur enige persoon vir slaap- of woondoeleindes, tesame met die grond waarop die struktuur gelee is en die aangrensende grond wat in verband daarmee gebruik word,

“**Raad**” die Stadsraad van Klerksdorp, die Raad se Bestuurskomitee wat handel kragtens die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge artikel 58 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Administrasie en Verkiezings), 1960, aan hom gedelegeer is, en enige beampete aan wie dié Komitee ingevolge subartikel (3) van genoemde artikel, op gesag van die Raad, die bevoegdhede, funksies en pligte wat ten opsigte van hierdie regulasies by die Raad berus, kan delegeer, en dit inderdaag gedelegeer het,

BOARD NOTICE 59 OF 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF KLERKSDORP

REGULATIONS REGARDING HOUSING
NUISANCES (266)

The Town Clerk of Klerksdorp hereby in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, as amended, publishes the Regulations regarding Housing Nuisances set forth hereinafter, which have been compiled by the Council in accordance with section 11 of the Development and Housing Act, 1985, and adopted in terms of section 96 of the said Ordinance —

1. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, all the words defined in the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, will have the meaning assigned to them in that Act and in these regulation—

“**accommodation establishment**” means premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons;

“**Act**” means the Development and Housing Act, No 103 of 1985,

“**Council**” means the Town Council of Klerksdorp, the Council's Management Committee, acting under the powers delegated to it in terms of the provisions of section 58 of the Local Government (Administration and Elections) Ordinance, 1960, and any officer to whom that Committee has been empowered by the Council in terms of the provisions of subsection (3) of the said section to delegate and has in fact delegated the powers, functions and duties vesting in the Council in relation to these by-laws,

“**family**” means a male or female or both with or without their parents, and with or without the children of one or the other or of both, living together,

“**Head Health Services**” means the Head of the Health Services Department of the Council or his assignee,

“**occupier**” in relation to any premises means

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises, or
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises, or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown,

“**National Building Regulations**” means the regulations promulgated under Government Notice R 1081 dated 10 June 1988, as amended by Government Notice No 1726 of 26 August 1988

“**owner**” in respect of a building or land means—

- (a) the registered owner;
- (b) the person or body responsible for the payment of municipal assessment rates or services

"verblyfonderneming" 'n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting en een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word,

"Wet" die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising No 103 van 1985,

2. VERHURING EN BEWONING VAN PERSEEL

Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon of geokkupeer word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestande voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

- (a) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 12 kubieke meter vryelugruimte en 4 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 6 kubieke meter vryelugruimte en 2 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon jonger as 10 jaar toelaat nie. Met dien verstande dat geen woonvertrek kleiner as 6 m² mag wees nie, en
- (b) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trapportaal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motorhuis, stal, tent, pakkamer, afdak, skuur, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste en ooreenkomstig die Nasionale Bouregulasies goedgekeur is

3. SLAAPAKKOMMODASIE, VOORBEREIDING EN GAARMAAK VAN VOEDSEL

Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

- (a) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaapakkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teenoorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10 jaar, met uitsondering van 'n paar wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertrekke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteenmure of afskorting gesker word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste stewig en toereikend is nie
- (b) Alle persele moet voorsien word van fasiliteite vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertrekke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike fasiliteite ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste dit vereis

4. ABLUSIEGERIEWE

- (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stort(e) en een spoelkloset of alternatiewe goedgekeurde geriewe, elk geskik gelee in 'n afsonderlike kompartement wat geredelik toeganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toe-

"premises" means any house, room, shed, hut, vehicle, vessel or tent or any other structure or place, any portion whereof is used by any person for sleeping in, or in which any person dwells, or which in the opinion of the Head. Health Services is intended to be used by any person for sleeping or dwelling in, together with the land on which the structure is situated and the adjoining land used in connection therewith

2. LETTING AND OCCUPATION OF PREMISES

No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following:

- (a) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons that will allow less than 12 m³ of free air space and 4 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 6 m³ of free air space and 2 m² of floor space for each person less than 10 years of age. Provided that no living room shall be smaller than 6 m², and
- (b) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, store-room, lean-to, shed, cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its use for that purpose has been approved by the Head: Health Services and in accordance with the National Building Regulations

3. SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION, PREPARATION AND COOKING OF FOOD

No person shall so let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following:

- (a) No premises or part thereof shall be occupied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of opposite sexes over 10 years of age, other than a couple living together as husband and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, separated from one another by brick walls or partitions, the construction of which is substantial and adequate in the opinion of the Head: Health Services
- (b) All premises shall be provided with accommodation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately. Provided that separate accommodation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Head: Health Services

4. ABLUTION FACILITIES

- (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower(s) and one water-closet or alternative approved facilities, each suitably placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with

gerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies. Met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies

- (2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar vir die bewoners daarvan is

5. BASIESE LEWENSVEREISTES

Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

- (a) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van verligting en ventilasie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies,
- (b) te eniger tyd versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte nie met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang soos vereis in hierdie Regulasies, inbreuk maak nie,
- (c) versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie. Met dien verstande egter dat, vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel—
- (i) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of
- (ii) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon as een persoon beskou word,
- (d) versuim om toe te sien dat, in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word, die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg behoorlik in stand gehou word nie, soos wat deur die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word

6. HIGIENIESE VEREISTES

Geen eienaar van enige perseel mag toelaat dat sodanige perseel of gedeelte daarvan in 'n ongesonder of onhigieniese toestand of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is nie, of nie skoon of goed in stand gehou word nie, of waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees nie

7. VERBLYFONDERNEMINGS

(1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming afsonderlike ablusiegeriewe vir elke geslag het en toegerus is met—

- (a) een bad of stort,
- (b) een handewasbak, en
- (c) een spoelkloset,

ooreenkomstig die vereistes van die Nasionale Bouregulasies. Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word

(2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor die bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees

approved waste pipes in accordance with the National Building Regulations. Provided that a bath fitted with an approved waste pipe in accordance with the National Building Regulations, may be substituted for each shower

- (2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have a proper and sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof

5. BASIC LIVING REQUIREMENTS

No owner of any premises shall—

- (a) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided independently of any other room, with light and ventilation in accordance with the National Building Regulations,
- (b) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, built-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these regulations or the National Building Regulations,
- (c) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food. Provided, however, that for the purpose of this section—
- (i) two children of 10 years or under, or
- (ii) two persons living together as man and wife shall be deemed to be one person,
- (d) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained as is required by the National Building Regulations

6. HYGIENIC REQUIREMENTS

No owner of any premises shall permit such premises or part thereof to be in an unhealthy or unhygienic state, unfit for human habitation or not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the persons occupying the premises

7. ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT

(1) The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—

- (a) one bath or shower,
- (b) one wash hand basin, and
- (c) one water-closet,

in accordance with the National Building Regulations. Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex

(2) Every bathroom, shower compartment and water-closet shall be clearly designated for the sex for which it is intended. Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments, or water closets have been installed on the premises, the entrances to each series shall bear such designation

8. ALGEMENE VEREISTES

Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

- (a) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlik werkende toestand hou,
- (b) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou,
- (c) doeltreffende maatreels tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiers, vlieë of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou,
- (d) toesien dat elke muur, deur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanig geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word
- (e) Vensters wat bedoel is om te kan oopmaak moet te alle tye behoorlik funksioneer. Gebreke en gekraakte glas moet vervang word en voor alle vensters wat sigbaar is vanaf die straat of vanaf aangrensende persele moet privaatheid verleen word aan inwoners by wyse van gordyne, blinders of enige ander erkende of aanvaarbare metode, maar mag nie toegeverf word nie

9. ELEKTRIESE VERBINDINGS EN HYSBAKKE

(1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

- (a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektriesiteitstoevoer vir verligting en krag het, en
- (b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

- (a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan, en
- (b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker ooreenkomstig die Nasionale Bouregulasies

10. VRYSTELLINGS

Die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste of sy gemagtigde kan enige persoon vrystel van die nakoming van al of enige van hierdie regulasies waar sodanige nie-nakoming nie prakties uitvoerbaar of 'n gesondheidsgevaarlike toestand of oorlas skep of sal skep nie

11. STRAFBEPALING

Die eienaar van enige perseel wat enige van die bepalings van hierdie Regulasies oortree, welke oortreding na die mening van die Raad 'n oorlas ingevolge artikel 11B van die Wet uitmaak en wat versuim om aan 'n kennisgewing ingevolge artikel 11B (2) (a) van die Wet om sodanige oorlas reg te stel voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met die straf soos voorgeskryf in artikel 11B van die Wet

J. L. MULLER,
Stadsklerk

Burgersentrum
KLERKSDORP
17 Maart 1992
(Kennisgewing No 22/92)

8. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

- (a) keep all sanitary fittings, boilers, lighting and fire extinguishing equipment in proper working order at all times, (266) (267)
- (b) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter,
- (c) take adequate measures to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin,
- (d) ensure that every wall, door, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the area painted remains clean and in a good state of repair
- (e) windows which can be opened must function at all times. Broken and cracked glass must be replaced and windows which are visible from the street or adjacent erven, must render privacy to residents by means of curtains, blinds or any other approved or acceptable method, but may not be painted

9. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS AND LIFTS

(1) Where an electrical connection is available to any premises, the owner shall not permit any person to occupy such premises unless—

- (a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity for lighting and power, and
- (b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting

(2) Where a lift has been installed in premises, the owner shall ensure—

- (a) its continuous safe functioning, and
- (b) its availability to occupiers of the premises, in accordance with the National Building Regulations

10. EXEMPTIONS

The Head Health Services or his assignee can exempt any person from all or any of these Regulations where such non-compliance is not practically feasible or shall not create or cause to create a health hazard or nuisance

11. PENALTIES

The owner of any premises who has contravened any of the provisions of these regulations, which contravention has been found by the Council to constitute a nuisance in terms of section 11B of the Act and who fails to comply with a notice in terms of section 11b (2) (a) of the Act, to rectify such nuisance, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to the penalties provided in section 11B of the Act

J. L. MULLER,
Town Clerk

Civic Centre
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Boards also need to consider people

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THESE are the ethics of town-planning in the Transvaal as prescribed by Ordinance. "The general purpose of a town-planning scheme shall be the co-ordinated and harmonious development of the area to which it relates in such a way as will most effectively tend to promote the health, safety, good order, amenity, convenience and general welfare of such area as well as efficiency and economy in the process of such development." Take for example the recent Townships Board hearing of the proposal to build an office park in Randburg's suburb of Darrenwood. Objectors presented evidence of the overwhelming opposition of residents, of existing large-scale office rights near to the proposed office park and of the need for the town council to investigate its possible effects on the local primary school. Surely, if the office park is to create "co-ordinated and harmonious development", such issues are highly relevant. Wrong! In its recommendations, the Townships Board, which is the highest town-planning advisory body in the Trans-

The new Townships Board isn't working, says CONRAD BERGE, architect and urban design critic.

vaal, deems these issues not to be of consequence. Then, on matters of professionalism, objectors demonstrated that the applicant's town planner, who was credited the status of "expert", had grossly overclaimed development rights and had used an obsolete Government policy document as a mainstay in his case. The town council's planners, who are supposed to be the public's expert watchdogs, failed to point out these shortcomings and themselves ignored the park-space needs of the area. These objections, too, the Townships Board found to be of no consequence. The Townships Board has never won a prize for popularity but the concept of a review board — guided by sound principles and natural justice, and financially accessible to ordinary people — is a good one. Without it, the last line of appeal would be to local authorities or the Su-

preme Court. But the accessibility of such a board should not belie the seriousness of its job. In advising on rezoning of land, the existing Townships Board presides over enormous capital gains and changes to the urban environment. Its work is of greater import to individuals and society than much of the work of the Supreme Court. Clearly there is need for reform. Public cynicism over the ethics of town planning and property development, runs very deep. There can be little public respect for our urban environment if those entrusted as its guardians carry little public respect. What should be done? Some suggest that the Townships Board should be headed by a judge. Others suggest that its members should be experts rather than lay people. Others feel its members should be local to the town where an appeal takes place. One thing is certain — as a matter of extreme urgency it must be seen to be applying the ethics prescribed for it and to be demanding professionalism from town planners. □

Boycott call threatens talks

ADRIAN HADLAND

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THE future of local government negotiations across the country was plunged into crisis yesterday after the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) called for the resumption of the national rent boycott.

The SCA's general council resolved on Wednesday night to call for the resumption of the boycott in Soweto — and elsewhere.

Representatives of the ANC, SACP, Cosatu and the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal attended the meeting and supported the decision.

After walking out of a Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) meeting last night, the SCA said the boycott, which was suspended in September 1990, would be lifted only if all black councillors in Greater Soweto were removed, the Johannes-

burg City Council took over the financial administration of the region and township violence was ended.

The GSPP was formed in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord of 1990 and includes the three Greater Soweto town councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville as well as the SCA and the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The GSPP aimed to resolve the councils' financial crisis.

The walkout signals the end of the GSPP and threatens both the Greater Soweto Accord and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's plans for negoti-

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Boycott

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ating a new metropolitan structure for the Greater Johannesburg

In a statement yesterday, the SCA said the TPA's failure to improve service levels in the Soweto townships — as provided for in the Metropolitan Chamber's November 1991 agreement — and continued allegations of black local authority corruption and mismanagement had forced the resumption of the boycott.

The 1991 agreement, signed by the TPA, the SCA and representatives of the Soweto councils, set out phased increases in services charges in an attempt to regulate and normalise payments in Soweto.

TPA chief negotiator on local government issues Olaus van Zyl said the TPA was not solely to blame for the situation. While the agreement to improve services had not been fully met, the payment of rates in Soweto had dropped from 60% in December to less than 30%.

Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said the situation had become

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"a very serious crisis, not only for the Chamber but also for the whole of the metropolitan area"

SCA executive committee member Kgabiso Mosunkutu said he expected the boycott to be supported by the SA National Civics Organisation, which would expand the boycott to a national level.

The SCA "rejected with contempt" Local Government Minister Leon Wessels' announcement last week fixing January next year as the deadline for the formation of joint local administrations.

"Minister Wessels' approach to the crisis of local government is completely unacceptable in that it undermines local initiatives and is authoritarian," an SCA statement said.

The SCA also called for the abandonment of workers' hostels. "We are convinced that in order for the violence to end, the hostels must be emptied and the occupants reintegrated into the community"

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Electricity upgrading cancelled

PRETORIA — The financing of a R32m project to upgrade electricity in Atteridgeville township, outside Pretoria, was cancelled with effect from yesterday, the area's regional services council has announced.

A joint statement was issued in Pretoria by RSC chairman Piet Delport and township administrator Martiens Nel.

Delport said "Because of the withdrawal of finances the Atteridgeville council had no other option but to cancel its contract with the project contractors, as Atteridgeville had no money to pay them."

Measures to upgrade electricity in the township included the installation of Budget Energy Control (BEC) meters in every household. Now the 800 already in place would have to be removed, Delport said.

The statement said before cancelling the project, the Atteridgeville administrator had tried to find finance elsewhere, but without success.

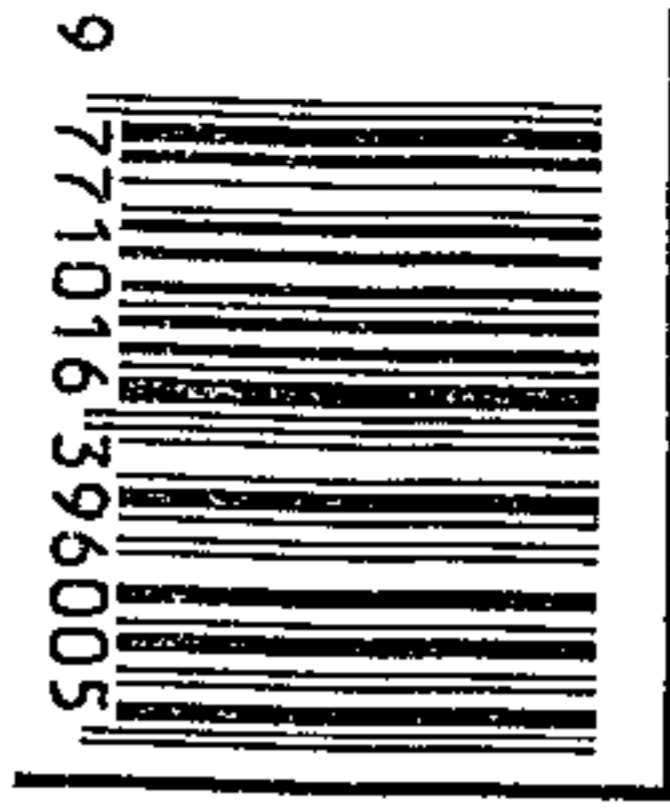
Delport said the decision to halt financing was taken because of Atteridgeville residents' opposition to the BEC meters.

Earlier the RSC said BECs would have enabled residents to control their electricity bills — Sapa



Urgent application

JOOSTE MOTHAPU, Director of housing, and Sibongile Mazibuko, a council legal advisor, brought an



urgent application against City Press in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday. The application attempted to restrain City Press from publishing further reports about the allocation of sites in Zone 4, Diepkloof. The application was postponed until Friday, April 10, to enable City Press to file papers opposing the application.

Falati's conduct angers Mandelas

BY THEMBA KHUMALO

THE relationship between Winnie Mandela and her co-accused, Xoliswa Falati, plummeted to its lowest ebb after Falati's "sensational press comments" this week.

Falati told newspapers that she was reinstated to her backyard room by the ANC leader Nelson Man-

dela after Winnie had kicked her out. Zondi Mandela, Mandela's daughter-in-law, said that for the past nine months Winnie had been persuading Falati to move to the Mandela house at Diepkloof Extension to make way for family members who were coming from the Transkei to help with arrangements

for Zinzi's wedding. Falati disappeared on Thursday - allegedly in the company of five men - only minutes after phoning a Johannesburg reporter, saying something was about to happen to her and asking him to come to her aid. Zondi said the Mandelas were enraged by Falati's latest behaviour. By

her sudden disappearance she wanted to create the impression she had been kidnapped. They were beginning to question her motives for being close to the family. An ANC official who lives in KwaThema, where Falati originally comes, from, said they were worried about her close links with the Mandelas. She was over-zealous and involved herself in too many progressive structures during the days of the UDF. He said it was well-known in KwaThema that Falati's house was petrol-bombed four years ago by angry comrades, and not the police as Falati claimed. See page 2

over soccer affairs.

Soweto. The contest was held at Club 7071, Orlando West, on Friday night. Pic: SIPHWE NHLAMBI

Jo-Anne Collinge looks at implications of a revived Soweto services boycott

When paying isn't a habit

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WHEN the Soweto Civic Association announced that the rent and service tariff boycott was back on, it was reacting to virtually irresistible pressure from below.

Before the organisation took the plunge and broke off further negotiations with the councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville and with the TPA on services and payment, residents had already turned the cash flow down to a trickle less than 30 percent of the billed amount was being realised.

In effect, ordinary residents had trampled into the dirt two key agreements to which the SCA had been party the Soweto Accord of August 1990, and the pact on revised tariffs and better services, signed late last year.

The Soweto Accord, signed by the three councils, the TPA and the SCA (the Greater Soweto Principal Parties or GSPP) brought the original four-year boycott to an end and laid the foundation for the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a broader negotiating forum working towards

non-racial interim government at metropolitan level

It also set various low-level tariffs to wean people off the boycott and created mechanisms to address the housing and service problems

Last year's agreement among the GSPP revised the tariffs, but tied higher payments tightly to the achievement of certain minimum standards in the delivery of services

In addition, this drive to get Soweto's residents to pay for services was coupled with moves toward the free transfer of the bulk of the township's housing to the occupants and plans for the institution of non-racial interim administration

Both agreements were hailed as "historic" But by now the capacity of the people of Soweto to defeat the makers of "history" is clearly established. Two explanations are put forward — usually by different parties — as alternative explanations for this dogged refusal by the people to honour the products of any negotiating

forum

The first runs that a "culture" of non-payment has set in — that people fully expect because of their disadvantaged position to consume public goods for which they have not paid They will continue to do so in the absence of serious sanctions for non-payment

The second argues that people are eminently reasonable — they would pay if they got the goods for which they were being charged But the capacity of the three Soweto councils to deliver is just not there

There is a third factor, which almost all acknowledge

If the spirit were willing to pay for services, how would the pocket stand up?

The high unemployment figures and the low rates of income in the service and informal sectors leave little doubt that a substantial number of township households would be unable to pay for services under any circumstances

This was acknowledged to some degree in the 1991 negotiations

The tariff restructuring assumed no more than 80 percent of residents could pay, the TPA's Nigel Mandy points out But the question of the majority who can pay, but refuse to, remains

Are they free riders who have become addicted to the fruits of ungovernability; or are they responsible consumers who are being repeatedly failed by the institutions responsible for delivering public goods?

The fact that non-payment arose in Soweto from a politically driven boycott cannot be ignored The culture of non-payment was fed on conflict and violence Not only were councillors attacked as the tools of apartheid, but undisciplined municipal policemen inflicted more than a few casualties during the emergency years, evictions, court summonses and service cuts were recurrent, and the threat of evictions gave rise to such scarring events as the White City Massacre of 1986

The agreements concluded in 1990 and the end of last year have not yielded the kind of returns

that would cut through this heavy mood The three councils remain in place Diepsmeadow has been rocked by fresh corruption allegations, Soweto is chaotic as a result of squabbling in the ruling Sofa-soke Party

While Soweto Council spokesman Mojalela Moseki insists that service improvements have been made, residents clearly discount this and the change is not apparent to the outsider, who is still struck by water running down streets and mounds of smelly refuse on the pavements

Secondly, the move to non-racial metropolitan administration and to giving Soweto a share of the tax revenue of Johannesburg and Roodepoort is agonisingly slow. Months after the tabling of the blueprint in the Met Chamber, ratification by one of the four white municipalities was still outstanding

Thirdly, the promise of free transfer of thousands of rented and leased homes to full ownership has been long delayed The Cabinet has sat on the matter for

In 1990 the SCA was roundly criticised by other civic bodies for striking a deal with the council-mand for an end to the township council system, the SCA has identified the right fuse to ignite in the change and renewal is open to debate. But surely it has hit upon a truth in arguing that without some highly visible and abrupt break with the past, without some immediate concession to people's demands, the mass of the people of Soweto are not going to pay up hard-earned money in return for promises and "progress" which moves at an imperceptible pace — and then only within the confines of wood-panelled negotiating chambers. □

more than three months and there is still no decision in sight.

Refugees take over offices

By JOE MDHLELA

DISPLACED residents have literally ejected Alexandra Council administrative workers, including the town clerk, from their offices *Sowetan 7/4/92*.

The action by the residents who fled attacks from hostel dwellers during the past three weeks has resulted in administration at the council offices coming to a standstill

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum the Rev Busani Ngubane yesterday confirmed that service at the council had come to a stop

Ngubane said the displaced people were also using the council offices to protest against the hostel dwellers who are occupying their houses near Madala Hostel

"The authorities have so far failed to stop the illegal squatting by hostel dwellers of houses belonging to residents

The town clerk was not available for comment yesterday



TPA's R5,8bn budget up 5% from last year

PRETORIA — The TPA has requested R5,8bn for the 1992/93 financial year.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough told the Extended Public Committee session in Pretoria yesterday this included R184,7m for functions taken over from the former Department of Development Aid

If this amount was left out, the increase represented just 5% over the revised vote of R5,3bn for 1991/92

The TPA was expected to receive R895,051m from horse racing tax, motor vehicle licences and hospital fees

Our Maritzburg correspondent reports Natal Administrator Con Botha said drastic cuts in spending in vital services would have to be made as Natal grappled with one of its toughest budgets ever

He painted a gloomy picture for the year ahead when he presented a R2,281bn budget for 1992/93.

Some "sensitive areas of grave concern" were health services and roads and traffic administration

Regarding the health services vote, R1,155bn had been provided for 1992/93. Although this was an increase of 12,5%, in real terms there was a decrease of 5,6% or about R55m

"Consequently drastic cuts, especially in the more sophisticated areas in community hospital services (R15,183m), regional hospital services (R104,856m) and academic hospital services (R40,876m) will have to be made so as to remain within the affordable means for 1992/93," Botha said

This year the provision for roads and

traffic administration is R7,7m, or 2,6%, less than for last year and would require a greater scaling down of services

Botha said this would include the cessation of the upgrading of the existing road network, a reduction in the number of blacktop roads to be rehabilitated, all gravel roads with less than 200 vehicles a day not being regravelled, no new district or main roads will be proclaimed, and a reduction of routine road maintenance standards from an already unacceptable level

In Bloemfontein, Free State Administrator Louis van der Watt tabled a budget of R1,563bn for the 1992/93 financial year.

It is estimated more than R149m will be generated from own income sources, which is 13,3% more than in the previous financial year

The higher income will be generated from an increase in hospital tariffs from next month, horse racing and vehicle licences

Van der Watt said the province's expenditure would show an increase of 13,35%. This was mainly because of an improvement in service conditions, increases in social pensions, the effects of VAT and the take-over of the functions of the former Department of Development Aid

Squatter aid was a new element in the budget and almost 50 000 families had been resettled. More than 30 000 families would be housed in alternative areas before the end of this year — Sapa

Squatters must be housed, insists MEC

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration would act against people who exploited the squatter issue, MEC John Mavuso said yesterday

Addressing the extended public committee on Transvaal affairs, he said urbanisation had to be dealt with rationally or South Africa would never have peace

"Whatever the reason for urbanisation, the fact is that we have countless homeless in the Transvaal who need to be resettled," he said.

Resettling squatters was not only the task of government, it was also the duty of society to ensure its successful and orderly management

"This lends itself to exploitation. Organisations and communities are manipulating these people to serve their interests

"To those people I wish to say that the TPA has reached a stage where it will take action against those who exploit these people," Mr Mavuso said.

It was even more disturbing that those liberals, who for years campaigned for the rights of the homeless, were suddenly up in arms because black squatters were encroaching on their suburbs

"They're afraid that this will affect the value of their property. They say these people are murderers and thieves. This smacks of colonialism.

"To these bigots I warn the arrival of the new South Africa means more than just a different colour state president. Bigotry must disappear from our vocabulary," Mr Mavuso said.

The TPA's policy of urbanisation rested on two principals

- If managed properly it would strengthen South Africa;
- Mere allocation of land did not solve anything. People had to be housed near to employment and those who could afford it would have to pay for their own housing

"Urbanisation is inevitable in South Africa. Unless we tackle the problem in a practical manner we will never succeed in solving the problem," Mr Mavuso said

Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder's threat of violence against squatters should be dealt with strongly, Rupert Lorimer (DP Bryanston) told the committee.

"Threats of violence should be dealt with through the legal system. White South Africans should realise that leaving squatters in such appalling conditions will only lead to more

violence," he said

He was referring to the Zvenfontein squatters who were to have been resettled in the Randburg area until a public outcry by residents put paid to the plans.

"The reaction of whites to squatter resettlement is violent, hysterical and extreme. Surely there is greater security in resettling people in an orderly fashion," Mr Lorimer said

The TPA's annual report released yesterday said squatting in the Transvaal had reached abnormal proportions

The number of cases had increased from 317 277 families in March 1990 to 341 631 in March last year. Of these, 26 688 families had been resettled

"The backlog has been financed by means of Government votes from privatisation proceedings to the amount of R103 million

"Progress has been made with the acquisition of land for the eventual settlement of more than 100 000 families on sites provided with rudimentary services. With the resources available everything was done to give each individual the opportunity to obtain their own dwelling-place in order to prevent illegal squatting," the TPA report said — Sapa

TPA requests R5,8-bn budget 266

The TPA has requested R5 849 349 000 for the 1992/93 financial year

Administrator, Dame Hough, told the extended public committee session in Pretoria yesterday that this amount included R184 789 000 for functions taken over from the former Department of Development Aid.

The department has been disbanded and such of its functions that remain have been handed over to the various provincial administrations.

If this amount was left out,

the increase represented a mere 5 percent increase on the revised vote of R5 394 770 000 for 1991/92

Mr Hough said it was clear that it would be necessary to exercise strict financial discipline over the entire spectrum of functions of the Province to ensure that it did not exceed the limits of appropriated funds.

With regard to its own income, the Administration was expected to receive an amount of R895,051 million

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The main sources of income would be horse-racing tax, motor vehicle licences and hospital fees

Mr Hough appealed to all peace-loving South Africans and all the inhabitants of the Transvaal who wished to improve their province to work together at both local government and regional government levels

"Only by speaking to each other, negotiating with each other, shall we be able to create new structures that will meet the demands of a new era," Mr Hough said — Sapa

Committee ²⁶⁶ wants Tvl to be split up ^{STAR 14/92}

The executive committee of the Transvaal was not in favour of retaining the whole of the Transvaal in its current form as the area of jurisdiction for one large regional government, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said yesterday.

Addressing the extended public committee session in Pretoria, he said the area was simply too large and diversified to be able to meet the requirements of regional government.

Discussing the views of the Transvaal's executive committee on regional and local government, Mr Hough said discussions on possible regions in a new dispensation could be based on the four regional development areas in the Transvaal — regions F, G, H and J.

He said "We are not inexorably bound to the four regions and we do take note of the fact that there also are proponents of three regions with a stronger economic substructure."

Mr Hough said he would like to see the leaders of Lebowa, Gazankulu, Venda and leaders of communities in the Transvaal exchange views on a possible new regional government which would serve the whole of region G and its people in the northern Transvaal.

For regional governments to make autonomous decisions, it was very important that they have their own revenue base.

A present provincial flaw was the lack of an elected legislative authority, Mr Hough said.

"You may well ask whether legislative councils should not be established as soon as possible by means of elections, to provide provincial governments with provincial and regional councils."

Another possibility was to hold simultaneous elections for interim central and regional government and so avoid duplication.

It was essential that an interim phase be instituted as soon as possible within which the TPA and the four self-governing territories could move closer — Sapa.

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Kempton Park holds out hand to Tembisa 266

Kempton Park Town Council is to help the Tembisa local authority back on its feet by supplying management skills to the township, which pulled out of a co-operation agreement soon after it was signed last year.

A team of senior officials and technical management staff, already made available to Modderfontein council, will ensure that the administrative and technical infrastructure of Tembisa is placed on a sound financial footing.

Kempton Park town clerk Hans Muller said Tembisa's infrastructure had virtually collapsed.

"Few skilled personnel have remained in the middle and top management level of the town's administration and there is also insufficient supervision over the municipality, where productivity is at a new low."

Since the two councils signed a co-operation agreement last year, Tembisa's council was dissolved and an administrator appointed East Rand Bureau.

Push for Beit Bridge post to open 24 hours

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By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal
Bureau

MESSINA — Telegrams requesting action were sent yesterday to President de Klerk and President Robert Mugabe from a joint meeting, regarding the chaotic situation at the Beit Bridge border post

The meeting, set up by Messina town council, organised commerce on both sides of the border, and the Beit Bridge Rural Council, decided to appoint a liaison committee to work at problems surrounding the congestion at the bridge and to explore areas of cross-border co-operation

The liaison committee is to push for customs and immigration facilities at the border post to remain open for 24 hours

Renewed appeals are to be made to both governments to give attention to the development of a water scheme on the Limpopo River

"I don't care what the peo-

ple at the top are saying, all I know is that thousands are starving because of a lack of co-operation across the border," said rural councillor Raymond Roth

He appealed for a plan to treat the communities on both sides of the river as a single entity

Mr Roth also pointed out that Beit Bridge village in Zimbabwe had severe water shortages, whereas Messina, 15 km away, had no water problem, to stress the value of co-ordinated action

Referring to the visit of a low-profile Government delegation from Pretoria to the border region next week, Messina Mayor Jack Klaff said, "this isn't good enough, we are not satisfied with the way we are being treated"

Soutpansberg military chief Colonel Bornman said the private sector and the SA Defence Force had co-operated to clear an area of bush on the SA side of Beit Bridge, for heavy vehicles to park

He said there was a lot of goodwill on both sides of the river

Green concern just a camouflage - TPA

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By Shirley Woodgate

Smallholders in the north-western PWV area who "cry green and become progressively greener as black urbanisation approaches" received a tongue-lashing from Transvaal Provincial Administration chief Len Dekker yesterday.

Addressing a media briefing in Pretoria, the Deputy Director-General for Community Development warned that urbanisation was unstoppable, and called for a halt to "emotional outbursts"

whenever black settlements were hinted at.

The TPA was sensitive to conservation, but investigation had proved that only land north of the Pretoria/Krugersdorp highway (R-28) towards the Magaliesberg was worth preserving as a green belt.

While the Kareebostrand conservancy and rivers and ridges were respected by the TPA, most of the land between Randburg and the R-28 could only be considered green in the eyes of a person wearing a green belt.

he said

Within the next nine years an additional 50 000 ha was needed to house an additional 3 million people. This meant the development of another area the size of Johannesburg or seven times the size of Soweto.

However, what was envisaged was not a single large area, but small settlements of people who worked in Randburg and Sandton.

Now that the focus had fallen on the north-west, he appealed to residents not to use conservation as a moral

excuse to block black settlement

Mr Dekker told Diepsloot protesters that the TPA executive committee had not taken a final decision on task force recommendations for a permanent home for the Zaventfontein squatters who had until July to move from their present location.

At this stage it was impossible to determine the cost of acquiring necessary land for low-cost housing. Contrary to common belief, many smallholders had already offered to sell their

properties to the TPA

Task force chairman Paul Waanders said there was respect for the Diepsloot Nature Reserve.

Approached for comment, Greenbelt Action Group spokesman Helen Dugan denied that GAG was trying to opt out of urbanisation. "We are definitely part of the process, offering properly planned recreation areas for the entire region."

Smallholders within the green belt were already housing thousands of workers employed on the plots

More traffic officers' posts approved by TPA

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A "considerable" number of additional traffic officers' posts had been approved subject to the availability of funds, the province's MEC for roads, Ahmed Arbee, said yesterday.

Speaking in debate in Pretoria on the Transvaal budget, he said that the additional officers should help reduce the high accident rate as would the tripling of traffic fines, announced in February.

Mr Arbee said the presence of more traffic officers would also combat vehicle overloading, which was responsible for more than half the damage to roads.

He said the TPA was clos-

ing all but four of its road construction units because of a shortage of funds.

Mr Arbee revealed that during the referendum, damage amounting to thousands of rands had been caused when road signs had been defaced by vandals.

The province was selling off road construction equipment and the roads branch would concentrate on maintaining existing roads in future.

The branch's biggest contract was widening the Ben Schoeman freeway between the Buccleuch interchange and Corlett Drive to six lanes.

This project would cost R50 million — Sapa

Green stance 'a facade for racism'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday accused residents in areas north of Johannesburg, who have opposed plans to settle the controversial Zevenfontein squatters in their areas, of using environmental issues to hide their racism

TPA deputy director-general Len Dekker said environmentalism had become "a blatant facade for keeping blacks out. As the blacks come nearer, so they become greener"

He said the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) had appealed to people's emotions and misled them, as the area south of the R28 to Krugersdorp was just "open veld"

He said there was a misconception among residents that if they made enough noise about the squatters being moved to their area, the move would not go ahead

The TPA had taken environmental issues into account in identifying areas for future development, and it had found very

little "green" area left south of the R28. In the light of this it had been decided that this area would be earmarked for settlement. The natural areas north of the road would be preserved, however

Although urbanisation would take place there, Dekker warned it would not be the only area to face changes

The TPA needed another 50 000ha to settle a further 3-million people in the next decade, and many other areas would have to "come to terms with the hard realities of the new SA"

He urged residents to stop being emotional about the problem of squatters. All local authorities would have to make provision for low cost housing, as it was "not possible to hide these people behind bushes," he said

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War of words as tension rises over Diepsloot issue

By Shirley Woodgate

Tension mounted yesterday after top officials levelled allegations of racism at landowners opposing black settlement north-west of Johannesburg

Residents have demanded the immediate resignation of Administrator Danie Hough, MEC John Mavuso and deputy director for Community Development Len Dekker

In referring to the landowners, Mr Mavuso spoke of bigotry and Mr Dekker said they were using conservation to camouflage racist fears

The row centres on the pending Transvaal Provincial Administration decision on sites for housing the Zevenfontein squatters as well as millions of homeless people in the region

The resignation call by Diepsloot Residents and Landowners' Association chairman Stuart Aitchison, on grounds of sheer incompetence, is being backed by a groundswell of smallholders

Mr Aitchison warned of the possibility of civil

riots in Diepsloot if the TPA tried to move the Zevenfontein squatters there

"The people are not prepared to sit idly and watch their livelihood and life investments being sacrificed on the altar of the TPA's ineptitude and authoritarianism," he said

He stressed that Diepsloot applied in 1989 to become a fully fledged free settlement area

Mismanagement

Greenbelt Action Group secretary Jill Wileman said the allegations of racism were a smokescreen for TPA mismanagement of urbanisation

Boerestaat Party and Garden Triangle Action Group leader Robert van Tonder, whose property borders Cosmo City, which is high on the list of areas earmarked for informal settlement, denied Mr Dekker's claim that all residents had been consulted

He threatened court action unless his application for the establish-

ment of a new municipality had been settled by Mr Hough before land was identified for squatters

Peter Hewitt, spokesman for the Jukskei-Crocodile River Catchment Area Property Owners, rejected the racist label, claiming blacks already outnumbered whites in his area by about 30-to-one.

"Unlike the real racists who moved blacks up to 35 km away from their work, to Soweto and Lenasia, we have always housed our own workers," he said

"The Zevenfontein squatters are a domestic Randburg and Sandton issue, since that is where they work

"It is time the TPA started scientific planning, proper administration and detailed plans for compensation where expropriation takes place before people are resettled. It must look at proper employment for the homeless and stop resorting to name-calling if it wants to halt resistance"

Process begins to resolve Metropolitan Chamber row

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THE process of bringing feuding parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber together had begun after Wednesday's suspension of activities.

Chamber CE Vic Milne said last night the secretariat had spoken to the people involved — the TPA and the three Greater Soweto councils on the one hand and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) on the other.

The SCA called for the resumption of a national rent boycott last week after claiming the TPA was doing nothing to improve services in Greater Soweto.

Complaining of continuing corruption among Soweto councillors, the SCA said it would not return to the Greater Soweto Principal Parties forum until all councillors had been removed, the Johannesburg City Council was involved in providing services and violence had been brought to an end in Soweto.

Suspending all meetings on Wednesday until the issues raised by the SCA had been resolved, chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said he and his secretariat would try to get the parties to start negotiating again.

Meanwhile Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkuthu said yesterday the zones of the organisation had looked at resuming a boycott and were monitoring events.

At Wednesday's chamber meeting Mosunkuthu, as executive member of the SCA, suggested the hostels should be evacuated to stop the violence.

He said the hostel dwellers were under the influence of warlords and that the SCA would have to look at housing schemes to reincorporate them into the community.

Diepsloot residents call for officials' resignation

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THE Diepsloot Residents Association has requested President F W de Klerk to demand the immediate resignation of two TPA senior officials "as they are obviously unable to fulfill the functions of their positions".

TPA deputy director-general of community development Len Dekker accused smallholders in the northwestern PWV earlier this week of using environmental arguments to hide their racism.

Diepsloot and Cosmo City were recommended by the TPA task group as potential sites for the relocation of the controversial Zevenfontein squatters.

Association chairman Stuart Aitchison said residents were angered by the TPA officials' "emotional outbursts".

Dekker accused residents of resorting to "green" issues to disguise their racism and MEC John Mavuso described them as bigots.

The Diepsloot Residents' Association has demanded a public apology from Dekker and Mavuso.

"It is obvious that the TPA is having to use this sort of bluster and lies, and is

having to fall back on the old cry of racism in order to cover their own bungling ineptitude," he said.

Aitchison stressed that any attempt to move squatters into Diepsloot and the surrounding areas could lead to civil riots.

People in the area were "not prepared to sit idly by and watch their livelihood and life investments being sacrificed on the altar of the TPA's ineptitude and authoritarianism".

He said Diepsloot was one of the first areas to request full free settlement development for an entire area in 1989.

He accused the TPA of giving no consideration to the existing character and development of the immediate surrounding stands.

Dekker said the TPA expected to meet opposition from local residents wherever they decided to resettle the squatters.

But they had to be housed somewhere, and there was no simple solution to the problem.



Landowners deny racist claims by TPA officials

Sowetan Correspondent

THE Greenbelt Action Group is demanding a public apology from two Transvaal administration officials following allegations of racism against landowners who oppose squatter settlements in the north-western PWV.

GAG secretary Ms Jill Wileman says she will report the matter to State President Mr FW de Klerk if both MEC Mr John Mavuso and deputy director of Community Development Mr Len Dekker do not apologise.

Wileman said allegations by Mavuso and Dekker that plot owners were using conservation to camouflage racist fears were a smokescreen for the TPA's mismanagement regarding urbanisation. *Sowetan 10/4/92*

She said black landowners in the region attended GAG meetings while thousands of black workers were already housed on plots where they worked.

There were two multiracial schools at Diepsloot, one of the areas considered as a permanent home for the Zevenfontein squatters, she said.

Dismissing Dekker's claims that land between the Pretoria/Krugersdorp highway was veld and could not be considered a green belt worth preserving, Wileman asked:

"What about Helderfontein Conference Centre, River Sands Farm, multimillion rand chicken farms, film studios, peach farms and established trout farms?"

Claiming the TPA had bungled the Zevenfontein squatter issue, Wileman said none of the reports costing the taxpayer thousands of rands had been properly used.

Planning was still abysmal, solutions were totally absent and neither housing or work opportunities were being offered to the squatters some six years after GAG started its costly campaign against Norweto, she said.

Judge rejects urgent application

SUPREME Court Judge WP Schutz has rejected an urgent application by suspended Diepmeadow director of housing Jooste Mothapo to prevent City Press publishing details of his alleged involvement in land allocations in Zone 4 Diepkloof

Mothapo and Sibongile Mazibuko, suspended legal adviser to the council, brought an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday April 3, asking Judge Schutz to order City Press not to publish further reports naming them as officials involved in the allegedly fraudulent land deals in Zone 4.

They claimed that City Press reporting of charges laid against them and other council officials by the council was defamatory.

In his ruling denying the application, Judge Schutz said the courts must be loathe to stop the press in what he regarded as its duty to uncover corruption

He said corruption was prevalent and persons in public office who found themselves under fire simply had to bite the bullet and in due course recov-

er damages.

Schutz found there was no basis for urgency and that Mothapo's founding affidavit had been prepared in late March, but only brought to court on April 10.

Mothapo and Mazibuko argued that by reporting that the council had laid charges against them, City Press had defamed them. They argued that "laid charges against" led the public to believe they were to be charged in court.

The judge found that it was not defamatory to say that charges had been laid with the police, and that the man in the street understood that charges were laid with the police to commence an investigation.

Costs were reserved pending the applicants bringing any action within 21 days.

Since commencing the action to silence City Press, Mothapo and Mazibuko have been suspended from their jobs in the council.

A special council meeting on Wednesday suspended them pending the outcome of an investigation by the TPA into allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the council.

Holomisa defends MK, Apla

LIBERATION movements should ignore calls for the dismantling of their military wings, Transkei ruler Major-General Bantu Holomisa said in Umtata this week.

Holomisa was addressing a seminar on the integration of military forces in SA, attended by senior officers from the defence forces of SA, Ciskei, Transkei, Venda and Bophuthatswana and members of the ANC's Umkhonto weSizwe and the PAC's armed wing Apla.

"The call for the dismantling of the military wings of the liberation movements must be ignored. All must concentrate on the establishment of the interim government which will level the ground for the Constituent Assembly elections," he said.

"When a new govern-

ment has been installed, serious talks about the integration of the armed forces can begin in earnest"

While deliberating on the future of the armed forces, all armies should brace themselves for the possible dispatching of an international peace-keeping force. Because, should Codesa participants agree on this, no rumblings of opposition would be tolerated from any quarter of the armed forces.

Holomisa said the dominance of one group in the military forces did not augur well for the future stability of a democratic government, as that group could be tempted to act against the wishes of the majority.

"To reverse this odd situation, it is imperative that the system of recruiting presently employed

by the SADF be abandoned in favour of one encompassing the entire nation.

"If SA aims at being a stable society, the volunteer system should be embarked upon. This will lead to the emergence of a highly professional and efficient army," he said.

"We have reached a stage when foes have to fuse into a new force and forget the past with its rhetorical baggage. This requires the formulation of a new military tradition"

There was an urgent need for all forces to agree on an identified country to provide advanced training.

The present SA government should offer an early retirement "package deal" to "securocrats"

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Civic ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ accused of hiding behind S Times 12/4/92 boycott

By CHARIS PERKINS

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has accused the Soweto Civic Association of calling a new rent and services boycott to conceal its inability to get people to pay their bills.

Only 30 percent of the people of Soweto are paying for water and rubbish removal — despite an agreement last November when the Soweto Civic Association undertook to try to secure payment by 80 percent of residents.

In exchange, the Soweto Council promised to improve the services

The civic association declared its boycott on April 2, at a meeting which was to decide if the November agreement was working

Shambles

"It seems that the civic association has little influence with the residents of Soweto," said the provincial administration's negotiator, Mr Olaus van Zyl

"It may well discourage payments, but it cannot persuade people to resume paying. Knowing that, one may draw one's own conclusions about its sudden decision to reinstate the boycott."

The association, however, denied it had lost control over Soweto residents.

"Our people are very disciplined," said executive member Kgabisu Mosunkutu. "But there has been no improvement in the service, and people are not prepared to pay for a shambles"

With so few people paying service charges and rent, the boycott will make little difference to revenue.

Blow

However, the civic association's withdrawal is seen as a shattering blow to 18 delicate months of negotiation.

In September 1990, the historic Soweto Accord wrote off R516-million in unpaid rent and ended a boycott which began in 1986.

The Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, set up after the accord as a forum to tackle local government issues, suspended all activities this week in the face of the civic association's action.

Touted as the forerunner of non-racial local government systems across the country, its suspension leaves other metropolitan authorities without a model.

"The rent and services boycott is a grave crisis which must be resolved before any of the other matters in the Metropolitan Chamber can receive attention," said Mr van Zyl.

Deadlock

Chamber chairman Frederick van Zyl Slabbert and his secretariat will try to resolve the deadlock before the chamber sits again next month.

Unpaid services charges and rents have been costing the province and the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council up to R7,5-million a month.

Another R3-million a month will be lost if the 30 percent who pay their bills now join the boycott

The province's deputy director of local government finance, Mr Louis Johnson, said the authorities could not afford to foot the bill

Pta council to take over Atteridgeville

Southern 15/4/92

By MONK NKOMO

THE Pretoria City Council's Management Committee is temporarily to take over the administration of Atteridgeville following the resignation of three senior officials there.

Announcing this at a Press conference yesterday, management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith also disclosed that the Transvaal Provincial Administration had paid debts totalling R30,6-million owed by both the Atteridgeville and Mamelodi councils.

The three Atteridgeville council officials who have resigned are town clerk Mr Daan Mouton, administrator Mr Maartiens Nel and treasurer Mr Jorrie Jordaan.

The new temporary measures are expected to be discussed with the relevant civic associations, Smith said.

He added "In view of the steps that the City Council of Pretoria has taken now with regard to Atteridgeville towards creating efficient administration, the TPA has decided to make a special inter-authority

grant to settle the debts of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi."

Smith said Atteridgeville owed R6,5-million for electricity and R3,9-million for water and sewerage. Mamelodi owed R14-million for electricity and R6-million for water and sewerage.

Deputy chairman of the management committee Mr Cor Uys also announced that his council would no longer cut bulk electricity supplies to Atteridgeville.

"We will take drastic action against individual rent defaulters by cutting their power supplies. We appeal to all Atteridgeville residents to pay their rent," Uys said.

Smith said the management committee would recommend to the council on April 28 that town clerk Mr Hannes Redelinghuys be appointed town clerk of Atteridgeville.

"These measures are temporary as joint

By PATRICK BOND and Weekly Mail Reporters UNBEKNOWN to its citizens, Johannesburg faces a long-term credit drought.

With top financiers worrying that the city will have to share resources with Soweto and other Central Rand black townships, sources say it is now impossible for Johannesburg City Council to raise long-term (more than 10-year) funds from the capital market. This limits the municipal treasurer's capacity to produce the large-scale

Redlining cuts off Jo'burg's lifeblood

As the city's financial lifeblood, Johannesburg has recently raised R355-million — but in the form of two medium-term loans, one for seven years and one for three years. City Treasurer Willie Siebert remarked "It hasn't been as easy to raise money as it used to be. It probably

drive for sustained one-city development. Johannesburg has recently raised R355-million — but in the form of two medium-term loans, one for seven years and one for three years. City Treasurer Willie Siebert remarked "It hasn't been as easy to raise money as it used to be. It probably

has to do with avoidance of risk capital projects that are needed in the drive for sustained one-city development. Johannesburg has recently raised R355-million — but in the form of two medium-term loans, one for seven years and one for three years. City Treasurer Willie Siebert remarked "It hasn't been as easy to raise money as it used to be. It probably

Asking if Sanjam had a blanket ban on long-term loans to Johannesburg, Johannesburg's assistant portfolio manager Kobus Louw said "Everybody in the market tends to take a shorter horizon." He said uncertainty in markets worldwide meant the average maturity of issues tended to be shorter. In South Africa, institutions are no longer required in terms of prescribed asset requirements to invest in local authorities, who are all affected by uncertainty. Asked why South Africa's biggest insurer was redlining South Africa's

biggest city, Old Mutual investment trading analyst Jenny Thorn replied "I couldn't say. We have a large enough municipal portfolio as it is." Thorn declined to provide detailed information about the portfolio. The full-scale denial of credit to an entire city government is the most damaging form of redlining. In Cleveland, Ohio, USA, a once-popular mayor was dethroned in the late 1970s because for political reasons, bankers refused to support a city bond issue.

Sandton, Alex, Randburg link closer

By Anna Cox

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The Sandton Town Council is expected to ratify the draft constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) at a special meeting of the council today. STAR 16/4/92

The move will open the way for negotiations towards a joint administration of Sandton, Alexandra and Randburg.

The council considered the constitution at its meeting in January, but it was referred back to the Section 59 constitutional committee for further discussion.

Following extensive discussion the committee recommended this month that the

draft constitution be ratified subject to certain amendments, including the assurance that the council retained the right to submit any proposed final constitutional model to Sandton ratepayers for approval.

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said yesterday that after the document was ratified the way would be open for negotiations and Sandton would be recognised as a legally constituted body on the NJNF.

"This spells a process of reform. The first thing to be done as soon as a new administrator of Alexandra is appointed, is to get the day-to-day running of the township in order," he said

Sandton set to approve negotiating body

B15 Aug 16/4/92
THE Sandton Town Council is expected to ratify the constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum at a special council meeting tonight

The constitution will bind Sandton, Randburg, Alexandra and Marlboro Gardens into an official negotiation body

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Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Piet Wilken said there were 61 local authorities in Transvaal discussing the formation of negotiating forums

An immediate consequence of the ratification

will be the TPA's contribution of 50% of the forum's running costs

The remainder will be split between Sandton and Randburg

Sandton considered the draft constitution in January this year, but referred it back to an investigation committee

SA set to consume 54-million animals

B1 Aug 16/4/92
PRETORIA — By the year 2000 South Africans will be eating at least 40-million sheep and 14-million head of cattle a year

Agriculture Deputy Minister Tobie Meyer yesterday listed SA's annual milk and meat requirements in the year 2000 — and it is clear that the demands on livestock and dairy farmers are set to soar

Meyer told a function at the Rand Show yesterday that just to provide for the country's minimum food needs in 2000 would require 4,8-billion litres of milk, 810 000 tons of beef from 14,4-million animals,

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282 000 tons of mutton from 40-million sheep and 870 000 tons of poultry

He did not say by how much SA's maize consumption — currently about 5-million tons a year — would increase

Meyer warned that SA could face serious food shortages by the decade's end unless production resources were utilised fully. Resources were dwindling, but the population was soaring by 1-million a year

TOO much haste on the part of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) may have laid waste to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

Early this month, the civic association walked out of a meeting of a subcommittee of the chamber dealing with tariffs and services for Soweto and called for a resumption of the Soweto rent boycott.

But the walk-out occurred before the committee had a chance to review a pre-prepared report on progress in implementing a crucial service agreement. The report, obtained this week by *The Weekly Mail*, shows many of the SCA's demands were being addressed.

While the report did not deal with central issues like water and sewage, it indicated an improvement in refuse removal and the reading of electricity meters — two council services that had drawn many complaints.

Last week, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) warned that reinstatement of the rent boycott by the SCA could "aggravate the critical financial situation to the point where the provision of services could collapse entirely".

In response, an SCA representative pointed out Sowetans were not totally dependent on the councils for services. The SCA said electricity to the townships was controlled by Eskom and it had called on its supporters to continue paying Eskom. He was confident the councils would not cut the water to the township for "moral reasons". He also indicated residents would take responsibility for rubbish removals through clean-up campaigns.

The metropolitan chamber was established in the wake of the Soweto Accord, under which civic associations agreed to pay for services in exchange for a forum to negotiate a non-racial, democratic system of local government and improved services for Greater Soweto. The chamber was viewed as a model for non-racial local government.

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert believed the forum was important for national and local negotiations. He said the chamber began to involve white and black local communities in addressing common problems which vitally

affected them, helped to transcend apparently irreconcilable positions between rival political bodies and highlighted the need to develop civil society as a basis for successful democratisation.

"If the metropolitan chamber succeeds, it would have stabilised democratically the most important wealth generating region in South Africa and created a powerful bulwark for supporting democratic transition at a national level," he writes in a forthcoming book, *The Quest for Democracy*.

Outlining the basis of the crises which seemed to drive the forum, Slabbert said: "The civics were prepared to persuade communities to pay for services if services were improved; those who provided the services were prepared to provide them if the communities paid."

At a meeting of Greater Soweto Principal Parties early this month, the cycle collapsed. The SCA announced its withdrawal from the sub-committee and called for the resumption of the Soweto rent boycott.

SCA may have been premature in quitting chamber

Wilmant 16/4-23/4/92
The Soweto Civic Association' walkout may mean the end of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — but it appears their grievances were being addressed after all.

By **PAUL STOBER**

In a statement read to the meeting, the SCA gave as its chief reason for withdrawing from the forum, "the failure of the three Soweto city councils to deliver improved levels of services in terms of the agreements on tariffs". The statement went on to call for the removal of all councillors, the full involvement of Johannesburg in the provision of services for Soweto and the resolution of the violence in the area.

The TPA and the Soweto councils retaliated by calling for the suspension of all activities of the metropolitan chamber. "We cannot continue with negotiations while the entire administration and provision of services to the people are collapsing," said the TPA in a statement last week.

Because the chamber operates on the basis of consensus, its activities were effectively torpedoed.

In a detailed response to the SCA statement, the TPA revealed a surprising amount of agreement with the SCA — even as it pulled the plug on the chamber.

The administration said improvements had occurred in all levels of services over the past year but conceded, "all conditions relating to the levels of services have not yet been fulfilled".

The TPA believed the main reason for this was that the councils did not have the ability to provide these standards of services. "This can only be achieved if the Johannesburg City Council assists and accepts co-responsibility for administration and services."

The TPA accused the SCA of being unable to persuade the residents of Soweto to pay the rent and service charges.

In an agreement reached in November, all members of the sub-committee committed themselves to achieving payment levels of at least 80 percent.

The SCA admits payments by residents have fallen from about 50 percent to 30 percent over the past three months, but argued that "it is difficult to convince residents to pay when they don't see any improvement in the services".

The report, which suggests there is plenty of common ground between the parties, was never discussed. After the SCA delegation read its statement at the start of the meeting, the agenda and the report was shelved.

Asked why they had left the meeting before the joint assessment of the agreement had been discussed, a SCA spokesman said: "Delegates were given a mandate to read the statement and withdraw from the committee. This is what they did."

Despite the suspension of negotiations, there is substantial scope for the chamber to get back on track. The SCA and other civic associations in the region wanted the other activities of the chamber to continue. "GSPP is only a sub-committee of the chamber," said an SCA spokesman.

Slabbert has been mandated by the chamber to try to break the deadlock before its next meeting, when the suspension will be reviewed.

According to Slabbert, who has expressed determination to get the chamber moving again, "even if the chamber collapses there are extremely important insights to be gained for national and other negotiations".

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Nigerian snarl-up

■NIGERIA'S worst-ever traffic jam halted up to 7 000 cars for two days last weekend, after a collision between a gas tanker and an articulated lorry on a main highway near the western town of Jebba. The jam started on Friday afternoon and was finally cleared on Sunday after the lorry carrying maize was dragged to the roadside by a police crane-truck. "I have been here for 20 hours. It is rather like a carnival but there is no food," Raphael Kola, a Lagos clerk said. (266)

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Vicious circle (266)

It may be a pressure tactic. If not, the renewal of the Soweto rent boycott appears to bring into question the idea of trying to resolve local government issues through negotiations — before national questions have been decided at Codesa. It may be that all lower-tier initiatives, such as the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, won't get very far unless and until local government elections have been held.

This follows the Witwatersrand Chamber's decision last Wednesday to suspend its activities until it can resolve the Soweto rent boycott, which was reimposed in a surprise move by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) on April 2.

Significantly, it was the day after service tariffs were due to rise in terms of a formula agreed in January. This has raised doubts about whether the SCA can deliver its constituency — that is, get its people to abide by what seems to be an eminently reasonable formula for phasing in realistic charges, tied to improvement in the delivery of services.

The chamber was set up as a kind of trail-blazing forum, under the chairmanship of Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, for negotiating a new system of local government after the historic Soweto Accord in August 1990.

The accord brought together the councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the SCA — collectively known as the Greater Soweto Principal Parties. It ended the four-year rent boycott, which cost R515m, and led to the formation of the chamber, to lay the foundations for interim, nonracial metropolitan government.

**Slabbert**

In suspending negotiations with all the parties except the chamber, the SCA reiterated its pre-accord demands (the removal of all Soweto councillors, and Johannesburg's full involvement in providing services to the township) and called for an end to the violence. It also slammed the recent Interim Measures for Local Government Act as a breach of the accord, and said that better services had not been delivered. ■

Power rates to be set

By SOPHIE TEMA

UPRES 19/4/92

A NEW tariff based on actual electricity costs will be introduced by Eskom after agreement has been reached between the parties that were involved in the Soweto Accord of September 1990.

After the accord was signed Eskom agreed to implement tariffs negotiated by the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville city councils, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation until such time as certain minimum standards in the supply of electricity were met.

Eskom has begun upgrading and improving the electricity supply network in Soweto following its takeover of the system from the Soweto City Council.

Eskom chief executive Dr Ian McRae announced in Johannesburg this week the takeover was the result of an agreement between itself and the council.

McRae said the agreement followed lengthy negotiations with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, the TPA, The Regional Services Council and the Soweto Civic Association.

High level

He said: "I believe this agreement is in the best interests of all parties concerned, particularly the electricity consumers of Soweto."

"Eskom is committed to building up the level of services in Soweto to be on a par with that of other domestic consumers in SA. Eskom is conscious of the need to provide a consistently high level of service to all electricity users."

"We believe we are ideally placed in terms of technical, administrative and managerial resources to provide a good service to Soweto."

"In this regard the secondment of Soweto electricity staff will be an important factor contributing to the success of normalising electricity supply."

"We know that this process is not going to be instantaneous or easy. However, we have commenced addressing the most pressing issues first, such as the replacement of broken meters and the upgrading of the customer base," said McRae.

Management committee chairman resigns

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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South Western management committee chairman Margaret Mateman resigned her seat last week after pressure from other councillors

She did not give reasons for her resignation, but councillors said it was due to pressure from members over irregularities, revealed following the release

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of a commission of inquiry report three months ago into the workings of the management committee and the allocation of housing

Vice-chairman Cathy Seefort also resigned but kept her seat on the South Western Management Committee which is responsible for administering the so-called coloured areas of Johannesburg

Councillor Andrew Booyens

was elected acting chairman and Kenny Alexander vice-chairman. Both are members of United Civic Association (UCA)

Independent councillor Mark Ramjee said many bridges had to be built

"Mrs Mateman's resignation was greeted with a sigh of relief. There is a lot of work to be done — we now have to try restore the credibility of the management committee with resi-

dents, officials and the Johannesburg City Council"

Dudley Arens, chairman of the UCA, said Mrs Mateman's resignation was long overdue

"She should have resigned after the inquiry. The Johannesburg City Council stopped all housing developments because of the corruption. We hope they will continue soon"

Mrs Mateman was not available for comment

On the road to ruin

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Hazard lights are flashing after reports on the poor state of South African roads. PAULA FRAY reports that the local industry is calling for the reinstatement of the dedicated road fund.

EARLY THIS year, Transvaal administrator Danie Hough said the alarming damage done to the country's road network would render it totally unusable within five to 10 years.

He was not alone. Last year Southern African Bitumen and Tar Association (Sabita) executive director Piet Myburgh warned that South Africa's road system, seen as the backbone of the economy, would need about R5,5 billion just to get the network into an acceptable condition.

"Government is preoccupied with social spending and still does not realise that a well-maintained road system is vital to solving these social problems," said Mr Myburgh.

One way provincial administrations intend countering the crisis is by concentrating on cutting down on overloading. The CSIR has calculated that 16 percent of all carriers overloaded their vehicles.

According to Mr Hough, a heavy vehicle with double the legal load causes the same damage as 75 000 cars. Statistics show that overloaded heavy

vehicles accounted for 58 percent of maintenance. Eliminating overloading would save Transvaal taxpayers up to R63 million a year, he said.

According to SA Roads Federation president Mike Withers, South Africa's roads are reaching such a state of disrepair that they will either have to be completely rebuilt or downgraded to Third World gravel standards.

"It is clear that only the reinstatement of dedicated road funds can stave off a very serious situation that will affect every individual as transport costs rise and as cars are damaged," said Mr Withers.

"Under the current arrangement, whereby ad hoc allocations are made, it is impossible to properly plan the conservation of roads.

"The time is rapidly approaching when the less costly restorative options of maintenance will fall away and the only

ones left will be complete reconstruction or downgrading to gravel."

Provincial administrators last week released figures which back up the concern expressed in the industry.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration is closing all but four of its road construction units because of lack of funds. Simultaneously, a number of additional traffic officers' posts have been approved, subject to the availability of funds, according to the TPA's MEC for roads, Ahmed Arbee.

During a debate on the Transvaal budget, Mr Arbee said the extra officers should help reduce the high accident rate and combat vehicle overloading — responsible for more than half the damage to roads. Increased traffic fines, announced in February, should also help reduce the accident rate. Natal's MEC Peter Miller said insufficient funds for main-

tenance, let alone improvement, had led to a crisis in Natal's road network.

Mr Miller said the funding decline of the past few years would continue and virtually all road maintenance would cease in the next few years. Most of Natal's major roads were constructed in the '60s and '70s and now need urgent repair.

In the Cape four major tenders for repairing main roads, worth R26,08 million, have been cancelled, and repairs have been limited to resealing road surfaces to extend serviceability for another five years. About 65 percent of the 17 000 km tarred roads in the province are more than 15 years old.

At the current rate of repairs of about 100 km a year, it should take 60 years to fix roads built more than 25 years ago.

These revelations emerged as South Africa's role in the transport industry in southern Africa came under international focus

at a National African Federated Transport Organisation (Nafto) conference in Johannesburg.

This, Nafto's third annual general meeting, entitled "Opportunities and Challenges facing the new South Africa. The Role of Transport in Economic Empowerment", focused on the mobility needs of people in post-apartheid South Africa.

Eastern and Southern African States Preferential Trade Area secretary general Bingu Wa Mutharikasaid, in a statement read on his behalf, said it was a recognised fact that transport and the communications sector was one area which ideally lent itself to regional integration — "not only because it transcends all national boundaries, but also because profitability and optimal use of transport can only be achieved within a wider market of co-operation".

He outlined the following possible areas of co-operation be-

tween PTA member states and South Africa

- The harmonisation of road freight rates and axle load standards, harmonisation of railway tariffs, free movement of wagons and rolling stock across national boundaries and co-operation in the rehabilitation and/or construction of existing and/or missing railway lines
- The operation of joint shipping lines
- Co-operation in all air transport matters
- Co-operation towards the expansion of telecommunication services and in the transfer of technology and skills

Eastern and Southern African Management Institute Dr Kasuku Muthukwa of Zambia said the earlier economic performance of sub-Saharan Africa, particularly its transport sector, left much to be desired.

"This has been partly caused by apartheid and its destruction of economic and social infrastructure, especially transport networks in the SADC sub-region," said Dr Muthukwa. □

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Sandton says yes (266)

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SANDTON Town Council at the weekend ratified the constitution of a forum binding it, Randburg, Alexandra and Mariboro Gardens to formal negotiations on new local government arrangements.

Sandton's ratification of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum constitution will allow establishment of a secretariat to coordinate and administer the forum's affairs

Constitution opens way for talks on merger

By Anna Cox

STAR 21/4/92

The constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) was ratified last week at a special meeting of the Sandton Town Council with a majority vote of 12 to 4.

This means the way is now open for negotiations for a joint administration of Sandton, Alexandra and Randburg.

Councillors Jo Marais, Dave Jordaan, Hazel Egdes-Shachet and Melanie Stewart opposed the ratification, saying

many Alexandra residents and organisations objected to the NJNF because they were not represented on it.

The councillors accused the management committee of pushing the constitution through on the eve of a long

weekend because of "secret agendas"

Management committee chairman Willem Hefer denied this, saying the matter had to be dealt with urgently because Sandton had to establish a secretariat for the NJNF which was "long overdue"

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tion] I shall have to determine if that is the case. As indicated on the Question Paper, that question has not been put to me, therefore I do not have the reply to hand [Interjections]

†Mr T LANGLEY Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, what is the total number of persons who—as far as the Boputhatswana part of the reply is concerned—have been desecrated during the past three months?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, if you will just give me a minute, I shall count them quickly [Interjections] I count round about 14 [Interjections]

Customs post: Beit Bridge

*4 Adv T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Public Works †

(1) What is the condition of the buildings and facilities of the customs post at Beit Bridge,

(2) whether his Department intends attending to these buildings and facilities, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is envisaged in this regard and (b) when is it expected that the work will be (i) commenced and (ii) completed?

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†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) In a fair condition but inadequate

(2) Yes

(a) The extension and upgrading of the existing buildings and facilities *Longer term planning of additional facilities is also being attended to*

(b) (1) Planning is already in progress and if the funds are available it is anticipated that the execution of the work will begin early in 1993. *It will only be possible to determine commencement of the additional facilities stated in (a) once planning has been completed*

(ii) *It is anticipated that the extension and upgrading of the existing buildings and facilities will be completed during the second half of 1994*

of the existing accommodation and facilities will be ready this year for the invitation of tenders

In the light of the every-growing border traffic the situation at Beit Bridge is being monitored on a continuous basis in order to counter disruption of the public and officials as far as possible. However, the crux of the problem lies in the expansion of the physical facilities which is already being addressed interdepartmentally

Grand Prix motor race contribution to sponsorship

*6 Mr A A B BRUWER asked the Minister of National Education †

Whether the Government contributed directly or indirectly to the sponsorship of the recent Grand Prix motor race, if not, why not, if so, (a) for what reasons and (b) what was the (i) nature and (ii) extent of the Government's contribution?

B484E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

Yes. The Government contributed indirectly to the 1992 Grand Prix motor race

(a) Section 18B of the Income Tax Act was introduced on 1986-06-01 with the purpose of encouraging private sponsors to financially support international cultural, sporting and educational events that are held in South Africa. This incentive measure, which was made available in terms of section 18B, is known as a sponsorship allowance and contains specific tax benefits. In the mean time it has been recommended that the provisions of section 18B of the Income Tax Act should be withdrawn

(b) (i) The Government made an indirect contribution to the project through revenue forgone to the benefit of the sponsor company

(ii) The audited statement of the event is still being awaited in order to enable the Commissioner of Inland Revenue to calculate the total revenue forgone

**SADF employed to build road.
Sekhukhune/land area**

*7 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Defence

Whether any members of the South African Defence Force were employed to build a road and erect tents in the Sekhukhune/land area towards the end of 1991 for the wedding of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b)(i) how many members of the Defence Force were involved and (ii) for what reasons were they employed in this manner and (c) what was the total cost involved?

B487E

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

Yes, to erect six tents only

(a) The name supplied by the hon member

(b) (i) 8

(ii) As a gesture of goodwill

(c) None

Black town councillors: resignations

*8 Mr J CHIOLÉ asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing †

(1) How many Black town councillors resigned in the (a) Transvaal and (b) Orange Free State from 1 February 1991 up to 31 January 1992, (i) ~~25~~ (266) (2) whether any elections took place in (a) the wards concerned and (b) all the other vacant wards during this period, if not, why not,

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

B488E

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

(1) (a) 11

(b) 42

(2) (a) Transvaal—No

Orange Free State—Yes, in three wards

(b) Transvaal—No

Orange Free State—No
Due to the ongoing unrest and intimidation in these local authority areas, elections could not be held

(3) No

Vandalism in Black schools, repair costs

*9 Mr J CHIOLE asked the Minister of Education and Training +

(a) What is it estimated will the cost be to his Department of repairing the damage caused to Black schools as a result of vandalism in 1990 and 1991, respectively, and (b) which of these schools were damaged to such an extent that the cost of repair would be more than 20 per cent of the cost of replacement?

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THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1990

1991

(a) R9 847 710 R9 287 986

(b) Llandi Primary School at Elliot (in 1990)

Note

The above amounts include all damage as a result of theft, arson and unrest and is not limited to the results of vandalism

SAP applications for early retirement

*10 Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many members of the South African Police applied for early retirement in terms of section 6(9)(c) of the Government Service Pension Act, No 57 of 1973, read with section 3(1B) of the Police Act No 7 of 1958, during the six-month period ended 31 December 1991 and (b) how many of these applications were approved,
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B501E

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) 124

(b) 122

(2) No

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Concessions to commercial concerns

*11 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

(1) Whether any concessions have been paid to commercial concerns in respect of industries located in terms of the regional industrial development programme, if so, (a) what amount was paid in total in respect of the 1990-91 financial year and (b) what amount is expected to be incurred in respect of the 1991-92 financial year,
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B505E

THE MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

(1) No concessions are being paid to commercial concerns as only secondary industry qualify for concessions under the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDDP)
(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) I will refer to the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDDP) when Parliament debates the Budget Vote on Regional and Land Affairs. For the member's information R779 547 000 was paid in total in respect of the Regional Industrial Development Programme (RIDDP) for the 1990/91 financial year and it is expected that R637 441 000 will be paid for the 1991/92 financial year in respect of secondary industry

Schools in shack settlement areas policy document

*12 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Training

(1) Whether his Department or any organization associated with it has devised a policy document for the provision of schools in shack (informal) settlement areas, if so, (a) by whom and (b) when was it devised,
(2) whether the policy set out in this document is being implemented, if not, why not, if so, how does the quality of the schooling and facilities so provided differ from the schooling and facilities provided

in ordinary schools falling under his Department,

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

B514E

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1) Yes

(a) The Department of Education and Training

(b) During 1991

(2) Yes

The quality of education provided in these areas will not differ from that provided in ordinary schools elsewhere. The subject choices in secondary schools will, however, be limited. The facilities also will not differ substantially from that available in other schools although it is intended to limit building costs and accommodate as many pupils as possible

(3) No

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Christian education within own national culture

*1 Mr D S PIENAAR to ask the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he can accommodate the insistence by Afrikaner parents on Christian education within their own national culture within the (a) current education system and (b) education system envisaged by the Government, if not, why not, if so, in what respects in each case?

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*The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, the hon member for Potgietersrus uses the term Christian education within a specific national culture without defining it. However, I freely accept that he is referring to Christian education that recognises freedom of religion, education in the mother tongue with Afrikaans as the medium of instruction, the passing on of a cultural heritage, maximum devolution of power, participation in the recognised curriculum with possible addition to the content and subjects, supervision of the specific ethos, character and standards in the school, formulation of one's own admissions criteria that are justifiable on educational grounds, a say in respect of the selection of the teachers who teach one's children, control of facilities and financial management in order to fulfil one's ideals

If this is so, the answer is yes in respect of the *status quo*, because all the aspects I mentioned are fully accommodated in the present state-aided schools, just as a different emphasis can be accommodated for other communities according to those communities' wishes. Certain of the characteristics mentioned above also apply in the present state schools, but because state schools have much less autonomy than state-aided schools they simply follow the policy of the government of the day to a much greater degree

As far as the future is concerned, the Government has already committed itself to the right of a people to its own education with equal financing, mother tongue and Christian education for those who prefer it and community-oriented education. The essence of Christian education with a specific national character would surely remain possible within those limits

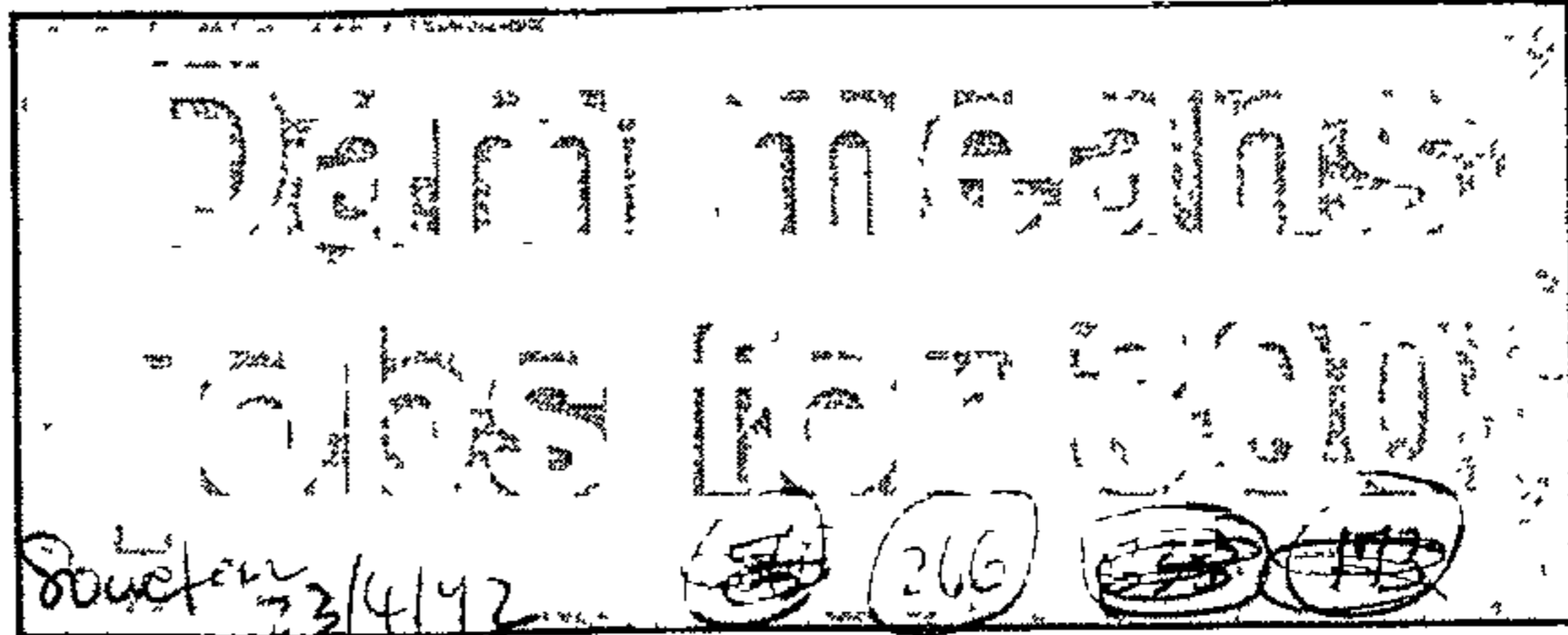
*Mr D S PIENAAR Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister referred to functions that can be performed by a management body in a Model C school which are nothing other than administrative and management functions that the Government previously performed and which are now being devolved to parents in management bodies

The interpellation deals with the insistence of Afrikaner parents on Christian education within their own national culture for their children and not with administrative and financial powers and duties that are being devolved from the first tier of government to school level. The Kaaplandse Afrikaanse Ouervereniging has repeatedly expressed itself on this issue. In reaction to section 21 of the second draft bill of rights the TAO stated the following

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

PROPERTY



Unemployment rate in Balfour on the Far East Rand has been reduced with the creation of 300 jobs by the local municipality

Balfour town clerk Mr T Joubert said the town council has already begun building the biggest man-made dam in the country, thus easing the unemployment burden

The new dam will serve as a reservoir for the old one, P van der Merwe Haarhofdam. Valves will be operated in the new dam in such a way that the water is kept at a constant level in the old dam. The dam will be a little higher than the present P van der Merwe Haarhofdam which currently supplies Balfour.

