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Indians in fear of racist attacks

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Thirty Indian families in Welkom's all-white residential areas are living in fear of right-wing harassment.

A frightened businessman, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Star that in the past two weeks there had been an upsurge in harassment of Indians.

Two days before Christmas, Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) stickers were plastered on the doors of six Indian homes. Every time the stickers were removed they were replaced, he said.

At about 2 am on New Year's Day, right-wingers threw fishing sinkers at the windows of four family homes.

"I'm afraid it's going to get worse."

Most of the families were afraid to take up the issue because they were contravening the Group Areas Act, he said.

"Families have reported the racial incidents to the police, but we are in a tight spot. It may mean that we will be evicted from our premises. Since most of us are businessmen, it means we could lose our livelihood. On the other hand, we cannot remain silent if our lives are in danger."

MURMURINGS

Two years ago, when Indian families moved to Welkom, there were murmurings among members of the white community, but never serious enough to warrant attacks on the families, he said.

"There were complaints about different races living next to each other. I can live with complaints, but harassment is altogether a different issue."

He said that previously they had lived on isolated farms.

"However, in the past six months, a number of us have moved to town. I think we are more conspicuous and this may be the reason for the attacks."

Another victim of two right-wing attacks said: "I don't know what to do. There are a few of us living here and we're scared stiff."

"A week ago AWB stickers were plastered on my front door. My neighbour, who is white, tore them down. We get along with our white neighbours but obviously some people want to stir trouble."

In another attack, on New Year's Day, three of his windows were broken when fishing sinkers were thrown at them.

Free State police comment could not be obtained last night.

Estate agents seek abolition of group areas

THE SA Institute of Estate Agents is to ask government to abolish the Group Areas Act.

Executive director Jan van der Merwe said yesterday the organisation's executive committee would invite government representatives to a meeting "shortly". He declined to give details.

The institute's policy was to serve the public, and it sought to promote the free enterprise system and the rights of all.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said government would consider the institute's request

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for a meeting.

JH Isaacs Property Management (Tvl), which collects rent on 30 000 properties each month, would like to see the Act scrapped "as soon as possible", MD Peter Holling said yesterday.

I Kuper MD Ronnie Sevitz said his company was instructed by clients whether or not to open their flats to everyone, but fear of having a licence revoked was a major factor preventing landlords from doing this.

Meanwhile, Actstop plans an all-out

campaign against the Act this year.

Actstop Mayfair committee chairman Cassim Saloojee said yesterday the organisation, which monitors and opposes forced removals under the Act, hoped to spearhead a "fierce" campaign which would allow people to live "normal lives on a non-discriminatory basis". (84)

DP co-leader Denis Worrall said the Group Areas Act and other discriminatory legislation had to go. "Seen against the pace of change in Eastern Europe, SA cannot continue at an ox-wagon rate," he said yesterday.

'Hitmen' hired to patrol flats, says Actstop

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Men living in single-sex hostels in Johannesburg and probably employed by private security firms, are being hired as hit squads to patrol "troublesome" blocks of flats in the city, Actstop warned yesterday.

A spokesman for the organisation said it appeared incidents where tenants had been beaten up if they did not comply with landlords' demands, involved paid vigilantes from hostels run by Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Disturbing indications were that the Inkatha/United Democratic Front dispute which has been raging in Natal was being introduced in Johannesburg, he said.

"It appears these hostel vigilantes are becoming the third force in this city and the hit squad has already been in action in Midhill Gardens, Manhattan and Stanhope Mansions in the last two months and now Goldway Mansions on the corner of Gold and Jeppe streets, where tenants and their landlord Mrs Baby Naidoo are locked in dispute.

Terrorised

"Tenants reported they had been terrorised for four hours on Thursday night by thugs who had kicked down doors and had beaten residents with hammers, crowbars, and knobkieries," he said.

Fearing a repeat of last week's attack, residents were forming a "defence committee" to protect tenants' lives.

Mrs Naidoo refused to comment and referred calls to her lawyer whom she failed to name.

Police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe called on Actstop and the affected tenants to lay a charge as the matter was "something for the Security Police".

Mr A Hartwig, senior provincial administration officer, said about 10 500 single men were housed in the George Goch hostel in Benrose (3103), Wolhuter (3131), Denver 3521) and Master Builders' Association hostels.

Most of the men hired the premises individually but some were paid for by the businesses which employed them.

The hostels were policed by the TPA security force housed at Jubilee but this only applied to cases where there was internal trouble or fighting, Mr Hartwig said.

Own Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG. —
The Transvaal Education
Department (TED) has
removed desks and other

equipment from Berea's Barnato Park High School
— formerly Johannesburg Girls' High — which
opens its doors as a privately run non-racial co-
educational school next Wednesday.

The 102-year-old school was closed as a govern-
ment school in December last year because of the
dwindling number of white pupils. The government
refused requests to open the school to all races.

Yesterday TED deputy director Mr Ken Paine said
the TED had not removed everything from the
school. Certain furniture and textbooks had been
leased to the Barnato Park board of trustees.

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**TED removes desks
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Education director and
consultant to the board
of trustees Mr Grant Nu-
pen confirmed that the
equipment had been

leased. He said there was nothing sinister about the
TED removing equipment as this had been agreed
on.

Mr Nupen said the school would open its doors to
250 pupils in standards 6, 7 and 8.

He said none of the 12 teachers had been teaching
at the school previously. As pupils were still regis-
tering it was difficult to say how many of them had
stayed on from last year.

Mr Nupen said it was hoped the premises would
also be used by organisations serving the commu-
nity living near the school.

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No. 5, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED KRAGTENS DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE ZASTRON, DISTRIK ZASTRON, PROVINSIE DIE ORANJE-VRYSTAAT

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfde dag van Desember Eenduisend Nege-honderd Nege-en-tag-tig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

**BYLAE
GEKLEURDE GROEP**

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 369/1989 in sy geheel, synde 'n gedeelte van die Restant van die plaas Verlies Fontein 354, administratiewe distrik Zastron.

No. 6, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 189 VAN 1969 EN DIE GEDEELTELIKE INTREKING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 190 VAN 1969 INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE DEVLAND, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966)—

- A. wysig ek Proklamasie No. 189 van 1969 deur die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van daardie Proklamasie; en
- B. word Proklamasie No. 190 van 1969 ingetrek, vir sover die betrekking het op die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie.

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No. 5, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA UNDER THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT ZASTRON, DISTRICT OF ZASTRON, PROVINCE OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 369/1989 in its entirety, being a portion of the Remainder of the farm Verlies Fontein 354, Administrative District of Zastron.

No. 6, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 189 OF 1969 AND THE PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF PROCLAMATION No. 190 OF 1969 IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT DEVLAND, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby—

- A. amend Proclamation No. 189 of 1969 to exclude the area defined in the Schedule to this Proclamation from the area defined in the Schedule to that Proclamation; and
- B withdraw Proclamation No. 190 of 1969 in so far as it applies to the area defined in the Schedule to this Proclamation.

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BYLAE

'n Sekere stuk grond synde 'n proklamasiegebied oor gedeeltes van die plase Goudkoppie 317 IQ, Misgund 322 IQ en Olifantsvlei 316 IQ in die provinsie Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldia-gram A 3806/89.

No. 7, 1990

INSTELLING VAN 'N VRYHANDELSGEBIED Kragtens die BEPALINGS VAN ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON), DISTRIK VENTERSDORP, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, die bepalinge van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geokkupeer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegkema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dié gebied in werking of bindend is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfde dag van Desember Eenduisend Negehonderd Nege-en-tag-tig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE**VRYHANDELSGEBIED: SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON)**

Begin by die noordwestelike baken van Erf 524 in die dorp Rodeon (Algemene Plan A 2133/22); daarvan dan ooswaarts en suidwaarts met die grense van die volgende erwe langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Erf 524 en Erwe 523, 526, 527 en 530, tot by die suidoostelike baken van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan in 'n reguit lyn oor Jan van Riebeeckstraat tot by Baken E op Kaart A 1953/53 van die Restant van Erf 493, groot 1 529 vierkante meter; daarvandaan ooswaarts met die grense van die volgende eiendom langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Restant van Erf 493, Gedeelte 9 van genoemde Erf 493 (Kaart A 1950/53) en Gedeelte 10 van laasgenoemde erf (Kaart A 1951/53), tot by die noordoostelike baken van laasgenoemde eiendom; daarvandaan in 'n reguit lyn oor Gedeelte 6 van genoemde Erf 493 (Kaart A 1947/53) tot by die noordwestelike baken van Gedeelte 8 van laasgenoemde erf (Kaart A 1949/53); daarvandaan suidooswaarts met die noordoostelike grens van genoemde Gedeelte 8 van genoemde Erf 493 langs tot by punt b op genoemde Kaart A 1949/53 van genoemde Gedeelte 8 van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan suidwaarts met die middel van die Elandsrivier langs tot by punt c op Kaart A 1948/53 van Gedeelte 7 van genoemde Erf 493; daarvandaan algemeen weswaarts met die grense van die volgende eiendom langs sodat hulle by hierdie

SCHEDULE

A certain area of land, being a proclamation area over portions of the farms Goudkoppie 317 IQ, Misgund 322 IQ and Olifantsvlei 316 IQ in the Province of the Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A 3806/89.

No. 7, 1990

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966 AT SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON), DISTRICT VENTERSDORP, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town-planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in that area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

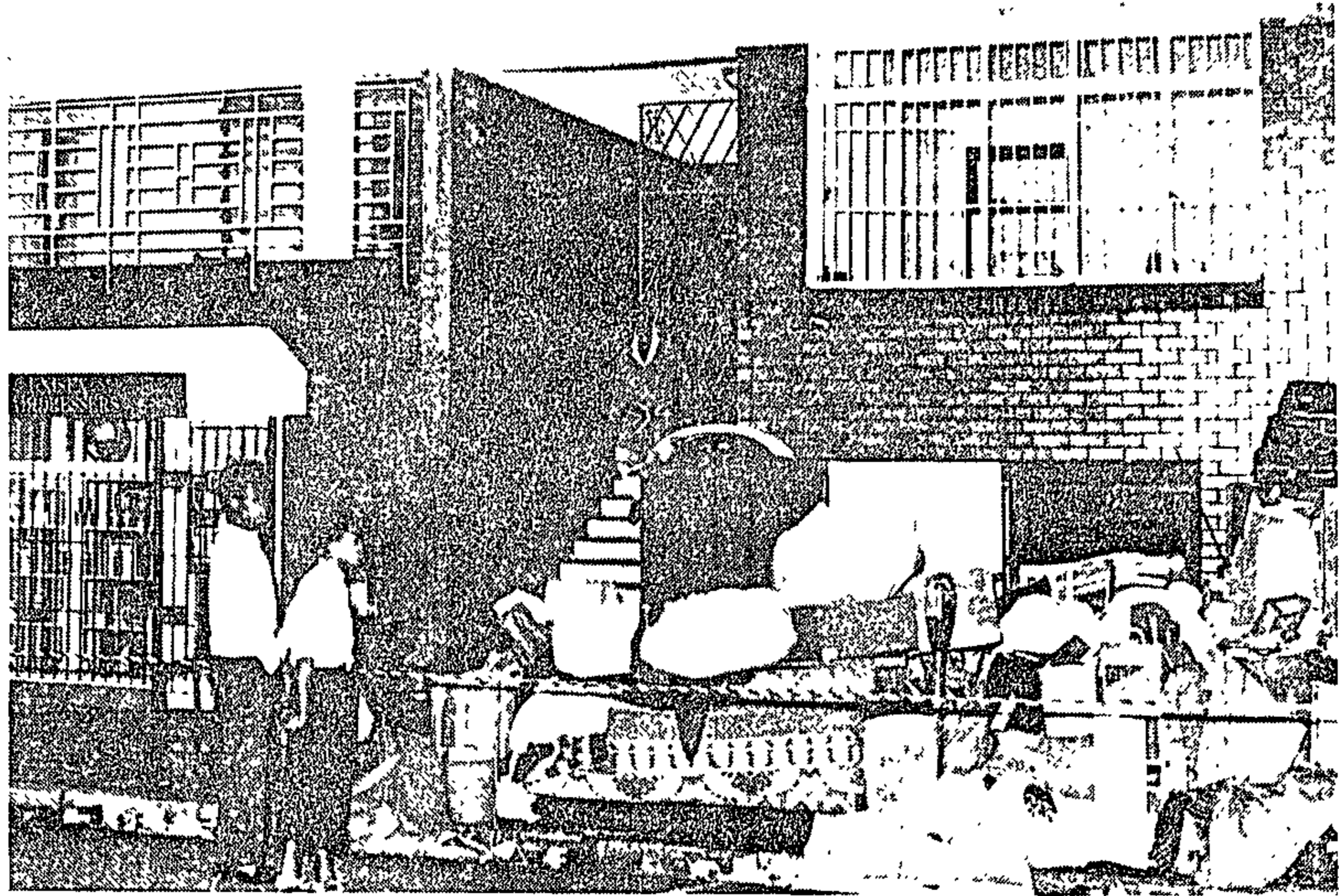
By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

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SCHEDULE**FREE TRADING AREA: SWARTRUGGENS (RODEON)**

Beginning at the north-western beacon of Erf 524 in the Township of Rodeon (General Plan A 2133/22); thence eastwards and southwards along the boundaries of the following erven, so as to include them in this area: The said Erf 524 and Erven 523, 526, 527 and 530, to the south-eastern beacon of the last-mentioned erf; thence in a straight line across Jan van Riebeeck Street to Beacon E on Diagram A 1953/53 of the Remainder of Erf 493, in extent 1 529 square metres; thence eastwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area: The said Remainder of Erf 493, Portion 9 of the said Erf 493 (Diagram A 1950/53) and Portion 10 of the last-mentioned erf (Diagram A 1951/53), to the north-easternmost beacon of the last-mentioned property; thence in a straight line across Portion 6 of the said Erf 493 (diagram A 1947/53) to the north-western beacon of Portion 8 of the last-mentioned erf (Diagram A 1949/53); thence south-eastwards along the north-eastern boundary of the said Portion 8 of the said Erf 493 to point b on the said Diagram A 1949/53 of the said Portion 8 of the last-mentioned erf; thence southwards along the middle of the Elands River, to point C on Diagram A 1948/53 of Portion 7 of the said Erf 493; thence generally westwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area:

Actstop to launch mass action



Fifty-two Hillbrow residents were this week evicted from Heathgate residential block and had their belongings dumped on the pavement. Actstop, the organisation for the so-called illegal tenants living in "white" areas, resolved at a meeting this week to intensify the fight against the exploitation of "illegals".

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Low-cost homes plan 'malicious'

By Helen Grange

The Boksburg Town Council is to decide this week whether to press on with a plan to create low-cost, predominantly black housing in the free settlement area of Windmill Park.

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There have already been hundreds of applications from black council workers for housing, and Mr Ferreira said he would "personally subsidise" houses for four of his black employees.

Homes in March

He said the council had options on 12 stands and planned to buy more. Up to 150 workers and their families could begin moving into Windmill Park by March.

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"I have already had several phone calls from Indians living there. They must accept blacks into their fold in the spirit of Government reform."

Asked if the council move was not a forced attempt to mould the area into a black township, Mr Ferreira replied: "The Government forced a free settlement area on us."

Tremendous demand

The council's move has met with a volley of criticism from the recently-formed Windmill Park management committee and an estate agent operating in the area.

"The plan is motivated by malice, and the intention is to create a slum to discredit the concept of free settlement areas," said Mr Mannetjies Ford of Ford Estate Agents.

He said any plans for development by the council would have to be approved by the Windmill Park management committee.

"There is no way we will approve low-cost housing. Our objective is to maintain the standard of housing already in existence. The council can easily find cheaper accommodation for workers in Vosloorus."

Mr Ford said there had been a tremendous demand for stands and houses in Windmill Park, mostly by Indians.

