

LOCKED OUT Children Protest

ON MONDAY 28 members of the Bonteheuwel childrens club marched into the City Council's office and called for an explanation "Why was the community Centre Hall locked on the afternoon we booked it." This was the second time in a month that the council had made the mistake.

From the start of the children's project, the members had this problem.

The day before the official opening of the children's group they were informed that the hall was not available. The opening was held outside as it was too late to inform the children.

The next time the children were locked

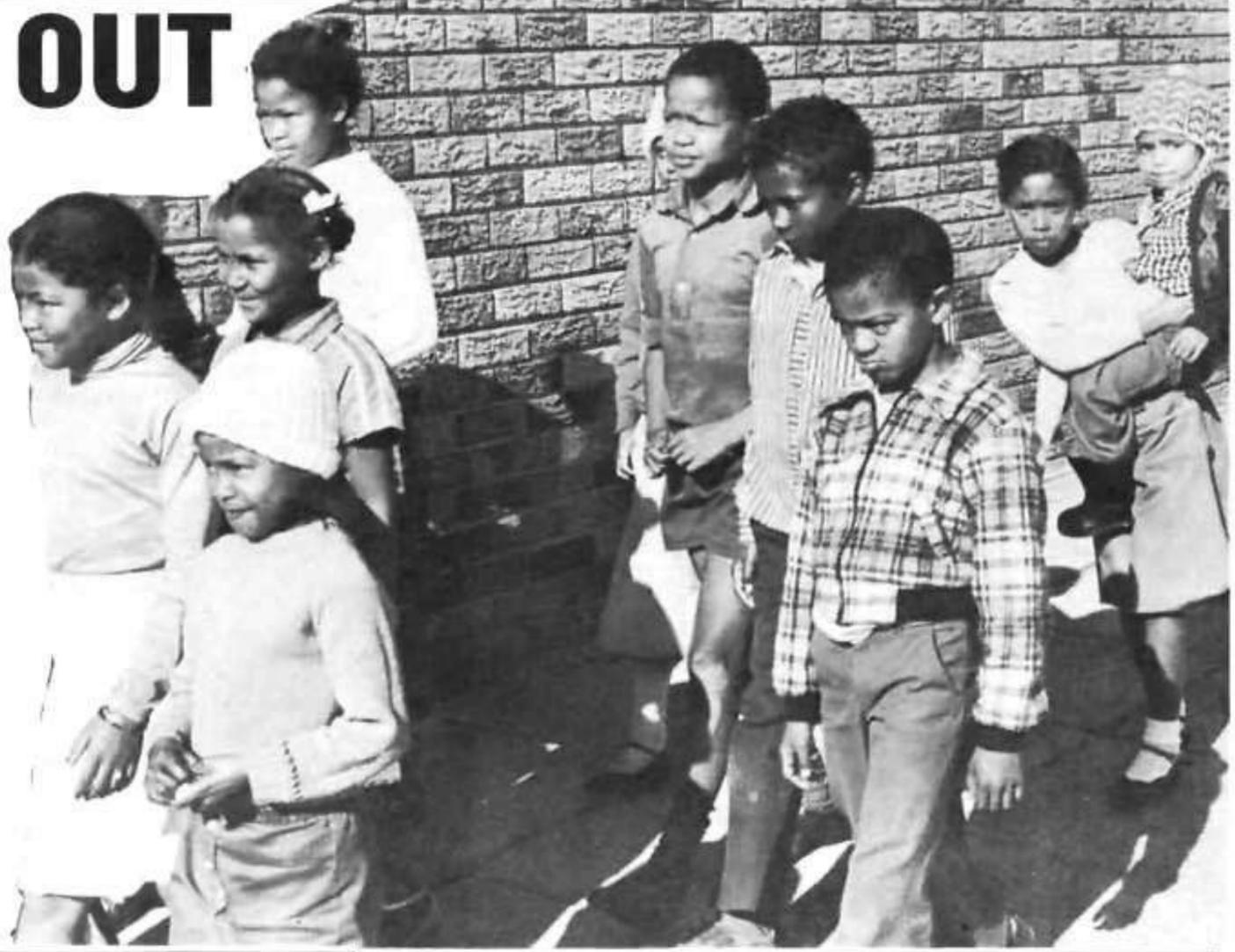
out they went to the council and asked for an explanation.

The council admitted to making a mistake and assured the group that this would not happen again.

Two weeks later the hall was locked again. On Monday morning many members of the group marched into the Council's office. The housing director was called.

Once again Council admitted their mistake and promised that it would not happen again.

Although the children were not satisfied with the explanation they left with the satisfaction that council had apologised publically.



Bellville South in concert



MORE than 100 excited residents attended a concert organised by the Bellville South Housing Action Committee on July 2 (Saturday).

They reacted positively to the highlight of the evening, the play called "Remake the World".

The basic conditions in the area were reflected in the play. One of the aspects focussed on was the inconvenience caused by the lack of bathrooms.

Four children fought each other because they only had one candle and all had to finish their homework.

concert

"Ja, dis waar," said one mother in the audience. "My kinders stry ook so oor kerse as hulle huiswerk moet doen."

Said another: "Nou verstaan ek wat die komitee probeer doen in die area en nou sal ek ook saamwerk."

The chairman of BSHAC said in a speech that it was important to be organised.

He called on the residents of "Tupperware and Sement Dam" to become actively invol-

ved in organising around their problems.

Jy, Mnr en Mev. is die een wat hier sit en sukkel vir 21 jaarlank. So gaan ons nog 'n 100 jaar wag voordat ons iets doen daaromtrent. Nee, ek is nie bereid om so voor te gaan nie. Elkeen wat so voel moet saamstaan en saamwerk."

The committee is very active in the area. A baby competition will be held on July 31 in the St. John's Anglican Church Hall.

Woodlands fights sand

"It is very unhealthy for our children to play in the sand because they pick up all kinds of germs and sicknesses."

This is what a Woodlands mother said about the sand and mud problem in the area.

She added that the sand indirectly placed an additional financial burden on the residents.

"We must wash the children's clothing over and over again," she said.

"This means we have to spend more money on washing powder, water and electricity."

Petition

In the past month the Woodlands Action Committee (WAC) have held five house meetings to discuss the sand/mud issue. Residents agreed that the problem affected all people in the area and that a petition and memorandum should be drawn up.

WAC will be having more house meetings to discuss the problems. They ask residents to give their homes for the meetings (when the committee comes around).



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