The dam is being built at a cost of R8,2

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million. Joubert said a subsidy from the Department of Water Affairs for R1,6 million, a R4million loan from the Local Government Loan Fund and R2,6 million from the Department of Manpower provided finance for the project.

The work force will comprise people from Siyathemba and the Balfour Village. The site is within walking distance. No travelling costs are involved.

The other objective in building the dam is to provide much needed water for Balfour which should attract industry to the town.

Suspended chamber set to reconvene

(266) B1 Day 24/4/92
ADRIAN HADLAND

THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, suspended two weeks ago after the collapse of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP), is likely to reconvene on May 13

All parties involved in the first round of negotiations on Wednesday night — the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Soweto City Council, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and chamber officials — expressed optimism yesterday that a solution to the crisis could be found in time to get the chamber functioning

before the next scheduled meeting (180)

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya, whose organisation walked out of the GSPP forcing the suspension of the chamber, said the civic association was "optimistic things will be resolved"

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said while there remained some "quite fundamental shifts" of opinion to be taken by participants, they all exhibited a willingness to explore the options



Police probe officials in corruption claim

MEMBERS of a local authority which governs 13 coloured areas near Johannesburg are being investigated by the police after allegations of corruption and bribery were made during a commission of inquiry.

By SHARON CHETTY

The Johannesburg South-Western Management Committee came under scrutiny during the inquiry last year, which was chaired by a retired magistrate, Mr JJ Louw.

Last week the chairman of the committee, Mrs Margaret Mateman, resigned under

pressure from her colleagues, committee member Mark Ramjee said.

A member who has been convicted of bribery, Mr VA Thomas, has also left his post.

Mr Thomas told the commission he had been found guilty on seven counts of bribery.

This week a spokesman for the Transvaal attorney-general's office said a docket alleging misconduct by Mrs Mateman and four other com-

mittee members had been referred to the police.

In his report the state prosecutor representing the commission, Mr HP Potgieter, recommended that details about Mrs Mateman, Mr VA Thomas, Mr Mark Ramjee, Mr S Adams and Mr C Jacobs be referred to the attorney-general.

The commission heard of the acute shortage of housing for the coloured community, and claims included:

● An estate agent testified that she had approached Mrs Mateman to make certain

pieces of land available, for sale by her company.

The witness was to sell the land as an agent and earn R1 000 commission an erf.

According to the witness, Mrs Mateman had said that she wanted R500 for each erf, and had asked for R10 000 in advance.

This money was paid to Mrs Mateman in the presence of the witness's daughter.

● Another witness, who wanted to have a house registered in his name, testified that Mrs Mateman had said this would happen as soon as

there were "koekies" — which meant money.

Mrs Mateman denied that she had asked for or had received money from either witness.

● Mr Ramjee, a director of Key Developments cc, did not recuse himself from a management committee meeting when a matter in which his company had a monetary interest was discussed.

The United Civic Association, which campaigned for the commission of inquiry, described Mrs Mateman's resignation as "long overdue".

Sit-in to be held at council's offices

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THE executive committee of the Mamelodi Civic Association is to stage a sit-in at the local municipal offices from tomorrow in order to pressurise councillors to resign

By MONK NKOMO

Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary of the MCA, accused the council of being insensitive in cutting electricity supplies to rent defaulters. He also criticised councillors for having increased rent by 40 percent early this year without consulting residents.

This was announced yesterday after an urgent meeting of the MCA

The meeting resolved to seek a court order suspending local councillors and also for the institution of a Commission of Inquiry into the finances of the town council

He said the MCA had already written a letter to the Transvaal Provincial Administration seeking an

urgent meeting with the officials to determine affordable rent in the township

"The 12 executive members of the MCA are going to occupy the council offices from tomorrow to protest against the high rents and to call on councillors to resign because they do not serve the interests of the residents," said Malefo

Residents who attended yesterday's meeting at Moretele Park also approved a suggestion that the

Pretoria City Council should take over the administration of the township

Another executive member of the MCA, Mr Toenka Matile, said they had briefed lawyers on the intention to force the town council to produce audited financial statements dating back from 1984

"The council cannot increase rent when councillors are unable to produce financial statements to motivate reasons for the increment," Matula said

He added that the MCA had already held talks with officials of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) over their grievances

"We are planning to launch a massive campaign such as consumer boycotts and stayaways to pressurise Mamelodi Town councillors to resign and also for the authorities to agree to our request for the introduction of affordable rent," said Matile



Committee accused of running Jo'burg by stealth

STAR 29/4/92 (266)

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council management committee was accused of running the city like a secret-service organisation after it applied to the Administrator for blanket approval for all overseas trips.

Independent councillor Sam Moss asked how the council had the audacity to ask for blanket approval for its "jaunts".

He said the city was managed by stealth.

"It is scandalous. The management committee has become a closed shop — they are a law unto themselves."

DP councillor Clive

Gilbert said councillors were becoming more and more isolated.

"We're not running a secret-service organisation here, we're running a city. There is no budgetary control," he said.

This was strongly denied by management committee chairman Ian Davidson who explained that approval from the Administrator for overseas trips was no longer necessary in the post-sanctions era.

In the past, Mr Davidson said, provincial authorities had requested all overseas trips be cleared with them to prevent councillors and officials attending any politically sensitive conferences

and causing embarrassment to the Government.

Mr Gilbert pointed out an item on the management committee minutes where an official who went on a council trip in June 1991 was rebuked for handing in a report on the trip only in March — nine months later.

He said he would table a motion next month calling for management committee meetings to be open to the public and press.

"What happened to open administration, what about the rate-payers? Whose money is it anyway?" asked Hillbrow councillor Desiree Simpson.

Pretoria City Council takes over township

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The Pretoria City Council took over the administration of its neighbouring black township last night with council agreement that its town clerk would act as the town clerk of Atteridgeville.

The council decided it would inform the Transvaal Administrator that it had agreed, according to the Black Local Governments Act of 1982, to perform all the duties of the Atteridgeville Town Council.

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Costly bid to present new image

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A public relations strategy costing R800 000 to help the Johannesburg City Council to present an "honest and sincere" face and build pride in the city was approved at the monthly meeting last night.

The council hopes the plan will improve its image and the public perception of the council, promote the city's image locally and internationally, communicate the council's mission to employees and develop its public relations structure.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Johannesburg had in the past not put enough energy into the question of public relations.

Conservative Party council leader Jacques Theron said a communication plan was needed, especially if the management committee's "hasty" unveiling of the Unity Games memorial at the Braamfontein Civic Centre last week was an indication of its public relations.

He said he was not even invited to the unveiling.

Culture and recreation committee chairman Cecil Bass apologised for not inviting certain councillors and said it had been an oversight. There had been no time to call on different artists to submit proposals for the sculpture.

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Eyes on weather as
oil threatens coast
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Experts watched the wind and the sea yesterday, fearing a threat to South Africa's wild northern Natal coast from an oil slick from the sunken Greek tanker Katina P.

A 240 sq km slick has formed since the tanker's port and centre tanks disgorged 13 000 tons of oil into the sea when she sank on Sunday in more than 2 000 m of water off Mozambique.

Another 47 000 tons remain in the holds and experts hope the heavy furnace oil will solidify in the cold water at that depth.

David Murray, spokesman for Cape Town salvage company Pentow Marine, said yesterday the slick had moved 19 km south, but was still 380 km from the Mozambican coast.

The oil is packing against the edge of the south-flowing Mozambique current, and will not break through the natural barrier formed by the current unless there is a strong onshore wind, he said.

Department of Environment Affairs (DEA) officer Lynn Jackson "We are really dependent on the weather. At the moment it looks quite positive."

As the oil moves southwards it will hit the Agulhas current coming round the east coast of Madagascar and moving towards the Cape, she said.

Where the Mozambique current hit the Agulhas current eddies formed in the sea which could trap the slick for two to three months, she said.

If the oil did come ashore the department would activate a contingency plan drawn up five years ago.

She said the main task would be to seal the estuaries, either by stringing across inflatable booms to block the oil on the surface or by bulldozing the entrances closed if the currents were strong enough to drag the oil under booms.

Booms could be kept in place indefinitely but es-

tuaries could stay completely sealed for only two or three weeks, as the build-up of fresh water behind the barriers would disturb the salinity levels on which estuarine flora and fauna depended, Ms Jackson said.

Lex Fearnhead, chief coastal conservator for the Natal Parks Board, which owns much of the land in the area, said his department had the equipment at its disposal and would act when the DEA gave the order.

● The salvage tug Wolraad Woltemade is heading from St Helena to aid the Rio Assu in response to the ship's captain's report yesterday that the fire which broke out on Monday had flared up again.

A spokesman for Pentow Marine said the 24 800-ton Brazilian bulk carrier had lost her main engine and repairs would take 40 hours.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre at Silvermine said the ship was not in danger — Sapa-AFP

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Celebration planned for Pietersburg's city status

By Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — Pietersburg yesterday became South Africa's youngest city, in terms of a proclamation signed in Pretoria by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough.

Most Pietersburgers approached by The Star yesterday were still unaware of their new status.

However, the news was welcomed with great enthusiasm by Jack Botes, the architect of Pietersburg's recent spectacular growth. He was town clerk for more than 30 years and is now chairman of the Northern Transvaal Regional Services Council.

The city council announced yesterday that a glittering celebration was being planned for July 31, Pietersburg's 106th birthday.

Mr Hough, a former Pietersburg resident, would officially present the deed of big city status to the council on that day, the council said.

Thirteen factors were considered when the decision regarding Pietersburg was made. The Star was told

Included were the town's



Administrator Danie Hough will officially present the deed of big city status.

influence on commerce, industry, finance, education and religion in the region, as well as its growth rate, job opportunities, population, property values and the scope of professional services.

Its modern international airport was also seen as a vital link for unexploited trade with Africa and as a one-stop service point for world markets.

Pietersburg, founded in 1886 and named after General Pieter Joubert, has an estimated population of 45 000.

R200-m boost for East Rand

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THE East Rand Regional Services Council has approved a record R200 million budget

The council's public relations officer, Mr Wanda Henning, said yesterday the new budget should contribute towards easing the R1 425 million backlog in the region and improve residents quality of life

He said the council had also decided not to increase its levies because of unemployment, high interest rates and the predicted low growth rate

By TSALE MAKAM

Regional development aid amounted to about R154 million, which included construction and community projects to address the most urgent needs in the region, Henning said

The council was in the process of taking over the treatment and conveyance of waste water. More than R19 million had been allocated for this



Residents to slug it out with TPA

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HARTEBEEFONTEIN residents near Rustenburg, fighting against incorporation into Bophuthatswana, plan to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration over the issue

They were this week told by the Western Transvaal regional representative of the Department of Land Affairs, Mr Henry Stopforth, that the department was no longer handling the matter

Stopforth told the Hartbeesfontein Civic Association that the TPA had on April 1 been appointed the authoritative body

All the residents' grievances should now be directed to a Mr Pelsier, who is the TPA's director in the region

Co-ordinator of the Hartbeesfontein Civic Association Mr Nathaniel Mmusa has requested Stopforth to set up a meeting

with Pelsier

Mmusa said yesterday that the association had not been informed of the takeover

He said they had handed a memorandum of their grievances to the local administration office last year

Senior police officers in the Rustenburg district attended this week's meeting with the residents

Slabbert urged to solve impasse

By Peter Davies

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Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert has been asked to mediate in the long-standing feud between residents of Ennerdale Extension 5 and the Johannesburg City Council

Dr Slabbert, who yesterday toured the troubled district, said it was a "very unfortunate situation" which he was trying to resolve

"There is a problem in the relationship between certain home-owners and the council and I was approached by the Ennerdale Civic Association to resolve it," he said

Dr Slabbert was shown four houses, three of which had cracks that residents claim were as a result of structural faults which appeared soon after homes were occupied in 1986

Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association vice-chairman Roger McCulloch said some of the cracks had been repaired two or three times, only to reappear

The city council said in a statement released at the beginning of April that the defects were "superficial" Residents refused to pay for the houses until the defects were repaired

Defaulters

A protracted rent boycott followed, and last month four families were forcibly evicted from their homes by the Sheriff of the Court after the city council obtained court orders against the defaulters.

Eviction orders have been granted against about 50 other families

The evicted families are liv-

ing in tents on a vacant plot in the suburb, while council security Casspirs stand guard over the four empty houses

Dr Slabbert said he had talked to Johannesburg City Council members on an informal basis

"They will now talk to the management committee and then come back to me I don't want to create false hopes or impressions that will make mediation more difficult," he said

A Johannesburg City Council spokesman said the council had requested the Sheriff of the Supreme Court to delay further evictions until the management committee meets on May 12 to hold discussions on Mr Slabbert's suggestions

However, this did not mean the sheriff would not evict people before that date

'Open Jo'burg committee meetings'

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A motion to declare all Johannesburg management committee meetings open to ratepayers' associations and the media will be tabled at the next city council meeting at the end of the month

Councillor Clive Gilbert, who resigned from the Democratic Party caucus this year but remained a member of the party, will propose the motion to encourage communication between the council, councillors and the public

It is expected to be supported by most independent councillors

Denying charges of secrecy over a management committee request to the Administrator for blanket approval for overseas trips, chairman Ian Davidson said in a letter to The Star yesterday that there had been no change with regard to the management committee's accountability

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"The same procedures and mechanisms are still in place. All councillors receive agendas and any concerned councillor may attend management committee meetings and monitor and participate in any discussions."

This was denied by independent councillor Sam Moss who said a councillor could attend a management committee meeting only to speak on a specific item — contentious matters were on a general agenda not received by councillors

Scrutiny

"The management committee does not take the council into its confidence, they operate behind closed doors and there is no democratic participation," he said.

Mr Davidson said management committee minutes were made available to councillors for debate and public scrutiny

On overseas trips, Mr Davidson said all the management committee

had done was to request the right to approve overseas trips without the long delays that had been the case in terms of existing procedures by which the final approval of the Administrator was required

"These procedures arose from the time that South Africa was a pariah in the world and the Government wanted to control potentially sensitive overseas visits by councillors and officials. This was against the background of sanctions and a sensitive internal political situation

"Circumstances have fundamentally changed"

He said all major cities in South Africa were making similar requests to their administrators

CP council leader Jacques Theron said "The monthly council agenda is compiled in a selective type of way, which makes it awkward to raise important issues such as the Unity Games memorial"

Guards strike over rubbish tip shooting

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Up to 100 Johannesburg City Council security guards embarked on an illegal strike at the weekend and face dismissal if they do not return to their posts by today.

The men went on strike on Friday over the shooting of a colleague at the Linbro rubbish dump last Tuesday.

Some returned to work last night, but those who were absent would be dismissed, security department director Gerhard van der Merwe said.

The guards were given an ultimatum by council officials to return to work within two hours of evening and morning shifts or face dismissal.

Mr van der Merwe said the wildcat strike started after an attack on the Linbro tip at 3 am by four men with AK-47s.

A spokesman for the SA Municipal Workers Union and the Johannesburg Combined Municipal Workers Union said the guards had tried to meet the directors but had been ignored.

Mr van der Merwe said the council had taken additional security measures to protect its personnel.

Call to fund social upliftment

CAPE TOWN — ^{BIDAN 515792} The private sector could not rely on economic growth to achieve a redistribution of wealth in SA and would have to become strategically involved at the highest level in social upliftment projects, Independent Development Trust chairman Jan Steyn said yesterday.

He told the congress that to substantially reduce unemployment, the economy would have to grow at levels which were probably unattainable in the short term. Political parties would be faced with a pressure of expectations from the discontented.

"We cannot expect the emergent political parties in SA to ignore these pressures," he said, adding political survival would oblige them to be seen to address these needs and to do so dramatically.

Steyn said it was essential that the private sector address the danger of excessive state intervention and high taxation not by simply pointing to the benefits of economic growth, but by prioritising ap-

propriate initiatives.

He urged the corporate sector to give substantial support to post-matric and post-graduate management development programmes.

The private sector could also support technical and vocational training to create self-sufficiency in small-scale production to counteract the overemphasis on retailing activity in the informal sector.

The private sector could also support low cost housing initiatives.

Shell International Western hemisphere and African regional coordinator Maarten van den Bergh said a clarification of the future economic environment for investment in SA was urgently required.

"By addressing this issue and by sending strong, consistent signals of good politics and good economics, the new SA could improve the climate for foreign and local investors."

He said raising taxes, especially corporate taxes, could be a disincentive to investors.

Wits chamber to meet over demands

THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber will meet next week in spite of negotiations to overcome the conflict which has threatened to scuttle the forum.

Following the collapse last month of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) group, formed to sort out the rates and tariffs crisis in Soweto, all activities of the metropolitan chamber were suspended.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA), whose withdrawal from the GSPP precipitated the local government crisis, demanded the resignation of all black councillors, greater involvement of the Johannesburg

ADRIAN HADLAND

city council in the administration of Soweto's affairs and an end to township violence and the worker hostel system.

Chamber CEO Vic Milne said yesterday the forum would be meeting next week. The Soweto rent boycott called for by the SCA, meanwhile, was gaining ground, TPA officials said.

TPA figures indicate that only 31,3% of Soweto residents paid rent in March this year — compared to 60% in December last year.

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The 50m-high Bambooman, a creation of Austrian multimedia artist Andre Hajar, sails through Hong Kong's harbour on Sunday night in a barge. The sculpture represents environmental unity. Picture AP

Row over 'rude' comment

FACIIONAL battles in the Sandton Town Council have entered the arena of etymology

ADRIAN HADLAND

A public apology was demanded from management committee chairman Willem Hefer this week after he was accused of using "gutter Afrikaans" at a recent council meeting

meaning of the term (266) Prof Francois Odendaal, editor of the language's foremost dictionary, and renowned poet Ernst van Heerden also "did not have a clue"

Councillor Elizabeth Clogg wrote to mayor Bruce Burns requesting an apology following Hefer's description of Clogg and councillor Jo Marais as "yapping WWP's" during a debate

Prof Gerrit Olivier of Wits University's Afrikaans department and language historian Prof Edith Raidt were both stumped although they finally concurred it was possible WWP stood for "Wawiel Pissers"

Apart from sniggering in the chamber, the comment went unnoticed and was not explained or withdrawn by Hefer. But after the meeting Clogg was told the supposed meaning of the acronym. She says WWP "is an extremely derogatory expression derived from the dogs that followed the (Voortrekker) ox-wagons and impeded the journey by urinating on the wheels"

Clogg confirmed that this was her understanding of the letters

But language experts are baffled by the

"I am neither interested in, nor concerned with, the tone of councillor Hefer's conversation outside the council, but this comment is such that no gentleman would think it appropriate to the council chamber," Clogg wrote

When asked to explain WWP, Hefer said simply "there is no such expression"

In view of the important changes that

Civics resist Benoni Forum

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE Greater Benoni Forum - created to pave the way for non-racial local government - has hit hard times.

The civic bodies for Wattville and Daveyton have boycotted recent sub-committee meetings to show their "disgust" at the forum's performance.

A crucial meeting of the forum takes place today when the Daveyton Interim Committee and Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee will be tabling demands for action on development of the townships

Some civic leaders refer to the meeting as a make-or-break event for the year-old forum

DIC chairman Mr James Ngubo explained to residents why the civic bodies had boycotted meetings.

He argued that the civic had delivered in terms of agreements on services but residents had got little in return

"The community of Daveyton has been paying Statistics show that above 70 percent have paid for their services. Bulk suppli-

ers have had no difficulty in getting paid

"But what about the other parties in the negotiating forum - have they delivered?"

The parties in the Benoni Forum are the Benoni, Wattville and Daveyton councils, DIC, WCRC, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Eskom.

Payments

A Benoni council spokesman said that payment levels in the townships had dropped recently to about 60 percent.

He acknowledged that the question of improving services - and finding the

resources to do this - was crucial

Civic leaders argue that the other parties have resources, but lack legitimacy in the townships.

Without the civic structures - which have proved their clout by bringing the service tariff boycott to an end - the Benoni Forum itself would have no standing in the townships, they reason

They have no intention of serving as "window dressing" for a structure that can do nothing to meet residents' demands, civic leaders have said in community meetings

Property owners must face 'reality'

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By Meg Wilson

Existing property owners can expect little sympathy from a government seeking areas suitable for low-income urbanisation, close to employment centres

That is the message from John Mavuso, Transvaal Provincial Administration MEC, physical planning and development, who says homeowners are going to have to accept that their vested interests will be negatively influenced by the development of low-income housing areas close by.

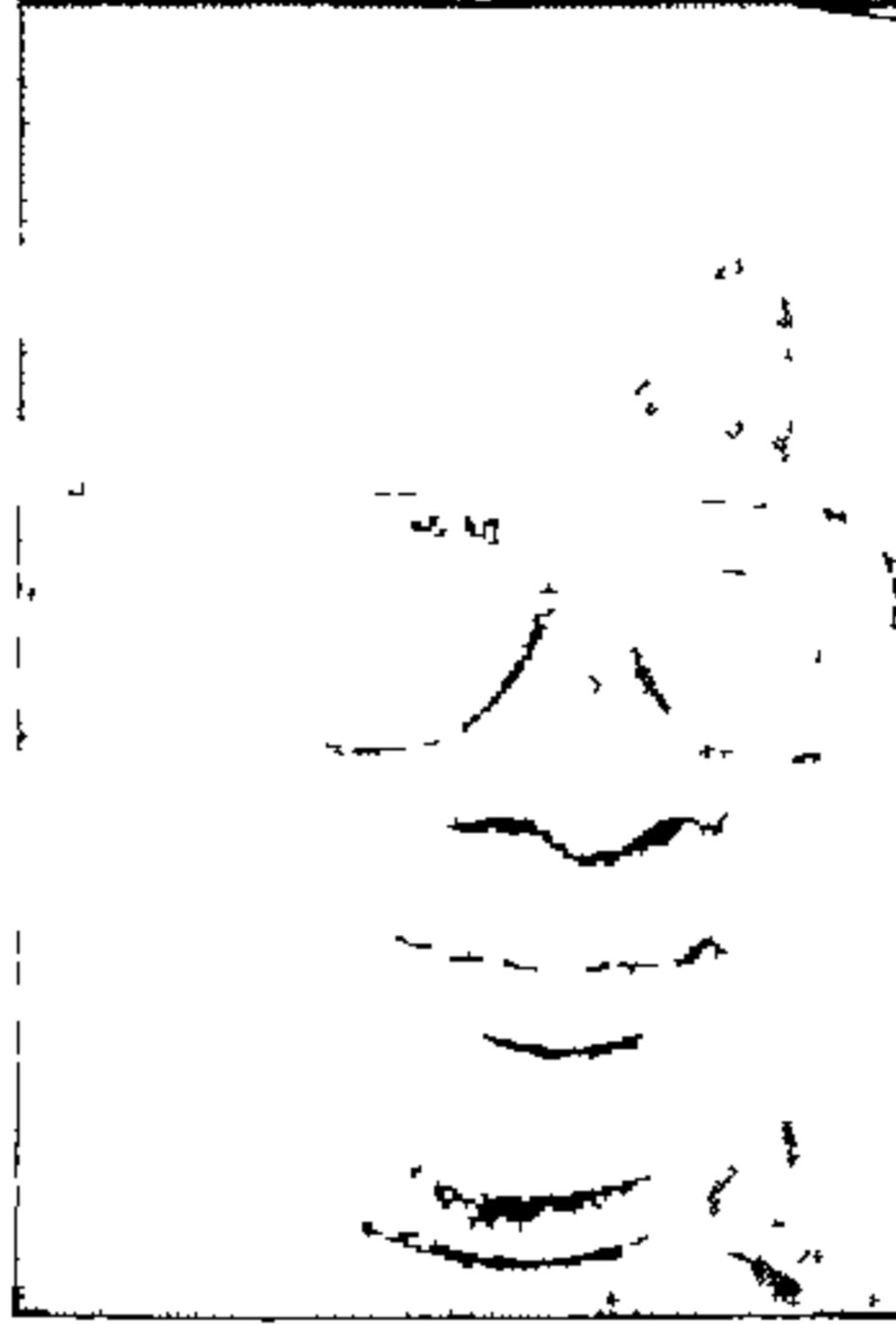
The process is necessary, he says, to rectify the imbalance in South Africa's urban structure

He told delegates to the National Association of Homebuilders housing conference yesterday that the outcry experienced when the TPA tried to identify land for low-income development to the north of Randburg and Sandton was to be expected

"But it is inevitable that a more balanced urban structure should be striven for, and the necessary steps then taken to bring it about, especially in those areas where no provision has been made to afford people the opportunity to acquire a home close to their place of employment

"It will further have to be accepted that informal structures will become part of our urban structure, at least for the foreseeable future"

Mr Mavuso said the ultimate



John Mavuso . . . necessary process

housing goal was obviously "a dwelling of generally acceptable standard with the necessary amenities" but that the current enormous housing backlog meant the aim had first to be to provide the necessary sites with affordable services.

"What is envisaged is an approach which provides an opportunity for the poor person or family to acquire a piece of land on which they can erect their own house with the means at their disposal and of a standard they can afford"

However, he said, it was estimated that almost 70 percent of black families had a total income of less than R1 000 a month and it was evident that the risk and profit perceptions of mortgage lenders in the low-

income housing sector were still negative, which meant that the burden of catering for the sector still rested on the State

As a result, the TPA had already become one of the largest township developers in the country, but the magnitude of the problem was so great that it had to seek ways and means for the private sector to become involved

Mr Mavuso proposed three options, the first being that the TPA ask for submissions from the private sector to fulfil an identified need within a specific area for serviced sites and enter into an agreement for the delivery of a certain number of sites at an agreed maximum price

This would mean that the identification, acquisition and development of land was left entirely to developers

The second method which could be considered was that the Government acquire the land and then ask for proposals to develop it, within the required parameters. This would have the advantage of restricting interest and holding costs

The third option was to make serviced sites available to builders to erect houses and sell them for their own benefit, with costs owing to the Government to be repaid only after such sales were made

This method would enable the builder to deliver a product at lower than usual cost, as large capital outlays and holding costs would be eliminated

In a couple of weeks, representatives of civic associations, ratepayers' groups and the Johannesburg City Council will start going over the municipal budget. They will begin with "general principles", it will take some time before they get off theory and on to reality. But eventually, says councillor Sias Reyneke, "we want to involve them all in making the budget".

The framework for this togetherness is the Johannesburg Forum, which will be formally constituted on May 20. The Civic Association of Johannesburg (Caj) will represent six civics. White ratepayers and residents' associations (RAs) will be represented by umbrella groups — probably not a great idea as it's likely to leave out some of the most effective and interesting actors.

Although the forum takes the process one step further than any other municipality has gone, there are similar flurries throughout the country. And with RAs and civics beginning to work together, will they come to resemble one another? Is this the beginning of "grey civics"?

Three years ago, Yeoville residents tried a vaguely-grey RA. "There was a big discussion initially on whether to model ourselves on township civics, but we decided we would not," says Yeoville Residents'

Organisation (YRO) chair Mike Sarakinsky. "Yeoville was a white suburb, the issues were quite different and the population was different. The civics had relied on the youth to organise for them, and the trade unions, and political alliances. We didn't think we could model ourselves on that." On the other hand, "we didn't want to be a residents' association because of the connotation that had — usually conservative, with concerns limited more or less to rates and taxes and standards."

The YRO's first project was to integrate the local swimming pool, and it ran an advice office for a while in an attempt to fight Group Areas Act harassments. But slowly, its concerns became less political, more local. When the YRO, working with Earthlife and flat block associations, stopped Sanlam from building an office complex on the Yeoville Ridge by convincing Checkers to pull out of the project, the transformation was complete.

It was the unbanning of political organisations that changed the YRO. "Many of the white members who joined the YRO when it was launched moved on to the Yeoville ANC," Sarakinsky says. Black Yeoville residents never really joined the YRO, they took their problems to trade unions or civics.

"People joined the YRO for the issues, not to be part of a residents' association," he says. "It's likely they'll come together again over an issue, but when that has been dealt with they'll move off again."

In at least two other Johannesburg areas, Mayfair and Bez Valley, non-racial RAs have elected black leaders, and their concerns and tactics are more classic RA than civic. But the two sorts of associations are not exactly worlds apart.

"Ratepayers' associations deal with the same issues civic associations are dealing with — that rates are affordable, that roads are maintained, that there is proper stormwater drainage and street lighting, that there are clean and accessible playing grounds for children," says Thozamile Botha, the African National Congress' local government department head.

"Of course people who live in Soweto will tend to emphasise issues that affect them in Soweto. There will be a difference of emphasis."

Here's one difference of emphasis. "The name of the game everywhere is security," says one long-time member of an RA. "Let me tell you about our blockwatch system," says another RA leader — who will talk about nothing else.

High on the civics' agenda of issues, says Caj general secretary Cas Coovadia, is the resolution of township violence.

Thus the RAs' obsession with security resembles the civics' concern over township violence — both are looking at lawlessness and violence but, in the civics' territory, it takes on an added political dimension.

Neither civics nor RAs can claim strong representation. Civics have never kept membership lists for the obvious reason that lists would lay members open to harassment. This is changing. The Soweto Civic Association began issuing membership cards last year, and others are following suit.

Meanwhile, RAs have traditionally consisted of a handful of energetic and/or clued-up members willing to do the research and fight the

battles. The most effective RA in the city, the Parktown Residents Association (PRA), represents a suburb with 350 households, not all of them paid-up members. Lionel Keenen, who runs the RA of Lombardy East, avoids the issue by considering everyone in his area a member, automatically.

When it comes to tactics, civics and RAs appear to take very different lines. RAs, for example, don't engage in rates boycotts, stayaways or other mass action. "The boycott tactic is usually a strategy of last resort. It's not something anybody wants to encourage," Coovadia says. "People need to appreciate we haven't elected anybody on to any government structure. Until recently, if we had to go to the Johannesburg City Council and lay our problems at the door, they had no incentive to address them."

During the 1980s, civics were part of township resistance organisations. RAs, on the other hand, explains Centre for Policy Studies researcher Khehla Shubane, "have always been legal structures, they did not retain an antagonistic relationship with the authorities. They had space within which to operate."

Many civic activists believe RAs have an open line to their local councillors and operate by calling them up with politely-worded objections to, say, a highway being carved out of the suburb.

They are half-right. Old-established RAs do have a line to their local councillors — a councillor who ignores active community members may have difficulties in being re-elected.

But on major issues, there are no gentlemen's agreements, no tea parties and polite discussions. Successful RAs use the law.

The PRA has used obscure wording in title deeds to keep businesses out of Parktown — and it is using similar tactics to keep shops out of the Civic Spine, a walled structure like a mediaeval fort shutting Market Square off from the street.

It is lined with empty shops. Last March, the PRA and its umbrella body objected to the town clerk that — in its view — by allowing shops, the Civic Spine was in violation of its title deeds, the Town Planning Scheme, National Building Regulations and the Local Government Ordinance.

"Market Square is the historical heart of the city," says PRA honorary secretary Flo Bird. "The people have a right to be involved in alterations to it."

The council advertised amendments, allowing for limited retail use of the space. The PRA promptly lodged objections, but says it will accept the decision of the public on whether Market Square should be turned into a sort of shopping bazaar.

The PRA wins many of its fights, but "we want to work positively, not retroactively", says chairman Peter Rich. The suburb (as has Forest Town) has drawn up its own development plan, which the council has accepted. The association has architects and town planners among its members, who donate their services. The civics have few such members. But umbrella groups like Caj, and powerful civics like the Soweto Civic Association, can — and do — call on the expertise of consultants.

RAs envy the civics' structure. "They have a fundamental approach," says Bird. She admires their structure — street committee, area committee, executive. "Our units aren't as clearly defined and not as small. The only way we can go back to our membership is to call a meeting of the whole association. You must keep direct contact. That's the beauty of civics. The cell structure is something we could do with."

A superior structure — and a greater number of full-time officials — could mean the future will encompass grey civics rather than grey RAs. "With a nonracial city government for the whole of Johannesburg, we won't need two kinds of structures. They'll have to merge," says a consultant. "And the metropolitan area of Johannesburg is 55 percent black. If civics go into white areas, what implications are there for ratepayers' organisations? Only a few people show up at AGMs. It's very easy to take control of civil society."

That's in the long term. But in the short term "I think the major difference (between RAs and civics) is going to remain for a fairly long time to come," says Shubane.

"Ratepayers are going to address themselves to (the concerns of) property owners, whereas civics are going to remain trapped in addressing issues related to poverty and a whole range of issues related to renting property rather than owning it."

White Jo'burg gears up for 'grey civics'

Despite vast differences in tactics and goals, white ratepayers' associations and black civics are beginning to work together. Can we expect the emergence of grey civics?

By **BARBARA LUDMAN**

TMA set for nonracial showdown

Municipal Reporter

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The final split in white Transvaal local government between conservative and liberal councils will take place on June 20, when a new, nonracial municipal body will be formed in opposition to the Conservative Party-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA)

The TMA breakaway was led by the councils of Pretoria, Roodepoort, Johannesburg, Pietersburg, Germiston, Sandton, Randburg and Verwoerdburg

Municipal sources confirmed a draft constitution was presented to councils involved at a

secret meeting last week.

The constitution will be formally ratified by rebel councils in Verwoerdburg on June 20 when the new Transvaal Local Government Association (Traloga) will be established.

The new association is expected to receive full recognition from the United Municipal Executive instead of the TMA

Sources said the TMA would probably not survive the split as it was dependent on financial contributions of major cities such as Johannesburg, Pretoria, Germiston and Roodepoort

About 40 white city and town councils are expected to leave

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the TMA and form Traloga with about 150 black, coloured and Indian councils and management committees.

The TMA split has been expected since the CP-supporting councils, in the majority, refused to support a 1990 proposal to admit black members.

The draft constitution of the new body promises to

- To make such representations as may be deemed desirable on all matters of common interest affecting local government
- Foster, encourage and promote study of local government in all its aspects to mutual benefit of all members

Wits chamber meeting on hold as talks go on

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By Jo-Anne Collinge (266)

Negotiations to get the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber back on track are continuing, but the chamber's May meeting will not take place this Wednesday.

All activities of the chamber were suspended last month at the insistence of the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the three Soweto councils in the wake of the reintroduction of the Soweto rent boycott.

According to the chamber's chief executive officer, Vic Milne, the cancellation of the May meeting does not signal a failure of efforts by chairman Dr Van Zyl Slabbert to revive the chamber.

Mr Milne said several proposals were before the parties but there would be insuf-

ficient time to consider responses before Wednesday. Should rapid consensus be reached, a meeting would be set for later this month.

The renewed Soweto rent boycott signalled the breakdown of an agreement struck between the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the three Soweto councils and the TPA on the delivery of services and payment by residents.

The SCA insisted that service delivery remained unsatisfactory and it was fruitless to negotiate any further with the township councils, which lacked the capacity to deliver satisfactory services.

The TPA and the councils responded to the SCA's unilateral suspension of talks on services by forcing a parallel interruption of the chamber's activities.

Two-tier local govt mooted for Jo'burg

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A secure form of metropolitan government was needed for the Greater Johannesburg region if the present challenges were to be met, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said on Friday

Speaking at a Johannesburg conference on realities

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in transition, he said he believed the answer lay in a two-tier system, consisting of a metropolitan government and smaller local councils with adjusted functions and powers

Mr Davidson said that unfortunately there were moves afoot by the Government to divide the area into sub-regions

"Johannesburg is against

such regionalisation. This is an economic region — we are as much dependent on Soweto as they are on us"

ANC regional and local government representative, advocate Mathole Motshekga, said the ANC also disagreed strongly with the approach adopted by the Government that the provincial Administrators should proclaim areas for joint administrations

THE Johannesburg City Council will have spent more than R380 000 on overseas trips by management committee members and officials by the end of this month

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Questions are being asked in Jo'burg's council as to whether councillors, as opposed to qualified officials, should go overseas at a cost of thousands of rands each trip. By Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGER

cial year (July 1 to June 30)

By October last year, R311 069 had been spent and every management committee member had been abroad, accompanied by, on average, one official each time

By the end of this month, more than R380 000 will have been spent and an additional eight officials will have been overseas

Mr Gilbert said R400 000 did not sound like a tremendous amount to spend on the overseas trips of executives of a large corporation. However, in the Johannesburg council, he claimed, the trips were "limited" to management committee members and some officials

"More officials should be going overseas. The management committee must not forget that they are spending other people's money — and yet they are not prepared to be accountable to the council"

Independent councillor Sam Moss said he questioned the need for councillors to go on overseas trips

"The very nature of being a councillor is of short duration, it is not a career. Are councillors professionally competent to get the most from these trips? I'd

prefer that more senior officials went," Mr Moss said

Management committee member Paul Asherson said all committee trips were minuted and available for discussion

He said the bulk of the R400 000 budgeted was used by officials who needed to go overseas to buy equipment gather new information and exchange information

Management committee trips overseas this year were (according to information supplied by the city council)

- Culture and recreation chairman Cecil Bass and one official spent 22 days in Britain, Italy and France last year on a cultural visit. He attended the Edinburgh Festival and the inaugural World Arts Council. The trip cost R70 190
- Markets and utilities chairman Koos Roets and one official spent 18 days in Europe at the Seventeenth Congress of Wholesale Markets and accompanying themselves with new developments. The trip cost R63 592
- Transport and utilities chairman Mr Asherson spent 18 days

with one official in Canada and the US at the international conference of fire chiefs and observing alternative methods of financing fire services. The trip cost R49 000

- Town planning chief Eddy Magid spent 16 days with one official in the US and Canada, at a cost of R64 300, studying city centre initiatives
- Management committee chairman Mr Davidson and two officials spent seven days in France, at a cost of R50 067, at the Paris "Corporate Location" conference on how to attract

- Culture director Christopher Tull went to London between January 10 and February 3 this year at a cost of R13 463
- B C Lombard from the water and waste department went to Nairobi in February this year at a cost of R7 050
- The Johannesburg Art Gallery's J Colbourne went to London in March at a cost of R14 176
- In April an official from the water and gas division, P Coetzee, went to London at a cost of R18 500
- P Cruywagen from the city treasury will visit London at the end of the month at a total cost of R16 000
- Metropolitan planning executive director Ian Symon, Graham Phirre, and the regional services council's Len de Wet left on Saturday for the US and Canada. The trip will cost R115 327 and will be paid for by the RSC □

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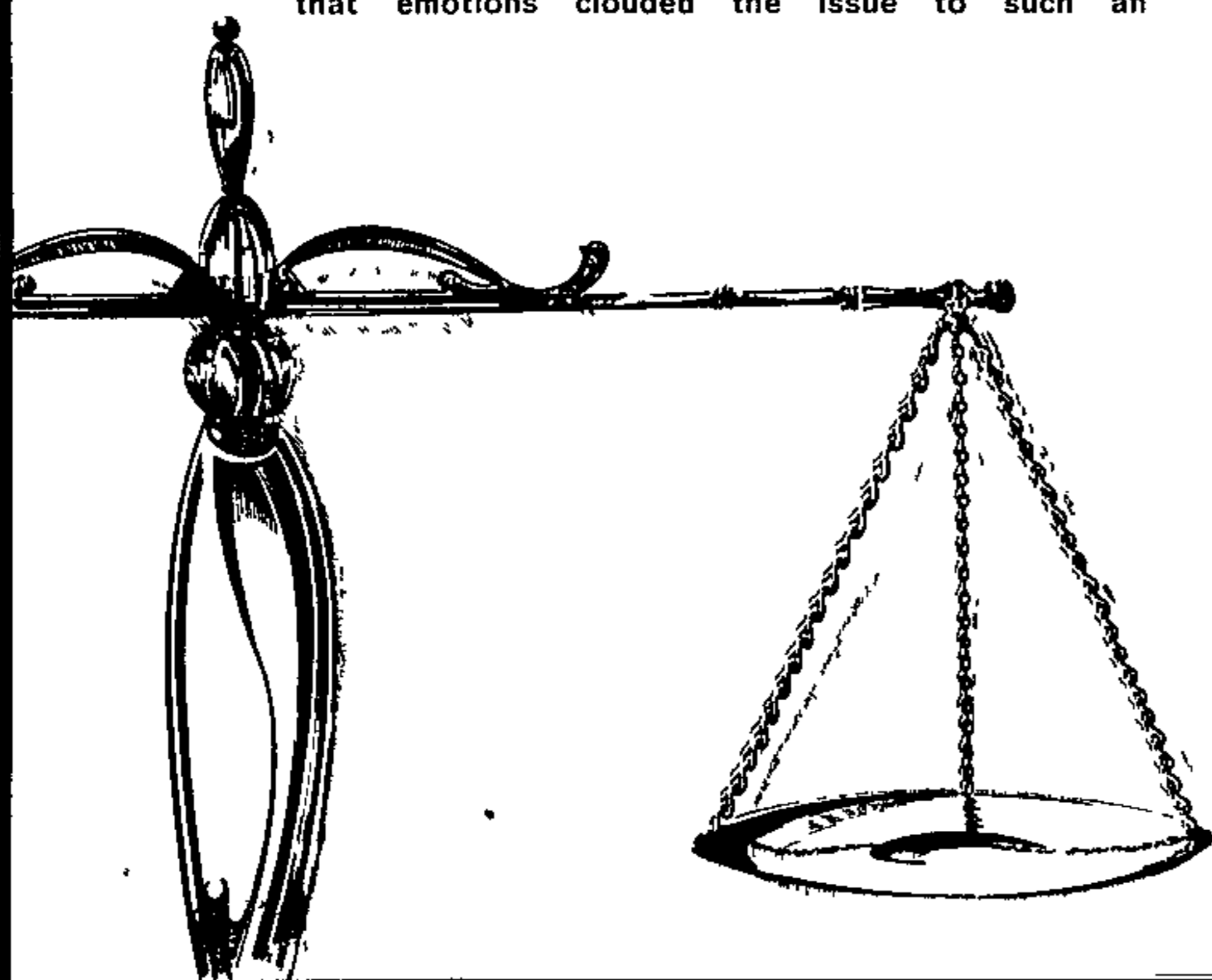
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Referendum demand on light-rail plan

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By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

Angry residents of Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs last night called for a municipal referendum on the "lunatic" R1,5 billion light-rail system which they strongly rejected.

Amid much footstomping and cheering from about 500 residents, speaker after speaker rejected a tram route through the suburbs of Orange Grove, Norwood and Highlands North. Municipal officials were jeered and loudly heckled when they attempted to explain the city council's position.

Residents claim their property values have fallen dramatically since the Masstran feasibility study commissioned by the department of transport was released last year proposing a light-rail route along Second Avenue and Eighth Street Orange Grove, to link Alexandra to the city centre.

Resident, and chairman of the meeting, Michael Letellier said: "We have not, as rate payers, been involved in or consulted about a plan that promises to wreck our neighbourhood."

Municipal officials from the Regional Services Council and Johannesburg's metropolitan planning department insisted there had been public participation during the three-year multimillion-rand Masstran study.

Mr Letellier said "We, the Masstran Action Group, are

deeply concerned about who is telling the truth. There are too many skeletons in the cupboard of the Johannesburg City Council."

He cited as examples "the rotten corpse of the Civic Theatre, the ridiculous waste of money called the Civic Spine and the (councillors') overseas trips..."

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson and transport and utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson were criticised for not being present last night.

Planning official Karen de Beer denied claims by some residents that they had been sent letters on city council stationery setting out expropriation values for certain stands in the area.

Orange Grove councillor Clive Gilbert was loudly cheered when he urged residents to oppose the plan.

Independent councillor for Killarney Sam Moss said if the light rail scheme was not "strangled at birth" future generations would be paying off the debt.

Norwood councillor Claire Quail urged residents to see the wider picture of the benefits of a mass transportation system for the metropolitan area. She said light rail would not be funded by the ratepayer but by regional government.

Residents resolved to call an urgent meeting with the city council to discuss the issue. A petition is being circulated and further report-back meetings to ratepayers will be held.

City council considers rates drop for schools

By Phil Molefe
Education Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council is currently looking into the reduction of assessment rates for schools that have changed to Model C following representations by the Johannesburg school board and regional council, The Star learnt yesterday.

The chairman of the regional council, Colonel Danie Opperman, said the city council had been approached to consider a special reduced rate for "State-aided" schools because of the financial implications involved when State schools were converted to semi-private institutions.

The assessment rate and other services such as water and electricity had always been paid for by the Government because schools were owned by the State.

But, from August 1 when State schools become semi-private Model C institutions, the governing councils of these schools would have to pay the rates and other services.

It is estimated that assessment rates, which include the value of the land and buildings, cost an average school about R120 000 a year.

"We are trying to get support from local authorities for the reduction of these rates," Colonel Opperman said.

The council's acting town clerk, Willie Siebert, confirmed yesterday that discussions had been held with the schools' representatives but the matter was still under consideration.

He said the council would lose about R9 million a year if the assessment rates were zero-rated.

"In all, the council can lose more than R20 million a year if we stop charging schools for services like rates, water and electricity," he added.

DP town councillor to administer Alex

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ADRIAN HADLAND

A DP town councillor from Randburg has been appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to run Alexandra township, a special provincial gazette has announced

Andre Jacobs, 34, who was Randburg's management committee chairman until he resigned in March, said yesterday of his appointment as administrator "Now I will have to wear two hats and be objective about both of them"

It is believed Jacobs is the first DP leader to be appointed by the TPA to such a post.

He will retain his post as chairman of the party's Randburg council caucus

As a prime mover behind the anticipated merger or joint administration between Randburg, Sandton, Marlboro Gardens and Alexandra, Jacobs said his appointment would be "helpful" in forthcoming negotiations

He said his intimate knowledge of Alexandra's financial and administrative situation would make possible a more informed decision regarding the possible formation of a joint administration

"My uppermost priorities are the

provision of a normal and improved local administration, the resolution of the financial situation in Alexandra, the upgrading of facilities and services and participation in negotiating forums which will decide how best to fit Alexandra into new developments," he said

Jacobs succeeds the previous administrator John Griffiths — who was formerly chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Administration in the violence-ravaged township has virtually come to a standstill

"There are some councillors, though without a quorum the council does not function," Jacobs said

"We have got to get back to the basics and will be employing a turn-around strategy rather than any fancy new ideas"

Jacobs will consult the township's interim crisis committee as well as councillors and community organisations in his bid to turn around the fortunes of Alexandra

The resolution of violence in Alexandra would also be an important objective of his tenure, he said

Vaal dam levels down to 37,7%

ADRIAN HADLAND

WITH an average rainfall of only 0,1mm on the Witwatersrand in the past six weeks, the Vaal dam's level had dropped to 37,7%, the Rand Water Board said yesterday.

A board spokesman said the Vaal would only be replenished by the Sterkfontein dam, currently 99,3% full, once it had reached less than 15% of its capacity. BID aug

Due to high water evaporation rates from the larger surface area of the Vaal, it was not economically viable to use Sterkfontein water before the 15% level in the Vaal dam had been reached, he said. 13/5/92

The total capacity of dams serving the Witwatersrand was currently at 61,6%, compared to 87,7% in May last year, the board said

Lesotho Highlands Water Project managing engineer Willie Croucamp said yesterday that phase 1A, of the project would be able to supply sufficient water to the PWV until January 2004. This, together with phase 1B would ensure the region adequate water until 2008. The combined cost of the projects would be R9,7bn.

If all planned phases of the project are implemented, the supply in the Vaal River System would exceed demand until 2020, he said.

The board said the volume of water sold to consumers in the PWV had increased 122% since 1982.

Budget day for Benoni

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The Benoni Town Council last night approved its R273,6 million 1992/1993 budget. For the third year in a row it has maintained the assessment rate at 5,5c in the rand.

Services in the town were increased by 15 percent, except electricity charges which increased by only 12 percent.

Random testing of residential sites across Benoni's suburbs show that residents will pay an average increase of only 9,2 percent — Staff Reporter

TPA 'plot to dump squatters'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

ON THE eve of a decision about the future of the Zevenfontein squatters, North Rand residents have accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) of plotting behind closed doors to eliminate the North Rand Greenbelt and to provide a dumping ground for squatters.

At a news conference yesterday the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) and the Jukskei-Crocodile Catchment Area Landowners Association said the TPA had clandestinely approached Reef municipalities during the last two weeks with "frightening" proposals. The TPA's plan, they alleged, was to divide the entire Greenbelt, stretching from the council's boundaries in the south to the Hartbeespoort Dam and the Schurweberg in the north among six Reef municipalities.

GAG chairman Anthony Dugan said the move ran against promises made by the TPA that they would consult residents on new developments in the area.

The residents slammed a TPA newspaper advertisement as "provocative" because it claimed to have consulted widely

on finding permanent residence for the Zevenfontein community

Although GAG was represented on the task group set up to identify sites for urbanisation, Dugan said the group had been of little benefit. No consensus had been reached and no strategy had evolved from the meetings.

The new proposals would double the size of municipalities such as Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort — and place an enormous burden on ratepayers.

Dugan said the future of the Greenbelt, which was the last open agricultural and recreational area in the PWV, was at risk because of the new development.

"Divided up among urban local authorities with no orientation towards rural issues, there is no doubt that (the Greenbelt) will become a dumping ground for development that is unwanted in the existing municipal areas."

TPA spokesmen could not be reached for comment last night.



Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan at a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday. He said the TPA reneged on a promise to consult residents. Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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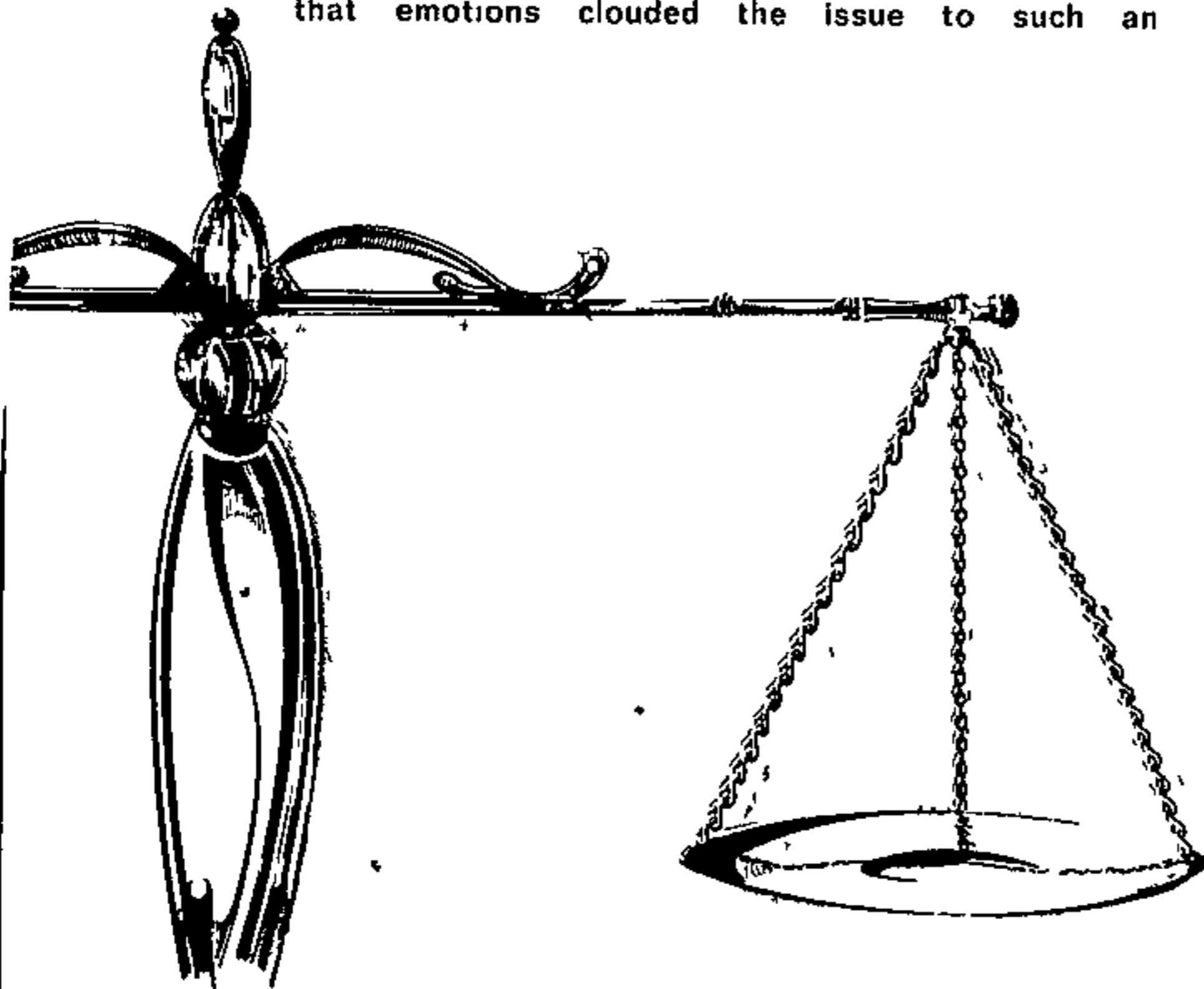
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Urbanisation plan to avert squatting

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Six municipalities north-west of Johannesburg have unveiled ambitious plans to extend their boundaries north of the R28 highway to take control of rural areas threatened by squatter settlements.

The six — Sandton, Randburg, Verwoerdburg, Roodepoort, Krugersdorp and Midrand — will apply to the Demarcation Board for approval of their proposals, known as "Alternative 3".

The plan is to implement a 20-year urbanisation strategy for the area south of the R28 and to try to keep the area north of the R28 a green belt for as long as possible.

In a joint statement, the councils said the peri-metropolitan area was experiencing an explosion in urbanisation, almost unparalleled in the world, which would continue for many years.

"We believe that the only way to handle developments fairly is through careful town planning and management," the city councils said in a joint statement.

They believe they are taking the initiative by taking over responsibility for the total socio-economic growth in the towns.

Randburg management

committee chairman Brian Crail said low-cost housing was high on the agenda.

Issues to be pro-actively addressed were

- The transformation of haphazard, unsightly and unhealthy informal housing into well-planned low-cost residential areas.
- The provision of jobs within the municipality through the encouragement of commercial and industrial growth.

Each town had to expand to meet those needs and opportunities. The councillors promised that no more "Zevenfonteins" would be dumped on the doorsteps of any "Bloubosrands", but that informal settlements would be carefully planned in consultation with all affected.

"We want to prevent uncontrolled squatting, but to do it in a properly planned manner," Verwoerdburg management committee chairman Pieter Smith said.

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said "As the area is now, the potential for uncontrolled development is much higher. If the area is under proper control, there will be a much greater protection for that style of life to continue."

The councils gave the assurance that ratepayers and interest groups would be consulted.

Mr Crail said the proposal had the support of the TPA.

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Jo'burg council moves to allay urban rail fears

Staff Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council has not decided on a light rail system to go down Louis Botha Avenue. That is only one of the options being considered, says management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

He was reacting to a meeting held on Tuesday by angry residents who believe the value of their property has dropped drastically since the Massstran feasibility study proposed that a rail system could go through Norwood, Orange Grove and High-

lands North. The system, costing an estimated R1,5 billion, is to link Alexandra with the city centre. Mr Davidson also deemed that the council was pressing ahead with plans in secret. He said the committee would propose, "if neces-

sary, the appointment of a mutually acceptable independent person of standing to investigate this issue and make an objective report on the facts to the public". He thought it "ill-advised and irresponsible" of the department to include a list of properties

that could be expropriated, saying that had been done purely to assess the financial feasibility. "I must stress that the council is not under any obligation to implement the proposals of the Department of Transport in full or in part", Mr Davidson said

Mr Davidson urged residents and property owners to communicate questions and concerns to the council either through their councillors or representatives, or directly, addressed to The Massstran Liaison Office, Box 32168, Braamfontein 2017

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Jacobs calls for fiscal discipline

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CONTINUED financial discipline was necessary if discretionary saving was to be increased, economic adviser to the Finance Minister Japie Jacobs said yesterday.

Addressing the Institute of Life and Pension Advisers in Pretoria, Jacobs said economic growth would for some time have to be financed largely from domestic sources of saving.

Net personal saving was, however, at a low level — a reflection of the pinch of the recession and the effects of fiscal drag on disposable incomes.

"Our aim must be, in order to increase discretionary saving, to limit the erosion of the contractual savings component of personal saving effected through consumer expenditure financed by bank and other credit facilities — which implies that financial discipline will have to be maintained," Jacobs said.

The savings industry had to mobilise and channel available domestic savings, of which contractual savings were a critical element, to the

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areas where they could maximise economic growth.

"The insurance industry must furthermore realise that the redistribution of income that is taking place implies that the black community will, in future, increasingly become their major customers and that assurance products will consequently have to be geared to meet their needs."

A policy option for the new SA might be extended social old-age programmes, free of means tests, financed out of current tax revenue and implemented at parity among the various population groups, he said.

"A national pension scheme will impose a severe financial burden on the economy and such a pension scheme will, in any event, be inadequate to meet the needs of the higher income groups — which means that the demand for insurance products will be little affected if such a scheme is introduced."

TPA warning on pension review

THE TPA yesterday threatened to discipline employees who failed to notify pensioners when to report for annual reviews held to prove that recipients were still alive

The warning follows the TPA's decision to suspend some pension payments following mistakes made in the review system

TPA director general Len Dekker said the system was required in terms of the Social Pensions Act.

Dekker conceded that mistakes were inevitable in a system in which 270 000 pensioners were paid at more than 600 pay points each month

TPA spokesman Adam Grobler admitted that in one instance letters warning of upcoming reviews and dated in August had been received by beneficiaries only in March.

Grobler said the "administrative

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problem" had been ironed out to prevent any recurrence.

TPA Johannesburg chief Sakkie Lombard said he had told staff to notify pensioners at pay-points when their reviews should be concluded by.

"Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions," he said

Sapa reports the Legal Resources Centre said yesterday that the legislation under which the TPA was suspending pension payouts did not empower the TPA to do so.

The LRC has threatened to take the matter up with the Supreme Court if pension payments were not reinstated by May 18.

It said its clients were "facing starvation as a result of the TPA 'review' procedure"

TPA chided on halting of pensions

By SONTI MASEKO

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THE Legal Resources Centre yesterday accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of acting unlawfully when it suspended payment of pensions to thousands of black pensioners

The TPA suspended the pensions last year to force them to fill in forms for the review of their grants.

The centre, acting on behalf of scores of pensioners, said the TPA was by law required to advise the pensioners seven months in advance before implementing a review

It said that instead, the TPA first cancelled or suspended pensions before reviewing the grants.

"There is no basis in law for the summary suspension of our client's pensions," the LRC said.

It also lashed out at the TPA for what it called the "obstructive and insensitive" treatment of black pensioners

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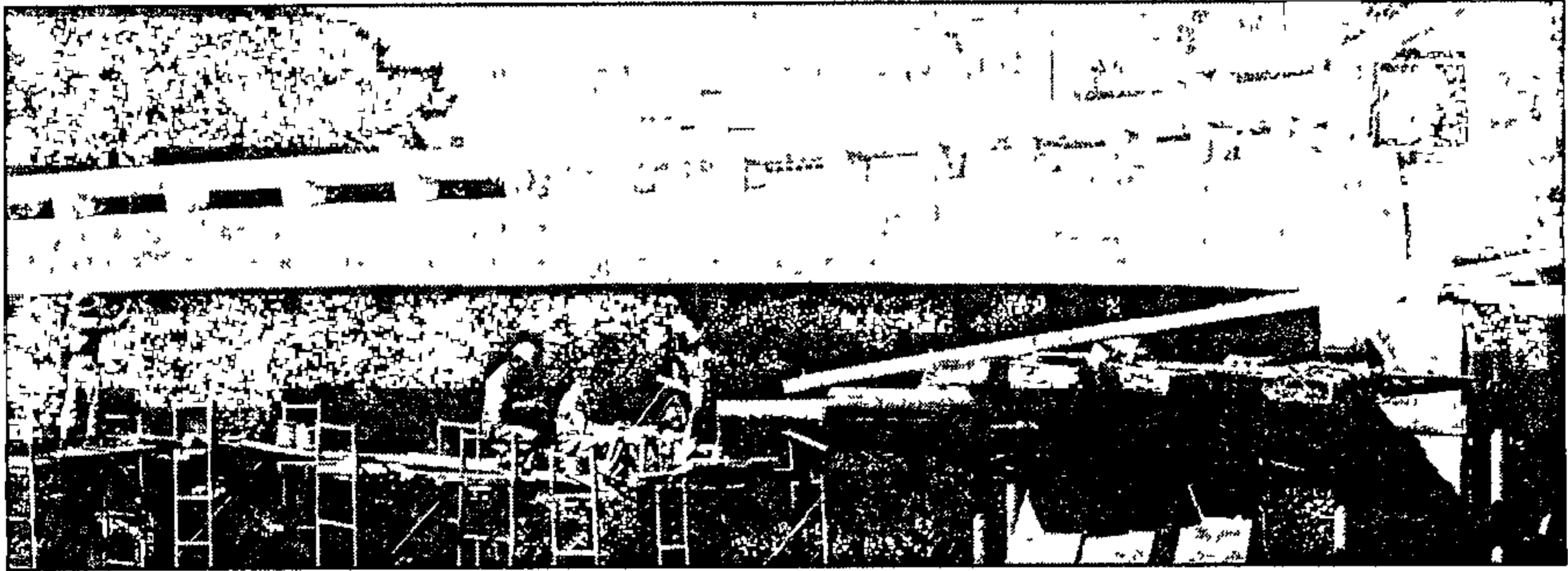
At a Press conference yesterday, the TPA admitted that "administrative problems and logistics" caused the present crisis experienced by black pensioners.

It added that steps had been taken to resolve further recurrences of such problems.

Letters intended to advise the pensioners to fill in review forms in time were delayed at the Johannesburg office, causing thousands of pensioners to have their pensions suspended without prior warning

"I am the first one to admit that if you had the task of paying 270 000 people more than R100 million a year, there will be mistakes no doubt. It is a difficult task," Mr Len Decker, the deputy director-general of Community development, said

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GOING NOWHERE: This bridge being built at the Empire-Barry Hertzog interchange will serve no function if the A3 is stopped. Jomag claims it will cost R20 million more than the R35 million quoted by the council. ● Photograph: John Hogg

JOHANNESBURG community leaders have accused the city council of acting without consultation and with indecent haste to push the proposed A3 "executive highway" through residential areas — allegedly so that some mining houses will benefit

They say work on the A3 has begun — despite promises to the contrary by the council

It will cut a swathe through the existing residential areas of Vrededorp and Mayfair as well as promote the use of prime land as office space

The land is owned mainly by Rand Mine Properties (RMP), which is planning land development at the south end of the road. Other open land is also owned largely by mining companies

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RMP managing director Colin Steyn admits the A3 will benefit its development, but says the A3 will also play an important role in the regional development of the PWV area

Vast tracts of land to the south of the city, much of which is owned by RMP, will probably become the target for future housing and industrial development which will make the A3 vital for regional development. It is planned to link the A3 with extensions to the R77, which will eventually join Krugersdorp and Springs

But costs for the A3 are to be borne by the city ratepayers — the regional authority, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, says the A3 does not fall under its plans

Steyn said RMP, as township developers, would have to bear "bulk costs", but he was unable to say how much this would be

Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group (Jomag) secretary Conrad Berge claims big business and the city council are acting with indecent haste to push the project to a point of no return before a new system

of local government becomes a reality

Emotions are running high among affected residents in Vrededorp, Mayfair and Melville, some of whom have threatened to use violence to stop the project if the council rides roughshod over them

Berge believes the A3 is being constructed at great cost to the community to suit the needs of a few businessmen

The city council's apparent determination to go ahead with the project — which would necessitate the widening of feeder roads in other suburbs — flies in the face of national and provincial road plans which have cut back significantly

Construction is already under way at the Empire-Barry Hertzog intersection

The council claims the bridge being built at the Empire-Barry Hertzog intersection, while being part of the planned A3 project, will also improve the flow of traffic there — a problem it would have to address anyway

Berge claims the costs of building a bridge which will fit into plans for the A3 are far higher than one which would only be needed to solve traffic problems at the intersection

Although the city council has given an undertaking to residents that they will be consulted before any further construction takes place, Berge believes plans are going ahead anyway

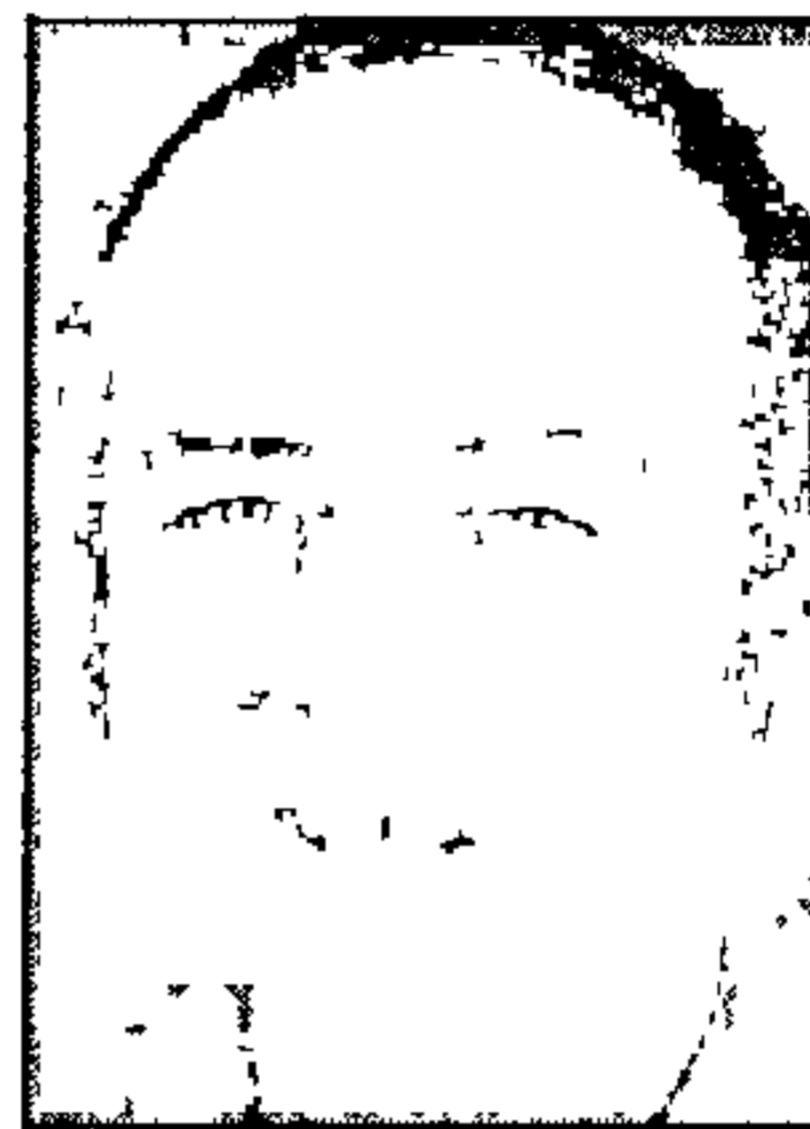
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This has been denied by the council's metropolitan planning section

A spokesman for the department, Karen de Beer, says the council is determined to proceed with the construction of some form of north-south road project — "but only with public participation"

She claims residents had seen council figures to support the project and accepted the need for the road to be built, but Mayfair Residents Association spokesman Nassim Pahad has denied this

"They mustn't try and twist our words. We have agreed



INDECENT HASTE: Jomag secretary Conrad Berge accuses city officials

There are other crying needs before A3, claim opponents

there is a need for roads, but say they are low on a list of priorities. The priorities are housing, health and safe public transport"

He said the residents had the support of the ANC, and accused the council of trying to build an "executive highway" which would benefit a small group of businessmen instead of allocating the money to sectors which needed it

"The council could spend the money on creating parking areas outside the city with efficient public transport servicing the sites. That would cut down on traffic congestion"

De Beer said the council did not feel it was necessary to try to penalise one-person-one-car road users and believed commuters should be allowed free choice between public and private transport

Pahad added that any future

local authority would probably refuse to accept the high maintenance costs of a freeway foisted on them by a previous administration

Even the costs of the project are a source of contention. Berge claims projected costs are being grossly underestimated — the council expects the new highway to cost about R145 million, but Jomag believes a conservative estimate of R300 million, in today's money, is "easily" closer to the mark

The organisation's claims have been backed by an independent construction-costs estimator with 30 years' experience in the industry

Berge fears that any new local government will be lumbered with the costs of the project — in the style of the mammoth Civic Theatre development — if it is allowed to continue

"They are probably hoping that any future local authority will be morally obliged to proceed with the scheme rather than leaving it half-completed with millions of rands already invested in it," he said

Another question mark hanging over the scheme is why it is being built. The council says the freeway will act as a conduit for increased traffic flow to the central business district developments taking place in Newtown

But Berge claims the highway will be too far from the CBD to act as an effective conduit. A far cheaper and effective plan would be to build an access bridge over the railway lines from Yale Road to West Street or to build another off-ramp from the M1 on the west side of the CBD

Pahad said residents handed alternative proposals to the city council for consideration three months ago. These included converting two Mayfair roads into one-way streets which would then be able to accommodate an increased traffic flow. They were still waiting for a reply from the council, he added

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Even the costs of the project are a source of contention Berge claims projected costs are being grossly underestimated — the council expects the new highway to cost about R145 million, but Jomag believes a conservative estimate of R300 million, in today's money, is "easily" closer to the mark

The organisation's claims have been backed by an independent construction-costs estimator with 30 years' experience in the industry

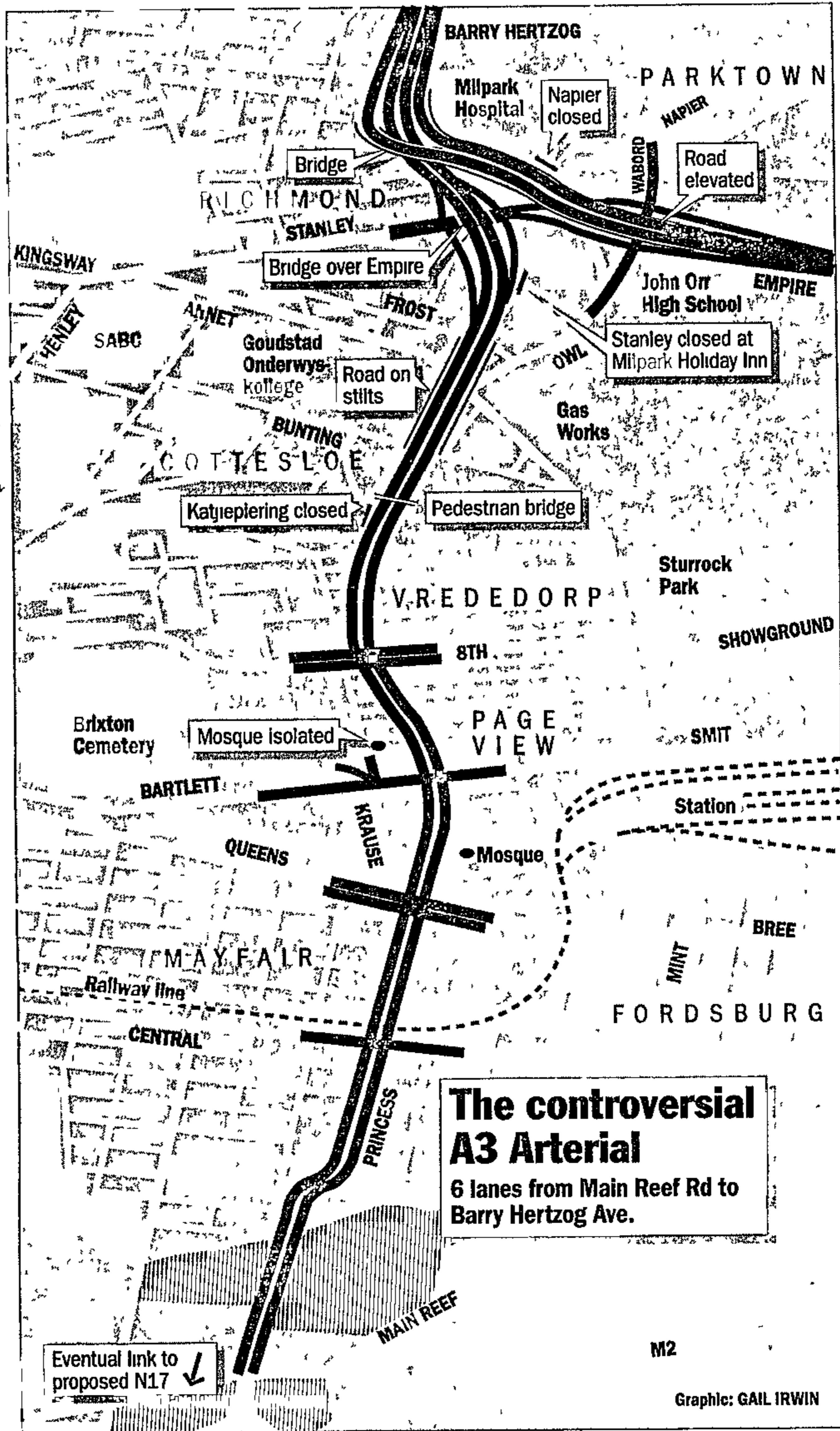
Berge fears that any new local government will be lumbered with the costs of the project — in the style of the mammoth Civic Theatre development — if it is allowed to continue.

"They are probably hoping that any future local authority will be morally obliged to proceed with the scheme rather than leaving it half-completed with millions of rands already invested in it," he said

Another question mark hanging over the scheme is why it is being built The council says the freeway will act as a conduit for increased traffic flow to the central business district developments taking place in Newtown.

But Berge claims the highway will be too far from the CBD to act as an effective conduit A far cheaper and effective plan would be to build an access bridge over the railway lines from Yale Road to West Street or to build another off-ramp from the M1 on the west side of the CBD.

Pahad said residents handed alternative proposals to the city council for consideration three months ago These included converting two Mayfair roads into one-way streets which would then be able to accommodate an increased traffic flow They were still waiting for a reply from the council, he added



Berge believes the real intent of the project is to provide easy access to RMP's planned office development

Land to the south of the city is the focus of much interest for the Metropolitan Chamber, which is negotiating a new system of local authority for the PWV area Civic organisations have for many months had their eye on the land, which they believe is crucial for housing development Even the TPA has mentioned the ground

as being suitable for new housing schemes

Civics spokesman Cas Coovadia has expressed concern about the land being developed without consultations with the chamber

"Obviously we cannot demand that they not sell their land, but we would request any major land-owner to first consult us," he said

Steyn said separate steps were being taken by the Consultative Business Movement

to get major players together in a land forum to discuss the future development of land

He denied that RMP had put any pressure on the council to have the A3 built and pointed out that the civics could not have everything their own way A balance needed to be found where land development accommodated both housing and business needs The two did not necessarily have to clash and should ideally complement each other, he added

Deep, deep trouble in Diepmeadow

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JOE LOUW

DIEPMEADOW Town Clerk David Mabalane has revealed that the Soweto City Council is in the process of attempting to repossess the Diepkloof Extension Hostel which he claims was "fraudulently and corruptly" leased two years ago.

In April this year the council unilaterally cancelled the 1990 lease agreement with the Ivory Tusk Consortium.

The Agreement had been signed on the council's behalf by the now suspended Town Clerk JF de Jager and the late Mayor of Diepmeadow Moses Khumalo.