Seven stands had been sold to blacks and nine to coloureds. And a number of mixed families were moving in. Apart from seven white families already there, no others had bought land.

"We don't appreciate Mr Ferreira trying to frighten people off their land in fear of the suburb becoming a slum. This is not going to happen," said Mr Ford.

Doubts surface over black rights to buy property

Johannesburg set to become free trade area

Municipal Reporter

The whole of Johannesburg is expected soon to become a free trade area after a decision by the city's management committee, but doubts were raised yesterday whether the decision would legally entitle blacks to buy property in white group areas.

On Monday night the committee, acting on a Government request, decided to ask for council approval at next week's meeting for blacks to trade or own business premises anywhere in the city.

Since February 1986, Johannesburg's CBD bounded by Noord Street and the motorways has been open to all races for trading, commercial, professional, educational and religious purposes.

If approved by the council, this would be extended to the entire municipal trading area.

And, said the management committee chairman, Mr Jan Burger, "quite a number of residential" areas were now being considered for free settlement status.

The latest move puts Johannesburg ahead of every other municipality in South Africa, said National Party chief whip Mr Hein Kruger.

However, Democratic Party city councillor Mr Clive Gilbert accused the ruling Na-

tional Party of ignorance of the law, challenging Mr Kruger to withdraw his claim that this meant blacks could own property in white group areas.

Estate agent Mr Gilbert said free trade areas allowed blacks to rent but not buy business property and he personally had handled numerous cases where offers to purchase by blacks had been lost.

"All this means is the scrapping of the permit system and the need to do business shielded by nominees."

Residential areas

Democratic Party council leader Mr Ian Davidson welcomed the move, saying it was an indictment of the National Party council that the initiative had come from the Government.

"It is to be hoped on council initiative the next move will be to desegregate all residential areas throughout the city," he said.

Mr Burger did not expect a rush for business premises as many blacks had been trading in white areas since the turn of the century.

Mr Kruger said the most immediate outcome would be to cut red tape, but since the main pressure was on the CBD, prices were unlikely to rise substantially in the satellite areas.

The Conservative Party in the city council said it was opposed to the opening of trading areas.

The Central Business District Association welcomed the move, but chairman Mr Nigel Mandy cautioned that it would be necessary to introduce some transitional arrangements in "black" areas within council jurisdiction.

This should merely be a move to provide interim protection for disadvantaged black businessmen who had been restricted to their own areas.

"We do not want to wipe out much of the entrepreneurial class that has been built up under adverse conditions," he said.

He predicted the latest decision would lead to the scrapping of apartheid in residential areas.

"There is some merit in the controversial free settlement areas as the transitional process leading to the opening of all residential areas, with Lenasia and Soweto remaining largely Indian and black towns.

"Then we need to see an end to the Separate Amenities Act where the only criterion will be to keep the place clean, finally getting away from race," Mr Mandy said.

Generally, moves to desegregate had reflected realities as they had been introduced when desegregation was already a *fait accompli*, Mr Mandy said.

Tukkies row over mixed residences

A group of students at the University of Pretoria were yesterday prevented from distributing pamphlets protesting against the opening of Tukkies residences to all races.

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CAP-TINTS 24/1/90

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He said any council plans for development would have to be approved by the Windmill Park management committee.

"There is no way we will approve low-cost housing. Our objective is to maintain the standard of housing already in existence. The council can easily find cheaper accommodation for workers in Vosloorus."

Ford said there had

been a tremendous demand for stands and houses in the area, mostly by Indians.

Seven stands had been sold to blacks and nine to coloureds. And a number of mixed families were moving in. Apart from seven white families already there, no others had bought land.

"We do not appreciate Ferreira trying to frighten people off their land in fear of the suburb becoming a slum. This is not going to happen," said Ford.

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Opening of city trading is welcomed

NEIL YORKE SMITH

REPRESENTATIVES of black and white business groups have welcomed the move to open Johannesburg as a free trade area.

However, the move was long overdue and should be viewed as only a small step towards general freedom in deciding where to trade and live, they said.

Anglo director and president of the new SA Chamber of Business Les Boyd said yesterday he welcomed the move as yet another step towards the complete normalisation of our society.

Boyd said it was unlikely any dramatic changes would immediately result.

"Business is not an overnight phenomenon, rather it tends to develop and evolve," he said.

"I see the move as the kind of evolutionary change which is needed to optimise business development in this country."

Top black businessman and Nafcoc founder Richard Maponya also welcomed the move. "Trade should be free for any entrepreneur wherever he can make a profit," he said.

Maponya said it had taken a long time to make the decision. "Before, we were living under abnormal conditions where one trading party was protected and the other prejudiced."

"I believe the move will contribute to the spirit of the new SA of which the state president has spoken," he added.

"It is right that people of all colours should at least have a hope that they will also have a slice of the economic cake," Maponya said.

Johannesburg CBD Association founder-chairman Nigel Mandy said the opening of facilities was always welcome.

"I stress, though, that this depends on how other things are relaxed," he added.

"The opening of free trade areas does not in any way detract from the group areas problem, where blacks have to 'trek' back to Soweto every night to live," Mandy said.

African Business Publications MD Sy Kutemale said it made little sense to open some areas but not go all the way.

"Also, other constraints besides non-free trading areas have restricted black businessmen," he said.

"These include problems which have become entrenched like lack of capital and reduced competitiveness which resulted from apartheid business laws," he added.

"Blacks do not need the hassles of petty laws and prejudices when many problems could be solved by government's throwing everything open to trade and residence," he said.

'n reguit lyn oor Sondergaardstraat, Lot 359, in 'n reguit lyn oor 'n Steeg, Lotte 352 en 351, in 'n reguit lyn oor Moodiestraat en Kingsweg, Lotte 340 en 339, in 'n reguit lyn oor 'n Steeg, Lotte 326, 325, 324 en 323, in 'n reguit lyn oor Alexandrastraat, en Lotte 322, 321, 320, 319 en 318 tot by die noordelike baken van laasgenoemde lot, die beginpunt.

No. 9, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 189 VAN 1969 EN DIE VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIED, 1966, TE ST MARTIN'S TRUST, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek Proklamasie No. 189 van 1969 deur die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van daardie Proklamasie; en

kragtens artikel 23 van die genoemde Wet verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van die publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfte dag van Desember Eenduisend Nege-honderd Nege-en-tag-tig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

KLEURLINGGROEPSGEBIED

Begin by die noordelike baken van Gedeelte 8 (Kaart 1212/94) van die plaas Misgund 322 IQ; daarvan dan suid-ooswaarts met die noordelike grense van die volgende gedeeltes langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Gedeelte 8 en Restant van Gedeelte 80, groot 2,2167 ha (Kaart A 14/42), tot by die oostelike baken van genoemde Gedeelte 80; daarvan dan verder suid-ooswaarts met die noordoostelike grens van Gedeelte 119 langs tot by die suidelike baken van Restant van Gedeelte 5, groot 201,6212 ha (Kaart 1045/94); daarvan dan suidwaarts oor genoemde Gedeelte 119 (Kaart A 4065/46) en Gedeelte 118 (Kaart A 4066/46) tot by die noordoostelike baken van Restant van Gedeelte 38, groot 7,7648 ha (Kaart 688/97); daarvan dan suidwaarts met die oostelike grense van genoemde Restant van Gedeelte 38 en Gedeelte 173 (Kaart A 7663/86) langs tot by die suidelike baken van laasgenoemde gedeelte; daarvan dan in 'n reguit lyn oor Gedeelte 62 (Kaart A 1592/11) en Gedeelte 46 (Kaart 298/98) tot by die noordelike baken van Gedeelte 169 (Kaart A 7659/86); daarvan dan suidwaarts met die westelike grense van die volgende gedeeltes langs sodat hulle uit hierdie gebied uitgesluit word: Genoemde Gedeelte 169 en Gedeelte 167 (Kaart A 7657/86), Gedeelte 162 (Kaart A 7652/86), Gedeelte 168 (Kaart A 7658/86), Gedeelte 166 (Kaart A 7656/86) en Gedeelte 164 (Kaart A 7654/86), tot by die westelike baken van laasgenoemde gedeelte; daarvan dan algemeen weswaarts met die noordelike grens van die Nasionale Pad aangedui met bakens L152, L151, L150, L149, L148, L147, L146, L145 en L144, tot by baken

gaard Street, Lot 359, in a straight line across a Lane, Lots 352 and 351, in a straight line across Moodie Street and Kings Way, Lots 340 and 339, in a straight line across a Lane, Lots 326, 325, 324 and 323, in a straight line across Alexandra Street, and Lots 322, 321, 320, 319 and 318 to the northernmost beacon of the last-mentioned lot, the point of beginning.

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under section 23 of the said Act I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured Group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP AREA

Beginning at the northernmost beacon of Portion 8 (Diagram 1212/94) of the farm Misgund 322 IQ; thence south-eastwards along the north-eastern boundaries of the following portions so as to include them in this area: The said Portion 8 and Remainder of Portion 80, in extent 2,2167 ha (Diagram A 14/42), to the easternmost beacon of the said Portion 80; thence further south-eastwards along the north-eastern boundary of Portion 119 to the southernmost beacon of Remainder of Portion 5, in extent 201,6212 ha (Diagram 1045/94); thence southwards across the said Portion 119 (Diagram A 4065/46) and Portion 118 (Diagram A 4066/46), to the north-eastern beacon of Remainder of Portion 38, in extent 7,7648 ha (Diagram 688/97); thence southwards along the eastern boundaries of the said Remainder of Portion 38 and Portion 173 (Diagram A 7663/86), to the southernmost beacon of the last-mentioned portion, thence in a straight line across Portion 62 (Diagram A 1592/11) and Portion 46 (Diagram 298/98), to the northernmost beacon of Portion 169 (Diagram A 7659/86); thence southwards along the western boundaries of the following portions so as to exclude them from this area: The said Portion 169 and Portion 167 (Diagram A 7657/86), Portion 162 (Diagram A 7652/86), Portion 168 (Diagram A 7658/86), Portion 166 (Diagram A 7656/86) and Portion 164 (Diagram A 7654/86), to the westernmost beacon of the last-mentioned portion; thence generally westwards along the northern boundary of the National Road marked with

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If all goes well this recommendation should be approved by the full City Council next Tuesday, after which the Government's permission under Section 19 of the Group Areas Act should be a mere formality.

The "open trading" proclamation now sought would allow persons who are not white to own shops and also — very importantly — to carry on commercial, professional, educational and religious activities anywhere within the municipal area, provided that the premises in question are zoned appropriately under the municipal town planning scheme, and subject to the normal laws governing nuisance and improper behaviour.

Persons who are not white have always been allowed to shop in "white" areas, and to work there in subordinate positions.

Black staff and customers are numerous, so the ban on ownership has had minimal effect in reducing the numbers of other races present. It can be explained by a selfish and short-sighted desire to maintain white privilege.

Group Areas proclamations of the 1950s included virtually all significant business and industrial premises in "white" group areas, where ownership or occupation by persons of other race groups was prohibited.

Fortunately this unjust restriction is now in the process of being overruled by free market pressures in a society whose diverse peoples are all bound together in a symbiotic relationship.

From the late 1970s onwards the process of bending, stretching and avoiding previously rigid laws gained momentum, particularly in Johannesburg's central business district and the other major metropolitan cores.

A long-standing battle was won on February 21 1986 when the factual situation developing in Johannesburg's Central Business District was legalised by an open trading proclamation under Section 19.

The result has demonstrated in a highly satisfactory manner that allowing people to come together is much better than trying to force them apart.

The City Council took the process further last year with the opening of municipal facilities and swimming pools.

Hopefully its application for a permit to desegregate the city's bus service will be granted by the Local Road Transportation Board next week.

Right-wing objections to relaxation of discriminatory measures may be classified under several headings, viz.

● That whites are being crowded out.

But the fact is that more than three quarters of the population of this metropolis are not white.

That proportion is enlarging even as their skills and aspirations increase and their cultural differences diminish in an urban environment. Complaints about declining standards ought to be met by improved city housekeeping and management,

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But the right to own property and to run a business or to conduct a profession ought never to have been removed from people of other races. Therefore we are not considering a removal of white rights, but rather a restoration of stolen rights to persons of other races.

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But many activities require multiracial participation, and are best situated in areas which are presently regarded as white.

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● That this is the thin edge of the wedge for removal of residential restrictions.

But the authorities are coming to realise that, especially in the large cities, residential restrictions are eroding under irresistible demographic pressures.

That is a separate issue, which will probably be addressed by the incremental proclamation of free settlement areas as a prelude to repeal of the Act. Eventually the creation and maintenance of ethnic or cultural enclaves must come to be done through natural social processes, not by discriminatory laws.

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Reforms fail to axe the root of apartheid

The gradual legal transformation of Johannesburg into a desegregated society has had little impact on the city's residents and workers — who in reality, have long ignored petty apartheid.

This is the view of organisations representing the city's black residents, who claim that past changes to the city's by-laws have only had "pinprick" effects on their lives.

In addition, the city council's pronouncements last year that Johannesburg's public amenities were open to all races have in some cases still not been put

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into practice.

The use of public buses by blacks have occasionally sparked racial incidents, according to Johannesburg's acting Director of Transport, Mr Gert Tighy. This was because the legal machinery to enforce the council's directive had not yet been put in motion.

The Local Road Transporta-

tion Board was still to hear applications by the Johannesburg Transport Department and Putco to desegregate bus routes, and the buses would be "legally" opened within the first week of February.

He added however, that some 4 000 to 5 000 blacks were already using white buses daily and a handful of whites, mainly students, were traveling on the lower tariff black buses.

But, "in view of the situation which had developed over the years", no sudden rush was expected when desegregation was officially implemented.

While swimming pools and recreation centres have been declared open for months in the city, regular patrons to these amenities have experienced no dramatic changes.

Apart from the absence of any rush by blacks into swimming pools and recreation centres, many of these facilities have allowed admittance by all races for years.

For the victims of lingering apartheid laws in Johannesburg, only the scrapping of the Group Areas Act will alleviate daily hardships.

The city council's latest re-

form move — a decision to open the whole of Johannesburg to free trade — has met with tentative approval.

"This step has no bearing on the vast majority of black people living in the inner city areas. Most of these people cannot afford businesses at all, particularly with exploitative rentals and other costs", said Mr Tighy.

"These changes are relatively insignificant as long as the Government refuses to abolish the Group Areas Act," said Mr-Cas Coovadia, publicity secretary of Actstop, an organisation representing city tenants.

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WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 242 VAN 1970 EN DIE VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE DEVON, DISTRIK NIGEL, PROVINIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek Proklamasie No. 242 van 1970 deur die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van daardie Proklamasie; en

kragtens artikel 23 van die genoemde Wet verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van die publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgoep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfde dag van Desember Eenduisend Negehonderd Nege-en-tagtig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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INDIËRGROEPSGEBIED

Begin by die noordelikste baken van Lot 318 in die dorp Devon (Algemene Plan A 2061/07); daarvandaan suidooswaarts met die noordoostelike grens van genoemde dorp langs, sodat dit by hierdie gebied ingesluit word, tot by die suidoostelike baken van Lot 373; daarvandaan algemeen weswaarts, noordweswaarts en noordwaarts met die grense van die volgende eienomme langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Lot 373, in 'n reguit lyn oor Halstraat, Lot 370, in 'n reguit lyn oor 'n Steeg, Lot 365, in

PROCLAMATIONS

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 8, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 242 OF 1970 AND THE DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT DEVON, DISTRICT OF NIGEL, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 242 of 1970 by excluding the area defined in the Schedule to this Proclamation from the area defined in the Schedule to that Proclamation; and

under section 23 of the said Act I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

Beginning at the northernmost beacon of Lot 318 in the township of Devon (General Plan A 2061/07); thence south-eastwards along the north-eastern boundary of the said township, so as to include it in this area, to the south-eastern beacon of Lot 373; thence generally westwards, north-westwards and northwards along the boundaries of the following properties, so as to include them in this area: The said Lot 373, in a straight line across Hal Street, Lot 370, in a straight line across a Lane, Lot 365, in a straight line across Sonder-

Sandton may seek 'open' status

THE Sandton Town Council's management committee has resolved to conduct a referendum of registered voters in the area on whether or not to apply for the Group Areas Act to be amended to exclude Sandton.