Mabalane also revealed that as a result of investigations carried out by the present Soweto Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration into fraud, bribery, corruption and misconduct of the previous council, several top council officials had been suspended in March this year.

They were Town Clerk De Jager, Housing Director Jooste Mothapo, Management Committee chairman Frederich Phiri and two legal advisors, S Monyatsi and S Mazibuko.

The council's chief legal advisor, Aldred Maheppy, revealed that other allegations not related to the Ivory Tusk deal currently under investigation included misappropriation of council funds involving millions of rands and the theft of council cheques to the value of R3,2 million.

He said investigations found that the Ivory Tusk Consortium was in fact not a legally registered company, and showed the Saturday Star documents to back up this claim.

The lease had purported to transfer the entire complex of the Diepkloof Hostel — consisting of the land and 345

housing units — all for the sum of R862 500.

According to Maheppy, not only did Ivory Tusk not tender for the hostel, but the council never received any payments from the company.

One part of the contract specified that Ivory Tusk was supposed to upgrade the hostel and turn it into family sectional units. None of these improvements had, been made according to Mabalane.

Godfrey Mokgoatjana, the council's new chairman told the Saturday Star that he "went public" with the facts of corruption and fraud because he did not want the present council "tarred with the same brush" as the previous council.

Trespassing

He also revealed that the council had asked the Transvaal provincial authorities to launch an "Article 3" investigation into the previous council's activities.

Maheppy reported that the council had attempted this week to repossess the offices at the hostel but that workmen sent there to change locks refused to go into the hostel without police protection.

"Police are telling us the matter is in abeyance until they get a court order," said Maheppy, "But we fail to see why that is necessary."

The council has also demanded back R1,2 million in rents collected by Ivory Tusk from residents of the hostel and threatened to lay charges of trespassing against the consortium unless it immediately vacated the premises.

Randburg waterfront project planned

By Anna Cox

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A R150 million waterfront development has been proposed for Randburg

Town councillor Frans Lourens said all concerned residents would be invited to take part in a public-participation exercise before any move to implement the project was made

The waterfront development, which will be constructed along the lines of the Verwoerdburgstad idea, is planned for the area bordered by Republic Road, Charmaine Avenue, Vale Street and Cross Street

The development will include shops, offices and restaurants as well as watersport facilities for canoeing, swimming and windsurfing.

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An island will be built in the centre of the lake with bridges to and from the lake-side

"I think the project will enhance the area Randburg does not have any water features and this should generate a lot of interest. It will provide a good entertainment area for the residents. At present the area is an eye-sore."

"We put the proposals

forward at a public-meeting in March and the feelings of residents were mixed, so we amended the plans," he said

Mr Lourens said the developers would put the amended plans before the Randburg Town Council within the next few months. If the rights were approved, the amended plans would again be taken to the residents for consideration

"If the majority of residents

approve, we will go ahead, and construction could start within a few months."

Estate agent Tony Grbec said he had done 16 property transactions in the area during the past few months and the feeling among buyers was positive

"If anything, the property prices will go up once the waterfront development is constructed," he said



It may be an innocuous matter but black South Africans voted for the first time Photo KEVIN CARTER

First black South Africans cast votes

By LINDA RULASHE ^(2do)
SOUTH AFRICANS voted for the first time this week in a non-racial referendum — they voted no.

The result of this breakthrough: Yeoville's main streets may soon change direction.

On Wednesday, the referendum saw hundreds of blacks in the area casting their votes for the first time together with their white counterparts about whether the present one-way flow from east to west of Rockey and Raleigh streets must change.

The results were 1 274 in favour and 524 against the move.

This means that a year after the traffic flow in Yeoville was reversed,

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 it may have to be changed back — at a cost of about R100 000.

The opinion poll was called by the Johannesburg City Council after a request from Yeoville councillor Martin Sweet.

There was intense foreign media interest early on Wednesday as reporters converged on the Yeoville Recreation Centre to watch the first blacks cast their votes.

Sweet, who has been blamed for the chaos caused by the road reversal and other traffic changes in the suburb, said: "Yeoville has just made history. We are the first to hold a successful multi-racial referendum in South Africa."

Yeoville Traders Association chairman Boetie Shifren said residents and traders wanted to work with the city council to address other issues, such as parking and safety.

Traders claim that their businesses are suffering because morning traffic passes through the business area without stopping and evening traffic is directed through residential areas.

There were also complaints from traders that the roads were narrower, causing traffic jams. Pedestrian crossings were dangerous and residents had found it unpleasant to shop in the area.

The matter will now be referred to the management committee.

Johannesburg's future needs a 'common vision'

51 Day 27/5/92
ANDREW KRUMM

A COMMON vision is a prerequisite for a future metropolitan Johannesburg and several factors have to be considered before this can be achieved.

This was the message behind an SA Property Owners Association (Sapoa) seminar last week, said SA Building Industries Federation (Bifsa) executive director Neil Fraser

Summing up events at the conference held to discuss metropolitan Johannesburg's future, he said most of the six speakers had spoken on a unified approach to addressing the city's future

Urban Foundation executive director Anne Bernstein questioned whether Johannesburg's vision was bold enough, and stressed that the city had to take on the challenge of the '90s

To become a major international city, Johannesburg had to define its identity, then set a vision for the future and choose a strategy to achieve that vision, she said

"Citizens must redefine the concept of their city, deciding what role it intended to play in the PWV region and nationally, what its boundaries should be and who should benefit from the city's taxbase"

All major players had to mobilise

and position Johannesburg on issues such as the protection of city interests at Codesa, financing and the city's growth and competitiveness on the world stage

"We need a process where all key interests can set goals and objectives Johannesburg has a window of opportunity in which to act and not be seen as a declining city in the world's urban hierarchy," Bernstein said

Prof Alan Mabin of Wits University's town and regional planning department agreed, saying Johannesburg was now at a similar point of development as the Brazilian city Sao Paulo had been 20 years ago

He said to prevent the illegal subdivision of land and "helter-skelter" growth, as happened in Sao Paulo — whose current population is 18-million — Johannesburg required a strategy to co-ordinate and encourage the direction of the city's physical growth

Mabin said it was crucial to get in "on the ground floor", such as with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (CWMC), so that when a new dispensation came about, urban development was prominent

Johannesburg Civic Association

general secretary Cas Coovadia, told delegates the civics had put a model to the CWMC, suggesting a way to manage interim local government. This model included nonracial elections for a metropolitan constituent assembly

Coovadia envisioned such a metropolitan assembly first debating local government structures before putting their recommendations to national level

Meanwhile, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he hoped for the resuscitation of the CWMC, now deadlocked over whether black councillors should participate in interim arrangements

Davidson said should local government remain fragmented, the responsibility would pass to central or regional government

"Social development, political stability and, most importantly, economic growth is possible for the Central Witwatersrand should the region's limited resources be pooled and local government restructured to fit reality," he said

"We need to control our own urban destiny. But it is only possible if we are willingly prepared to share"

Jo'burg gives good value for money

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NEW YORK — Johannesburg ties with Nairobi for 87th place in an authoritative cost-of-living survey of 99 cities released in New York this week

The Geneva-based Corporate Research Group monitors the costs of 151 products and services in the cities and compiles an index every six months

Rated on the basis of New York rating 100, the group gives Johannesburg 78, meaning that for every R100 spent in New York, one would spend R78 in Johannesburg. The same holds true for Nairobi.

There are 41 cities more expensive than New York, topped by Tokyo with a 174 rating — nearly three times the 62 for the least expensive city, Harare.

Some of the world's most expensive cities are in French-speaking Africa. The capital of Gabon, Libreville, and Congo's capital, Brazzaville — rated 136 and 135 respectively — are fourth and fifth from the top.

Abidjan is in 10th place with a 124 rating, and Douala in Cameroon is just a point behind the Ivory Coast capital.

While most of the European centres surveyed rate above 100, Lisbon and Amsterdam appear halfway down the list with 97 each.

The group's criteria include costs of food, clothing and transport, but exclude accommodation — Sapa



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BEHUISING EN WERKE

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KEMPTON PARK OM AS 'N GROOTSTAD VER-
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Ek, Leon Wessels, Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur
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- (c) mnr S J Schoeman ingevolge artikel 3 (2) van
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Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur

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ADMINISTRATION: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS

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29 May 1992

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION CONSIDER-
ATION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE TOWN COUN-
CIL OF KEMPTON PARK TO BE DECLARED A CITY
COUNCIL

I, Leon Wessels, Minister of Local Government
House of Assembly, hereby determine in terms of sec-
tion 2 (1) of the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance,
1960 (Ordinance No 9 of 1960), hereunder referred to
as the Ordinance, that I—

- (a) have in terms of section 2 (1) of the Ordinance
appointed a Commission of Inquiry to inquire
into, and to report to me about, the expediency
of the declaration of the Town Council of Kemp-
ton Park to be a city council, as contemplated in
section 9A of the Local Government Ordinance,
1939 (Ordinance No. 17 of 1939),
- (b) have in terms of section 3 (1) of the Ordinance
appointed the following persons as members of
the Commission
- Mr W Arends,
Mr P F Colin,
Mr W Fourie,
Mr P Mathee,
Mr A D. Niemandt,
Mr S J Schoeman,
Mr H H S Venter;
Mr M A Jaffer, and
- (c) have in terms of section 3 (2) of the Ordinance
appointed Mr S J Schoeman as chairman

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Minister of Local Government

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State workers demand rise

Sowetan 29/5/92
By MONK NKOMO

HUNDREDS of Government workers, including nurses, marched on the Union Buildings in Pretoria on Wednesday to demand a 15 percent across-the board wage increase

The employees, all members of the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union, marched from Brown Street to the Union Buildings

They also demand a minimum monthly salary of R724 for all Government workers and an end to privatisation and retrenchments

Police kept watch over the chanting and dancing workers but there were no incidents

At the Union Buildings, Nchawu president Mr Bheki Phakati handed over a memorandum containing their grievances to Mr GD Joubert, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's director of hospital services

The workers, who carried placards warning the TPA, also demanded "the end to apartheid in the health and education systems of our country - free and equal health care and education for all"

"We demand the return of all privatised industries to the State sector and job-creation for the people of our country"

Other demands included "Permanent status, with all benefits, for all workers in the State sector"

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Over 1 000 raped daily, rally told

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By Stan Hlophe

More than 1 000 women are raped daily — one woman every 83 seconds. These chilling statistics were revealed at a rally in Yeoville yesterday.

The rally was organised by Outrage — a group of women in Yeoville and surrounding areas — and was attended by more than 50 women and a few men to protest against rape and abuse of women.

The meeting was called following the failure of police to apprehend a rapist who has been terrorising women in the suburb in recent months, and to highlight the plight of rape victims and rally for support in the community.

Among the crowd were three Yeoville policewomen.

Organisers said they felt outraged by the number of women who had been raped and the fact that nothing was done about it.

Violence

"We feel now is the time to do something about it."

"We need the community's support to root out this evil in our midst," an organiser said.

Another said "Women in South Africa have no voice and this is the first time that they have spoken out. We face a high level of violence in our daily lives."

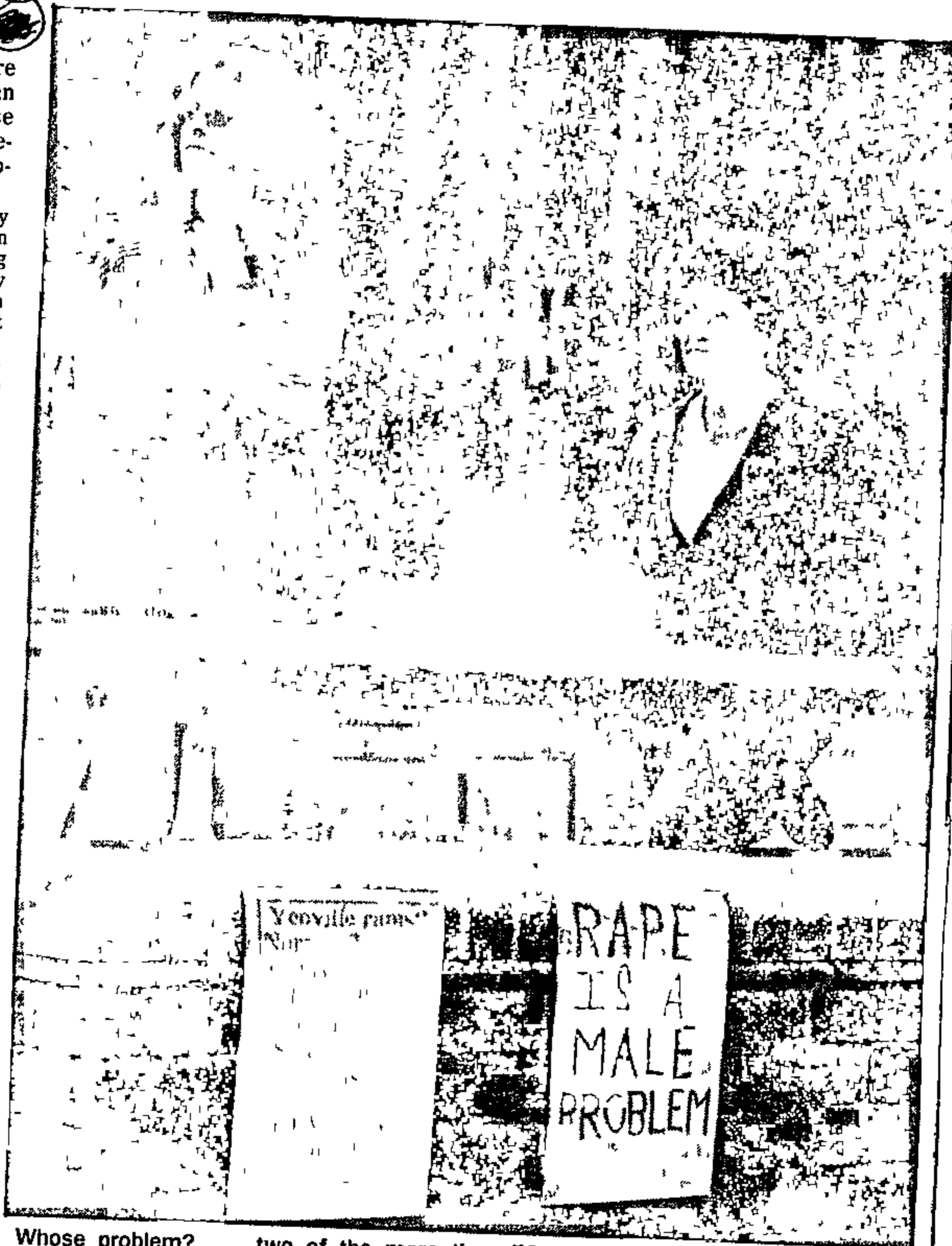
"We are being threatened by police and have no easy way to cope with this traumatic experience."

"We as women want to claim our full rights in the new South Africa. We are raped, maimed and have to fight back."

"A rape victim is expected to lay a charge in front of men and we are not told of our right to make a statement in private or in front of a policeman."

"It's high time that all changed," she said.

Yeoville councillor Martin Sweet pledged his support for the rape victims and assured the crowd that he would make



Whose problem? two of the more than 50 women at yesterday's anti-rape meeting in Yeoville, organised by Outrage. Picture Peter Mogaki

the area safe and free of gangsters.

Mr Sweet said rapists wanted to destroy the "liberal constituency and lives of individuals." He told the crowd that more bobbies on the beat

would soon be introduced.

"When we are pushed too far all we have to do is to do the same to the culprits."

"I would like to see this town remaining a happy, free,

and wonderful community," Mr Sweet said.

The crowd ended by signing petitions to be handed to the Yeoville police today and singing songs about abuse and women's rights.

R 100 000 in bad debts written off

By Bunty West

Nearly R100 000 in bad debts from ambulance service defaulters has been written off by Randburg Town Council. A sum of R96 581 was not recovered from debtors in the period July 1 1990 to June 30 1991.

During this week's council meeting members were advised that ambulance tariff rates had been increased from May 1. They were amended by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the local authority had no say in the matter.

The council also approved the constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiation Forum (NJNF) of which it is now a participating member.

The forum was set up to investigate nonracial, democratic metropolitan and local government structures so that a regional administration could emerge after constitutional transition in South Africa. Other participants are Alexandra and Sandton.

Saved

In other matters on the agenda, the council agreed to lease Randburg-Diggers Rugby Club additional facilities at the Central Sports Complex.

Along with three rugby fields, other amenities included a clubhouse, cloakrooms, toilets, storerooms, kitchen, floodlights and pavilion. The lease expires in 2002.

It was also announced that a dyke in Bromhof Extension 21 was to be saved from destruction by the erection of a fence which would cost Randburg ratepayers R15 000.

The dyke, a natural formation, had been the target of urban vandals who took the stone to make rockeries.

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Agreement is giant leap for Jo'burg

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg takes a major step forward tonight with the signing of an agreement between the private sector, the community and the city council to establish a Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP)

The CJP, the first initiative of its kind in South Africa, could become a role model for development in other cities

rector Neil Fraser will join the CJP in August as executive director

He believes the CJP has a pivotal role to play in stimulating and developing the economy of the city

CJP co-ordinator and consultant, Dr Diana Mayne said there was a need to put aside political conflicts and chip away at the barriers that hindered co-operative efforts

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In a country which has reeled on an avalanche of legislative restrictions and regulations, it is particularly important to recognise that partnerships are about loosening entrenched bureaucratic attitudes and creating a shared economic and development roadmap

CJP chairman Cliff McMillan said the CJP provided a formal structure for translating into action the considerable commitment and consensus apparent at the Strategic Initiative Workshop, held in November, where the foundations were laid for the formation of the partnership

Task groups have already been established in a number of key areas such as combating crime and violence, transportation, stabilising the position of the residential communities in the central area, informal traders, and devising schemes for inner-city redevelopment

The business community has contributed funds towards the creation of a secretariat and offices in the Carlton Centre, providing resources to tackle the problems more effectively

Johannesburg planning committee chairman Eddy Magid said the CJP was an outstanding example of what could be achieved when a city council, the business sector and the community joined hands for the good of the people

Actstrop general-secretary and community representative Cas Coovadia said "The CJP is an indication of the current socio-political climate in South Africa

"The coming together in a development partnership of three central stakeholders who have been either hostile or suspicious of each other is a clear sign that we have moved into the development and reconstruction phase of the struggle for a democratic, nonracial South Africa"

Conrad Berge discusses the strategies of Africanisation and laagerism

How to save central Johannesburg

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SUCCESSFUL Africanisation or first-world laagerism Which is the best strategy to save central Johannesburg?

Successful Africanisation involves a huge financing plan to transfer central city housing to its occupants. Nothing less will arrest its decay and eventual demolition.

It involves the development of the city's mining belt as low-cost housing to at least double-storey density. This must be entrusted to South Africa's best urban designers to ensure strong neighbourhood units, and an intimate admixture of commercial and light industrial activities.

The plan for a massive freeway over this land must be scrapped.

Next, the minibus taxi industry must be helped to grow organically. It must start to operate larger vehicles and a wider variety of services. It must be given a network of special road lanes.

Finally, large roofed areas and street markets must be carefully located in the heart of the CBD and farther out to transform abandoned pavement business into a vibrant and well-managed component of the city — joyously expressing the peoplehood of Africa.

First world business must find its level within this milieu.

Laagerism involves claiming an

inner city area where property values are kept high through a first world regime. It involves "keep-off" architecture and studio designed informality — pavement restaurants, hawkking kiosks and quant precincts.

The barricade against the deteriorating eastern side of the inner city is a band of high rise apartments bonded to major white-collar employers such as banks and insurance companies.

New highways ensure the "decision-makers" in the laager get an easy ride to their parking basements and a high-tech light rail system, protected by an autonomous transportation authority,

keeps minibus taxis in their place

What happens outside the laager is someone else's responsibility. These alternative strategies are not megalomaniac or paranoid fantasies. City Hall and big business are backing the laager.

The choice that faces the citizens of Johannesburg is whether they want to pick up the remnants and the tab of a broken laager or to look for new leaders.

The laager builders are already squeezing their tax base to finance contracts and agreements that will commit citizens for many years to come. □

Conrad Berge is an architect and urban critic



Man in the hot seat to take the heat off Alex

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ALEXANDRA'S new administrator, Andre Jacobs, often uses the word "chaotic" to describe both services and conditions in the violence-racked township and his task of trying to restore municipal normality to the troubled area.

The man in the hot seat is determined to make a difference to the lives of Alex residents

The most pressing challenge, he said, was to provide acceptable services to the community — services which had broken down almost completely due to protracted violence

"Before the violence in March, we had a good working relationship with residents and had achieved an 84 percent payment-of-services success

"There is now a state of chaos and we have to start building relations all over again.

"We plan to establish some kind of daily administration. Basic things have to be done, such as cleaning up damaged areas and buildings. We are considering getting the township declared a disaster area to get assistance from the State

"The hostel problem is also high on the agenda and we are working on some kind of solution," said Mr Jacobs, former Randburg Town Council management committee chairman and leader of the Democratic Party caucus in the council

"We aim to change the attitude of the community towards the council, not unilaterally, but by building a good relationship with residents. We want to break down their resistance towards the council."

A Randburg town councillor for six years, Mr Jacobs said housing was another urgent priority. The township's 100 000 shack dwellers needed a more acceptable form of accommodation and, depending on financing, he hoped to have 7 000 houses constructed within the



Alexandra's new administrator, Andre Jacobs (above), is determined to make a difference to the violence-ravaged township. By ANNA COX.

next three years

"We would also like to start community projects to clean up the river and the environment

"In the long term, the role of Alexandra must be looked at in respect of the entire sub-region

"Although the township is in a state of chaos, I am facing the challenge with a positive attitude and am certain things will come right," he said

Born in Johannesburg and educated in Randfontein, Mr Jacobs obtained a BA Honours

degree in political science from the Rand Afrikaans University and an MBL through the University of South Africa

He currently holds the position of chief executive of the National Association of Private Transport Operators

"I have a great challenge ahead of me and my life will be chaotic for a while. But if things can be improved in Alexandra, it will all have been worthwhile," he said □

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Police accused of theft during raid

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By Stan Hlophe and Bronwyn Wilkinson

Police and SADF patrols combined in an anti-crime sweep through Alexandra township yesterday that yielded a sawn-off shotgun and a pistol

Squatters in the township, near Sandton, said shacks were broken into and ransacked, and residents were harassed

A spaza shop owner, John Kgomoewane, alleged that more than R1 000 was stolen from him by police. He reported

ed the theft to the local ANC branch and the matter was taken up with the Alexandra Interim Crisis Committee, which said last night it would help him lay a charge of theft with the Wynberg police today

Some residents also claimed police prevented them from going to work, allowing no one to leave the cordoned-off area

The blitz came after a weekend operation at Phola Park on the East Rand, where police launched a shack-to-shack search for weapons

When The Star arrived in Alexandra yesterday, police manned roadblocks and

searched vehicles between Sixth and Eighth avenues — an area inhabited mostly by ANC sympathisers

They later moved to an area between First and Fifth avenues known to be occupied by IFP sympathisers

ANC branch general secretary Obed Bapela condemned the raid as a ploy to disarm the community. He said the raid should have been conducted in broad daylight when residents were at home

"We know that police are also human beings, and are capable of damaging people's property and stealing their val-

uables. We have received several reports of misconduct and thefts by the police during the raid," Mr Bapela said

The Alexandra ANC office was puzzled over the raid because the area had been relatively quiet for some time

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said claims of police misconduct were propaganda to discredit the police force

But he conceded it was possible that police had had to force open doors "because some people refuse to open"

He said the operation would

continue for as long as necessary to stabilise the area

Late last night, police headquarters spokesman Colonel Frank Alton said two firearms — a sawn-off shotgun and a pistol — and a quantity of ammunition had been seized during the day's raid

● In Phola Park on the East Rand, where police were keeping a close watch, shots were fired in the direction of a police vehicle at about 7 pm last night, Lieutenant Wikus Weber said. Lieutenant Weber said the vehicle was not hit and the police did not retaliate

Smokers on the job targeted

STAR 2/6/92

By Shirley Woodgate

Johannesburg businesses are to be subtly targeted by the city council to introduce anti-smoking moves in the workplace

Speaking yesterday at the fifth World "No-Tobacco Day", the council's health chairman, Marietta Marx, warned that pressure, and not force, would be used to protect all employees in the city

Urging business leaders to follow the example of her council, which had initiated by-laws to start wiping out smoking in public places, she said "It's time for the silent majority to stand up and be counted"

In a speech read last week for Nelson Mandela by National Council Against Smoking's Dr Yusuf Saloojee, the ANC president claimed that smoking now ranked alongside Aids, famine and pestilence as a threat to world health

His claims were backed by Dr Saloojee, who said that in the light of recent findings, it made economic sense for employers to employ only non-smokers

Johannesburg director of community health Dr Eric Buch challenged trade unions to back the anti-smoking lobby by placing the issue on the negotiating table

Natalie Stockton stressed that while the Department of National Health and Population Development, which she represented, had ignored the problems of smoking and passive smoking for years, progress had been made

"Even President F W de Klerk has not smoked for the past six weeks," she said



Fancy-dress parade . pre-school children march through the streets of trouble-torn Alexandra yesterday to mark the start of International Children's Month
Picture AFP

Partnership for city's future

STAR 2/6/92

Staff Reporter (266)

Johannesburg received a boost last night with the launch of the Central Johannesburg Partnership.

The company is the first of its kind to include the community in the traditional link between business and city government

CJP chairman Cliff McMillan said at the launch that the company did not plan to repeat the work of the city council, but would be using partnership and consensus as its fundamental principles

Cas Coovadia, general-sec-

retary of the Civic Association of Johannesburg, said the CJP was a prime indicator of the current socio-political climate in South Africa

"The coming together in a development partnership of three stakeholders who have previously been either hostile to, or suspicious of, each other is a clear sign that we have moved into the development and reconstruction phase of the struggle for a democratic, nonracial South Africa," Mr Coovadia said

Ian Davidson, representing the city council on the board, said the council realised the

city centre had a vital and necessary future

"We are committed to making the city centre a safe, pleasant environment and the financial and commercial centre of Africa," he said

Anglo American Property Services managing director and CJP executive committee chairman Gerald Leissner said that while business was looking for specific action in the short term regarding security, cleaning and maintenance, he believed business should become involved in the funding of longer-term projects for the city

Detention of 'Klein Koos' extended

An application by the police in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act to extend Boksburg CP councillor "Klein Koos" van der Merwe's detention period by 14 days was granted yesterday

Mr van der Merwe faces his third week of detention without trial. It is not known when he is due to appear in court

He was arrested with 10 other rightwingers when police swooped on their homes a fortnight ago. They were held in connection with a limpet mine explosion at the Rand Easter Show and other allegations — East Rand Bureau

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New initiative is launched to revitalise inner Jo'burg

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THE launch of the Central Johannesburg Partnership (CJP) was the start of a tough initiative to revitalise the inner city area, chairman Cliff McMillan said last night.

The co-operation of all involved — the city council, business and the community — would ensure tangible results, he said.

All three partners contributed to resources in different ways, providing time and expertise on a continuing basis. The business community had accepted the responsibility to fund the partnership while the council made its resources available.

Speaking at the launch, McMillan said the partnership offered the vehicle for a coherent strategy. The partners were involved through enlightened self-interest.

Executive committee chairman Gerald Leissner said the funding of the partnership would take several forms.

Major players in the inner city area had been approached to either extend a low interest loan of R500 000 each or contribute R50 000 a year.

It was hoped R10m would initially be raised from loans or debentures.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the business community had approached the council and indicated it was willing to have a special levy introduced on companies in the inner city area.

This was an informal approach, David-

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son said. Once a formal application was made it might have to be taken to provincial or government level, but the council would only consider it if the business community was convinced it was what they wanted.

Johannesburg Civic Associations general secretary Cas Coovadia said negotiations were under way to buy seven buildings in Hillbrow and Joubert Park.

The aim, he said, was to put the pilot project on the partnership's agenda for the development of social housing in the inner city area. The buildings' owners had approached the civic and were asking for R8m. This was under negotiation.

The key aspect was affordability and the private sector had been asked to finance loans of between R8m and R10m at interest rates of 10% to 11%. Existing tenants would not be displaced, and would become owners of the units over time as security of tenure altered people's perceptions of maintenance and security, he said.

Chairman Alec Gullen said the security task group was negotiating with the SA Police about the establishment of satellite police stations. "The SAP has been asked to contribute manpower, while the CJP will fund all the running costs."

Farm strikes at issue in negotiations

PRETORIA — The SA Agricultural Union (SAAU) and Cosatu are still locked in negotiations on the application of labour laws to the country's more than 1-million agricultural workers.

Although the two sides had edged closer, the major issue of curbing farm strikes remained, an SAAU spokesman said.

Also still to be agreed on is the possible application of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act to the industry.

SAAU representatives, the National Manpower Commission and Cosatu will meet again shortly.

According to agriculture sources, nearly the whole industry is opposed to the application of inflexible labour laws.

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National Maize Producers' Organisation GM Giel van Zyl said there was relative peace on farms throughout the country with good relations between employers and employees.

"What the application of the Labour Relations Act to farm workers really means is a foot in the door for trade unions," Van Zyl said.

He said this would include a third party in a normally stable labour situation with likely disruptive consequences.

Any move to include farm workers in labour legislation would have to take account of the unique conditions in the farming industry, he said.

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Council employees protest over five killings

By Zingisa Mkhumba



About 50 angry Dobsonville Town Council employees took to the streets yesterday morning to protest against the "cold-blooded" killing of five men by gunmen yesterday.

They were later joined by scores of residents. The protesters demanded the resignation of councillors and the removal of Dobsonville hostel inmates.

A reign of terror started when unidentified gunmen, said to be travelling in a minibus, shot dead two nightwatchmen at a shopping complex before killing another man, said to have been on his way to work.

The other two victims were shot and killed next to Dobsonville hostel. Residents say they believe the attacks were to avenge the killing of a hostel inmate whose body was set alight by youths on Monday.

A man, who refused to give his name, accused the council of harbouring Inkatha supporters who have continued to stay in the hostel although they had stopped paying rent and service charges a long time ago.

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Conrad Berge reflects on the rejection of a solution to transport problems

Council autocrats in driving seat

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AMID the sustained histrionics and hot air that was the May meeting of the Johannesburg City Council, one suggestion shone with sincerity and wisdom

It came from that doughty ex-chairman of the management committee, removed from the city council by a rebellious caucus and returned by angry voters to sit on the cross benches — Sam Moss.

He suggested that a forum be created among central Witwatersrand municipalities to promote co-operation and to co-ordinate the resources of public transport operators.

His suggestion was rejected with scorn by the Democratic Party/National Party hegemony

They want something different — a public transport "Authority". Previously unused legislation will ensure that it is non-elected and all-powerful.

It will be able to take over existing municipal bus services without compensation, operate and control public transport, charge levies on both public and



Voice of reason . . . Independent city councillor Sam Moss

private parking bays and on classes of vehicles and exclude areas of the city. It will also decide on subsidies

It comes as no surprise that this new authority is being punted by the same clique of autocrats that intend to impose a "light rail" system on the region

The new authority, which they clearly expect to control, will be able to protect the light rail system from competition and to fund

it with money coerced from the community

Alderman Moss correctly identified the potential of this assault on democracy to sow havoc in the region. It directly threatens the minibus taxi industry which is likely to react violently

It also lays public transport wide open to manipulation by vested interests

There is no case for the creation of draconian authority where properly organised co-operation has not yet been tried.

It is gut-wrenching to see yesterday's champions of freedom dabbling with a potential instrument of oppression

They should remember the poignant closing lines of Orwell's Animal Farm

"The creatures outside looked from pig to man, and from man to pig, and from pig to man again, but already it was impossible to say which was which" □



Save the city

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THE rescue of central Johannesburg came on the agenda again this week with the announcement of a joint initiative between business, the city council and the civics. The scheme hopes to raise about R10-million in loans and debentures for the upgrading of the city centre and the provision of low-interest loans for inner-city residents.

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AFRICA BRIEFS

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Protest over Nigeria arrests
■ AMNISTY INTERNATIONAL has protested to the Nigerian government over the arrest of Dr Bako Ransome Kuti, chairman of the new pro-democracy coalition, Campaign for Democracy. (226)

Kuti, who was arrested in a pre-dawn raid by 200 riot police, is being held incommunicado. Two others, Femi Falana, and Baba Omojola, also linked to a campaign calling for the resignation of the military government, were arrested.

Islamic leader attacked
■ ONE of the Middle East's most prominent Islamic fundamentalist leaders, Sudan's Hassan Tourabi, is in an Ottawa hospital with severe injuries following an attack on him by a Sudanese exile.

Tourabi, regarded as the strong man behind the military regime of General Omar Bashir, is known for his ties with the Islamic underground movements in the Gulf and north Africa. W/mant 5/6-11/6/92

Regarded as the Islamic movement's "Lenin", his Western tour has been marked by rowdy protests by Sudanese political refugees.

Peace troops die
■ THREE Senegalese peacekeeping troops have been killed by Liberian rebels in a 10-hour gun battle in the far west of Liberia.

Other Senegalese were taken hostage in the first serious incident since the peace force was deployed in April. W/mant 5/6-11/6/92.

Food aid looted
■ GUNMEN at the airport in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, have looted six tons of food as well as drugs flown in to save starving children, according to relief workers. W/mant 5/6-11/6/92

Kaunda steps down
■ AFTER being jeered and hooded down at a rally where he was due to speak, former Zambian president Kenneth Kaunda announced that he is to retire from politics in August at the general congress of his United National Independence Party (Unip). W/mant 5/6-11/6/92

Last weekend Kaunda attempted to speak at a rally in the Copperbelt town of Chilamombwe but he was overwhelmed by angry shouting from the crowd and police escorted him from the stadium. Kaunda has become widely unpopular because Zambians blame him for corruption and the country's economic decline. Recently a reform group within Unip left the party charging that Kaunda was clinging to power and frustrated any attempts at change.

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\$500-million for drought
■ DONOR nations have pledged \$500-million to alleviate problems caused by southern Africa's severe drought, it was announced in Geneva, Switzerland, on Tuesday.

The funds were raised for the 10 countries of the Southern Africa Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC): Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. (226)

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It is estimated that 18-million people in those countries are severely affected by the drought. South Africa was not included in the appeal, but South African officials attended the conference. (226)

The United States, the European Community, the Nordic countries and Japan were the largest donors. About \$250-million of the total was for emergency food aid, \$139-million was for medicines and other non-food aid and \$137-million was in cash to be used where it was most urgently needed.

Malawian leader still detained
■ MALAWIAN authorities failed for the second time to produce detained democracy campaigner Chakufwa Chihana in court on Tuesday, prompting his lawyer, Bazuka Mhango, to accuse the Banda government of trampling human rights. (226)

More than 500 people gathered outside the High Court as Mhango pressed authorities to produce Chihana and make public whatever charges they may have against him. Chihana was detained in April when he attempted to make a speech in favour of multi-party democracy in Malawi, which has been a one-party state for nearly 30 years. W/mant 5/6-11/6/92

The detention of Chihana, a regional trade union leader, sparked unprecedented anti-Banda government riots in Lilongwe and Blantyre. — Compiled by foreign staff with Kathy Evans, Mark Huband in Abidjan and Andrew Meldrum in Harare.

ON Monday, participants in Johannesburg's attempt at a non-racial mega-metropolis, the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, will try to get the chamber on the move again.

It screamed to a halt in April, after the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) walked out of a sub-committee dealing with tariffs and services. Complaining that services had not improved and demanding that Johannesburg take over their provision, the SCA called for a resumption of the rent boycott.

In response, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the three Greater Soweto town councils — Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville — demanded that all chamber activities be suspended, and, because the chamber operates on consensus, everything stopped.

"The SCA remains committed to the chamber and to negotiations," says its general secretary, Molwane Patrick Lephunga, who accuses the TPA of having taken advantage of the SCA's frustration to try to close down the chamber.

"It is not in our interests to pull out of the chamber," he says, "and we will struggle to revive it."

When negotiations halted, the parties had been talking about negotiating a single budget for the entire region. But the temptation to revert to 1980s-style oppositional behaviour — backing up demands by calling for boycotts — was perhaps too great for the SCA to resist.

The situation highlights the extremely difficult task civics are carrying for themselves to be, at the same time, inside and outside local government, to be part of the process — whether it's one-city initiatives or housing development — but simultaneously to act as watchdogs.

Formed in the 1980s as low-income residents' organisations, they have since

What role will the 'organs of people's power' play?

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How far should civics cast their nets in a South Africa that's changing around them?

BARBARA LUDMAN

talks to some of the main players shaping their future

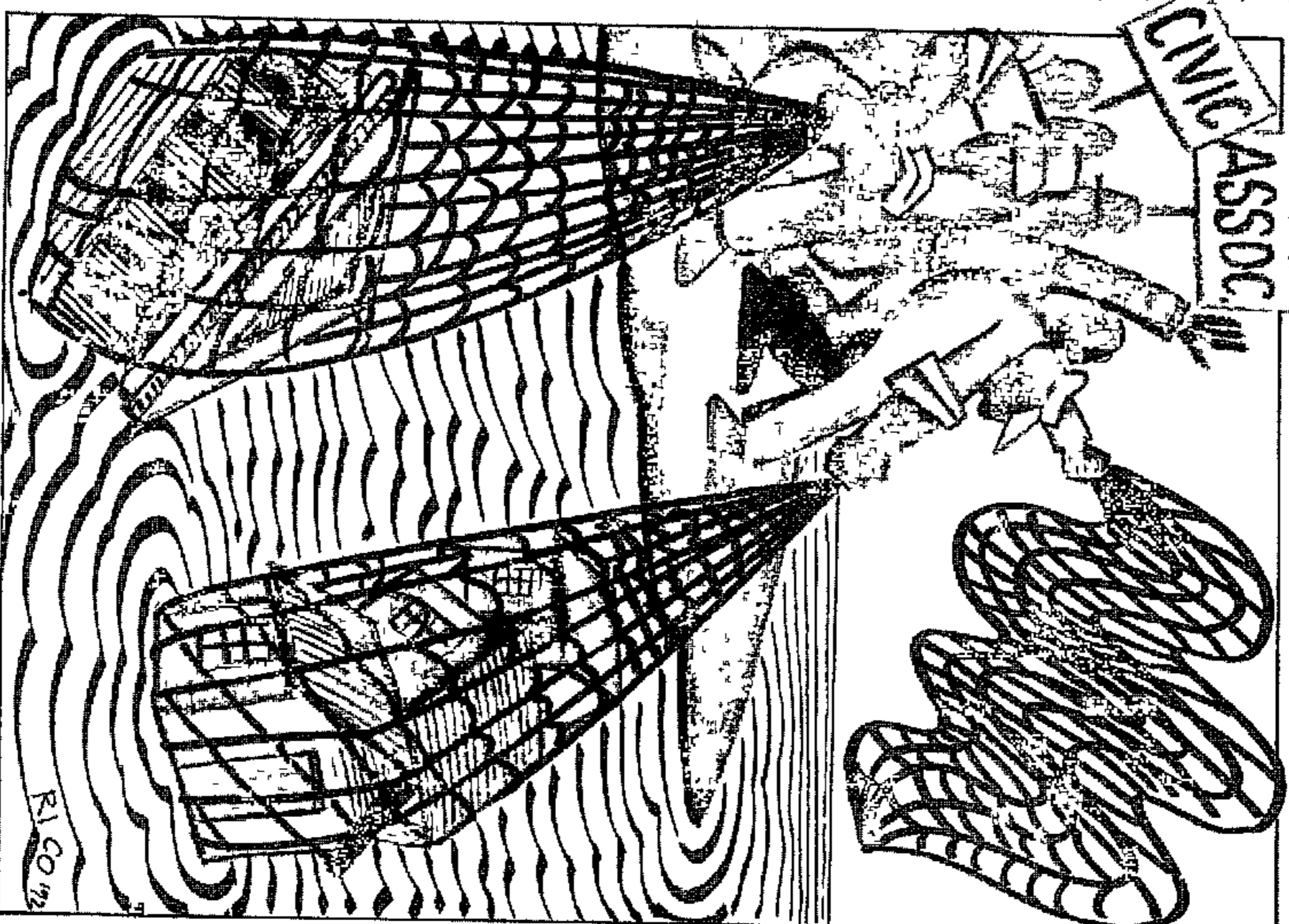
church, youth and women's groups would be part of these assemblies.

"It must be understood that there will be different competing interests between housing, health, education, social welfare, so in order to be able to prioritise projects you need the involvement of the community — and that, in my view, can best be done through these local people's assemblies where the community can participate," explains Botha.

"Before the local authorities make final decisions, they would have to present their draft proposals to the local assembly. Organisations within the assembly could present their alternative programmes, and the two could be harmonised through discussion and debate."

The concept is not that different from the path the chamber and the newly formed Johannesburg Forum are trying to tread, but ANC policy guidelines drafted last month take it further. People's assemblies will be one of many "advisory and consultative mechanisms" to be created so that "institutions within civil society, such as residents' organisations (can) influence the processes of government".

It is that consultations be



in the country, Actstop, which used the and supporters, he says, the civic would courts to stop the evasion of black tax.

concerned with fundamental transformation of society. "Organs of people's power are primarily about fundamental and revolutionary transformation of society. They are directly concerned with the wielding of state power."

Like social movements, they "form the direct link between the state and the people in a national democracy. In fact, organs of people's power are the form under which the people should exercise state power. This is the essence of participatory democracy."

Development agencies see things differently. For the Development Bank of South Africa, "ideally, civics will operate in a pluralistic institutional environment, where various organisations and structures attend to and represent the interests of people who are affected by development." Indeed, the DBSA finds it crucial to "support the development of a vibrant non-governmental sector — which seems likely to include civics — that will be able to play a central role in development in the long term."

Prominent consultancies share this view. "Basically, as things stand at the moment, civic associations have a particular character rising out of their history," says one consultant. "Now civics have entered into the process of negotiating with state institutions for the future."

"Once a legitimate local government is in place, the civic will no longer need to claim to represent everybody. Instead of two functions, it will have one to represent the interests, demands and policies of its constituency."

"Civics are concerned with urban development issues, and in the future will continue to be. If you want to enter into the negotiation of development policy now or in the future, I'd say civics are the best way to go."

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denis organisations, civic associations were vital in the struggle against apartheid. Now that, in theory at least, that task is over, what role is left for them?

Not long ago, civic leaders believed they would become a post-apartheid local government. But most have faced the fact that once the franchise is universal, local government will be elected — and the civics must find a new role.

Will they be only one of many interest groups, like the church, the media, trade unions and other residents' organisations, in an active civil society? Or should they manoeuvre themselves into a position where they can provide the sole channel to the top for other interests which lack their well-developed muscle?

"I favour what I call local people's assemblies, where organs of civil society will sit together with political organisations and local government to debate issues," says Thozamile Botha, who holds the African National Congress' local government portfolio. "Their function would be to advise government rather than to elect officials." Civics as well as taxi associations,

made mandatory for budget or planning decisions and that local government might delegate certain powers to participating organisations — "for example, a tenants' association might be given the right to administer a particular council housing scheme".

Centre for Policy Studies director Steven Friedman has serious problems with this scenario. "Organisations which demand power over decisions of elected government must say whom they represent," he says. "If you transfer power from elected to unelected officials, you're excluding more people than you're including."

"The SCA represents between 20 and 30 percent of the Soweto population, which is impressive, given the circumstances. But that means at least 70 percent of the population is not represented." (The SCA told *The Weekly Mail* its membership "cannot be quantified".)

Propagating the idea that civics alone constitute civil society, he says, creates the danger of a new form of totalitarianism. Cas Coovadia is general secretary of the best-known tenants' organisation

ants in "white" areas in the 1980s. He is also general secretary of the Civic Associations of Johannesburg (Caj), part of the Johannesburg Forum, bringing together the city council and civics in a sort of mini-chamber. He's able to engage or oppose with ease, according to circumstances. At the moment, it's engagement.

Coovadia sees civics in a post-apartheid South Africa as filling two roles.

First, they should be "independent, non-party political, mass-based structures" able to intercede in local government on behalf of constituents. "There are going to be rumblings around non-political issues — day-to-day problems like housing and education. We in Caj believe that a non-party political civic organisation can be a good buffer between the local government and the residents" — bringing individual residents' problems before the local government and resolving them together.

At the same time, he views civics as pressure groups — "to ensure that local government is accountable". Elected politicians are responsible to their party

candidates were not elected.

The SCA's Lephunya agrees that civics "have to transcend the borders of political ideology" and sees them, long into the future, simultaneously "engaging in mass struggles to precipitate the eradication of apartheid and its legacy" and "becoming involved in development issues".

For University of Natal academic and South African Communist Party theorist Blade Nzimande, the role civics played during the 1980s is still valid. One cannot, he says, separate civic issues from political issues — at least not yet. And civics should be careful when engaged in local negotiations not to be drawn into co-responsibility for apartheid problems.

"My concern is that people tend to say civics will act as watchdogs on the state, but I believe they are more than that. The better approach is the original conceptualisation of a civic organs of people's power."

In an article in the latest *African Communist*, Nzimande spells out the difference social movements bring together a number of social forces around a particular issue, they are not

was chairman of the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Frederik van Zyl Siabbert works closely with the civics which form part of the chamber's two dozen members and observers. Caj and the 10 civics it represents, the SCA and others.

He outlines two major strands to the debate: "One is that civics should help with the establishment of a genuinely plural and autonomous civil society. that you can have a plurality of voluntary associations on a community level which tolerate each other's existence and help in establishing a healthy community life. The other is that the civic becomes an extension of a national political movement in which it tries to synchronise its community activities with a national political programme."

"My preference is for an autonomous, vigorous civil society because that will be absolutely essential to underpin a future democratic constitution. We have just come through a prolonged era of authoritarian control over community life and I would be very despondent if we're simply going to substitute one form of authoritarian political control for another."

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Col Tienie Halgryn of the Soweto Police said police would also investigate why police would not take a statement from the parents of the abducted girl when they went to report her abduction at the Dobsonville police station.

"We find it disturbing that police failed to take a statement of this serious nature and we will try to find out why," Halgryn said.

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Zandile's father, Nkosinathi Jan was earlier in the day shot to death helped a neighbour put up a fence. It was alleged the police were travelling in a Toyota minivan and the group in a Toyota minivan

'No!!!' to hostel renovation

By **MONWABISI NOMADLOLO** *C/Pren* 7/6/92

IN spite of outraged cries of "No!" from residents, the notorious single men's hostel in KwaThema will soon be renovated

Residents claim that during pitched battles last year Xhosa-speaking migrant workers were driven out of the hostel by heavily armed IFP impis.

They also say that 10 residents were killed by hostel inmates in a revenge attack last year after an Inkatha man was beaten by angry residents while he was trying to rape a woman near the hostel. A detailed report of the incident was published in City Press.

KwaThema City Council town clerk Stephen Muller told City Press that the agreement to renovate the hostel and turn other sections of it into

family units was reached last year between the council and the now ousted Civic Association, but the agreement "still stands".

The TPA was providing the money for the upgrading, Muller said

He added that the present inmates could continue to live in the hostel when the renovations were finished.

At an emotional meeting called by the interim committee last Sunday at the local stadium, residents vowed that they would not allow the renovations to go on.

They jeered and heckled speakers, and demanded to be consulted.

A spokesman for the committee, Bangilizwe Solo, said the decision entered into by the ousted civic was not binding, and as it had not been mandated by the committee

"we cannot rubber-stamp it".

He said the community did not want hostels. "Township people have been attacked by hostel-dwellers, and there is no certainty that that attacks will not be continued."

City Press visited the hostel this week, and found it had deteriorated to unacceptable levels. Families are staying there although this is illegal. Businesses nearby have complained of many break-ins, and put the blame on hostel-dwellers. Residents have similar complaints.

■ The Minister of Local Government and National Housing, Leon Wessels, announced during his Budget vote on May 14 that almost R295-million was to be spent on converting and upgrading hostels.

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Council workers in hostel protest

By MOSES MAMAILA

DOBSONVILLE Town Council employees, caught in the crossfire between fighting hostel dwellers and residents, have resolved to picket daily for an hour until the hostel inmates have been removed from the area.

Andrew Mokoane, a spokesman for the 400 workers — all members of the South African Municipal Workers Union — said the hostel dwellers should be evicted because they were the "source of all the trouble".

"These people have long stopped paying their rent. There should be no problem evicting them," he said.

The workers were accused by the hostel dwellers of being "township residents", while residents accused them of supporting the hostels.

About two months ago, two of the workers were attacked by residents who mistook their overalls for being Inkatha symbols. One of the workers was stoned and burnt to death and another was hospitalised.

Workers said a white council official had been seen driving hostel dwellers around the township which fuelled suspicions.

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Mixed reception for Taiwanese 'town'

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By McKeed Kotlolo
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The establishment of a R250 million "town" for Taiwanese immigrants in the Transvaal town of Bronkhorstspuit has been met with mixed feelings by black and white residents.

The majority of the white community was not against the establishment of a village but expressed its bitterness at the planned erection of an R80 million Buddhist temple

They said it was against their Christian belief because "Buddha is an idol".

Last month members of the Christian community demonstrated at the spot earmarked

for the temple. On May 8 scores of residents bearing crosses sang at the site, protesting that Buddhism was "satanic"

The president of the civic association of Zithobeni, the township outside Bronkhorstspuit, Shakes Maisela, said he could not understand how the town council had resolved to give such a huge piece of land to outsiders, "when it threatened to evict our own people who squatted on a small piece of land in the township"

Regarding the creation of jobs Mr Maisela said "History has taught us so-called foreign investors come here only to exploit our people — paying them meagre wages"

A representative of the local Indian community, businessman Mahomed Rahem said the Tai-

wanese were definitely welcome but should not be given any privileges local residents were denied

The Indian community had been in the area for more than 60 years but there was not a single Indian school, he said

Expressing his personal view, Bronkhorstspuit CP member Hennie du Toit said he did not believe the Taiwanese would create enough jobs for both blacks and whites because in most cases they employed their own people

"In the long term I can only foresee problems with such a big Chinese community among our small Afrikaner community," he warned

Attempts to interview Bronkhorstspuit town clerk Dr H B Senekal, were unsuccessful

Chamber back, and full of ideas

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, which is the key to creating a nonracial interim government for the region, is back in business after a breakdown lasting two months

The decision to reactivate the chamber — a body comprising representatives of the province, several city and township councils and several civic associations — was taken at a meeting in Johannesburg last night

Central to this move was a working document, which sets out as a basis for further negotiations that

- The provision of municipal services for Greater Soweto must be depoliticised by transferring legal responsibility away from the Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville councils and placing such responsibility in the hands of an "administrator body" comprising of paid officials of the three Soweto councils and the Johannesburg and Roodepoort councils

- The administrations of the Johannesburg and Roodepoort will become directly involved in the delivery of hard services to Greater Soweto. Their participation will be secured by agency contracts concluded with the new administrator body. The township administrations will play a supplementary role in supplying services

- A broad body will be created to oversee this process. It will comprise the Soweto Civic Association, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the five councils involved in the administrator body

There is not yet absolute consensus on the document and a special committee was set up last night to pursue negotiations

But parties left the Johannesburg City Council chamber optimistic that this process may finally resolve the six-year-old Soweto crisis

TPA offers R5,4m for squatters' land

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THE TPA will pay more than R5,4m to expropriate the land in Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht on which the Zevenfontein squatters will be resettled.

However, a TPA spokesman said yesterday that if affected landowners were not satisfied with the TPA offer, they could turn to the Supreme Court. *Blauw*

The TPA would supply services such as water, toilets and refuse removal to the new development, he said. 10/6/92

The TPA would also embark on discussions with Eskom about supplying electricity to the area and would "give attention" to rendering primary health services.

The spokesman said two independent valuers from the private sector had been appointed to value the properties involved — both arriving at a value within a 10% margin allowed by the TPA.

At Nietgedacht four landowners were involved at an expropriation cost of R3,4m, and at Diepsloot West two landowners at a total cost of R2,029m.

Four landowners had already received their expropriation offers while the TPA planned to serve the other two yesterday.

Labourers on the expropriated land could possibly be accommodated in either of the two areas, he said.

Planning of the two settlement areas would be done in collaboration with the Zevenfontein community as soon as expropriations were finalised. Resettlement of the squatters would commence thereafter.

'Business commitment to inner cities needed'

INVOLVEMENT in the revival of SA's inner cities was the responsibility of stakeholders, Propnet CE Fuzz Loubser told the Sapo jubilee conference at Sun City yesterday

"We have seen a decline in real property values in these areas, which has been worsened by the flight of capital to decentralised nodes," Loubser said

Three major factors would contribute to a renewal of confidence in SA's CBD areas. These were the commitment of business, the community and city governments to inner city revival, the courage to step away from the structures

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of the past, and venture capital to give impetus to revitalisation

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said Johannesburg needed to attract local and foreign investment in property development

Provision also had to be made for the informal sector and the upgrading of the city's residential component to bring stability to the residents and the properties themselves

Clive Lewis of UK-based Chartered Surveyors &

Clive Lewis said in spite of SA having been out of the mainstream of property development, it still met international requirements

In the next decade SA should be considering the internal environment of office buildings, the effect of that environment on the external environment, energy conservation, security, and the external appearance of buildings

Low energy systems that eradicated the sick building syndrome as far as possible needed to be considered where natural ventilation was used, he said

Russell Marriott & Boyd

director Nick Harris said the overall vacancy in office space in Johannesburg was 9,7% (266)

The overall Sandton market, however, had a vacancy level of 17,8%. This was predominantly because of vacancies in the decentralised areas

Old Mutual Property's investment manager Ian Watt said as far as the industrial market was concerned, vacancies were lower, but rental levels were still failing to show real growth

The industrial market would lead the move out of the recession, but this would not take place this year, Watt said. The market was seeing a changing focus from ownership to the renting of properties

Municipal marches

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MUNICIPAL workers are more often seen cleaning the streets than marching through them, but this week thousands of city council workers marched through major cities around the country, leaving a host of aggravated motorists and gawking pedestrians in their wake.

Wearing their customary orange uniforms, the marchers in Johannesburg carried a host of home-made weapons and placards calling for "an end to restructuring" and "electricity, water and services for all".

The workers are pushing for a minimum wage of R98 a week and an end to the restructuring of local authorities. Ironically, the merging of apartheid local authorities is leading to the retrenchment of council workers. Workers are also calling for a moratorium on retrenchments.

The Johannesburg City Council has proposed zero increases. Last year, the council said it would be forced to reduce staff from 23 000 to 15 000. The JCC this week said Wednesday's marches were illegal and that workers who did not report for work would not be paid and would be subject to disciplinary measures



Mass march ... Johannesburg City Council members take to the streets

Photo GUY ADAMS

'Council to cut 7 000 jobs'

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council plans to cut its workforce by 7 000 posts within four months, the SA Municipal Workers' Association (Samwu) and Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA) said yesterday

In an unprecedented move, a motion of no-confidence in the Johannesburg management committee was passed

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at a mass meeting yesterday attended by more than 1 000 white-collar JMEA members

Angry municipal employees, mainly middle management, clerks, traffic officers and health officials, unanimously rejected an alleged city council plan for no pay increase, a mass retrenchment programme and a downscaling of employment benefits

JMEA general secretary Theo Crouse said it was the first time "in living memory" that employees had passed such a motion

Mr Crouse said the JMEA would not recommend strike action at any time. "We are still negotiating with the council," he said.

When approached for comment, city council human resources executive director Dirk Lamprecht categorically denied the council intended retrenching 7 000 workers. He said it would be bad faith to comment further as negotiations were at a sensitive stage

Mr Ronnie said unions would meet the council on Monday for a fourth round of negotiations.

In a joint series of demands, the 12 municipal unions want salary increases of between 16,7 and 34 percent for the various grades of seniority, a 40-hour week without loss of pay, 30 days' paid leave a year, child care facilities, equal opportunities to be ensured, a halt in the subcontracting of services, and March 21 (Sharpeville Day) and June 16 (Soweto Day) as paid public holidays

On Wednesday more than 25 000 municipal workers protested in major cities against the "unilateral restructuring" of local authorities

Owners face 80 pc fall in land value

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MANY people who own property near two sites north of Johannesburg, earmarked for Zevenfontein squatters, may lose up to 80 percent of the value of their investments if the squatters move in.

This is according to estate agents handling properties surrounding Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht. Landowners — many of whom have sunk their life savings into their properties — are now seeking legal action to get the Transvaal Provincial Administration to reverse its decision.

The TPA has hinted that it may consider rezoning land in the area for industrial purposes. If that happens, the drop in value on some properties might be halted.

The TPA announced last week that more than 1 300 squatter families at Zevenfontein would be moved to two sites of about 100 ha each — in Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht — north-west of Johannesburg and south of the R28 Krugersdrop freeway.

'Property will be unsaleable'

"The land will become unsaleable... you can regard it now as dead land," said estate agent David Howard, who has worked in the area for more than 30 years. He predicted that property values of homes close to the squatter sites would drop by up to 80 percent and those in the surrounding areas by as much as 50 percent.

Howard said up to 1 000 property owners in the areas, including Chartwell, North Riding and Farmall, would be affected by the squatters' presence.

Township Realtors managing director Dr A Levin said the only way for owners to gain any value for their properties would be for the land to be rezoned as an industrial area.

Township Realtors, representing four clients who own 300 ha in the area, has already applied on their behalf for the area to be rezoned, he said.

This week the TPA indicated it would be sympathetic towards applications for the rezoning of adjacent land in Diepsloot West as industrial land.

Union threat of more strikes

THE National Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) has threatened to escalate the current strike at several Rand hospitals into a nationwide showdown with provincial authorities.

The strike, which began at Baragwanath Hospital, has spread to nine other Rand hospitals and has been affected by violence. Two Natalspruit Hospital workers — both strikers — were shot dead and a Boksburg/Benoni Hospital employee was wounded while in the same house in Katlehong on Thursday last week. On Friday a Boksburg-Benoni Hospital nurse was assaulted and her vehicle damaged.

Nehawu general secretary Philip Dexter said yesterday the Transvaal Provincial Administration had failed to make a constructive effort to resolve the problems and issues at the heart of the dispute.

Transvaal MEC for health Fanie Ferreira was reported to have said Nehawu's wage demands were beyond the scope of the provincial administration and would have to be negotiated by the union and the Commission for Administration.

Dexter said the whole negotiation process between his union and the TPA had been a "sham".

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He said the TPA's response to Nehawu's demands had set the stage for a showdown between the union and the provincial administration. A nationwide strike was now on the cards.

Sapa reports that Dexter said the TPA reaffirmed on Saturday its acceptance of the 9,2% increase in wages offered by government. The increases were what government could afford and there was no possibility of any further increases.

The TPA urged Nehawu to take the matter up with the Commission for Administration. The TPA reportedly also said the union should take up two of its major concerns — the question of permanent status for general assistants and the issue of skeleton staffs — with the commission.

The TPA said it would continue instituting interdicts and disciplinary action against Nehawu and its members, Dexter said.

He said the visit of Health Minister Rina Venter to the Baragwanath Hospital on Saturday was "a cheap public relations exercise".

The union said its proposals, given to

the TPA on Friday, were:

- A minimum wage of R724, an across-the-board increase of 15,3% and permanent status for general assistants;
- Nehawu and the TPA should undertake to write, jointly, a letter to the commission stressing the importance of a meeting between the commission and Nehawu. This meeting should aim at an interim dispute mechanism, and the commission should resume wage negotiations with Nehawu, and
- The TPA should withdraw all interdicts and undertake not to institute disciplinary action against workers if they returned to work.

Nehawu undertook to persuade its members to stop all strike action and other means of protest action would have to be used.

Dexter said Nehawu would report back to its membership on the TPA's response. A further meeting with the TPA was scheduled for Wednesday.

The 10 hospitals affected by the strike are Natalspruit, Medunsa Dental Hospital, GaRankuwa and H F Verwoerd hospitals near Pretoria, Willem Cruywagen in Germiston, Baragwanath in Soweto, A G Visser in Heidelberg, Tembisa Hospital near Midrand, and Hillbrow and Johannesburg.

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main problem in regard to these portable and transportable toilets is not that the hole unfortunately constitutes a permanent fixture? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, the reply to that is yes, as far as the toilet is concerned, and no, not as far as the placing is concerned

Hwibi community use of farm Tweespalk

*8 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Regional and Land Affairs

- (1) Whether he has received a request on behalf of the Hwibi community for that community to make use of the farm Tweespalk, No 733LDR6, which was held in trust by the former South African Development Trust, if so,

- (2) whether he intends allowing the Hwibi community to make use of the farm, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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†The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

- (1) No

- (2) The farm Tweespalk is the property of the State which is, together with a number of other farms, being leased in terms of a written lease agreement to Gillemberg Farms. It is therefore under the present circumstances not possible to make the property available to the Hwibi community.

Cost of newspaper advertisements, Zevenfontein issue

*9 Mr P H DE LA REY asked the Minister of Local Government and National Housing †

- (1) (a) Which Department bears the cost of the newspaper advertisements by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on the Zevenfontein question, which appeared *inter alia* on 12 May 1992 in a certain newspaper, particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, (b) what has the total cost of these advertisements been to date and (c) what is the purpose of the advertisement in the above-mentioned newspaper,

- (2) whether the procedure followed in calculating such compensation is the same as that followed in corresponding cases outside the Defence Force structure, if not, (a) why not and (b) what procedure is followed in this regard?

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

- (1) Yes, provided the claim is accepted by the responsible Government Department
- (2) In so far as financial assistance is concerned two separate dispensations are applicable to National Servicemen depending on the circumstances

— National Servicemen who are already employed in the employ of the Public Service or another employer who is registered in terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act (Act 30 of 1941) fall under the jurisdiction of the Workmen's Compensation Act

— Other National Servicemen are covered by the Military Pensions Act (Act 84 of 1976)

- (a) The basis of compensation in the categories differ in that the Workmen's Compensation Act was enacted to compensate persons who are already employed in the open labour market for disabilities sustained during their military service. Calculation of the benefits payable is based on earnings, degree of disability and the type of work performed. In contrast the Military Pensions Act provides for persons who have not as yet entered the open labour market or whose employers have not been registered in terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act and who sustained injuries whilst rendering military service. In such cases compensation is based on educational qualifications and the degree of disability.
- (b) — The Workmen's Compensation Act compels the employer to report accidents within 30 days of the incident for a decision and registration. In the case of a

public servant who is rendering his national service the incident is reported to the member's department who will in turn submit the case to the Workmen's Compensation Commissioner for further processing

— With regard to the completion of the claim documentation of members who fall under the Military Pensions Act, the onus rests with the individual member but he is assisted by the SA Defence Force to submit his claim on the prescribed form to the Department of Finance

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C (3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Measures in respect of cargo ships

*11 Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Transport †

- (1) Whether his Department takes any measures to ensure that cargo ships sailing in South African territorial waters are not structurally so deteriorated that they may start leaking or even sink, if not, why not, if so, what measures,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

- (1) Yes, when cargo ships enter South African harbours and it is proved or suspected that international legislation is being transgressed, ship-surveyors of the Department undertake quality inspections
- (2) No. It is, however, customary to make a statement in specific circumstances when warranted

Referendum foreign heads of state approached by SA embassies

*12 Mr D P DU PLESSIS asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs †

Whether there are any South African embassies which in any way, after receiving the

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CLIVE Gilbert is about to create a stir on Civic Hill. The management committee, he says, should come off its pedestal and start taking the public into account.

"Rates increases will be decided next Thursday and I know, whatever the increase will be, it's going to be foisted on the public without prior consultation."

Mr Gilbert sees himself as part of a grassroots movement of councillors who want to drag the upper echelons of City Hall into the sunlight for closer examination.

"I have documents here about rates increases. They are marked 'private and confidential' — what's so private and confidential about a council decision that's going to affect all of us?"

Rates, according to Mr Gil-

Rates increases for Johannesburg residents will be announced on June 25. Orange Grove and Linksfield DP councillor Clive Gilbert has had enough of council secrecy. Now he wants the people to have their say.

bert, are the chief contributing factor to Johannesburg's inflation.

"In 1988 you were paying R3 476 a year in rates on a property evaluated at R100 000. Last year it was R4 010 and this year it is expected to be R4 613. It doesn't sound like a lot but what they don't tell you is that evaluations on properties last year jumped 100 percent, so that a R100 000 house is now evaluated at R200 000 — even though it may not be worth two-thirds of that."

The 55 percent rebate on houses, he says, does not change the fact that the city's rates are

going through the roof and are being spent on budget-guzzlers like the new Civic Theatre.

"Very little of the funds raised trickles down to the disenfranchised communities the council says the money goes to. The money goes to grandiose projects and first-class airline tickets for council officials."

"The public has no control over these decisions, basically because we are not informed of them. There has been no broad consensus on any of the recent decisions taken by the management committee."

He says he was heartened when the DP took control of the

council three years ago and thought it would lead to a more open approach, but the opposite has happened.

CP councillor Jacques Theron (Newlands and Albertville) agrees, saying the management committee has invested too much power in themselves, and that many decisions which are important to the people of Johannesburg are taken without consultation.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson dismisses the claims as "absolute rubbish".

He says the management committee has been given certain mandated powers, and that there is no question of secrecy. With the budget coming up, the committee has been meeting ratepayer organisations, business chambers and, for the first time, civic associations. □

Township officials get salaries if they don't quit defunct councils

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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Township councillors continue to receive their salaries if they do not resign when their councils collapse, Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Magda du Toit has confirmed

The proportion of Transvaal township councils which have ceased to function has risen to 58 percent of the total number of black local authorities, or 49

out of 85, according to Miss du Toit

Most had no longer been able to obtain a quorum, due to multiple resignations

Administrators had been appointed to fulfil the functions of 47 of these councils, she said, and would soon be in office in the remaining two

"We don't fire the councillors who haven't resigned," Miss du Toit said

"They stay because they were

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elected. They still receive their salaries, but their allowances are a bit lower"

Ike Moroe, the ANC's western Transvaal regional spokesman, condemned the practice

He said he had become aware of it during local-level talks on the future of the council in Reagile, near Koster, where some councillors had resigned

"We feel that what the TPA is doing is unfair"

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**Joint forum
on local govt**

Representatives from groups as different as the AWB and HNP, and PAC and SACP, have been invited to attend a meeting in Pretoria tomorrow to establish a joint discussion forum on local government for the Pretoria metropolitan area. Pretoria City Council said 14 political parties had been invited.

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'Misrule as usual' after TPA takeover

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Residents of Transvaal communities that were run by the corruption-riddled Department of Development Aid (DDA) are dismayed and angry to learn there will be no rapid improvement in development now that the province has taken over.

Not only is the Transvaal Provincial Administration depending largely on former DDA officials to administer these areas, but it intends to operate for the rest of this year within the DDA's budget.

"Because the budgets for planning and development have been transferred from the former DDA and the South African Development Trust, planning and development will continue to take place as has been planned by the former department," the TPA confirmed in a statement released to The Star.

The TPA will include these areas in its budgets only from 1993. It took over their administration in April when the DDA and the South African Development Trust were disbanded just weeks later, the Pickard

Commission report was released, disclosing details of widespread corruption in the DDA.

The TPA added that "most of the town offices and personnel of the DDA were transferred to the TPA".

Civic associations and non-governmental development organisations are shocked at the terms of the TPA takeover.

In the western Transvaal area of Hartbeesfontein, home to 29 000 people, the civic association is campaigning for the dismissal of the township manager and four other officials. Residents recently marched on the administration offices in support of this demand and were teargassed by police.

In the large urban settlement of Soshanguve, the Soshanguve Residents Association (Sorea) had rejected TPA administration as a solution and was still pressing to become part of Pretoria on a "one city, one tax base" basis, Sorea chairman Smangaliso Mkhathshwa said.

He added that residents were unhappy to see the old DDA officials in place because they had proved grossly inefficient.

Father Mkhathshwa laughed at the official population figure of 217 000. He said Soshanguve

had "exploded" and its huge shack settlement was desperately short of services.

"You have to look at the track record of the TPA. What reason is there to believe they will suddenly meet such needs?"

In the northern Transvaal district of Moutse, the drought had brought the neglect of development under the DDA into sharp focus, said Thembi Majola, a project engineer for the Rural Advice Centre.

Intervention was desperately needed, but residents had seen no change since the TPA took over.

"Life goes on as usual. There are villages where people don't even have water to drink," said Miss Majola. Desperate need drove villagers to pay for water provided by tanker, even though this was petty corruption.

She said that although the local-level officials were still in place, "right now I don't know who is next up in the hierarchy. It's an absolute mess."

The Star can confirm that confusion reigns in the TPA about the takeover. It took the TPA more than three weeks to answer queries on the process.

Municipal employees plan protest

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Mass protests against the Johannesburg City Council management committee by thousands of municipal employees, who face possible retrenchment and no increases, are expected next week — for the first time in the council's history.

A dispute has been declared by the unions after the fourth round of wage talks broke down on Monday. The issue will now go before the Industrial Council.

The annual Johannesburg budget, expected to top R3 billion this year, will be presented on June 25 — the same day the council's 12 unions, representing the 23 000-strong workforce, from labourers to directors, have chosen to demonstrate on the lawns of Civic Hill in Braamfontein.

In an unprecedented move last week, more than 1 000 white-collar employees approved a motion of no-confidence in the present management committee.

Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association (JMEA) general secretary Theo Crouse said the council had given the undertaking to unions on Monday that they would not embark on a mass retrenchment programme for

the next six months.

Mr Crouse and SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) bargaining officer Roger Ronnie told The Star last week that the council intended to scrap 7 000 posts to trim the workforce to 15 000.

The council has denied that the figure is so high.

In the latest JMEA newsletter to members, trade-unions say they "were astounded that for the first time in 106 years the council has managed itself into the position that it sees fit to retrench employees in order to balance its budget".

Mr Crouse said the unions, presenting a united front for the first time, had indicated that, despite declaring a dispute, negotiations would continue and there was no question of a strike.

"But at this stage we are poles apart," he said.

This is the first time in many years that the council wage talks have not been finalised before the annual budget.

The 12 unions want salary increases of between 16,7 and 34 percent to bring the minimum wage into line with that of workers in other cities.

In another development, Samwu yesterday urged the Government to immediately withdraw the Provincial and Local Authority Affairs Amendment Bill which, the union says, is being forced through Parliament this session.

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Fears of retrenchments to balance the books

City's R80-m

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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The Johannesburg City Council is expected to budget for a large deficit of close to R80 million in the new municipal financial year, in spite of further rates increases and little relief for the public, say councillors.

Councillors and union officials also charge that the council has boosted its top management structure from 190 to more than 300 directors, despite a year-long restructuring exercise to trim its bureaucracy. It has also increased their salary bill from R18,2 million to R32,3 million a year.

And this is after 29 senior officials were retrenched — at a further cost of at least R16 million in redundancy packages.

The council ended the 1990/91 financial year with a surplus of R39 million.

Fears are now being expressed by opposition councillors, workers and union officials that the management committee will try to "balance the books" with a large retrenchment programme.

This has been denied by Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson, who claimed yesterday he had been quoted "out of context" by unions which stated that the council intended abolishing 7 000 posts this year.

He said the council had suggested to the unions that if agreement could be reached on alternatives to retrenchment, the council would consider placing a six-month moratorium on staff reductions. Retrenchment would be a last resort.

Independent Killarney councillor Sam Moss said he was concerned that instead of cutting expenditure, the council would try to reduce the deficit by retrenchments.

Mr Davidson will table the record budget — expected to top R3 billion — next Thursday amid protests planned by unhappy municipal workers.

Mr Davidson said current union demands would add between R142 million and R240 million to the council's costs — "clearly a figure the council cannot justify to the ratepayers".

Orange Grove councillor Clive Gilbert said assessment rates would increase by more than 12 percent this year. It meant that rates had increased between 50 and 150 percent in the last year.

Johannesburg Municipal Employees Association general secretary Theo Crouse confirmed that the figures obtained by The Star were correct.

Mr Davidson explained in a statement that the council was trying to meet increasing needs for municipal services at a time when economic circumstances required the containment of costs and better use of human and other resources.

He said that if a "proper" comparison were done of the old and new structures, there would be "a reduction in the overall number of posts and total salary bill".

Mr Moss, who has verified the documents containing the figures, said the situation was the result of "pure mismanagement".

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Run of misdeeds hits Diepmeadow

FIVE senior Diepmeadow Council officials and a councillor have been suspended in the past three months as allegations of mismanagement against councillors continue to surface.

In another development, senior internal auditor Patrick Siwedi has been sacked for, he says, "exposing alleged financial and administrative mismanagement". He is contesting his dismissal.

Deputy mayor Mr ZK Thabane was suspended for 45 days without pay for speaking out against his fellow councillors.

Others who have been suspended are former town clerk Mr JP de Jager, legal advisor Mr Sello Monyatsi, director of housing Mr Jooste Mofhapo and council clerk Miss

Sibongile Mazibuko
BY VICTOR TSUAI

One of the allegations was that the council had tried to create a non-existent position of a "work-study officer" at an inflated rate of R5 000 a month.

The requisition of a R6 000 cheque by an official, E Maheppy, to defend a defamation action by council employees without the acting town clerk's knowledge, and the payment of a R10 000 cheque for an inquiry against a senior council employee and others, and

The acquisition of council houses under false pretences which are sold at inflated building society prices

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Workers, council at odds

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Representatives from the 12 Johannesburg municipal unions meet today to plan a co-ordinated action campaign, which could include industrial action, to try to get the city council to make workers a meaningful offer

Johannesburg Combined Municipal Employees' Union general secretary Hassen Lorgat said yesterday that planned protest action could include "disciplined" industrial action, marches and petitions

The combined union asked for salary increases of between 16 and 34 percent. The city council replied that there would be no increases and conditions of service would be scaled down. There was a reference to likely mass retrenchments.

In the continuing storm around the council's mass retrenchment programme and alleged over-expenditure, Mr Lorgat said employees and ratepayers were headed for a confrontation with the council.

He said unions had been in touch with some ratepayers' groups and intended to involve more associations to mount an active campaign to curb waste in the city.

"The council wants to discuss ways of how to save money, before they discuss the wage demands and this is unacceptable on principle.

"We know there is wastage, we can help the council curb wastage if they will let us."

Higher taxes

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IF black municipalities are combined with Vanderbijlpark, each white ratepayer will pay an additional R406 a month because "tax collection in black towns is traditionally ineffective", says the management committee chairman

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Gerrit Smith said, however, no rates and taxes increases were envisaged for the new year - *Sapa*

New Pretoria local govt discussed (266)

ORGANISATIONS – most of whom are represented at Codesa – this week met in Pretoria to discuss a forum for local government in the region.

Local government bodies, the NP, ANC, DP, Solidarity, Labour Party, SA Communist Party, National People's Party and the Transvaal Indian Congress were represented. (Press 21/6/92)

New Tvl grouping

A TOTAL of 64 Transvaal municipalities formed a new body - the Transvaal Local Government Association - in Verwoerdburg near Pretoria on Saturday (266)

This follows the recent resignation of scores of local authorities from the Transvaal Municipal Association because they felt it was reserved exclusively for a single race group *Sowetan 22/6/92.*

Transvaal Member of the Executive Committee responsible for local authorities Mr. Olaus van Zyl said the constitution of the new association was in step with the changes presently taking place in South Africa. *Sapa.*

New municipal body formed (266)

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Step towards nonracial municipal future

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Major Transvaal cities met in Verwoerdburg on Saturday to form a nonracial municipal association for the province. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS reports.

THE DEEP split in local government in the Transvaal became final when some local authorities broke away from the Conservative Party-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) to form a new body on Saturday.

The new municipal association is the Transvaal Local Authorities Government Association (Tralaga).

The major players behind the breakaway are the larger councils, mostly controlled by the National Party and Democratic Party, who resent paying financial maintenance to the TMA, which refuses membership to black councils.

The founder members which led the breakaway include the councils of Verwoerdburg, Pretoria, Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton, Nelspruit, Germiston,

Vereeniging, Roodepoort and Pietersburg.

In a surprise move, the Boksburg Town Council decided in principle to resign from the TMA and join Tralaga, after the NP managed to pass a motion with a majority of one council for

A draft constitution for Tralaga was approved at secret meetings in May, and will be accepted in principle tomorrow. A two-day inaugural congress of the new body will be held in November in Verwoerdburg.

Membership is open to organised local government in the Transvaal, and about 40 white city and town councils are expected to leave the TMA and form Tralaga with about 150 black local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees.

Announcing Johannesburg's decision to resign from the TMA, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said to his council last month that the policies of the TMA were in total conflict with those of the

council, especially regarding nonracial membership.

In the past few years, every annual TMA general meeting has been characterised by animosity between the major cities and the CP town councils which have controlled the TMA since the CP took over 69 councils after the October 1988 municipal elections.

The breakaway faction had threatened action for two years. It decided to make the break this month, before the new municipal financial year begins on

July 1 and TMA levies are due.

The TMA is not expected to survive the split for very long as the CP-controlled town councils do not have the funds to keep such a weighty organisation in the mainstream of municipal politics.

"A new dispensation may be one or two years away, and where will the TMA fit in?" asked one city councillor. The breakaway group contributed more than half of the TMA's income. Tralaga's draft constitution

promises to make representations on all matters of common interest affecting local government, and to promote the study of local government to the mutual benefit of all members.

Tralaga steering committee chairman Pieter Smith, who is also Verwoerdburg's management committee chairman, said the most important factor in the formation of Tralaga was that it was a nonracial and non-political local government organisation — "for the first time in local government history in

the Transvaal".

"Our aim is to be part of the transition process to a new system of local government. We could not bear it anymore to be part of an exclusively white association," Mr Smith said.

He expected Tralaga to be a formidable power-bloc which would be "a voice from the Transvaal to the Government". Its passport would be economic viability.

The split from the TMA could bring down the United Municipal Executive (UME) on which

all four provincial local government associations had a veto vote on the admission of new members. Mr Smith said

"The TMA will most certainly exercise its veto against us, and this could spell the end for the UME." Tralaga would then join the National Local Government Association which represents all councils and management committees, he said.

Civic Association of Johannesburg general-secretary Cas Coovadia described the formation of Tralaga as a "non-event".

He said he welcomed the fact that the councils involved had split from the TMA because of its racist policies, but "illegitimate" black local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees had been invited to join without proper consultation. □

Manure dumped in protest

By Bunt West and Carina le Grange

START 23/6/92

A pile of manure topped by a sign reading "Keep your s in Randburg" was dumped outside Randburg town council offices yesterday morning

Management committee chairman Brian Crail interpreted the act as an effort by "a group of extremists" trying to sabotage any meaningful consultation about future Nietgedacht residents.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for dumping the manure on the council's doorstep. Meanwhile, an organisation

acting for all Nietgedacht residents last night held a third meeting with lawyers to consider legal action against the authorities — provincial or governmental — arising from expropriation of land and the "gross injustice perpetrated on the community by Pretoria bureaucrats".

Mr Crail said he was shocked by "this appalling display of blatant racism".

Nietgedacht is one of the areas north of Johannesburg which have been earmarked for informal housing in an effort to control mushrooming "squatter" settlements in the area. Randburg council has

accepted the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to develop Nietgedacht for informal housing

Jukskei Crocodile Catchment Area Landowners and Residents' Association (JCCA) vice-chairman Wessel Swart last night refused to divulge details of legal action but said that in going to court the JCCA hoped to reverse the negative business influence the decision on expropriation had had on the area

JCCA press spokesman Neville Jones said his association disassociated itself from any illegal action including the dumping of manure.

Mr Crail had said earlier that urbanisation has to be planned for the benefit of all, but this type of protest from people who appear to be too afraid to identify themselves is totally unacceptable

● Nietgedacht residents, whose properties do not fall under Randburg municipality's jurisdiction at present, are up in arms because of the council's decision to house squatters outside the present civic boundaries

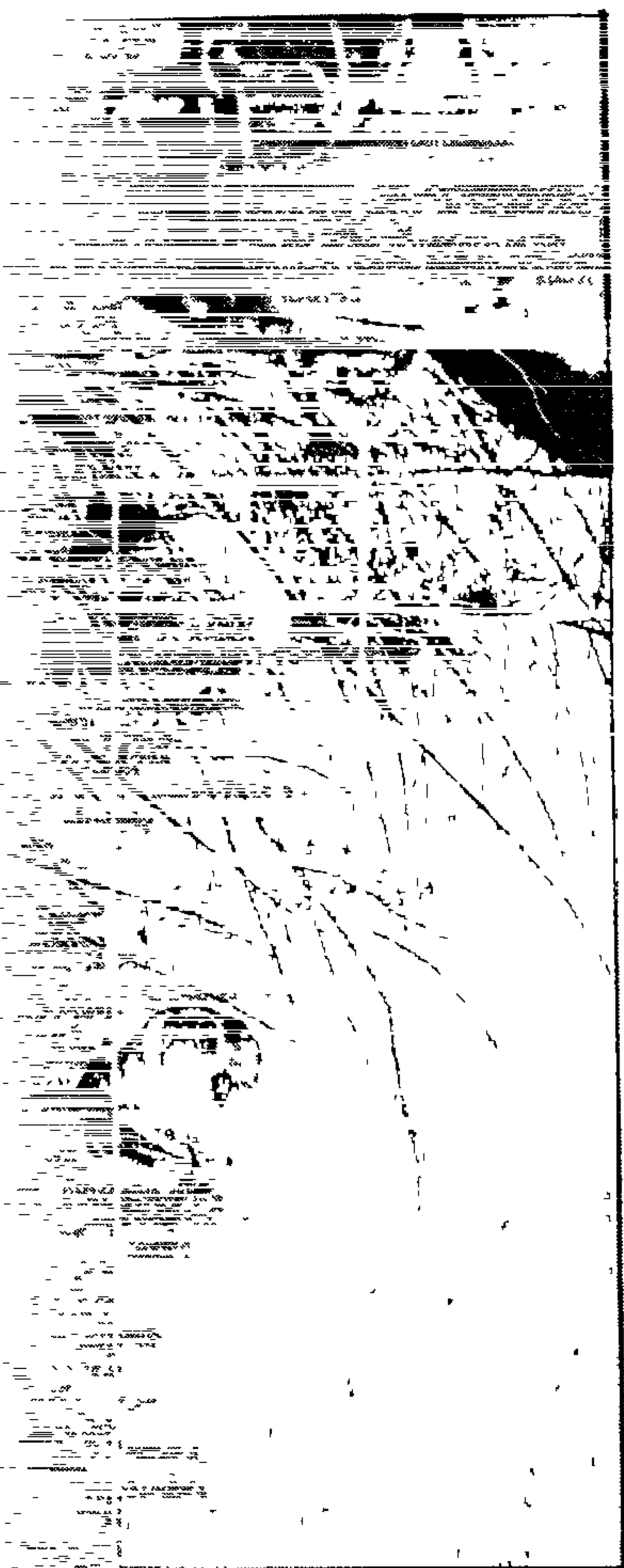
In a petition sent to the management committee, residents said Randburg had once again proved insensitive to the squatters' needs and mirrored

former apartheid laws in terms of which people had been dumped in areas where they did not want to stay

In reaction to the petition, the council said the site had been chosen by the TPA.

"Council believes that the best way to manage growth in the area is to extend its northern boundaries and an application to the Demarcation Board has been submitted. It is council's philosophy to bring an open consultative local government to bear in the area, a process which is working in the Bloubostrand area," Mr Crail said.

Man (80) mauled to death by bullterriers



Staff Reporters

An 80-year-old man was mauled to death by two bullterriers on a plot in Buccleuch, Sandton, on Saturday evening and a Walkerville man was gored to death by a cow at the weekend

A spokesman for the Midrand Detective Branch said he did not know who the dead man was or who the dogs belonged to.

He also did not know why the dogs attacked the man or what he was doing on the property.

Yesterday the house and overgrown property looked deserted. The only sign of life was a dog barking at the locked gate and the sound of

'Cut waste, use savings to pay workers'

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Municipal unions are lobbying with ratepayers and civics to co-ordinate action to cut waste in Johannesburg City Council and provide affordable community services

After budgeting for a deficit of R10 million in the 1991/92 municipal financial year, the city council will end the year on June 30 with a deficit of R29 million. This shows

an overexpenditure of some R19 million, increasing the deficit for the financial year 1992/93 to R80 million.

But Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union general-secretary Hasen Lorgat said the city council could afford salary increases just by cutting out waste.

A dispute has been declared and unions and council officials are to square up at the Industrial Council today.

STAR 23/6/92
Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson warned: "If unions refuse to exercise voluntary restraint, we may be forced into large-scale retrenchments

"I must appeal to the unions to face up to what the recession is doing to Johannesburg's economy."

Mr Lorgat said "The unions have indicated a willingness to move on opening demands of between 16 and 34 percent for salary increases."

Sandton may get task force to probe racial bias claims

ADRIAN HADLAND (266)

THE Sandton Town Council may set up a special task force to investigate allegations of racial bias in the appointment of council officials, management committee chairman Willem Hefer said last night.

The proposed task force would act on findings disclosed in a report last week. The report, undertaken by a council legal adviser, was compiled following allegations of racist employment practices by a black council employee in March.

Meanwhile, the council's constitutional investigation committee, which was considering Sandton, Alexandra and Randburg's place in a future local government structure, was disbanded this month.

A motion in council to establish a new committee, including representatives of the Sandton Federation of Ratepayers' Associations and the Sandton Chamber of Business, was defeated by 10 votes to seven.

Hefer said the creation of a new larger committee would "cut across and delay" the investigations being conducted by the town clerks of Sandton, Randburg and by the administrator of Alexandra. It was also heard in council last night that Midrand Town Council had expressed an interest in participating in a joint administration with Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra.

15 000 set to protest despite legal row

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Up to 15 000 municipal workers are expected to attend a mass meeting in the city today to discuss their wage dispute with the Johannesburg City Council — regardless of whether an application to the Rand Supreme Court goes against the unions

An urgent court application by the joint committee of 12 municipal unions to have a Johannesburg management committee decision banning workers from protesting at Braamfontein Civic Centre overturned was postponed yesterday afternoon after the city council indicated it would

oppose the motion.

The matter is set down for 10 am today in the Rand Supreme Court

An SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) spokesman said the City Hall had been booked in case the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the management committee

The Samwu spokesman said municipal employees would be disciplined and well behaved "It's not a strike, we object to the attitude of the council negotiators and we are going to tell our members"

If the unions are, however, forced to hold the meeting at the City Hall, chaos is expected as there will be no room inside for the thousands of workers expected to attend.

The management committee barred the meeting at the Braamfontein Civic Centre on the following grounds.

- That the meeting would disrupt council activities
- Such a meeting could be particularly disturbing on the day that the council meets to consider its budget
- Right of access to the Civic Centre would be denied to the public at large who used it as a thoroughfare

The city council is to meet today to consider the annual municipal budget, which is expected to top last year's record R2,6 billion. Harsh criticism is expected from opposition councillors and civic associations

Budget of R298-m 'sign of Sandton's huge growth'

STAR 25/6/92
By Anna Cox

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New man at helm for changing times

STAR 25/6/92

THE appointment of Len de Wet, the CWRSC's chief executive officer, as chairman, effective from July 1, was announced by retiring CWRSC chairman John Griffiths on Tuesday.

Mr Griffiths said Mr de Wet would retain his portfolio of CEO and would take over as chairman for a minimum period of six months to oversee the transition of the CWRSC into a metropolitan body.

All the local authorities on the RSC and members of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber have accepted that a new structure, comprising the chamber and the RSC, should be in place by the new year, depending on the progress of local negotiations.

The Metropolitan Chamber's constitutional committee is working out the guidelines, and members have, since November, been investigating the establishment of a common voters roll.

Mr de Wet, a former town clerk, took over as CWRSC chief executive in January 1990. His career in local government extends over a period of 35 years.

He holds a BA degree with Majors in psychology and sociology and a B Juris degree with Majors in Roman Dutch law and commercial law from Pretoria University.

In 1988 he attained his Masters degree in public administration (cum laude) at the University

A new chairman for the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) has been appointed, writes Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS.

of Durban-Westville and in 1972 was awarded the President's Prize for achievement in municipal administration.

He is a member of a number of local government and public administration bodies such as the Institute of Town Clerks and the SA Institute of Public Administration.

Mr Griffiths, who retired as Transvaal MEC for local government in 1986, and then acted as consultant to the Admin-



Formidable task ... for Len de Wet.

istrator, will continue with his consultancy business after retiring as CWRSC chairman.

In his farewell speech, Mr Griffiths called on all involved in the negotiations process at local government level to put all their efforts into forming new, acceptable structures for local authorities.

Addressing councillors briefly on Tuesday, Mr de Wet said his appointment was an honour and he realised that he had a formidable task ahead of him.

He was lauded by CWRSC councillors as a fair and capable man who deserved the appointment.

In his farewell speech, Mr Griffiths said Mr de Wet was a highly qualified and able chief executive on whose advice he could always rely and of whom the council could be proud.

Mr Griffiths stressed the importance of regional services councils in the transition process to new democratic structures in local government and said the CWRSC had, in the four years of its existence, been able to step in to improve the quality of life in the townships in its region.

Immediate problems facing Mr de Wet in his new position are the critical stage of the negotiations process and its effect on local government talks, as well as payments for electricity and services accounts. □

City budget aims to help business

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JOHANNESBURG City Council's R2bn budget, announced today, is expected to include incentives for businesses.

The average increase in tariffs for non-domestic consumers, including electricity and water rates, is likely to remain beneath inflation and possibly under the state Treasury's recommended 13% limit on local authority budget increases.

It is believed this is the first time any major municipality in SA has managed to keep tariff increases below the Treasury limit. Assessment rates in Pretoria increased 27,1% for the coming financial year, while Cape Town announced a 16,5% rise.

"We have been particularly conscious of the economic environment in which we live and, in compiling the budget, have sought to keep proposed expenditure levels down," management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

"We are very aware that we need to provide a cost-effective environment with adequate services and infrastructure to support the local economy and encourage foreign investment," he said.

Consultations were held with a

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number of bodies, including Sacob, the Afrikaanse Sakekamer and civic associations, during compilation of the budget.

Small businesses in particular would be likely to benefit from the 1992/93 budget, with a restructuring of tariffs and demand charges serving to ease previous budgetary discrimination against this sector.

There is considerable support in local government circles for a reassessment of the regional services council's payroll and turnover levies.

Davidson said the levies were defective and needed to be refined to resemble more closely local income and sales taxes.

Steepest increases businesses are likely to face, possibly up to 20%, include sewage and refuse tariffs. The refuse increase had been in response to requests from several organisations to clean up the CBD, while a major R3bn upgrading of the city's sewerage system had necessitated that tariff increase.

Businesses provide about 28% of the Johannesburg municipal region's assessment rates income.

Sandton to lift assessment rates 14,6%

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A 14,69% INCREASE in Sandton's assessment rates was included in a record budget of R298m announced by management committee chairman Willem Hefer in his budget speech last night

While there would be no rise in the water tariff, electricity would increase by 4,3%, sewage by 21,5% and refuse by 36,34%

"We have been cushioning our residents for too long on refuse tariffs and we can no longer afford to do that," Hefer said yesterday

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Hefer said Sandton's first budget in 1970 had been based on a rateable property value of R103m. This had increased, at an annual compounded growth rate of 11,35% since 1980, to more than R4,6bn

The 1992/93 Sandton budget includes operating expenditure of R210,5m, basic capital expenditure of R51,3m and ad hoc expenditure of R36,4m, he said

Nervous investors put local authorities' loan repayments

By TIM MARSLAND

LOCAL authorities face a tough time repaying the R5bn they owe in capital market loans as political uncertainty causes institutions to shy away from investment. Capital market dealers believe the possibility that cities such as Johannesburg would be forced to link up with neighbouring townships and take on their debts also puts their future ability to raise capital market loans in doubt.

In a series of closed door meetings, banks, institutions and pension funds which held the loans had stepped into the fray and had put proposals to government on how

the problem should be handled, sources said.

Finance Department Local Authorities' Loan Fund Board executive committee chairman Estian Calitz confirmed local authorities were having difficulty raising the capital market loans because of the effect political change could have on local government.

Most institutions apparently no longer regarded municipal stocks as lucrative investments. However, Calitz said the outlook for local authorities "was not that sombre". In fact, they could even be under-

borrowed. Most had in the past applied conservative funding policies and had not squandered their funds.

There appeared no risk as far as Johannesburg was concerned. The focus was on the smaller municipalities.

Calitz said that even though the loans were not guaranteed, investors took it for granted government would step in to bail out an authority which was not able to service or repay its loans.

A government source confirmed the

board had tried to get local authorities funding onto a sound base. Meetings had been held with the private sector to attempt to solve the "sensitive" issue.

A meeting between the board and the various institutions involved had been scheduled for July 7 in Pretoria at which proposals from the banks and pension funds would be evaluated. The board would then act, he said.

Calitz said "It is premature to speculate on what will happen to smaller authorities. They have an excellent repayment record so far".

Local authorities

around R75m Durban had a similar commitment.

The dealer said should an authority not be able to repay its loan, government would probably step in as the repercussions on the market "would be too terrible to contemplate".

Another dealer believed towns such as Secunda had a real problem as institutions were now only interested in "the big guys". Lack of liquidity in the market was also hampering the raising of loans.

It was difficult to say how the local authorities would repay the loans once they matured, but they would probably have to turn to the board.

Calitz said as far as the board's other loans were concerned, these were issued on a commercial footing. No soft loans had been given. The smaller authorities no longer went to the market as the board

took care of their needs on the market.

The JSE's valuation of gilt and semi-gilt stocks shows the board has two stocks in issue totalling R176m at coupon rates of 15% and 12%.

"The board is taking steps in the right direction", the source said, but added that foreign loans were not an option.

On loans issued to black local authorities no problems had been experienced with repayment of these loans over the past 18 months. Payments were usually handled by the relevant provincial administration, the source said.

Meanwhile dealers suggested a solution to the problem lay in the various local authorities together taking out one capital market stock. However, the cities apparently felt they could meet their own needs better by continuing to raise their own loans.

A senior dealer said Johannesburg, because of its size, was still able to raise capital, though at a premium. Investors still had faith that the city could repay its loans.

But, he warned, this perception could soon change. Johannesburg raised R346m on the capital market this year R245m at 16,75% and R101m at 16,95%.

The dealer said Johannesburg was paying about a 100-point premium to similar RSA stocks. JSE figures show Johannesburg's commitment to the market to be

In doubt

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No witnesses in massacre probe

WILSON ZWANE

NOT one Boipatong resident had come forward with information to assist police investigations in last week's massacre, a police spokesman said last night.

Lt-Col Dave Bruce said newspaper reports were being used to try to find witnesses.

"People quoted in the Press as having made certain allegations are potential witnesses and we would like these people to come forward and give us the information."

Meanwhile there were more incidents yesterday on the Golden Highway between Johannesburg and Vereeniging. Sapa reports that two meat trucks were set alight and looted. The road was closed on Tuesday after mobs set fire to 13 vehicles.

Police said a man was necklaced in Sebokeng yesterday afternoon.

At least four people were killed in Folweni, south of Durban, and one person murdered at Esikhawini, in northern Natal, on Monday and Tuesday, KwaZulu police said.

The Human Rights Commission recorded 106 deaths and 86 injuries in the week to Tuesday — the highest toll since the week preceding the March 17 referendum.

Churches offer to help settle row over squatters

AN ALLIANCE of churches representing a wide spectrum of denominations has offered its services as mediator in the conflict surrounding the relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters.

Church Alliance for Zevenfontein spokesman Ron Steele said in a statement that the organisation had canvassed the support of 14 churches in the Randburg/Sandton area — ranging from the Methodist Church to Rhema Ministries — "to ensure the peaceful settlement of the Zevenfontein community in the area." Other church groups are expected to join the alliance.

Steele said the alliance had been formed to counter the demonstrations by Diepsloot and Nietgedacht residents who were opposed to the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters in their areas.

In the event of the Zevenfontein community being relocated to Diepsloot and Nietgedacht, the alliance would "stand against all forms of aggression by anyone in the process of relocation."

The alliance also questioned "on biblical grounds" the fact that they

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were refused representation on the TPA task group. It also claimed the TPA had made its decision without sufficient consultation and that it had not considered all the alternatives.

Meanwhile, Lazonia Landowners' Association attorney Brian Moss said papers would be served on the TPA today seeking an urgent interdict against the relocation.

He said the association had appealed to the TPA not to proceed with the relocation before the application was heard next Tuesday.

If the TPA went ahead the association would make a new urgent application which would bring the case forward to this week, said Moss.

Association spokesman Urs Honegger said earlier the court action followed the TPA's failure to supply residents with adequate information to allay fears that the resettlement site would become a "slum city."

He said the TPA had been given until the close of business on Monday to supply details of the exact services it intended to provide in the area.

Honegger said the TPA had failed to do this.

Residents set to take on TPA

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MASSIVE legal action is in the pipeline in the north western Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal, as residents take on the Transvaal Provincial Administration to prevent ad hoc relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters in the region.

The TPA announced this month it would pay more than R5,4 million to expropriate two sites of about 100 ha each from six landowners in Diepsloot West and Nietgedacht, for the 1 300 squatter families who must move from their present site by July 31

First off the mark is the Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association led by Mr Stuart Aitcheson who said lawyers would apply for an interdict against the TPA today to block the move

Laezonia Landowners' Association chairman Mr David Ware indicated legal action was imminent and Mr "Pinky" Lakier, owner of the multimillion rand Lion Park, which adjoins the Nietgedacht area which the TPA has expropriated for the squatters, is also believed to be going to court

A spokesman for Lakier, who is overseas, said the prime site in the park, the entrance and toilets which has business rights, had been expropriated

"The TPA arrived on June 10 with an Afrikaans note and a cheque. He refused to accept the Afrikaans letter so they returned the next day," she said

She denied TPA claims that squatters already lived in the area, claiming a handful of Lion Park workers and their families had permission from Lakier to stay

Sowetan Correspondent

"These families have indicated they do not want to remain if the squatters are moved in," she added

Laezonia resident Mr Urs Honneger said TPA incompetence and total lack of planning had united the area from Hartbeespoort Dam to Diepsloot

More significantly, delays have allowed residents breathing space to plan significant opposition

The Expropriation Act 63 of 1975 is one of the residents' prime targets

Honneger said demands for the amendment of the law are being loudly voiced since it was discovered that the Act gave the Minister a free hand to expropriate any property for public purposes

The law states that compensation must be paid, but the amount is wide open to speculation

"In the light of the shock expressed not only by the international community, but State President FW de Klerk over recent Zimbabwean legislation permitting President Robert Mugabe to expropriate agricultural land, it is alarming to find even more wide-reaching laws have been in force in this country for so long," he said

Residents claim TPA action has caused the value of their properties to nose dive, major pollution problems are being introduced into the green belt and as has been indicated in Ivory Park, the TPA will be unable or unwilling to control the squatter development

City fathers look to Memphis for future direction

ONE day Pretoria wants to grow up to be just like Memphis, Tennessee

It's not that the city fathers are all dyed-in-the-wool Elvis Presley devotees or that they have a secret hankering for bourbon whiskey

It all has to do with painstaking planning and the future of SA's capital city

Pretoria's top officials and management committee recently devised a major strategic planning exercise to ensure the city was ready to meet the changes in store for it in the next few decades

One of their guiding principles has been to learn from the mistakes and experiences of others

Model

In Memphis they found a suitable model — not only are the similarities between the two cities striking, but Memphis also proves an outstanding model of what Pretoria could — and they believe — should become

Memphis has about 700 000 citizens and a metropolitan population of one million Pretoria has about 500 000 residents and a greater metropolitan population of about 900 000

Half the Memphis population is black, a large proportion of whom are "not affluent"

But the similarities do not end there One of Pretoria's deputy town clerks Charles Anderson says Memphis was "a typical bureaucracy very similar to



CHARLES ANDERSON

Pretoria's" until it embarked on a major organisational revamp in 1985

In the mid-1960s, Memphis underwent many of the social convulsions and racial frictions that Pretoria has had, down to boycotts of electricity payments In 1968 civil rights leader Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis

Memphis overcame its problems by negotiation and consensus-seeking, a course which Pretoria has already embarked upon with enthusiasm

Another major lesson Pretoria can learn from Memphis, Anderson believes, lies in Memphis's strategy of depoliticising its major departments, particularly those providing major services such as electricity, water and gas

He points out that in a changing and politically-charged SA, there exists a strong temptation to politicise what should be everyday services

Parliament recently enacted legislation enabling local authorities to create separate service corporations or utilities

In terms of the Memphis model, the corporations would be "placed at arm's length from the politicians", allowing officials to get on with the business of providing vital services without them becoming political footballs

It is a model Anderson and some of his colleagues strongly support as a medium-term goal.

In terms of this scenario, each corporation will have a board consisting of five or six directors who will exercise "light" control over the corporation's everyday running The board — and through it, the council — will continue to have an indirect control through various mechanisms, including the setting of policy guidelines

Restructuring

Along with creating separate service corporations over the medium term, the city is at present busy restructuring its departments to provide a flatter hierarchy and ensure better communication and cost-effectiveness

A longer-term view accepts the reality that the service corporations will probably undergo a major restructuring along regional lines

Anderson says regional co-operation has several benefits These include bulk buying and better co-ordination of services

Local leaders look into the crystal ball

THE Pretoria City Council is not going to wait to see what the future has in store for it *26/6/92*

On the contrary, the council has recently decided, in consultation with the private sector, how it wants the city of the future to look and has accepted 13 strategic adjustments

The council is busy with probably the most comprehensive management adjustment in its history

This could lead, inter alia, to rationalisation, better planning and better co-ordination of functions

The future plans originated from planning sessions of the Development and Liaison Advisory Committee, formed in May 1991

Top officials, councillors, businessmen, industrialists, developers and economists serve on the committee

The committee was given the task of advising the management committee on the development of a strategy and co-ordinating the actions of the municipality and private sector in optimally utilising resources to Pretoria's benefits

It has been decided that all council actions will be measured according to certain strategic adjustments which still have to be refined to a strategic plan

These adjustments are

- Service costs must be brought into line with the Pretoria community's cost of living;

- Pretoria must be established as the leading development metropolis;

- Leadership structures which are in line with the new dispensation in SA must be developed for the city;

- Pretoria's potential as a tourist destination must be exploited, and

- Sport and recreation must be stimulated to become a fully-fledged business sector.

Before identifying the required adjustments, the committee took into account Pretoria's strong and weak points.

Municipal employees win right to hold meeting

Court Reporter

STAN 26/6/92

Municipal employees yesterday won an urgent application brought against the Johannesburg town clerk and management committee to invalidate the city council's decision to bar the employees from holding a protest meeting

In terms of an agreement reached during an adjournment in the court proceedings, the Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees Union will hold a protest and report-back meeting next week, rather than yesterday as planned, at the Civic Piazza.

Mr Justice N MacArthur heard the matter in the Rand Supreme Court, made the agreement an order of court, and awarded costs of the application to the union.

The union had planned a

3.30 pm report-back and protest meeting yesterday on the wage negotiations between the union and the municipality.

A request by the union to the town clerk to hold the meeting in the piazza was forwarded to the management committee, which turned it down. The union then brought an urgent interdict against the town clerk and the management committee to have the decision declared invalid.

The judge granted the application and ruled that the union could hold the meeting at 3 pm on Tuesday subject to certain conditions, including that the meeting must end by 3 45 pm; union members are not to enter the council building, and the union marshals are to ensure proper and orderly conduct of the meeting. Other stipulations were included in the ruling

Jo'burg council's R2,8-bn budget called a disaster

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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A record R2,8 billion Johannesburg budget, described as "disastrous" by critics, was tabled by management committee chairman Ian Davidson yesterday.

An average increase of 12,5 percent in rates and services tariffs is proposed for residents and 13,7 percent for businesses.

The council will start the 1992/93 municipal financial year with a R72,1 million deficit, but the management committee hopes that, with a further "pruning" of council expenditure and "good housekeeping", the deficit would be reduced by about R30 million in the next year.

The proposed capital budget

for the coming year is R527,4 million, and the operating budget R2,2 billion.

The proposed increases, effective from July 1, are

- Assessment rates — up 12,5 percent (the rate-in-the-rand will increase from 4,1c to 4,63c)
 - Electricity — up 11,25 percent for domestic consumers and 13,5 percent for businesses
 - Water — up 12,93 percent domestic, up 10,34 percent other
 - Gas — up 15,4 percent domestic and 15,9 percent other
 - Refuse — up 15 percent domestic, up 20 percent other
 - Sewerage — up 20 percent
- The rate rebates for domestic properties will remain at 55 percent for houses and at 35 percent for townhouses, cluster homes and flats.
- Mr Davidson warned that new legislation due to be tabled next year could reduce the rebates.

bates allowed to 40 percent.

The income limit for senior citizens to qualify for rates relief from the council has been increased from R1 600 to R2 000 a month.

Independent councillor Sam Moss described the budget proposals as "disastrous" in terms of financial priorities and as being on a par with "a mad-hatter's tea party".

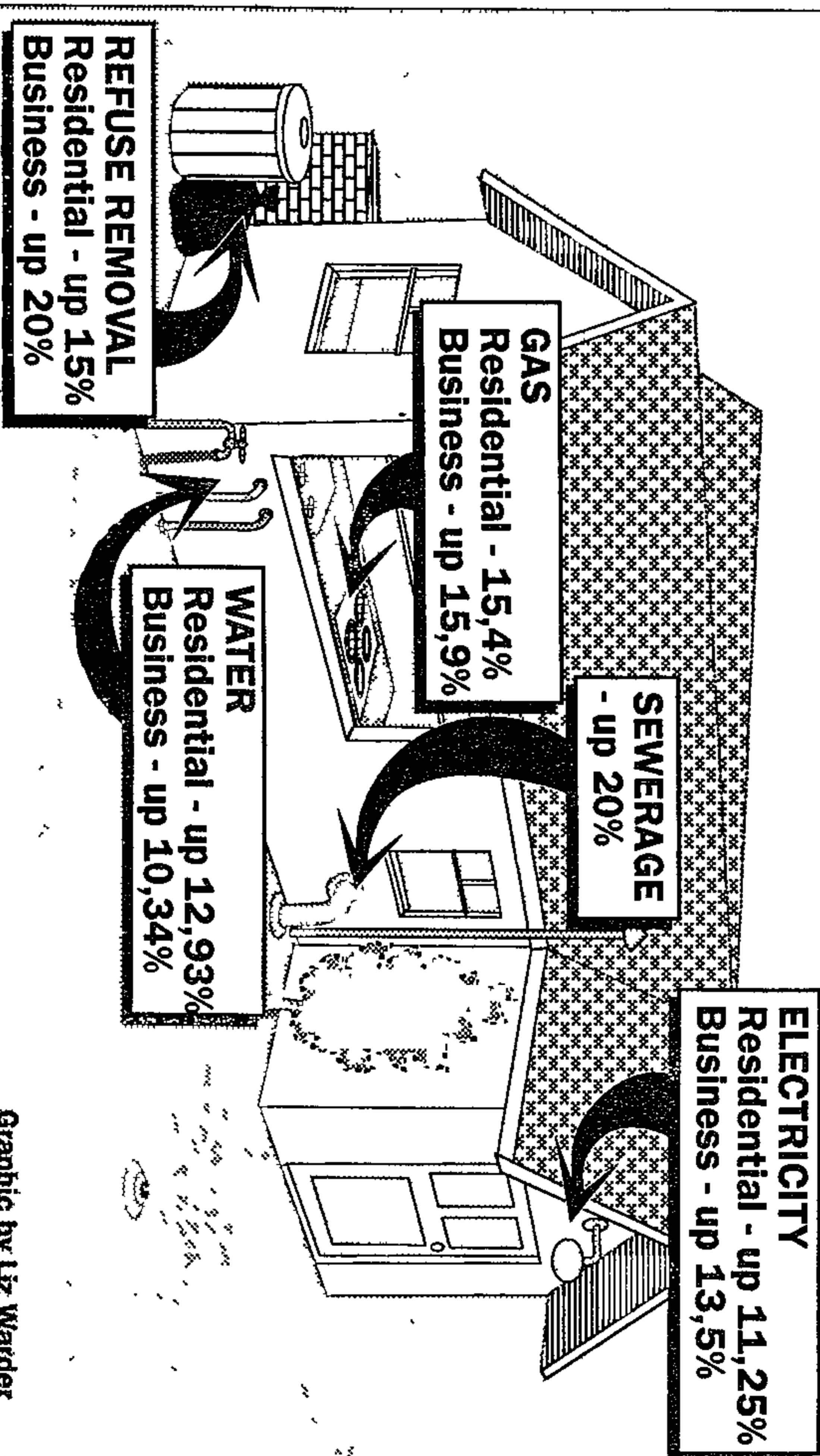
In an unusual step, off-duty council workers began filing into the council chamber to listen to the budget.

This is an indication of the fear among municipal employees that they face retrenchment or no increases in the new year.

No provision has been made for funds for salary increases in the budget.

A few workers entered the chamber wearing union T-shirts with the slogan "Unite for workers' rights".

Average monthly tariff increases from July 1



Graphic by Liz Warder

Going through the ceiling, the above graphic shows details of how much the average monthly tariffs have increased for Johannesburg residents and businesses and what they will be expected to fork out for their service rates from July 1 when the increases come into effect. However, the Civic Association of Johannesburg has criticised the latest municipal budget for protecting the white ratepayer and letting business off the hook by keeping the city's rates and service charges low and maintaining rebates.

Recession ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ blamed for

huge deficit

Star 26/6/92

The recession has been blamed for the large deficit with which Johannesburg ends the current municipal financial year, although the civic and opposition councillors charge the management committee with over-expenditure.

In a statement released yesterday, management committee Ian Davidson claimed that during the 1991/92 financial year, the recession reduced income from the main trading departments by R268 million. Particularly hard hit were electricity sales and bus fare income.

Mr Davidson said a subcommittee would monitor new posts and allowances, overtime costs and the filling of vacancies and purchases.

"We cannot seriously expect by these means to close this budget gap completely over a single financial year, but we will endeavour to reduce it as far as possible."

"We could close this gap simply by further increasing rates and tariffs, but this the management committee believes to be unacceptable. Decreasing expenditure remains the only other option," he said — Municipal Reporter

A-G to act in pension fraud

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THE docket of a fraud case to which former Kagiso town clerk Mr Mike van Rensburg is allegedly connected has been forwarded to the Attorney-General.

The case follows the disappearance of more than R300 000 from the council's trust fund for the pensions of employees and municipal police

West Rand police have been investigating the alleged fraud since November last year

Money contributed by 500 members of the National

By VICTOR TSUAI

Union of Public Service Workers (Kagiso region) have allegedly been misappropriated over a certain period

Van Rensburg was suspended late last year. In April this year he asked to take early retirement

The Kagiso township administrator, Mr CJ de Bruyn, confirmed that an investigation into pension fund irregularities was being conducted

Probe is held up

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Journal 26/6/92
THE investigation into the affairs of the Diepmeadow Council's chief executive officer and two officials scheduled for this week has been postponed

Diepmeadow acting town clerk Mr David Mabalane said the investigation was postponed after a senior council officer failed to brief the council's legal advisers in time

Mr JF de Jager, the former town clerk, employees Jooste Mothapo and Sibongile Mazibuko, are under investigation for alleged irregularities

Ratepayers' costs go up

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ADRIAN HADLAND

REDUCED electricity sales and a substantial loss on the Johannesburg City Council's bus service had led to the council's R72,1m budget deficit this year, the city's management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday (26/6)

In his budget speech, Davidson announced that domestic tariffs, including water, gas, electricity and sewage, would increase by an average of 12,57%, while a 13,7% rise would be experienced by non-domestic consumers. Largest increases in tariffs would be gas, up 15,4% (domestic) and 15,9% (non-domestic), sewage (20%) and refuse (15% and 20%).

A Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal statement released yesterday said Johannesburg's white ratepayers had been treated too lightly in respect of black housing and development requirements. A new local government rating ordinance, under discussion at the House of Assembly and expected to come into effect on July 1 next year, could force increasing rates bills on Johannesburg residents.

Davidson said the ordinance would effectively remove a local authority's right to grant rate rebates in excess of 40%. Current rebates for domestic properties would remain at 55% for ordinary residences and 35% for townhouses and flats for 1992-93, he said.

Union wins court order for meeting

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Johannesburg Municipal Combined Employees' Union, locked in a wage dispute with the city council, obtained an order in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday allowing it to hold a mass meeting on the piazza outside the council's offices in Braamfontein next Tuesday.

The meeting was originally planned for 3.30pm yesterday to coincide with the Council's budgetary debate.

During the course of yesterday's urgent application however it was agreed that if the judge ruled in favour of the union, the meeting would be held at 3pm next Tuesday instead. *6/20/92 26/6/92*

After hearing argument from counsel representing both parties, Judge N M MacArthur granted an order declaring that the management committee's refusal earlier this week to give permission for the meeting on the piazza was invalid and of no force and effect.

He set aside the management committee's decision subject to a number of conditions agreed upon by the union, council representatives and their lawyers.

The union brought its application against the town clerk and the management committee only hours before the meeting was due to take place yesterday afternoon.

However while the application was still in progress, the judge granted a short adjournment to allow both parties to reach agreement on conditions under which the meeting would be held if there was a ruling in the union's favour.

Capital city starts down the long road to reform

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PRETORIA will never be the same again

Two weeks ago a process started which will lead to new, negotiated metropolitan structures for the greater Pretoria area

As the chairman of Pretoria's management committee Pieter Smith observes, the negotiations leading to a new Pretoria will not be easy, "but they are the only route we can take"

Organisations such as the NP, ANC, SACP, PAC, Azapo, CP, HNP and AWB were invited to take part in the first Joint Discussion Forum for Local Government Institutions

Township civic associations, business groupings

and even church and agricultural bodies were involved in the talks

Like the greater Johannesburg's Metropolitan Chamber, it was envisaged that the parties to this discussion would agree on setting up a formal negotiating forum

The local authorities represented are Pretoria, Verwoerdburg, Atteridgeville, Mamelodi, Laudium, Eersterus, Akasia and Shoshanguve

Smith says his council believes that Pretoria needs its neighbours as much as they need it

For this reason Pretoria has taken a leading role in helping the council of neighbouring Atteridge-

ville overcome its administrative and service provision problems

Senior Pretoria city council officials have already assumed prominent positions in ensuring the day-to-day functioning of the council is put back on a firm footing

Smith is not prepared to speculate on how the future local authorities in the region will look, saying that this will be the product of negotiations

But it is likely that there will be some form of overarching regional government, with smaller municipal bodies which may or may not resemble enlarged existing councils

Regardless of the inevitable uncertainties sur-

rounding negotiations, Smith is optimistic about the future. There is no reason, he says, for investors to keep away while the talks are going on

By initiating negotiations — which are already taking place in most major urban centres — Pretoria is ensuring that it will not be left behind when the new SA starts taking concrete shape

"It is a safe city with many opportunities," says Smith

In the interim, Pretoria remains committed to improving its infrastructure and services

The latest city budget lays a heavy emphasis on capital investment

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Mock trial: 'Death to FW' ⁽²¹⁵⁾

PRETORIA. — A mock trial of politicians depicted as criminals during mass action in Maritzburg yesterday has drawn sharp comment from Deputy Justice Minister Mr Danie Schutte *ET 27/6/92*.

He slated ANC members for planning the mock trial. A "people's court" sentenced President FW de Klerk and Inkatha leader Mr David Ntombela "to death without due process".

In a letter to the National Peace

Committee, Mr Schutte protested against the fact that the ANC "intended a mock trial in which politicians, also co-signatories of the Peace Accord, were represented as criminals".

● About 2 000 members of the SA Municipal Workers' Union and supporters marched through the centre of Bloemfontein yesterday carrying "Wanted" and "Cowboys and Crooks" posters in ANC colours featuring photographs of Mr De Klerk and others in the cabinet — Sapa

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(3) (a) what was the value of the electronic equipment concerned and (b) what are the further particulars surrounding this matter?

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The STATE PRESIDENT

- (1) No
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Security information removed from SADF computers

303 Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Defence +

Whether he will furnish information on whether security information gathered in connection with communist bodies and persons was recently removed and/or is at present being removed from computers of the South African Defence Force, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL HOUSING

1990-91

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| (1) (a) (i) | R696 182,00 | R1 375 900,00 |
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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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The MINISTER OF REGIONAL AND LAND AFFAIRS

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die waarnemende Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word —

It is hereby notified that the Acting State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information —

No 65 van 1992 Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992

No 65 of 1992 Local Government Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ACT
(ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No. 65, 1992

Amendment of section 50 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 12 of Ordinance 16 of 1966, section 2 of Ordinance 9 of 1977 and section 14 of Proclamation 18 of 1988

3. Section 50 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for
5 subsection (2) of the following subsection

“(2) Any councillor who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding **[two hundred rand] R1 000** or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding **[six] 12** months, or to both such fine and imprisonment ”

10 **Amendment of section 57A of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as inserted by section 3 of Ordinance 6 of 1972**

4. Section 57A of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for
subsection (1) of the following subsection

15 “(1) **[When the income of the council has exceeded R4 000 000 during a financial year, such council may during the following financial year pay to its deputy mayor] A council classified under section 8 of the Remuneration of Town Clerks Act, 1984 (Act No 115 of 1984), in grade six or higher, may,**
20 in addition to any other allowances payable to **[him] its deputy mayor** in terms of this Ordinance, pay to him an allowance equal to 25% of the allowance which is, in terms of section 57(1), being paid to its mayor. Provided that such allowance shall not be paid to him when he is in receipt of an allowance in terms of section 57(2) ”

25 **Amendment of section 67 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 2 of Ordinance 7 of 1968, section 3 of Ordinance 19 of 1986 and section 21 of Proclamation 18 of 1988**

5. Section 67 of the Ordinance is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection

30 “(1) A council shall, subject to the provisions of the Remuneration of Town Clerks Act, 1984 (Act No 115 of 1984), and the Profession of Town Clerks Act, 1988 (Act No 75 of 1988), appoint a town clerk **[a treasurer]** and such other employees as it may consider necessary for the proper performance of its functions, at such remuneration and on such conditions as it may determine
35 **[Provided that the offices of town clerk and treasurer may be held by one person] ”, and**

(b) by the deletion of subsections (5) and (7)

Amendment of section 68 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as substituted by section 23 of Ordinance 16 of 1966

6. Section 68 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution in
40 subsection (1) for the words preceding paragraph (a) of the following words

“**[The]** Subject to the provisions of section 28 of the Profession of Town Clerks Act, 1988 (Act No 75 of 1988), the town clerk **[is the chief officer of a council and]** shall be responsible—”

Repeal of section 69 of Ordinance 8 of 1962

45 7. Section 69 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed

Wet No. 65, 1992

WYSIGINGSWET OP DIE ORDONNANSIE OP PLAASLIKE
BESTUUR (ORANJE-VRYSTAAT) (VOLKSRAAD), 1992

Wysiging van artikel 129 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 13 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1966, artikel 10 van Ordonnansie 7 van 1968, artikel 9 van Ordonnansie 2 van 1979, artikel 7 van Ordonnansie 14 van 1982, artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 20 van 1984, artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 6 van 1985, artikel 10 van Ordonnansie 19 van 1986 en artikel 46 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988 5

14. Artikel 129 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur in subartikel (2) subparagraaf (u) van paragraaf (b) deur die volgende subparagraaf te vervang
“(u) vir die ontvangs en onthaal van enigiemand op 'n openbare of private wyse,”

Wysiging van artikel 146 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 16 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1966, artikel 31 van Ordonnansie 16 van 1966, artikel 6 van Ordonnansie 11 van 1969, artikel 11 van Ordonnansie 11 van 1971, artikel 45 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1972, artikel 6 van Ordonnansie 13 van 1974, artikel 6 van Ordonnansie 3 van 1975, artikel 4 van Ordonnansie 10 van 1976, artikel 6 van Ordonnansie 6 van 1980, artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 7 van 1982, artikel 3 van Ordonnansie 10 van 1984, artikel 61 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988, artikel 1 van Wet 104 van 1990 en artikel 6 van Wet 43 van 1991 10 15

15. Artikel 146 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur paragraaf (i) van subartikel (10) te skrap

Wysiging van artikel 179 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962 20

16. Artikel 179 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subartikel (1) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang
“(1) Om 'n saak wat die belange van die inwoners van 'n munisipaliteit raak, te bespreek en daaroor te besluit, kan die burgemeester op die skriftelike versoek van minstens **[vyf-en-twintig]** 250 kiesers of vyf persent van die kiesers in die munisipaliteit, watter ook al die kleinste getal is, en moet hy wanneer hy by besluit van die raad of skriftelik deur die **[Administrateur] Minister** aldus gelas word, onverwyld by kennisgewing in die pers 'n vergadering van kiesers belê op 'n dag minstens veertien dae na die datum van publikasie van die kennisgewing ” 25 30

Kort titel en inwerkingtreding

17. Hierdie Wet heet die Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992, en tree in werking op 'n datum deur die Staatspresident by proklamasie in die *Staatskoerant* bepaal

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ACT
(ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No 65, 1992

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14. Section 129 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution in subsection (2) for subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of the following subparagraph

10 “(ii) for the reception and entertainment of any person in a public or private manner,”

Amendment of section 146 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 16 of Ordinance 15 of 1966, section 31 of Ordinance 16 of 1966, section 6 of Ordinance 11 of 1969, section 11 of Ordinance 11 of 1971, section 45 of Ordinance 8 of 1972, section 6 of Ordinance 13 of 1974, section 6 of Ordinance 3 of 1975, section 4 of 15 Ordinance 10 of 1976, section 6 of Ordinance 6 of 1980, section 2 of Ordinance 7 of 1982, section 3 of Ordinance 10 of 1984, section 61 of Proclamation 18 of 1988, section 1 of Act 104 of 1990 and section 6 of Act 43 of 1991

15. Section 146 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of paragraph (i) of subsection (10)

20 **Amendment of section 179 of Ordinance 8 of 1962**

16. Section 179 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection

25 “(1) For the purpose of discussing and deciding on any matter affecting the interests of the inhabitants of a municipality, the mayor when so requested in writing by not less than **[twenty-five]** 250 voters or five percent of the voters in the municipality, whichever is the lesser number, may and when so directed by a resolution of the council or in writing by the **[Administrator]** Minister shall forthwith, by notice in the press, convene a meeting of voters on a day not less than fourteen days after the date of the 30 publication of such notice ”

Short title and commencement

17. This Act shall be called the Local Government Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ACT
(ORANGE FREE STATE) (HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY), 1992

Act No. 65, 1992

Substitution of section 76 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 25 of Proclamation 18 of 1988

8. The following section is hereby substituted for section 76 of the Ordinance

“Expropriation of land

5 76. A council may **[with the approval of the Administrator]**,
subject to the provisions of section 5 of the Expropriation Act, 1975
(Act No 63 of 1975), expropriate within or outside its municipality
land or rights in respect thereof, including the right to take or use
10 water, for any purpose within the powers conferred upon the council
under this Ordinance ”

Amendment of section 79 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as substituted by section 5 of Ordinance 19 of 1986

9. Section 79 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for
paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph
15 “(b) The documents referred to in paragraph (a)(i) shall be drawn up and
be certified correct by the **[treasurer and shall be signed by the]** town
clerk ”

Amendment of section 81 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 24 of Ordinance 16 of 1966 and section 28 of Proclamation 18 of 1988

20 10. Section 81 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution in
paragraph (b) of subsection (2) for the word “treasurer” wherever it occurs of
the words “town clerk”

Repeal of section 122 of Ordinance 8 of 1962

11. Section 122 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed.

25 Amendment of section 127 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 8 of Ordinance 7 of 1968 and section 5 of Ordinance 11 of 1969

12. Section 127 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for
paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph
30 “(b) make an advance **[not exceeding four hundred rand]** to the owner of
any such land or premises to cover the costs in connection with the
carrying out of such work, including the cost of any bath, wash basin,
lavatory basin, sink or other fitting acquired for such purpose, and
may sell to any such owner any such bath, wash basin, lavatory basin,
sink or other fitting ”.

35 Amendment of section 128 of Ordinance 8 of 1962, as amended by section 9 of Ordinance 7 of 1968, section 15 of Ordinance 6 of 1972, section 3 of Ordinance 10 of 1973, section 2 of Ordinance 10 of 1976, section 7 of Ordinance 14 of 1977, section 9 of Ordinance 19 of 1986 and section 45 of Proclamation 18 of 1988

40 13. Section 128 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution for
paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of the following paragraph
 “(a) A council may make an advance **[not exceeding two thousand five
hundred rand]** to an owner of land within its municipality to enable him to
have such property connected with the electricity works of the council or, if
it is already so connected, to rewire the installation and to acquire and
45 install the wiring, fittings and equipment necessary for such connection or
rewiring ”

Vervanging van artikel 76 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 25 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988

8. Artikel 76 van die Ordonnansie word hierby deur die volgende artikel vervang

“Onteiening van grond 5

76. 'n Raad kan, **[met die goedkeuring van die Administrateur]** behoudens die bepalings van artikel 5 van die Onteieningswet, 1975 (Wet No 63 van 1975), grond of regte ten opsigte daarvan, met inbegrip van die reg om water te neem of te gebruik, binne of buite sy munisipaliteit onteien vir enige doel binne die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge hierdie Ordonnansie aan die raad opgedra is ” 10

Wysiging van artikel 79 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos vervang deur artikel 5 van Ordonnansie 19 van 1986

9. Artikel 79 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur paragraaf (b) van subartikel (2) deur die volgende paragraaf te vervang 15

“(b) Die stukke in paragraaf (a)(ii) bedoel, word deur die **[tesourier]** stadsklerk opgestel en as korrek gesertifiseer **[en word deur die stadsklerk onderteken]** ”

Wysiging van artikel 81 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 24 van Ordonnansie 16 van 1966 en artikel 28 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988 20

10. Artikel 81 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur in paragraaf (b) van subartikel (2) die woord “tesourier” oral waar dit voorkom deur die woord “stadsklerk” te vervang

Herroeping van artikel 122 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962

11. Artikel 122 van die Ordonnansie word hierby herroep 25

Wysiging van artikel 127 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 8 van Ordonnansie 7 van 1968 en artikel 5 van Ordonnansie 11 van 1969

12. Artikel 127 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur paragraaf (b) van subartikel (1) deur die volgende paragraaf te vervang

“(b) 'n voorskot **[van hoogstens vierhonderd rand]** aan die eienaar van sodanige grond of persele maak om die koste in verband met die uitvoering van sodanige werk te dek, met inbegrip van die koste van enige bad, wasbak, watergemak, opwasbak of ander toebehore vir dié doel aangeskaf, en kan enige sodanige bad, wasbak, watergemak, opwasbak of ander toebehore aan sodanige eienaar verkoop ” 30 35

Wysiging van artikel 128 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 9 van Ordonnansie 7 van 1968, artikel 15 van Ordonnansie 6 van 1972, artikel 3 van Ordonnansie 10 van 1973, artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 10 van 1976, artikel 7 van Ordonnansie 14 van 1977, artikel 9 van Ordonnansie 19 van 1986 en artikel 45 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988 40

13. Artikel 128 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur paragraaf (a) van subartikel (4) deur die volgende paragraaf te vervang

“(a) 'n Raad kan 'n voorskot **[van hoogstens tweeduisend vyfhonderd rand]** aan 'n eienaar van grond binne sy munisipaliteit maak om hom in staat te stel om sodanige eiendom met die elektrisiteitswerke van die raad te verbind of, indien dit reeds so verbind is, die installasie te herbedraad en om die bedrading, toebehore en toerusting wat vir sodanige verbinding of herbedrading nodig is, aan te skaf en te installeer ”. 45

Wysiging van artikel 50 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 12 van Ordonnansie 16 van 1966, artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 9 van 1977 en artikel 14 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988

3. Artikel 50 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subartikel (2) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang 5
- “(2) ’n Raadslid wat die bepalings van subartikel (1) oortree, is aan ’n misdryf skuldig en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met ’n boete van hoogstens **[tweehonderd rand]** R1 000 of met gevangenisstraf vir ’n tydperk van hoogstens **[ses]** 12 maande, of met beide sodanige boete en gevangenisstraf ” 10

Wysiging van artikel 57A van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos ingevoeg deur artikel 3 van Ordonnansie 6 van 1972

4. Artikel 57A van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subartikel (1) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang
- “(1) **[Wanneer die inkomste van ’n raad vir ’n boekjaar R4 000 000 oorskry het, kan sodanige raad gedurende die daaropvolgende boekjaar aan sy onderburgemeester]** ’n Raad wat kragtens artikel 8 van die Wet op die Besoldiging van Stadsklerke, 1984 (Wet No 115 van 1984), in graad ses of hoer ingedeel is, kan, benewens enige ander toelaes wat ingevolge hierdie Ordonnansie aan **[hom]** sy onderburgemeester betaalbaar is, ’n toelae aan **hom** betaal wat gelyk is aan 25% van die toelae wat ingevolge artikel 57(1) aan sy burgemeester betaal word. Met dien verstande dat die toelae nie aan hom betaal word nie wanneer hy ’n toelae ingevolge artikel 57(2) ontvang ” 15 20

Wysiging van artikel 67 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 2 van Ordonnansie 7 van 1968, artikel 3 van Ordonnansie 19 van 1986 en artikel 21 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988 25

5. Artikel 67 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig—
- (a) deur subartikel (1) deur die volgende subartikel te vervang
- “(1) **[’n Raad stel]** Behoudens die bepalings van die Wet op die Besoldiging van Stadsklerke, 1984 (Wet No 115 van 1984), en die Wet op die Beroep van Stadsklerke, 1988 (Wet No 75 van 1988), stel ’n raad ’n stadsklerk **[’n tesourier]** en sodanige ander werknemers aan as wat hy nodig mag ag vir die behoorlike verrigting van sy werksaamhede, en wel teen dié besoldiging en op dié voorwaardes wat hy mag bepaal **[Met dien verstande dat die ampte van stadsklerk en tesourier deur een persoon bekleed kan word]** ”, en 30 35
- (b) deur subartikels (5) en (7) te skrap

Wysiging van artikel 68 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos vervang deur artikel 23 van Ordonnansie 16 van 1966

6. Artikel 68 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur in subartikel (1) die woorde wat paragraaf (a) voorafgaan deur die volgende woorde te vervang 40
- “**[Die]** Behoudens die bepalings van artikel 28 van die Wet op die Beroep van Stadsklerke, 1988 (Wet No 75 van 1988), is die stadsklerk **[is die hoofamptenaar van ’n raad en is]** verantwoordelik—”

Herroeping van artikel 69 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962 45

7. Artikel 69 van die Ordonnansie word hierby herroep

ALGEMENE VERDUIDELIKENDE NOTA:

- [] Woorde in vet druk tussen vierkantige hake dui skappings uit bestaande verordenings aan
- _____ Woorde met 'n volstreep daaronder, dui invoegings in bestaande verordenings aan

WET

Tot wysiging van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1962 (Oranje-Vrystaat) (vir sover dit as 'n wet oor eie sake van die Blanke bevolkingsgroep toegepas word), ten einde 'n munisipale raad en bestuurskomitee se bevoegdheid om verlof aan sy lede toe te staan ten opsigte van die bywoon van vergaderings, verder te reel; die straf vir 'n oortreding van die bepalings van artikel 50(1) te verhoog; die betaling van 'n toelae aan 'n onderburgemeester van 'n munisipale raad verder te reel; dit duidelik te stel dat die aanstelling, besoldiging en ander diensvoorwaardes van werknemers van 'n munisipale raad onderworpe is aan die toepaslike wette; die vereiste dat 'n werknemer van 'n munisipale raad wat toevertrou is met die hantering van munisipale geld, 'n waarborg moet verskaf, te skrap; die woord "tesourier" deur die woord "stadsklerk" te vervang; die bepalings wat die wegruim of afbreek van geboue of strukture binne 'n munisipaliteit reel, te skrap; die beperking op die bedrag wat 'n munisipale raad as voorskot kan betaal ten opsigte van dreinerings- en rioolwerke sowel as elektrisiteitswerke, op te hef; 'n munisipale raad se bevoegdheid om uitgawes aan te gaan ten opsigte van die onthaal van persone, verder te reel; en die hou van 'n openbare vergadering van kiesers verder te reel; en om voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee in verband staan.

(Afrikaanse teks deur die waarnemende Staatspresident geteken)
(Goedgekeur op 3 Junie 1992)

DAAR WORD BEPAAL deur die Staatspresident en die Volksraad van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, soos volg —

Woordomskrywing

1. In hierdie Wet, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken "die Ordonnansie" die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1962 (Ordonnansie No 8 van 1962) (Oranje-Vrystaat), vir sover en in die mate waarin die bepalings van Deel IV van die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1983 (Wet No 110 van 1983), by paragraaf (a) van Proklamasie No R 38 van 1989 op genoemde Ordonnansie van toepassing verklaar is 5

Wysiging van artikel 47 van Ordonnansie 8 van 1962, soos gewysig deur artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 6 van 1972, artikel 5 van Ordonnansie 2 van 1979, artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 19 van 1986 en artikel 11 van Proklamasie 18 van 1988 10

2. Artikel 47 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig deur subparagraaf (ii) van die voorbehoudsbepaling by paragraaf (e) te skrap

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die waarnemende Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word —

It is hereby notified that the Acting State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information —

No 63 van 1992 Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Dorpe (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992

No 63 of 1992 Townships Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State) (House of Assembly), 1992

ALGEMENE VERDUIDELIKENDE NOTA:

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- _____ Woorde met 'n volstreep daaronder, dui invoegings in bestaande verordenings aan

WET

Tot wysiging van die Ordonnansie op Dorpe, 1969 (Oranje-Vrystaat) (vir sover dit as 'n wet oor eie sake van die Blanke bevolkingsgroep toegepas word), ten einde sekere uitdrukkings te omskryf; die prosedure ten opsigte van aansoeke om, en besware teen, die wysiging of rojering van 'n algemene plan, en die sluiting van openbare plekke, verder te reel; die gevolge van die onderverdeling van erwe verder te reel; en die Minister te magtig om sekere bevoegdhede en pligte aan 'n plaaslike bestuur te delegeer en op te dra; en om voorsiening te maak vir aangeleenthede wat daarmee in verband staan.

(Afrikaanse teks deur die waarnemende Staatspresident geteken)
(Goedgekeur op 3 Junie 1992)

DAAR WORD BEPAAL deur die Staatspresident en die Volksraad van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, soos volg —

Woordomskrywing

1. In hierdie Wet, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken “die Ordonnansie” die Ordonnansie op Dorpe, 1969 (Ordonnansie No 9 van 1969) (Oranje-Vrystaat), vir sover en in die mate waarin die bepalinge van Deel IV van die Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1983 (Wet No 110 van 1983), by paragraaf (a) van Proklamasie No R 38 van 1989 op genoemde Ordonnansie van toepassing verklaar is 5

Wysiging van artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 9 van 1969, soos gewysig deur artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 16 van 1986 10

2. Artikel 1 van die Ordonnansie word hierby gewysig—
- (a) deur na die omskrywing van “Administrateur” die volgende omskrywing in te voeg
- “ ‘Departementshoof’ die hoof van die Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behusing en Werke Administrasie Volksraad of 'n beampete in genoemde departement deur genoemde Departementshoof gemagtig om namens hom op te tree,” 15
- (b) deur na die omskrywing van “hierdie Ordonnansie” die volgende omskrywing in te voeg 20
- “ ‘Minister’ die Minister van Plaaslike Bestuur Volksraad,”

Vervanging van artikel 18 van Ordonnansie 9 van 1969, soos vervang deur artikel 1 van Ordonnansie 15 van 1974

3. Artikel 18 van die Ordonnansie word hierby deur die volgende artikel vervang 25

“Wysiging of rojering van algemene plan

18. (1) (a) Wanneer die **[Administrateur] Minister** oortuig is dat dit in belang van die ontwikkeling van 'n dorp of in die openbare belang wenslik is om dit te doen, kan hy op aansoek van 'n persoon ingevolge subartikel (2)(a) goedkeuring verleen vir die verandering, wysiging of algehele of gedeeltelike rojering van die algemene plan wat die dorp verteenwoordig, hetsy onvoorwaardelik of onderworpe aan die voorwaardes wat hy bepaal

(b) Hierdie subartikel verleen nie die bevoegdheid aan die **[Administrateur] Minister** om die naam van 'n dorp te verander nie

(2) (a) Enigiemand kan aansoek doen om die goedkeuring van die **[Administrateur] Minister** soos in subartikel (1) bedoel, en sodanige aansoek word in duplo in 'n vorm soos voorgeskryf of deur die **[Administrateur] Minister** bepaal by die **[sekretaris van die raad] Departementshoof** ingedien en gaan vergesel van die planne, dokumente, inligting en gelde wat voorgeskryf of deur die **[Administrateur] Minister** bepaal word

(b) By ontvangs van so 'n aansoek—

(i) laat die **[sekretaris van die raad] Departementshoof** een keer in die *Offisiele Koerant* en twee keer met 'n tussenpoos van minstens 'n week in 'n nuusblad wat in die gebied waarin die betrokke dorp gelee is, in omloop is, 'n kennisgewing in albei amptelike tale publiseer, waarin vermeld word dat so 'n aansoek gedoen is, dat dit ter insae lê by die kantoor van die **[sekretaris van die Raad] Departement van Plaaslike Bestuur, Behuising en Werke Administrasie Volksraad in Bloemfontein** en die ander plek of plekke, as daar is, wat in die kennisgewing genoem word en dat besware teen die aansoek by die **[sekretaris van die raad] Departementshoof** ingedien kan word op of voor 'n bepaalde datum, wat minstens 21 dae na die datum van die laaste publikasie van die kennisgewing moet wees, en

(ii) wat betrekking het op 'n dorp wat binne die gebied van 'n plaaslike bestuur gelee is en nie deur so 'n plaaslike bestuur ingedien is nie, stuur die **[sekretaris van die raad] Departementshoof** 'n afskrif van sodanige aansoek aan sodanige plaaslike bestuur met die versoek om nie later as die bepaalde datum in subparagraaf (i) bedoel, 'n verslag daaroor by hom in te dien nie

(bA) Iemand wat 'n beswaar indien teen 'n aansoek ingevolge subartikel (2)(a) wat betrekking het op die sluiting van 'n openbare plek of 'n gedeelte van 'n openbare plek wat op die algemene plan van 'n dorp aangedui word, moet, indien hy waarskynlik verlies of skade sal ly indien die aansoek toegestaan sou word, tesame met dié beswaar die verlies of skade uiteensit, en moet 'n afskrif van sy beswaar aan die betrokke plaaslike bestuur stuur

(c) 'n Afskrif van elke beswaar, en van die verslag van die plaaslike bestuur, wat deur die **[sekretaris van die raad] Departementshoof** ontvang is, word per aangetekende pos aan die aansoeker gestuur

(cA) By verstryking van die tydperk waarin besware ingedien kan word, verwys die Departementshoof die aansoek tesame met elke beswaar in verband daarmee en die verslag van die betrokke plaaslike bestuur na die raad

(d) **[By die verstryking van die tydperk waarin besware ingedien kan word]** By ontvangs van die dokumente in paragraaf (cA) bedoel, bepaal die voorsitter van die raad 'n tyd en plek vir die verhoor van die aansoek deur die raad en word die aansoeker, elke beswaarmaker en die in paragraaf (b)(ii) bedoelde plaaslike bestuur, skriftelik daarvan in kennis gestel, en by so 'n verhoor het die aansoeker, elke beswaarmaker en sodanige plaaslike bestuur die reg om aangehoor te word, hetsy persoonlik of, in die geval van 'n plaaslike bestuur, deur 'n werknemer van sodanige bestuur, of deur 'n advokaat of prokureur

“Alteration or cancellation of general plan

18. (1) (a) When the **[Administrator] Minister** is satisfied that it is desirable to do so in the interest of the development of a township, or in the public interest, he may on application of a person in terms of subsection (2)(a) grant approval for the alteration, amendment or total or partial cancellation of the general plan representing the lay-out of such township, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may determine

(b) This subsection shall not empower the **[Administrator] Minister** to alter the name of a township

(2) (a) Any person may make application for the **[Administrator's] Minister's** approval as contemplated in subsection (1), and such application shall be submitted to the **[Secretary of the board] Head of Department** in duplicate in such form as may be prescribed or determined by the **[Administrator] Minister** and shall be accompanied by such plans, documents, information and fees as may be prescribed or determined by the **[Administrator] Minister**

(b) Upon receipt of such application—

(i) the **[secretary of the board] Head of Department** shall cause a notice in both official languages to be published once in the *Official Gazette* and twice with an interval of at least one week in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the township is situated, stating that such an application has been made, that it is open to inspection at the office of the **[secretary of the board] Department of Local Government, Housing and Works Administration House of Assembly in Bloemfontein** and at such other place or places, if any, mentioned in the notice, and that objections against the application may be lodged with the **[secretary of the board] Head of Department** on or before a specified date, which shall not be less than 21 days after the date of the last publication of the notice, and

(ii) which relates to a township situated within the area of a local authority and which has not been submitted by such local authority, the **[secretary of the board] Head of Department** shall transmit a copy of such application to such local authority with the request to submit a report in connection therewith to him not later than the specified date referred to in subparagraph (i)

(bA) Any person who lodges an objection against an application in terms of subsection (2)(a) which relates to the closing of a public place or part of a public place shown on the general plan of a township, shall, if he is likely to suffer loss or damage if the application should be granted, together with such objection state such loss or damage, and shall send a copy of his objection to the local authority concerned

(c) A copy of every objection and of the report of the local authority received by the **[secretary of the board] Head of Department** shall be sent to the applicant by registered post

(cA) On the expiration of the period within which objections may be submitted, the Head of Department shall refer the application together with every objection in connection therewith and the report of the local authority to the board

(d) **[On the expiration of the period within which objections may be submitted]** Upon receipt of the documents referred to in paragraph (cA), the chairman of the board shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the application by the board, and the applicant, every objector and the local authority contemplated in paragraph (b)(ii) shall be notified thereof in writing, and at such hearing the applicant, every objector and such local authority shall have the right to be heard either personally or, in the case of a local authority, through an employee of such authority, or through an advocate or attorney

- (e) Na die verhoor en oorweging van die aansoek lê die raad sy aanbevelings daarvoor aan die **[Administrateur] Minister** voor, wat die aansoek kan—
- (i) toestaan in die vorm waarin dit gedoen is, of
 - (ii) toestaan onderworpe aan die veranderings, wysigings of voorwaardes wat hy goeddink, of
 - (iii) weier
- (3) Wanneer 'n algemene plan van 'n dorp in sy geheel of gedeeltelik deur die Landmeter-generaal gerojêer is ingevolge artikel 30(2) van die Opmetingswet, 1927 (Wet No 9 van 1927)—
- (a) hou sodanige dorp, of daardie gedeelte van die dorp wat voorgestel word deur die gerojêerde gedeelte van die plan, op om te bestaan as 'n dorp of as 'n gedeelte van 'n dorp,
 - (b) val die eiendomsreg op openbare plekke wat in sodanige dorp of gedeelte van sodanige dorp gelee is en wat ingevolge artikel 16 of 'n soortgelyke bepaling van 'n vorige ordonnansie by 'n plaaslike bestuur of die **[Administrateur] Minister** in trust vir 'n toekomstige plaaslike bestuur berus, terug aan die dorpseïenaar,
 - (c) val grond in sodanige dorp of gedeelte van sodanige dorp wat ingevolge artikel 15 of 'n soortgelyke bepaling van 'n vorige ordonnansie aan die Staat, 'n plaaslike bestuur of die **[Administrateur] Minister** in trust vir 'n toekomstige plaaslike bestuur oorgedra is, terug aan die dorpseïenaar, wat op sy eie koste oordrag van die grond op sy naam kan eis en verkry van die Staat, plaaslike bestuur of die **[Administrateur] Minister**. Met dien verstande dat indien sodanige oordraers uitgawes aangegaan het, of hulle daartoe verbind het, ten opsigte van sodanige grond, die oordrag daarvan slegs verkry kan word teen terugbetaling van sodanige uitgawes of by afstanddoening van sodanige terugbetaling,
 - (d) kan enige skenkingsgelde wat betaal is en gehou word ten opsigte van grond in sodanige dorp of gedeelte van sodanige dorp, met goedkeuring van die **[Administrateur] Minister** en op die voorwaardes wat hy bepaal aan die dorpseïenaar terugbetaal word
- (4) (a) Wanneer 'n openbare plek of 'n gedeelte van 'n openbare plek wat op die algemene plan van 'n dorp aangetoon word, permanent gesluit word, word die dorpseïenaar, tensy die **[Administrateur] Minister** anders bepaal en behoudens die bepalings van subartikel (3)(b) en van paragraaf (b), ontdoen van sy eiendomsreg in of op die grond wat die openbare plek of gedeelte van 'n openbare plek uitmaak, en daarna gaan sodanige eiendomsreg oor op die plaaslike bestuur van die dorp of, indien daar nie 'n plaaslike bestuur is nie, op die **[Administrateur] Minister** in trust vir 'n toekomstige plaaslike bestuur tot tyd en wyl 'n plaaslike bestuur vir die dorp ingestel is of dit in die regsgebied van 'n plaaslike bestuur ingelyf is wanneer dit op sodanige plaaslike bestuur oorgaan, en die Registrateur van Aktes maak 'n aantekening van sodanige oorgang op die wyse wat hy paslik ag
- (b) Die bepalings van paragraaf (a) raak nie 'n reg op minerale of 'n ander saaklike reg wat deur die dorpseïenaar in die betrokke grond gehou word of sy reg om registrasie daarvan te verkry nie
- (5) Indien 'n persoon verlies of skade ly as gevolg van die permanente sluiting van 'n openbare plek of gedeelte daarvan bedoel in subartikel (4), betaal die betrokke plaaslike bestuur sodanige vergoeding aan sodanige persoon as wat tussen die plaaslike bestuur en sodanige persoon ooreengekom mag word of, by gebreke aan ooreenkoms, as wat by arbitrasie ingevolge die Wet op Arbitrasie, 1965 (Wet No 42 van 1965), bepaal mag word. Met dien verstande dat—
- (i) by die vasstelling van die bedrag van die vergoeding enige voordeel wat sodanige persoon uit die sluiting sal trek, in aanmerking geneem word,

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(e) After the hearing and consideration of the application the board shall submit its recommendations in connection therewith to the **[Administrator] Minister**, who may—

- 5 (i) grant the application in the form in which it was made, or
(ii) grant the application subject to such alterations, amendments or conditions as he may deem fit, or
(iii) refuse the application

10 (3) When a general plan of a township is totally or partially cancelled by the Surveyor-General in terms of section 30(2) of the Land Survey Act, 1927 (Act No 9 of 1927)—

(a) such township, or that part of the township which is represented by the cancelled part of such plan, shall cease to exist as a township or as part of a township.

15 (b) the ownership of public places situated within such township or part of such township which is in terms of section 16 or a similar provision of a prior ordinance vested in a local authority or the **[Administrator] Minister** in trust for a future local authority shall revert in the township owner,

20 (c) land in such a township or part of such township which has in terms of section 15 or a similar provision of a prior ordinance been transferred to the State, a local authority or the **[Administrator] Minister** in trust for a future authority, shall revert to the township owner, who may claim and obtain at his own cost from the State, such local authority or the **[Administrator] Minister** the transfer of such land to his name Provided that if
25 such transferors have incurred, or are committed to, expenditure in respect of such land, transfer thereof may only be obtained against a refund of such expenditure or a waiver of such refund,

30 (d) any endowment moneys paid and held in respect of land in such township or part of such township may, with the approval of the **[Administrator] Minister** and subject to such conditions as he may determine, be refunded to the township owner

35 (4) (a) When a public place or part of a public place shown on the general plan of a township is permanently closed, the township owner shall, unless the **[Administrator] Minister** determines otherwise and subject to the provisions of subsection (3)(b) and paragraph (b), be divested of his rights of ownership in and to the land comprising such public place or part of a public place, and thereupon
40 such rights of ownership shall vest in the local authority of such township or, if there be no local authority, in the **[Administrator] Minister** in trust for a future local authority until such time as a local authority is constituted for such township or it is incorporated within the area of jurisdiction of a local authority, when it shall vest in such
45 local authority, and such vesting shall be recorded by the Registrar of Deeds in such manner as he may deem appropriate

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) shall not affect any right to minerals or any other real rights held by the township owner in the land concerned or his right to obtain registration thereof

50 (5) If a person suffers loss or damage as a result of the permanent closing of a public place or part thereof referred to in subsection (4), the local authority concerned shall pay such compensation to such person as may be agreed upon between the local authority and such person or, failing agreement, as may be determined by arbitration in terms of the Arbitration Act, 1965 (Act No 42 of 1965) Provided that—
55 that—

- (i) in assessing the amount of compensation, any benefit to be derived by such person by reason of the closing shall be taken into account,

- (11) geen vergoeding aan sodanige persoon betaal word nie indien hy versuim het om 'n beswaar by die Departementshoof in te dien soos beoog in subartikel (2)(a) of 'n afskrif daarvan aan die betrokke plaaslike bestuur te stuur ingevolge subartikel (2)(bA) ”

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Invoeging van artikel 20A in Ordonnansie 9 van 1969

4. Die volgende artikel word hierby in die Ordonnansie na artikel 20 ingevoeg

“Gevolge van onderverdeling

- 20A. (1) By die toepassing van hierdie Ordonnansie word 'n onderverdeling van 'n erf wat op 'n algemene plan aangetoon word, geag nie die stigting van 'n dorp te wees nie 10
- (2) Die voorwaardes wat die Minister ingevolge artikel 20 kan opleë, kan voorwaardes insluit betreffende die verandering en skepping van openbare plekke op die betrokke algemene plan
- (3) Die eiendomsreg op openbare plekke wat uit hoofde van 'n onderverdeling in subartikel (1) beoog tot stand kom, berus by die plaaslike bestuur binne wie se regsgebied sodanige onderverdeling gelee is ” 15

Invoeging van artikel 44A in Ordonnansie 9 van 1969

5. Die volgende artikel word hierby in die Ordonnansie na artikel 44 ingevoeg 20

“Delegering van bevoegdhede en opdra van pligte

- 44A. (1) Die Minister kan, onderworpe aan die voorwaardes wat hy bepaal, enige bevoegdheid of plig by hierdie Ordonnansie aan hom verleen of opgedra, uitgesonderd die bevoegdheid kragtens artikel 40 om regulasies uit te vaardig, skriftelik aan 'n plaaslike bestuur deleger of opdra 25
- (2) 'n Delegering of opdrag kragtens subartikel (1) belet nie die Minister om 'n betrokke bevoegdheid of plig self uit te oefen of te verrig nie ”

Kort titel en inwerkingtreding

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6. Hierdie Wet heet die Wysigingswet op die Ordonnansie op Dorpe (Oranje-Vrystaat) (Volksraad), 1992, en tree in werking op 'n datum wat die Staatspresident by proklamasie in die *Staatskoerant* bepaal

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- (ii) no compensation shall be paid to such person if he has failed to lodge an objection with the Head of Department as contemplated in subsection (2)(a) or to send a copy thereof to the local authority in terms of subsection (2)(bA) ”

5 Insertion of section 20A in Ordinance 9 of 1969

4. The following section is hereby inserted in the Ordinance after section 20

“Consequences of subdivision

10 **20A. (1)** For the purposes of this Ordinance a subdivision of an erf shown on a general plan shall be deemed not to be the establishment of a township

(2) The conditions that the Minister may impose in terms of section 20 may include conditions regarding the alteration and creation of public places on the general plan concerned

15 (3) The ownership of public places which have come into existence by virtue of a subdivision contemplated in subsection (1) shall vest in the local authority within whose area of jurisdiction such subdivision is situated ”

Insertion of section 44A in Ordinance 9 of 1969

5. The following section is hereby inserted in the Ordinance after section 44

20 **“Delegation of powers and assignment of duties**

44A. (1) The Minister may, subject to such conditions as he may determine, in writing delegate or assign to a local authority any power or duty conferred or imposed on him by this Ordinance, except the power under section 40 to make regulations

25 (2) A delegation or assignment under subsection (1) shall not prevent the Minister himself from exercising any power or performing any duty concerned ”

Short title and commencement

30 **6.** This Act shall be called the Townships Ordinance Amendment Act (Orange Free State)(House of Assembly), 1992, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*

was demanding a minimum wage of R1 500 and an across-the-board increase of 20 percent.