This is according to Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Democratic Party (DP) in the Sandton Town Council.

Mr Jardine, who is also chairman of the council's Section 59 Investigation Committee into Free Settlement Areas, said that if the outcome of the referendum is positive, the management committee will petition the State President to have the Group Areas Act amended.

Mr Jardine estimated that about 80 percent of the area's registered voters would vote in favour of scrapping the Group Areas Act.

But he said: "If the outcome of the referendum is positive but the petition to the State President is unsuccessful, the management committee will instruct the Section 59 Investigation Committee to hold discussions with the Marlboro Gardens management committee, neighbouring municipalities, the Minister of

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"The point of these would be to examine and report back on the practical implications of whether or not to apply for the entire municipal area to be declared a free settlement area."

Mr Jardine said the council was totally opposed to:

- The Group Areas Act.
- The fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees.
- The current franchise provisions of Local Government Affairs in the Free Settlement Areas Act.

"The legal advice obtained and the statements of government ministers and officials indicate that there is nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to be a free settlement area," Mr Jardine said.



Mr Peter Jardine ... to hold referendum.

'But she's my wife' — Areas Act offender

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Staff Reporter

JOHANNESBURG. — A Verwoerdburg couple have been found guilty of contravening the Group Areas Act — the first "mixed" couple to be charged under the Act.

Russel Kim Reyneke, 43, of 283 Theuns van Niekerk Street, Wierda Park, Verwoerdburg was last week found guilty of allowing co-accused Minah Reyneke, 26, to occupy a house in a white group area in contravention of the Group Areas Act. Mrs Reyneke, his wife, is classified "coloured".

The couple had pleaded guilty.

They were both warned and discharged.

Married

When asked by Pretoria magistrate, Mr A C G Stander, why he had allowed Mrs Reyneke to stay in his house while he knew it was illegal, Mr Reyneke answered: "She's my wife".

The Reynekes were married on November 30, 1988 — the date when they moved into the

Wierda Park house. They have no children.

Mr Stander said the fact that the couple were married made the case different from any other tried before by the courts.

He said the court took into account that Mr Reyneke was in the process of selling his Wierda Park house and the couple planned to move to Cape Town within the next month. The court also noted that they were vacating the house to avoid committing the same offence.

He stressed, however, that the court viewed the offence in a serious light and that Mr Reyneke should arrange legal accommodation for his wife until they left Wierda Park.

Earlier, Mr Reyneke, who gave his occupation as "consultant", had pleaded in mitigation of sentence that he had put the house up for sale and would move to Cape Town in about a month.

Mr Paul Louw prosecuted, and the Reynekes conducted their own defence.

Group areas will have to go — Suzman

Staff Reporter

THE State President's intention may be to allow the Group Areas Act to erode as more free settlement areas become defined — "but this can only lead to the creation of overcrowded ghettos and tenants subjected to rack-renting landlords", according to Mrs Helen Suzman.

In her final lecture in a series of five, "highlights of a political career", at the University of Cape Town summer school last night, the veteran politician, now retired, said the only satisfactory way to deal with the Group Areas Act was "to scrap it entirely".

She believed the "death knell" of the Separate Amenities Act had already sounded.

Mrs Suzman said South Africa could only hope to take its place among the community of Western nations with the extension of the vote on the common roll to all adult South Af-

ricans, the restoration of the rule of law, and by scrapping laws that allowed detention without trial.

"HARD SLOG"

She said her years in parliament had been worthwhile, despite "the hard slog during the 13 years alone, the abuse which I have endured over the years, the frustration and the boredom and now my ultimate rejection by radicals, black and white, as a person belonging to that endangered species — the white South African liberal".

● Mrs Suzman disclosed she had dealt with the "really nasty threatening phone calls in the dark watches of the night" by blowing a very shrill whistle hard down the receiver.

Recommending the "whistle treatment" to anyone "suffering the attention of the heavy breathers", she remarked: "I've knocked out a few eardrums that way."

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Indian traders ready to return

Bid to re-create historic 14th St

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Pageview traders will follow up moves to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area by appealing to the city council to give the immediate go-ahead to re-create the 14th Street shopping strip.

Claims that blacks would not be able to own business property in free trade areas have been firmly quashed by National Party chief whip Mr. Hein Kruger, leaving the way open for Indian traders to try to acquire largely vacant council-owned land zoned for business in Pageview.

Many of the 136 shopkeepers who were forced to move to the nearby Oriental Plaza in 1976 after the area was declared a white group area would not hesitate to return to their roots, said Mr. Rashid Bulbulia.

The Pageview stalwart, who was born in 13th Street, where he still lives, and whose family traded as Job Centre in 14th Street from the turn of the century, said: "My father made 14th Street what it was, a drawcard for shoppers from all over the country and a tourist attraction."

Other shopkeepers who still live in Pageview, but who lost the fight to prevent demolition which left only 32 houses standing, also indicated they would happily return. They include Mr. Mohamed Suliman Nana

(65), who was also born in the suburb and whose family traded as Nana's in the city's renowned "Pellicot Lane" from the turn of the century. He said he had unwillingly moved to the Oriental Plaza in 1976 when the Government forced Indians out of the suburb.

Mr. Mahmood Hassan, who formerly traded as Hans Store, said a return would be an historic move for the Indians to the place set aside for them by President Paul Kruger.

Authentic

Mr. Feeraz Bulbulia said the authentic atmosphere of pavement trading from the front stoeps of houses in 14th Street had never been successfully re-created in the Oriental Plaza.

His uncle Rashid added that traders had paid dearly for the forced move from 14th Street.

Originally he paid R1 700 in rent for his plaza shop. When he refused to buy, the rent was increased to R4 500. Later he was warned by the House of Delegates that if he did not buy for R316 000, he would be evicted. Six months later, when he decided he had no alternative, the purchase price had gone up to R486 000.

The traders have obtained the backing of the Islamic Bank, headed by Mr. Ebrahim Kharsany, who said his organisation would look at such a development "very favourably".



Indian traders, who were evicted from their 14th Street shops in Pageview in 1976, met yesterday to discuss plans to appeal to Johannesburg City Council to allow them to return once the city is declared a free trade area. They include (from left) Mr. Mahmood Hassan, Mr. Rashid Bulbulia, Mr. Yunus Talia, Mr. Mohammed Nana and Mr. Feeraz Bulbulia. Picture by Ken Oosterbroek

Apartheid under fire in Transvaal

The Argus Correspondent

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Recommendation

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"But we still have the contorted logic which is that a black can work anywhere but not live there," he said.

Single tax base for Jo'burg - Actstop

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By PHANGISILE
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ACTSTOP has called for the re-unification of all Johannesburg suburbs into one city with one tax base and one democratically elected local authority.

This was among the resolutions taken at the organisation's annual

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general meeting at the weekend.

Actstop was started three years ago to fight for black tenants' rights in "white areas" and against their exploitation.

Actstop challenged the Government to provide adequate and affordable accommodation for all and to scrap the Land, Group Areas and Squatting Acts "which are responsible for over seven million South Africans being homeless".

"We call on the Government to declare a moratorium on evictions," publicity secretary Mr Cas Coovadia said.

"The lack of legal protection for black tenants against exploitation by unscrupulous landlords has resulted in the recent spate of evictions which exacerbate rather than solve tensions between tenants and landlords," he said.

"The Johannesburg City Council has in the past two months broken its own health regulations. It suspended water supplies and created a health hazard. It still refuses to enter into contracts with so-called illegal tenants. We condemn its racist refusal to contract black tenants," he said.

The meeting also slammed the decision of the Rent Board to "decontrol scores of buildings sometimes without application from landlords and following proper procedures". They called for the dissolution of the Rent Board and for a new one to be democratically elected.

Vote on group areas

The Sandton Town Council will hold a referendum within three months to determine whether its voters want the town to be exempt from group areas laws. (84) (12)

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The council wants approval for an amendment to the Group Areas Act to exclude the entire municipal area of Sandton.

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Move is intrusion — CP

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By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

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Mr Jacques Theron, leader of the CP, labelled the move an "intrusion by Government into municipal affairs, a purely political decision".

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Vryheid opens the curtains on trading

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DURBAN — Vryheid Town Council has decided that its central business district should be opened to all races, and application will be made to the Group Areas Board as soon as possible.

The decision of the nine-member council was opposed only by Mr Eben Kruger, who stood for the Conservative Party in the municipal election.

The decision was taken on the recommendation of the finance committee and had the support of

the chambers of commerce and industry and Afrikaanse Sakekamer.

The council will talk next Tuesday with representatives of the House of Delegates about the development of the proposed Indian residential area.

Vryheid has been closed for a long time to Indian residential occupation in terms of a 1927 law, but it was repealed a few years ago and the council then approved the development of an Indian suburb.

SANDTON RESIDENTS

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to vote on free settlement area

By Louise Burgers

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The Sandton Town Council will hold a referendum within three months to determine whether its voters want the Group Areas Act repealed in their entire municipal area.

Mr Peter Jardine, chairman of the Section 59 committee dealing with Free Settlement Areas, said at the council monthly meeting on Monday night that the referendum was a matter of urgency and would be held as soon as possible.

The council requires a mandate from its voters to petition the State President for an amendment to the Group Areas Act to exclude the entire municipal area from the provisions of the Act.

A date will be set for the poll and registered voters in Sandton will have to vote "yes" or "no" for an open area.

R50 000 has been set aside for the referendum. The Democratic Party is expected to campaign vigorously for a "yes" vote.

The motion tabled before the Sandton Town Council stated that it opposed the Group Areas Act; the fragmentation of Sandton into a number of free settlement areas with an attendant multiplicity of management committees; and the current franchise provisions of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

AMENDMENTS REJECTED

The recommendations dealing with the referendum were carried by 18 votes. Independent councillor, Mrs Elizabeth Clogg and DP councillor, Mrs Hazel Egdes-Schochet abstained. Two amendments proposed by them were rejected.

Mrs Clogg believed a referendum was unnecessary and suggested the council petition the State President directly.

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Perry Oertel, said residents wanted to be consulted and a mandate from voters would place the council in a stronger position to negotiate.

According to the Section 59 committee report on free settlement areas also released on Monday, all residential areas and public facilities should be open to all races throughout the country, and the council should continue to demand and exert all possible pressure to have the Group Areas Act repealed.

The committee considered the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act "inherently unacceptable legislation" — only necessary because of the existence of the Group Areas Act.

The two acts were also considered to be "bad legislation" as they were extremely vague in many aspects and totally silent on relevant aspects in other instances, the report stated.

The committee was of the opinion that it was possible to use the free settlement areas legislation to achieve an open residential area for an entire municipality, provided amendments or regulations were made to provide for an acceptable form of franchise and a workable management system.

Legal advice obtained by the council indicated there was nothing to prevent an entire municipality from applying to become a free settlement area.

There would have to be a common voters roll for the election of a single city or town council. Apart from those on the municipal voters' role, people who owned or permanently occupied property in the municipal area and the corporate vote, should be accommodated.

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Pretoria moves to end apartheid

PRETORIA. — The City Council here last night took major steps towards the total abolition of apartheid in the capital city — overriding caustic and heated Conservative Party opposition to open a number of municipal facilities to all races.

Initial reports after the meeting indicated that most municipal facilities would be opened to all.

Reports before the council noted that investigations were still under way into the segregation/integration scenario in a wide number of services, as well as extensions to the central city free trading area.

After the meeting, the chairman of the management committee, Mr James Leach, appealed to "all residents of Pretoria to approach the opening of facilities in our city with great responsibility".

This followed a heated debate in which the CP opposition warned of certain disaster and described the latest moves as "the thin end of the wedge".

The CP threatened to do everything legally in its power to overturn the proposal.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, the City Council is to ask the Constitution-

al Development and Planning Department to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area.

This recommendation, made by the management committee last week, was approved by all DP and NP councillors at the monthly council meeting last night.

The four CP councillors opposed the recommendation on the grounds that white business would be threatened.

A motion proposed by CP councillor Mr Hendrik Claasen, that referendums should be held among the current legal residents before any free settlement recommendations were made, was ridiculed by both DP and NP councillors.

In proposing the motion, Mr Claasen cited statistics of Aids among blacks and the number of Aids-related deaths.

● All Johannesburg's buses will be opened to all races within the next 10 days, Johannesburg City Council's Acting Transport director Mr Gert Tighy said yesterday.

The applications by Putco and Johannesburg City Council to the Road Board for permits to carry passengers of all races went ahead without a hitch, he said. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

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Sowetan Correspondent

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Resistance

In a heated debate, during which each of the 19 CP councillors spoke out against the new steps, CP council leader Mr Paul Fouche warned that his party would "call the Afrikaner volk to passive resistance".

Fouche said thousands of CP supporters would turn up at a special city council meeting he had requested - expected to be held on February 15.

Brigadier Jackson van Zyl (CP) warned that white bus drivers would resign in great numbers.

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Board may declare 33 more areas open to all

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The massive area known as "Cosmo City", about 3 km north west of Randburg; Mayfair in Johannesburg; and Diepsloot in Midrand are among 33 applications being considered as free-settlement areas following the declaration by the Free Settlement Board of the first four de-segregated suburbs late last year.

A further two applications — for Ironsyde between Sebokeng and de Deur, and 200 ha of the Farm Waterval north of Megawatt Park adjoining Sunninghill — are at an advanced stage and public meetings will be held this month to allow final input from residents.

Applications still in the pipeline include Zurbekom (Westonaria), Mooikloof (Pretoria), Fishers Haven (Knysna) and Ottery/Wetton (Cape Town).

Others revealed by the board are Cato Crest and Zeekoeival-

lei (Durban), Messina extension 8, Bishopstowe (Maritzburg), Cato Ridge (Inchanga) and Alwijn Balmoral (Uitenhage).

Commenting on a statement by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Mr Hernus Kriel that the Government was looking at the possibility of entire cities applying for free-settlement status, Johannesburg deputy management chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said: "What we want is a discrimination-free city run in an orderly manner."

● The first free-settlement areas near Pretoria could be established soon.

Advertisements inviting comment on the possible proclamation of the giant Mooikloof area south-east of Pretoria as a free-settlement area appeared in newspapers this week.

Free Settlement Board secretary Mr Sarel Malan said a similar notice regarding possible proclamation of parts of The Reeds would be published on February 15.

Pretoria CBD decision cautiously welcomed

PRETORIA — Organised commerce in Pretoria has welcomed the opening up of the CBD as a free trading area, although care, it was stressed, would have to be taken in its implementation.

Pretoria Chamber of Commerce CE Alec de Beer said the move was in line with the free trade principle enshrined in the constitution.

It would be important, too, in improving SA's tarnished image abroad as Pretoria was seen as a representative of the entire country.

However, he added the opening would not bring overnight changes. For one thing rentals in the CBD were high, which would discourage a flood of new traders.

Pretoria Sakekamer chairman Japie Jacobs said the Sakekamer supported the decision providing it led to a stimulation of trade in the CBD.

The CP has challenged the NP to hold a referendum among Pretoria whites to test whether the council's decision had the support of the majority.

CP leader in the council Paul Fouche said in a statement the NP-controlled council had robbed whites in the city of an important part of their community life.

Meeting

Fouche said the CP planned to organise a public meeting in the Pretoria City Hall on February 15 at which voters could speak out against the council's decision.

DP planning deputy spokesman Tony Leon said in Cape Town it was encouraging that the Pretoria City Council had put its toe in the "desegregation waters", Sapa reports.