The SABC has offered a minimum wage of R1 300 and an 11 percent increase

Mangaung is R11-m in red

Sowetan 25/6/92
THE accumulated debt of the Mangaung local authority in the Free State totalled R11,7 million on April 30 this year, Minister of Local Government Mr Leon Wessels, said on Tuesday (26)

In a written reply to a question from Mr André de Wet (DP nominated), he said Thabong's debt was R9,5 million on the same date, and that of Mielburg R5,7 million. Sapa.



Squat among bureaucrats

By THEMBA KHUMALO

FOR the past three months employees of the Alexandra Town Council near Johannesburg have been battling to carry out their administrative duties effectively because of the presence of dozens of displaced families in their offices.

"Sometimes I stumble on a couple exercising their conjugal rights when I come into the office in the morning," said local town clerk Willie Khumalo.

The families moved into the council offices in March after being hounded out of their homes by hostel-dwellers, believed to be IPF supporters, from the nearby Madala Hostel

The destitute families occupied the offices to put pressure on the council authorities to do something about their plight. Most of the families moved in with children and they are exposed to the chilly winter conditions.

Although the security forces have succeeded in restoring relative peace in the trouble-torn township, they have not been able to evict the invaders from the houses.

A resident said. "The police told us that it's not their duty to evict hostel inmates from our houses."

Khumalo said the matter was so serious that it had been referred to the Interim Crisis Committee (ICC), which consisted of various political organisations.

The crisis had forced the council to rent temporary offices nearby. Most employees had already moved to the new offices, Khumalo said.

"I'll follow in a week or two," said Khumalo, who moved into the former mayor's office after his was occupied by the families.

To an outer-space visitor the offices could easily be mistaken for waiting-rooms at a railway station in a Third World country. Noises vary from Primus stoves used for cooking meals to yelling infants and loud music which blares from portable radios.

Matters are made worse by the presence of a big beerhall in the council premises where most of the unemployed squatters spend the better part of the day.

Khumalo said. "We don't have many problems with them, except for young boys who occasionally drag girls around. Quite often the families co-operate with us."

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Jo'burg to lean on the affluent

RESIDENTS in the more affluent parts of Johannesburg would be taking on a greater share of the cost of financing the city, council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last week

Announcing during his budget speech an aggregate 12,5% increase in domestic assessment rates, Davidson said "Black areas generally have no tax base and are clearly entitled to share more meaningfully in the wealth generated in the region" This would be achieved in part by focusing on areas where property values were high

The council was committed to redressing "major inequities of the past" through more budgetary emphasis on assessment rates He envisaged a new, nonracial form of metropolitan government The higher assessment rates would provide council with additional income of about R213,5m, leaving a budget deficit of R43m

"We are an integrated urban economy with Soweto as dependent on Johannesburg as Johannesburg is on Soweto So too are we as much dependent on, say, Randburg and Sandton as they are on us

"When boundaries are drawn in the future they must encapsulate the total urban integrated economy in order to ensure

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that the local government structures within such economic areas remain viable and effective," Davidson said

□ Tariffs for many municipal services in Johannesburg, including public golf course green fees, cemetery charges, and swimming pool and zoo entrance fees, would be increased by up to 100% from July 1, the Government Gazette announced

Green fees for the council's Huddle Park golf course — which ended the financial year more than R2,3m in deficit — would be raised from R11 to R22 for a weekday round and from R22 to R30 at the weekend Ralph Stocker mashie course fees would rise from R3 to R6 during the week and from R6 to R10 at the weekend

Interment charges at council cemeteries go up from R120 to R180 for adults and from R80 to R120 for children

Adult season tickets for council swimming pools, which lost almost R12m last year, would rise from R50 to R60, while entrance fees at the Johannesburg Zoo, R4,7m in deficit, would rise for adults from R2,30 to R6 Children less than two years old would still get in free

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TPA fires striking workers

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MORE than 5 000 striking hospital workers have been fired by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

This was disclosed yesterday by the TPA's chief director of administration, Mr PW van Niekerk

The dismissals would be effective from July 1, he said. National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union assistant general secretary Mr Neal Thobejane said the union would discuss the dismissals with its lawyers.

He pointed out the dismissals did not address the issues for which the workers went on strike

Van Niekerk said members of his department had been considering individual cases of striking workers who had not reacted to the TPA's ultimatum since Friday

"Factors being taken into account are working record; disciplinary record, period of service, age, reaction to the ultimatum, involvement in violence or crime during the strike, (and) the degree of intimidation," he said.

Last week the TPA warned strikers to report for work by last Tuesday and provide written explanations why they should not be disciplined by last Thursday

Thobejane said last week Nehawu's lawyers sent a collective letter to the TPA on behalf of its striking members

Van Niekerk said copies of the dismissal letters would be available at pay points from today

● At least 20 workers held a one-hour protest at the Victoria-Hospital in Wynberg, Cape Town, yesterday to press demands by the Nehawu for a R724 minimum wage

Council asked to halt capital market loans

THE Civic Association of Johannesburg has warned the city council to put capital market loans on hold, saying it regards the municipality's present commitment of more than R750m "in a serious light"

Association general secretary Cas Coovadia could not comment on whether a future government would honour these loans, but said a future local authority controlling the city would be "extremely disadvantaged" by the loans

Coovadia said his organisation had a serious problem with raising such large loans now. A future local authority would have to evaluate very closely the purpose for which the money had been used

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It appeared the money was not being used for what the civics regarded as priority projects, such as housing. He accused the council of acting unilaterally

On Soweto, for example, Johannesburg took the view that it would help as long as it did not get financially involved. "Johannesburg cannot absolve itself from the financial responsibility. The township contributes to Johannesburg's well-being"

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson had not commented at the time of going to press

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Squatter move challenged in court

PRETORIA — Two separate urgent applications were made in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday for an order setting aside the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to move the Zevenfontein squatters to Diepsloot, near Sandton

The applications by the Laezonia Landowners' Association and the Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association were postponed by agreement to July 14, giving the respondents time to file replying affidavits

The TPA undertook not to move any one to the recently expropriated stands 120, 151, 152 and 153 of the farm Diepsloot until mid-

night on July 16. Should the matter not be finally adjudicated by then, the associations could again apply for interim relief (266)

Laezonia businessman David Ware said it would be in the Zevenfontein community's best interests to remain at the Rietfontein farm until an appropriate new site was found

The proposed resettlement was to be done without any planning, violating every principle of orderly, desirable town planning

Ware claimed Laezonia landowners would suffer irreparable harm if the move went ahead

Business consultant Stuart Aitchison, who filed an affidavit on behalf of the

Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association, said moving the squatters would interfere with the rights of owners of surrounding properties

It appeared the TPA intended to provide a minimum of services to the proposed site, and there would be no influx control, resulting in the settlement being swamped, a health hazard being created and the crime rate in surrounding areas rising, he said

Aitchison said the value of properties had already decreased and could decrease further, causing property owners to have a claim for damages against the TPA — Sapa

Easter, but no...

3 000 rally in protest at council

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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About 3 000 Johannesburg City Council employees gathered at the Bramfontein Civic Centre yesterday in protest at possible retrenchments and no increases.

The meeting took place after the joint committee of the 12 municipal unions took the council to court for banning a previous meeting.

The meeting was allowed to go ahead yesterday after conditions laid down by the Rand Supreme Court were agreed to by both parties.

The report-back meeting on the progress of wage talks was addressed by union leaders.

Wage negotiations are continuing between the council and unions in a bid to resolve the wage dispute. An industrial council meeting takes place on July 8.

Independent councillors Sam Moss and Clive Gilbert were cheered when they addressed the crowd, expressing support for workers.

"We don't balance the budget by firing people. Stand firm behind your union and then victory will be yours,"

Mr Moss said.

Management committee member Paul Asherson later criticised the two councillors, saying "We are in the process of negotiating a package with the union for a better deal for our ratepayers."



In protest . . . about 3 000 municipal employees gather during the council meeting.

Picture: George Mashini

Cultural precinct envisaged

NEWTOWN will become a "cultural precinct" if proposals to be put to the city council bear fruit, says Johannesburg director of culture Christopher Till

"We are evaluating buildings in and around the Newtown site and have drafted a report for the council meeting next Tuesday, proposing to upgrade the area into a cultural precinct," said Till

"The idea of creating a cultural precinct as a catalyst for inner city revitalisation has been used elsewhere, often punctuating a turning point in urban renewal"

The "anchor concepts" for the area would be education, arts, culture and entertainment

Till believes that small businesses and businesses in step with the activities in the area, such as sound studios, would take up space

"There have been a number of proposals and a lot of

interest has been shown," he said

Ron Finkelstein of the city planning department said the management committee had agreed to a proposal to make the western side of Turbine Square development — on the old power station site — a cultural area. Also mooted was underground parking at Mary Fitzgerald Square — the site of the flea market, which would carry on trading

Till cautioned that this was only a possibility. However, turning Wolhuter Street into a pedestrian area from the car park to the power station was definitely on the agenda

"If the Turbine Square development takes place it will assist what we are trying to do," Till said

Ampros director Graham Lindop said his com-

pany had redesigned the western facade of the Turbine Square shopping centre "so that it connects to and relates with Mary Fitzgerald Square"

Speaking as chairman of the Market Theatre committee, Lindop said the committee favoured a cultural precinct "We have to create some new focus for the city, and developing Newtown can do this"

Lindop said development of Spoornet's railway museum, conversion of the remainder of the Market Theatre for the Africana museum and the Africa Cultural Centre's acquisition of a lease for part of the old potato sheds had helped germinate the idea

Finkelstein said road construction was planned for the area's southwestern bus and taxi route. Construction of a bus and taxi terminus — the Metro Mall — would complement transport to Newtown

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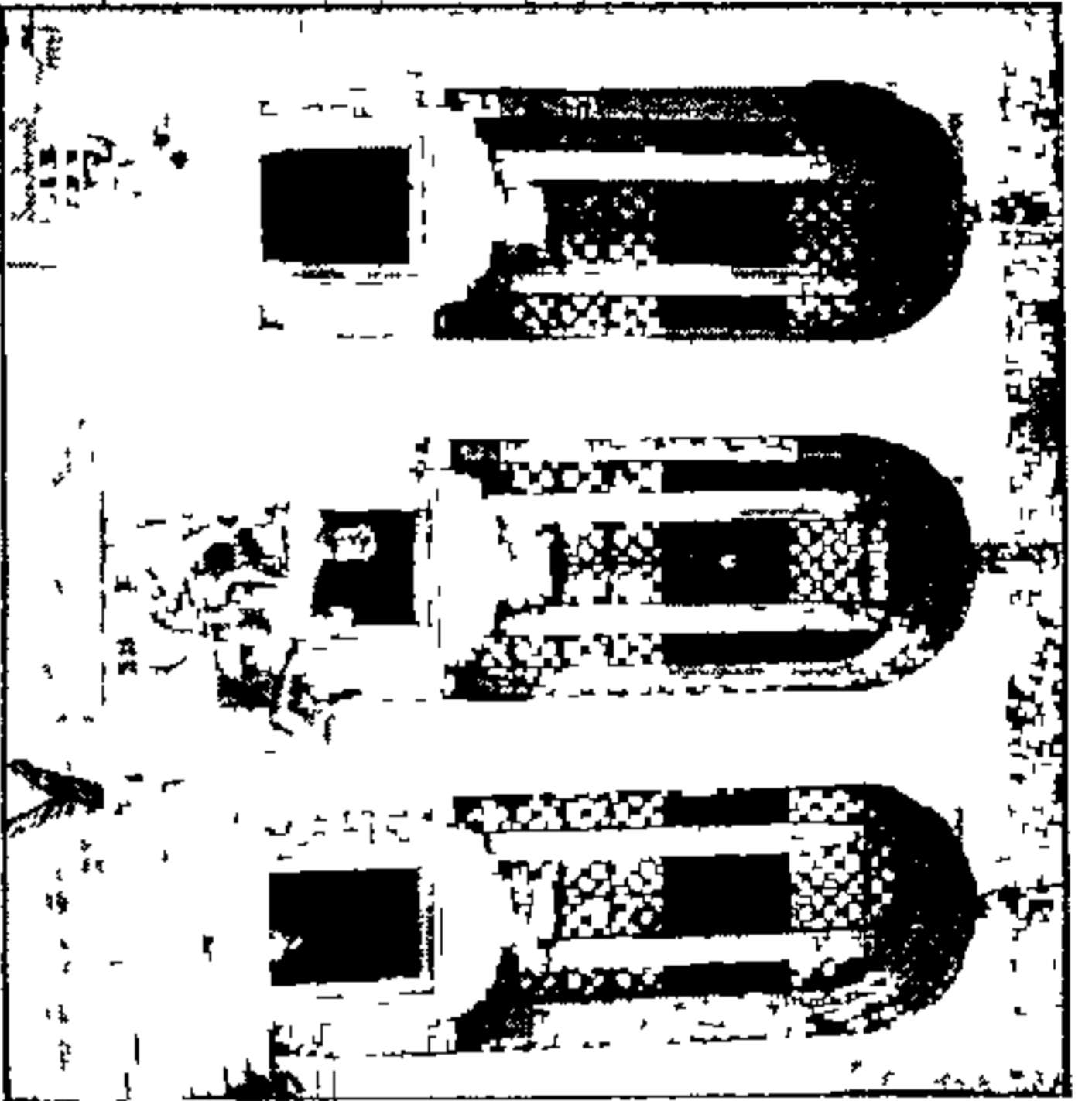
Kempton Park's city fathers have announced the turning of the first sod on their new civic centre on the edge of the CBD. The cost? R85,5m

The council says there are three reasons for this expensive step. It will generate employment, tenders are keen, and ratepayers' money will not be used. The centre will be financed by the sale of industrial land and buildings now used by the council in the CBD. The council is housed in four buildings and this irritates residents and is a bottleneck for council workers.

The council also argues that, because office space in the CBD is at a premium, the rents it pays for its space (two of the four buildings are rented) are high. More parking is also available outside the city centre.

The project will be in two stages. Phase 1 in 1992-1993, at R60m, entails the construction of an office block, rates hall, mayoral complex, council chamber and clinic. Phase 2 will add a library and town hall.

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Free read . . . the Johannesburg Public Library, one of the many facilities used by those who do not pay rates in the city



Johannesburg needs a new tax deal, says Johannesburg management committee chairman IAN DAVIDSON (above)



Benefits for non-residents people who live in places like Edenvale, Sandton or Roodepoort use Johannesburg's zoo, public transport, roads network, health services, central library, art gallery and museums

Others must help foot Jo'burg's bill

A CRITICAL issue in all Johannesburg City Council budgets is to what extent our ratepayers can be expected to pay for infrastructure and services that benefit people all over the Witwatersrand

People who live in places like Edenvale, Sandton or Roodepoort and pay no rates in this city use our public transport, roads network, health services, central library, the Art Gallery, museums and Johannesburg Zoo. Other councils that provide regional services are usually wholly or extensively subsidised by outside agencies. But here, the Johannesburg ratepayer foots most of the bill. This burden must be spread more fairly.

Our obligations as the region's core city are enormous, and have a major effect on how we apply our resources. Unfortunately, the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council's cost-sharing

formula does little to lighten our burden of capital costs that arise from development outside city boundaries.

The RSC has increased its contribution to Johannesburg-related projects by a mere 6 percent while total project allocations to other local bodies rose by about 39 percent. That disparity contrasts with the probable level of contributions from other RSC constituent bodies.

Indeed, the RSC is expected to collect about 80 percent of its levy income from the Johannesburg municipal area.

It's important to remember factors like that, as well as the impact of the recession, when assessing the R2,8 billion municipal budget.

Although spending was cut to the bone in the new financial year — and the average 12,5 percent rise in rates and tariffs is below the inflation rate — our top management team did well to provide for key initiatives to develop our

city economy, expand health services and enhance efficiency.

This year's R2,3 billion operating expenditure budget reflects growth of only 12,5 percent which is within the State Treasury's recommended limit of 13 percent. But we cannot expect to further reduce operating costs unless we find ways to scale down salaries.

Our R527 million capital budget is 3,8 percent less than the previous year's and we cannot really cut back further, given the pressing nature of development needs.

Biggest capital allocation is R154,6 million for wastewater (sewerage) projects to provide for a growing population. Second biggest item is a R122,4 million expansion of the electricity supply infrastructure that has to serve residents here and elsewhere.

For years, Johannesburg has had deficit budgets. But for some reason this year's

gap caused an unusual degree of concern, even though, at R43 million, it is 40 percent less than the past year's, and only 1,5 percent of the total budget. In fact, the city's finances are sounder today than they have been in decades, and the council's accumulated funds and reserves stand at R1,1 billion.

Electricity sales and rates income may improve in the current financial year, but we cannot bank on it, and are taking steps to narrow the budget gap. We could close this gap by further increasing rates and tariffs. But the management committee believes that is unacceptable and the correct approach is to curb spending. This is easier said than done, however, given cutbacks already made.

For this reason, a task force will monitor new posts and allowances, overtime costs, filling of vacancies, and purchases. The management committee has also called for

reports on more cost-effective vehicle replacement and ways to reduce land holdings and the council's joined and pension fund commitments.

It should be clear, though, that we cannot continue indefinitely with austerity budgets for fear of negating our efforts to foster Johannesburg's economic vitality.

We need a new tax system. There is great uncertainty about future financing of local authorities, with financial pressures on all cities increasing as the Government devolves responsibilities to them. In addition, black local authorities have to be absorbed into the socio-economic mainstream.

The new South Africa needs a system of viable, democratic and non-racial local government. Black areas have no tax base, and should share meaningfully in the wealth of the region. The question is not whether we should share, but how.

Johannesburg is part of an integrated urban economy with mutually dependent relationships with Soweto, Randburg and Sandton. Future urban boundaries have to encapsulate that urban economy to ensure effective local government.

I envisage a two-tier system, with a metropolitan government as an umbrella body over local government units. A regional tax base and a uniform tax rate would strengthen the region without impairing financial viability of its constituent bodies. With the revival of the Metropolitan Chamber, we hope for rapid progress.

We are concerned that the Government may impose joint administration and local authority revenue-sharing in January 1993, and believe that the relationship between metropolitan and local authorities should be negotiated — not imposed by national decree. □

Dead mayor on hit-list

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■ **DIEPMEADOW COUNCILLOR** claims a hitlist

was discovered just before the mayor was murdered:

By Victor Tsuai

A SENIOR councillor of the Diepmeadow Town Council has alleged that his colleagues could be implicated in the mysterious assassination of former mayor Mr MJ Khumalo last year.

The councillor, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a hit-list containing names of five Diepmeadow councillors was confirmed three days before Khumalo was shot dead on his way to meet a colleague in Meadowlands on the night of April 16.

The name of the councillor and that of Khumalo were allegedly mentioned in the hitlist.

Death threat to four

Khumalo, according to *Sowetan's* source, was told of the threat to eliminate the four shortly before his death "unless they resigned to join the other group".

The shooting is alleged to have occurred shortly after a coterie of councillors walked out of a meeting addressed by Khumalo. The meeting was "a heated debate and acrimony over council issues".

"The divisions within the Diepmeadow Council had existed for some time and ultimately there was a clear chasm within the council as early as 1989," *Sowetan* was told.

"Khumalo was begrudged by some of his colleagues after the mayoral position and winning it in 1991. Three days later Khumalo was shot dead in what people believed was a politically-motivated killing."

The name of the alleged suspected killer of Khumalo is known to *Sowetan*.

Khumalo's eldest son, Sidney, told *Sowetan* that several people, including members of the police, had indicated to the family that his father was a victim of "in-fighting" within the council.

The other members on the hitlist, which was

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Khumalo was begrudged by some of his colleagues after the mayoral position and winning it in 1991

allegedly given to the police, are still living in fear of their lives.

A spokesman for the South African Police, Captain Joseph Ngobeni, said that the police were not aware of the existence of a hit-list. Ngobeni said that no arrest had been made and police investigations were still continuing.

"We request that people with information about the murder and the hit-list come forward so that their information should be investigated," Ngobeni said.

cates — Lewis Skweyiya, Gilbert Marcus and B Mabandla

Sapa-Reuter reports the ANC yesterday formally handed over to the Tanzanian government its camps and farms there. The handover in Mgorogoro marked the

"It was the people of Tanzania who made a great sacrifice for the liberation of southern Africa. It is only fair that the complexes be handed over to them and not to CCM," civil rights lawyer Mabere Marando said — Sapa-Reuter

Taxi 'war' over Zimbabwe route

THEO RAWANA and WILSON ZWANE

SA's taxi operators were using strong-arm tactics in an attempt to force Zimbabwean bus companies to abandon the Beit Bridge-Johannesburg route, a source said yesterday.

These tactics included abduction and intimidation. *BIDAY 10/7/92*

SA Long Distance Taxi Association (Saldta) president Peter Rabali said he could not say if Saldta members were involved, but confirmed his northern Transvaal region had been in dispute with Zimbabwean bus operators.

Rabali gave the names of three Zimbabwean bus companies involved on the route as Shoeshine, Countryboy and Matambanazo.

The source, who wanted to remain anonymous, said taxi operators had attacked Zimbabwean bus drivers in central Johannesburg three times this week. Three days ago, a Zimbabwean bus driver and his conductor were abducted by taxi operators, while another attempted abduction was foiled by police intervention on Wednesday.

Rabali was non-committal on the incidents, but said Zimbabwean bus operators had reneged on an agreement with his organisation.

This agreement stipulated that only one bus should run the route each day.

"Now the Zimbabweans have flooded the market and left our men with no fares on a route they initiated," said Rabali.

Forum cancelled after police raid

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THE proposed establishment of a joint negotiations forum including the Pretoria City Council and the Central Transvaal Civics Association (CTCA) was cancelled this week after a police raid on the parish church of CTCA president Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa.

Mkhathshwa, who is also general secretary of the Institute of Contextual Theology, was awarded R25 000 by the Law and Order Minister in 1988 following allegations of torture. *BIDAY 10/7/92*

Civic representatives said at a Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber meeting this week that the raid on Monday, as well as alleged intimidation of other civic leaders in the PWV region, was threatening the local government negotiation process.

Civic leaders in the Metropolitan Chamber said they had asked government officials to put pressure on the police to stop the alleged victimisation of civic leaders.

CTCA general secretary Star Vilakazi said up to 50 police officers and soldiers had taken part in the three-hour raid on the St Charles Lwanga Catholic Church in Soshanguve.

He claimed a number of people had been assaulted.

A police spokesman said a pistol and ammunition had been found in the living quarters of a Catholic church in Soshanguve after a raid on Monday afternoon.

There had been no arrest during the incident, he said, although police were looking for the owner of the weapons.

SAAF takes off to help in Angolan election

THE first of several SA Air Force aircraft, which would assist the Angolan government with an air structure for that country's general election in September, left Waterkloof in Pretoria yesterday.

The three Hercules C-130s and two light planes would prepare the installation in Angola from where the SAAF would operate before a contingent of about 60 members with helicopters and light aircraft joined them, an SAAF spokesman said.

The operation was the largest assistance task conducted by the SAAF to an African country, he said.

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The SAAF would assist officials in registering voters living in remote areas. The move followed a request by the Angolan government supported by the UN representative in Luanda, Margaret Anstee.

The SAAF's task mainly would consist of communication flights. The contingent would be rotated monthly.

The election on September 30 would be conducted under UN supervision and great effort was being made to get voters registered in time.

Forum will take over decisions on hostels

DECISIONS on the future of workers' hostels in the PWV would be turned over from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to a national housing and development forum, the TPA agreed this week.

The forum would be created by the housing task group, a sub-committee of the Central Metropolitan Witwatersrand Chamber. It would meet next week to frame the forum's constitution, terms of reference and funding.

Hostel residents, owners and administrators, and people who lived near hostels would be included in the forum, charged with formulating short- and long-term strategies for dealing with the hostel problem. It was agreed that initiatives should recognise that accommodation was required by single people and families.

The forum would take charge of more than R50m allocated by government last month for the restructuring of 13 hostels in Johannesburg, Soweto and Alexandra.

Chamber CE Vic Milne said the TPA had intended to retain new hostel initiatives under its own ambit but had agreed this week to use the more representative chamber structure as an interim measure.

KATHRYN STRACHAN reports that TPA deputy director Len Dekker said violence would increase if government went ahead with its plans to transform hostels without consensus from all parties.

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Responding to claims that government had ignored the Goldstone commission's recommendations, particularly with regard to hostels, Dekker said government had not been able to get hostel residents, owners and residents from surrounding communities to agree on plans.

"We are accused of dragging our feet, but if we go in and make changes unilaterally we will only cause more violence than before," said Dekker. "In most cases we have not even managed to get people around the table — and when they do get together they only want to fight."

The ANC had demanded that all single-sex hostels be converted to family units, but the issue was not so simple, said Dekker. Many single hostel dwellers opposed plans to convert hostels into family units. Many wanted them upgraded, others wanted them destroyed.

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday that fencing hostels could cause further conflict, our Political Staff reports.

He told the NP national youth congress in Stellenbosch he did not want to fight with Judge Richard Goldstone, but it should never be forgotten that there were people living in the hostels.

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Police warn TPA of landmines on proposed sites for squatters

KATHRYN STRACHAN

POLICE have warned the TPA that there could be landmines on sites in the north-west Rand earmarked for the relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters, TPA officials said yesterday.

TPA deputy director-general of community development Len Dekker said at a news briefing yesterday the TPA was prepared for a showdown.

The police warning of landmines indicated the level of "radicalism" the TPA was up against in its plans to move the squatters to sites at Nietgedacht and Diepsloot West, he said.

Dekker said he and other TPA officials had received threatening phone calls.

He said landmines and radical actions, such as Nietgedacht and Diepsloot residents' picket outside JCI offices in central Johannesburg earlier this week, would not solve the problem.

Dekker rejected residents' claims that JCI had used the TPA to protect its investment at the exclusive Danifern Country Club on the adjoining property. JCI had been the moderating influence at meetings, Dekker said, and claimed residents had used JCI as a scapegoat.

Norma Sharples, spokesman for the Nietgedacht Action Group (NAG) which organised residents in the affected areas, said Dekker's accusations were unfair. "We have a democratic right to picket and we have never broken the law," she said. Sharples said local residents' protest ac-

tions had been peaceful, and their objective was only to be heard. NAG had made many requests for meetings with the TPA, but had been refused on the grounds that it was not a recognised body, she said.

The TPA cannot start development on the sites until two applications, brought by residents against the TPA, are heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court next week.

At a meeting scheduled for this afternoon between the TPA and the Crocodile Valley Authority, which represents local area committees in the region, the latter will advance the findings of its investigation into alternative sites.

Although the authority would not disclose its preferred sites yesterday, Dekker said he would be "very surprised" if Cosmo City was not included. He said the TPA rejected the Cosmo City option because more people would be affected by the plan, and it had already been identified as the natural extension area for Randburg's industrial development.

Dekker said all parties agreed that the success of the move depended on what services could be provided at the new sites. The RSC had indicated to the TPA that it had a R1,5m available for upgrading.

Dekker said the TPA did not have the funds to provide housing for the squatters, but said it would investigate ways of helping people to build their own houses.

Protest enlists Van Riebeeck

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Members of Earthlife Africa, the Wildlife Society and the Eco-Programme yesterday draped a black cloak over the Jan van Riebeeck statue on the foreshore to protest against the transportation of a cargo of plutonium in Cape waters.

SA environmental groups are launching a mass campaign with Greenpeace International to protest against the transportation of the plutonium by a Japanese cargo ship.

A government spokesman said government was trying to persuade the Japanese government not to use the Cape route.

1 300 Cape teachers could lose jobs before year ends

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — More than 1 300 Cape teachers could lose their jobs from August 1 when new staffing scales came into effect, the Cape Education Department (CED) said yesterday.

The new scales which were to come into effect from August 1, could lead to as many as 1 363 Cape teachers losing their jobs before the end of the year.

CED communications director Orland Firmani said the figure was provisional as the circumstances in individual schools under the CED could change.

The CED determined only how many posts must go and when. The decision on which posts have to be

abolished would be decided by the schools' governing bodies, he said.

Since Model C schools had been approved earlier this year it was estimated that 11 000 teachers nationally could lose their posts, the Department of Education and Culture said.

But if all schools accepted Model C, only 4 000 teachers would have to be retrenched.

Altogether 639 schools in the Cape chose Model C, 34 accepted the status quo while eight chose Model B.

Teachers due to be retrenched at the end of July were notified in April.

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Some loose strings

One of the major concerns about Johannesburg City Council's budget is its deficit financing. Another is the lack of progress on the controversial issue of cross-subsidisation involving neighbouring Soweto.

But, as management committee chairman Ian Davidson admitted in his recent budget speech "There is the distinct possibility that joint administrations will be imposed on local authorities from January 1, and that, at the very least, mandatory revenue-sharing will come into force from that date."

Wits University local government expert and *Juta's RSC* editor David Solomon says the fact that there is no contingency plan in the Johannesburg budget to enable the council to "take over the administration of services in Soweto" is disturbing.

Johannesburg, says the council, is meeting its obligations to Soweto via the regional services council.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne says the crisis in Greater Soweto over finances and the provision of services, which led to the suspension of activity by the Metropolitan Chamber, has still not been resolved.

The breaking point was the withdrawal on April 2 by Soweto Civic Association from the Greater Soweto Negotiating Forum.

One of the reasons for the crisis is the demand by civics for the full involvement of Johannesburg in the provision of services. At the last chamber meeting on June 10 an ad hoc committee, including Johannesburg representation, was appointed to negotiate a package to resolve the deadlock.

Last year's assessment rate rises hit particularly hard at the affluent, to ensure that they contributed more than the less well off, but, as Davidson admits, they also resulted in many aberrations. His justification for last year's shocker is "that we are now financially more soundly structured than we have been for decades."

Aggregate municipal rate increases will be 12,5% for domestic users and 13,7% for nondomestic ratepayers.

Electricity is set to rise by 11,25% and 13,5% for domestic and nondomestic consumers respectively (Small businesses will, however, pay less than before.) Water tariff increases are 12,93% and 10,34%. These tariffs could rise further, says the council, if Eskom and the Rand Water Board raise charges more than expected in the year ahead.

The charges for cleansing services increase by 15% (domestic) and 20% (nondomestic) — a cost Johannesburg businessmen are prepared to pay, says council; and 15% for container services.

Rate rebates will stay at 55% for houses and 35% for townhouses, cluster homes, flats and the like. Davidson warns, however, that a new Local Government Rating Ordinance from next July may remove the right of a local authority to grant rebates above 40%. This means the present rebate for ordinary homes will have to be reduced over a five-year period to 40%.

What local authorities welcome in the draft ordinance is that they will be allowed to rate mining land, have a little more scope in the rating of improvements, and more flexibility in rate remissions and exemptions for certain classes of property.

Additional income from the rate and tariff increases is expected to be R213,5m — about R43m short for a balanced budget. In fact, the deficit will rise to R72m by the end of the current year. It is still possible, however, that last year's deficit will be reduced as a result of greater electricity demand because of the cold snap. It is understood that R10m has already been wiped off the R72m deficit because of the winter weather.

The council is determined to adopt various measures to move it into the black. Among them halting the creation of posts and the filling of vacancies, reduction of locomotion allowances; the sale of some land from council's estimated R700m portfolio, reconsideration of commitments to staff medical and pension funds, and the adoption of a more cost-effective vehicle replacement policy.

Aside from land sales, however, it is difficult to see how these measures can translate into an extra R72m. Council suggests it could reduce this deficit by R30m in 1992-1993, adding that, short of raising rates and tariffs further, it is prepared to have some deficit financing.

Exhausted workers could be a risk, says fireman

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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Emergency teams at Germiston's three fire stations, working an 84-hour week with no overtime pay, are so exhausted that they could be a risk rather than a help in saving lives, according to one of the rescue workers

Rescue teams came on duty at 7 am on Fridays and went off duty at 7 am on Mondays, which meant the team was

working for 72 hours, he said

"Many of us are mentally and physically exhausted. We are dedicated and loyal to our jobs but the council is not looking after us

"Our fire chief does everything he can, and we have the greatest respect for him, but we believe that he is also against the bureaucracy in the council."

The worker, who wished to remain unnamed for fear of dismissal, said the Germiston

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City Council had supplied sophisticated firefighting and other equipment worth millions of rands

"But what good is the equipment if there are not enough hands to use it to the maximum benefit? We can't always call off-duty firemen to help out. They need their rest

"The tremendous workload could put lives at risk in emergency situations

"The public think they are protected by our services, but

we are all exhausted and overworked and this is bound to have an effect on efficiency," he said.

The plan for Germiston's emergency services was to move towards a "911" objective — "but we don't have enough manpower"

"The ideal situation is to run a specialised emergency unit, but we are having to cope with a jack-of-all-trades situation," said the worker

The council was prepared to

pay a standby electrician overtime, but the same did not apply to its rescue workers

● Germiston town clerk Tome Heyneke said although rescue workers were expected to work long hours, they did have days off to compensate

He said they went off duty at certain times and were then placed on standby.

"So they do get sleep in the interim. It is not a case of having to work 84 hours without sleep or rest," he said

TPA stands firm on firing strikers

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PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration will not reinstate sacked hospital workers despite threats by the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) to occupy buildings, the MEC in charge of health services, Mr Fanie Ferreira, says.

He said the dismissals were more than fair considering fired strikers had been allowed to apply for reinstatement.

Nehawu general secretary Mr Phillip Dexter said at the weekend that the union would occupy Transvaal and Free State provincial

administration buildings to press demands for the strikers' reinstatement. If this failed, workers would dismiss the administrations' managers by "chasing them out" of their places of work.

Nehawu would also call on all affiliates of the Congress of SA Trade Unions and other unions to pressure the two provincial administrations

Disruptions upset Groote Schuur docs

Staff Reporter

DISGRUNTLED doctors at Groote Schuur say there is a great deal of "dissatisfaction and resentment" among interns because of disruptions arising from the health workers' strike.

Interns said that, for "security reasons", only the main entrance of the hospital was open. This caused long delays in treating patients and inconvenienced overworked and underpaid staff.

"Interns are working 100 to 130 hours a week without being paid overtime," an intern said.

The medical superintendent, Dr D Adams, confirmed that staff had been inconvenienced. Interns' grievances were not strike-related and would be looked into.

into reinstating sacked workers

Referring to the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal's threat to barricade hospitals, Mr Dexter said only "scab labourers" and managers would be denied entry.

He said if the workers were reinstated before Friday, the union would not take the action — Sapa

City fathers blamed for squatting crisis

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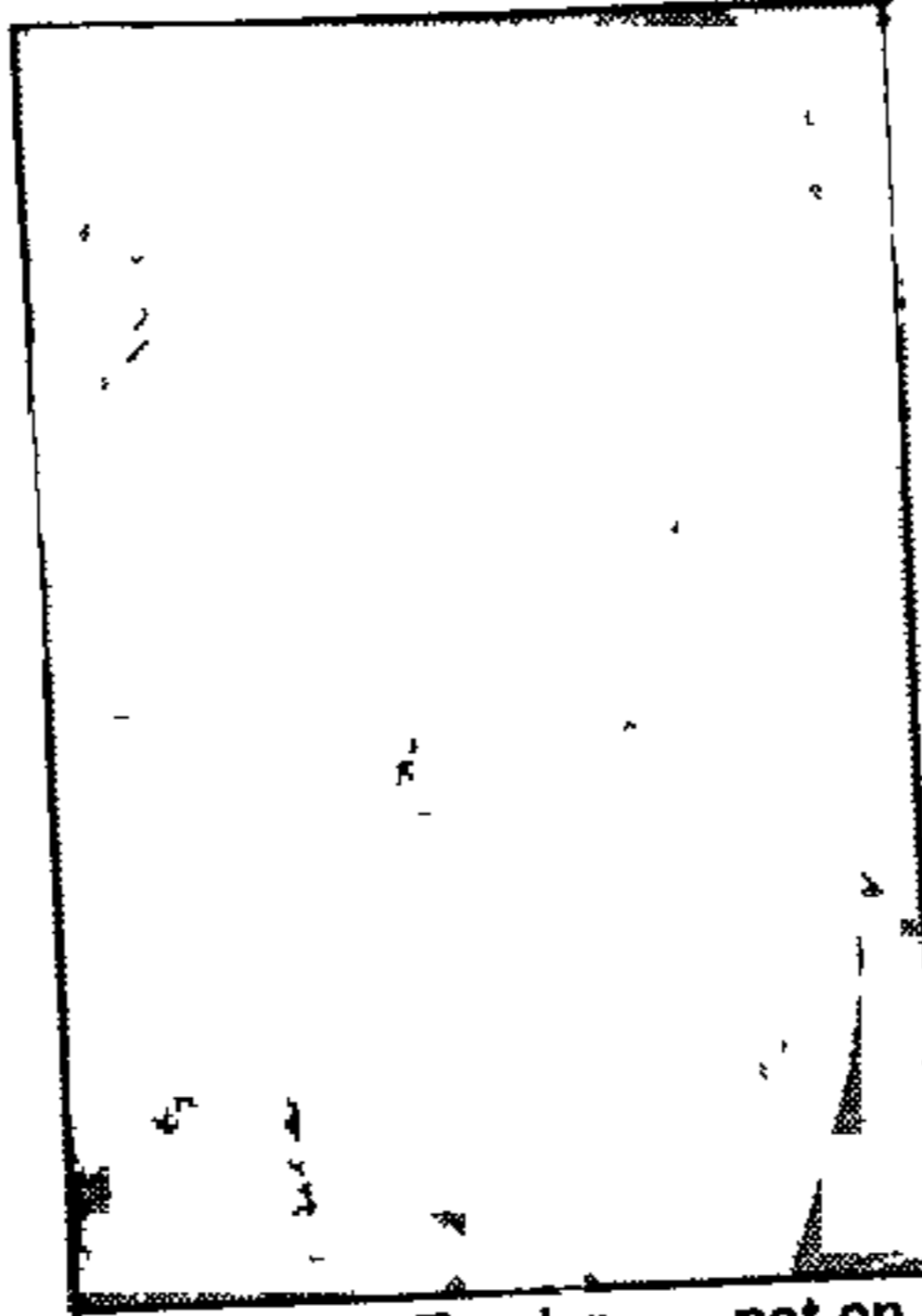
By Shirley Woodgate

Randburg residents were paying the price for their founding fathers' boast that Randburg was one of the first South African white-by-night towns, Crocodile Valley Authority (CVA) spokesman Anthony Duigan said yesterday.

He was reacting to claims by Garden Triangle Action Group (GTAG) chairman Robert van Tonder that no squatters would be allowed in his area — which includes Cosmo City.

Mr Duigan warned against a repeat of the short-sighted policies of the past and said the problems concerning the Zevenfontein squatters had arisen because the city fathers had failed to provide land for low-cost housing.

Mr van Tonder, one of the moving forces behind the establishment of Randburg as an independent municipality nearly 30 years ago, has now called for municipal status for the land represented by his GTAG,



Robert van Tonder . . . not on my doorstep.

north-west of Randburg

He said this new local authority — and not Randburg, Sandton or the Transvaal Provincial Administration — would be empowered to decide what to do with its own land.

The CVA made proposals to the TPA at the weekend for a comprehensive approach to squatter housing on test sites in

Cosmo City and Blue Hills

The proposals were being analysed yesterday by Zevenfontein squatter representatives who originally identified Cosmo City as their number one choice for relocation.

The TPA opted for two sites in Nietgedacht and Diepsloot West. Their decision will be tested in the Pretoria Supreme Court today.

Mr Duigan said one of the reasons why Cosmo had been chosen for an integrated-package development was its location 2 km outside Randburg's boundaries. Neither Nietgedacht nor Diepsloot West met this criterion.

Bester Homes executive Theunis Bester, whose company owns Cosmo City, said two parcels of land had already been acquired for the relocation of Zevenfontein squatters. They had been expropriated by the TPA at R55 000/ha, while the 1 077 ha comprising Cosmo City was up for sale at R35 000/ha. No negotiations had taken place. Mr van Tonder occupied 28 ha in the middle of Cosmo City, Mr Bester said.

Bonus scheme cuts bus costs

ADRIAN HADLAND

A UNION-backed incentive bonus scheme introduced by the Johannesburg City Council for transport maintenance staff would save the council up to R6m a year, it was announced this week.

The scheme has already resulted in a 47% reduction in council bus breakdowns, an average 10 buses more being put into operation and a drop in spares use of more than 30%, a statement said.

Management consultant Ed Saul of Clive Stuart and Associates, which is overseeing the project, said if current performance levels were maintained the annualised gains would be worth R6m, while workers would earn a bonus of as much as 32% of their basic salaries.

Secretary of the Johannesburg Municipal Workers' Union Philip Ngwenya said: "It is good to be able to have some input. The incentive bonus is very attractive to our members and has contributed to happiness and productivity."

Council transport committee chairman Paul Asherson said the scheme would be extended to bus drivers, "probably the most important aspect of the business".

"We are going to have to be able to compete in an open market soon, so we have to look at paying people for better work and not paying them for bad work," he said.

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City relents on separate dwellings

By Frank Jeans

Johannesburg City Council is at last opening the way for home-owners to create separate dwellings on larger properties.

Proposed changes to its planning policy will allow out-buildings to be converted to a second home and a third dwelling to be built as "a primary right".

This major breakthrough also cuts back on planning approval, and a spokesman for the council says plans will be passed virtually "while you wait".
The proposed concessions,

however, must be seen within the parameters of normal bylaws and the council insists that it intends to avoid any slum conditions.

Planning development committee chairman Eddy Magid said the council was deregulating but maintaining controls through planning approval.

A key ruling lays down the provision that a second and third dwelling on a property must together be not more than 50 percent of the main house.

Swept away, however, will be the old restrictions requiring a second home to be linked to the main property. An important aspect is the

cutting of the time taken over approval of plans, which should save developers millions of rands a year.

The council's new policy removes the need for rezoning for a second dwelling and cuts back considerably on time given to other rezoning applications.

The fact that rezoning applications will be reduced from a year to about five months means money in the developer's pocket.

Another area which will benefit is the processing of building plans.

While it previously took more than 21 days on average to get a plan through, the time has been cut to just more than

a week.

"We are aiming at processing 90 percent of correctly submitted plans on a whole-you-wait basis," says Mr Magid.

The planning department processes 7 400 plans a year with a value of R1,2 billion. The savings on interest to the private sector alone, therefore, is estimated at about R7,7 million annually.

The city council has evidently recognised that a home-owner may need to accommodate an expanding family at a time when property values are increasing continually or may require some relief in the form of extra rent

or support for mortgage payments

The private developer can now choose from a number of combinations, such as a domestic's room plus a bedroom for an elder son, or a cottage for a young couple.

In a bid to protect privacy, neighbours will now be asked to endorse building plans or to submit valid objections to the council within 28 days.

In an effort to open up the new policy to public participation, ratepayers and residents can submit comment to the Planning and Development Committee, Box 30733, Braamfontein 2017 until August 30

'Local govt move caused rift in Alex'

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Pretoria Correspondent

Protest against the establishment of a local authority in Alexandra and the subsequent rent boycott led to a rift between different political organisations in the area, a committee of the Goldstone Commission heard yesterday

IFP branch chairman in Alexandra Lucas Khoza told the committee, chaired by advocate R Nugent, that a number of "hostile" organisations were against the establishment of a local authority in the area. They had urged people not to take part in or stand for election.

Mr Khoza said Alexandra used to be peaceful with different ethnic groups co-existing.

Things took a turn for the worse when the Government announced in 1982 that there would be elections for local authorities throughout SA.

"The elections were turned into a political issue by some organisations in the area"

This resulted in Alexandra being divided into two zones, one belonging to the IFP and the other to the ANC.

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Supreme Court turns down urgent Zevenfontein application

Pretoria Correspondent

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An urgent application in the Pretoria Supreme Court application to obtain guidelines on how to serve court papers on the Zevenfontein squatter community, informing them about the case to prevent their resettlement in Diep-

sloot, was thrown out of court yesterday.

The application for substituted service followed an unsuccessful urgent application on Tuesday by Laezonia landowners to prevent the Transvaal Provincial Association from moving the squatters from Rietfontein on to Diepsloot, adjacent to Laezonia

Mr Justice Smit struck the application from the roll, with costs, on grounds that the Zevenfontein community should also have been joined as respondents as they had a "substantial and material interest" in the case.

Laezonia landowners' counsel had argued it was a difficult task to serve papers or

notify squatters about the case and that they could "hardly give notice to every one".

But the judge ruled that counsel could have approached the court with an application for substituted service to give directions on how the papers should be served on the squatters, be-

fore bringing the application to interdict the TPA.

When the urgent application for substituted service was launched yesterday, Mr Justice Smit held there was no grounds for urgency. The applicants planned to launch another urgent application on Tuesday applying for substituted service.

Talks on local govt

suspended

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The Central Transvaal Civics Association (Cetca) and its affiliates have suspended all talks with the Pretoria City Council on the restructuring of local government in the Greater Pretoria area.

The decision was made because of deadlocked national constitutional negotiations.

The suspension of the talks would last until agreement had been reached on national level, Cetca said in a statement yesterday.

"Negotiations for the restructuring of local government are intertwined with the national constitutional negotiations and therefore such local negotiations cannot continue in a vacuum," Cetca said

However, the organisation said, negotiations between civic organisations and the authorities on the provision of services should continue. — Sapa.

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**89 workers
'locked out'**

BEKKERSDAL Town Council workers have been denied access to council premises since Wednesday following the suspension of a fellow worker, a staff member claimed at the weekend.

She said 89 members of the Federation of Municipal, Health and Allied Workers had been locked out for no apparent reason.

A spokesman for the Krugersdorp Town Council, who wished to remain anonymous, said they had received reports that after the suspension of a worker at the Bekkersdal office, the other workers had embarked on a strike. He had no further information. - Sapa.

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Easing of HHP terms has not benefited taxi sector

By Theo Rawana

THE taxi industry has not benefited from the hire purchase relaxations announced by government in March and this has left owners with a burden of higher deposits and shorter repayment periods.

And for a taxi operator who barely makes R5 000 a month on his vehicle, it is an uphill struggle when expenses such as fuel, labour and maintenance are taken into account, says one bank official.

Instead of the new 10% deposit and 54-month repayment period set by government, taxis have to pay an average 25% deposit and settle their debt within the old 42-month period, in line with finance scheme arrangements with banks.

This leaves them with a higher monthly repayment burden than they would have had under the longer period.

Banks with taxi finance schemes cite the minibus taxi's short life span as the reason for the different terms.

"The taxi will have run up a high mileage at 54 months and we are guaranteeing against default," says FutureBank GM Phil van den Heever.

Because the bank is conducting the scheme for business purposes, it is

not governed by any stipulation regarding the repayment period.

FutureBank has taken over the Sabta Foundation scheme and requires a first-time buyer to put up a guarantee of 30% of the purchase price and vehicle insurance into a fund. He then has to pay R3 000 as a first instalment.

A taxi operator who has been with the fund for three years puts up 20% and R3 000, while a client with a proven record of good payment has to contribute 15% and pays no deposit.

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Money deposited into the fund is a safeguard against default, is surety for the individual member and is refundable at the end of the repayment period, Van den Heever says.

On minibuses ranging in price between R55 000 and R70 000, owners paid between R3 500 and R3 700 monthly.

Van den Heever says the rate of defaulters had been constant, but he refuses to give a percentage.

"That is confidential information," Stammic passenger transport finance manager Veli Mokoena says his bank, which deals with the National African Federated Trans-

port Organisation (Nafpo), requires an applicant to pay 15% of the value of his debt, including finance, into the finance fund. This works out at between R10 500 and R11 000.

"To lessen his debt burden, we ask him to pay a R3 000 deposit including insurance," says Mokoena.

"The 15% is refundable once the account has been cleared."

Interest is put into a separate interest account, which covers any defaults.

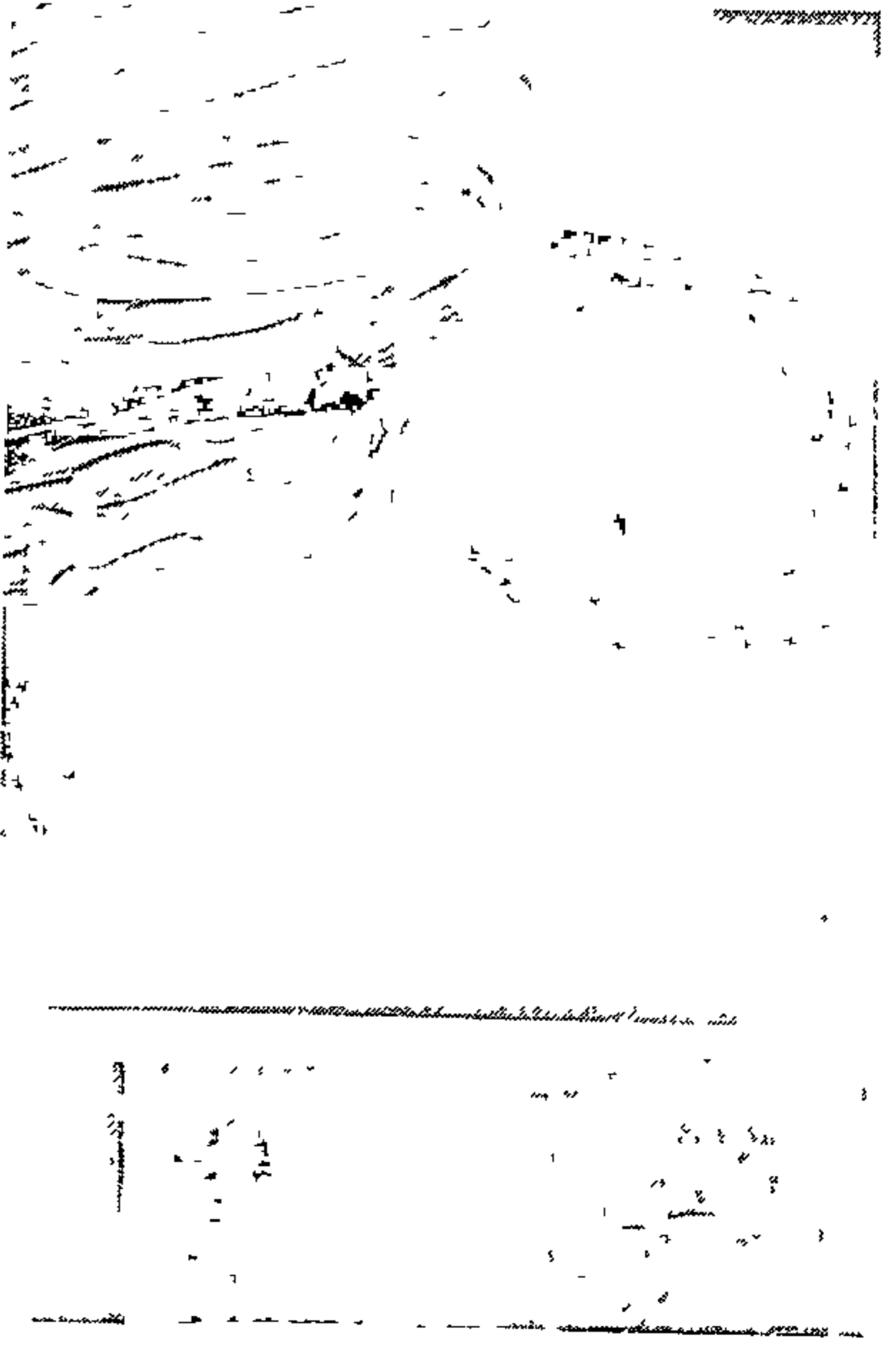
"We have to make the repayment period 42 months because of the short life span of a taxi," he says.

Mokoena says the default rate is not too high.

"We have a bad debt of 18% which we hope to recover, and have written off only 2%."

Asked if, in his opinion, the taxi operators could manage under these terms, Mokoena says "The taxi industry has been oversold as the industry and has attracted a lot of people, including a host of consultants bent on making a fast buck. The operators are far from making money and the maximum monthly income for a taxi operator is R5 000."

"So, with all the expenses he has to contend with — from fuel to labour and the repayments — the man is left with precious little at the end of the month."



Jo'burg plans a healthier environment

A CITY health plan to reduce worker absenteeism and medical care costs was being investigated by the Johannesburg City Council, environmental health director Yervon Schirnding said last week.

The ultimate goal of the plan, the Healthy City Project, was to improve the health of all people living or working in the city, Von Schirnding said.

The project is part of a World Health Organisation initiative to improve city communities' awareness of health and environmental issues. The WHO scheme includes technical and cultural exchanges between different cities of the world.

Possible programmes include community action to clean up streets, finding better

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methods of waste disposal and food and nutritional advice schemes.

Von Schirnding said a project office staffed by professionals from different disciplines would be established to develop and implement health plans for Johannesburg. Surveys would also be conducted on health and environmental issues to establish the needs of different social groups.

"The time is right in Johannesburg for the launching of a healthy city project, with increasing community concern about the impact on the environment, the housing crisis, rapid urbanisation and industrialisation," Von Schirnding said.



Upgrading gets thumbs-up

Staff Reporter *216*

The Johannesburg City Council's R1 million project to upgrade the inner-city suburb of Joubert Park has received positive response from residents — but more public participation is needed, according to city planning department spokesman Marc Salver

"We hope that, with the support of the people, the project will reverse the negative trends and turn the area into an innovative example for inner-city upgrading," he said in a statement yesterday.

The council plans to turn the area between Twist, Claim, Bok and Smit streets into a precinct in an attempt

to reverse inner-city decay.

The precinct forms part of the council's R3,2 million project for the upgrading of the central business district.

The project, which is still in the planning stage, is designed to comprise semi-private and public spaces, parking courts, a children's play area, benches and pedestrian lighting

Work is scheduled to start next month and be completed by December.

Mr Salver said the precinct was seen as an opportunity to stabilise the area.

"We believe that redevelopment involving all stakeholders in the area will form this precinct into an exciting place for the local community."

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Edenvale's streets could be paved with gold

GOLD may be lying beneath the streets and houses of Edenvale on the East Rand.

In a Transvaal provincial gazette published earlier this month, it was announced that the Edenvale town council intended to grant prospecting rights on council land together with "the option to purchase the right to all minerals"

Edenvale acting town clerk Johan Roux said mining company Genmin had approached the council recently with plans to prospect for gold and other minerals in the area.

He said once the right to prospect had

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been granted by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), Genmin would probably be digging "three or four" holes to determine the geological structure and mining potential of the land

Roux said some of the land lay "underneath people's erven", but the Edenvale council had mineral rights to the land "from long ago" Roux said the council owned land throughout the town.

Roux indicated that negotiations between Genmin and the Edenvale town

council would begin only once gold or other minerals were found and proved to be a viable mining proposition

"The announcement in the gazette establishes that Edenvale has agreed in principle to the granting of prospecting rights," he said "There would be no point in negotiating with Genmin unless we could be sure there would be no objections"

Genmin spokesman Laing Geldenhuys said the council land in Edenvale was just one of the areas Genmin was interested in. He said it was not company policy to disclose further details on its intentions

Squatters not natural criminals, court told

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To suggest that indigent people who could only be accommodated informally were inherently lawless was a startling proposition which had no foundation whatsoever, a senior advocate argued in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Sam Maritz, acting for the Transvaal Administrator, was opposing an application to stop the resettlement of the Zevenfontein community at Diepsloot.

Mr Maritz said the application by the Diepsloot Residents and Landowners Association

had not established a reasonable apprehension of harm resulting from an increased crime rate.

Police intended to erect satellite stations at Nietgedacht and Laezonia. A permanent police station was planned for Fourways.

The Administrator also intended to take reasonable precautions to prevent interference with the rights of surrounding landowners by implementing a proper town-planning scheme at Diepsloot. There was no question of uncontrolled squatting being allowed

H Steyn, for the residents' association, argued on Tuesday that the Administrator had, in deciding to move the squatters to Diepsloot, not exercised his discretion properly.

He said the move would unlawfully interfere with the rights of Diepsloot residents and landowners.

The squatters would create a nuisance, and landowners in the area feared they would contaminate the groundwater supply. This would create a health risk to the community

The hearing continues — Sapa

Vaal faces total collapse of services

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

A serious health problem could be looming in strife-torn Vaal Triangle townships as local residents face what could become a total collapse of municipal services in the area

The non-payment of rent since the Boipatong massacre is one of the main reasons for the brewing problem. Another factor is that rampaging mobs are making it nearly impossible for local councils to enter certain areas

Roads are being blocked and municipal vehicles stolen or hijacked. When The Star visited some of the townships yesterday, it was clear that serious problems were already being

experienced with sewerage systems, refuse removal and water supply in the area

Sewage-lined streets and accumulating rubbish were a common sight throughout the area.

Also conspicuous were a large number of barricades in Sebokeng and Sharpeville roads, severely hindering normal traffic flow.

Stoned

An armoured police vehicle transporting members of the media on a tour of the area was stoned several times during the course of the afternoon

According to a statement released yesterday by MEC for Constitutional Development and Ne-

gotiations Olaus van Zyl, local councils are unable to continue supplying normal services as it is almost impossible to enter certain areas in the townships with their vehicles and equipment

Mr van Zyl stated that some of the sewage flow in the Vaal was already on its way to the Vaal River. He added that at various places, streets were inaccessible, and warned that the lack of refuse removal could create a health hazard

Cement blocks were also being thrown into manholes in the sewerage system. The blockages in the system could result in some of the pipelines having to be replaced — at a cost of about R3 million

Mr van Zyl warned that the current situation

could cause a total collapse of municipal services in the area. Payment of accounts had dropped to a mere 11 percent since the Boipatong massacre

It also appeared that damage to property was being done without taking into account the implications of these actions.

Tolerate

"Local residents can certainly no longer tolerate these actions in the townships. It is now necessary for them to stand together against elements that do not have the interest of the residents at heart. It is also necessary that local negotiations be resumed," he said

Councillors in arrears asked to quit

STAR 23/1/92.
The mayor of Duduza and three of his councillors have been asked to resign from their positions after failing to pay rent

According to a Transvaal Provincial Administration report, mayor Kebane Molo and councillors M Hlatshwayo, T D Nyembe and T Motoane have not paid rent for some time.

A TPA spokesman said that in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act, the moment a councillor stopped paying rent without any reasonable explanation, he was automatically disqualified.

He said an administrator, Willie Robinson, had been appointed to take over the running of Duduza

The TPA spokesman said

the disqualification did not adversely affect the residents because services were still being rendered to the community

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The executive of the TPA had been informed about the disqualification Mr Molo could not be reached for comment — East Rand Bureau.

JOHANNESBURG CITY COUNCIL

Going to market

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Johannesburg City Council has raised about R15m from the sale of certain of its properties over the past six months. Council property management director Len Holgate says he hopes to raise at least a further R15m in the next six-month period.

The current value of the council's property portfolio is put at about R700m. Facing a budget deficit at the end of its current financial year of about R72m, it is now looking for every possible method of raising funds rather than penalising ratepayers. Turning its redundant property to account is one way of achieving this.

Holgate says the sale of surplus council-owned land is an ongoing process, however, each proposed sale has to be approved by the full council and, in many cases, the land in question must first be subdivided and zonings amended. "All these are time-consuming processes," he says. In addition, council has no intention of selling off the family silver at bargain basement prices. Holgate says a prime requirement is to take into account the state of the market in any given area so that council can be certain it is maximising its revenue-earning potential.

Meanwhile, it has announced the offer of a prime site in Braamfontein for sale by tender. The stand, situated close to Wits Uni-

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versity, covers 4 500 m² and fronts on De Korte, Henri and Juba streets. It is zoned for Business 1 and a public parking garage. Tenders for the property close on July 29. Holgate says other properties that may be offered for sale soon include one stand in Parktown covering about 3 000 m². It is close to the motorway and fronts on St Andrews Road. Another two contiguous stands may come up for sale soon in Ridge Road, Parktown, near the Park Lane Clinic.

Plea to residents ^{U6}

THE Johannesburg City Council yesterday called on residents of Noordgesig to help stop the intimidation of council workers.

In an open letter to residents the council said intimidation seriously hampered services such as cleansing and other activities like land surveying. It said the involvement of residents could put an end to acts of intimidation which would greatly facilitate the speeding up of "what has to be done in Noordgesig".

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Ex-town clerk threatens council with court action

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By MONWABISI NOMADLO

DUDUZA's town clerk has instructed her attorneys to withdraw her resignation from the town council which took effect on July 1

Christina van der Merwe confirmed her intentions to withdraw her resignation

Asked by City Press about her sudden change of heart, Van der Merwe slammed the receiver down after a curt "no comment, thank you"

Her resignation followed an internal inquiry into alleged irregularities in the council by the Transvaal Provincial Adminis-

tration (TPA)

The newly appointed administrator of Duduza, Willie Robinson, confirmed that the council had endorsed the resignation, saying there was no way she could be reinstated

Unconfirmed rumours indicated Van der Merwe was threatening to take the council to court when her ultimatum for reinstatement expires on Tuesday

A source told City Press that Van der Merwe "regretted" handing in her resignation, instead of being suspended

If suspended, she would be entitled to full benefits while investigations continued

"The investigations and any legal prosecution that could follow could take years while she received her salary," the source said.

Recently the mayor of Duduza, Kebane Moloi, and three of his councillors were suspended from the council because they were in arrears, Robinson said

He added that they should have been suspended more than a year ago.

Regulations stipulated that when an official did not pay rent for three months, he was automatically suspended, Robinson said.

Zevenfontein relocation put on hold by court's interdict

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THE relocation of several hundred Zevenfontein squatter families was temporarily halted this weekend when residents of the Nietgedacht area obtained an urgent interim interdict against the TPA

Pretoria Supreme Court Judge Isak de Villiers also temporarily prohibited the TPA from continuing with the development of the Nietgedacht site for the resettlement of the Zevenfontein community

De Villiers gave the TPA and eight other respondents — including the owner of Zevenfontein farm, the Chartwell community and JCI — until September 8 to show cause why the order should not be made permanent

A TPA spokesman yesterday said that it would strongly oppose the court's interim order, and expressed regret about the inconvenience the legal action had caused the squatter community

"The Zevenfontein community currently lives under extremely undesirable conditions and we regret that they have to now suffer further inconvenience," TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said

The urgent application was launched by the Jukskei Crocodile Catchment Area

STEPHANE BOTHMA

Land Owners' and Residents' Association (JCCA)

The interdict also affected the agreement signed between the owner of the farm Zevenfontein, the Chartwell community and JCI, which stipulated that the squatters would be relocated by July 31

The TPA's proposed site, north of Johannesburg, was technically and socio-economically unsuitable for low-cost housing settlement, the JCCA said in a statement

The area was strategically very important to the PWV as a major agricultural area for vegetables, flowers, fruit and other farm produce being supplied for export and the Johannesburg and Pretoria markets, the statement said

The two landowners who had been served expropriation orders by the TPA had not yet moved and had accepted the expropriation money without prejudice to their legal rights, JCCA spokesman Wessel Swart said yesterday

"The expropriated parties were extremely pleased about the successful court application," he said

Protecting workforce

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

THE Inkatha-aligned United Workers Union of SA (Uwusa) and the newly formed United Independent Trade Unions' Adhoc Committee for SA, which together represent 70 000 workers, say members will defend themselves against anyone trying to prevent them from going to work during the mass action campaign

Uwusa and new union chairman Jabulani Dlamini last week warned of the effects of a general strike on the economy, saying many workers would lose their jobs and many might be killed in confrontations with police

"As trade unions our main task is to protect workers' interests in the workplace We appeal to the ANC/Cosatu alliance not to involve workers in any political actions"



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Seven die in union clash

CHARLIE PRETZLIK

SEVEN people have been killed in recent violence involving the Inkatha-backed United Workers' Union of SA (Uwusa) and the Cosatu-affiliated Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) at the Escort Bazaar Co-op in Heidelberg.

On Friday night the house of an Inkatha member of the Raitanda Town Council was attacked. Three Uwusa members and four Fawu members are believed to have been killed in the subsequent fighting, which continued on Saturday. At least 10 people were seriously injured.

A limpet mine was placed in a nearby hotel but no casualties were reported, said Heidelberg police commissioner Lt-Col S J le Grange.

Violence between Uwusa and Cosatu-aligned unions has cost more than 25 lives this year.

Meanwhile, ~~Uwusa~~ spokesman Duke Senakongo said a drive by the union to recruit hospital workers in the PWV had netted 200 new members at Baragwanath Hospital over the past three days, with new members also being enrolled at Tembisa Hospital.

Council gearing up for disruption of services

ADRIAN HADLAND and RAY HARTLEY

THE Johannesburg City Council is gearing itself for a possible drastic reduction in services next week as thousands of municipal workers are expected to take part in the week of mass action.

Public transport, cleansing, garbage removal, traffic, water and waste services could all be affected. Town clerk Graham Collins said each of the council's departments had prepared contingency plans in the event of a high absentee rate. The council's departments would continue to function, he said.

A spokesman for the Cosatu-affiliated SA Municipal Workers Union, which has 10 000 members in the city council and another 13 000 elsewhere in Transvaal, said all its members would stay away from work on Monday and Tuesday next week.

In the event of a large stayaway, the council's public transport service could be particularly badly hit, said Transport director Stan Verrier.

Meanwhile, the ANC PWV region's Johannesburg action council met last night to plan the next phase of the area's mass action campaign which showed signs of fizzling out yesterday.

ANC spokesman Ronny Mamoepa said he had received reports of two activities by yesterday evening — a protest at Medunsa University in solidarity with striking Nehawu

workers and a sit-in at the Kallehong City Council offices. A police spokesman said 32 protesters were arrested and charged with trespassing.

Mamoepa said mass action appeared to involve few people because of an ANC strategy to infiltrate government buildings with small numbers in order not to alert authorities. He said weekend marches had seemed small because there were many of them across the PWV.

In a separate statement, Mamoepa accused the business community of adopting "intimidatory and coercive measures".

He said pamphlets distributed by the Pretoria business liaison forum calling on workers not to support the Cosatu stayaway proved business was biased in favour of government. "We appeal to business to join hands with our people to bring about a speedy end to minority rule."

Meanwhile, up to 20 000 workers are today expected to march on the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court where 82 Numsa members are due to appear on charges stemming from arrests made after mass action in Rosslyn, Sapa reports.

ANC Pretoria action committee chairman Peter Maleleka said the march would be held in sympathy

with the unionists

The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry has advised its 5 000 members that final written warnings and dismissals are appropriate actions to take against workers observing the August 3 and 4 stayaway.

JCCI members should also adopt a "no work, no pay" policy.

Meanwhile, the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance's eastern Cape region has targeted two local daily newspapers for an indefinite boycott as part of its mass action drive.

ANC eastern Cape spokesman Phila Nkayi said yesterday the action against the EP Herald and the Evening Post, both owned by Times Media Ltd, was in protest against adverse publicity which the newspapers gave the alliance.

ANC national spokesman Gill Marcus said that while her organisation agreed that editors had a right to print what they liked, it was necessary to point out that consumers had the right not to buy their newspapers. EP Herald editor-in-chief Derek Smith said the ANC had objected to editorials against mass action.

Said Smith "To single us out just because we wrote against the mass action campaign and about its effect on people's lives amounts to political bullying. It doesn't look good for the future."

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Call for Scrapping of 'dangerous' PWV plan

A MAJOR government development plan for the PWV region containing long-term urbanisation, housing and urban growth policies was described by the Urban Foundation yesterday as a "dangerous document" that should be withdrawn.

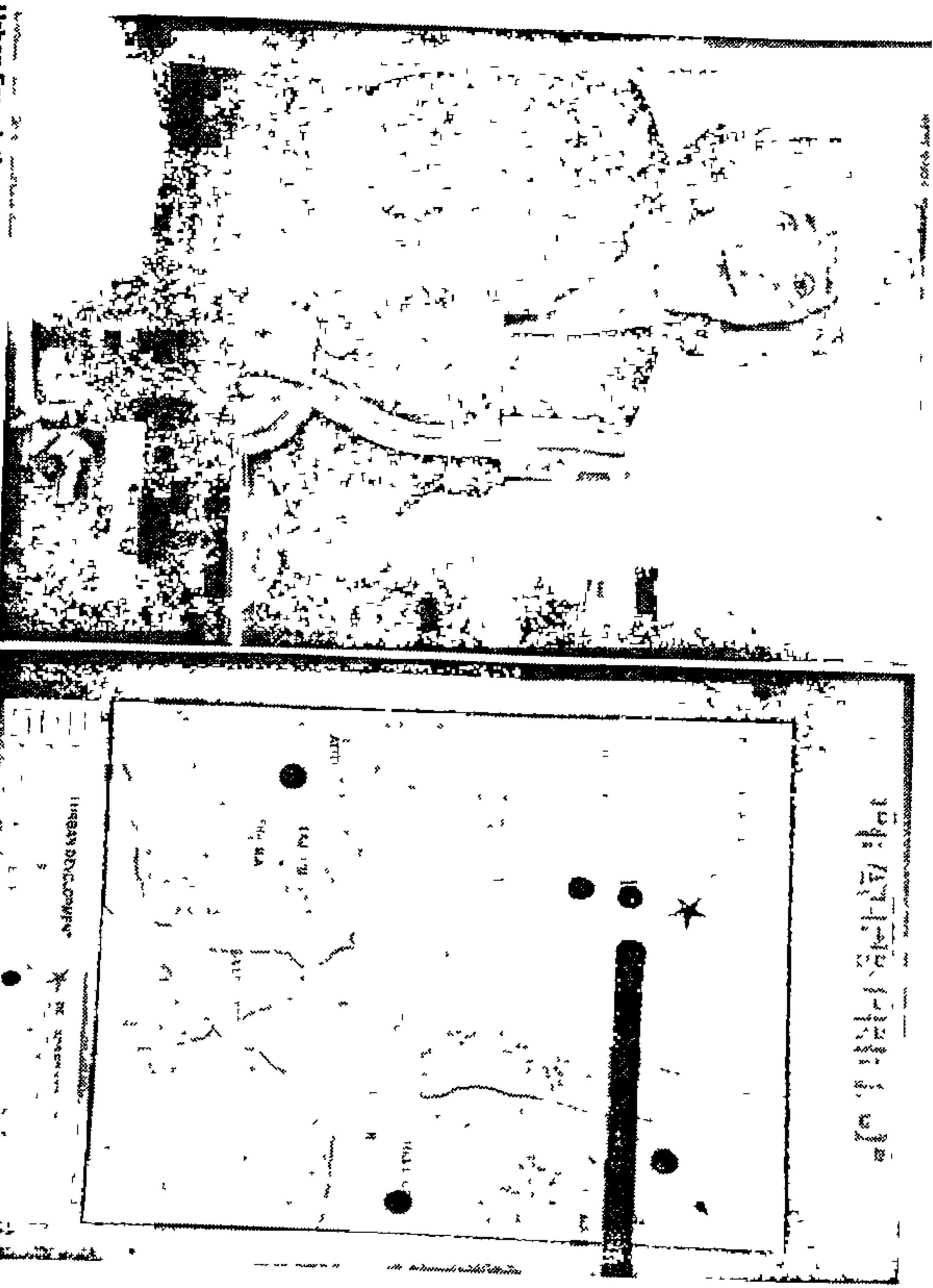
Speaking at a media conference in Johannesburg, foundation executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein said the department of regional and land affairs' draft spatial development framework was simplistic, showed little grasp of economic issues and was redolent with the concepts and assumptions of old apartheid.

If approved, the 10-year development plan, which was distributed to local authorities and interested parties for comment in February this year, would have a critical impact on local and regional planning policies, Bernstein said.

"Each city, town or joint authority in the PWV will formulate its individual plan and future planning decisions within the context of the guidelines set up by the framework," a foundation report said.

The report said it would influence key decisions on the provision of industrial land, the location of low income housing and priorities on state expenditure. In proposals for greater Pretoria, the framework suggested new residential development in KwaNdebele and job creation projects to be located in Soshanguve. "This is the apartheid city," said Bernstein.

The foundation report said the economic, planning and structural analysis on which the framework was based was "inadequate and fundamentally flawed". It recommended the blueprint be withdrawn.



Urban Foundation executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein addresses a news briefing in Johannesburg yesterday at which she described a government development plan for the PWV as 'dangerous'.
Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

Talks with Nehawu

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday announced that it wished to open talks with the National Education and Health and Allied Workers Union.

Mr Fanie Ferreira, MEC for Health Services, said yesterday the TPA agreed that the temporary status of hospital workers and the amendment of the Labour Relations Act deserved attention and that it would hold further negotiations "to bring about a permanent solution".

The move is expected to provide mechanisms to settle future labour disputes in the public sector.

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Bad debts cost Jo'burg R117m

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ADRIAN HADLAND

THE Johannesburg City Council lost more than R117m in bad debts, unpaid accounts, wastage, theft and fraud in the year to June 1990, a report to the auditor-general stated.

The report, which was approved by the council last night, was not a cause for alarm or concern, said management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

"With any organisation the size of the Johannesburg City Council, with a budget this year of more than R2bn, you are inevitably going to find certain faults," he said.

One of the biggest losses, R65m, was attributed to residents who had not paid assessment rates or gas, water and electricity bills for more than a year.

Councillor Cecil Moss suggested deposits for these services be increased to provide more protection for the council. Davidson said this would be considered.

Water and gas leaks were responsible for a R20m shortfall in income.

Utilities chairman Paul Asherson said wastage had led to "uncomfortable losses" accruing in the water and gas accounts for many years. The report said nearly 20% of the city's water, worth R16,2m, and 12,7% of its gas, worth R3,3m, had been lost through leaks and wastage.

Asherson said the drought had led to an increase in the incidence of broken pipes, while some contractors had used unsuitable materials in townships.

"During the 1983 drought, the council lost 23% of its water through leaks and we have had more problems this year."

Other losses borne by the council included R341 000 in theft or fraud, R9m in bad debts, and R5,3m in mortgage arrears in Ennerdale and Eldorado Park.

Bold new vision for PWV sought

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SWEEPING proposals to scrap old apartheid divisions in the location of black and white communities and consider the creation of a new, compact nonracial development zone within a 25 km radius of Johannesburg's city centre were unveiled by the Urban Foundation yesterday.

The foundation urged the total withdrawal of controversial draft plans, prepared by the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, published under the title "1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV".

Instead, a round-table non-racial indaba was proposed to pursue a radical new approach to black/white integration and rethinking about leaving black townships and so-called informal settlements — or squatter camps — remote from the economic mainstream.

"It is important to recognise that old apartheid ideas and practices live on," said the Urban Foundation. "In the PWV this legacy can be seen in segregation and fragmentation of the cities, economic growth issues, land for low-income housing and in the role of the central State."

"The time for greater honesty in the development arena is long overdue. We need new visions."

The PWV at the moment faced two crises: the enormous challenge to find land and housing opportunities in reasonable locations for hundreds of thousands of citizens without adequate shelter; and solutions to economic growth and job creation in a declining regional economy.

Urban Foundation executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein said the Government document had failed by falling far short of a new post-apartheid vision of the future.

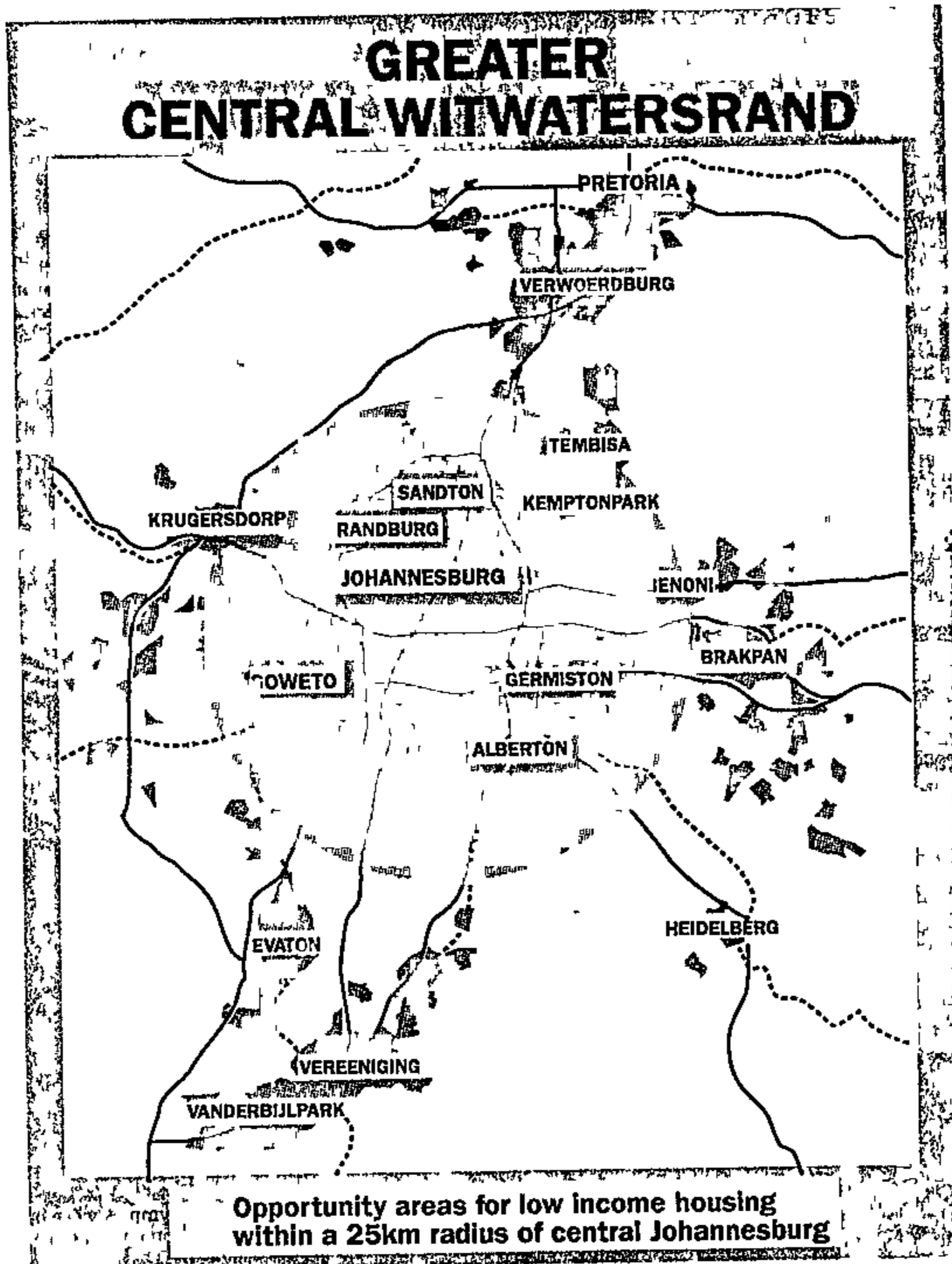
The crucial need now was for a set of practical guidelines on the residential and economic development of the entire region — mapped out not by bureaucrats alone but by round-table discussions by all the key stakeholders, from homeowners to investors.

Among the first priorities must be a radical re-examination of the outline of what has become known as the PWV — sprawling north from the Witwatersrand to Pretoria and south to the Vaal Triangle.

A decision was needed on whether the PWV should remain a single unit or whether the vast economic powerhouse should be split into three in a redrawing of the boundaries of development regions.

One option that deserved investigation was the creation of a compact zone within a 25 km radius of central Johannesburg, and its potential for low-cost housing, before more distant

The Government has been advised by the Urban Foundation to scrap controversial draft proposals on the future development of the entire PWV economic powerhouse. The foundation argues that a radical new approach is needed in a post-apartheid era, reports MICHAEL CHESTER



marginal settlements were considered.

"The political framework for the cities is now quite different, and that entails a reassessment of how we understand future metropolitan growth in a multi-nodal region like the PWV," argued Ms Bernstein.

"We need to look carefully at the different areas that make up this region and assess the advantages and disadvantages (economic, political, social and in-

frastructural) of the present definition of planning regions."

New visions were required — such as the full integration of Johannesburg and Soweto as a newly constituted single city of world status.

It was now widely agreed that apartheid policies created an extremely inefficient and inequitable urban structure, Ms Bernstein said.

The Urban Foundation suggested that a key practical

guideline for the 1990s was that local authorities, regional authorities, private developers, community organisations and other urban players had to encourage the functional re-integration of cities still divided on racial lines.

The two key aims should be:

- To concentrate development wherever possible between former black townships and city cores, with guidelines for future public investment that could be

followed by private investment.

- To examine inner-city areas and study how to increase densities so as to maximise the impact of infrastructure and investment, taking lessons about inner-city redevelopment from international as well as local experience.

Local authorities had to look at the costs and benefits of incentives for private and community investment, lobbying for national urban and housing policies to facilitate laying out new plans.

"Moving towards a democratic society means that the interests and needs of all those citizens hitherto ignored in the city must now be accommodated," said Ms Bernstein.

The authorities will need to identify and deal with the needs of all the different new players and reconcile these new needs with those of the more established urban actors."

The Urban Foundation put forward two practical suggestions:

- Exploring a number of planning innovations that could be used to manage the interface between high and low-income communities by the location of various facilities.

- Recognising the inevitability of conflict around land issues in the transition and weighing the possibility of the creation of a Land Court where conflicts could be resolved through judicial process and by reference to national policy principles — rather than through unilateral decisions by public authorities.

Physical planning should respond to economic realities.

Planners should bear in mind that while jobs were still concentrated in industrial and commercial zones, jobs were also spread throughout the urban area — in suburban industrial parks, office complexes, private homes, shopping centres, parking lots, hotels and restaurants.

"Provision for housing, transportation, infrastructure and social services needs to take this economic reality into account and balance the location of jobs and housing," Ms Bernstein argued.

The draft 1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV had fallen short of meeting all the main criteria that should be followed. It should be withdrawn.

A totally new approach was needed in planning the future of the PWV complex.

All the key stakeholders in the region should be allowed to take part in laying new plans from the outset.

Planning should begin with focus on two crucial issues:

- The definition of the PWV
- The formulation of practical guidelines which responded to the new realities of South African cities. □

NEWS Johannesburg cleaners, contracted on a daily basis, receive R180 a fortnight

Street sweepers earn R360 a month

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■ Six-day week but treated as temporary workers after four years with Johannesburg City Council:

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STREET sweepers employed by the Johannesburg City Council are earning R360 a month paid in fortnightly instalments, *Sowetan* has been told.

Their only day off is Sunday. Some of the workers said they have been working for the council for four years but were being treated as temporary employees.

The council pick up the workers in a truck near Baragwanath Hospital daily.

They reported for duty at 3pm and started cleaning the Jo'burg streets from 4pm until 9pm, they said.
Mr Gys du Plessis, the council's

director for Solid Waste, a department which employs the cleaners, said there were 150 workers who were "contracted on a daily basis".

He was not sure whether some of the cleaners could have been doing the job for years "but it is possible", he said.

Although the truck was not taking the cleaners back home after work, the council was "giving them R3 a day as transport allowance".

He said the transport allowance was included in the workers' wages of R180 a fortnight.
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A female teacher points at one of her colleagues to come and join in the singing after a meeting of the South African Democratic Teachers Union at Regina Mundi Church in Soweto yesterday.

Pic: PHANUEL MAHUNTSI



NEWS FEATURE For R360 a month — a hard demanding job with no leave, no security and

The city of gold sparkles — but its cleaners don't

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Clean sweep

STREET CLEANERS: Keep Johannesburg clean. WAGE A meagre R360 a month. FUTURE. Bleak because they are not on permanent staff. ATTITUDE. Mostly positive despite adverse circumstances. PROTECTION. None — they do not belong to any union.

■ SWEEP OUT Street sweepers work long, dangerous hours in Johannesburg doing an essential job of work for a mere pittance. **Abbey Makoe** spent an evening with some of them:

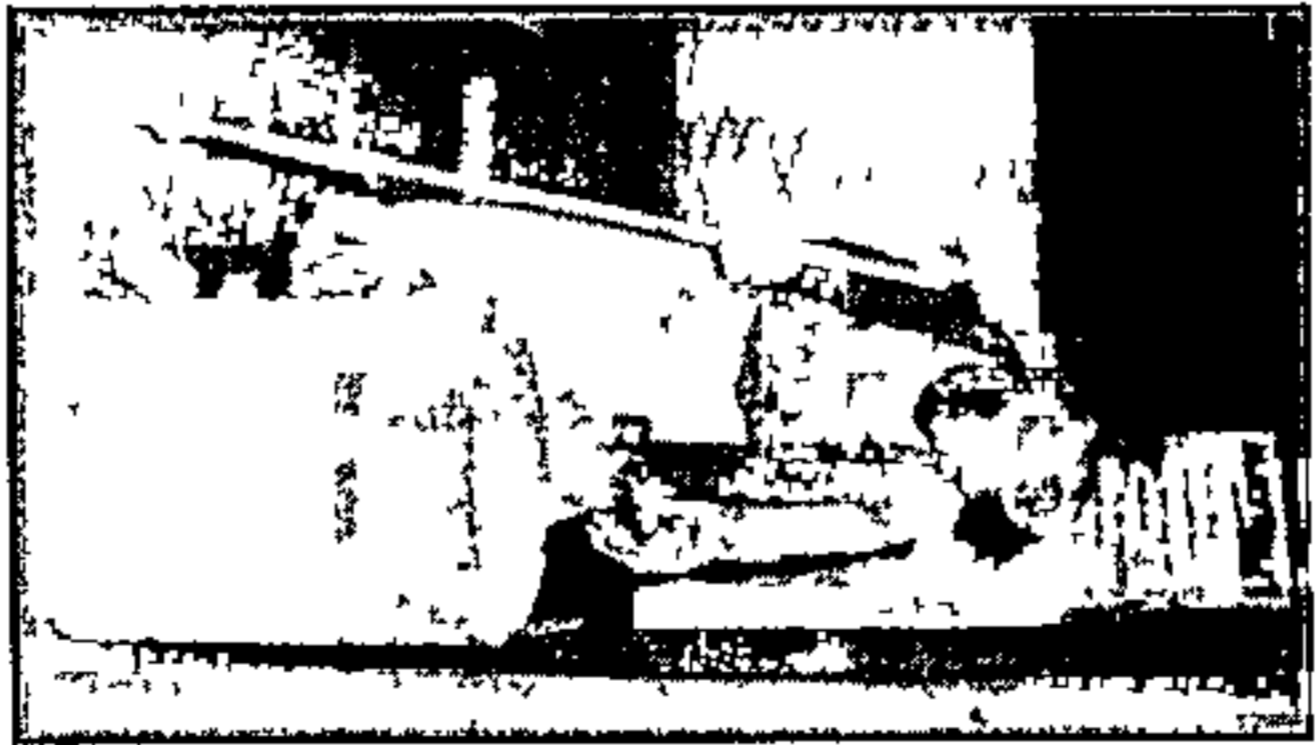
FOR R360 A MONTH no leave no safety guarantee nor job security, street sweepers in the city are upholding one of the most common advertisements around. "Keep Johannesburg Clean". But by the time you read this, some might have lost the job they have been doing daily for the past four years. They are hired on the spot and are fired on the spot.

They do not have anyone to speak for them, not even a union. They cannot enter into wage negotiations with their employer the city council, nor can they strike, let alone go slow.

Regardless of the service, they are kept as temporary workers and treated that way, without any benefits usually enjoyed by normal workers. As one worker puts it, "Working here is tantamount to being jobless." Yet above all that, their boss at the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Gys de Plessis, said "The fact of the matter is we find they are happy."

But going out with female street sweepers and their male colleagues running faster after refuse removal trucks is enough to reveal the difficulties under which they work. On a cold and windy night men and women, many of them breadwinners in their homes, walk nonchalantly in the streets of the metropolitan Johannesburg, picking up papers and sweeping away the dirt.

Many are dressed in orange overalls the official uniform of the Johannesburg City Council, their employer.



Except for this blatant exploitation, I love the job

Selimah Tshabalala hopes that after years of daily work the council might one day employ her permanently.

scarf hanging on her neck. She wore black gloves to protect her hands. Mr Isaac Dube no longer runs after the corner and door-to-door collecting dirt in big black plastic bags.

Although he too complained about the circumstances under which he worked, he was relatively happy about his earnings.

"If you compare it with the R51 I was earning a day when I first joined the

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Pietersburg grows up

PIETERSBURG is to become SA's 15th city today. The charter granting Big City status will be presented to the city's mayor Janne Moolman at a banquet tonight.

The city has a population of 50 000 and property of R1,3bn. Town clerk Attie Vermaak said city status meant greater autonomy and investment. (266)

a family to feed

☞ If you compare it with the R5 I was earning a day when I first joined the council in 1988, you can see the difference is remarkable ☞

Mr Isaac Dube

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council in 1988, you can see the difference is remarkable," he said

His wife is in Newcastle with the their children. After paying R55 every month for the backyard shack he hires, he sends his wife R100 and buys a little food for himself.

"In this place I am living from pillar to post," he said

JOINT effort: These are some of the men who help "keep Jo'burg clean". In turn they get far less than they give.



Ratepayers helping to shape local government

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ADRIAN HADLAND

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figure to approach, the role of ratepayers would become essential in identifying whom to lobby and over what issues, she says

Daus cites the 1988 municipal elections as the catalyst for a renaissance in ratepayer activism

With 11 Sandton councillors elected unopposed in an 18% poll, Daus says the election brought into being a belated interest in the workings, personalities and decision-making of municipal affairs

Creeping office development projects in the Sandton area, aided by a sympathetic town council and a perceived council slant toward autoc-racy, secrecy and paternalism, provoked ratepayer organisations to get organised and to become more involved, Daus says

Discussions between the more than 20 ratepayer organisations op-

erating in Sandton at the end of 1989 led to the formation of Sanfed in February 1990

"We decided to create a forum in which we could discuss issues of mutual interest to Sandton residents and express them through a united front," she says

Two years on, Sanfed boasts up to 250 committee members in 23 paid-up ratepayer organisations and a grassroots membership of several thousand

The 1988 municipal elections were also a watershed in ratepayer activism in Johannesburg, says Margrit Wolff, chairman of the umbrella ratepayers organisation the Northern Areas Group

The DP, which rules the council in an alliance with the NP, fought the election on a public participation ticket and councillors have become far more responsive to ratepayer demands, she says

Wolff describes the future of local government as a major concern for Johannesburg ratepayers

"Now that we have got the negotiating forum in Johannesburg going, we hope to have some input into their constitution as it will affect local government"

A common feeling among many ratepayer organisations is that a strong form of local authority would be preferable to a powerful regional one

The argument is that it would be easier to deal with an empowered local level structure rather than with a wider regional one on issues such as the encroachment of business on residential zones and a higher ratepayer profile in city planning and development projects

While apathy is still a problem — "people feel their money will cushion them," says Wolff — the challenge is on for ratepayer organisations to become involved and influential in a process that has crucial implications for every resident in the country

But, as Wolff explains, "ratepayer organisations are becoming a voice to be heard"

implemented," says Magid
No longer content to quibble solely over "pavement mentality" issues such as barking dogs, noise and litter, organisations have made their primary concern the question of how local government is to be restructured, Sandton Federation of Ratepayer Associations (Sanfed) chairman Gail Daus says.

A critical question is how effective ratepayer organisations are going to be when it comes to defining a new regional and local government dispensation. The danger is that ratepayers may become swamped by the decisions taken at national level

"It has been the stated intent of government to devolve power to a local level and for that to work we need responsible citizens to play their part," Daus says

Johannesburg city councillor Judith Briggs suggests a new local government structure would be likely to contain both direct and proportional representation

In the case of the latter, and without a directly accountable public

RATEPAYER organisations are emerging from the shadows of municipal politics to play an increasingly influential role in the shaping of local government policies
City and town councils throughout the Transvaal are being subjected to intensifying scrutiny of virtually every aspect of municipal affairs from the location of informal settlements and roads, such as the Zevenfontein community and the A3, to budgets, mass transport plans and negotiating forums

Johannesburg City Council planning committee chairman Eddy Magid says that involving ratepayer organisations is "critical to the success of any project"

The civic spine fiasco, which was Magid's progeny, and the uproar over the Massran transport system, provide ample evidence of the necessity for consultations

"The community must not be merely informed, it must be actively involved. Without participation and commitment at grassroots level no project plan can be successfully

CODESA's deadlock in May catalysed federal

Workers threatened

THE workforce at provincial hospitals could be cut if a Transvaal Provincial Administration investigation finds there are more workers than necessary *Sudan 31/7/92*

TPA health services MEC Mr Fanie Ferreira yesterday said fewer numbers would result in a higher minimum wage. The TPA had to be realistic about such issues otherwise "we will end up going down the drain" *(266) ~~254~~*

Minister of Health Dr Rina Venter, on a tour of Johannesburg Hospital last month, said the fact that fewer voluntary workers were rendering an effective service would be noted.

Meanwhile, Ferreira has denied allegations that the TPA was specifically hiring hostel dwellers to replace the dismissed workers.

He said the TPA would not undertake such an employment practice as it would prejudice people on ethnic grounds - *Sapa*

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Vice-chairman axed

THE vice-chairman of the Diepmeadow management committee, Mr MJ Mathala, and an executive member, Mr B Mthimkhulu, were this week axed from their positions (266)

Mathala and Mthimkhulu lost their positions after the monthly council meeting passed a vote of no-confidence in them and replaced them with Mr H Thage and Mr S Gudluza. Mathala's vice-chairmanship position went to Mr T Mnguni

- Sowetan Reporter

Bid to upgrade spruit area

By Bunty West

STAR 4/8/92

The Randburg Town Council has bought 12 ha of land along the Braamfontein Spruit in Bordeaux and will spend R300 000 to improve the area.

Council parks director Andrew Crystal said: "The council has approved R50 000 to clean up the land, but some of this may be used to buy a portion of ground between Old Parktonians and the spruit."

"The other R250 000 has been allocated for stormwater management and will be utilised in conjunction with the

regional services council"

The chairman of the residents' association for Ward 6 and 7, Claire Read, explained. "We are trying to make Bordeaux a desirable residential area, and the idea of beautifying the spruit is commendable."

"In the past, wards 6 and 7 have been instrumental in enhancing existing parks, including the Old Rose Gardens where 250 trees were planted over an 18-month period and money collected to erect play equipment."

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TPA to profit from land - owner

By Shirley Woodgate

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Star 4/18/92

A Diepsloot property worth at least R2,8 million has been expropriated for a fifth of its value by the Transvaal Provincial Administration for squatter resettlement in the north-western PWV, the owner, Herman Pieterse (79), has claimed.

But while his own plans to develop the land as a profit-

able, property laid out township in 1985/86 had been frustrated by the TPA, the smallholder claimed his property, valued by the TPA as "barren farm land", was last month expropriated for R542 875 by the TPA which now aimed to develop a low-cost township for great financial gain.

Mr Pieterse said the minimal payout excluded any compensation for extensive improvements and infrastructure on the property, conservatively estimated at R750 000.

TPA plans to relocate the

bulk of the 1 300 Zevenfontein squatter families to this site — one of four acquired, comprising a total of about 100 ha — by July 31 were recently stalled by a Pretoria Supreme Court order.

Mr Pieterse said the TPA had not physically valued his 27 ha farm portion — zoned "undetermined" — but merely estimated its worth.

Previous offers at R40 000 a hectare had been rejected, including a written cash offer of R525 000 excluding improvements in September 1986.

"Today the average price

per hectare is about R60 000 and certain property owners had declined offers of up to R100 000 a hectare," he said.

He had lost out on one offer for R5,5 million subject to the provision that the land could be rezoned.

He accused the TPA of playing racial gambling games to the detriment of landowners.

The TPA had insisted he prove he was white when he bought the farm, then declared the land part of a free settlement area for a "superior" black Norweto develop-

ment, now merely expropriated for low-income blacks.

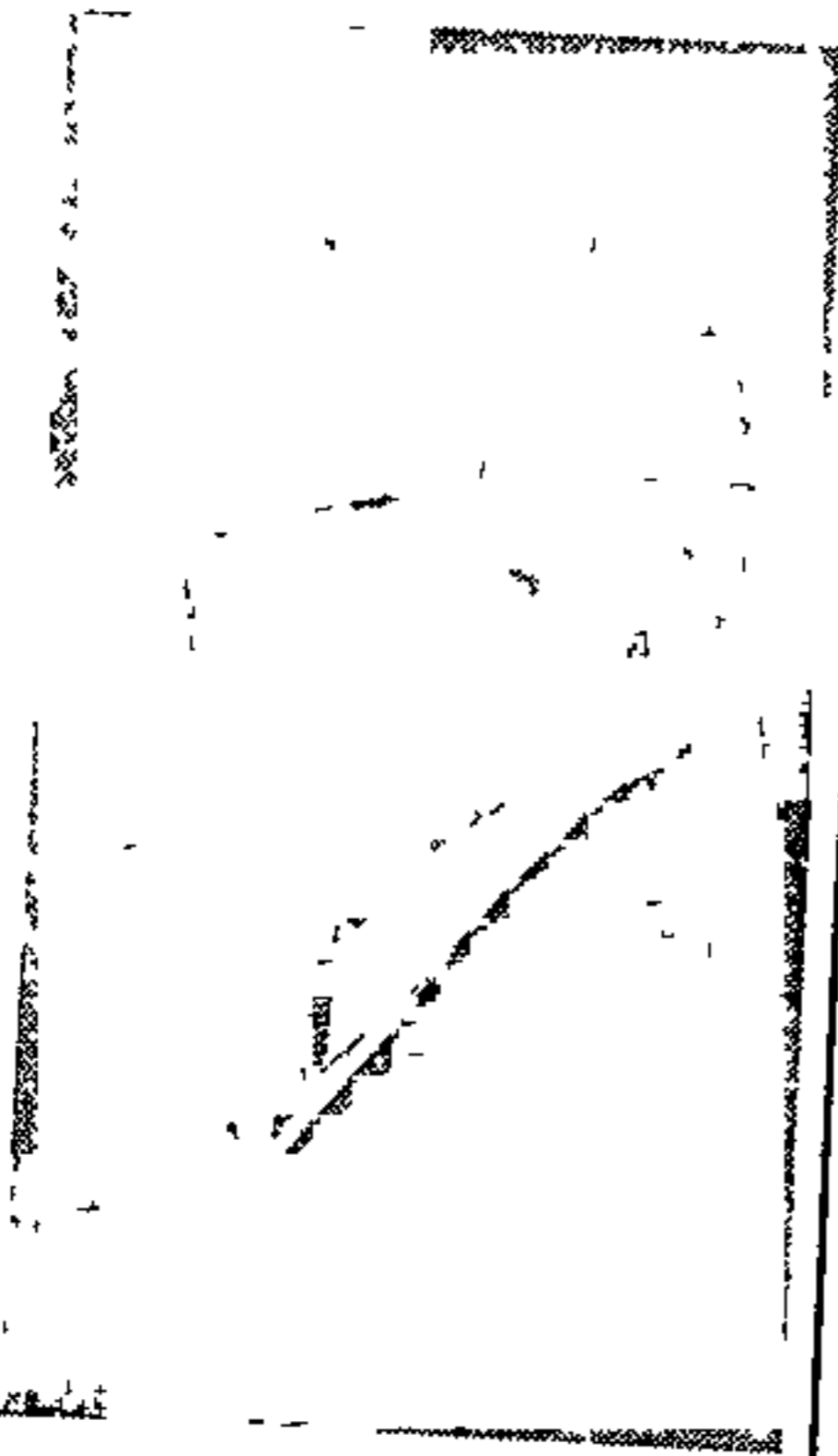
"Under the circumstances the TPA will develop and sell 400 sq m plots off, making a massive profit at R8 000 each. This is nothing less than daylight robbery," he said.

A TPA spokesman said it was the right of anyone who was unhappy about expropriation to appeal.

He said two independent valuers had estimated land values before owners were paid out, and that the valuers' estimates had been within 10 percent of each other.

Queues at

claim eyes



Union committee chairman André yesterday Picture ROBERT BOTHA

ANC marching to Pretoria

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — Pretoria's city council yesterday granted the ANC alliance permission to march from the city centre down Church Street to the Union Buildings, ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said

"Tens of thousands" of people would take part in the march tomorrow, the focus of the third day of the mass action campaign, he said

The city council said negotiations on the march took place in the spirit of the Goldstone commission's recommendations that applicants, police and local authorities co-operate in drawing up orderly plans for public protests. The application, brought by the Action Council's PWV branch, said between 50 000 and 70 000 people were expected

The march, intended to compel government to comply with 14 ANC demands on government, was to begin at 10am and end at about 3pm. ANC president Nelson Mandela, who would lead the march, would address demonstrators at the Union Buildings

Sapa reports that the ANC said Spoornet had offered to transport protesters to Pretoria free of charge. However, Spoornet could not be reached for comment

'Strikes more effective than marches

CAPE TOWN — Urban black people felt strikes and consumer boycotts were more effective than marches and rallies, an opinion poll has found

However, it showed that men were significantly more in favour of these actions than black women

It also established that a month ago more than a third of those surveyed were unable to say what "mass action" meant

The poll, conducted by Research Survey's Omnichack among 800 black women and 500 black men at the end of June and beginning of July in the major

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metropolitan areas, found that 72% of men thought consumer boycotts and strikes were effective or very effective, but only 56% of women thought consumer boycotts and strikes were effective or very effective

While 64% of men thought marches were also effective, and 53% believed rallies were effective or very effective, 55% of women felt marches, and 49% thought rallies, were effective or very effective

It found 11% of the men felt consumer boycotts, and

10% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective, 19% of women thought consumer boycotts, and 21% felt strikes, were ineffective or very ineffective

On the other hand, 25% of men and women thought rallies and 15% of men and 20% of women believed marches to be ineffective or very ineffective

Among those who replied to a question about what mass action entailed, 32% thought it entailed protest marches, 25% strikes, 22% peaceful demonstrations, 20% consumer boycotts and 18% rallies, Research Surveys said

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Soal is optimistic that negotiations will resume soon

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THERE was little doubt that agreement on the political problems facing SA would be reached soon, and talks to resume constitutional negotiations were on the cards in the very near future, DP media spokesman Peter Soal said last night.

Speaking at the Rosebank Hotel at a report-back meeting to his Johannesburg North constituency, he said his meetings with ANC president Nelson Mandela and US Under-Secretary of State for African Affairs Hank Cohen last week gave him every confidence this was true.

Speaking of Mandela, he said: "I must say how impressed I was again by his calm appearance to the problems we face and his conciliatory approach."

He said the details of the discussion were private but I have no doubt the ANC activity during the past month or so was a reaction to the demands of their grassroots.

"Hopefully they have been placated and negotiations will resume soon," Soal said, adding that parties involved were fortunate to have someone of Mandela's patience and vision with whom to negotiate.

Cohen was also hopeful negotiations would resume soon, he said.

Soal said he did not think the negotiations would continue in the Codesa format, as representation at this became suspect.

What started as a round table at which views were exchanged became a long table with the ANC and its supporters on one side and government and its supporters on the other. The DP, he said, was uncomfortably stuck in the middle once again.

"I am aware government and the ANC are grappling with the format to be pursued once bilateral discussions have been successfully restarted. I am optimistic a way will be found to reach agreement between the main players and to include the significant moderate centre," he said.

The DP's role outside the two main groupings remained as essential as ever to promote and protect the values of the dignity of people, freedom of individuals and an economic system which would provide for a social market, he said.

Appeal to Florida voters

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PRETORIA — The Home Affairs Department yesterday called on voters in the Florida by-election to recast their special votes, following an earlier announcement that special votes issued prior to Tuesday were invalid.

can cast their votes on August 12 at a polling station in the constituency."

The department had traced 632 of the 822 voters who had cast special votes before Tuesday, and appealed to those who had cast their special votes before Tuesday and who had not been traced to contact the department.

The department said in a statement "The invalidation of the votes cast does not in any way deprive the voters concerned from once again casting special votes from August 4 onward, provided that valid reasons for special votes can be advanced."

At a public meeting in Florida on Tuesday night, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said a government of national unity would help rid the country of past antagonisms and foster a spirit of nationalism. — Sapa

"Alternatively, voters



News briefs

Graft probe complete

THE investigation into alleged corruption in the Diepmeadow council is complete and now under consideration by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) in Pretoria

A spokesman said "The only thing that remains is for the TPA to decide whether or not to release the report

"We are still studying the report" (266)

The investigation followed allegations of corruption in the Diepmeadow council -

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Jo'burg goes to mediation
■ THE Johannesburg City Council and municipal unions' joint committee went into mediation this week to avert a strike in the city. While the council has offered no increases at all, the unions are demanding 12 percent.

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Govt to sell off prime Reef land

STAR 11/8/92
By Frank Jeans

The Government is off-loading to the public a massive spread of its prime land for what is eventually expected to be a surge in new home development.

The properties, stretching from Houghton, Johannesburg, to Springs and other key areas ripe for residential projects, has a total value of about R10 million

There will be 53 sites sold by auction at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg on August 26 at 10 am.

Property leaders believe the sale — understood to be one of the biggest ever of State-owned land — will be a drawcard for the development community.

Mossie Mostert, of auctioneering company Property

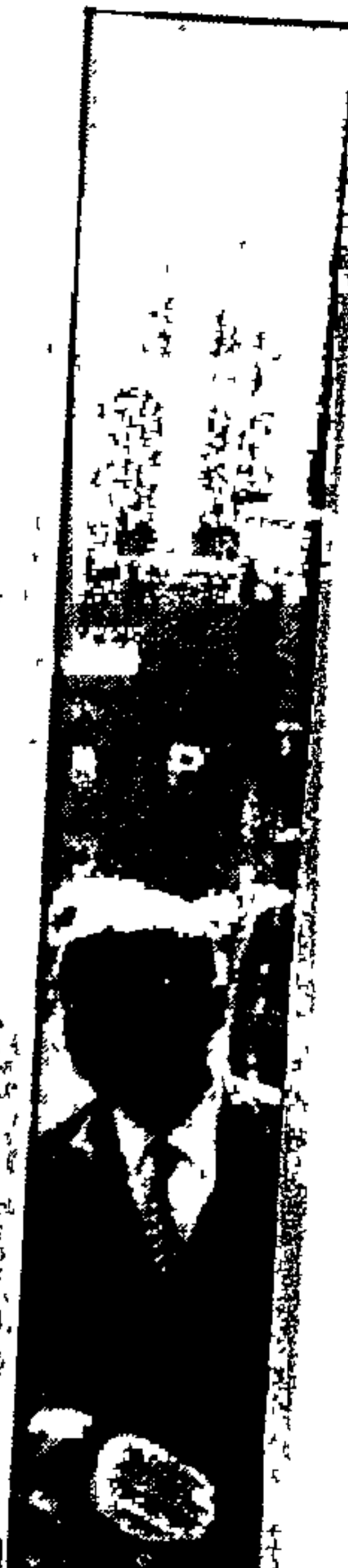
Mart, said: "Although the sale is coming on at a time when the homes market is very bad, there is little doubt that it will attract a lot of interest."

"The upset (minimum) prices fixed by the Government are very reasonable, with the rezoning period already discounted, along with professional fees and municipal costs"

The land is at present zoned as educational, and by the time it is rezoned as residential, the market could well have turned around, placing developers in a strong position to capitalise on investments.

The properties involved are in Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Benoni, Germiston, Springs, Alberton, Roodepoort, Brakpan and Boksburg.

If Government-pitched prices are achieved, the sales will be confirmed. If they fall short, offers are referred back to the State for reconsideration of confirmation.



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Union and TPA discuss impasse

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

NEGOTIATIONS between the TPA and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) resumed on Sunday at a high-level meeting convened by the national peace committee

A statement by the Wits/Vaal regional dispute resolution committee yesterday on behalf of the TPA, Nehawu and Cosatu, said the meeting was held in an attempt to find a way out of the impasse between the parties.

The parties agreed to continue discussions later this week.

It was also agreed that future talks on the resolution of the hospital strike would be held exclusively in the new forum, and to give the discussions every chance of success, no "confrontational positions" would be adopted.

The meeting focused on the fate of 7 000 dismissed striking workers, and the future relationship between the parties. A working group was established to develop a proposed code of conduct.

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Soweto's essential services 'are heading to a standstill'

ADRIAN HADLAND

ESSENTIAL services to Soweto's 3-million residents would grind to a halt within the next three weeks unless additional funding could be found, Soweto City Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseke said yesterday

Moseke said if an extra R3m a month could not be found to make up the council's monthly shortfall, "everything will come to a standstill in Soweto"

Details of the likely breakdown emerged yesterday after TPA MEC Olaus van Zyl said last week that a total collapse of services in Soweto was likely. He said less than 20% of Sowetan residents paid services tariffs

Moseke said that while water supplies to Soweto from the Rand Water Board were unlikely to be halted, some areas would experience cuts due to a lack of maintenance and repairs staff.

"One way or the other there will be no water in some areas of Soweto," he said.

Refuse collection in the township would end at the beginning of September as available funds would be used to pay for contractual fees in arrears, Moseke said.

With a bankrupt council unable to pay its workers, sewage services were also

likely to be disrupted, he said

Addressing the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last week, Van Zyl said the TPA and other government agencies provided 77% of Soweto's expenditure and had limited funds available. He appealed to white local authorities to help Soweto in the provision of services

Johannesburg City Council utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson said Johannesburg would not provide Soweto with funds or expertise until a political and financial solution had been found

"Johannesburg will not be seen as an occupying force, propping up the regime in Soweto," Asherson said

He said a precondition for Johannesburg's help was the dismantling of the black local authority system and the implementation of new local government structures

"Until there is a political solution, we cannot guarantee the safety of our staff and that is paramount," he said

He said a collapse of Soweto's services would force the TPA to speed up the local government restructuring process

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Masses drifting to anarchy — De Beer

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CAPE TOWN — The mood among the unemployed, poverty-stricken, starving masses in South Africa was moving closer and closer to anarchy, DP leader Zach de Beer said last night.

He told the Institute of Architects he saw President F W de Klerk's "brave new SA" seemingly disintegrating in a cacophony of recriminations between those who were to have been partners in creating it

"I see blood everywhere. I see the investors unwilling to commit their resources in a land which threatens to become a morass of conflict"

However, De Beer said he believed that the leaders of both the ANC and the NP had

been "quite badly frightened by the consequences of their own errors"

The new SA would however arrive "after a year or two or three"

"Even if the businessmen and the churchmen and the academics and others must shame the politicians into working for the nation instead of themselves and their friends, we must and shall find reconciliation and agreement"

The three priorities facing the country were health, education and housing, he said

TPA clears Diepmeadow Council

■ Legal adviser not surprised by outcome:

By Victor Tsui *Sowetan 19/8/92*

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday said it could not find any evidence of corruption within the Diepmeadow Council

"As far as we are concerned, the investigation team has

found nothing of significance

"Although we feel there is something wrong, there is nothing much we can do because of a certain parliamentary Act," TPA spokesman Mr B Lategan said

Diepmeadow senior legal adviser, Mr Eldrid Maheppy, said he was not surprised by the outcome

"How on earth can they employ an engineering firm to investigate legal matters?" he asked

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NEWS Possible blackout at Diepkloof's Blackchain complex ● Time still to see Ibrahim

Businessmen owe councils R135-m

■ Arrears for rent, services and electricity:

By Victor Tsuai

Sowetan 20/8/92

BUSINESSMEN in Soweto owe about R135 million for rent, services and electricity, it was learnt yesterday.

In Diepkloof alone traders owed the Diepmeadow Council R126 million, Mr Elijid Maheppy, the council's spokesman said.

The Soweto Council says it is owed between R6 to R8 million by local businessmen. The Blackchain shopping com-

plex in Diepkloof faces a possible blackout because of a R500 000 electricity bill owed to the Diepmeadow Council

Maheppy said the money owed by businessmen in Diepkloof was being discussed with them for payment.

"The people at Blackchain have been enjoying our benefits for too long now."

"We have given them a fair chance to pay up and they've so far they haven't."



Members of the South African Council on Sport's Rugby Union stage a placard demonstration protesting the arrival of the Australian rugby team in Cape Town. The Wallabies are due to play the South African Springboks on Saturday in a one-off test match.

Soweto council going broke

JOHANNESBURG —
The Soweto city council
is on the brink of being
declared bankrupt

However, a R5 million
immediate donation or
R3m a month could save
the council

Council spokesman Mr
Mojalefa Moseki con-
firmed this yesterday,
saying: "All services to
Soweto's three million
residents will stop by
the end of the year, fol-
lowed by the council's

closure." — Sapa
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Preventing

BY 2010, Johannesburg will be one of the world's 24 megacities. With an estimated population of 15 million it will be more populous than London is now and larger than Los Angeles.

"The question is: will this mighty economic dynamo be a stable and peaceful city of respectable, middle-class, employed citizens or will it have degenerated into a decaying, crime-ridden core where services have ceased to function and which is taken over by vagrants and the unemployed?"

According to statistics released by the United Nations Centre for Population Studies, by 2000 more than 80 percent of people in the developing world will be living in cities.

Many city dwellers are already engaged in desperate struggles for shelter, jobs, health care and food. Such problems are often most severe among those least able to cope with them mothers, children, the homeless, the unemployed.

Municipalities' resources are being stretched by the demands of urban populations that are continually being swollen by migration from rural areas. This phenomenon can be observed all over the world, Johannesburg is no exception.

Urban Foundation research shows that in the PWV townships, average occupancy per stand in 1991 was 10 to 11 people.

A TINY task force is working on bracing South Africa's biggest city for a massive population explosion, reports JOE LOUW.

According to South African Institute of Race Relations statistics, 2,4 million people were known to be living in shacks in the PWV region alone.

In an attempt to cope, local governments are seeking innovative ways to manage urbanisation.

In Johannesburg, an urbanisation department has been formed.

Gerd Sipple, who heads it, told the Saturday Star what his team hoped to achieve. "We want to ensure that Johannesburg is firmly established as a leading city in the management of the urbanisation process."

Projects

"Ours is an integrated approach to urban development. We set into motion a series of constructive interactions and partnerships among communities and the controllers of resources to prevent urban decay and encourage renewal."

Sipple, whose tiny task force recently set up shop at the Civic Centre, outlined how his department worked and the kinds of projects it would get involved with.

"The issue of homeless people in central Johannesburg has long been recognised as a serious

problem. Yet while there are over 14 organisations concerned with it, not much has been done.

"We got all the concerned community organisations to sit down together to explore ways of working together, and at the same time approached Johannesburg City Council to make available one of its unused buildings. This will be handed over to these organisations to run as a shelter for the homeless."

"Our intention is to facilitate a solution to the problem and then let the organisations tackle it in the way they determine is best."

One example of simple action to meet immediate needs was obtaining 66 single-decker buses for communities to use as clinics, libraries or even informal meeting places.

Current projects include a review of the problems hawkers face — and the problems they create — with a view to conducting a workshop at which policy would be reviewed with all parties concerned.

"What we are setting in motion is the kind of process that would be of benefit to any kind of local government, regardless of its particular political orientation. The political orientation of the council should not determine the kinds of processes used by the council divisions."

"What we are doing is finding a more appropriate process."

The 130-year-old council system, derived from a British model of local government designed largely to preserve social structure, was no longer useful, he said.

Jo'burg leaders slammed

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By Louise Marsland
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg city councillors have been taken to task for ordering municipal officials about, according to the latest bulletin of the Johannesburg Municipal Employees' Association

JMEA president Rhett Gardener said in his message to members that there appeared to be an increasing tendency on the part of certain councillors to issue orders "although they were entitled to do so"

"No councillor is entitled to issue orders to officials. A councillor only has a function as part of a committee - outside of a committee, a councillor is little different to any other ratepayer"

In terms of the council's code, councillors have to approach the town clerk or department head for any information he or she requires

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council investigates cases of maladministration

Council launches corruption probe

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By Victor Tsui

FIVE IMPLICATED

SEVERAL CASES of misconduct, maladministration and misuse of funds are being investigated against former Diepmeadow town clerk Mr FJ de Jager and four suspended officials.

Former town clerk and

four others charged:

The investigations come only three days after the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced it had found no malpractices in its four-month investigation of the council.

The incidents are alleged to have taken place between January 1989 and April this year.

The investigations, led by Diepmeadow senior legal adviser Mr Eldrid Maheppy, involve charges under Section 3 of the Black Local Authorities Act.

The main charges are levelled against De Jager, who is alleged to have manipulated employees.

Those implicated in the charges are De Jager, former legal adviser Mr Sello Monyatsi, former director of housing Mr Jooste Mothapo, former legal adviser Ms Sibongile Mazibuko and former councillor Mr Frederick Phiri.

De Jager faces charges for allegedly

- Fraudulently misappropriating about R1 700,

- Unlawfully misappropriating R641,25 in favour of an attorney's firm without permission

- Falsely inducing police not to proceed with investigations of criminal charges against Monyatsi

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Soweto City Council's split grows evident

SERIOUS divisions within the Soweto City Council again came to the fore yesterday when the town clerk's office was temporarily occupied by a faction within the management committee

Led by vice-chairman Jabu Mnguni, the faction demanded that the town clerk intervene on their behalf with Mayor Alfred Nyathi and management committee chairman Payne Tshabalala

Political divisions within the council first became apparent when delegates failed to attend the monthly meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber earlier this month

Special meetings to bridge differences have ended in chaos while the monthly council meeting has been postponed three times this month — Sapa

Water curbs prove a mistake

BULAWAYO — Officials said yesterday they had stopped shutting off the drought-hit city's water supply because the measure wastes more water than it saves

Inhabitants of Zimbabwe's second biggest city "stockpiled" more water than they needed before the daily shutoffs, city engineer Peter Sibanda said yesterday

Councillor Mike Constandinos said Bulawayo's water reserves were now about 8-million cubic metres, enough for about 10 weeks' supply to the city's 1-million people

"We're cutting it fine, and if it doesn't

rain the whole city will have to start shutting down," Constandinos said. The rainy season normally starts in November

Before southern Africa's worst drought this century, five dams serving Bulawayo held about 400-million cubic metres

Constandinos said plans for a 400km pipeline from the Zambezi River were being delayed by "political wrangling", but it would not be ready for at least a year anyway

Aid donors were ready to finance a \$2m feasibility study and eight Western nations were ready to help finance it, he said — Sapa-AP

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This, however, is contrary to earlier
police crime reports and published in
Sowetan on Monday that Mogaale (28)
was shot dead

A spokesman for Jane Furse Hospi-
tal, Mr P Manjulu, said an error in the
police report had resulted in nurses at
clinics fearing for their lives

Sit-in protest at Seifsa offices

■ Bid to declare strike illegal:
Sowetan 26/8/92

SEVERAL trade unionists started a sit-in protest in a central
Johannesburg building yesterday demanding to see the execu-
tive director of the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation
of South Africa (Seifsa), Mr Brian Angus

Eyewitnesses said the Anderson Street office block had been
sealed about midday. The unionists had apparently been con-
fined to the ground floor foyer

The protesters are believed to be members of the National
Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), currently
locked in a four-week strike at Seifsa-affiliated companies
Angus was understood to be in Pretoria where Seifsa has
approached the Supreme Court to have the Numsa strike de-
clared illegal - *Sapa*

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Warring factions clash Fireworks are expected at council meeting:

By Victor Tsuai

FIREWORKS are expected at the
monthly meeting of the Soweto Coun-
cil tomorrow when two warring fac-
tions face each other

It has been reliably learnt that the
split started within the council's man-
agement committee

Three meetings have had to be post-
poned in the past week because one of

the parties led by a management commit-
tee member Mr Jabu Mnguni staged walk-
outs on three occasions

The group is opposed to the leadership
of Mr Payne Tshabalala, the chairman of
the management committee

Sowetan has been told that the feud was
sparked off within the Sofasonke Party

October's mayoral elections are also
said to be behind the bitter in-fighting
which is expected to erupt into the open
any time

Holomisa plea to homelands

■ Bantustans opposed to reincorporation should think again:
Sowetan 26/8/92

TRANSKEIAN military strongman
May-Gen Bantu Holomisa yesterday
challenged homeland leaders still op-
posed to reincorporation into South
Africa to reconsider their positions

In his Foreign Affairs and Informa-
tion Department Budget speech,
Holomisa said homeland leaders who
were not keeping in touch with their
people should reconsider their stand

Homeland leaders had to realise the
position in which the black people of
South Africa had been under the poli-
cies of apartheid and should seek to be
facilitators of the people to enable
them to realise and reach their desires,
goals and aspirations

Under the new constitution there would
be no homelands, the general said, adding
that present homeland civil services would
be integrated with the future civil service
of the new South Africa

The only thing delaying the realisation
of the goals of the new South Africa was
the unwillingness on the part of some of
the negotiating parties to depart from their
old ways

For the next financial year the Transkei
department of foreign affairs and informa-
tion had been allocated R13,65 million
which was an increase of four percent

Seventy-seven percent of the total
budget figure was allocated to salaries,
wages and allowances - *Sapa*



Gunmen hurt 8 at Jo'burg station

FOUR people died in unrest yesterday, two of them in an incident that could be related to the taxi war in Alexandra, police said, while eight people were wounded last night when three gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a train at Park Station, Johannesburg

Police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the gunmen then boarded the train and left the station

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found," he said

A man who shot dead a taxi driver at Alexandra yesterday was killed by a policeman moments after the attack, police said

W/O Andy Pieke said Mphimthuthi Sokhela, 40, was sitting in a taxi at the Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street, when a man walked up to him and fired four shots, killing him

"An assistant constable who was investigating a case in the area saw the attack and followed the gunman who had fled on foot," W/O Pieke said

The suspect ignored warnings to stop and he was fatally wounded

Police were investigating the possibility the attack was linked to a feud between taxi groups in Alexandra

Food and Allied Workers' Union shop steward Julia Sgudla was shot dead on her way to work at Ohfantsfontein near Pretoria yesterday, Sapa reports

The body of an elderly man who had been hacked to death was discovered by police next to a railway line between Wadeville and Katlehong

Wessels testifies about hostel plans

PRETORIA — The first Cabinet Minister to appear before the Goldstone commission did so yesterday after an agreement was reached that he would not be cross-examined or be liable for recall

Agreement was reached just before Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels gave evidence, mainly about a lengthy report on hostel policy

Wessels told commission chairman Bob Nugent that R324,6m had been allocated for the upgrading or conversion of 177 hostels owned by black local authorities and provincial authorities

Government's policy was that hostel conversion had to be by consensus

Negotiations had been completed at 38 hostels and were proceeding at 65 others. Plans had been finalised at 24 hostels and were being finalised at 14 others. Projects had been approved at five hostels and requested at 13 others. Construction was in progress at one hostel, he said. The first upgraded hostel — in Thokoza — will be officially opened on Friday.

Contrary to Goldstone's recommendations, government did not believe that all hostels should be fenced as this sometimes prevented integration with township residents

Wessels rejected demands that hostels be demolished, phased out or converted to family accommodation

Sapa reports that Wessels told the

TIM COHEN

commission the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle was preventing hostel negotiations

Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the hostels issue, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, (would) not create stability"

But interim national housing forum committee vice-chairman Khehla Shubane told the commission that the committee was experiencing problems because of government's withdrawal from the forum this year

Shubane said government was party to consensus on guidelines concerning upgrading hostels. Despite this, views on implementation differed

Since government's withdrawal, state funds had been made available to black local authorities without the forum being informed. This was causing concern because the local authorities were highly politicised. In other instances hostels had been destroyed by communities staying near them

Shubane said the forum had commitment from Inkatha, the ANC, Azapo, the PAC, Nactu and Cosatu

The sitting was adjourned until tomorrow, when ANC, Inkatha and KwaZulu government representatives are expected to give evidence

Organisations to submit draft strategy on AIDS

KATHRYN STRACHAN

B/DAY 26/8/92
WIDELY divergent organisations which came together yesterday to begin the process of formulating the country's first national strategy against AIDS, demonstrated how daunting the task was

Delegates from a range of organisations, including the ANC, Saccola, and the National Health Department — which also sought to form a steering committee for October's national convention — were locked in heated debates as to how to proceed in their attempt to devise a national strategy

But convention organiser Adrian Woudstra said delegates had reached a "general consensus" by the end of the session which would make it possible to compile a draft report

The report would be presented at the final convention and would provide participants with "departure points regarding their own concerns, ideas and ambitions", he said

The objective of yesterday's meeting was for delegates to discuss issues such as how the programme should be co-ordinat-

ed, possible funding sources and which should be the most important elements of a national strategy

Between 500 and 800 delegates from various institutions involved in fighting the spread of AIDS are expected to attend the convention, to be held at Nasrec outside Johannesburg on October 23 and 24 reports Sapa

Dr Natalie Stochton of the AIDS Unit told delegates yesterday the AIDS pandemic was taking on "ominous proportions" As many as 500 people a month were being infected with the virus and this could rise to 12 000 by the year 2000

This could mean 80% of the country's health budget would have to be used to combat the disease, she said

Meanwhile, a national AIDS database is being compiled by Unisa's Institute for Behavioural Sciences to provide a reference index to assist sufferers, medical practitioners, support services and health authorities

East Rand land auctions suspended

Business Day Reporter

THE Department of Local Government, Housing and Works would postpone the sale of 53 properties on the East Rand, a department statement said yesterday

This followed a meeting between representatives of the ANC's PWV local and regional government commission and a department delegation led by department head L C Koch

The properties, in the Roodepoort, Boksburg, Springs, Kempton Park, Benoni, Germiston and Alberton areas, were due to go on public auction today

"These properties were transferred in terms of town establishment conditions free of charge to the state, and have not at all been acquired by way of expropriation," the department said

An ANC statement said department officials had informed the ANC commission that they had decided to suspend the sale pending receipt of proposals from the ANC on alternative use of the land by September 1, 1992

After this a forum would

be convened to discuss the issue further, it said

The ANC delegation this week urged the department to suspend the sale and open negotiations on the matter

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The land in the relevant areas was originally earmarked for building educational facilities

However, the department "unilaterally decided to put up the land in the areas for sale, regardless of the state of homelessness and landlessness of millions of people in the PWV region", the ANC said



Reef land auction postponed

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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The department's statement confirmed that talks had been held with ANC representatives, who had asked for a postponement so that they could submit "alternative proposals in respect of the alienation and utilisation of the land concerned".

The Government has called off today's auction of 53 pieces of prime land in Johannesburg and the Reef after representations from the ANC.

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Works announced yesterday that it had been decided in conjunction with the auction-

marked originally for educational facilities, is scattered across residential areas of Jo-

hannesburg, Roodepoort, Benoni, Springs, Kempton Park, Boksburg, Germiston and Alberton.

According to the ANC's PWV region, a meeting took place on Monday between their representatives and L C Koch, head of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works.

"The ANC delegation demanded the immediate suspension of the proposed sale and the opening of negotiations on alternative use of the land for the benefit of the homeless and landless people in the region," a statement from the ANC regional office read.

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the organisation was told yesterday that it had until next Tuesday to submit alternative proposals.

The move by the ANC to open negotiations on the use of Government-owned urban land forms part of a trend in which popular organisations are attempting to counter apartheid-style planning, which placed the poorest residents on the fringes of urban areas.

The Civic Association of Johannesburg, acting through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, last year halted development at Rietfontein, the "second Soweto" planned about 50 km south of Johannesburg.

Pretoria

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of this au-



City Financial Services
Bank assistant GM group
credit Irene Willman.
Picture ROBERT BOTHA

Urban planning in the spotlight

KATHRYN STRACHAN

A BREAK from apartheid town-planning traditions which distanced people from job opportunities was predicted at the "Housing on the Fringe" conference this week

ANC housing spokesman Thozamaile Botha told the two-day seminar, organised by the SA Institute for Housing, it was vital that urban planning be focused closer to the heart of the PWV. **81044 2718/92**

Infraplan representative Nico Kriek supported the view that residential sites needed to be developed closer to the metropolitan core, but warned that this could not be done without affecting property values

DBSA spokesman Glyn Davis said the current approach to housing — a little house on a little patch of land — meant about 50 000 ha of land would have to be found to tackle the PWV housing backlog **81044 2718/92**

Govt distributes millions of condoms in anti-AIDS battle

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TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — The National Health Department would be distributing 25-million condoms at 62 000 distribution points around the country in an effort to curb the spread of AIDS, the department announced yesterday

A media information package released by the department yesterday said 3-million more condoms would be distributed in 1992/93 in comparison to 1991/92

The report notes that in the past, major problems were experienced with the supply and distribution of condoms

These arose from the fact that there was a lack of sufficient awareness about the importance of using condoms and a resistance to them by a large section of the community

It is hoped the newly formed AIDS programme, through sustained efforts, will enable an increasingly

well-informed population to be able to obtain sufficient condoms on demand in future

The report also states that about R20m was allocated to the programme for the 1992/93 financial year.

The AIDS prevention budget has therefore more than doubled since the 1990/91 financial year, and rose a further 55%, or about R6m, in comparison to the current allocation

National Health Department director-general C F Slabber said that very little future expansion of the programme was likely at central level

There was, however, a great need to strengthen the AIDS programme at regional and community levels.

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Waterfront company negotiates for hotel

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LINDA ENSOR

CAPE TOWN — The Victoria & Alfred waterfront (V & A) company is negotiating with a major international group to operate an international businessmen's hotel planned for the waterfront

Groups such as the Hilton and Sheraton have been mentioned as possible contenders for the contract

Sun International might be interested in building the hotel, MD Ken Rosevear said yesterday, provided government introduced incentives for the hotel industry

V & A MD David Jack said it was envisaged that the new hotel would have between 200 and 250 rooms and would be linked to the 26 500m² Victoria Wharf retail and entertainment complex under construction next to quay 5

While he would not disclose the identity of the financial backer of the project, Jack said negotiations for financing the hotel were well advanced

Rosevear said Cape Town was high on Sun International's shopping list of places for a new hotel to market internationally with the Lost City Palace at Sun City. The Waterfront had a lot of attractions, had a high density and merited attention.

He said Sun International had looked at the waterfront site but had decided it would not be financially viable to build a hotel at present without incentives

A new hotel would bring to three the number of hotels at the waterfront. There is an existing 68-room hotel, the Victoria & Alfred Hotel, which has enjoyed one of the

highest occupancies in SA

In its first year it had an occupancy rate of 86% compared with the national average of 60%. At the beginning of the year this rose to 90%, before dropping to 80% during the winter

And a 164-roomed City Lodge is being built at a cost of about R20m

Jack said the Waterfront had exceeded all expectations, with 6-million people visiting it in 1991. The V & A was expecting to match, at least, and even increase on last year's attendance despite economic conditions and the wearing off of the novelty factor

At present the number of visitors was running at between 10% and 15% higher than last year

Tourists represented 12% of the visitors and contributed about 25% of the income

Jack said most businesses on the waterfront had exceeded their projected targets in the first year

Some retailers were trading at densities well above the average

Businesses were continuing to do well, while the returns of the project had also surpassed expectations

The V & A has invested R200m so far in the project in infrastructural development, conversion of old buildings and construction on the Victoria Wharf

Another R200m had been committed by outside parties

Council agrees to delay charges for new services

PROPERTY developers received a major boost from the Johannesburg City Council this week with the announcement that newly introduced fees for the supply of stormwater drainage, streets and electricity services to new developments would be implemented only from September 25.

ADRIAN HADLAND

development Committee chairman Eddy Magid

Developers complained that insufficient notice had been given concerning the addition of contributions for the three services

Developers threatened to withdraw or scale-down several major projects planned for the Johannesburg area following council's decision in February to add charges for the three services to standard water and sewerage costs. The addition of the three services added almost 350% to developers' anticipated services costs and "threw their feasibility studies right out", said Planning and De-

Council engineering director Francois van Aswegen said the moratorium on the payment of contributions until 25 September was "a gesture toward the developing community to encourage development in Johannesburg"

Council agreed that development companies who had paid contributions for the three services since February 25 would be refunded if applications were made during the 1992/93 financial year

Blacks take on conveyancing

WILSON ZWANE

A JOHANNESBURG firm of attorneys has started a drive to increase the number of black conveyancers for property law in SA

Webber Wentzel partner Gaby Norton said yesterday her firm had embarked upon the drive after a black lawyer, Justice Moloto, complained that conveyancing seemed to be an enclave of white lawyers

Norton said Webber Wentzel took note of Moloto's remarks and took on eight black lawyers on a free, nine-month conveyancing course

Of the eight, three — Nopho Sithole, City Serobe and Philemon Tsoka — in May passed the course

Prior to this there had been only four black conveyancers in SA

Sandton councillor ejected

By Anna Cox

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STAN 28/8/92

A Sandton town councillor was last night physically removed from the council chamber and suspended for two months.

It was the first time in Sandton's 23-year history that such action has been taken against a councillor.

Rick Ehlers had sparked a walk-out during the monthly council meeting on Monday night when he charged that the council had opened the door to bribery by dispensing with tenders for certain major contracts.

Offended officials, the man-

agement committee and other councillors walked out, leaving no quorum.

At the continuation of the meeting last night, mayor Bruce Burns demanded that Mr Ehlers apologise unconditionally to the council and its officials. He dictated the words of the apology to Mr Ehlers who said he would apologise. When Mr Ehlers used different words, he was ordered to leave and escorted from the chamber.

The motion to suspend Mr Ehlers was passed by 10 votes with eight abstentions. He said he would seek legal advice.



Demos demand Davidson's head

By Rochelle Gosling-Hughes

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STAR 31/8/92

Parkview residents yesterday called for the resignation of Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson during a protest at a Democratic Party fete at Zoo Lake

About 15 Parkview, Westcliff and Mayfair residents handed a memorandum to DP leader Dr Zach de Beer, detailing their dissatisfaction with Mr Davidson and the city council

Vandy Massey, who obtained permission to demonstrate for three hours on

Lower Park Drive near Zoo Lake, said Mr Davidson had shown "a total lack of concern for the welfare of residents in his own ward" and was unable to "answer straightforward questions with straightforward answers"

Many motorists hooted and gave the thumbs-up as they drove past residents holding placards reading "Down with Davidson" and "Mismanagement committee misleads ratepayers".

The ratepayers expressed their discontent with Mr Davidson's allegedly poor communication style

"He never replies or takes note of residents' letters," said Mrs Massey

Dr de Beer tomorrow to discuss the issue

The protesters also accused city councillors of overspending on overseas trips Dr de Beer said Mr Davidson would explain that conferences abroad helped to cut expenditure in the long run

Wendy and Alan Cameron, former DP supporters who gave up celebrating their wedding anniversary yesterday to attend the protest, said DP city council members were arrogant and unapproachable

DP member Timothy Cousins, who has been a DP member since its inception, said he had always donated

generously to the DP but had refused to do so this year

Dr de Beer said he was aware that much criticism had been directed at Mr Davidson, but believed him to be of excellent character and ability

"Any failure to communicate should be improved and I am entirely confident that it will be improved," he said

Mr Davidson was unavailable for comment

Excluded

One of the protesters' main gripes yesterday was the building of the A3 highway destined to run between Fordsburg and Mayfair

They said the council had excluded residents' participation in its planning of the A3

Mayfair Civic Association member Nassim Pahad said he believed the decision to build the road was made in the 1950s "as part of the grand design of apartheid" to divide an Indian area from a white one He estimated the road's cost at about R300 million and said the money should be used for housing or education

Surrounded by a group of protesters, Houghton DP MP Tony Leon said he was surprised that no definitive statement about the road had yet been released He suggested that residents meet him and Dr de Beer tomorrow to discuss the issue

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STAR 2/9/92
Council summonsed

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Diepmeadow Council has been summonsed to pay more than R13 million to Eskom for the supply of electricity.

A spokesman for Eskom yesterday said this was money owed for electricity consumption in Diepkloof and Meadowslands from April when Eskom took over bulk electricity supply to

Greater Soweto. In the Diepmeadow Council meeting yesterday, former mayor Johannes Mathala said the council would have to meet Eskom officials to discuss how the money could be paid.

He criticised the takeover of power supply to Diepmeadow and said the electrification of Soweto was a joint venture of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

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3. Die datum waarop die geld, wat in 2 hierbo aangedui word, hiermee aan die Staat verbeurd verklaar word, is die datum waarop hierdie kennisgewing van verbeurdverklaring in hierdie *Staatskoerant* gepubliseer word
4. Die geld wat in 2 hierbo aangedui word, sal oor beskik word deur in die Staatsinkomstefonds gestort te word
5. Hierdie kennisgewing dien ook as 'n skriftelike bevel, soos bedoel by regulasie 22B van die Deviesebeheerregulasies, ingevolge waarvan die geld in 2 hierbo aangedui, hiermee aan die Staat verbeurd verklaar word.
6. GETEKEN te PRETORIA op hierdie die 27ste dag van Augustus 1992.

B. P. GROENEWALD,

Senior Vicepresident Suid-Afrikaanse Reserwebank

(4 September 1992)

3. The date upon which the money specified in 2 above is hereby forfeited to the State is the date upon which this notice of forfeiture is published in this *Gazette*
4. The money specified in 2 above shall be disposed of by deposit thereof into the State Revenue Fund
5. This notice also constitutes a written order, as contemplated in regulation 22B of the Exchange Control Regulations, in terms of which the money specified in 2 above is hereby forfeited to the State
6. SIGNED at PRETORIA on this the 27th day of August 1992.

B. P. GROENEWALD,

Senior Deputy Governor South African Reserve Bank

(4 September 1992)

KENNISGEWING 787 VAN 1992

DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG

WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUDINGE, 1956

REGISTRASIE AS 'N WERKGEWERSORGANISASIE

Hierby word vir algemene inligting bekendgemaak dat die Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede met ingang van 21 Augustus 1992 ingevolge artikel 4 (7) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, as 'n werkgewersorganisasie geregistreer is ten opsigte van werkgewers betrokke by die Plaaslike Owerheids-onderneming in die munisipale gebiede van Akasia, Boksburg, Brakpan, Carolina, Ellisras, Marble Hall, Nigel, Phalaborwa, Potgietersrus en Vanderbijlpark.

Vir die doeleindes hiervan—

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het "*plaaslike owerheid*" dieselfde betekenis as dié wat daaraan geheg is by artikel 1 van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956

(4 September 1992)

NOTICE 787 OF 1992

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER

LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956

REGISTRATION AS AN EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

It is hereby notified for general information that the Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede has with effect from 21 August 1992 in terms of section 4 (7) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, been registered as an employers' organisation in respect of employers engaged in the Local Authority Undertaking in the Municipal Areas of Akasia, Boksburg, Brakpan, Carolina, Ellisras, Marble Hall, Nigel, Phalaborwa, Potgietersrus and Vanderbijlpark

For the purposes hereof—

"*Local Authority Undertaking*" means the undertaking in which employers and their employees are associated for instituting, continuing and finishing any act, scheme or activity which is undertaken by a local authority, and

"*local authority*" has the same meaning as that assigned to it in section 1 of the Labour Relations Act, 1956

(4 September 1992)

Katlehong civic turns its back on merger ^{STAR 4/9/92} (266)

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

The Katlehong Civic Association has withdrawn from the proposed amalgamation of Katlehong, Palm Ridge and Germiston.

The KCA is the second group to pull out. Bedfordview Town Council withdrew in April.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) spokesman Dan Mofokeng said the KCA had begun the process to form a broader Katlehong and Germiston community.

Mr Mofokeng added "We envisaged one non-racial city with a common tax base, but some members of Parliament instilled fear into some of the parties we were negotiating with by saying they were holding talks with communists"

He said the Germiston council then came out

with its own merger proposals in terms of the Interim Measures Act, which CAST rejected

He said the Act allowed unequal representation and was meant to support collapsing black councils.

Germiston town clerk Tomie Heyneke said the council was bound to operate within the Interim Measures Act.

He said nonracial and democratic local authorities would come about only if the ANC negotiated such bodies with the Government on a national level

Mr Heyneke said CAST had been asked to nominate its own representatives in the proposed amalgamation but had refused

He said the Germiston council did not know who the true representative of Katlehong residents was.



Negotiating initiative signed

By Anna Cox

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The constitution of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum (NJNF) — which will investigate ways to facilitate the joint administration of a large metropolitan area — was formally signed and approved on Friday

NJNF signatories are the councils of Sandton, Alexandra and Marlboro Gardens,

the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the East Bank Residents' Association, and the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association

"The NJNF is a negotiating forum which is investigating and formulating viable, non-racial, democratic, sub-regional and local government structures. The body was launched in 1990 and since then major successes have been achieved through the on-

going process of negotiation and consultation," said NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner

"The creation of the NJNF resulted from the Alexandra Accord which envisaged the negotiation of new, nonracial, democratic, local government structures for the region, the improvement of services and administration in Alexandra, as well as the lifting of the rates and rent boycott

"The original parties of the accord, however, realised that

the improvement of the general conditions and services in Alexandra could be achieved only through the involvement of the neighbouring towns. As a result, the Randburg and Sandton councils were invited to join in," said Mr Gardiner

Over the last 18 months other towns, such as Modderfontein and Midrand have joined as observers. Supporting parties such as Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the Central Witwatersrand Re-

gional Services Council have also joined the forum

The aims of the NJNF are to investigate and implement a joint administration for the three municipalities, further the development proposals to accommodate the Alexandra community, continue interim assistance to the Alexandra council, upgrade and improve the living standards of Alexandra residents, and to prepare the foundations for a nonracial local authority in the northern region

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Commission to probe Ennerdale allegations

STAR 8/9/92

Staff Reporter

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A two-man commission of inquiry into alleged mismanagement of funds in the Ennerdale Town Council, south of Johannesburg, has been instituted by House of Representatives local government director Herman Klopper.

National Party MP for Ennerdale, Anthony Reeves, has alleged that 10 employees of the Ennerdale council had been dismissed this year after reporting the alleged wrongdoings of their superiors.

Mr Reeves said the alleged wrongdoings included irregularities in the issue of loans and contracts and mismanagement of water and lights funds.

He said the findings of a private investigation, which the

Department of Local Government did not recognise as legal, had led to the appointment of the two-man commission.

Head of the finance and audit committees of the Ennerdale council Brian van Rooyen said the alleged mismanagement of funds in the council had been the cause of tension between local civic organisations and the council in the past.

A potential "riot" would result if action was not taken against the officials at the centre of the controversy, Mr van Rooyen said.

Mr Klopper said the officials involved would carry on with their work during the investigation but would not be able to exercise their delegated powers. A report from the commission was expected within three weeks, Mr Kloppers said.

Boycott pressure gets to Mamelodi councillor

Star 8/19/92

By McKeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

(2/6)

One of the longest-serving councillors in Mamelodi, Benjamin Shirinda (60), has resigned

Mr Shirinda's resignation follows a week-long boycott of businesses belonging to his nephews over his involvement in the council

Mr Shirinda joined the council in 1984 and was councillor for Ward 2

Six councillors have resigned since the start of the rent boycott two years ago

A residents' meeting

held on August 30 resolved to "isolate" councillors and council officials in protest against high monthly rentals in the township

Mr Shirinda told The Star yesterday he had submitted his resignation letter to the local town clerk, Piet Nel, on Friday after residents boycotted businesses belonging to Solomon, Abel and Joseph Shirinda

The former leader of the Sofasonke Party said residents had boycotted Shirinda Dry Cleaners and General Dealer at the Mamelodi Hostel

from last Monday

The owners decided to close the premises on Friday until the matter regarding ownership had been cleared

Mr Shirinda said his family could not live a normal life because of his involvement in the council

"Because I also want to be part of the community I live in, I decided to resign from the council," he said.

"I am prepared to work hand-in-hand with the community and give advice where it's needed," Mr Shirinda added

KENNISGEWING 811 VAN 1992
DEPARTEMENT VAN MANNEKRAG
WET OP ARBEIDSVERHOUDINGE, 1956

AANSOEK OM VERANDERING VAN DIE REGISTRASIEBESTEK VAN 'N WERKGEWERSORGANISASIE

Ek, Gerhardus Coenraad Papenfus, Assistentnywerheidsregistrator, maak ingevolge artikel 4 (2) soos toegepas by artikel 7 (5) van die Wet op Arbeidsverhoudinge, 1956, hierby bekend dat 'n aansoek om die verandering van sy registrasiebestek ontvang is van die Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede Besonderhede van die aansoek word in onderstaande tabel verstrek

Enige geregistreerde werkgewersorganisasie wat teen die aansoek beswaar maak, word versoek om binne een maand na die datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing sy beswaar skriftelik by my in te dien, p/a die Departement van Mannekrag, Schoemanstraat 215, Pretoria (posadres Privaat Sak X117, Pretoria, 0001).

TABEL

Naam van werkgewersorganisasie Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede

Datum waarop aansoek ingedien is 1 September 1992.

Belange en gebied ten opsigte waarvan aansoek gedoen word: Werkgewers betrokke by die Plaaslike Owerheidsonderneming in die munisipale gebiede van Balfour, Bethal, Bloemhof, Brits, Carletonville, Delmas, Devon, Duiwelskloof, Ermelo, Evander, Greylingstad, Groblersdal, Hartbeesfontein, Hendrina, Krugersdorp, Leeudoringstad, Lichtenburg, Naboomspruit, Ottosdal, Sannieshof, Schweizer-Reneke, Secunda, Standerton, Stilfontein en Witbank.

Vir die doeleindes hiervan—

beteken "Plaaslike Owerheidsonderneming" die onderneming waarin werkgewers en hul werknemers met mekaar geassosieer is vir die instelling, voortsetting en afhandeling van enige handeling, skema of werksaamheid wat deur 'n plaaslike owerheid onderneem word, en

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Posadres van applikant Posbus 72136, Lynnwoodrif, Pretoria, 0040.

Kantooradres van applikant Enkeldoring 18, Sprokielaan, Faerie Glen

Die aandag word gevestig op onderstaande vereistes van artikels 4 en 7 van die Wet

- (a) Die mate waarin 'n beswaarmakende werkgewersorganisasie verteenwoordigend is, word ingevolge artikel 4 (4), soos toegepas by artikel 7 (5), bepaal volgens die feite soos hulle bestaan het op die datum waarop die aansoek ingedien is, en wat die lidmaatskap betref, word alleen lede wat ingevolge artikel 1 (2) van die Wet op voormelde datum volwaardige lede was, in aanmerking geneem
- (b) Die prosedure voorgeskryf by artikel 4 (2) moet gevolg word in verband met 'n beswaar wat ingedien word

G. C. PAFENFUS,
 Assistentnywerheidsregistrator
 (11 September 1992)

NOTICE 811 OF 1992
DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER
LABOUR RELATIONS ACT, 1956

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF SCOPE OF REGISTRATION OF AN EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

I, Gerhardus Coenraad Papenfus, Assistant Industrial Registrar, do hereby, in terms of section 4 (2) as applied by section 7 (5) of the Labour Relations Act, 1956, give notice that an application for the variation of its scope of registration has been received from the Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede Particulars of the application are reflected in the subjoined table

Any registered employers' organisation which objects to the application is invited to lodge its objection in writing with me, c/o the Department of Manpower, 215 Schoeman Street, Pretoria (postal address: Private Bag X117, Pretoria, 0001), within one month of the date of publication of this notice.

TABLE

Name of employers' organisation. Werkgewersorganisasie vir Plaaslike Owerhede

Date on which application was lodged 1 September 1992

Interests and area in respect of which application is made Employers engaged in the Local Authority Undertaking in the municipal areas of Balfour, Bethal, Bloemhof, Brits, Carletonville, Delmas, Devon, Duiwelskloof, Ermelo, Evander, Greylingstad, Groblersdal, Hartbeesfontein, Hendrina, Krugersdorp, Leeudoringstad, Lichtenburg, Naboomspruit, Ottosdal, Sannieshof, Schweizer-Reneke, Secunda, Standerton, Stilfontein and Witbank

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Postal address of applicant P O. Box 72136, Lynnwood Ridge, Pretoria, 0040

Office address of applicant 18 Enkeldoring, Sprokie Avenue, Faerie Glen

Attention is drawn to the following requirements of sections 4 and 7 of the Act:

- (a) The representativeness of any employers' organisation which objects to the application shall in terms of section 4 (4) as applied by section 7 (5) be determined on the facts as they existed at the date on which the application was lodged and, as far as membership is concerned, only members who were in good standing in terms of section 1 (2) of the Act as at the aforesaid date shall be taken into consideration
- (b) The procedure laid down in section 4 (2) must be followed in connection with any objection lodged

G. C. PAFENFUS,
 Assistant Industrial Registrar
 (11 September 1992)

- (e) bewys aan die Raad van sodanige maatreels soos bedoel in (d) sowel as van sodanige storting,
- (f) die vervoer daarvan deur strate sonder om 'n oorlas te skep
- (3) Tensy die Raad daarvan oortuig is dat die persoon wat om toestemming aansoek doen, bevoeg is om die aanstootlike afval te verwyder en oor die uitrusting wat vir die verwydering van die aanstootlike afval nodig is, beskik, en aan die voorwaardes van die Raad kan voldoen, verleen die Raad nie toestemming ingevolge subartikel (1) nie
- (4) Die persoon bedoel in artikel 11 (1), moet die Raad so dikwels as wat die Raad dit verlang, met inagneming van die inligting wat ingevolge artikel 11 (1) aan die Raad verstrekk moet word, inlig in verband met die verwydering van aanstootlike afval, die identiteit van die verwyderaar, die verwyderingsdatum en die hoeveelheid en samestelling van die aanstootlike afval wat verwyder moet word."

HOOFSTUK 6

Deur in die nuwe artikel 25 (1) die uitdrukking "R100" met die uitdrukking "R300" te vervang

A. J. DE VILLIERS,

Stadsklerk

Burgersentrum
Christiaan de Wetlaan
FLORIDA PARK

(11 September 1992)

- (e) proof to the Council of the measures in (d) above as well as of the previous disposal thereof,
- (f) the transportation of the offensive refuse in streets without causing nuisance.
- (3) The Council shall not grant permission in terms of subsection (1) unless it is convinced that the person requesting such permission is capable of removing such offensive refuse and has access to any equipment required for the removal thereof, and that such person can comply with the conditions so stipulated.
- (4) The person referred to in section 11 (1) shall, as frequently as required by the Council, inform it regarding the removal of offensive refuse, the identity of the person who removes it, the date of removal, as well as the volume and composition of the offensive refuse thus removed, regard also being had to the information to be supplied to the Council in terms of section 11 (1)."

CHAPTER 6

By the substitution in the new section 25 (1) for the figure "R100,00" of the figure "R300,00"

A. J. DE VILLIERS,

Town Clerk

Civic Centre
Christiaan de Wet Avenue
FLORIDA PARK.

(11 September 1992)

RAADSKENNISGEWING 284 VAN 1992

STADSRAAD VAN NELSPRUIT

VASSTELLING VAN GELDE VIR ELEKTRISITEITSVERORDENINGE

Die Stadsklerk van Nelspruit publiseer hierby ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, die verordeninge hierna uiteengesit, wat deur die Raad ingevolge artikel 96 van voornoemde Ordonnansie opgestel is.

- A.** Die Elektrisiteitsverordeninge van die Munisipaliteit Nelspruit deur die Raad aangeneem by Administrateurskennisgewing 221 van 5 Februarie 1986, soos gewysig, word hierby verder gewysig deur die Bylae deur die volgende te vervang.

BOARD NOTICE 284 OF 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF NELSPRUIT

AMENDMENT TO ELECTRICITY BY-LAWS

The Town Clerk of Nelspruit hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, publishes the by-laws set forth hereinafter, which were drawn up by the Council in terms of section 96 of the said Ordinance.