However it was critical that they dealt with the remaining areas of segregation in the city — sports and recreation facilities.

Political scientist Willem Kleynhans said the majority of Pretoria's whites were in shock following the council's decision. Kleynhans, who attended most of the

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heated 13-hour debate which preceded the council decision, said racial friction was almost certain to result.

However, he praised the council for its decision which, sooner or later, would have to have been taken.

If an election were held now the CP would sweep the board except for several eastern suburbs seats and the NP would almost certainly lose control of the city at the next municipal elections, he said.

Permission

Open buses would be the main source of friction. Already bus drivers had threatened to resign and other had asserted black would set foot in their buses.

The current R17m a year loss on the service would probably worsen with more whites using their cars.

□ Durban mayor Derrick Watterson is to take immediate steps to have the entire city declared a free trade area, Sapa reports.

Watterson said it was "jolly well time" that Durban followed Johannesburg and Pretoria in opening its greater city area to traders of all races.

Durban took the lead four years ago by declaring the central business district a free trade area, but black businessmen wishing to establish themselves outside the CBD had to still apply to the Group Areas Board for permission to trade.

□ The Port Elizabeth City Council applied to government in 1985 for all the city's business areas to be declared free trade areas. But government only allowed certain areas within the city's municipal area to be opened, Administration director Carl Fischer said yesterday.

□ The Queenstown town council on Tuesday night unanimously agreed that the town should be declared a free trade area.

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Group areas doubts stymie home loans

ATTEMPTS by would-be home-owners — regardless of their race — to secure bonds in Johannesburg's integrated inner city suburbs are being frustrated as banks and building societies decline to grant home loans.

Although none of the institutions has a publicly stated policy against granting bonds in grey areas, they concede the status of these areas does not guarantee security for their investments.

Two prospective homebuyers in the Troyeville area recently had their bond application turned down by Standard Bank, although their financial situation was found to be satisfactory.

The official reason given was that Standard Bank could not grant a loan on the property as assessed. Unofficially, they were told the area was considered a "slum" locality.

The Community Development Act of 1966 declared areas like Jeppe, Troyeville and Fairview urban renewal areas, effectively freezing all development for 10 years while plans for rebuilding were considered. They have since been deproclaimed.

Standard Bank divisional GM of home loans Terry Power said the question that needed to be an-

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swered before loans were granted in any area was whether they represented good security. The bank would be reluctant to grant a loan if there was a question mark over the status of an area.

The environment, the property, the undesirable element and the crime rate in the area needed to be assessed. In addition, the bank needed to be satisfied that there was a ready market for houses in the area and that it would get its money back if the house was sold.

Confidence

The same homebuyers approached the United building society to be told the United did not grant bonds in Troyeville at all. When asked how United policy applied in other grey areas such as Bezuidenhout Valley, Bellevue and Yeoville, they were told bonds were granted there on a "selective" basis. The uncertainty surrounding grey areas pending government clarity was the reason given by United for the reluctance to grant bonds.

United MD Mike de Blanche said there was a lack of confidence in grey areas. Property values were affected because of the legal uncertainty, he said. The United

had a precautionary attitude to granting home loans in grey areas, but this did not mean bonds were never granted.

Allied Group MD Kevin de Villiers said the Allied did not "red-line" any areas. However, in areas of uncertainty, like grey areas, it was difficult to put a value on property. As long as there was this uncertainty, the Allied was forced to exercise caution.

First National Bank communications chief Brent Chalmers said FNB was careful about home loans in unofficially declared grey areas. It had to assess whether it could sell the property if need be, and would not give a 100% loan in "shaky" areas.

NBS head office assistant GM: mortgage lending Trevor Olivier said certain financial institutions had suffered losses or faced potential losses because of the greying of certain areas.

If properties in grey areas degenerated, or the general area deteriorated, this would affect their decision to grant a bond, he said.

TrustBank spokesman Louis de Villiers said its bonds were granted on the merit of the qualifying customer, and were subject to the evaluation of the property and/or the building plans. The location of the house was not necessarily taken into consideration.

Free trade unrelated to Acts, says Burger

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The proclamation of the whole of Johannesburg as a free trade area was totally unrelated to any moves under the Group Areas and Separate Amenities Acts, said management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger.

"They are entirely separate issues and one has nothing to do with the other. This council can only act on the two latter Acts if requested to do so by the central Government," he said.

The management committee decision to act on free trade areas was preceded by representations by black businessmen who claimed the opening of the CBD in 1986 was "not much use to them in practice," he said.

"Their point was that they were not generally looking to go into upmarket establishments in expensive areas such as the CBD.

"What they were interested in was the corner-café type business concentrated along suburban Putco routes such as in Booyens or Ophirton.

"The object is to allow them to trade but not live there and suburbs where they have the right to trade does not have to be within a free settlement area.

"There is confusion about whether traders may live on their business premises. But this does not follow at all. In fact the existing ordinance lays down that a place of business cannot be used as a residence and the council can take action against transgressions," said Mr Burger.

Bitter row over future of 14th St

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Indian traders this week reacted to city council plans to declare the whole of Johannesburg a free trade area by announcing they would immediately try to revive the once-popular shopping strip along 14th Street in Pageview.

Right-wing whites living in the area reacted by staging a protest in the street, which is set to become the scene of a bitter struggle between the two groups, one believing it has a historical right to the area, the other claiming it is a white group area, writes Municipal Reporter Shirley Woodgate.

Mr Otto Hamman, spokesman for the white residents, says:

We reject plans to recreate the 14th Street shops and believe the present Indian tenants are illegally in this area which is a whites-only suburb under the Group Areas Act.

We accept that races should be separate, but blacks were allowed to move into Doornfontein, Mayfair and Hillbrow 10 years ago and we were hounded out to Vrededorp, Pageview and Jan Hofmeyr.

Now they want to uproot us again by allowing the Indians to move into this place.

Minister Mr Roelf Meyer (the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and National Education) has given us undertakings and if he does not stick to them he must take the consequences. Last Sunday Indians tried to move into 17th Street and we put them out without violence. Feelings are running high and I am being forced to curb the antagonism.

We now insist that our councillor Mr Jan van Blerk stops avoiding us and calls a public meeting to thrash out our problems.

Traders Mr Rashid Bulbulia and Mohamed Nana say:

We are not invading a white area but maintaining historic links with land demarcated for Malays before the turn of the century by President Paul Kruger.

Pageview was traditionally a mixed suburb with more "blacks" residing between 17th and 26th streets than anywhere else. It was only in 1934 when the Government started removing people under the Slums Act and in 1956 when they pushed out "blacks" under the Group Areas Act that the situation changed.

Finally in 1976 the traders were unwillingly pushed into the Oriental Plaza and the 14th Street shops were demolished. In 1982, after 15 000 people of colour had been moved, the first 200 whites moved in.

A revival of the colourful shopping strip would improve the quality of life in the area and create activity.

We accept that some people prefer to live with their own kind but this should be a free choice and not regulated by law.

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Abolish own affairs health system – MP

The only hospital for coloureds in the Transvaal had been told to cut its patient intake by 10 percent, Minister of the Budget in the House of Representatives Mr Miley Richards said yesterday.

Calling for the abolition of the "own affairs" health system, he said the hospital already had a 110 percent bed occupancy while white hospitals in the Johannesburg area stood almost empty.

The cuts were being asked for in an attempt to trim the Coronationville Hospital's budget.

"Who is going to decide who will not be treated — a desk clerk?" Mr Richards asked.

"How are you going to implement this apartheid ideology which is outmoded and outdated? Nobody comes there as a coloured patient. He comes there as a sick person.

"We cannot go on in this fashion. We certainly have enough hospitals if only they are shared fairly among the people of our country."

Mr Richards also said there was something wrong about the large number of people entering hospitals. There was no primary health care for coloureds in South Africa — "so you either go to hospital or you die", he said. — Sapa.



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New all-race town planned

Reports by
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A MULTIRACIAL township, Cosmo City, could be established northwest of Johannesburg, on the R512 between Randburg and Lanseria, if a recent application to the Free Settlement Board is approved.

The application was lodged by Pretoria developer Bester Homes, which said it owned all but one of the 17 properties involved.

The outstanding property is owned by Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder.

Van Tonder said he was in favour of the development of a township, which was already "imminent", but he would oppose the application for a free settlement area, since he "cannot see the sense of it".

"We've already submitted plans for a township in the area, comprising 7 000 stands ranging from 500m² to 2 000m²."

"The area can carry a township of this size, and there is a need for residential property in this range. We would just have to put in the infrastructure, but this would not present

any problems," he said.

The proposed township covers 1 000ha, with the Lion Park on its northern boundary. It was first mooted in 1986, but was shelved in the face of opposition from local residents.

Property owners in the Diepsloot area, a few kilometres to the north-east of the proposed Cosmo City, have welcomed the application, which they believe will take pressure off them for the development of the much contested Norweto township.

Atmosphere

"The Free Settlement Board seems to have shelved the Diepsloot issue. When I spoke to them in September last year they said it had been put on ice," said Diepsloot Residents' & Landowners' Association chairman Stuart Aitchison.

Meanwhile, Rabie Properties is believed to have let its options lapse on 23 properties in the Diepsloot area, and to resist any continued threat to

Diepsloot's rural atmosphere, Inanda Country Base is buying up large tracts of surrounding land.

"We could see properties in the area being subdivided to 4ha plots, but most of the residents are determined to maintain a green belt," said Aitchison.

"Cosmo City is a far more logical development. It's on the planned route of the PWV3, which will probably go through, whereas Diepsloot is on the PWV9, which remains open to question."

However, a final decision on the development of the whole area would seem to depend on the findings of the Witwatersrand Development Guide Plan, which is being revised by the TPA.

A reshuffling of boundaries is taking place among towns in the north-western suburbs. Chartwell and Farmall have established an independent local area committee, while the farming area to the north of the R28 — generally recognised as a natural boundary — have applied to form a rural council.

Group Areas (24) cases delayed (24)

By Celeste Louw *STAR 20/2/49*

Two separate cases of contravention of the Group Areas Act, were yesterday postponed to February 26 by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Mr Petrus Knop, Mr Mohamed Mongera and Fortruf (Pty) Ltd, are charged with allowing "non-whites" to live in Mayfair West.

Mr Clive Keppler, Mr Ismail Mayet and the company 115 Properties are charged with a similar offence.

None of the accused were asked to plead.

The court heard that more alleged offenders will be brought to court this week. All cases will be postponed to February 26.

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Proposed free settlement areas ^{for 23/490 (84)} 'make no sense'

By Shirley Wobdgate, Municipal Reporter

The news today of a proposed free settlement area covering a vast section of Johannesburg's eastern suburbs has stunned the affected MPs and city councillors.

Houghton Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon said he had been informed by the Free Settlement Board that Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorenzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate up to its boundaries with Killarney golf course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove had been advertised for comment and investigation.

He said: "Inexplicably, Hillbrow proper, which is widely believed to be 40 percent black, has been excluded. A section of Joubert Park between End and Twist Streets has also been excluded from the proposed free settlement area."

Describing the proposal as "nothing more or less than racial roulette", he said the "distorted dog's leg" which had been drawn up on a map made no sense from a socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic point of view.

"The parcel of land which the board has put together shows reckless disregard for community interests, particularly in Houghton Estate, which has simply been sliced in half, despite the fact that many Indians are happily living in the part which will remain white," Mr Leon said.

'NOT EXCITED'

"This proposal has been drawn up in defiance of all the Government's latest reform moves, and I invite residents to write to me at the Houses of Parliament, Box 15, Cape Town 8000."

Johannesburg City Council's management committee deputy chairman, Mrs Marietta Marx, said the application had not come from the council but the Free Settlement Board.

"Personally I am not excited about free settlement areas, but this move is probably aimed at legalising a *de facto* situation and could solve many problems, including those of exploitation of tenants by unscrupulous landlords.

"We all know the Group Areas Act should be looked at, but it will be part of the negotiating process.

"In the interim, free settlement areas allow people of all races to live legally in areas of their choice, including the upper-income suburbs like Houghton Estate. Contrary to common belief, Hillbrow proper is not 40 percent black and has probably been excluded to accommodate the elderly whites living there," Mrs Marx said.

Mr Hein Kruger, chairman of the Free Settlement Board, has indicated that he will accept comment from the public up to April 2.

Bookie's Bet

Gosforth Park tomorrow: Best bet — Count on Gold, race 1. Best eachway — Nomad, race 8.

Apartheid in reverse

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Zuurbekom whites bitter at rezoning of area black

PAT DEVEREAUX and SUE OLSWANG

RESTY "For Sale" notices are the first thing one notices when driving through the lush green farmland of Zuurbekom just west of Soweto which was recently rezoned as a "black" group area.

It's a case of "apartheid laws being applied in reverse", say Zuurbekom's few remaining white residents who are being forced to sell their properties to blacks only.

No compensation

"We don't mind the fact that the Government has proclaimed Zuurbekom a black area," said Mr Matthey's Norrie, a farmer who once headed the area's now defunct Residents' Committee, "but we object to being forced to sell our properties for less than the real value."

"At first we object to the fact that we are not being compensated, in any way, by the Government. We basically feel we've been sold out by the Nats."

Mr Norrie said "Initially, when the rumours about Zuurbekom going to the blacks first began, some white residents managed to get over fast and obtain realistic prices for their properties which were snapped up by affluent black businessmen, but those who are still here may be forced to settle for less because we will be forced to sell until accept an offer."

"Many of us are retired pensioners and most of us are frightened and are now living behind barricades," said Mr Norrie, speaking at his securely burglar-proofed

of non-whites into a traditionally white area. It also asked the Town Council to take the necessary legal matters and apply the Group Areas Act and the foundational conditions of the West Rand Agricultural Act.

The couple also showed the Saturday Star a letter which Mrs Norrie's sister, Mrs E Bleeker, wrote to Mr F W de Klerk on their behalf which read: "Do you appreciate how it feels, after 43 years, to be surrounded by blacks — some of them restless — while daily you battle to sell your property?"

The Norries said they would have preferred to see the Government declare Zuurbekom an "open" or "grey" area because it would have allowed them to sell at a better price.

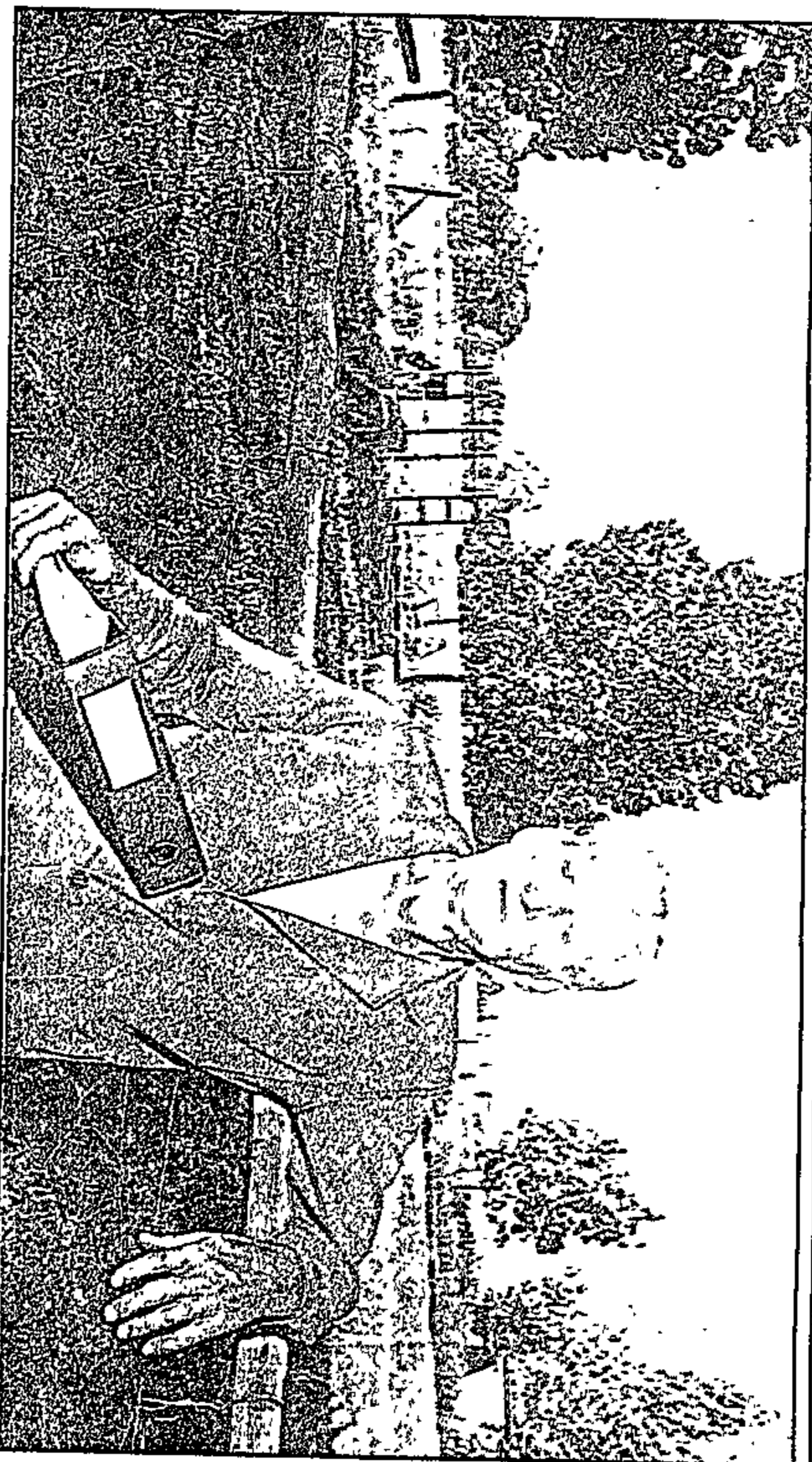
The Norries also said they suspected that the mining companies would "eventually make us a low, low offer — when they see we are really desperate to sell."

Manipulated

Another white resident, Mr Johann Peitzmann, reflected a similar view.

"At the moment I refuse to sell in a highly manipulated market. My house and property would be worth well in excess of R300 000 in an upmarket white area so why should I settle for less? I could never find something like this, at the price I paid, in another area. I'm here to stay."

Approached this week for comment, MEC on the Transvaal Provincial Administration Mr John Mavuso confirmed Zuurbekom whites could sell to black buyers only. However, he added that no deadline had been set for the remaining whites to sell their properties. Asked whether they could be forcibly moved out of the area, he said: "We will cross that bridge when we come to it."



BITTER: Mr Matthey's Norrie, a farmer who has lived in Zuurbekom since 1946, is sour about the Government's failure to compensate whites now battling to sell their homes. He holds his file of correspondence with Government officials. ● Photograph: Woods.

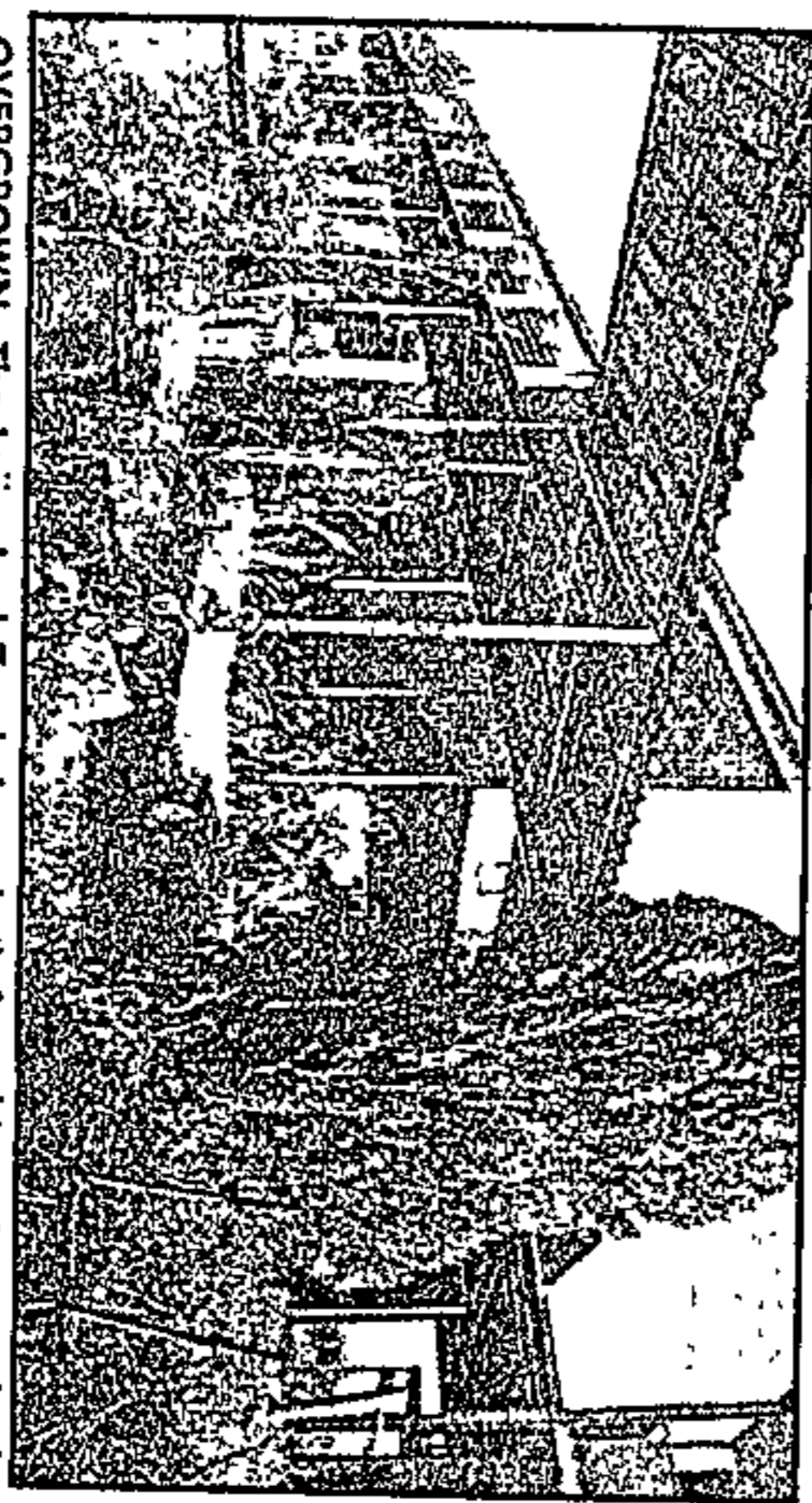
Weeds closing in on empty, deserted school

PAT DEVEREAUX and SUE OLSWANG

THE facebrick Lairstool Zuurbekom stands deserted and the grounds sport waist-high weeds since the school closed because of a dwindling number of white pupils.

"Two years ago there were 90 children at the school. At the beginning of 1989 it opened the school term with 60 pupils."

"A week later the school closed its doors to white pupils and has stood empty ever since," said Zuurbekom resident Mr Matthey's Norrie.



OVERGROWN: The Lairstool Zuurbekom, built for white primary school pupils about 10 years ago, has stood empty for the past year.

lished 35 years ago to accommodate the area's growing white population. About 10 years ago a spanking new brick building replaced the prelabricated structures which had served as classrooms

BMW's, Mercs in many driveways

PAT DEVEREAUX

IN the past, you seldom saw BMWs and Mercedes-Benz cars on Zuurbekom's dusty roads.

Now they're parked in just about every homeowner's driveway.

Normally this would not be worth mentioning, except that the homeowners are mostly black.

Bishop Frederick Modise, spiritual leader of the International Pentecostal Church, was one of the first black residents to buy property in the area.

He is rumoured by other residents to own at least one Rolls-Royce as well as a number of large American cars.

Bishop Modise has bought 16ha of ground in Zuurbekom from white residents on which he is currently building one of his many churches.

The entire property is surrounded by a white wall and each Sunday the grounds hold hundreds of cars and minibuses which bring his congregation to the church.

Mr Peggy Seme, president of the Soweto Taverners' Association, is another affluent resident in the area.

"I first bought my 2-ha plot as a nominee about four years ago for R150 000," said Mr Seme. He added that he was not residing at his Zuurbekom home at present because it was being renovated.

"Zuurbekom is currently a grey area but it has been declared black. It is a beautiful place to live, and as far as I know there is no friction with the neighbours. But there are certain white residents who have objected to us moving into the area in the past," he said.

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Open areas, closed minds

THERE seems to be no end to the illogical and devious ways of Nationalist politics and bureaucracy. Latest breathtaking example is the announcement of a proposed free settlement area covering a huge section of Johannesburg's eastern suburbs, a plan which Democratic Party MP Mr Tony Leon accurately assesses as making no sense in socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic terms.

This arbitrary move by the Free Settlement Board is part of the messy piecemeal dismantling of apartheid which creates more problems, anxiety and heartache than it dispels. For example, if the proposal goes through, many Indian families living in Houghton Estate — to be split in two on the racial map — would suddenly find themselves in the part reserved for whites.

Equally incomprehensible is the exclusion of Hillbrow from the plan. It is more than three months since the Minister of Planning, Mr Hernus Kriel, said that investigations into the desirability of making Hillbrow a free settlement area were under way and implied that a decision would soon be forthcoming.

Since then, all that has materialised has been contradictory statements from various levels of the Nat party. Meanwhile, the unhappy suburb remains in a "grey" limbo with ever-mounting population pressures.

Not that declaring Hillbrow open would be a cure-all; in fact it would probably have the opposite effect of increasing the problems of overcrowding, rent exploitation, slum conditions and crime. Relief could come only from declaring the whole of Johannesburg a free settlement area or, best of all, freeing the entire country of race restrictions.

In other words, the Group Areas Act must go. But that is an issue which the Government has apparently succeeded in placing on the back burner pending the negotiations on South Africa's future.

Surely it makes excellent sense to suggest that in the meantime — as a contribution to the developing conciliatory climate — provocative and unnecessary action in terms of controversial legislation should be avoided.

DP aghast at board's plan

By JACQUES MAGLILO

THE DEMOCRATIC Party has reacted strongly to the decision by the Free Settlement Board to investigate the desegregation of selected suburbs in Johannesburg.

Houghton DP MP Tony Leon says: "This kind of racial thinking has no place in a new SA," adding that a mini debate on the subject will take place in Parliament on Tuesday.

The DP is to call for amendments to the concept of free settlement areas so as to include entire cities instead of suburbs.

In Johannesburg, DP city council leader Ian Davidson will propose a motion that the Government stops all investigations by the board until there is clarity on the Group Areas Act.

He says: "The social struc-

ture breaks down if single suburbs are opened up." He adds that the minimum the DP will settle for is "the opening of the whole of Johannesburg".

Former Houghton MP Helen Suzman said yesterday: "The answer is to scrap the Group Areas Act in its entirety and not to create more overcrowded ghettos."

Areas that will be investigated by the board include Bellevue, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Yeoville, Berea, Judith's Paarl, Lorenzville, Bertrams, part of Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate — up to its boundaries with Killarney Golf Course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

Hillbrow is not included. Mr Leon says: "By excluding Hillbrow, the board is acting in woeful ignorance."

Boksburg developers await go-ahead

Star 24/2/90 By Helen Grange (84)

More than two months after the Government declared Windmill Park in Boksburg a free settlement area, developers are still waiting for the suburb to be proclaimed in a government gazette.

A property agent, Mr Manneljies Ford, said in an interview that he had sold all the plots in Windmill Park, but could not transfer them into the names of the Indian, coloured and black buyers who had purchased the land until it was proclaimed.

Developers were also anxiously waiting for the proclamation to start building houses, he said.

Mr Ford said the plots and existing houses had been sold to "upmarket" individuals in business. There were no first-time homeowners moving in.

According to businessman Mr Clemens Padiachy, president of Windmill Park Indian Homeowners Association, there had not been a rush for the land because it was too expensive.

He said the whole purpose of free settlement areas was being defeated because property being sold was out of reach of the first-time homeowner. Properties were being sold for up to R135 000.

"These prices mean that only a certain

economic class of person can live in the area — making it inaccessible to most working people," said Mr Padiachy.

At least one white property owner in Windmill Park (who wished to remain unnamed) said he was struggling to sell "because of earlier Boksburg city council threats to turn the suburb into a working-class slum".

"Ever since the council proposed buying large tracts of land to erect low-cost housing and hostels for its black employees, we have been unable to find buyers," he said.

Mr Ford however said the council had long since abandoned the plan.

Plight of unwanted children

Star 24/2/90 provides much of this training

Accused lied, hobo trial told

By Marguerite Moody

Wednesday

By DAVID JACKSON
PROPERTY owners are feeling the jitters as uncertainty mounts over the future of free settlement areas.

Confusion mounted this week as the Johannesburg City Council turned its back on the latest Free Settlement Board investigation.

And Democratic Party MP for Houghton, Mr Tony Leon, said he had already received telegrams from home owners anxious to know what they should do.

Excessive

His advice to them was: "Sit tight. We have to see what actually happens."

"We must discourage any panic selling or speculative buying because there is no finality yet — these are just proposals."

Part of Houghton Estate, one of Johannesburg's

SIT TIGHT!

That's an MP's advice as confusion grows over free settlement areas

wealthiest northern suburbs, is on the list of potential free settlement areas being investigated by the board. Interested parties have until April 2 to make representations.

And, while Houghton, with property prices ranging from R750 000 to R2-million, is unlikely to be affected by panic property speculation, concern is rippling through other suburbs under the Free Settlement Board microscope.

Board chairman Mr Hein Kruger last week announced an inquiry into Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorenzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton.

Mr Ian Davidson, DP leader in the Johannesburg City Council, said: "If they press ahead with these proposals, you could well find

property prices rising simply because of excessive demand channelled into a very small area.

"But there is the inherent risk that, if standards are not maintained and proper controls not instigated in terms of density, sanitation and so on, you could have overcrowding leading to possible slum conditions — and then prices would come down."

The confusion is compounded by the glaring con-

tradictions thrown up in the latest package of free settlement proposals.

Mr Leon said that, in Houghton, "they have taken exactly half of one northern suburb and excluded the rest from consideration. There are probably 40 other suburbs that one could say are upper-income suburbs that have been excluded from the compass of the proposals".

"Obviously it will say to well-to-do coloureds, Indians

and blacks that they can buy in an upper-income area — but that upper-income area consists of about 200 homes on which no sub-division is allowed below 2 000 square metres.

"It will be a token gesture in the extreme. It's quite ridiculous from any point of view of community interest and is not going to alleviate any of the problems which group areas have created," he added.

De-facto grey areas such as Hillbrow and Mayfair West have been excluded from the probe — as has Pageview, which has been trying to have itself declared a free settlement area.

Hillbrow's flatland is already about 50 percent black. In residential terms, Johannesburg's central business district is almost totally black. It too is not on the list. Not a single one of Johannesburg's southern suburbs has been included.

Toothless

Critics of the scheme say this — as well as the omission of Hillbrow — reflects the violent opposition from some NP councillors who have opposed free settlement.

The existing four free settlement areas have a pattern of residential occupation. They include Zonnerbloem in Cape Town (the old District Six), and Windmill Park on the East Rand, which was almost entirely Indian and became totally Indian after being declared a free settlement area.

But the new proposals, if carried through, would open up pockets of grey areas throughout the whole of Johannesburg.

Mr Leon said free settle-



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 Chairman of board



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 DP council leader

nothing more than toothless advisory bodies".