- A.** The Electricity By-laws of the Nelspruit Municipality, adopted by the Council under Administrator's Notice 221 dated 5 February 1986, as amended, are hereby further amended by the substitution for the Schedule of the following

TARIEF VAN GELDE

1 VASTE HEFFING

Die eienaar of bewoner van 'n erf, standplaas, perseel of ander terrein, met of sonder verbeterings, wat by die hooftoevoerleiding aangesluit is of, na die mening van die Raad daarby aangesluit kan word, maar wat nie elektrisiteit verbruik nie, moet aan die Raad 'n vaste heffing van R25 per maand ten opsigte van elke sodanige erf, standplaas, perseel of ander terrein, vooruit betaal

15 DEPOSITO'S

Die deposito betaalbaar word bepaal soos voorgeskryf in artikel 6 (1) (a) van die Raad se Elektrisiteitsverordeninge en sal 'n minimum bedrag van R150 bedra.

B. Die bepaling van hierdie Bylae word geag in werking te getree het op 1 Julie 1992.

D. W. VAN ROOYEN,

Stadsklerk

Burgersentrum

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NELSPRUIT

1200.

11 September 1992

(Kennisgewing No 60/1992)

TARIFF OF CHARGES

1 FIXED CHARGE

The owner or occupier of an erf, stand, lot or other area, with or without improvements, which is, or in the opinion of the Council, can be connected to the supply main, but who does not consume electricity, shall pay to the Council a fixed charge of R25 per month, in advance, in respect of each such erf, stand, lot or other area

2 TEMPORARY AND ITINERANT CONSUMERS

The following charges shall be payable for the supply of electricity to temporary and itinerant consumers, for temporary purposes:

2.1 Consumers with a connection up to 60 ampere single phase or 80 ampere three phase

- (a) A monthly fixed charge depending on single phase or three phase connection in terms of Tariff Scale 4, hereunder,

Plus

- (b) 21,5 cent per kWh,

- (c) with a minimum levy in terms of subitem 2.1 (b) per month or part thereof, of R250 whether electricity to the value thereof is consumed or not

2.2 Consumers with a connection higher than 80 ampere three phase:

- (a) A monthly fixed charge, plus demand charge, whether metered by ammeters or kVA meters, plus energy levy, in pursuance of the Tariff Scale for Low Tension Bulk Consumers, Tariff Scale 5.4 (a) thereunder,

Plus

- (b) a surcharge on the total account of 10%

3 DOMESTIC CONSUMERS

3.1 This tariff shall apply to the following

- (a) Dwellings;
- (b) boarding-houses or hotels, excluding hotels licensed in terms of the Liquor Act,
- (c) flats which are separately metered and which are exclusively used for long term occupation for domestic purposes,
- (d) nursing homes and hospitals,
- (e) homes for benevolent institutions,
- (f) educational institutions and hostels,
- (g) clubs, excluding clubs registered in terms of the Liquor Act;
- (h) churches and church halls used exclusively for public worship,
- (i) pumping apparatus where the water pumped is used exclusively for domestic purposes on sites receiving supply in terms of this tariff scale,
- (j) a building or a separate part of a building which is used exclusively for domestic purposes and which is separately metered

3.2 If the demand of a consumer as classified under article 3.1 (d) and 3.1 (j) is so high to qualify as a domestic consumer, such consumer shall be classified as a bulk consumer

3 3 The following charges shall be payable

Group	Type of supply	Fixed charge per month	Energy charge per kWh
(a)	Up to 30 A current limit single phase	R15,00	19c
(b)	Up to a 60 A current limit single phase	R25,00	19c
(c)	Up to a 60 A current limit three phase	R50,00	19c

3 4 If a consumer, classified under tariff 3 3 (b), average electricity consumption amounts to less than 300 units per month, he can request the Council to supply him with a 30 ampere current unit single phase which will be installed free of charges on the condition that all the installation costs will be due to the Council if he request within six months, to switch back to a 60 ampere current limit single phase

4 COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL CONSUMERS

4 1 This tariff shall apply to electricity supplied and made available at 380/220 V to the following

- (a) Shops;
- (b) commercial houses;
- (c) office buildings;
- (d) hotels, licensed in terms of the Liquor Act,
- (e) bars,
- (f) cafés, tea-rooms and restaurants;
- (g) combined shops and tea-rooms;
- (h) public halls,
- (i) clubs, licensed in terms of the Liquor Act,
- (j) holiday flats,
- (k) industrial or factory undertakings,
- (l) buildings or parts of buildings containing a number of classifications under (a) to (k) and where the consumption in terms of this tariff is metered separately by the Council,
- (m) any other consumer, excluding those already described in terms of another tariff

4 2 If the demand of any consumer of the above-mentioned types is too high to be classified under this tariff group, such consumer shall be classified as a bulk consumer

4.3 The consumers must apply in writing for the type of supply which they require

4 4 Where a consumer has more than one connection the applicable tariff shall be payable for each connection

4 5 The following charges shall be payable

Group	Type of supply	Fixed charge per month	Energy charge per kWh
(a)	Up to 60 A current limit single phase	R75,00	20,4c
(b)	Up to 60 A current limit three phase	R150,00	20,4c
(c)	80 A current limit three phase	R250,00	20,4c

5 BULK CONSUMERS

5 1 Bulk consumers are divided into two groups, namely

- (a) Low tension supply tension of 380/220 V
- (b) High tension supply tension of 11 kV or 6,6 kV

5.2 The Council reserves the right to connect consumers with an estimated average monthly demand of more than 55 kVA as bulk consumers, either through low tension or high tension,

- 5 3 The maximum demand of a consumer who pays in terms of group (a) or (b) of subitem 5 4, is subject to the following restrictions
- (a) It may not exceed 100 kVA as measured by kVA-meters per half-hourly demand, without permission of the Engineer
- (b) Where the expected maximum demand of a consumer, as measured by kVA meters for half-hourly demand, is higher than 100 kVA but lower than 200 kVA, a low tension connection and the application of the tariff in terms of group (a) of the subitem 5 4 shall only be permitted with the special permission of the Engineer, whose decision shall be based on the ability of the distribution network to connect such consumer at low tension.
- (c) Where the expected maximum demand of a consumer is higher than 200 kVA, the connection must be high tension and the tariff in terms of group (b) of subitem 5 4 shall be applicable

- 5 4 The following charges shall be payable

Group	Type of supply	Fixed charge per month	Maximum demand charge per month or part thereof	Energy charge per kWh
(a)	Low tension	R350	R30,50 per kVA measured by a kVA meter over a period of 30 minutes, or R7,05 per ampere per month measured by three ampere meters per consumer	14,7c
(b)	High tension	R700	R29,40 per kVA measured by a kVA meter over a period of 30 minutes	8,5c

6 CONTRACT TARIFFS

6 1 *H L Hall & Sons Limited*

Electricity shall be supplied to H L Hall & Sons Limited in accordance with an agreement entered into by and between the Council and H L Hall & Sons Limited, dated 28 November 1974

6 2 *Crocodile Valley (Estates) Proprietary Limited*

Electricity shall be supplied to Crocodile Valley Estates (Proprietary) Limited in accordance with an agreement entered into by and between the Council and Crocodile Valley Estates (Proprietary) Limited, dated 26 April 1977 and 10 July 1986

7 CONSUMERS OUTSIDE THE MUNICIPAL BORDERS

- 7 1 All consumers to whom electricity are supplied and whose premises are situate outside the municipal borders, but inside the distribution area of the Council, shall pay the applicable tariff in accordance with items 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 above

7 2 *Surcharge*

Besides the applicable charges in terms of subitem 7 1, all consumers in this area shall pay a surcharge of 5%

7 3 *Connection and extension charges*

Consumers may pay for connection charges in cash or in the form of monthly extension charges. In cases where consumers pay in cash for connection charges a monthly extension charge for maintenance purposes shall be payable. This extension charge shall be determined for every consumer in accordance with the nature and type of connection and it shall be revised every three (3) years

This charge for maintenance shall also be included in the monthly extension charge of the consumer who did not pay in cash for the connection charges.

The connection charges incorporates the costs of transmission lines measured from the Council's existing network Municipality or from the Council's main transmission line, as well as all transformers and other equipment necessary for the complete connection. In both cases the lines and equipment remain the property of the Council

The Engineer shall calculate the extension charge on the basis of the estimated maximum demand of a consumer and the length of the supply line measured as from the municipal border along the route of the power line up to the consumers connection point, subject thereto that this part of the extension charge may be divided between a number of rural consumers who are served by the same extension line or part thereof. With the understanding further that the engineer shall advise the Council with regard to a reasonable basis in respect of the division of such joint costs payable by rural consumers. The decision of the Council in respect of such a reasonable basis of division shall be binding

8 MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

The supply of electricity to municipal departments, including street lighting, shall be at the actual average costs for the electricity department, calculated at the costs for the previous twelve months

9. CONNECTION CHARGES

Connections in and outside the municipal borders, as well as temporary consumers, shall be subject to the following stipulations

9.1 A charge shall be payable for every connection to the main supply of the Council and such charge shall cover all costs of material, labour, transport, tests and engineers services which are incurred by the Council to make the connection. The costs shall be determined by the Council's Engineer. Besides the cost calculated above, a surcharge of 15% with a maximum of R2 000 shall be levied in respect of administrative charges

9.2 The main connection cable of the consumer shall be attached to the supply point of the Council

9.3 In the case of a bulk high tension consumer the consumer shall erect a suitable building for a substation with a separate approved room to house the high tension switchgear and metering apparatus of the Council. The switchgear and transformers of the high tension consumer may only be supplied by the Council

9.4 The construction and position of every connection must be approved by the Council's Engineer

9.5 Before a connection can be made in terms of subitem 9.1, the applicant shall pay a deposit equal to the estimated costs for the connection as calculated by the Engineer, at the revenue office of the Council

10. CHARGES FOR DELIVERY OF SUPPLY**10.1 Reconnection charges**

10.1.1 For the reconnection of a supply which was at the request of a consumer temporarily disconnected for a period of more than 30 days, except where the consumer requested a disconnection for the safeguard of apparatus or persons R35

10.1.2 For the reconnection of a supply which was at the request of a consumer temporarily disconnected for less than 30 days R60

10.2 Reconnection fees

For the reconnection of a supply where the supply was temporarily disconnected as a result the non-fulfilment of any of the Council's by-laws or regulations as follows. R60

10.3 Non-payment fee

When an account is not settled before or on due date, for action taken by the Council in order to collect the outstanding moneys either by warning notices or by discontinuation of the electricity supply R60

10.4 Charges payable when entering into a new consumers agreement

Besides the deposit in terms of item 15 for services rendered namely the reading of the meter and, if applicable, the connection of the supply following a request of a consumer when entering into a new consumers agreement R12

10.5 Consumers outside municipal borders

Besides the charges payable in terms of subitems 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 or 10.4 transport costs in accordance with a tariff per kilometre as from time to time determined by the Council, per return journey, shall be payable by a consumer whose premises is situate in a specific area outside the municipal border and a return journey shall be measured from the municipal border up to a central point within that area

10.6 Additional charges outside normal working hours

Besides the charges payable in terms of subitem 10.1, 10.2, 10.4, 10.5 or where the electricity supply have to be reconnected in terms of 10.3, additional charges due by the consumer for the said services being done outside normal working hours R25

11 CHARGES FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

For the investigation of a complaint by a consumer of a power failure and where it is found that the interruption of the power supply is caused through a defect in the installation of the consumer or due to the faulty operation of apparatus used by the consumer in the installation, per investigation R60 during normal working hours and R100 after normal working hours

12 CHARGES FOR SPECIAL METER READINGS

12 1 Where possible, the meter readings are taken at intervals of one month. Should a consumer request the Council to take a meter reading at any other point in time than on the specified date, an amount of R35 per reading shall, except where the service is rendered to the consumer in terms of subitem 10 4 be payable by the consumer.

12 2 For the retaking of a meter reading in the event where a consumer contests the reading and requests that the meter be reread to confirm the reading, a charge of R60,00 shall be payable if the reading confirms the original reading to be correct.

13 CHARGES FOR THE TESTING OF METERS

If an authorised employee of the Council is requested to test the accuracy of a meter, a charge of R115 per single phase meter and R175 per three phase meter required to be tested, shall be payable, which amount shall be refunded if the meter proves to be over or under registering by more than 5% when tested in accordance with the code of practice of the S. A. Bureau of Standards for the testing of electricity meters or in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Engineer.

14 CHARGES FOR INSPECTION AND TESTS

14 1 For the first inspection and test in terms of section 16 (8) (a). Free of charge,

14 2 For the subsequent inspection or tests in terms of section 16 (8) (b):

(a) Per inspection or test: R115, plus

(b) transport costs at a tariff per kilometre per return journey outside the municipal borders, measured from the municipal border to the inspection or test point, as determined by the Council from time to time.

15 DEPOSITS

The deposit payable shall be determined as prescribed in section 6 (1) (a) of the Council's Electricity By-laws and shall be a minimum amount of R150.

B. The provisions contained in this Schedule shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1992.

D. W. VAN ROOYEN,

Town Clerk

Civic Centre
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11 September 1992

(Notice No 60/1992)

(11 September 1992)

RAADSKENNISGEWING 288 VAN 1992**STADSRAAD VAN GERMISTON****HERROEPING VAN SEKERE HOOFSTUKKE VAN DIE PUBLIEKE GESONDHEIDSVERORDENINGE**

Die Stadsklerk herroep hiermee ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, Hoofstuk 4, Hoofstuk 9, Hoofstuk 10, Hoofstuk 12, Hoofstuk 16 en Hoofstuk 18 van die Publieke Gesondheidsverordeninge, soos gewysig, aangeneem by Administrateurskennisgewing 148 van 21 Februarie 1951.

A. W. HEYNEKE,

Stadsklerk

Burgersentrum
Cross-straat
GERMISTON

(Kennisgewing No 159/1992)

(11 September 1992)

BOARD NOTICE 288 OF 1992**CITY COUNCIL OF GERMISTON****REVOCAATION OF CERTAIN CHAPTERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH BY-LAWS**

The Town Clerk in terms of Section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, hereby revokes Chapter 4; Chapter 9, Chapter 10, Chapter 12, Chapter 16 and Chapter 18 of the Public Health By-laws, as amended, published under Administrator's Notice 148 of 21 February 1951.

A. W. HEYNEKE,

Town Clerk

Civic Centre
Cross Street
GERMISTON

(Notice No 159/1992)

(11 September 1992)

written over our heads and at the end of the year...
The accord stipulated that residents were to pay R55 for a period of time. This amount was to have increased by R10 with effect from January 2 last year.

To date, the council has not been able to collect even 20 percent of the payments which would have amounted to R44 million.

A service charge boycott, started five months ago, made it impossible for the council to collect more than 10 percent of the R23 a month service levy from residents, Moseki said. **26** **2/9/92**
He told the Saturday Star this week that the council was so cash-strapped that "we are mopping up all small unused amounts we can find from our last budget in a desperate attempt to stay afloat. We are definitely in a countdown to total collapse."

A council report, prepared by Moseki, spells out several other factors that have helped to derail the council's 1991 "mission" to "upgrade the quality of

life for the community." Among them are politically motivated violence, attacks on contractors, on-going and sporadic boycotts, political thuggery and high unemployment rate.

The report also singles out civic organisations for not having complied with the stipulations of the accord. "The underlying cause of the ongoing violence is political intolerance," the report states, "which has its roots in the jostling for political hegemony by the various organisations."

Soweto Civic Organisation spokesman Pat Lepunya this week dismissed suggestions that the civics were in any way responsible for the predicament. "It's absurd for the Soweto council, especially Moya-leh Moseki, who was once an activist, to blame the mess we're in on the civics," he told the Saturday Star.

"Our attitude has always been that the problem of services started long, long ago at the creation of

apartheid and now, in Soweto, it is an autonomous city whose only revenue sources were seen as rents, a tax on bottle stores and some form of dog tax.

"The infrastructure built then assumed that black townships were not permanent and their residents were supposed to be temporary sojourners. Hence, the kind of structures that were put in are now proving hopelessly inadequate."

"Moreover, in contrast with Johannesburg, which was white, rich and permanent, what kind of sensible industrial investment could Soweto attract, being poor, black and overcrowded?"

"The situation can only be resolved if the apartheid regime pumps in massive resources to upgrade services, not only in Soweto but in all black areas, and not the accusations that we receive from the regime's puppets."

Soweto: Countdown to collapse

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SOWETO Council is running at an operating-cost shortfall of R4 million a month — and the TPA has dug in its heels over giving it more money. JOE LOUW reports.

THE story of the turbulent history of the Soweto council is like one of those old-time movie serials where every episode ends with the hero being in desperate trouble but by the next, either through some miraculous action of his own, or by the intervention of his horse, dog or the Seventh Cavalry, the situation is saved.

But this time round, according to Soweto public relations officer Mojalehi Moseki, the situation for Soweto is not going to be saved. There is no financial Seventh Cavalry storming round the bend to save the Soweto council from its horrendous operating-cost shortfall of R4 million a month.

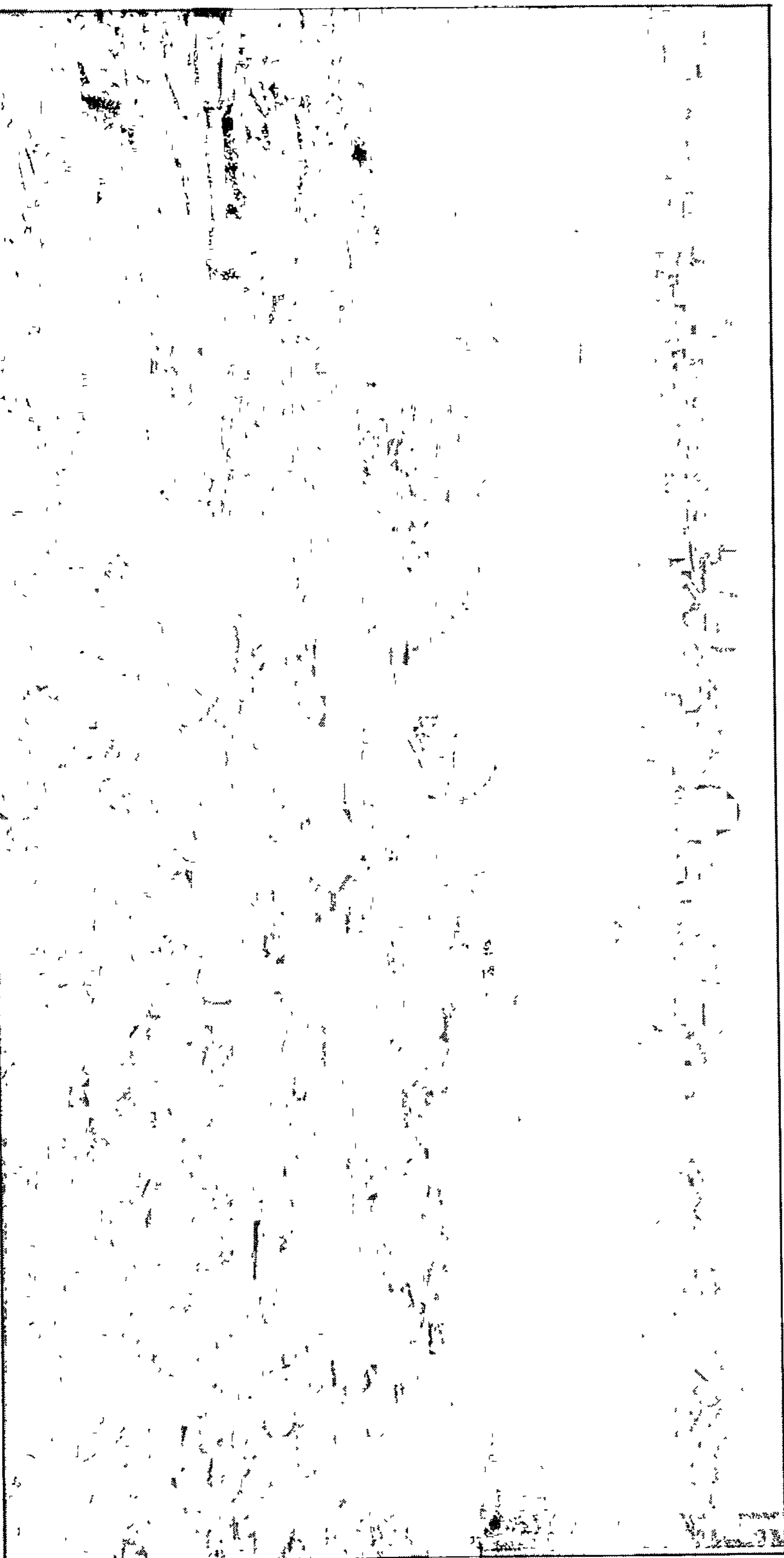
The deputy director of the TPA, Len Dekker, is digging in his heels. He declared this month: "The Soweto City Council has used up every resource and the cupboard is bare. We have no more money to give them."

The TPA has been funding Soweto's R295-million annual budget by 77 percent but in July it refused to put up any more money. This means that 4 000 municipal workers, according to Moseki, will simply have to "pack up and go home", to say nothing of what will happen to the already very tightly stretched services for this "city" of more than 2,5 million people.

Service boycott

Already sewers are spilling into the streets, garbage collection at best is erratic and huge piles of refuse are building into small hills in some places. Most of the parks and open spaces are blighted with neglect and stagnation.

The major problem, Moseki says, is that residents have failed to pay service charges in accordance



IN A MESS: A cash-strapped Soweto Council can't function, so sewers spill over, garbage collection is erratic and rubbish builds up into huge piles.

● Photograph: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

City approves Civic Spine plan

By Louise Marsland
Municipal Reporter

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A long-term urban design plan to develop Johannesburg's Civic Spine, and the appointment of a manager to co-ordinate entertainment activities in the city centre, were approved by the city council management committee last week. The long-awaited rezoning

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application to allow for appropriate trading activities in the empty kiosks and shops that overlook the Library Gardens and Cenotaph will be considered by the town planning tribunal by the end of the month.

The rezoning is likely to be opposed by some ratepayers groups who fear that if the park area is given business rights, it could fall prey to developers.

An overall long-term urban design concept to achieve the Civic Spine's ultimate potential over the years will be drawn up

by the city planning department.

Planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid said a manager would be appointed specifically to encourage, co-ordinate and maintain the central business district's recreational and entertainment activities.

Mr Magid said surveys had shown that activities and facilities wanted by the public included varied entertainment events, relaxation, small food outlets, drinking water facilities, extra toilets, better security and more parking.

People also wanted more benches, trees and plants to create more of a "park-like" atmosphere.

"People gave the thumbs-down to hawkers, commerce in general, political gatherings, larger chain-store-type food outlets, loud music and other noises.

"From its inception the Civic Spine has been used by office workers in the vicinity during lunch breaks and by people at

leisure or playing chess. School-children, library users and others who previously never frequented the park are also making use of the facility.

"Chess is being played daily and competitions between major businesses in the vicinity of the Civic Spine are being organised."

Mr Magid said the City Hall and Rissik Street Post Office would in the future — possibly next year — be investigated regarding alternative uses and upgrading.

Suspended Sandton councillor takes legal action

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SUSPENDED Sandton town councillor Frederick Ehlers will bring an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for his reinstatement.

Ehlers, who was suspended for 60 days following suggestions that the council's tendering procedures were open to bribery and corruption, said he would file the application soon.

A letter had been sent to all councillors and to Sandton mayor Bruce Burns earlier this week requesting

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the convening of a special meeting to discuss the suspension, Ehlers said.

This had been done following the breakdown of a mediation attempt last week by DP MP for Bryanston Rupert Lorimer.

The mayor had been given until 5pm yesterday to respond, failing which the urgent application would be served, Ehlers said. "As no meet-

ing has been convened, I hope to file papers by Monday next week."

Ehlers stated individual councillors would be cited in the application so as not to burden the ratepayers with the cost of the action.

The application aimed to have Ehlers reinstated to the council and would reclaim any council allowances withheld due to the suspension.

Council chambers would be picketed on Thursday, he said.

'I saw policeman shoot passerby'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — An SAP sergeant testified in the Supreme Court yesterday that he saw his former Mooi River station commander, Lt George Nichas, cock his shotgun and fire twice at a man walking alone in a Bruntville street in 1990.

The man fell after the second shot but the police casspir in which they were travelling did not stop. Later at the Bruntville clinic he and other policemen, including Nichas, saw the body of a dead man whom he recognised as the alleged murder victim, Jotham Mchunu. He could not say whether Mchunu was the person who was shot at by Nichas.

Nichas has pleaded not guilty to two murder and four attempted murder charges, and four counts of contravening the Arms and Ammunitions Act in connection with two shooting incidents in Bruntville on April 7 and June 16 1990. Two of the charges relate to his alleged unlawful handling of firearms while under the influence of alcohol.

Sgt Martin Mhlongo denied having seen or heard a large toyi-toying group in the vicinity of the casspir at the time of the

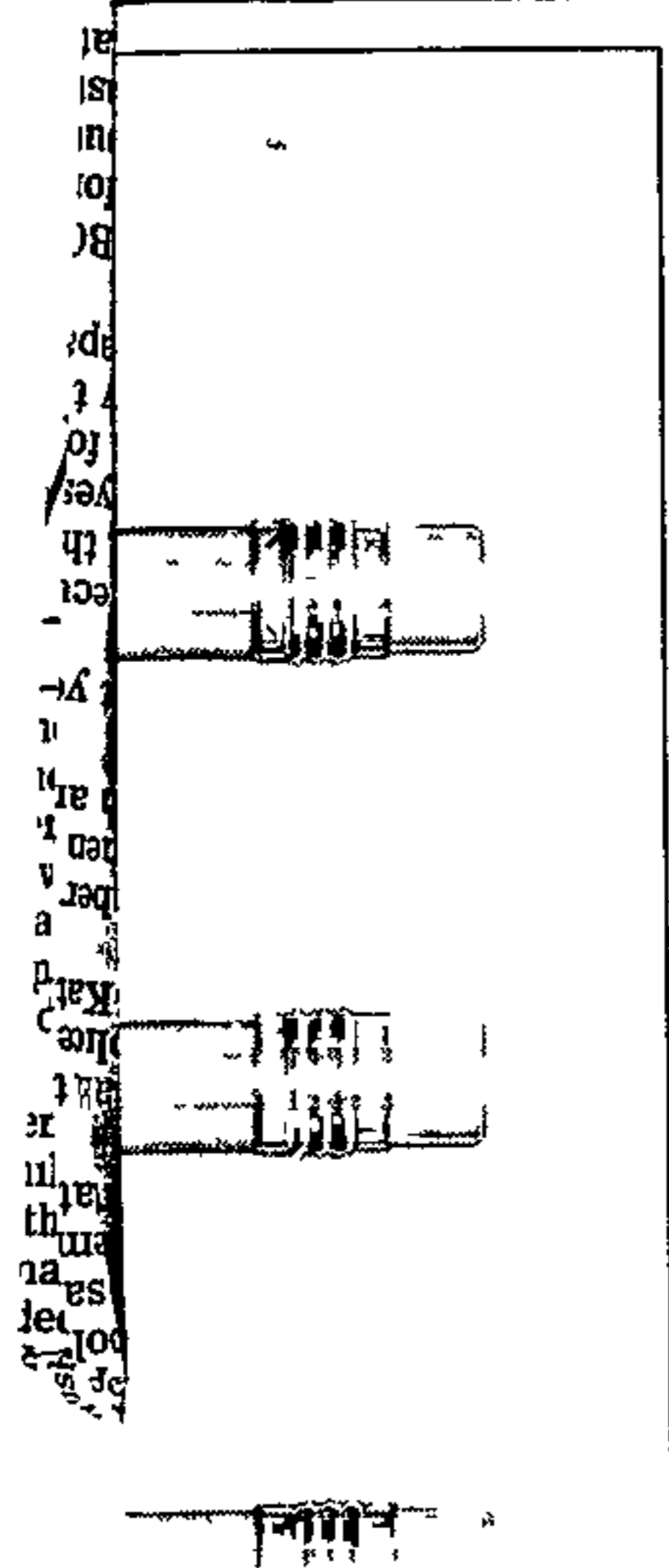
shooting as claimed by several other police and civilian state witnesses. Asked by Judge Booysen how it was possible he did not see the crowd, Mhlongo said he did not know if it was because he was seated in the casspir while some of his colleagues were standing. He saw the man at whom Nichas fired through the casspir's open rear doors.

Defence advocate Kobus Booyens SC asked Mhlongo (who resides in Bruntville with his family) if he had been intimidated in connection with his evidence or statement to the police concerning the shooting. Mhlongo said no one had approached him in connection with the case.

Mhlongo agreed, in reply to further questions by Booyens, that it was unsafe for a policeman to live in Bruntville and that he was scared.

Mhlongo said he was not aware that ANC supporters in Bruntville hated the accused.

Mhlongo also testified that before leaving the police station in the casspir he had noticed that Nichas's speech was not normal, as though he had been drinking liquor.



ANC supporters in Bruntville hated the accused



Greater Soweto councils near dissolution

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THE city councils of Soweto and Diepmeadow are likely to be dissolved as a result of the growing political, financial and administrative crises in the townships

With mounting debts, services on the brink of collapse, and a political squabble between two Soweto council factions due to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court next month, sources said intervention was inevitable.

Ways of dissolving the local authorities and replacing them were discussed at a meeting earlier this week attended by TPA executive committee members and So-

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weto and Diepmeadow councillors

It is believed an administrator will run the townships before an interim structure of civic organisations and the Johannesburg City Council is set up

A Soweto council spokesman confirmed the possibility of dissolution had been discussed, but said a meeting scheduled for today would "finalise things"

Civic Associations of Johannesburg general-secretary Cas Coovadia said the civics were aware of the meeting between

(266) the TPA and the councillors this week

"We hope to have a report presented to the (Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's) Soweto ad hoc crisis committee within the next two weeks"

A Johannesburg city council management committee source said it was likely the city would provide services to greater Soweto on a short-term contractual basis

An ANC local government spokesman said the organisation approved of the dissolutions, but was concerned about possible "golden handshakes" for councillors

Isle Brand displays some of the drawings by students



ENTRIES PILE IN

HUNDREDS of entries for the water conservation and purification project have started pouring in at the three water boards and municipalities countrywide.

Rand Water Board (RWB) public relations officer Louise Fourie said she was impressed by the high spirit among pupils and their schools.

"Judges will certainly have difficulty choosing the winner as most of the entries received so far, are excellent," she said.

Fourie said judging for the country's four regions - the

Transvaal, Orange Free State, Natal and the Cape Province - will take place on September 21. Winners and runners-up will be invited to a prize-giving ceremony at the Rand Water Board in Johannesburg on September 23.

Judges for the Transvaal region are - NEW NATION's environmental and Business Nation writer Sydney Maflika, Marieta Marx of the Johannesburg City Council, Marinus Wijnbeek of the SA Broadcasting Corporation, Gerrit Botha of the Water Institute of SA, Dr

Piet Muller of Rapport and Gerhard du Toit director of Youth Affairs in the Transvaal Education Department.

Fourie said: "Muller will be speaking about the merits of the winning entries and the standard by which they were judged. Also ingenuity, insight and artistic content would be the criteria used by the judges".

A representative of the competition, Ingrid Alberts, said although the competition was open to all, the majority of the entries received so far were from the African and coloured schools.

Mamelodi mayor at odds with civic

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE mayor of Mamelodi has been exposed by the local civic body as the "secret" owner of a construction company run by whites in the township.

This comes at a time when a local filling station is being boycotted as it is believed it is another front company for the mayor, Sidney "Drie" Mokone.

Chris Cook Construction (CC Construction), which is owned by Mokone, is believed in the township to be white-owned.

It is still being run by whites — Mayor Mokone confirmed this week that he is involved in CC Construction.

The Mamelodi Civic Association (Maca) claimed that as the mayor and "secret" owner of the CC Construction, Mokone allegedly allocated CC Construction sites without following normal procedures.

It is alleged the company has been allocated more than 100 sites since 1989, which were allegedly not tendered for.

The allegations were made by Maca on Friday. Maca said it would demand an independent commission of inquiry to investigate how the sites were allocated.

CC Construction is registered under the Close Corporation Act with registered offices at the Trust Bank Centre in Central Street, Pretoria.

It was thought in the township to be owned by white partners Chris Pieter Cook and Hendrik Swanepoel.

The civic alleged Mokone was using the white fronts to hoodwink the community and enrich himself.

Maca spokesman and deputy president William Dube said it was possible Mokone has not followed proper channels in applying and being granted the sites in the township.

Dube said "sensitive" documents leaked to Maca last week indicated that Mokone was also allegedly involved in other business activities which were not disclosed to the community that Mokone is supposed to serve as a councillor and mayor of the township.

Dube said Mokone was also allegedly being sued by the Rosslyn branch of the First National Bank in connection with CC Construction activities.

According to copies of summonses dated September 3 1992 by the office



BOYCOTT ... The local civic claims Andy's Garage in Mamelodi West is secretly owned by mayor Sydney Mokone.

Denies using position for self-enrichment

of the Wonderboom deputy sheriff, Mokone is being sued by the bank as a third defendant in the matter between the bank and CC Construction, Chris Pieter Cook, Mokone, Hendrik Swanepoel and a Mrs E Swanepoel.

The bank is demanding payment of R223 616 from CC Construction, R158 000 from Cook, R200 000 from Mokone and a total of R100 000 from the Swanepoels.

According to the summonses Mokone gave surety to the bank for a total sum of R150 000, which was not paid to the bank on demand on July 2 this year.

Mokone allegedly pledged to repay the bank R50 000 on February 6 1991 and on March 24 this year pledged another R100 000. Mokone also signed his house over to the bank as surety this year.

Mokone is also the alleged owner of a filling station which has been hit by a three-week consumer boycott in the township.

The boycott has threatened the work of at least 15 employees at Andy's Garage in Mamelodi West.

The alleged "front" owner, Hendrick Thaeli, who said he had nothing to do with Mokone and was the owner of the garage, said he has lost close to R100 000 since the boycott started and he might be forced to sack 15 of his employees and close down if the boycott is not lifted soon.

Thaeli alleged Maca officials called for the boycott, claiming the garage belonged to Mokone.

Businesses owned by councillors and their relatives have been boycotted since the end of last month in a bid to

isolate and force councillors to resign.

Thaeli accused the civic of discrediting him with false information. He said although he had handed his business licences to civic officials and asked them to investigate the registrations of his businesses to prove he was indeed the owner, the civic had ignored the crippling boycott.

He alleged placard-waving youths stormed his garage and ordered motorists off his premises when the boycott was launched.

"Motorists are scared to fill up here or to bring their vehicles for service because youths are policing the place to enforce the boycott."

"When I inquire at the civic offices other officials tell me that they are still investigating."

"My business has nothing to do with Mokone or any other councillor. I don't even know him personally or where he stays because I bought the site from a private seller," Thaeli said.

"Why should I be singled out like this? There is no truth to their claims whatsoever. I also want to know why the civic did not investigate my bona fides before calling the boycott on my business," Thaeli asked.

Mokone said the civic should do its homework before pointing accusing fingers. He denied he was the owner of the garage.

However, he confirmed he was involved with CC Construction.

"Everything was above board and there has not been one dealing under the table in the allocation of sites to CC Construction."

Mokone said before he ventured into CC Construction in 1988, he applied for consent from the TPA to develop sites and build houses in the township. He showed City Press a letter dated August 1988 from the TPA Community Services Regional Office, which gave him permission to develop 16 sites in Mamelodi.

However, Mokone would not discuss how many sites he has built houses on after he was allocated 16 sites in 1988. He also declined to discuss the summons.

"I will welcome any inquiry into my affairs and business dealings, but I will not resign," he said.



The new grandstand on the southern end of the Wanderers cricket ground will be ready by the time the first game takes place next month. The stand holds more than 11 000 people. Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

Union fears hostel work

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PRETORIA — A long-standing and escalating dispute between township councils and municipal workers is still preventing the provision of services to Reef hostels.

Regional representative of the SA Municipal Workers' Union Reginald Dubanzana said at the weekend that union members were refusing to provide services to some hostels because they feared for their safety.

More than 300 union members were fired recently because they refused to provide services at the Dobsonville Hostel following the deaths of a number of union members, allegedly at the hands of hostel residents, he said.

Workers then refused to report for work at municipal premises, which are attached to the hostel, where residents are mainly Inkatha supporters. The union regarded the action of the Dobsonville councils as an unfair labour practices and legal action was being considered.

Although the Dobsonville hostel was the current flash-point, union members are also loath to provide services to the hostel controlled by the Diepmeadow council.

This dispute arose last year, after municipal workers had refused to supply services because they feared for their safety. Services provided by municipal workers include plumbing and refuse removal, he said.

Flood warning plan probed

ADRIAN HADLAND
WITH more than 60 000 people in SA living on flood plains, the Department of Water Affairs is investigating the establishment of a flood advisory service for local authorities, says a department statement.

Hydrological and meteorological information provided by the service would enable local authorities to issue warnings earlier and with greater certainty, the statement said.

Of these people living on flood plains, a Water Affairs spokesman said "Due to ignorance they are in danger of losing their lives and possessions if the rivers should overflow."

Numsa men and assassin jailed

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SUSAN RUSSELL
THE Rand Supreme Court on Friday jailed five National Union Of Metalworkers (Numsa) members and a hired assassin following the murder of five non-strikers at Haggie Rand between 1989 and 1990.

All six were convicted on various counts of murder, attempted murder and arson, and received effective sentences ranging from 12 to 28 years' imprisonment.

The five Numsa members, two of whom were shop stewards, were all fired in October 1989 for taking part in an illegal strike.

Richard Ngobeni, 40, Jeffrey Mshali, 36, Malvert Ngubane, 42, Malan Khumalo, 45, and Samuel Malepo, 41, were also members of

a "Committee of 10" formed among strikers and which began a violent intimidation campaign aimed at forcing non-strikers to stop work.

The sixth man, Joseph Bhengu, 27, was hired to kill non-strikers during the industrial dispute. All six pleaded not guilty to murdering five people and attempting to murder nine others during the intimidation campaign between October 1989 and May 1990. They also pleaded not guilty to two counts of arson and illegal possession of a firearm.

The State last week called for the death sentence. Judge R du Plessis, sitting with

two assessors, found that despite the seriousness of the crimes, mitigating circumstances existed which did not make it imperative to impose the death sentence on any of them, and that they could all be rehabilitated.

All six were first offenders and, with the exception of Bhengu, had acted out of character by participating in the crimes.

He also accepted that against the background of the strike and what they regarded as unfair dismissals, the five Numsa members had been influenced by strong emotional factors. An aggravating factor was that the attacks on non-strikers had been premeditated and committed over a long period of time.

Another aggravating factor was that the crimes were "aimed at innocent workers whose only sins were to exercise their democratic right to eke out an existence", the judge said.

"You have all had occasion to hear and see the widows and mothers of those victims who died in your attacks. You have heard them telling this court how the deaths of their loved ones has affected them.

"Each of you is capable of being a useful member of society. Some of you have undoubted leadership qualities. The time that each of you is to spend in prison will not be easy. I trust you will ensure you make the best of that time," the judge said.

Plan to ⁽²⁶⁶⁾ write off Soweto's debt ~~SM~~

A proposal to write off Soweto's R800 million debt and establish a Greater Soweto Forum (GSF) to take over the administration and provision of services has been forwarded to the Administrator of the Transvaal by the Johannesburg City Council

In a wide-ranging document, which could mark the end of the rent and services boycott in Soweto, the appointment of a Soweto city manager to run the township has also been mooted

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the proposal, released last night, had been received favourably

Mr Davidson admits that the package is designed to resolve the deadlock in the township crisis

Johannesburg proposes that the Greater Soweto Principal Parties, signatories to the Soweto Accord, be broadened to include political representatives of the Johannesburg and Rodepoort city councils into a body to be known as the GSF

The forum will be a sub-structure of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and will report to the chamber

Mr Davidson said the GSF would be politically responsible for determining policy and the budget for Greater Soweto and would operate by consensus — Municipal Reporter

Bid to write off Soweto's R800-m debt

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■ Move may end services boycott:

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Johannesburg management committee chairman Mr Ian Davidson said the proposal had been "received favourably".

He admitted that the package was designed to resolve the immediate deadlock in the township crisis and could not resolve structural deficiencies in the short term.

"It is necessary to urgently negotiate and implement interim structural arrangements with due regard to the national process," he said.

The city proposes that the Greater Soweto Principle Parties, signatories to the Soweto Accord, be broadened.

Councils threaten legal action on rent

By Stan Hlophle

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The councils of Dobsonville and Soweto, which are owed more than R1 million in service charges, have threatened to take Soweto residents to court for failing to pay rent.

The Dobsonville Council has set the ball rolling by issuing summonses to 70 rent defaulters. They are scheduled to appear in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court on Wednesday. Dobsonville town clerk Tony Roux confirmed the

council had sought legal action to recover money owed

Mr Roux said the summonses, some of which had been issued as far back as June, were sent to residents who owed R500 or more

He said that earlier this month, the court had granted the council permission to confiscate furniture and other valuables to recover its debts.

The council claimed in its summonses that residents had been owing rent since the signing in 1990 of the Soweto Accord, which made provision for residents to pay a flat rate for services and signalled the

end of the rent boycott

But this was disputed by Dobsonville Advice Centre spokesman Sandile Ntwasa, who said people had stopped paying rent only at the end of April.

Mr Sandile said the reason for that was that the council offices had been burnt down on May 1 this year, and that residents had nowhere to go to pay bills

The Soweto Council has also issued strong warnings to residents to pay rent or face court action. Letters have been sent to residents in the wake of the council's appeal for funds to

the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. The council said it would collapse if funds were not received by month-end

Soweto public relations officer Mojalefa Moseki said the Soweto Civic Association was to blame for the collapse of services as it had failed to persuade the residents to pay for services as agreed to in the Soweto Accord

However, Mr Moseki denied that the council had threatened residents with court action if they failed to meet

their obligations

● A proposal to write off Soweto's R800 million debt and establish a Greater Soweto Forum to take over the administration and provision of services has been forwarded to the Administrator of the Transvaal by the Johannesburg City Council, the council announced on Tuesday

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Local govt body to disband

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The Transvaal Association of Management Committees (Tamcom) decided at its annual meeting in Pretoria yesterday to disband by the end of January *SYAN 24/9/92*

Tamcom president Y.M. Makda said the decision was taken because the organisation had, after 10 years, achieved its

goal of direct representation on local government bodies for all communities

It had also sought the redistribution of income from industrial areas in central business districts

The resolution, which was unanimously adopted, called on all members to join the nonracial Transvaal Local Government Association

National housing forum on cards

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■ Government will maintain ties with group it withdrew from:

By Joshua Raboroko

A CONVENING group to discuss the formation of a National Housing Forum for Local Government Affairs was set up at a meeting in Johannesburg this week.

The group consists of members from the secretariat of the Council for Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, the South African National Civic Associations

The forum was established to play a meaningful role in rendering better services and defusing tension in the various communities.

Both parties have agreed to meet for a report back on the progress made by the convening group.

At the meeting the Government was represented by the Minister of Local Government and National Housing and of Manpower Mr Leon Wessels and four

members of the provincial administrations. Government spokesman Mr Johan Smit said that issues such as bond boycotts and the reregulations of mortgage finance were not discussed at the meeting.

Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso said that his organisation would pursue demands it earlier presented to the Government.

Relevant stakeholders

In its memorandum, the organisation accused the Government of unilaterally formulating housing policy and restructuring local government.

It proposed a forum, involving all the major and relevant stakeholders to negotiating the formulation of housing policy and related urban development.

Wessels has said that Government would maintain bilateral ties with the national housing forum, from which it withdrew earlier this year.

Councillor faces showdown

By Shirley Woodgate

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Johannesburg city councillor Clive Gilbert faces a showdown with the DP today at an executive committee hearing which will consider a formal demand for his expulsion.

The outspoken councillor has been called to book on the recommendation of colleague Claire Quail, who claimed his "continuous attempts to discredit councillors and stir up public opinion against them"

was damaging the party's image.

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But an unrepentant Mr Gilbert retaliated yesterday that criticism of the management committee was in line with his democratic right to free speech.

He said he had always acted in the best interest of the rate-payers, particularly concerning the management committee's refusal to delegate powers to the full council.

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Councillor slain before big meeting

By Abel Mushi

Soweto councillor Themba Kunene, stabbed to death at his Orlando East home in Soweto on Wednesday night, was to have been appointed a member of the Soweto City Council's executive committee last night

Mr Kunene (32) was to have delivered a memorandum in support of a motion of no confidence against five executive committee members who were asked to relinquish their positions at an executive meeting earlier yesterday, following allegations of corruption

Family members said Mr Kunene was killed at about 8pm on Wednesday when four unidentified men stabbed him outside his house after a short conversation

Mr Kunene is survived by his wife Benedicta (28) and a seven-year-old son

Police are investigating

There have been other recent attacks against council officials

In July, a house belonging to executive chairman Jabu Mnguni was bombed

And houses belonging to deputy mayor Oscar Maseko and cultural committee chairman Lilian Mthetha were bombed last month

Atteridgeville to oppose tariff hike

THEO RAWANA

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Association (Asro) has threatened to challenge the Pretoria City Council's decision to more than double service tariffs in the township

The council is to raise monthly tariffs from R103,30 to R220 a household from November. The township faces a R33,3m deficit

The council said the increase was an attempt to reduce the shortfall and to prevent a total collapse of services in Atteridgeville

Administration of the township was taken over by Pretoria in April after its administrator, town clerk and city treasurer resigned

Asro chairman Reeves Mabitsi said yesterday residents deplored the "unilateral decision of the Pretoria City Council" and would meet at the local community hall on Sunday "to shape the way forward"

"We are going to use whatever means at our disposal to challenge these intended tariffs

"We have always maintained that without a viable economic infrastructure there is no way in which the township could manage its affairs properly," Mabitsi said

Diplomats oppose march on Ulundi

PRETORIA — Diplomatic community members yesterday expressed severe reservations about the ANC's decision in principle to proceed with the protest march on Ulundi

Most diplomats canvassed said the march would be a provocative act, contrary to the spirit of the national peace accord

They said the right of free political expression needed to be weighed against other factors, such as the possibility of violence, the effect repercussions might have on the economy, and what the march could achieve

The decision to hold a march at Ulundi, in the context of hostile statements by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the events at Bisho, was clearly contrary to a peace accord requirements that organisers of any political event should "take into account local sentiment and foreseeable consequences"

Sapa reports the Law and Order Ministry said in Pretoria that the organisers of the march had shown contempt for the peace process and the demonstration would inevitably

TIM COHEN

lead to bloodshed

A ministry spokesman said the ANC should have learned the lesson that mass action inevitably led to conflict and violence

"It is almost inevitable that this decision will lead to bloodshed, as it did at Bisho, Ciskei"

RAY HARTLEY reports that DP Law and Order spokesman Peter Gastrow said political organisations had an inherent right to march, but "confrontation and bloodshed" would result from a march on Ulundi

Cosatu yesterday accused the DP, government and the media of whipping up hysteria "to create a climate in which any attempt to challenge tinpot dictators in the bantustans would be viewed as irresponsible and provocative"

The union federation threw its weight behind the decision of "structures of the democratic movement in Natal" to go ahead with the march in a statement released yesterday

NP welcomes corruption probe

TIM COHEN

PRETORIA — The NP caucus in the Pretoria City Council yesterday welcomed the announcement that a TPA-appointed committee of inquiry would investigate alleged corruption and bribery by council members

The commission will also investigate whether council members should be involved in property development during their terms of office

A TPA spokesman said the extent of the alleged self-enrichment was not known and would form part of the investigation

Toxic dumping alleged

SUSAN RUSSELL

A POTCHEFSTROOM man, whose estranged wife alleged he dumped toxic and radioactive waste in the area, applied for a final interdict in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday preventing her from making public accusations against him

Theodorus Bekker has asked the court for an order

of as many as 80 drums of toxic waste material

Bekker denies he told his wife he had dumped any waste

Counsel for Maria Bekker submitted that she had been acting in the public interest when she made her allegations to the members of the com-

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Population crisis

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■ There are more than 200 problems related to transport alone:

GIVEN the anticipated population growth rate, the PWV area may have to cope with up to 12,8 million people by the year 2000

Apart from obvious socio-economic problems, the huge increase would also require an efficient and well-managed transportation system, said Mr Ahmed Arbee, MEC for Road and General Provincial Services of the Transvaal

He was speaking at a report-back meeting of the PWV Public Transportation Study in Pretoria yesterday

Mr Arbee said a host of meetings, involv-

ing all relevant parties, had already identified more than 200 problems related to public transport - but these could be solved or bridged if sufficient planning was done

Current urbanisation trends pointed to the PWV population increasing from its present 9 million to about 12,8m by 2000

"This means we will have to cater to transport for an additional 3,8m people. However, it will offer unprecedented opportunities for economic growth if well-managed

Top Govt position for black

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■ Senior position in Department
of Local Government goes to
black woman: 266

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A TOP black academic has been appointed Chief Director in the Department of Local Government and National Housing

Dr Esther Chinkanda is the first black woman to be promoted to the level of chief director and the third woman to hold a senior position in the public service

She has been appointed to the post of chief director of community promotion in the Department of Local Government and National Housing

Chinkanda's qualifications include an honours degree from the University of South Africa, a master's degree in social work at the University of the North and a qualification at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States

She joined the Department of Local Government and National Housing in December 1990 as director of social development after resigning as a research specialist at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

She has also published widely in the social work field

TPA seeks joint local councils

By BAFANA KHUMALO

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has mooted the idea of joint administration between black and white local authorities in an attempt to bail out the cash-strapped black local councils

This does not mean black and white local authorities will be sharing finances, said TPA communication officer Magda du Toit — only expertise

"The TPA has asked the white local authorities to look at joint administration," she said. The white councils will "share their know-how with the black councils but will still have separate councillors"

Apart from keeping the township councils afloat, the TPA sees this move as a temporary measure for continuing a local system "until there is a new local government system in place"

The financial crisis besetting the black local authorities is partly due to the rent and service charge boycott which has been going on since the mid-1980s

The head of the African National Congress' local and regional government commission, Mathole Motshekga, said the way to solve the problem of local government in the country is to "move as speedily as possible

towards the normalisation of the situation a moratorium on the suspension of bulk services such as electricity and water supplies and evictions and the provision of sufficient subsidies by the government for services"

The rent boycott "was actually a revolt against high payments for inferior services and non-existent infrastructure brought about by inhuman policies. It's not that people don't want to pay, it's really a revolt against inhuman policies applied at local government level"

But "the moratorium on evictions should not be an end in itself", he said. Rather it should be a phase for the "removal of obstacles for genuine local government negotiation"

During this phase, the ANC "would like to see the establishment of a national negotiating forum, including organs of civil society such as civics and unions". These would work towards developing national guidelines and a framework for local government negotiations and would be "submitted to the national negotiating process for approval".

The TPA is concerned that the rent boycott might continue, even in the event of jointly-administered local authorities. If it does, Du Toit said, "more stringent measures will be applied, including eviction of people

who do not pay their service charges and termination of services. People must start realising that to get a service you must pay for it"

Motshekga, on the other hand, is convinced that people will start paying for services when grievances have been addressed. "It's not that people have lost the culture of paying. People have merely suspended payment because of the dispute"

When an attempt is made to resolve the problem "the authorities either negotiate in bad faith or fail or neglect to confront the real causes of the dispute — which are the apartheid policies"

Meanwhile, Eskom has suspended the debt of the black town councils. Eskom's executive director of sales and customer services, Allan Morgan, said the suspension would last until "there is constitutional change and whoever takes over, we will negotiate the debt with them"

Morgan added that Eskom was now the direct supplier of electricity in Soweto and Alexandra, and "since we took over there has been a steady increase in payment". Last month 70 percent of the people in Soweto paid their accounts. "When they say that the services are on the verge of collapse," he said, "it does not refer to electricity."

Lethal battle for power in Soweto council

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Origins in row over clean-up

JOE LOUW

A DEADLY power struggle in the Soweto City Council climaxed this week in a councillor being stabbed to death, another's house petrol-bombed and the resignation of the executive council.

Among the ousted councillors were the mayor, Payne Tshabalala, and four others Simon Nontsele Mkhize, Mavis Maseko, Edward Kunene and Hercules Madikane.

The attacks came after a reform group within the council obtained an order from the Supreme Court ordering that a meeting of the council be convened within a week. There have apparently been no formal council meetings for more than three months because of the deadlock.

Unknown attackers apparently lay in wait for one of the reform councillors, Hector Themba Kunene, this week and, according to witnesses, stabbed him to death after a short conversation.

Kunene was to have presented a motion of no confidence in the executive of the council at a meeting convened with a court order from the Supreme Court obtained by the group he supported.

Last month the Power Park home of another member of the group, Oscar Maseko, was des-

troyed when a limpet mine exploded in his yard while his family was asleep. Miraculously, no one was killed in the blast.

The homes of two other councillors have been bombed in the past two months. Both were associated with the reform group that worked for the ousting of the executive — who they publicly accused of being corrupt and obstructing the work of the council.

Lilian Mathetha's home in Zola was shaken off its foundations by a limpet-mine bomb at 3 am. She is chairman of the cultural department and a member of several important committees dealing with tenders.

She told the Saturday Star yesterday that her opposition to many council deals that she considered corrupt had earned the wrath of

"certain" councillors. On one occasion she narrowly escaped physical assault at the hands of one enraged woman councillor who had personally threatened her.

According to Mojalefi Moseki, although the mayor is still in office, there will be a mandatory re-election within seven days, at which new executive members will be elected.

A councillor, who prefers to remain anonymous for fear of being targeted, explained the genesis of the power struggle. "It evolved out of the issue of the workings of the cleansing department," he said. "The cleansing function was privatised in 1988, with the contract for cleaning up Soweto given to three companies.

"One company received some R153 000 for cleaning a quarter of Soweto, a second company got R416 000 for doing the same job while the last company was paid R1,5 million a month for cleaning the other half. This differential led to much consternation among council members, and a questioning of the procedures involved and the terms and conditions of how these contracts were granted. A commission of inquiry carried out in February 1989 produced no results and its findings were never made public.

"The council was soon almost evenly divided between those alleging corruption and others who were busy defending the status quo.

"Many councillors were on the payrolls of one or another of the three companies and lining their pockets while the council was being swindled out of millions of rands with the work done very inadequately.

"The situation got so bad that by July this year the council was no longer able to function.

He told the Saturday Star "We urge all councillors to follow this example and resign. We now call on the Johannesburg City Council to prepare for interim administration and the ultimate dismantling of their municipalities so as to form a unified metropolitan government in this region."

Meeting after meeting ended in deadlock, until one group got organised and went to court to get an orderly meeting going under threat of jail if executive officers disrupted or derailed the meeting ordered by the court.

"Most members of the council have been living in fear of their lives because they tried to clean up the mess."

Soweto Civic Association spokesman Pat Lepunya hailed the ousting of the executive council.

Ultimatum for council

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By WISEMAN KHUZWAYO

SOWETO's councillors, locked in a bitter power struggle as their city plunges into bankruptcy, have been given 10 days by Pretoria to clean up their act — or get out.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough this week told the councillors they had until October 5 to prove they were fit to run Soweto. If they failed, they would be replaced by an administrator.

At a meeting on Thursday a group of younger councillors ousted five members of the management committee, which they blamed for the township's bankruptcy.

Soweto city council gets one week to save itself

JOHANNESBURG — The Soweto City Council (SCC) has been given until next Monday to make whatever proposals it can in the short-term to Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough, before the council is dissolved, SCC spokesman Mr Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday

Mr Hough said earlier that he was considering action under the Black Local Authorities Act to dissolve the council.

Mr Moseki said the council had been running at a deficit of R4 million — Sapa (266) CT28/9/92

Township boards given ultimatum

■ PRO says council employees will be paid until June next year:

By Lulama Luti, Mokgadi Pela

THE Soweto and Diepmeadow councils are a staggering R104 million in the red and have been given until October 5 to get their houses in order or face dissolution

In a shock move, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has given the councils until October 5 to submit reasons why their councils should not be dissolved

The TPA this week revealed that the Soweto Council was running at a R94 million deficit while Diepmeadow's deficit was R20 million

The TPA ultimatum comes within days of an apparent split in the council. Soweto council spokesman Mr Mojalefa Moseki said that on Thursday a group of young councillors ousted five members of the management committee, which they blamed for the township's bankruptcy

In another incident, councillor for Protea North, Mr Hector Kunene, was stabbed to death in his Orlando East home in what his family believed was as the result of ongoing squabbles within the council

In a letter to the Soweto council, Transvaal Administrator Dr Danie Hough said he considered dissolving the council because it had become financially unsound

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Angolan voters flock to polls as peace holds

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LUANDA — Heavily armed riot police guarded government buildings in the capital yesterday as voters turned out in large numbers for the first day of Angola's first free elections following 16 years of civil war.

The nation was sealed off from the rest of the world for the two days of voting, with Angolan airspace closed.

Four hundred UN observers are monitoring the elections, fanning out across a country twice the size of France in 40 helicopters and 15 other aircraft.

"Everybody wants to vote today," said one UN observer. "I don't think there will be many left for the second day."

There are 11 presidential candidates, but the only real threat to MPLA President Jose Eduardo dos Santos is Unita rebel leader Jonas Savimbi.

Angola's 4.8 million regis-

tered voters are also turning out at 5 900 polling stations to elect a 220-seat parliament.

Many observers here fear widespread violence in the event of a disputed result and do not rule out a return to war.

But hours before a ballot was cast, the commanders of a new united army were installed in an attempt to allay fears.

"The process is irreversible, the soldiers will not accept a return to fighting," said General Arlindo Chenda Pena, a former rebel leader who commands the army with one-time foe, General Antonio Franca.

However, Unita secretary-general Paulo Aliceres Mango claimed the government planned to delay voting in some areas and had failed to equip voting stations in provinces where Unita has wide support.

But his claims were refuted by Margaret Anstee, the British head of a UN monitoring team. — Sapa-AFP-AP.

TPA reacts to reports of dismissals

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It was too early to give any detailed information on the future of newly appointed hospital workers who had taken the positions of people dismissed during the recent hospital strike, the TPA said yesterday.

TPA director-general Andre Cornelissen was reacting to an earlier radio news report saying people employed to replace dismissed hospital workers would not lose their jobs.

A TPA spokesman earlier said that although the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) and the administration had reached an agreement on the re-employment of dismissed workers, this did not mean the newly employed would lose their jobs.

Mr Cornelissen said: "In terms of the agreement reached by the TPA and Nehawu, employees dismissed for taking part in strike action may apply for re-employment. Applications completed on the prescribed Z83 forms, obtainable from any government office, may be sent to the head of the institution where the employee was previously employed." — Sapa.

ability for damage • Acceptance of bribes alleged

Families warned of sinkholes in Lenasia

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By Lulama Luti

■ DANGEROUS GROUND People

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has warned about 3 500 families living in a dolomitic area in Zone 4, Lenasia, that it will not accept any responsibility should sinkholes develop.

According to the TPA, a complete geological survey conducted between Extensions 9 and 10 revealed that it was dolomitic and that the specific area in which the people lived (Zone 4) was very dangerous and that sinkholes may form.

The TPA chief director Physical

refuse to move despite grave danger:

Planning and Development Mr PPC van der Hoven said in a statement that local community leaders were informed about this and that the danger zones were pointed out to them.

"In May this year, we moved the people who resided on a portion of Zone 4 to a more stable area at our own expense. There is, however, a certain group of people who refused to be moved.

"On two occasions we erected notice

boards to warn residents but these were removed. It should be noted that we cannot be held responsible for any harmful consequences to the squatters who still occupy the land," he said.

He added that the TPA in conjunction with the Land Task Team of the Metropolitan Chamber, the Johannesburg City Council and the House of Delegates were involved in ongoing negotiations to find suitable land for the resettlement of the squatters.

Benoni now a city

THE East Rand town of Benoni has been declared a city, the eighth in the Transvaal, by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (26)

The other Transvaal cities are Johannesburg, Pretoria, Germiston, Roodepoort, Vereeniging, Pietersburg and Boksburg *Sowetan 11/10/92*

Kempton Park is poised to become the ninth Transvaal city

Benoni Mayor Mrs Anna Taljaard said in a statement on Wednesday she had always seen Benoni as the leading town on the East Rand Now, with city status, it had "really come to the fore as the City of Lakes" - *Sapa*.

IFP bail decision

THE final decision on the bail application by the 71 Inkatha Freedom Party members appearing in connection with the Borpatong massacre will be heard tomorrow

The lawyer representing the men, Mr As Burger, told the court on Monday "If president FW de Klerk agrees to grant amnesty to criminals and murderers accused of horrible crimes I do not see why men who are technically innocent should be refused bail" (22)

He said during the Sebokeng night vigil case last year no "bloodbath" ensued after the IFP members were granted bail as the investigating officer in both cases, Colonel John du Pont, had predicted *Sowetan 11/10/92*

The magistrate, Mr G Randers, dropped charges against one of the suspects, Mr Elphas Mbatha

NEWS R28 000 car allowance and R40 000 are part

Council spurns court order with typo errors

■ Dismissed Diepmeadow chairman has no qualms about being fired but says he wants council to pay what is due to him:

By **Lulama Luti**

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THE Diepmeadow Council has rejected a Supreme Court order reinstating former chairman of the management committee Mr Federick Phiri to his position

During a council meeting yesterday the order was rejected on the basis that it contained typographical errors and therefore could not be carried out

Among other things, the document ordered the council to pay the legal costs of the action

Phiri was dismissed from the council in February when the council passed a motion of no confidence against him

He said that while he had no qualms about being fired by the council he, however, wanted it to pay what was due to him

He said these included a car allowance of up to R28 000 and a further R40 000 for his monthly allowance as a

member of the executive council

During deliberations he refused to discuss the issue because he said the council did not honour its obligations towards him

"I don't have any problems with being kicked out as a member of the executive council or even as a councillor but the council should fulfil its obligation. I want justice to be done and to be seen to be done," he said

Meanwhile, the council will meet tomorrow in order to formulate their response to a directive by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to submit reasons by October 5 why it should not be dissolved

The TPA has put forward that both the Diepmeadow and Soweto councils were no longer financially viable and between them were running at a deficit of R104 million

According to Diepmeadow spokesman Mr Paul Mashinini, since the reinstatement of the rent boycott in May, people have not been paying

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Mamelodi deputy mayor resigns

By Mckeed Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau

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Mamelodi deputy mayor L.P. Bambo has resigned from the city council, bringing to three the number of councillors whose resignations became effective on Wednesday.

Management committee members James Maluleka (chairman) and

Benjamin Shirinda resigned early last month. The resignations left the council with only six of its 14 members.

Mr Bambo said yesterday at a press conference convened by the Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) that pressure from his family led to his resignation. "My family is tired of talk of councillors being corrupt."

Mr Bambo, however, declined to comment on alleged corruption.

MCA deputy chairman William Dube said the Pretoria City Council should take over the administration of Mamelodi because its council no longer had a quorum, and that the MCA was to negotiate the appointment of an administrator with the TPA.

WITWATERSRAND LAND AUDIT

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Race against time

Responses to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's recently released Land Availability Report are still coming in. The October 31 deadline was set so that the chamber could consider the matter at its monthly meeting in November.

The report found that land totalling about 160 000 ha is vacant or unused in the central Witwatersrand area. The audit — the first of its kind in SA — has been hailed as an excellent start to setting up acceptable mechanisms for the release and development of land for the urban poor. Planning must now take place as soon as possible, say those associated with the land inventory.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne explains "Planning must be done within months, not years, to avoid a crisis. Legislation and expropriation are negative mechanisms. To avoid these, an overall planning framework must be drawn up and be mutually acceptable to all."

The study area was divided into nine sectors and analyses were done on 180 portions. Criteria for land use included the costs of services, variations in land ownership and availability of jobs. Portions were then ranked and given scores.

"For the first time," says Milne, "all planners — government, civic associations and the private sector — are able to compare like with like. It levels the playing fields and reduces the likelihood of hidden agendas among local authorities — or any other parties for that matter."

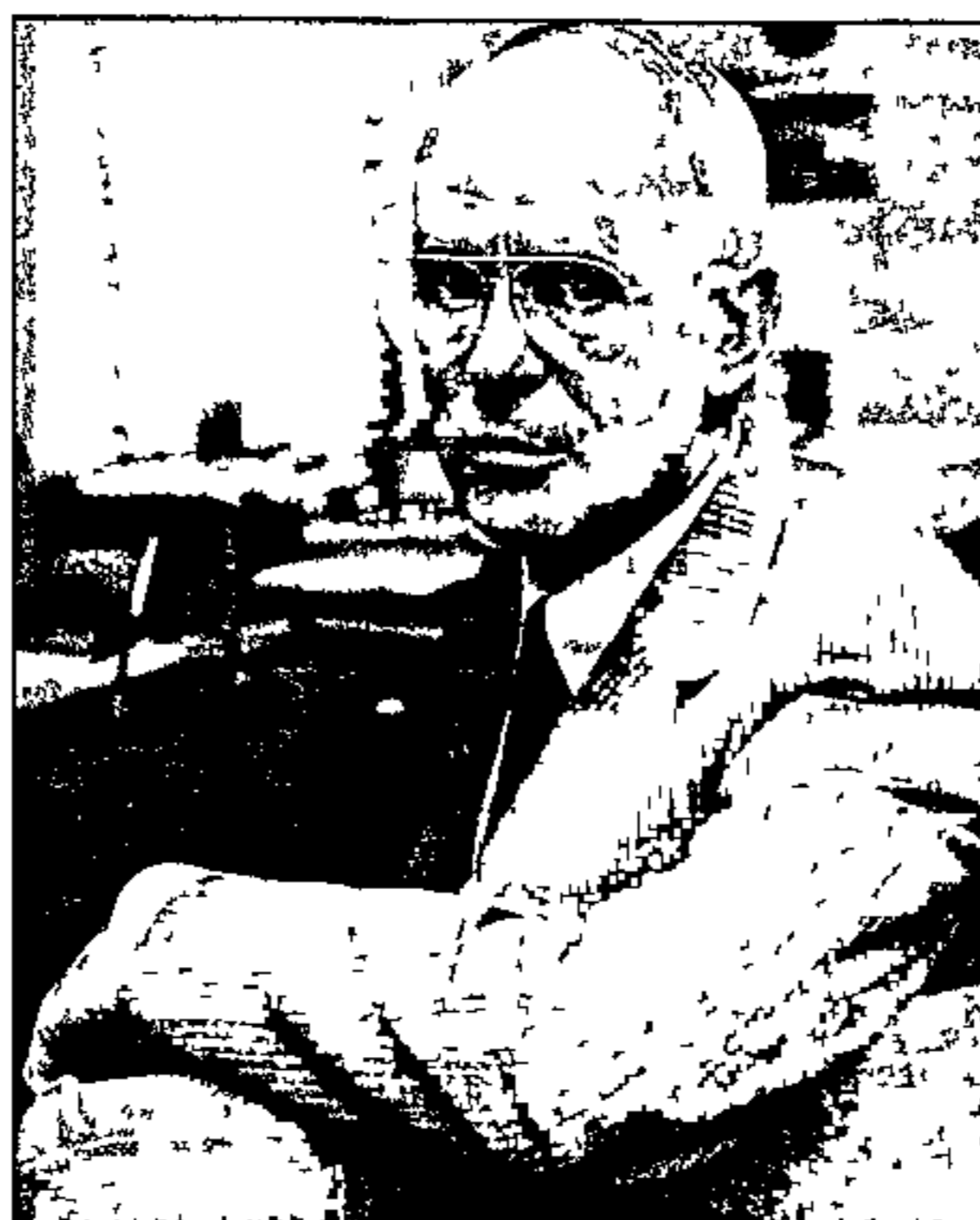
The chamber's land task team, under the chairmanship of Wits' Alan Mabin, jointly commissioned town planner Rosmarin & Associates, together with the Civic Association of Johannesburg, to do the audit, which it did independently of local authorities. Sources were diverse and included aerial studies.

The team stresses that the work is not intended to be definitive and that not all the 160 000 ha are suitable for low-income housing. Some land will have to be made available for high-income housing or industrial use, plus a wide range of other purposes.

The chamber envisages three stages in development:

- Compiling the land database;
- Devising an integrated and comprehensive planning framework for urban development, and
- Implementation of this plan.

The case of the squatter community of Zevenfontein, northwest of Randburg, involving about 1 000 people, was an example of how not to go about relocating people. It was the result of ad hoc decision-making without consultation, Milne says. "We're talking about tens of thousands of people who hopefully will be relocated in a much



Chamber's Milne plan to avert a crisis

easier and more acceptable manner."

The big question is who is going to lead the third phase — implementation. The overall feeling is that the private sector, which owns most of the identified land, is best-equipped, but it should do so only in partnership with government and the civics. The Metropolitan Chamber is expected to play a pivotal role in bringing the project together.

What about the second stage? According to the Urban Foundation "The Metropolitan Chamber has taken a bold step in identifying land in the region. Its inclusion of a set of principles is welcomed as they form reference points against which to evaluate policy decisions. These principles are aimed *inter alia* at promoting integrating urban development, maximising access and prioritising development and should be supported by all who have an interest in promoting viable, non-racial land development in this region.

"We note that the study has identified only the larger land parcels. All local authorities within the chamber area should now assist by undertaking detailed analyses of landholdings within their areas and contribute this towards a comprehensive land audit for the metropolitan area. Also, this type of study should be extended to other parts of the PWV including the Vaal Triangle, the East and West Rand and the Pretoria Metropolitan area so that a composite picture of land availability is obtained."

The foundation notes that the problem of identification and development of land for low-income housing is a metropolitan one and all authorities have a contribution to make. Through public participation, community involvement and the timely allocation of land for low-income housing, poten-

tial for conflict can be reduced.

"Also, if insufficient land is identified or if land in unsuitable locations is identified, low-income communities seeking accommodation closer to their places of work are left with few other options than to crowd into existing areas or to settle illegally on vacant land."

Any strategic planning framework within which land for low-income development is identified becomes not simply desirable in a time of massive urbanisation, but politically sensitive. So far, so good. ■

Salvation of poor 'via bit of help and expertise'

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JOE LOUW

DR Esther Chinkanda, the new chief director in the Department of Local Government and National Housing, is a firm believer in self-help — the "pull yourself up by your own bootstraps" kind

It is the only kind, she believes, that poor communities can rely on to rescue them from the degrading cycle of poverty

It is a lesson she has learnt the hard way.

Chinkanda was born into a humble family of eight children. Her father, Alfred, was a tailor who emigrated from Malawi in the 1950s. They lived at 65 Sixth Avenue, Alexandra, during the darkest days of crime and gangsterism. Today that plot is, ironically, occupied by the notorious Madala hostel.

"Twice my family was forced to move from Alexandra," Chinkanda told Saturday Star. "Once we had to flee the terror of the Msomi Gang and the second time we had to leave because we were victimised by the Government's mass removals."

Even so, Chinkanda still nurtures a pride and fondness for her roots in Alex, especially her memories of her father who, she says, taught her to believe in herself.

"He was very assertive and ambitious, especially where his children were concerned," she says. "He had many of the qualities required for success. He was tolerant, persevering, very goal-oriented, very hard-working and never expected a handout."

In her job as head of two important sub-departments in the Department of Social Welfare



NO ILLUSIONS: Top bureaucrat Esther Chinkanda believes the poor must rely largely on themselves.

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and Community Development, these values are of primary importance. While she admits there will be a need for a massive infusion of funds to help solve problems — such as those of informal settlements, black education and lack of skills — she sees the

is there. All they need is a little help and expertise," she says.

While she recognises that her vision of what can be done "is not necessarily new", Chinkanda does not see her job as being desk-bound. "We shall be dealing with making policy and its implementation in association with provincial structures, but not in the abstract. We will be consulting and monitoring the impact of those policies at every stage."

Her qualifications for her job include, among others, an honours degree from Unisa, a masters degree from the University of the North and a doctorate from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

But it is her stint at Baragwanath as a medical social worker during the height of the Soweto uprising that had a major impact on her thinking. "Those were traumatic times," she says, "and very few of us would claim not to have been affected profoundly. It left many without any illusions about human nature."

'Believe me, the spirit is there. All poor people need is a little help and expertise'

the long-term solution to these problems as lying in community participation and self-help

"We are focusing on the largest segment of the community which reflects the greatest need — that is, the black community," she says.

The Government does accept that it has a responsibility, but communities cannot shun their own responsibilities.

"Believe me, the spirit

Capital, business may flee CBD

Bank warns on merger with Soweto

THE World Bank has warned that capital and business could flee the Johannesburg city centre for the northern suburbs to escape the tax burden after Johannesburg and Soweto merge.

The warning came in the latest update of a major exercise undertaken by the bank to build a financial model for budgeting at the local level.

The updates are released on a limited basis to interested parties.

The bank was concerned over where new city boundaries would be drawn. Its model would be used to assess the fiscal impact of alternative metropolitan boundaries and would analyse the impact of rationalising lower tiers of government.

Referring to the present moves towards "city mergers", the bank warned that the way in which the process occurred could deepen fiscal stress at the local level.

"The ad hoc approach of 'city mergers' may rapidly result in imbalances in the sharing of fiscal responsibility by different white local authorities," the bank said. It believed it was "very conceivable" that Sandton and Roodepoort might take over the administration of Alexandra leaving Johannesburg with the responsibility of a larger area like Soweto.

Such a demarcation could spark the "flight" of business and capital, creating a weaker fiscal base for servicing the needs of Soweto and Johannesburg.

The bank was concerned that transfers to local authorities would continue to be used to finance current spending by black local authorities instead of investment in infrastructure.

It said as long as the focus of economic

activity remained out of step with population distribution the central government would have to bear the burden of financing the growing deficits of the poorer regions.

"The combination of transfers to black local authorities, the TBVC states and self-governing states have been increasing at a rate of 24% annually since the mid-eighties and in fiscal 1990/91 absorbed about 85% of central government revenue growth."

The latter, it said, was used primarily to finance current expenditure. A real reduction in all other services must have been required to allow this large increase in transfers.

"In the case of provincial administrations, a significant shift has been underway as to whether the grants are to finance capital or current expenditure."

"In fiscal 1987/88, 23% of the budgeted transfers were for capital expenditure while in fiscal 1992/93 the figure has fallen to 6,9% of the transfers."

The bank said it was also worried that the current fragmentation at the lower levels of government has resulted in "ad hoc, unco-ordinated and frequently inefficient" investment.

Next month it will resume its study on regional spending and financing needs.

The exercise is being conducted in two phases, the first to establish the investment needs and financial impact for the metropolitan areas of the Witwatersrand, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban.

In the second, the financial model would be implemented. The model would help assess the implications of changes in taxes, tariffs and service fees.

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Ad hoc mergers out, says Magid

By Louise Marsland
Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg ratepayers would not be taking on Soweto's debt, acting Johannesburg management committee chairman Eddy Magid said yesterday.

Mr Magid was reacting to a World Bank report which warned that capital and business could flee the Johannesburg city centre for the northern suburbs to escape the tax

burden if Johannesburg merged with Soweto.

"We are vehemently opposed to ad hoc city mergers and we will fight that concept tooth and nail," Mr Magid said.

"We realise a responsibility to assist Soweto infrastructurally. The proposal is that this be done on an agency basis only -- at no cost to ratepayers."

Mr Magid said it was common knowledge that regional structures were being discuss-

ed at present and metropolitan boundaries were being negotiated at the "highest possible level".

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He believed there should be no difference in property taxes between towns, and rates should be determined uniformly in metropolitan areas.

Elaborating on Johannesburg's decision to provide services to Soweto on an agency

basis, management committee chairman Ian Davidson said, in an earlier interview, that a system of local government would be devised around the total integrated urban economy of the Witwatersrand metropolitan area.

Mr Davidson said that a two-tier metropolitan government was being talked about at Government, and regional level.

It was envisaged that municipalities such as those of Johannesburg, Randburg, Dobsonville and Soweto would

be retained, but be responsible to a broader metropolitan authority based on the existing Regional Services Council, he said.

"We're moving towards the concept of one metropole, one tax base.

"The councils in this region are interdependent of each other.

"One can't draw artificial boundaries, the issues are far more complex and the Government has finally come to accept this fact," Mr Davidson said.

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Soweto council asks TPA for extension

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By Montshiwa Moroke

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The Soweto Council has requested the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to give it more time to submit reasons for its poor financial standing.