"Free settlement punishes people for choosing an integrated neighbourhood. It says, in effect, if you want integration you can have it, but there are negative consequences attached."

"It is a leap in the dark because we don't know exactly how these management committees are going to function or how the city council — which retains simultaneous control over these free settlement areas together with this management committee — is going to fit in."

"We don't know whether the administrator who is empowered to set up a management committee will in fact do so in respect of these areas or not. The whole thing is taken on spec."

Serious

The DP said the next step, as a matter of urgency, was to pressurise the Free Settlement Board to declare a moratorium on any investigation into any part of Johannesburg and to petition the Government to have Johannesburg effectively exempted from the Group Areas Act.

The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, said in Parliament this week there was nothing in the Free Settlement Areas Act to stop anyone applying for entire cities to become free settlement areas.

The Free Settlement Areas Board would consider such an application in the light of all the relevant socio-economic concerns, he said.

The Government would "seriously consider" any board recommendation that was "in the interests of the community", he added.

ment was a "loaded dice" because the voting rights of residents in such areas were inferior to those in the parent white local authority.

They were run by management committees, modelled on the same lines as Indian and coloured management committees — which had been "exposed in more than 10 years of practice as being

Cape Town and Johannesburg could be the first to drop residential race barriers

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By LESTER VENTER
Political Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA'S major cities are on the verge of being thrown open to all races — and having their whites-only city councils replaced by mixed local governments.

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By DOUGLAS GORDON
TV Correspondent

STAND BY for the new, stealer Penny Smythe, elegant Penny, the SABC's queen of early evening TV, will brush off the candy-floss for a brand new show which takes to the air tomorrow.



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This law would have to be amended to open the way for mixed local governments.

Mr Hernus Kriel, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, who is in charge of group areas legislation, said in Parliament this week the Government would "consider sympathetically" applications by entire cities to be declared "open" — through the FSA.

Yesterday Mr Kriel told the Sunday Times: "I stand by this."

But, he said, the Government would require reliable evidence that a request for "open" cities was not simply a "political move" by the local authority, but the genuine desire of the majority of a city's inhabitants.

While the Government would not prescribe how citizens should express their desires, this could result in councils holding referendums, such as the one planned in Sandton.

Abolish

Mr Kriel said areas or suburbs within cities might wish to retain an ethnic character — and the FSA would allow this.

"The FSA must be used circum-spectly, but it offers many possibilities to dynamically change living patterns in SA over time," he said.

He said the implication of the National Party's five-year plan — announced last year — was that "eventually the Group Areas Act will have to disappear".

But it would have to be replaced with a "suitable alternative".

He said there were "already thoughts on the go" about this, but he would not elaborate — instead giving an assurance that changes would be negotiated with all population groups.

Mr Kriel and the Government have made it plain they will stick to the FSA as a means of desegregating urban areas.

He said the Government was trying to "create space" and that councils and other organisations which rejected the FSA were "painting themselves into an ideological corner with their scrap-everything approach".

Behind the scenes, Cabinet members and officials have been quietly urging the use of the FSA laws to achieve urban desegregation.

"We can use the FSA to eventually abolish the Group Areas Act," one Cabinet member said recently.

Several Ministers have recently told private-sector lobbies working for the abolition of group areas that they want to hear as wide a range of practical proposals as possible.

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Dental expert to visit 'chocolate tooth kids'

Star 5/3/90 Highveld Bureau

A community dentistry specialist from the Department of National Health is to visit the coalfields south of Witbank this week to investigate the discolouration of children's teeth.

On Friday The Star reported that hundreds of black children living on collieries or farms in the area had serious tooth discolouration.

The children are referred to by their classmates as the "chocolate tooth kids".

The Department of National Health's senior community dentistry specialist, Dr P J van Wyk, said the discolouration could be fluorosis — caused by too much fluoride in drinking water.

An excess of fluoride is sometimes found near collieries, fertiliser plants and steel mills, he said.

"However, it could be a number of other things as well. We'll be taking water samples during our investigation."

Dr van Wyk said little could be done to reverse the damage caused by excessive fluoride.

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'Declare whole city an open area'

By Louise Burgers

The entire Johannesburg metropolitan area, which includes surrounding towns, should be declared "open" for town planning reasons to prevent a total imbalance occurring, the chairman of town planning for Johannesburg, Mr Eddy Magid, said yesterday.

Mr Magid was commenting on the announcement by the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, that the Government was examining the issue of local government in "open cities".

"I cannot support Johannesburg, either fragmented or in its entirety, being considered a free settlement area. My motivation does not involve political considerations in any shape or form as it is based on practical planning for the city and its surrounding satellite towns."

Mr Magid is the only independent on

the National Party-controlled management committee in the Johannesburg City Council.

The greater metropolitan area includes Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton, Bedfordview, Germiston, Alberton, Soweto and Roodepoort.

"If they are going to consider the city Johannesburg as an open area, the metropolitan area should be considered for planning reasons.

"Johannesburg is not an island. I believe it will be a grave mistake to consider the city Johannesburg as a free settlement area in isolation.

"Johannesburg is an integral part of the metropolitan area and from a planning point of view, if Johannesburg alone is considered a free settlement area, it will undoubtedly attract many thousands of people from surrounding towns and cause a population imbalance and upset the Lutz study (Land Use and Transport Structure Plan)."

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Free settlement confusion

NP caucus divided over open Jo'burg

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The National Party caucus in the Johannesburg City Council is divided over the issue of desegregated cities because of the confusion surrounding free settlement areas — and directives from Pretoria.

Some NP councillors are also unhappy that the responsibility for open areas has been forced on them.

Management committee chairman Mr Jan Burger said certain individuals in his caucus were opposed to the whole of Johannesburg becoming an open area.

Loopholes

Mr Burger said he was unhappy over the entire free settlement areas issue because of the fragmentation of Johannesburg, the confusion over separate management committees for each open suburb and the loopholes in the Act.

"The thing I don't like and my entire caucus does not like, is little pockets of free settlement areas all over Johannesburg. The Act should be amended to make things clearer. There are too many loopholes.

"I don't know if opening up the whole of Johannesburg will solve matters. Things are very confusing now. The Minister (Minister of Planning and

Provincial Affairs Mr Hernus Kriel) did not qualify things."

Mr Burger said his caucus would be meeting to discuss the situation.

Deputy chairman Mrs Marietta Marx said she had said on many occasions that free settlement areas were a temporary solution to legalising the *de facto* situation in mixed areas in the city. "I have said in council that I would like to see a Johannesburg free of racial discrimination. But it is not within the council's terms of reference to decide which areas should be open. We can only make recommendations.

"I would like to see an orderly set-up where people are happy, and there may be ways and means of achieving this. But the decisions rest with Parliament."

NP councillor Mr Eddy Venter has hit out at the Government, saying it has placed the "burden" of open areas on the shoulders of city councillors.

"The Government must take responsibility and must suggest open areas."

Democratic Party leader in the council, Mr Ian Davidson, supports the concept of open cities and said his party would be advancing the issue.

Conservative Party leader in the council, Mr Jacques Theron, said although open cities was a much more logical concept than patchwork open suburbs, the CP was opposed to any form of residential integration.

Accommodation crisis at Wits

By Winnie Graham

Hundreds of students at the University of the Witwatersrand are desperately in need of accommodation, yet just a stone's throw away a 12-storey block at the Johannesburg College of Education (JCE) is standing empty — "awaiting renovation".

The shortage of beds at Wits has become so critical that the university has sent out an SOS to staff willing to accommodate students and to nearby residents to make rooms available.

WAITING LISTS

With about 23 percent of Wits's 18 000 student body black, most of the accommodation is needed for black students.

With fewer students attending JCE, it has placed some hostel space at the disposal of Wits students — but the Government's "own affairs" policy prevents blacks being ac-

commodated there.

Mrs Peta Stevens, the student affairs and accommodation officer, said this week that the long waiting lists for entry to both the traditional university residences, offering three meals a day, and a further 500 wanting space at the university's flats, had prompted her to approach "virtually every block of flats in the area" in search of extra beds. There simply was no accommodation available for students.

"I have been in touch with nearly every estate agent as well," she added. "We could easily do with six more residences, or at least a couple of blocks of flats."

The new Barnato Hall for men and women students had a waiting list of 500. Jubilee Hall had about 100 on the waiting list, and Sunnyside, too, had an enormous list of people wanting accommodation. The men's residences were as full.

"At least 40 percent in our residences are first-year students," she added. "Older white students usually manage to find flats which they can share quite cheaply. Finding a place for our black students is a major problem."

"If JCE were to offer me a 'res' without restriction, I could fill it tomorrow."

A spokesman for JCE said the college's two 12-storey hostel blocks, built in the 1970s, were in the process of being refurbished. One was now reoccupied, but accommodation in the other would not be available for a year. Each could hold 270 students.

The refurbishing was necessary because the blocks had not been repainted or repaired for a long time.

"We help Wits whenever we can, but it is not our decision not to take black students," he said.



Living in fear of the future . . . Mr Fred Samuel with his wife, Brenda, and their youngest child, Krishen (3). The Samuels were the first family in Homestead Park, Johannesburg, to be summonsed under the Group Areas Act.

● Picture by Karen Fletcher.

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The 'new SA' means nothing to these people

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Remarkable changes have taken place in South African politics recently. But for eight families in a small Johannesburg suburb little has changed. They are facing criminal convictions for living in an area reserved for whites. SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA reports.

The Samuels family moved into Homestead Park in western Johannesburg, out of desperation — 20 years of desperation.

For two decades the family waited to be given a township house, said businessman Mr Fred Samuel (40).

"In 1969 I applied for a house in Lenasia. I also applied for houses in every area from Benoni to Ekurhuleni. I had no luck. I could not wait any longer. I wanted my family to live in a decent home."

Before the Samuels moved to Homestead Park, they lived in Fordsburg, in a house described by Mr Samuel as "older than Johannesburg itself".

"The house in Fordsburg was condemned by the Department of Health who said it was not fit for human habitation.

"We had to share a communal toilet with 30 other people. We had no bathroom and my family and I had to bath in a sink-bath in our kitchen."

The Samuels were the first Indian family to move into Homestead Park — and the first in the suburb to be prosecuted under the Group Areas Act.

"My family and I came to live here out of desperation. We could not find accommodation anywhere," said Mr Samuels, whose case next comes to court on March 22.

Another Homestead Park resident being prosecuted under the Act is attorney Mr Yusuf Wadee.

NIGHTMARE

"My family and I have lived in a small house in Central Johannesburg all our lives. My children had to sleep in the lounge. Our worst nightmare was during exams, there was no room for the children to study," he said.

The Wadees found accommodation in Azaadville, West Rand but, because of transport problems, moved back to their old home in Johannesburg.

"There was no bus services running to Johannesburg. My wife was always late for work and my children were late for school. It was an aggravation we could not take. We had to move back to our previous cramped quarters," he said.

Two years ago, the Wadees moved to Homestead Park — a move that solved their transport and accommodation problems — and an area they described as an example to the rest of the country where people of all races could live in harmony.

At a parents' meeting last week where white families were present, only two out of 70 families opposed a decision that schools in the area be open to all races, Mr Wadee said.

"If people are prepared to live in peace and harmony with each other then why is the Government so adamant about creating tension? Why can't the Government just leave us alone?"

The Samuels and the Wadees are among eight families from Homestead Park summonsed under the Group Areas Act. The maximum penalty is two years in jail, or a fine of R400.

Race row erupts over Benoni suburb

11/3/90 By Helen Grange

A racial controversy has erupted in Benoni's suburb of New Modder, where large groups of Indians have purchased property illegally — despite objections by whites and complaints by coloureds and blacks.

While the Benoni town council has asked the Government to keep New Modder white, coloureds and blacks from surrounding areas have announced their interest in buying in the area, and expressed anger over the preference given to Indians.

NO LAND AVAILABLE

Mr Jack Rabie, MP for Boksburg's Reiger Park, said this week the area should be available to anyone who wanted to live there, regardless of colour or race.

Mr Lucky Mahlangu, former mayor of Vosloorus, also entered the feud, saying that black people were interested in buying houses in the old mining settlement.

Mr Rabie said there were sufficient residential areas for Indians in and around Benoni, while there was no land available for coloureds.

"A lot of our people live in Reiger Park but work in

Benoni. They would like to live closer to their work and under better circumstances. Reiger Park is full to overflowing. More than 20 people have approached me to buy houses in New Modder," said Mr Rabie.

Interest had also been shown in an undeveloped piece of land bordering New Modder. The matter would be discussed in the next few days with Mr Johan Lemmer, MP for Benoni, Mr Rabie said.

Mr Mahlangu said blacks were urgently looking for land in the Benoni area and would apply for permits to live in New Modder.

AREA NOT PROCLAIMED

"It is not a proclaimed area and we would like to buy there. Why should the Indians, who already have more than enough residential areas around Benoni, get preference in New Modder?" he said.

Applications for permits for Indians who have already bought houses are currently being considered, but none have been issued yet.

White residents wanting to sell have been offered between R48 000 and R215 000 for the old houses.

Pensioners and lower income group families wanting to stay have slated the younger generation for selling their houses.

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Chinese families to settle in Boksburg

By Helen Grange

Negotiations are under way to accommodate up to 300 Hong Kong Chinese immigrants and their families in the free settlement area of Windmill Park — the controversial mixed suburb of CP-controlled Boksburg.

Estate agent Mr Mannetjies Ford told The Star yesterday he had been in contact with South Africa's immigration officer in Hong Kong, Mr Raymond Chong, about housing and providing a large tract of industrial land for the immigrants.

And Boksburg town council once in the news for its outburst over a Chinese restaurant in the town, has placed a tentative stamp of approval on the plan.

Mr Beyers de Klerk, Boksburg's mayor, said this week it was unlikely the council would reject the settlement of Chinese in the area. "I have nothing against Chinese people. We have many Chinese businessmen in Boksburg," he said.

Mr Ford said he was getting a letter of recommendation from the Boksburg town clerk.

There was a 35 ha industrial site at Windmill Park extensions two and three available as well as scores of stands in the residential suburb itself.

Benoni town council is also negotiating for the immigrants and has already mapped out the land available for them.

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"They are looking for land among the community and far from black townships, and we have marked various areas we think would be suitable. We would be delighted to have them," said Mr Teney's Conradie, Benoni town clerk.

There are three other municipalities interested in settling the immigrants — and land in Midrand, Sandton and possibly Randburg is being considered according to First International Contacts (FIC), the company in charge of the project.

Mr Henry Lubbe, acting town clerk for Midrand, said yesterday he had no official knowledge of negotiations, but that there was plenty of land available in the area.

The free settlement area of Countryview had been sold out, but another phase was now being developed and would become available soon.

FIC, a spokesman said, planned to resettle an initial 300 families, and if the project was successful, more would be brought to South Africa.

The Hong Kong families are expected to bring at least R1 million each to South Africa and would have considerable expertise as far as the establishment of small factories is concerned.

Last week, the Springs town council rejected applications to accommodate the families in the area, but the council is re-examining the applications.

... 11 this year during the lunch hour at our Presidential Palace.

"Both your argument and his is that we should not prosecute Kerzner and allow

... comply with international labour standards.

The report of commissioner Nic Wiehahn was released last week.

Jo'burg DP to petition board on open areas

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THE DP in Johannesburg will make representations to the Free Settlement Areas Board on April 2 objecting to the declaration of certain Johannesburg suburbs.

It will also petition Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel for Johannesburg to become an open city.

The areas under investigation by the Board are Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judiths Paarl, Lorenzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton estate up to its boundaries at Killarney golf course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

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The DP launched the petition at the weekend by getting objectors to sign the petition at various regional shopping centres. A public meeting will be held tomorrow night and the campaign will end with a rally at the end of March.

Johannesburg city council DP leader Ian Davidson said the party would also canvass signatures for a petition to be presented to Kriel. He said no date was finalised for the representation as the DP hoped to liaise with other councils in the Witwatersrand to make a joint representation for the opening of the metropolitan region.

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The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I would like to tell the hon member who raised the issue—who knows that it is in my constituency and is so particular about this—that this Question Paper was printed some time ago. If there was a typographical error and if the hon member did the honourable thing and read the Question Paper, then he would have made that correction a long time ago. If he thought this question was going to embarrass me, then he is wrong.

Mr M RAJAB: He is still a fool!

The MINISTER: He got it all wrong and as I said earlier I suggest that the hon member put it in writing. *Handwritten: 20/3/90*

If he wants to persist in calling me a fool, I believe that that is a reflection on his own qualities.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! Did the hon member for Springfield refer to the hon the Minister as a fool?

Mr M RAJAB: Mr Chairman, I certainly called the hon the Minister a fool.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! The hon member must withdraw it unconditionally.

Mr M RAJAB: Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister is not a fool.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! The hon member must withdraw it unconditionally.

Mr M RAJAB: Mr Chairman, I withdraw it.

Asiatic Bazaar: construction work

*3. Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Housing: *(84)*

- (1) Whether any persons constructed or are constructing buildings on property belonging to the Administration: House of Delegates in the Asiatic Bazaar in Pretoria: if so, what are their names;
- (2) whether any action is being taken against the persons concerned; if not, why not; if so, what action; *Handwritten: 20/3/90*
- (3) whether his Department has received any representations for the actions of these persons to be condoned; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF HOUSING:

(1) No.

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(2) No. *Handwritten: 20/3/90*

(3) Falls away. *(84)*

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I know who owns the properties in the Asiatic Bazaar?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, only property within a proclaimed Indian group area falls under this Administration. That area is not controlled by this Administration, and therefore it is not the property of this Administration.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, does the Administration or the Housing Development Board administer this particular area referred to by the hon the Minister?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I could furnish the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition with an answer after making the necessary enquiries, but at this point in time I cannot give him the overall picture as far as that area is concerned.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of any representations made by the Indian MEC in the Transvaal to any officer of the regional office in Pretoria about this?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, before I answer that question, I just want to jolt the memories of everybody, including the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition: There is no need to descend to this gutter level. [Interjections.] I make a plea, Mr Chairman.

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION: Preach to your own side!

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I make a plea to everybody: Let us conduct ourselves here in a manner which will bring respect to this institution. This is my sincere plea. [Interjections.]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! I appeal to hon members to try and keep the level of debate and discussion here as high as possible.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Ministers' Council of House of Delegates: monthly allowance *(84)*

8. Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs: *Handwritten: 20/3/90*

(1) Whether his Department pays a monthly allowance to any members of the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates for residing in their own homes; if so,

(2) whether he will furnish details in this regard; if not, why not; if so, (a) who are the members concerned and (b) what amount is paid to each per month;

(3) whether these amounts are paid during sessions of Parliament only; if not, on what basis are they paid;

(4) whether any other payments are made by his Department to these members; if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LAND AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(a) and (b)

Dr J N Reddy MP, — R1 925,00 p.m. plus Chairman of the Ministers' Council and Minister of Housing

Mr B Dookie MP, Min.— R1 708,50 p.m. plus Minister of Health Services

Mr Y Moolia MP, Min.— R1 925,00 p.m. plus Minister of Local Government and Agriculture

The above-mentioned amounts include compensation for use of own furniture, general maintenance and cleaning and gardening services as other Ministers are provided with furnished official residences. The Department is also responsible for the maintenance of official residences and the furniture therein as well as the rendering of cleaning and gardening services.

(3) No. Members of the Ministers' Council are entitled to furnished official residences in both Cape Town and Durban and if the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs cannot provide such

accommodation, the private residences of the relevant Ministers are used as official residences. As official residences provided by the Department Ministers at any time compensation is paid throughout the year to those Ministers whose private residences are used as official residences.

(4) No.

Own Affairs:

Disability grants: cancelled

16. Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare:

(1) Whether any disability grants administered by his Department in respect of any physically disabled and mentally retarded persons were cancelled in 1989; if so, (a) how many, and (b) why, in each case;

(2) whether any such grants have been reinstated since then; if so, (a) how many, and (b) why, in each case;

(3) what criteria are applied in determining whether an applicant is eligible for a disability grant?

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE:

(1) Yes.

(a) 468 who no longer qualified.

(b) They were found not unfit in terms of the criteria set out in reply to question (3) hereunder.

(2) Yes.

(a) 257.

(b) On review, additional medical evidence has been submitted.

(3) An applicant will qualify for a disability pension if, in the opinion of the Pensions Medical Officer, with the information at his disposal, his physical or mental condition is such as to render him unfit to earn an income from employment; provided also that he is not precluded by the application of the Means Test laid down in the regulations promulgated under the Social Pensions Act No. 37 of 1973.

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 Cape 29 159
 Natal 10 176
 Orange Free State 3 568
 Transvaal 14 953

(b) (i) complete information is not yet available regarding the data for 1989. The following information is as at 28 April 1989 and is included in the reply to Question 420 of 1989,

Cape 9 639
 Natal 9 447
 Orange Free State 2 773
 Transvaal 10 283

(ii) notified deaths,
 Cape 1 171
 Natal 59
 Orange Free State 36
 Transvaal 644

Aids information programme

158. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

Whether the Government has given consideration to the implementation of an Aids information programme for use in schools; if so, (a) who is to devise such a programme, (b) when is it to be introduced into schools and (c) in which schools or categories of schools is it to be used; if not; why not?
Hansard 21/3/90 B377E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

- Yes.
- (a) programmes are being devised by all education authorities in collaboration with the Department of National Health and Population Development,
 - (b) as soon as it has been finalised,
 - (c) to be decided by the relevant educational authorities.

Neo-natal deaths

179. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

What is the most common cause of neo-natal deaths amongst (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks in (i) urban and (ii) rural areas?
Hansard 21/3/90 B440E

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

Information regarding separate figures for urban and rural areas are not readily available. Information is available for 1987 only. Prematurity and low birthweight are the causes of 47,7% of all neo-natal deaths. The percentage for the various population groups is as follows:

(a) Whites 33,7%
 (b) Coloureds 50,5%
 (c) Indians 53,2%
 (d) Blacks 48,0%

Strikes

205. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Manpower: *Hansard* 21/3/90

(a) How many strikes occurred in 1989, (b) in how many cases did the strikes arise out of wage demands and (c) what were the main causes of the remainder of the strikes?
THE MINISTER OF MANPOWER: B485E

(a) 738
 The Department of Manpower only keeps record of strikes which have to be reported in terms of the Labour Relations Act, 1956.

(b) 267
 The figures furnished are for strikes and workstoppages as separate figures are not kept.

- (c) Working conditions
 Disciplinary measures
 Wages and other matters
 Trade union matters
 Other or unknown

Note:

The figures furnished are for the period 1 November 1988 until 31 October 1989.

Own Affairs:

Land transferred to White farmers

27. Mr A A B BRUWER asked the Minister of Agricultural Development: *Hansard* 21/3/90

- (1) Whether any land has been transferred to his Department by the Department of (a) Development Aid and (b) Public Works
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and Land Affairs with the view to making it available to White farmers; if so, (i) how many hectares (aa) have been transferred and (bb) are still to be transferred by each of these Departments, (ii) what pieces of land are involved and (iii) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(2) what procedure is followed in allocating land that is again made available to White farmers;

(3) whether the political affiliations of persons applying for such land play a role in the allocation thereof; if so, to what extent?
 B248E

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:

Reply bound in Annexures of House — see M/205-1990

Group Areas Act: permits for Hillbrow

33. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government: *Hansard* 21/3/90

Whether his Department received any applications for permits in terms of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, in respect of (a) business and (b) residential premises in the

Hillbrow constituency in 1989; if so, (i) how many such applications had been (aa) granted and (bb) refused as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) what were the reasons for (aa) granting and (bb) refusing each application?
Hansard 21/3/90 B293E

THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Statistics of applications for permits per constituency are not kept. For the area known as Hillbrow the situation since taking over the function on 21 July 1989 to 31 January 1989 is as follows:

- (a) Yes.
 (i) (aa) 2.
 (bb) None.
 (ii) (aa) and (bb) Each application is considered on merit in terms of the provisions of section 21(2)(a) of the Group Areas Act, 1966.

(b) Yes.
 (i) (aa) 10.
 (bb) None.
 (ii) (aa) and (bb) Each application is considered on merit in terms of the provisions of section 21(2)(a) of the Group Areas Act, 1966.

years in 1978 for sabotage and Wilfred Mabena, 29, sentenced in 1985 for terrorism.

Magistrate rules Group Areas Act is still in force

Bloom 23/3/90

THEO RAWANA (84)

AN APPLICATION by three alleged transgressors of the Group Areas Act challenging the validity of the Act in the Supreme Court was dismissed in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

At least 11 other Group Areas cases due for hearing were bound by magistrate H Verhoef's ruling that the case would be heard in the Magistrate's Court.

Clive Keppler, 46, of Bryanston; his company One One Five Proespine (Pty) Ltd and Ismael Mayet, of Mayfair West, are charged with contravening the Act.

Kepler and the company allegedly allowed Mayet to live in an area from which "people of the coloured group are disqualified".

The defence contested the validity of the proclamation on grounds that it was about to be overtaken or changed.

Defence attorney Trevor Bailey argued that the Magistrate's Court had no jurisdiction since it was not competent to review a proclamation.

The magistrate rejected the argument and said the law must be applied as it stands.

The case was postponed to May and all the other cases would be heard on that day.

Earlier yesterday about 60 people, including a doctor, lawyers, clerical workers and businessmen, staged a protest against the Group Areas Act outside the court.

Actstop secretary Nassim Pahad said his organisation had written an open letter to all foreign embassies, highlighting the fact that "apartheid remains not only intact, but is painfully in force despite the recent liberalisations of President de Klerk".

NATAL UNREST DEATHS

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| September 1987 — January 1989:..... | 668 |
| February 1989 — March 21 1990:..... | 733 |
| Past 24 hours' official toll:..... | 5 |
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Areas illegals
stage protest

By Joe Openshaw

Homestead Park and Mayfair householders charged with living illegally in a white area staged a placard protest against the Group Areas Act outside the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 19 householders included a doctor, lawyers, clerical workers and businessmen.

Mr Nassim Pahad, secretary of Actstop, said the protest had been organised by his organisation, the Black Sash, the Federation of Transvaal Women and the Five Freedoms Forum.

He said an open letter had been sent to all embassies appealing to them to adhere to the fundamentals of internationally recognised human rights in judging the achievements of President de Klerk and his administration.

The letter said apartheid was "still painfully in force".

"Prosecutions against blacks in terms of the Group Areas Act are taking place on a unprecedented scale," the letter continues.

"An estimated 100 000 people are living illegally in Johannesburg.

"In the light of talk of creating a 'new South Africa' and overwhelming evidence that residential segregation is unworkable, one would have imagined that President de Klerk would have thrown out the notion of segregated housing," says the letter.

Water supply cut to Indian couple

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26/3/90 By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

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The water supply was cut off within 24 hours of a young Indian couple moving into a white residential area of the small Conservative Party-controlled town of Amersfoort in the Eastern Transvaal.

Salesman Mr Ismail Bemath and his wife, Rukeya, who is six months pregnant, have been able to cope only through the kindness of an Afrikaans-speaking woman who has allowed them to fill buckets of water at her house.

"We can never thank our new friend enough because we know she is risking the ire of some of her community," said Mr Bemath.

"But the council is treating us worse than animals. We are even frightened to put the lights on at night in case they come to harass

us more."

Their home was bought recently for a bargain R30 000 by local Indian community leader Mr Solly Moola. To circumvent the Group Areas Act, the deal was done through a close corporation.

Mr Moola said the Indian community lived in hopelessly overcrowded conditions, but the white end of town had 30 empty houses and many others for sale.

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Said Mr Moola: "I decided to buy and leave the house empty while I waited out the Group Areas Act.

"Because I am chairman of the Indian management committee, Mr Bemath came to tell me that he couldn't go on living any longer in crowded conditions — three families in one house — now that

his wife was about to have a baby.

"He asked me to let him stay in my house. I agreed, and made application through the House of Delegates for a permit. I am waiting for a reply."

The Bemaths moved in on March 5 and the next day the water was cut off.

Later, the Bemaths were visited by the police, who said the council had complained that they were contravening the Group Areas Act.

Amersfoort town clerk Mr Jan Sick has denied that the Bemaths' water was cut off because they are Indian. He said it was cut off when the previous owner moved out. The Bemaths had not applied for it to be reconnected.

"If they have a permit under the Group Areas Act, their case will be put to the council."

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Free areas 'bad'

Sowetan reporter

THE idea of a Free Settlement Area is unworkable, harmful for economic development, stalls growth and is simply a bad idea, the Urban Foundation said yesterday.

The proposal for a Free Settlement area - which stretches from Oaklands north of Johannesburg, south through Houghton to Berea then east across Yeoville, south to Judiths Paarl and ultimately to Doornfontein - excludes

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"Wasteful" idea

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create a false illusion of racial harmony while simultaneously avoiding other major issues - like the Group Areas Act.

Economic stability, and prosperity can be achieved if the Group Areas Act was scrapped immediately and not side-stepped with the FSA concept. And economic growth is a top priority in Johannesburg.

The Urban Foundation suggested Government should commit itself "as a matter of urgency" to five steps that would encourage growth.

* Residential freedom and choice for all;

* The establishment of a free property market in the urban areas;

* The preservation of environmental quality and environmental upgrading;

* The enforcement of democratically formulated and non-discriminatory rules to

prevent decline in neighbourhood quality and,

* A pro-active urban policy at national and local levels to preserve and extend public and private investment in the cities.

Hillbrow, Mayfair, Pageview and the Central Business District, areas that have been integrated for many years.

Ann Bernstein, executive director of the Foundations' urbanisation unit, said the consequences of an FSA are detrimental and would demand the spending of many hours on administration, entertaining white fears, demands and expectations. This would exert pressure on any attempts at running a non-racial management committee.

"The process," Bernstein said, "would be fragmented, hampered by duplication, inadequate and simply wasteful."

She also said it would invite racial tension and

Court overturns rule on 'whites only' lake

PRETORIA. — A decision by the Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg Town Council to reserve the lake and tennis court for whites only was set aside by the Supreme Court, Pretoria, yesterday.

Mr Justice S W McCreath said the council decision was grossly unreasonable and the only conclusion that could be drawn was that the reintroduction of petty apartheid had been mainly for political reasons.

He said the majority of town council members supported an existing political philosophy and wanted to express it without considering whether it would be in the interests of all the residents.

The judge said the council had clearly not considered other measures to relieve congestion at the lake.

The application was brought by former chairman of the Reiger Park Management Committee Mr Buchanan Jantjies, Boksburg-based Colgate Palmolive (Pty) and a Boksburg business-

man, Mr Roy Mountjoy, against the Boksburg Town Council and the mayor, Mr Beyers de Klerk.

In his judgment, Mr Justice McCreath said a local authority had to exercise its powers in the interests of all residents of the municipal area and should not act so unreasonably that its decision proved to be in bad faith.

If conditions at the Boksburg lake were such that they required urgent action, the council should have referred the matter to its committee on public safety, which it had not done.

The judge concluded that the conditions at the lake were clearly not as chaotic as they were made out to be.

The Boksburg Town Council maintained that these conditions and not any political philosophy had been behind the decision.

Mr Justice McCreath's decision was hailed by Mr Brian Currin, national director of Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), as innovative and brave. — Sapa

Tvl black councils face a bleak future

Star 2/4/90

Political Reporter

Black local authorities have been plunged into a crisis following the resignation of almost 10 percent of the Transvaal's 962 councillors last month.

And United Municipalities of South Africa president Mr Tom Boya revealed on Friday that plans were in the pipeline to discuss with the ANC the continued existence of black local authorities.