The Soweto and Diepmeadow councils had been given until yesterday by the TPA to account for their "unsound" financial state and to show why their respective authorities should not be dissolved.

After studying and considering their submissions the TPA would decide on the future of the two councils.

The councils have run into administrative problems with the TPA in the past and their affairs had to be run by an appointed administrator.

Two weeks ago Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough wrote to the councils expressing his dissatisfaction with their finances.

The two councils have experienced serious cash flow problems because of a rent boycott.

However, in a last-minute plea the Soweto Council has requested the TPA to give it until after October 12 to get its house in order, council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday.

TPA director of communications Piet Wilken said the TPA was "still considering" the request.

Spokesmen for the Diepmeadow Council were not available for comment yesterday. Earlier, officials were reported to be "locked" in a meeting.

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Councillor reinstated

ADRIAN HADLAND

SUSPENDED Sandton councillor Frederick Ehlers was reinstated yesterday following an emergency meeting of the town council **BIDAM**

The council, which suspended Ehlers for 60 days in August, voted to rescind the suspension only minutes before its responding affidavits were due at the Rand Supreme Court. **7/10/92**

Ehlers, who has served about 40 days of his suspension, had brought an urgent application two weeks ago calling for the council to withdraw the motion that had removed him from office.

The suspension, which was imposed for interfering with council business and disputing the authority of mayor Bruce Burns, followed the suggestion by Ehlers that council tendering procedures were vulnerable to bribery and corruption

A walk-out by councillors and council officials, who believed Ehlers had impugned their honour by referring to corruption, prompted the suspension

A number of initiatives aimed at resolving the dispute between the council and Ehlers failed

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said the whole matter centred around the question of Ehlers' apology.

"We hope that he will make the apology and resolve the matter once and for all," he said.

Ehlers said he was delighted at the reinstatement but added the matter of costs had yet to be decided.

Race and job play part in measuring length of life

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LIFE expectancy in SA can depend on one's race group and one's job.

Manual labourers die sooner than those in physically less demanding jobs, says Alexander Forbes actuary Garry Schoonbee, who adds that, historically, blacks have shorter life expectancy than whites.

Schoonbee says recently compiled figures on mortality rates are important in calculating how long people live, and how this will affect pension funds.

Medical advances are keeping people alive longer than even a decade ago, which means more costs for pension funds. For example, annuitants insured between 1900-1920 were expected to live 76 years (men) and 78 years (women)

However, the 1967-1970 forecast is 79 years for men and nearly 83 years for

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women. Although the increase in lifespan may seem negligible in real terms, the financial difference is significant

Schoonbee says the interest calculable for each year a person lives and draws a pension will affect actuarial planning on how a pension is funded.

More people are living longer, and this will increase demands on pension funds. Other factors, such as AIDS, which reduces the population but affects the young rather than the old, will complicate matters

Most figures used in SA on longevity were compiled in the UK, as collection methods were more reliable and the population larger and more homogeneous, making it easier to get reliable data, Schoonbee says

Councillors pull out in Mamelodi

By Josias Charle

■ COUNCIL COLLAPSE The local civic

association wants to see an interim administration while a solution is sought:

THE Mamelodi Council has collapsed after two councillors resigned this week, leaving it without a quorum and unable to function

Another councillor who resigned a few weeks ago has retracted his resignation but this has not helped the council

Former mayor Mr Simon Mokone confirmed yesterday that Mr James Maluleka and Mr LP Bambo resigned on Monday

Maluleka was chairman of the management committee while Bambo was deputy mayor

Sowetan yesterday established that another councillor, Mr Benjamin Shirinda, who resigned early last month, had withdrawn his resignation

A council spokesman confirmed the withdrawal of the resignation letter yesterday. Town clerk Mr JP Nel told *Sowetan* that he had informed the Transvaal Provincial Administration of the

resignation of the two councillors. He was awaiting the response of the Administrator of the Transvaal

Nel said he was not sure whether an administrator would be appointed or whether the Pretoria City Council would run the township on an interim basis

The TPA's regional director, Mr CJ Wolmarans, said the matter was in the hands of Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough

Last week, the Mamelodi Civic Association announced that three councillors, Maluleka, Bambo and Shirinda, had resigned from the council

Deputy chairman of the Mamelodi Civic Association Mr William Dube told *Sowetan* that they would enter into

negotiations with the TPA with a view to appointing an administrator

He said his association favoured a situation where the Pretoria City Council would run the township on an interim basis until an administrator was appointed to take over

If an administrator is appointed, Mamelodi will join the Atteridgeville Council, which is now being run by the Pretoria City Council

Mamelodi councillors have been under immense pressure from the civic association which included dumping of refuse at their homes, a boycott of their businesses and the daily evacuation of the pupils at a school where Maluleka is a principal

5 000 graves to be dug up

Own Correspondent

More than 5 000 graves of black people at a cemetery in a white suburb of Edenvale will be dug up and the remains reburied at Mooifontein near Kempton Park.

This is to make way for a new road linking Edenvale and Kempton Park. The remaining area of the cemetery will be used for a housing project.

A total of 5 434 people have been buried at the cemetery.

The Edenvale Town Council says it hopes to complete the exhumations before the end of the year.

Edenvale Town Clerk Piet Jacobs said yesterday that relatives of the dead were not looking after the 34-year-old cemetery properly.

Most families of the dead live in nearby Tembisa.

Council official Frans Palm said: "They used to live near the cemetery at a township

called Ethindela until they were moved in 1972 when the place was declared an industrial area" *STAR 9/10/92*

Palm believed there would be no problems in exhuming the bodies.

"So far we are looking for tenders. You know, many people don't like the job."

Notices were placed in four newspapers in July, warning affected families or people with reservations about the move, to object in writing within 14 days.

However, 23 weeks later no one had objected, the two council officials said. Instead, two people with relatives buried at the cemetery had endorsed the plan, they said.

The first person to be buried at the cemetery was a still-born baby, John Manamela, in December 1958, according to a council register. The last was Elizabeth Wynand in August 1976.

Jo'burg says govt must pick up city merger tab

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RAY HARTLEY (266)

GOVERNMENT would have to help finance unification of the Johannesburg, Sandton, Randburg, Alexandra and Soweto metropolitan area because it was responsible for separating them in the first place, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday.

He also said he was confident that Johannesburg would attract major international investors by selling itself as the gateway to southern Africa.

Speaking on his return from a Berlin conference on attracting international investment to cities, Davidson said Johannesburg was fast being recognised as one of the world's major cities. However, SA's local government ordinances posed a problem for investment strategies because they limited the council's ability to create urban economic development zones with tax relief incentives.

"Government has to come to the party in respect of paying for re-integration," he said.

This was similar to the situation in Berlin, where the German government was financing the re-unification of east and west Berlin to the tune of R80bn, Davidson said.

Meetings with Berlin's governing mayor Ephardt Dippen and other prominent city officials had revealed many similarities between the re-unification process there and efforts to unify local municipalities.

He said a lack of planning and a failure to educate people about the true costs of unification, along with the raised expectations of East Berliners, had created problems for Berlin's unification process.

"This is where we have valuable lessons to learn from our side and the less developed side — the black side," Davidson said.

"We, whites and blacks, are going to have to start the process of education, making people believe there is no quick fix and that they are not going to get away scot free. It is going to cost money," he said.

NEWS About R150 million would be required to provide homes for displaced people

No plans to axe 2 000 houses

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■ Soweto council reacts to report about a new road:

THE Soweto City Council has no plans to demolish more than 2 000 houses to make way for a new road, a spokesman said yesterday.

The assistant city engineer (projects), Mr Dick Hallett, said about R150 million would be required to provide homes for displaced people should any such project be undertaken.

This would be "utter lunacy" he said, adding "It is not going to happen. The cost of such a project would be horrendous."

Hallett was reacting to a weekend newspaper report on a secret highway project in which about 2 000 houses

would be bulldozed to make way for a highway linking Johannesburg and Roodepoort and passing through Soweto.

Houses reportedly affected would be along Central Western Jabavu, Mofolo, Dube and some parts of Dobsonville.

Hallett said while there were moves to widen several busy roads in the township, there was no way that the improvement of roads could take precedence over housing, especially as

there was a major housing shortage. Hallett said the major roads had been identified for improvement.



The cast of Nomisa Manaka's dance programme, *Rainbow Of Hope*, thrilled audiences at the Wits Theatre in Braamfontein at the weekend. PIC. PHANUEL MAHUNTSI



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Settlement on sight

A SETTLEMENT on the reinstatement of about 400 dismissed municipal workers in Dobsonville, Soweto, appears to be on the cards following an Industrial Council hearing yesterday.

South African Municipal Workers' Union secretary Mr Steve

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Sihlangu said the hearing, attended by representatives of the Dobsonville Council and the union, was held in a positive spirit.

"The council has undertaken to provide us with proposals concerning the reinstatement of the workers. A satisfactory settlement should hopefully be reached by Friday," he said.

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Hostel cleaners

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■THE South African Municipal Workers' Union is threatening to "close down" Soweto if 413 dismissed hostel cleaners from the Dobsonville Town Council are not reinstated and transferred.

The workers were dismissed when they refused to clean hostels after threats from hostel dwellers. Two cleaners were killed on duty two

years ago
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NEWS 5 434 graves to be moved to make way for new road and township

Town exhumes blacks' remains

■ 5 000 Edenvale graves dug up to make way for a white housing project and connecting road:

By Abbey Makoe

Sowetan 9/10/92

MORE than 5 000 graves of black people at a cemetery in a white suburb of Edenvale will be dug up and the remains reburied at Moolfontein near Kempton Park, Sowetan has learnt.

This is to make way for a new road that will link Edenvale and Kempton Park. The remaining area of the cemetery will be used for a housing project.

A total of 5 434 people have been buried at the cemetery.

The Edenvale Town Council says it hopes to complete the massive exhumations before the end of the year.

Edenvale Town Clerk Mr Piet Jacobs said yesterday the 34-year-old cemetery was not being properly looked after by relatives of the dead.

"It looks like veld," he said.

Most of the families of the dead live nearby in Tembisa.

Council official Mr Frans Palm said:

"They used to live near the cemetery at a township called Ekhindela until they were moved in 1972 when the place was declared an industrial area."

Palm believed there would be no problems in carrying out the exhumations.

"So far we are looking for lenders. You know, many people don't like the job."

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However, 23 weeks later no one had objected, the two council officials said. Instead, two people with relatives buried at the cemetery had endorsed the plan, they said.

They said the project was the culmination of a long desire by the council to have a main road connecting Edenvale and Kempton Park.

The first person to be buried there was a stillborn baby, John Manamele, in December 1958, according to a council register. The last was Elizabeth Wybrand in 1976.



About 50 pensioners and the disabled were presented with groceries by the Mohlakeng Chamber of Commerce. Showing her joy is Mrs Keteletswe Pheto as she was handed out her package by Mrs Nancy Phokompe a local businesswoman.

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ANC vows to intensify mass action campaign

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THE ANC vowed at the weekend to intensify its campaign for free political activity in the homelands

The announcement came as Bophuthatswana security forces prevented ANC supporters from attending an ANC mass meeting in the homeland

ANC western Transvaal spokesman Ike Moroe said the meeting had been called to discuss a march on Mmabatho, which was recently deferred to October 24

Moroe said Bophuthatswana security forces used roadblocks to prevent workers from Impala platinum mine near Rustenburg from attending the mass meeting, Sapa reports

The ANC and its alliance partners — the SACP and Cosatu — said at the weekend a new phase of their "campaign for peace and democracy" would begin this week

This would include a local and international campaign against "those homeland despots who are terrorising the people"

An ANC statement said the campaign would "put pressure on bantustan regimes, irrespective of who they are, who are refusing to allow people in their areas to freely express their political views"

It is understood that the ANC's western

RAY HARTLEY

Transvaal region has decided it will not delay its proposed march on Mmabatho beyond October 24

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa, SACP chairman Joe Slovo and Cosatu officials are expected to lead a march on the opening of parliament in Cape Town today as part of the campaign

An "Asinamali" or "we have no money" campaign would be launched tomorrow to "focus on the socio-economic crisis facing our people" The campaign would begin by focusing on high food prices, VAT and the drought, the ANC statement said

The campaign also aimed to "put an end to their-unilateral economic restructuring, which is only worsening the situation"

Meanwhile Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi told an Inkatha Women's Brigade rally at the weekend that Cosatu's involvement in mass action was turning the economy into a political battleground

"The economy of SA is now in dire straits The burdens of this are carried by you as women of our nation, for it is you who are concerned about feeding, clothing, education and housing," he added

Ciskei requested help, says SADF

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SADF involvement in Ciskeian operations followed a request for assistance by Ciskei's government, SADF spokesman Col John Rolt said yesterday

All operations were of a purely "protective" nature, he said

The reaction followed joint operations by the SADF and the Ciskei Defence Force (CDF) in which ANC members' homes were raided last week

After the Bisho shootings on September 7 the Ciskei government had requested assistance from the SADF through normal diplomatic channels, Rolt said

The homes of two ANC members in Ciskei were raided early on Thursday morning during which "political literature" was demanded, the ANC said yesterday

The operations were a response to information received which was directly linked

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to intelligence pertaining to ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe's planned actions in the Ciskei, SADF spokesman Maj C F Loxton said

The SADF said in all cases where homes had been searched, the occupants had signed "indemnity forms" which was standard practice

In response, ANC Border region publicity secretary Mcebisi Bata accused the SADF of joining Ciskei ruler Brig Oupa Gqozo in harassing ANC members

He said it was strange that SADF members would search for political literature in a civilian's house if the SADF was not a politically motivated army

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'Racist' exhumation opposed

PLANS by the Edenvale Town Council to dig up more than 5 000 graves of blacks have met with strong resistance from the East Rand Civic Association, which described the council at the weekend as "racist"

Council official Daan Pieterse said the exhumation of 5 434 bodies from a cemetery on the outskirts of Edenvale had been on the cards for more than a year

Pieterse said the council planned to rebury the bodies at Kempton Park's Moorfontein cemetery

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This was to make way for construction of a new road connecting Edenvale and Kempton Park, he said

Civic Association chairman Ali Tleane said his organisation was "totally opposed" to the move

Tleane said his organisation would seek an urgent meeting with the council to "discuss this matter, about which we were not consulted"

"We see no reason why the bodies should be exhumed to make way for a stupid road," he said

Pieterse said the council had placed legal notices in newspapers in July, warning families and people with misgivings about the plan to object in writing within 14 days

No one had objected, he said

However, the council was organising a meeting with all interested parties to discuss the matter, Pieterse said

The meeting was planned for October 30

Should people object to the exhumations, the council would not carry them out, Pieterse said

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TPA looks to incorporate private land into reserves

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THE TPA was examining the viability of incorporating tracts of private land into provincial reserves, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said at the opening of the Wild Expo 92 in Pretoria yesterday.

Provincial conservation authorities already administered 11% of the Transvaal, of which 17% was under private management. There were 450 nature reserves, 1 600 game farms and seven conservancies already in private hands, he said.

Hough said that while it was important to harness the private sector's capital and expertise, tremendous economic and manpower restrictions demanded a new approach with the state as facilitator.

He saw ecotourism playing an increasingly important role in drawing overseas visitors to SA.

Overseas and local hunters paid more than R250m each year to shoot game, while other tourists brought in an additional R30m to see animals in their natural habitat.

Protection of natural resources against exploitation had to be guard-

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ed against, said Hough.

GERALD REILLY reports from Pretoria that more than R15bn was invested in SA's wildlife ranching industry, Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk said yesterday.

Opening an international wildlife symposium at the CSIR, he said the industry earned more than R335m a year from hunting, live sales and tourism.

It served about 50 000 local hunters and included 400 professional hunting guides who looked after more than 4 000 foreign hunters a year.

The hunters were a vital tourism component, spending up to four times as much as the average tourist, who spent about R4 900 a visit excluding airfares.

Forex earnings exceeded R2,5bn and were on a par with agriculture's foreign earnings.

It also vied for fourth place after manufactured goods, gold and mining and contributed 2% towards GDP.

New KLM flight to Cape Town

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KLM Royal Dutch Airlines' plans to expand its market share of air travel and cargo to and from SA will be launched today with its inaugural flight to Cape Town.

Gulf Air will also start flying twice a week from Abu Dhabi to Johannesburg, beginning in December. *BIDAY 28/10/92*

For the first month of operations the airline would offer fares reduced by 50%, Gulf Air vice-president marketing Mohamed Al Shafie said at a news conference yesterday.

KLM was planning an additional weekly flight for 1994 and in the medium to long term expected to operate a daily service, KLM president Pieter Bouw said yesterday. *28/10/92*

Gulf Air expected to announce a third weekly flight by March next year, said Al Shafie.

At this stage, no reciprocal service would be operated by SAA, he said, adding that no joint venture existed between the two airlines.

Angolan talks 'making good progress'

BIDAY 28/10/92

LUANDA — Talks on arranging a reconciliation summit between Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and opposition leader Jonas Savimbi were making good progress, officials said yesterday.

Deputy Foreign Minister Venancio de Moura said that in four days of talks with senior officials of Savimbi's Unita movement, the two sides had overcome preliminary issues and were discussing substantive items.

Victorino Ossi, a Unita official at the talks, agreed.

Diplomats in Lisbon said Savimbi's negotiators were seeking a special statute to guarantee him a large slice

of power even if he lost the second round of the presidential election.

Unita lost UN-supervised presidential and parliamentary elections on September 29 and 30 that were supposed to set the seal on a peace agreement ending 16 years of civil war.

Diplomats say Savimbi is demanding guarantees of power in a government of national unity. The MPLA scored a clear win with 53,7% of the vote to Unita's 34,1%, but Dos Santos fell just short of the 50% required for a first-round victory.

Luanda police chief Gaspar da

Silva said since the elections the capital had been swept by a wave of politically motivated crime which his forces had been unable to control. Da Silva told journalists police had arrested 135 people during the last three weeks for carrying arms ranging from pistols to 81mm mortars. Even in normal times, the crackle of gunfire associated with banditry echoes through Luanda at night.

But Da Silva said that since the elections there had been a surge in violent crimes ranging from bombings and the killing of policemen and soldiers to kidnapping of civilians. — Sapa-Reuter.

NEWS Bail for Mamelodi civic leaders withdrawn ● Witness tells of Webs'

Court told of 'garbage action'

Councillors tell court how singing groups asked them to resign their posts:

By Josias Charle

A MAMELODI town councillor yesterday told how refuse was dumped at his home on two occasions in a bid to pressure him to resign.

Mr Robert Josia Makgatho, who is also local branch chairman of the National Party, told the Pretoria Regional Court that three Mamelodi Civic Association executive members led the groups of people to his house on each occasion.

The three are Mr William Dube, deputy chairman, Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary and organiser, Mr Tunka Matla.

The three had their bail withdrawn on Monday after allegedly violating the conditions.

They first appeared in court on September 8 on charges related to intimidation and were each granted bail of R2 500.

Among the conditions was that they should not contact Mamelodi councillors.

Makgatho testified that the first time Matla and Malefo arrived at his home they were accompanied by a group of about 60 people.

They dumped refuse on his premises, asked him to resign and then left.

He said on October 10 the group returned with Malefo, Matla and Dube. They again dumped refuse on his premises.

He said he told them he needed time to think about their request and they left.

Councillor Mr Amos Mtsweni told the court he was contacted by Matla and Dube who asked him to resign.

On one of the occasions they were accompanied by a singing crowd.

He also told the court he believed the men had violated their bail conditions by contacting him at his home and at his business.



Uupa and Tshidi Matsel are the winners of the Sowetan/American Swiss Bridal Couple Of the Month competition for July 1992. They are pictured here receiving their prizes at a cocktail party at Sowetan.

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Advancement plan retracted

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A COMPREHENSIVE affirmative action policy for the Johannesburg City Council was withdrawn from the council agenda at the last minute this week, but is expected to be reintroduced in the near future.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron had just stood up at the council meeting to describe the policy as "one of the most reprehensible and racist items", when it was withdrawn by management committee chairman Ian Davidson.

The council's human resources executive director Dirk Lamprecht had been asked to look into various aspects of affirmative action including "head-hunting" for scarce black staff, abolition of any remaining discriminatory practices and identification of employees who could benefit from training. *BDM*

The policy said an affirmative action programme was vital to ensure political and economic stability, peace and the development of a prosperous metropolis. *29/10/92*

The involvement of the municipal trade unions, which represent more than 10 000 employees, was deemed essential for the policy's success.

Local govt model takes shape

A MODEL detailing the future of local authorities, metropolitan government and municipal elections is expected to be disclosed next month by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The model has been the subject of multiparty negotiations in the chamber's constitutional development working group for almost a year and sources say consensus is imminent.

If the model is accepted by the chamber at its meeting next month, the Johannesburg City Council is expected to call a special council meeting to ratify the arrangements.

All parties have stressed the implementation of the three-phase model is dependent on negotiations at national level and on the deliberations of a national local government forum expected to be created by the end of the year.

In essence, the transition to democratic, two-tier local government fell into three phases: pre-interim, interim and final. Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said this week. "Within the chamber we have already reached consensus on the three phases," he told the city council.

One of the major tasks during the pre-inter-

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im phase was to prepare for the region's first nonracial municipal elections together with the creation of structures that would operate during the interim (government) phase.

Elections would take place on the principle of proportional representation with residents voting for parties and on a ward basis within current local authority boundaries.

It was envisaged that boundaries would be reassessed during the interim phase, taking into account progress made by local or joint negotiating forums.

Sandton management committee chairman Willem Hefer said a new interim metropolitan government would be set up as a result of the elections.

It would probably consist of 100 members, 50 nominated by local authorities and 50 elected according to party political lists.

Preparations and registering of voters for municipal and metropolitan elections would take at least nine months to complete, a council source said, but negotiators were hopeful elections would take place next year.

413 workers reinstated (266)

ABOUT 413 members of the SA Municipal Workers Union and other employees who were dismissed by the Dobsonville Council last month are to be reinstated on Monday. *Sowetan 30/10/92*

This has been disclosed in the agreement between Samwu's attorneys, Cheadle and Thompson, and the council's attorneys. The workers were dismissed on September 7 and 8 after a week-long illegal strike called to demand the removal of hostel dwellers and municipal police from the township. *(S)*

Outrage over exhumations

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■ An explanation demanded on digging up of graves:

By Lulama Luti

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THE PAC has expressed outrage at the Roodepoort Council's decision to dig up 900 graves at the old Roodepoort West township to make way for a rubbish dump

The council intends re-burying the remains in the Dobsonville Cemetery

PAC secretary for land and environmental affairs Dr Solly Skosana called on the council to explain the decision

Skosana said it was clear there had not been any attempt to trace relatives of the people buried in the cemetery

"It treated a culturally sensitive matter with racial contempt by regarding the grave sites of our forefathers as less important than a rubbish dump," he said



Millions spent on upgrading in CBD

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PETER GALLI

IN SPITE of negative perceptions about the future of the Johannesburg CBD, individuals are ploughing millions into buying and refurbishing office blocks.

Attorney Gerald Olitzki and his financiers have spent about R10m buying and refurbishing four buildings in the area and, while he had some difficulty obtaining finance for the first project, three institutions competed to finance the current venture.

Olitzki's latest R3m project entails refurbishing the 4 000m² 132 Fox Street building, which once housed the Israeli embassy and bore the bullet holes of the 1975 hostage drama.

"The first three projects have been highly successful regarding letting and market acceptance," he said.

"While the CBD is now at an all-time low, it has a long-term future

"Overseas, there has been a move back to the cities after companies found the suburbs could not provide the infrastructure of a CBD. In addition, pressure on parking and an eventual shortage of staff contributed to forcing them back. We lag this trend, but it is almost certain to happen."

The private sector would have to be primarily responsible for growth in the area. But all that was needed to change its entire character was the upgrading of only a small node by a number of people — as he had done.

"Fox Street used to be regarded as a really downmarket part of town. Now, with the upgrading of a couple of buildings in the area, this perception has changed," Olitzki said.

Purchase costs were about R500/m² and refurbishment and holding costs were a maximum of another R1 000/m². This was far less than the cost of a new develop-

ment, which put the refurbishment at a rental advantage.

Space is being let at R12/m², with operating costs held at R3,50/m², resulting in a gross rental of R15,50/m² — excluding electricity and VAT. This compares with other gross rentals in the area ranging from R25/m² to R35/m².

Leases are generally signed for five years at a 12% escalation. Three floors have already been let and another 1 000m² is still available. This can be subdivided into units of 100m² upwards.

The adjacent Playhouse has also been bought and, except for the facade, will be demolished to create additional parking space. This will result in a parking ratio of one bay for every 37m² and will cost R250 compared with R324 in the Carlton.

"I am able to keep rental levels so low by adopting a hands-on approach. All aspects of the development, from leasing to administration and management, are controlled within the company," he said.

Purchase prices were "very reasonable" because of present market conditions and the delapidated state of many of the buildings. In addition, competition for work was so fierce that refurbishment costs were also lower than usual.

A number of factors contributed to the success of such a project, including location and need for the building to be surrounded by other quality buildings.

The developer also had to be aware of what was going on in the rest of the market, and of the many hidden costs that could emerge when refurbishing a run-down building.

"There also has to be an acceptable parking ratio, and the needs of the market being canvassed have to be considered," said Olitzki.

Govt offers deal on rent boycotts

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GOVERNMENT was prepared to suspend two controversial parliamentary Acts if township rent and service boycotts were lifted, Local Government Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday.

A "quid pro quo", including the possible suspension of the Interim Measures Act of 1991 and the Provincial and Local Authorities Amendment Act of 1992, would receive top priority at the multiparty national local government negotiating forum which was in the process of being created, he said.

Wessels confirmed the developments during a speech in Verwoerdburg yesterday at the inaugural congress of the Transvaal Local Government Association.

The association was founded in June after the Transvaal Municipal Association refused to admit multiracial delegates. The new association's chairman Pieter Smith said yesterday. "Local government in the Transvaal has, with this step, effectively entered the domain of the new SA."

The two Acts, in which joint administrations between white and black local authorities are forcibly encouraged, have been criticised by ANC and civic spokesmen as an attempt by Wessels to restructure local government unilaterally.

Wessels has argued that the Acts

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were only enabling legislative mechanisms rendered obsolete by the collapse of Codesa.

On Monday night in Johannesburg, a working group consisting of representatives of government, the four provincial administrations, civic associations and local authorities reaffirmed their commitment to the establishment of a new negotiating forum.

They agreed that the forum would give top priority to the possible suspension of the two Acts together with the lifting of rent and service boycotts.

The forum would also consider new guidelines for local negotiations.

Wessels yesterday urged local authorities to "take cognisance of the national initiative aimed at facilitating local negotiations".

The Minister said he would be informing the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, a policy advisory body set up by Chris Heunis in 1984, of progress made towards the creation of the forum.

After the next council meeting in East London on November 9, a time-frame for the establishment of the forum would be negotiated by the working group, Wessels said.

Neighbourhood councils mooted

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A NEW system of elected "neighbourhood councils" was mooted yesterday by Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Tertius Delport. *BLOOM 5/11/92*

Delport, who takes over as Local Government Minister from Leon Wessels next month, was addressing the inaugural conference of the Transvaal Local Government Association in Verwoerdburg.

"The principle of sub-municipal units or neighbourhoods having their own neighbourhood councils is no novel idea, in fact, it is internationally a well known feature of local government," he said.

The neighbourhood councils would be democratically elected, would be able to collect additional levies for specific projects and would assume a range of powers including civil protection, the issuing of property licences and permits and the definition of neighbourhood "standards".

TPA MEC Olaus van Zyl, also addressing the representatives of more than 200 local authorities in the Transvaal at the conference, urged municipalities not to sell off land suitable for housing or development purposes.

Decisions on sensitive land issues should be left to the proposed local government national forum, he said.

A working group consisting of representatives of civic associations, the four provincial administrations and local authorities was working on the creation of a national forum, Local Government Minister Wessels confirmed this week.

Council 'reneges' on pay rise

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THE Diepmeadow City Council — one of the three Greater Soweto councils in a financial crisis — had reneged on a pay rise agreement, an SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) official said on Friday. Samwu regional organiser Reggie Dubazana said about 1 500 council were chased away by police at the council's New Canada offices after they had found that there had been no increment in their pay cheques at the "Samwu and the Municipal Employers' Organisation had agreed on a 10% across-the-board increase in August, effective from July 1. But the council kept on delaying the implementation of the accord," Dubazana said. "When employees went to collect their cheques today they found that again there was no increment. Town Clerk David Mabalane told them that the council could not pay," Dubazana said. Mabalane could not be reached for comment.

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Five-year economic proposals delayed

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CAPE TOWN — Finalisation of government's five-year economic "restructuring" package had been delayed and would probably be placed on the table only by the end of November instead of mid-month as originally hoped, special economics advisor Jamie Jacobs said in an interview. He said progress with the report had not been to his satisfaction as the production of various chapters had not been on schedule, although there were no specific obstacles. He stressed that the document would not be a blueprint but would be the basis for discussion, inter alia, with the National Economic Forum, the structure of which would be decided on in the next two weeks. The document would be a quantified programme spelling out alternative policy options and their economic consequences. Jacobs said the central theme of the report was that SA's economic problem was not cyclical but structural, and that this ruled out kickstarts as a solution. Unless structural problems were addressed there would be no chance of success. The first focus would, however, be on government expenditure. "A country giving preference to both private and public sector consumption expenditure and having at the same time a

net outflow of capital can go only in one direction, and that is towards stagnation," Jacobs said. Such a country would not be capable of improving its productive capacity, whereas in SA both new and existing investment would have to be improved. Fundamental to addressing these structural problems was an attack on government consumption expenditure, Jacobs said, but ruled out deflationary policies as a way of driving the economy. He said there was a great deal of determination to cut down on government expenditure, emphasising that, contrary to what some economists believed, this was possible to do in a recession.

The priority in improving the availability of savings for investment would be to look at the public sector. Public sector "dissaving" in this fiscal year could amount to as much as 5% of GDP, or R18bn. In the post war years, even in recessions, the ratio of government consumption expenditure relative to GDP had increased, pointing to a failure to make fundamental structural adjustments. "We cannot proceed on this path. It is self-destructive," Jacobs said.

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Danie Hough probe shows abuses by two councils 266

DETAILS of widespread financial mismanagement have emerged from Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough's investigation of the affairs of the Soweto and Diepmeadow city councils

In documents delivered to the two councils last week, Hough gave them until December 15 to "put their houses in order" or face dissolution.

The documents, which conclude that both councils are "financially unsound", provide a long list of financial and administrative abuses as well as restitutive actions to be taken "with immediate effect"

Both councils were accused of a gross lack of financial control

In one instance, the Diepmeadow council sold a plot of land in Diepkloof for R204 000, R1,3m less than the highest tender offered for the plot of R1,5m

In another, Diepmeadow councillors had spent R56 000 on trips and seminars, when R15 000 had been budgeted and approved

One councillor used a health department vehicle to travel to Natal on private business, while another

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entered into an agreement with a private security firm, only for the council to be successfully sued for R120 000 when the contract was illegally terminated

The investigation found seven of Diepmeadow's 18 councillors in arrears with rent and service charges.

One Soweto councillor, allocated a damaged council house, spent R104 000 repairing it, while continuing to pay rent of R85 a month.

"The approximately 67 tenants in Power Park (excluding eight councillors) pay rent which varies between R400 a month and R600 a month," the report stated

"In contrast, the eight councillors pay monthly rentals of R100 each and R20 for services a month. Even these amounts appear to be credited against the purchasing of the houses by the eight councillors"

In addition, the TPA report said some councillors actively discouraged payment of rent and services charges by residents, while the councils themselves had "persistently

failed" to collect owed monies and had taken "inadequate steps" to recoup, in the case of Soweto, R116m lost since October 1990

The TPA reported that at a meeting in September, which attempted to resolve the situation in Soweto, "councillors present accused and blamed each other and officials of the council, the accused councillors and officials defended themselves and placed the blame elsewhere".

Hough has listed more than 70 demands the two councils, which owe more than R700m between them, must fulfil to avoid intervention

These include repayment of illegally gained funds and arrears in rent and service bills, wage reductions, retirements and retrenchments in council staff, the dropping of a lawsuit against the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and full participation in its activities. A host of further restitutive actions have also been listed.

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Flores to testify at Mlangeni inquest

FORMER SADF agent Leon Flores, who was arrested in London in April for his alleged involvement in a plot to assassinate renegade policeman Dirk Coetzee, is to testify at the inquest into the death of ANC lawyer Bheki Mlangeni today.

Flores and MI operative Capt Pamela du Randt, who was arrested with him in London, have both been subpoenaed to testify at the request of lawyers acting for the Mlangeni family

The inquest was to have resumed in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday, and Flores and his counsel Wim Cornelius were present. But Cornelius told the court his client could not testify because he was involved in a labour dispute with the SADF which was due to be finalised yesterday.

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Cornelius said the Attorney-General was also investigating criminal charges against Flores. This matter was also expected to be settled yesterday

Du Randt was not present because she had not yet received her subpoena

Judge B O'Donovan postponed the inquest until today.

Mlangeni was killed when he activated a booby-trapped "walkman" cassette player posted to him from Lusaka. The cassette player and a tape marked "evidence - hit squads" was posted to Coetzee but redirected to Mlangeni, who was listed as the sender, after he failed to collect it.

Labour deal

International Labour Organisation's fact-finding mission - which made recommendations to bring SA labour law into line with internationally accepted standards - may be implemented.

Amendments to the LRA to enable registration of public and private sector unions by February; and

Allowance for Cosatu to make an input on the Public Sector Labour Relations Bill

There was also agreement on processes and committees to investigate problems regarding industrial council agreements, the Industrial Court (including the appointment of court personnel), the harmonisation of labour relations in SA and the home-lands and the introduction of a labour appeal court next year.

In addition, it was agreed the restructured National Manpower Commission should start working by February

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Naidoo said Nactu and Saccola were not part of the agreement because the "sticky points" in negotiations had been between Cosatu and government.

GERALD REILLY reports SAAU manpower committee chairman Chris du Toit said the decision had been taken without consultation with organised agriculture.

The SAAU had submitted its own draft legislation to the Minister and had arranged to discuss its document on November 20. "It was, therefore, with shock and indignation that agriculture learned that the Minister had, before his discussion with the agriculture sector, made a decision in consultation with Cosatu, especially in the light of the fact that Cosatu has virtually no members among farmworkers

"All the good work of the recent past has now been rendered worthless by an ill-considered decision."

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Govt unable to uphold hostel fencing promise

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GOVERNMENT has admitted that it will not be able to fence off Transvaal hostels by Sunday, a deadline set in the Record of Understanding it reached with the ANC in September.

Local Government Department spokesman Francois Jacobs said this week it had not been possible to go ahead with construction of the fences in view of objections from Inkatha, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association

Jacobs said with hostel residents threatening counter-measures, such as a rent boycott and the physical removal of contractors erecting the fences, the possibility of increased violence would defeat the purpose for which the hostels were being fenced

He said that after even ANC-inclined hostel residents, such as those in Sebokeng

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and Tembisa, declined to attend meetings convened by the TPA to discuss the issue, the TPA would not be able to execute the fencing

He said the national peace secretariat had been asked to bring the various interested parties together, with the Goldstone commission mediating

The commission should also consider reports by the SAP and others on the situation at hostels

It should also find out whether the fencing would intensify violence and consider reverting to reconstruction and upgrading of hostels rather than fencing.

"We think the Goldstone commission could play a meaningful role in this situation," Jacobs said

The ANC has said it expects government to honour the Record of Understanding

Township debt mountain

TRANSVAAL black township residents owed their local authorities R1,57bn in rent and services fees between 1988 and last August, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) said on Friday.

The arrears did not include the R516m written off in September 1990 by the three Greater Soweto councils of Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto, and other lesser sums in other townships.

The Lekoa City Council in the Vaal Triangle also wrote off R254m in August 1991, town treasurer Piet Roets said.

The Lekoa council warned last week that electricity and water supplies would be cut off on December 9 unless 65% of residents had settled accounts. Roets said residents still owed R35,8m.

The council said many residents had not been paying their bills, in spite of an agree-

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ment between the Vaal Civic Association, the TPA and the council earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow and Soweto — warned by the TPA to put their financial houses in order by December 15 or face dissolution — are now in the grip of labour action.

The 3 200 employees of the Soweto City Council, including white officials, staged six-hour sit-ins last Thursday and Friday in protest against the council's announcement that there might be no annual bonuses this year.

The Diepmeadow city council is locked in a battle with the SA Municipal Workers' Union over its "reneging" on a 10% pay rise agreement.

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Local govt proposals punted

THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last week unveiled its proposals on how future nonracial local government structures could look in the new SA

And while the proposals still have to be ratified by the constituencies of the local authorities, civic associations and government bodies represented on the chamber, the proposals are significant.

As chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert pointed out, concrete suggestions from the country's most powerful economic region would be difficult for government or any political party to ignore

Civic Associations of Johannesburg (CAJ) general secretary Cas Coovadia said last week a process of consultation with political parties within the democratic movement had already been initiated.

"It is crucial for political parties to be party to this process, particularly because we envisage any elections for interim structures to be on a party-political basis," the CAJ said.

The participation of the Transvaal Provincial Administration provides access to government while local authority representatives on the chamber will sound out political parties and ratepayers' organisations

After a year of discussions in the chamber's constitutional develop-

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ment working group, consensus has been reached by what Slabbert terms "a fairly significant group of people".

Municipal elections will have to wait for equivalent progress and affirmation at national level. Also critical to the implementation of the proposals will be their consideration by a national forum on local government which is expected to be established within the next two months

But, as Slabbert points out, "we will be ready and probably better prepared than most other regions".

The question of boundaries has been deferred by the chamber to a commission for deliberation only once an interim local and national government is in place and the first non-racial municipal elections will then be held according to current local authority boundaries

Newly elected councillors, or ward representatives, will sit on restructured nonracial councils which will administer the relevant areas for the interim period.

Those hoping to be elected will have to be registered as voters for the area they are intending to represent and cannot be MPs or unrehabilitated insolvents.

These newly constituted councils

will be able to nominate members to serve on the interim metropolitan authority (IMA) which will replace the metropolitan chamber

The number of members nominated for the IMA will depend on the number of voters resident in each local authority area

Thus, Johannesburg will be able to nominate 15 members, Greater Soweto 23, Roodepoort four, Randburg, Alexandra and Sandton two each and one for Ennerdale and Lenasia South

These nominated members will take up 50 of the 100 seats on the IMA with the remaining 50 appointed according to party lists on a proportional representation basis

The IMA will absorb the already legislated fiscal and administrative powers of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council and will elect its own chairman and executive committee.

The 100 members of the IMA will, also serve on a parallel body entitled the Metropolitan Constituent Conference (MCC). The MCC, with civic associations, business representatives, ratepayer organisations and other interested parties having non-voting, observer status, will negotiate the final constitutional arrangements for the region and advise the interim government on new national legislation for local government.

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Dismissed four back in council

By Tsale Makam

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THE DIEPMEADOW CITY Council has reinstated the four councillors who were fired by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) for not paying their rent and service charges.

The TPA sent letters to the Diepmeadow and Soweto councils two weeks ago threatening to dissolve them if they did not provide viable strategies to solve their financial crises by December 15.

The TPA also fired four Diepmeadow councillors - Johannes Matala, Silus Gudluza, Congress Mtabela, and Zablion Tlhabane - for not paying their rent and electricity bills. They were also given until December 15 to prove that they had paid their bills.

On Monday the Diepmeadow City Council received a subpoena from the lawyers of the four councillors notifying it that these councillors were taking the mayor, the council and the TPA to court for unfair dismissal.

The council's executive committee met on Monday night and decided to reinstate the four councillors.

Diepmeadow Council public relations officer Mr Paul

■ UNFAIR ACTION Four

fired by TPA for not paying
rent and service charges:

Mashinini said his council acknowledged that the men had been unfairly dismissed and that there was a technicality involved.

"When the TPA gave them 14 days to pay up it did not specify whether those meant working days or all days," he said.

Mashinini said Gudluza's bill was "only R2 under" while Matala had been paying his rent. He said Matala had already lodged a query regarding the outstanding bill.

Mtabela's cheque payment for rent had not yet been processed by the accountant when he was dismissed by the TPA, he said.

It was for these reasons that the councillors had been informed to resume their duties.

Luxury car markets shrinking

LUXURY car manufacturers are offering low-interest finance packages to lure buyers back to shrinking markets

Audi's claims its latest finance package challenges those launched recently by its rivals, BMW and Mercedes-Benz

BMW's new finance plan has an interest rate pegged at 15% with a residual value of 80% — if another of the same make is purchased in future — for its 5 and 7 Series models. *BJOM 20/11/92*

Mercedes-Benz's latest finance package offers a 7,5% interest rate for a year on Mercedes-Benz W124 and W126 models, as well as other packages with interest rates of between 11,75% and 15,75% and with repayment periods varying between one, four and eight years.

Audi's package involves a 15% interest rate fixed over four years. It also offers a

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warranty on variable ownership which does not lock buyers into certain brands when they wish to buy a new car

Very low interest rates often hid high subsidies or discounts which could negatively affect future resale values. High residual values usually materialised only if supported by subsequent purchases of the same make, Audi said.

Mercedes-Benz said many of its customers were delaying normal replacement of their cars because of uncertainty about the economy in the next four to five years, the normal replacement cycle

Finance packages offering low interest rates and high residual values allowed the manufacturer to take the risk on behalf of its customers, Mercedes-Benz said.

New system needed to fight AIDS

IT WAS only through finding alternative ways of dealing with the AIDS epidemic, and by changing the structure of health care provision in SA, that the country would be able to deal with the costs of the disease, a US AIDS expert said yesterday

Dr Pat Greenfield said the US had managed to contain the exorbitant cost of AIDS through a "managed health system" which dealt with the problem in a more comprehensive way. *BJOM 20/11/92*

The controversial Medical Schemes

KATHRYN STRACHAN

Amendment Bill — which is expected to be tabled in Parliament next year — will pave the way for the establishment of health management organisations in SA. The system has been in operation in the US for nearly 50 years

The system of managed health care allows medical schemes to run their own hospitals and clinics and to employ health professionals — a move which has lowered costs by up to 40% elsewhere.

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Local govt proposals for Sandton

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NEW proposals for the future of local government will be presented to Sandton residents tomorrow

The proposals, published by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last week, will be explained by chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert and chamber CEO Vic Milne in the Sandown Hall from 9am

"This is the start of a public participation exercise that will continue until at least mid-February next year," the council's news sheet *The Sandtonian* said

The proposals set out municipal election procedures as well as guidelines for newly constituted, non-racial local authorities.

All parties to the chamber — including the councils of Sandton, Johannesburg, Alexandra and Randburg and civic associations and government bodies — have been given until the end of February to respond to the document

If ratified, the proposals are expected to have a significant influence on the future of local government.

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Council staff will get bonus

A LABOUR crisis at the Soweto Council was averted on Friday when management agreed to pay its employees annual bonuses by December 7. This was confirmed by town clerk Mrs Elizabeth Sithole, who said the agreement was reached with representatives of the workers during a two-hour meeting. The employees had earlier been told of financial problems which would affect the timely payment of bonuses - *Sowetan Reporters and Sapa.*

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Warning Over Soweto's cost to Joburg

THE simple amalgamation of Johannesburg and Soweto would threaten Johannesburg's economic viability, committee chairman Ian Davidson said at the weekend.

A "quick-fix approach" to amalgamation would lead to punitive rates and

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tariffs increases, forcing commerce and industry to relocate, he said.

"It is imperative that the Witwatersrand region continues to be financially viable if SA is to attain its economic and social goals in an era of reconstruction

and nation-building,

In Johannesburg's audited financial report for 1991/92, Davidson called for a "fair and realistic" tax base on the Witwatersrand together with financial aid from government

WILSON ZWANE reports that a dispute between the Soweto City Council and its employees was resolved on Friday

with the council agreeing to pay the workers their 13th cheque next month.

The dispute arose on November 9 when the council informed the workers it would not be able to pay bonuses this year. According to sources, the council had told its employees that they would get their bonuses in March next year.

On Friday the council informed the workers that it had managed to raise funds from sources such as Eskom and the TPA and would pay the bonuses on December 7.

City treasurer Willie Steinhart said the council was "hard pressed" without passing (its) budget without passing on untenable rates and tariffs. Increases to our residents. It is therefore unthinkable that we should have to shoulder the burden of additional expenditure in neighbouring authorities without some financial commitment from provincial or central government."

More police for trains

STEPHANE BOTHEMA
MORFÉ than 500 additional policemen were deployed on trains on the Reef from Friday as part of a new strategy to protect commuters.

Since 1990, more than 300 people have been killed in train violence and several hundred more injured.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgryn said on Friday the SAP, the SADF, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation and Spoornet would participate in an effort to curb violence on trains.

Main points of the strategy were, the redeployment of police, increased police visibility on trains and platforms, the searching of commuters entering and leaving stations and trains and the stopping and searching of trains at random.

Video cameras would also be installed at stations to monitor troublemakers, Halgryn said.

The strategy, which would continue after the festive season, was met with cautious approval by the ANC.

"The ANC PWV Region and its allies are in a process of studying the proposals in preparation for a meeting with the corporation and police on November 27," the ANC said in a statement.

organisation, the David Webster inquest was told on Friday.

Testifying behind closed doors at the Rand Supreme Court, Verster said now retired Military Intelligence chief Badenhorst hit him after he (Verster) refused to leave his own office at the CCB's secret headquarters in early 1990.

Sunday newspapers reported that Verster said shortly after Badenhorst had been appointed to lead an internal investigation into the CCB, he told him "General, I don't trust you and you must know that."

The hearing on Friday was held in camera and journalists were not allowed in.

"Because I did not want to play along, Badenhorst tried to chase me out of my own office. I said that it was my office and I stayed seated."

"He then got up and, in front of (SAP Brigadier) Krappies Engelbrecht and (CCB administration officer) Christo Brits, assaulted me," Verster said.

He further told Judge Michael Stegmann that the then SADF chief Gen Jannie Geldenhuys had said in January 1990 that President F W de Klerk had given an assurance that there would be no "witch-hunt" over the operations of the CCB.

The then Defence Minister Magnus Malan had been told that the CCB had information about the gunning-down of Wits

Both Badenhorst and Engelbrecht had been told about Barnard's alleged involvement in the Webster murder, Verster reportedly said.

Verster was the third witness at the inquest this week who claimed that Badenhorst had been told that Barnard had confessed to the killing of Webster.

CCB information officer Derrick Louw and Barnard's handler, Lafras Lutjugh, both told the court about the alleged confession.

SUSAN RUSSELL reports that Verster's appearance followed a warrant for his arrest issued almost three weeks ago after he defied a subpoena to be in court to testify on November 2 and went abroad instead.

Stegmann had earlier granted a request by Verster's counsel, Jurie Wessels, to allow his client to testify in camera in order to protect his identity.

Wessels submitted a statement by Verster on November 2 in which he apologised for his non-appearance, but said he was forced to keep appointments overseas to wind up various CCB matters.

Lawyers said the judge had indicated on Friday that he would wait until he had made a finding in the inquiry before deciding what action to take over Verster's non-appearance earlier this month.

Call to act now on education

THE Institute of Personnel Management says a national education forum should be established as soon as possible.

In its report, A National Human Resources Strategy, the institute says SA should not wait for a new political dispensation before it reforms its education system. To get reform going, a national education forum — including representatives of business, education, labour, employers, professional and civic associations — should be formed.

Such a forum would give birth to a multiparty national education and development council, which would pinpoint skills required for future economic growth.

The institute proposes that subsidisation of educational institutions be replaced by a national loan scheme which would encourage students to follow technical and scientific routes rather than pursue academia.

The institute also advocates greater interaction between universities, technikons, technical colleges and correspondence colleges. "A single-stream system should be introduced to allow students to move horizontally — this will enable a technical college student to further his education at technikon or university level without being penalised for the years already spent in another educational institution."

A national accreditation board would have to be established to set minimum standards and monitor implementation of the single-stream system.

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Council puts loans on hold

THE Johannesburg City Council would not be borrowing from the capital market during the 1992/93 financial year, City Treasurer Willie Siebert has confirmed.

This is despite the fact that the council reported an audited budget deficit of R21,2m for the 1991/92 financial year

Siebert said the council would not go to the capital market because of the increasing difficulty local authorities were experiencing in acquiring financing

A reduction of R87,5m in the city's R2,5bn total expenditure last year, together with "tight financial discipline", had led to a satisfactory though austere outlook for the current financial year, Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson said

He added that falling capital expenditure, cut by 18,5% over the previous year, would have "far-reaching implications for SA" if sustained in the long term

"Johannesburg is the powerhouse of the national economy and its viability will in-

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evitably be endangered by reducing the scope of its services," he said

Davidson said the city's revenue sources had come under severe pressure as a result of the protracted recession.

The surplus on electricity supplies had dropped from R251m in 1990/91 to R166m in 1991-92, income from gas had moved from a R3,2m surplus to a R633 000 deficit while water revenues had also fallen from an R11m surplus to a R2,5m deficit

Electricity revenues had decreased due to a 10% per unit reduction in levies while shrinking demand from non-domestic water and gas consumers, together with leakage from deteriorating infrastructure, had caused falling revenues in these areas

Despite prevailing economic conditions, Davidson said the city's finances were in "pretty good shape"

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Council

Last year, the council secured two loans totalling R505m to finance capital expenditure and service previous loans

An anticipated fall in interest rates, relatively sound city finances and the increasing difficulty in acquiring loans locally had persuaded the council not to take to the capital market this year

Financiers were "jittery" about lending to local authorities "given the prevailing uncertainty not only in the country but within the local government context", Siebert said

"Local government stock, always pre-

sumed a solid investment in the past, is now perceived to be risky," he said

In the city's audited financial report for 1991/92, Siebert said a Finance Department directive had instructed local authorities not to take up foreign loans

Siebert said the city was "actively pursuing alternative methods of finance for major projects in order to ensure the continued growth of the region within current economic constraints"

The UAL Merchant Bank together with FNB's credit department both said the city's risk profile was "very low".

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News in brief

Focus on black unity, peace

A FOUR-DAY national congress of the Azanian People's Organisation begins at the Great Centenary Hall in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, tomorrow and is to focus on black unity and peace

The main speaker will be Mr Ibbo Mandaza of Zimbabwe, editor-in-chief of the *Southern Africa Political and Economic Monthly*. Azapo president Mr Pandelani Netolovhodwe will give a "state of the nation" address under the congress theme *Black Unity, Peace, Power and Liberation*

Topics to be discussed include President FW de Klerk's "reforms", the role of women in the struggle for liberation, a solidarity front and international involvement

About 2 000 delegates from all Azapo's branches countrywide are expected to attend and speakers from other political organisations have been invited

Mayoral election goes on

THE Diepmeadow Council will hold its mayoral elections tomorrow despite the threat by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to suspend it because of its shabby financial affairs

According to the Black Local Authorities Act, the mayor and the deputy mayor have to be elected every year, while councillors' terms of office last for five years. Current mayor Mr J Matala was elected amid controversy and division within the council last year. The elections will be held at the mayor's residence, known as the chief's house

Cops escort heart doctor

A CAPE Town doctor arrived in Durban yesterday to transport a heart donated from a "fairly young" patient at St Augustine's Hospital

A St Augustine's Hospital spokeswoman said the heart was to be removed by a team of heart specialists and taken to Cape Town. Police would escort the doctor to ensure no time was wasted once the heart was removed

Special Cabinet post urged

THE Cabinet has been urged by the National Industrial Chamber to introduce the special post of Minister of Small Firms to spearhead a drive to launch thousands more black entrepreneurs into mini-businesses of their own

The creation of the new portfolio, with Cabinet status, should be made a priority in setting out future industrial strategies, argues the NIC in a policy document it has submitted to the National Economic Forum

The NIC, the industrial arm of the National African Federated Chambers of Commerce, also proposes the appointment at senior civil service level of a Commissioner of Small Firms to remove unnecessary red tape acting as an obstacle to mini-business operations

Mandela talks to leaders

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela is to hold talks with Botswana President Quett Masire tomorrow and Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano the next day

Spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said yesterday the talks would focus on Southern African issues. The visit follows on the ANC's crucial national executive committee meeting in Durban and ahead of Mandela's forthcoming summit with State President FW de Klerk next week - *Sowetan Reporters and Sapa*

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PETER GALLI

Plan gears Sandton for the 21st century

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THE structure plan developed by Sandton's town council in 1989 is having a positive effect on new development in the area, says Mortimer Property Group MD Paul Maddison

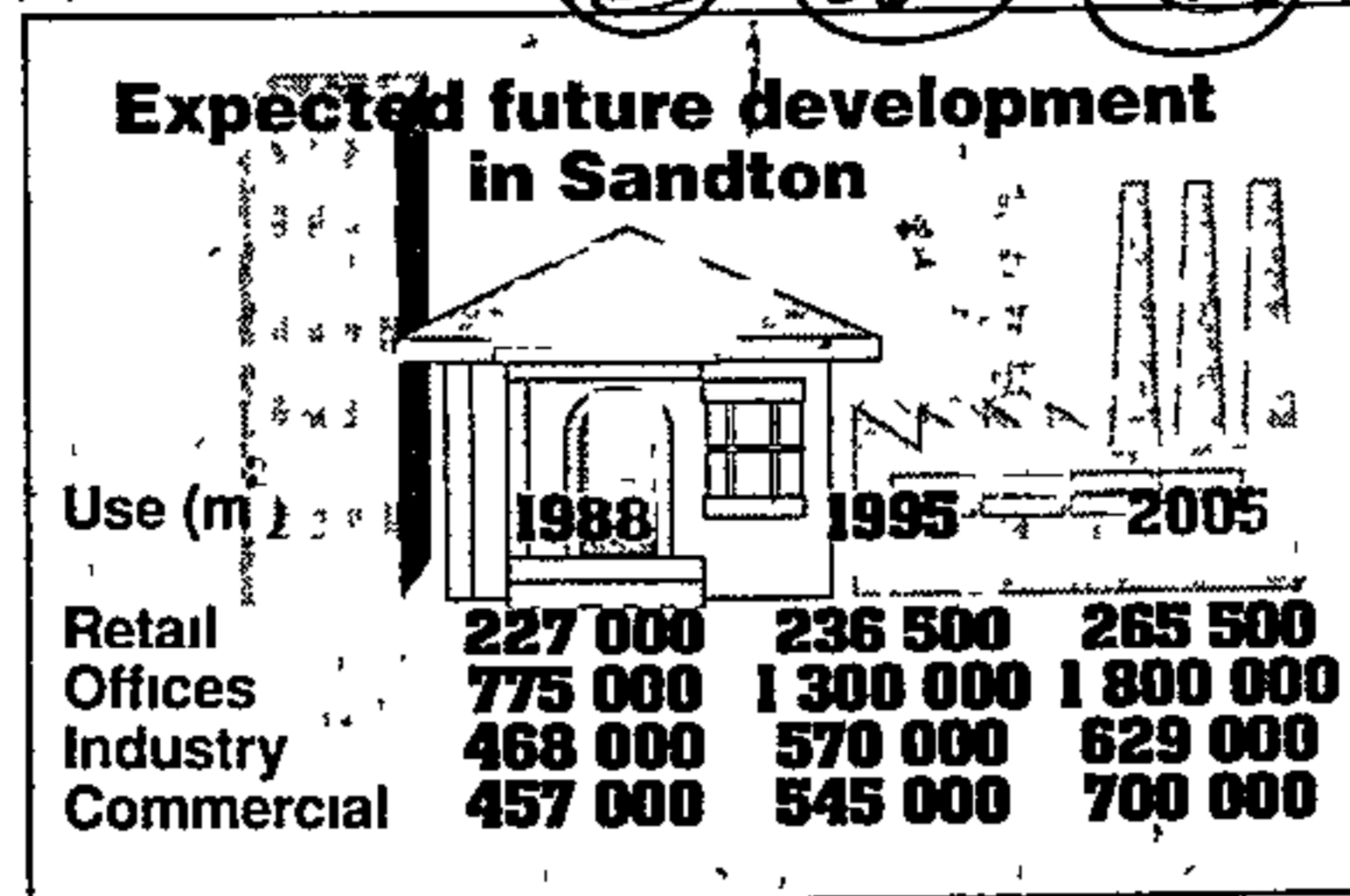
As more than 500 000m² of office space was expected to be developed in the Sandton area during the next 13 years, an overall policy on office development was needed, he said

Uncontrolled growth of offices in the Sandton area had created problems such as traffic congestion, noise, intrusion of residential areas and environmental deterioration

As a result, Sandton town council initiated the structure plan — released in April 1989 — which stressed that allowing office development to continue on an ad hoc basis would be suicidal

The council decided it would be possible to restrict offices to new nodes, minimising the effect on residential areas while accommodating growth

A "dual strategy form" was created to address areas of growth in residential, retail and schools, while a study was done on expected future trends



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The structure plan identified options for growth nodes in the area

Four were established — Sunninghill, Fourways, Eskom/Woodlands and Rivonia

As a result, office policy recommendations were formulated for Sandton

According to the recommendations, no further office growth should be permitted on the periphery of Sandton's CBD except in localities identified as interface areas, on a scale that did not generate sig-

nificant traffic volumes

The Sunninghill node, bounded by the N1 freeway in the south, should be promoted as a node for high density office development with a floor area ratio in the range of 0,6 to 1,0, it said

The area, which could theoretically accommodate only between 300 000m² and 350 000m² of office space, lacked infrastructure.

The council should concentrate on developing this

Maddison said a detailed development plan for the area should be prepared

Development of the Woodlands site had set an example for the area, and was an indication of the success of the plan

The plan recommended that an area around Woodlands be used for low-density office park development at a bulk in the range of 0,2 to 0,6

"The area is suitable only for low-density use because the existing rights granted in Woodmead and Megawatt Park are of such magnitude that difficulties at the Bothasfontein interchange would, in all likelihood, be experienced even with the upgrading of the facility if higher density uses were permitted," Maddison said

The council would support rezoning applications in the four nodes and refuse them elsewhere, ensuring that development was concentrated in identified areas

had had enough time to come to her senses

KwaThema protest march

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THE KwaThema Civic Association is organising a protest march to the KwaThema Council offices in Springs on Saturday

KCA spokesman Mr Kenny Masehle said the march would begin at noon from the local sports field and proceed to the council's office to deliver a memorandum demanding, among other things, that the township's mayor resign, black local authorities be discontinued and decent houses be built

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UN focus on taxi feud

A DELEGATION of United Nations and European Economic Community observers are to meet Lebowa government officials in Lebowakgomo today to discuss, among other issues, the taxi feud in Pietersburg earlier this month

No other details were released by the Lebowa administration

Chance for budding writers

THE Peninsula Technikon is to present a writing school for prospective authors, poets and playwrights in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa during 1993, rector Franklin Sonn said yesterday

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The course is a community project aimed at providing technical assistance to budding writers and will be run by prominent authors such as writer Abraham de Vries, poet and playwright Sandile Dikeni and Monica Cromhout, editor of *Writers World*

Black Christmas looms

RESIDENTS of East Rand townships are bracing themselves for a "Black Christmas" when a month-long consumer boycott starts in December

The call for a boycott of white businesses in Boksburg and Germiston was made by the East Rand Civic Association yesterday

ERCA spokesman Jabu Dumane said townships affected would be Vosloorus, Villa Lisa, Reiger Park, Dawn Park and Palm Ridge

Residents are demanding, among other things, that the confiscation of residents' furniture by the Vosloorus Council be stopped, corruption, bribery, extortion and harassment of Villa Lisa residents by its management be stopped and the Vosloorus Council be disbanded

R40-m on DET schools

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THE Department of Education and Training has spent nearly R40 million on school construction and upgrading projects in Soweto and Alexandra so far this year, the DET's Johannesburg regional director, Mr R R Motau, said yesterday

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Merger debate live on screen

By Louise Marland

The Randburg Town Council will reveal details of a plan to merge with Sandton and Alexandra to form a super-city — which could rival Johannesburg — during an historic live television broadcast to residents on Tuesday.

The town council decided to explain its motivation behind the ambitious plan to residents and ratepayers directly from M-Net studios via big

television screens

The screens will be installed at four venues in Randburg — Cresta Centre, Northgate, Sanlam Centre and the Civic Centre. Residents will be able to ask councillors questions by means of telephones to be installed at the venues. The broadcast will begin at 1 pm.

A special town council meeting will be held at 4 pm after the big-screen broadcast so that councillors can ratify the decision to commit Randburg to the merger.

Acting management committee chairman Gary Cooney

said the decision was taken after a "bush indaba" between council officials and councillors.

"We have a fear of being swallowed up by Johannesburg. The interests of people in the northern areas should be protected."

Cooney said Sandton was expected to take a similar decision in January, and the Alexandra Civic Association had already indicated it was in favour of the merger.

However, acting Sandton management committee chairman Mike Melunsky said

Sandton had never committed itself to a merger with Randburg.

"Randburg is an autonomous body and entitled to take any decision it likes. We will investigate any proposal put to Sandton by Randburg, but any decision taken would be in the best interests of Sandton residents."

Melunsky said Sandton would decide in January whether to form a joint administration with Randburg and Alexandra and co-operate on an administrative basis,

while retaining separate councils and municipal boundaries.

Cooney said business leaders and the Randburg Federation of Ratepayers' Associations had been consulted about the decision.

"We have no option. The merger will either be forced on us in six months, or we can take the lead now. Alex is fast going down the tube and something needs to be done," Cooney said.

He was confident Randburg would become a model city in the new South Africa.

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Diepmeadow Council workers hold a mock funeral of legal adviser Mr Elridge Maheppy during a protest at New Canada, Johannesburg, against the council for maladministration and corruption. They said they were told they would not be getting their end-of-the-year bonuses.
PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Workers protest against 'scam'

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■ Employees claim officials were appointed to non-existent posts:

By **Lulama Luti**

EMPLOYEES of the Diepmeadow Council have called on the Transvaal Provincial Administration to dismiss councillors implicated in the alleged misappropriation of funds and abuse of council property.

During a protest at the council offices at New Canada yesterday, the workers also called for the dismissal of council officials who, they alleged, had been hired without proper procedures being followed.

The workers also demanded salary increases of between five and 15 percent with effect from July 1 as was announced by the Government.

However, the TPA has given the council a directive to freeze the increments following allegations of corruption and maladministration.

The employees implicated a number of senior officials in the alleged corruption.

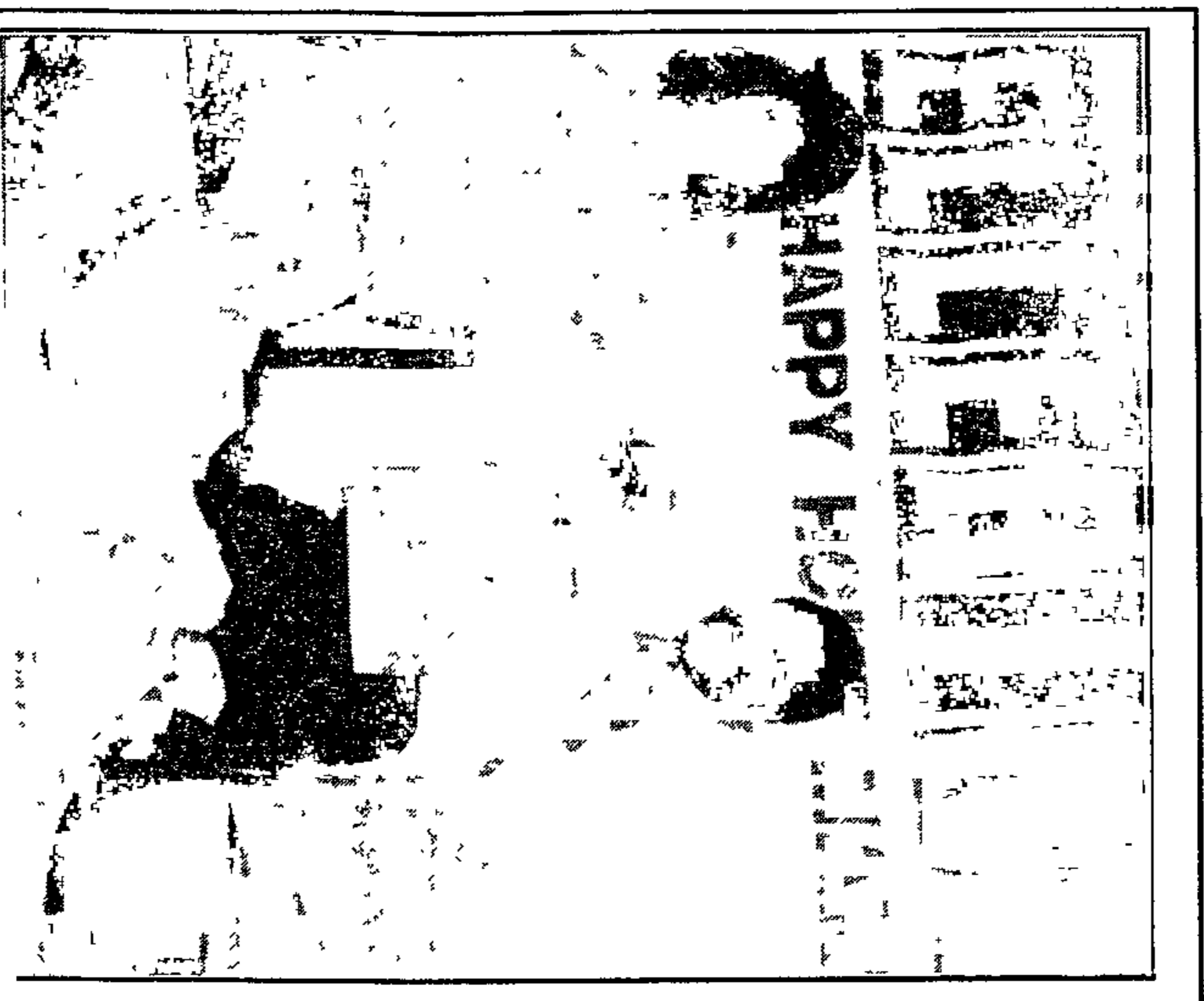
The workers alleged one of them had been appointed without the post being advertised while three others were appointed into non-existent posts.

The workers also protested against the mayoral elections.

Earlier this month, the TPA ordered two Greater Soweto councils, including the Soweto Council, to put their houses in order by December 15 or face possible dissolution.



NEWS Angry members question report which they label a criminal investigation



Members split at Commerce AGM

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DISPUTES SURFACE Intervention

By Mzimkulu Malunga

INTERNAL DISPUTES within the outgoing executive committee of the Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce and Industry nearly disrupted the organisation's annual general meeting on Wednesday

It took the timely intervention of the Reverend Motalapula Chabaku and community organiser Mr Ishmael Mkhabela to get the proceedings back on track

Strong divisions surfaced among members when they were told that the outgoing president, Mr Philemon Makhetha, had compiled his report without the consent of the executive committee

The GSCCI's executive committee had prepared a different report to coun-

ter Makhetha's
In the midst of the confusion some members called for the cancellation of the annual general meeting and instead launch a commission of inquiry into the disputes within the executive
But Chabaku and Mkhabela, who were invited as observers to the meeting, successfully appealed for calm
Makhetha was eventually allowed to deliver his address which was "adopted" but its contents rejected
In his report he made serious allegations against some members of the executive committee, accusing them of mismanaging the organisation's funds and being involved in "fraudulent activities"

by minister and community organiser
observers get talks back on track:

The speech was often interrupted by the members, some of whom asked questions like "Is this a report or a criminal investigation?"
It was agreed that the executive should not read the report it had compiled to save time while causes of the conflict would be investigated later.



Plan for post-apartheid city

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WITH the population in the Central Witwatersrand region expected to increase by 60 per cent by the year 2010, the planning framework task team of the Metropolitan Chamber's Physical Development Working Group was given the mandate to prepare an overall strategy plan for the region.

The task team's Interim Strategic Framework (ISF) for the Central Witwatersrand was put before the Chamber a week ago for comment.

Through the ISF guidelines, the Chamber will facilitate the establishment of a post-apartheid urban model of the Johannesburg metropolitan region, which will meet the needs of all its people.

Aspects which will receive attention include land use, infrastructural services, housing for

all, job creation and affordable transport services.

The ISF will also serve as a broad framework for the preparation of a residential development programme aimed at locating the urban poor in the inner metropolitan areas.

Physical Development Working Group chairman Graham Pirie said the ISF was a milestone document and a post-apartheid model for the Central Witwatersrand.

Task team chairman Johan van der Merwe said the ISF could have an impact on all the

workings of the Metropolitan Chamber and would also affect economic and social initiatives in the region.

An intensive public participation programme will soon be launched to inform various interest groups and the public of the ISF goals.

Pirie said the Chamber recognised the need to preserve the environment.

"The population is expected to double in the next few years. How are we going to accommodate everyone without chaos, provide transport, homes, pre-

serve the quality of life, and avoid degradation? We have to manage the transition process, and the solution has to be a regional solution.

"The policies of the past precluded urbanisation," Pirie said. The ISF does not aim to re-

solve all the region's problems, or achieve the complete social, economic, physical, financial, environmental and constitutional restructuring of the metropolitan region.

The document put before the

Chamber stated that if such a framework was not put in place in the short term, land use decisions in particular, would be "ad hoc" and shaped by the apartheid framework.

Any attempt to restructure the apartheid city would have to commence with the restructuring of the urban form, the document stated.

Problems that will impact on the ISF goals are the effects of past and future planning decisions; physical constraints; availability of finance; levels of economic growth and employment;

magnitude of unmet needs; and the unpredictable and uncontrollable social processes arising out of poverty, instability and violence.

Pirie said the emphasis was on meeting the needs of low income people, as their needs were greater. A final model would concentrate on the needs of all groups.

Nearly 60 percent of the population in the Central Witwatersrand falls into the lower income category and the lower income population is expected to double by 2010. The resultant demand

for housing, for example, will increase to 400 000 units per 27 000 ha, with a backlog of 100 000 houses in 2010.

Problems that will be addressed by the ISF include:

- Large scale homelessness.
- Displacement of the poor on the urban periphery
- Long travel distances between home and work for the urban poor
- Under-used high priority land
- Inadequate bulk services provision and maintenance in areas experiencing high rates of urbanisation
- Unco-ordinated and inadequate transport infrastructure
- Spatially disconnected relationships between residential areas, formal employment areas and mixed use areas.

The ISF will eventually form the basis for a long term urban framework. □

Stand owners fight for their rights

By Joshua Raboroko

THE newly-formed Evaton Stand Owners Working Committee has met officials of the TPA to discuss various problems, including the expropriation of their properties by the authorities

Leader of the committee Reverend Lord McCamel highlighted the plight of the property owners and said their rights had been eroded by the now-defunct local authorities

He said they were concerned about the payment of rates and taxes as well as arrears

Property owners needed clarification regarding the role of the new administrator in Evaton following the dissolution of the town council

The administrator Mr D Mclean said ratepayers should dispel fears that Evaton was being "swallowed" by the authorities, especially in view of the fact that the township would be administered by the Meyerton Town

■ Evaton owners concerned after dissolution of council:

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He added "There is a possibility of joint administration between the two councils early in 1993 and this may be the opportune time of getting into grips with the affairs of Evaton"

He promised to keep the stand own-

ers informed about their status as well as any project the council would embark on

The council would provide services such as building roads, installing electricity, water and sewerage and improve recreational facilities in the township

However, he warned stand-owners to meet their obligations by way of paying for the services, adding, failure to do so might result in the council stopping the facilities

He explained that failure to pay often resulted in the expropriation of properties in accordance with the prescribed legal actions

The council had not expropriated land from the owners, and instead the land had been sub-divided and sold on freehold basis to the residents

McCamel promised to convene a meeting of residents at his church on November 29

Ikoza faces blackout

Electricity will be cut off unless residents pay bills by tomorrow

By Lulama Luti

THE whole of Tokoza will be plunged into darkness if residents fail to pay their electricity bills by tomorrow.

According to notices issued to residents, the nearby Alberton Town Council said it would discontinue the supply of electricity to the entire township if "insufficient money" was collected by December 1.

This warning comes after lengthy discussions between the Tokoza Civic Association, the Alberton and Tokoza town councils, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Tokoza Local Dispute Resolution Committee. It also comes two weeks after power was cut off in the township.

Earlier this year the Alberton council, which is the bulk supplier of electricity to Tokoza, agreed to restore electricity if the Tokoza council paid an outstanding electricity bill of R2,2 million.

Several calls Soudien 30/11/92

A further deal that was entered into in July stated that electricity supply on a 24-hour basis would be provided on condition community organisations advised residents to pay their accounts.

However, despite several calls to residents by the LDRC to pay for electricity consumed, it was learnt that by Tuesday last week residents were still not paying enough money to cover the costs of the electricity being supplied.

Boycott threat

Over taxi killings

Councils urged to end violence:

By Lulama Luti

THE KwaThema and Springs town councils as well as the Transvaal Provincial Administration have been given until December 4 to end the violence or face a consumer boycott.

The chairman of the KwaThema Civic Association, Mr Kenny Madalane, said if concrete steps to stop the violence had not been taken by the stipulated date, the community would embark on a consumer boycott.

The killings have claimed the lives of 65 people. Soudien 30/11/92

This decision follows a protest march to the local police station and a subsequent sit-in at the council offices on Saturday.

Nylostroom has changed forever

Even CP leader Andries Treurnicht had to admit that last Saturday's unprecedented march through

Nylostroom was a triumph for the ANC.
By **JAN TALJAARD**

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THE crowd that marched through Nylostroom last Saturday numbered no more than 1 200. But — both the marchers and their rightwing opponents agreed — it had a profound impact on this northern Transvaal town.

"Today we have changed Nylostroom forever," one of the marchers announced in front of the police station. "This is a victory."

He had support from an unlikely source. Earlier, Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht had arrived at the police station, delivering his own letter of protest. Claiming that the permission given for the march constituted an injustice to the white community, he also called the march "a triumph for the African National Congress."

No, it was neither a triumph nor a victory, countered Jan Thubakgale, general secretary for the civics in the Waterberg Zone and publicity officer of the nearby Warmbaths Civic Association. "The day we are able to march through Nylostroom, Warmbaths or Potgietersrus with just five policemen to monitor the situation, then it will be a victory," he said.

A rightwing threat to the march was contained by well-planned action by police, who virtually outnumbered the marchers. This included visits to prominent rightwingers in the area on the evening before the march, and roadblocks all around town. More than 200 rightwingers from out of town were eventually turned away at the barriers.

With the rightwing threat neutralised, the marchers handed a list of 14 local and four national demands to the local commander of police, demanding, among other things, the immediate publication of a list of names of the



Lawnmower man. Suburban Saturday activities ground to a halt as residents looked on in amazement

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like to live and be an ANC activist in communities where the word "baas" is still a standard form of address.

Since last year, Thubakgale has spearheaded several applications for marches in Warmbaths. The first application, in May last year, was refused on the grounds of what seems to be a technicality: it was submitted too late.

A subsequent application for a picket protest was also turned down, this time the town council of Warmbaths was regarded as always, a way for the idea of a code of conduct — the idea of a code of conduct — to discipline backing —

Increasingly pragmatic as the economy totters on the brink of disaster, even hard-line conservatives in the business community are known to have voted "yes" in this year's referendum. It was their influence that cleared the way for the march in Nylostroom and another in Warmbaths. In Naboomspruit, however, the threat failed and a boycott will begin next month.

After talks between the Warmbaths Civic and ministerial officials, Warmbaths even got a ministerial order by which will talk to the people of the area. In the meantime, the area is being viewed as a positive step towards development.

Hotels and public telephones in the hotels are not always accessible to everyone. Inquiries by a black man at just about any of the numerous resorts in the Waterberg area will be met with the curt reply that the resort is fully booked. Farm labourers with years of service are flocking to squatter camps without any compensation after the drought has put paid to their services.

In an environment like this, the outcast will sometimes find strange ways of surviving. With the arrival of the winter, the area is being viewed as a positive step towards development. In the meantime, the area is being viewed as a positive step towards development.