He had also called a special meeting of Transvaal councillors to decide whether "we should continue in the present political climate".

Intimidation

The ANC's unbanning on February 2 has given new impetus to extra-parliamentary organisations' protracted campaign against unrepresentative apartheid structures, particularly local authorities and homeland governments.

Transvaal MEC for local government Mr Olaus van Zyl confirmed on Friday that 61 black councillors had resigned in March as the result of severe intimidation, violence and pressure.

He denied, however, that the system of black local authorities was crumbling, saying a relatively small number of councillors had resigned.

Tokoza (East Rand), Tsakane (Brakpan), Botleng (Delmas), Leboang (Leandra), kwaGuqa (Witbank) and Bela-Bela (Warmbaths) had no quorums. In addition, Mr van Zyl said, two townships — near Waterval Boven and Hendrina — had been functioning without councils since the 1988 municipal elections. Two others — Munsieville (Krugersdorp) and Wadela (Carletonville) — were being administered by appointed councillors.

United Democratic Front assistant publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said the system was "heading for the conclusion of its crumbling" and had been destined to fall since its inception.

"With the new political direction, it's about time the remaining black councils crumbled."

Reacting to Mr van Zyl's call for the use of political avenues, and not intimidation, to voice opposition, Mr Morobe said: "That's nonsense. Mr van Zyl knows only too well how deep the resentment goes. The people have all along voiced their opposition through political channels, as demonstrated by the low percentage polls in elections."

4 000 want Jo'burg
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to be an open city

The Democratic Party has received 4 000 letters from people in Johannesburg in support of the open city concept and in protest against free settlement areas.

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The letters have been taken to Pretoria and handed to Free Settlement Board officials.

The DP had sent an open letter to residents living in the north-eastern suburbs, being considered a free settlement area, urging them to voice objection and support an open city.

Letters from residents call for the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

The objections to free settlement areas were that they would distort property prices, hamper the right of people to associate freely, and cause overcrowding and urban decay.

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tribution to the public debate," Mr Parsons said.

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SAP 'learn new thought patterns'

Star 4/4/90 By David Braun The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — The South African Police are being re-orientated by psychological programmes to be able to work with the African National Congress as a legal organisation rather than a banned enemy.

US Assistant Secretary of State Mr Hank Cohen told foreign journalists in Washington on Monday that Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok had recently described the programmes to him.

The programmes, now under way in the police force, were designed to reconstruct the psychological outlook of the security forces, so that in effect the police were being taught to work with the ANC and other organisations which had been legalised, he said.

Mr Cohen said a good effort was

being made to synchronise the work of the police and other security forces with Government policy.

No comment was available from police at the time of going to press.

However, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman, Captain Peet Bothma, said yesterday that Mr Vlok's statement on the subject had "not been interpreted correctly" in the original newspaper report.

Captain Bothma said: "As stated before, the South African Police have an on-going programme to better the relationship between police and the public — irrespective of the organisations to which people might belong.

"The effort is being made to make the relationship between the public and police more relevant and starts at the basic training process in the police college."

AWB men's bail extended

Star 4/4/90

Two AWB members alleged to have contravened the Internal Security Act had their bail of R5 000 extended by a Johannesburg magistrate yesterday.

Mr Hendrik Binneman (41) and Mr Cornelius van Zyl (28), both of Randburg, also face charges of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition and teargas, and conspiracy to sabotage the Regina Mundi Church in Soweto.

They were not asked to plead. The hearing was postponed to April 16. — Staff Reporter.

Few traders hit by Klerksdorp boycott

Star 4/4/90 By Stan Hlophe 84

Few white Klerksdorp traders have been affected by a consumer boycott in the town, launched by various community organisations to force the desegregation of municipal facilities and the release of detainees.

Supermarket managers and shop owners interviewed by The Star yesterday said they had experienced normal month-end sales and forecast high turnovers during the Easter weekend.

The boycott, which started on March 26, was launched by Cosatu and community organisations.

Mr John Imrie, Edgars store manager, said he recorded record sales at the weekend. A manageress said her dress shop had been affected as black customers were intimidated from buying.

The manager of the OK Bazaars said that although a number of black customers had come to buy most were afraid because they had seen friends or relatives being forced to "eat the items they bought".

Apartheid leads to boycott aimed at white businesses

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG: — A consumer boycott of white-owned businesses, aimed at forcing the desegregation of facilities and the release of detainees, has been launched in the Western Transvaal towns of Klerksdorp, Stilfontein and Orkney.

A spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said the boycott, launched on Monday last week by Cosatu, the Jouberton Civic Association, the Jouberton Youth Congress and other community organisations, had been "highly effective".

Business sources said shops catering for the black trade appeared to have been hit by the action. Checkers and Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp said turnover had been unaffected, but stressed that their outlets were used mainly by whites.

According to Mr Tsediso Ntaopane, secretary of the Jouberton Civic Association, the boycott aims to secure the release of about 20 people detained on and before Sharpeville Day (March 21).

The NUM said there had been further detentions since then, linked to the boycott.

The Klerksdorp Town Council, which was dominated by the National Party, had refused to desegregate municipal facilities, he added.

New Modder area for Indian occupation

WILSON ZWANE

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is to allow Indians to occupy the New Modder area in Benoni, East Rand, due to the declining interest among white people in living there. (H&S) (84)

In a statement, MEC for physical planning and land use, Willie Woods, said the decision to grant permits to 88 Indians, in accordance with the Group Areas Act, was taken by the Transvaal executive committee on Monday.

"The decision was not taken haphazardly and each application will be considered strictly on merit," Woods said.

He said diminishing interest among whites in New Modder had resulted in the

suspension of the Benoni municipality's bus service and closure of the primary school. Bloem 4/4/70

Interest among Indians in the area, caused by the overpopulation of Actonville and the proclamation of Rynsoord as an Indian group area, had risen and led the executive committee to approve Indians' applications to obtain and occupy properties in the area.

Benoni municipality commercial manager Johan Vlok said the municipality's bus service was suspended four months ago for economic reasons.

Economic activity 'hampered by Act'

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THE Group Areas Act — apart from its "inherent evils" — was seriously hampering economic activity, Law Review Project executive officer Prof Louise Tager said yesterday. 0/12/91 4/4/90

In a statement, she welcomed the opening of all land-zoned businesses in Johannesburg to all races, saying this would create new business opportunities.

"If local authorities around the country took the same decision they would soon come to experience not only the goodwill of the people but the growth of the economy in their areas," she said.

Deregulation was based on the principle that there should be appropriate legislation, rather than over-regulation or no regulation at all.

Appropriate laws, Tager said, were those necessary for public health and safety and ones that were simple, respected and complied with.

Deregulation was an essential ingredient for the creation of a free economy where more jobs were created as growth and development were allowed to increase.

Speaking about union opposition to deregulation and privatisation, Tager said it stemmed from the concern that labour legislation, especially industrial council agreements, would become the target of deregulation. Unions had to be involved in deregulation in these areas.

"Given the international experience that deregulation and privatisation create a favourable climate for job creation in the long run, the unions would themselves benefit in the form of increased membership from the very system they are opposing," she said.

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Owners warned on slum devaluation

PROPERTY owners should assess their interests in residential and commercial areas which are most vulnerable to "ghetto-isation" and value decline following deregulation.

Writing in Property Prices in Post Apartheid SA published by Real Estate Surveys, Erwin and Antoinette Rode said the phenomenon of grey areas was fundamental and unavoidable.

Therefore the Group Areas Act should be scrapped or the local option, where large municipalities were simultaneously deregulated, should be implemented.

Grey areas would eventually have to be declared open and most other white suburbs were not in danger of "invasion".

"All the negative factors arising from a total abolition of the Group Areas Act will apply in a more severe form to slow, incremental deregulation," the authors said.

They urged the abolition of rent control because it allowed the poor to occupy areas in a manner inconsistent with free market forces and discouraged constant refurbishment, aiding slum formation.

- Areas susceptible to invasion were:
- Older precincts close to the metropolitan core and already prone to urban decay;
 - Areas where a large proportion of accommodation was rented rather than owned; and
 - Areas close to the social infrastructure of black people's residential areas.

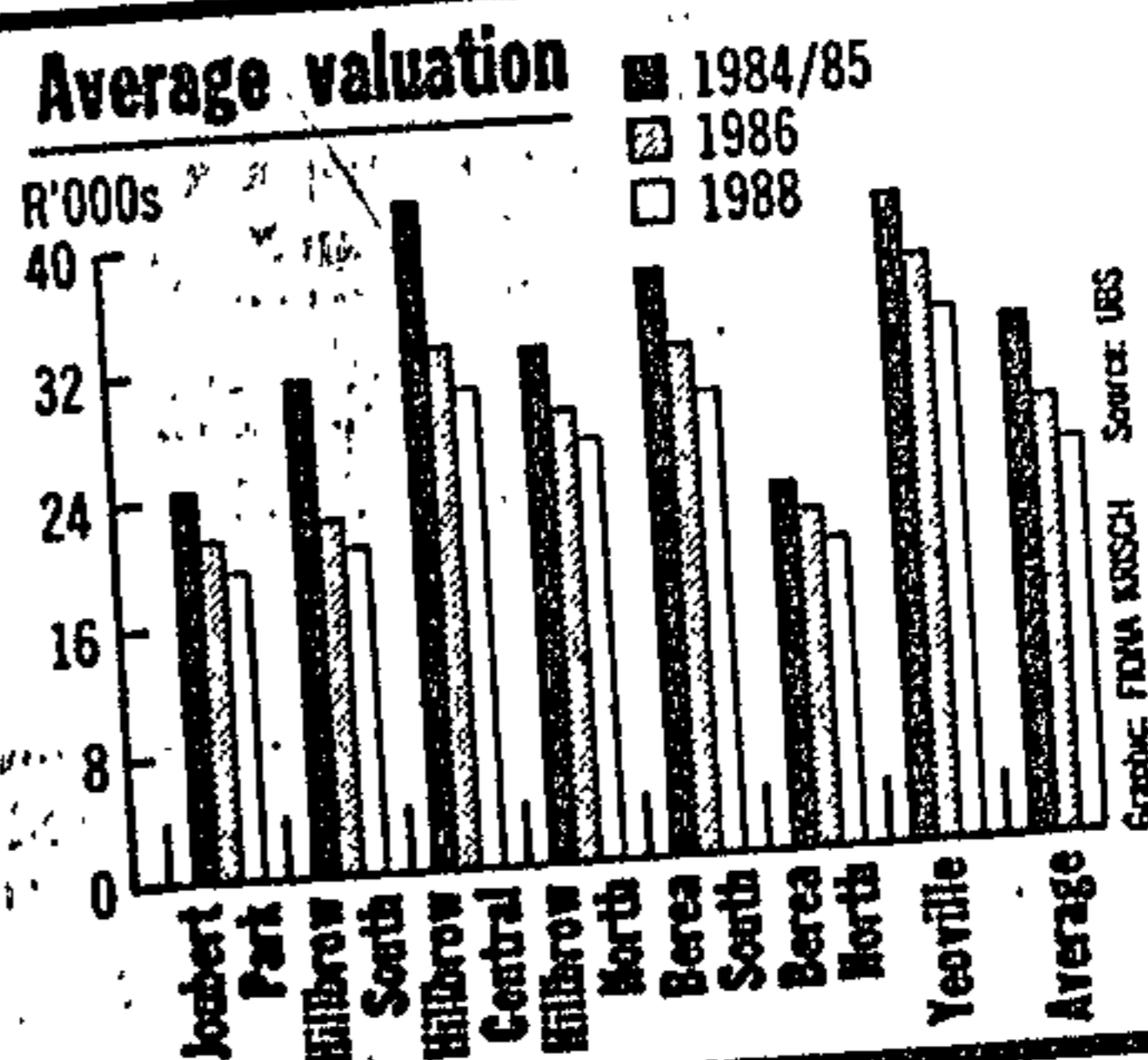
They cited figures provided by the United Building Society (UBS) which showed the valuation of flats in seven grey zones around Johannesburg had declined by 24,1% on average between 1984 and 1988.

As no general index for flat prices was

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available for comparison, this was contrasted with the UBS's index for smaller houses in Johannesburg showing an increase of 9,1% in valuation in 1984, a decline of 8,2% and 0,9% in 1985 and 1986 and increases of 2,4% and 16%, in 1987 and the first half of 1988 respectively.

Invasion usually had an initial, if not permanent, negative effect on the residential environment and therefore on prices.



The negative effect was permanent if "slumification" took place, they said.

The "slumification" of a residential area would also drag down the values of commercial properties in that area.

"A number of coastal holiday resorts in the SA metropolitan areas are exposed to instant value depreciation through invasion by buses during the peak holiday season," the said.

R4-bn is needed for Tvl health, says MP

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By Claire Robertson
Pretoria Bureau



The Transvaal needs double the R2 billion budgetted for health services this year to meet minimum needs, according to National Party MP Dr J J Vilonel.

Speaking at yesterday's meeting of Transvaal MP's and members of the provincial administration in Pretoria, Dr Vilonel (Langlaagte) said it was obvious there would be a shortfall this year.

This view found official support in the report of MEC for health services, Mr Fanie Ferreira, when he said "there is a strong possibility that extra funds will have to be requested".

Last year the province was caught R242 million short to meet minimum needs — even after extra funds were granted.

The Transvaal has asked for only 0,8 percent

more this year for health services.

Dr Vilonel said there was "scant comfort" in Mr Ferreira's saying that the "large numbers of nurses and physicians leaving the service" could mean savings on salaries.

Transvaal hospitals are understaffed by about 18 percent, according to Mr Ferreira's report.

Dr Vilonel suggested a redistribution of funds — from the national Budget down — to meet health needs. "I say the minimum needed is R4 billion," he said.

He suggested tax concessions as an inducement for grants for the building of hospitals.

Mr Brian Goodall (MP for Edenvale) said hospitals should be used by all races in order to use resources efficiently. Edenvale Hospital was only 59 percent full, he said, and opening it to other races would both meet a need and increase the viability of the hospital.

Administrators are taking over in several townships

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ADMINISTRATORS are to be appointed in three towns formerly administered by local authorities.

MEC for the Transvaal Olaus van Zyl this week announced that administrators would be appointed in Bela-Bela, near Warmbaths; Lebohang, near Leandra; and Tsakane near Brakpan.

Administrators have already been appointed at KwaGuqa, near Witbank; Tokoza, near Alberton; and Botleng near Delmas.

The appointed administrators, who will have the same authority, rights, powers and duties of local authorities, will hold positions until March 31 next year, or until by-elections can be held.

Van Zyl said that during the past few weeks some black local authorities received so many resignations from councillors there were no quorums.

He said the Executive Committee considered on Monday whether elections should be held or whether adminis-

trators should be appointed. It was felt that administrators should be appointed until by-elections could be held.

At KwaGuqa, S Riba, a former mayor, has been appointed as chairman of the Committee of Administrators. Other members are the five remaining councillors - TS Lifero, MA Ranape, SZ Malaza, S Mbethe and JS Lubambo.

At Tokoza, GHP Muller is the chairman of the Committee of Administrators, which consists of the remaining four councillors - FA Masondo, SM Mdakane, BJ Madi and LF Maabane.

At Botleng, MJ van Wyk, former town councillor of Bronkhorstspuit for 17 years, has been appointed chairman of the committee of administrators.

Van Zyl said the Executive Committee viewed democratically-chosen representatives as vitally important and by-elections would be held as soon as possible.

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Opposition to proposed opening of country areas

~~BY~~ EDYTH BULBRING (84)

THE proposed declaration of Mooikloof near Pretoria and Cosmo City near Randburg as free settlement areas has been strongly opposed by residents of the country areas.

Free Settlement Areas Board chairman Hein Kruger said on Friday residents had voiced objections to the proposals at a hearing last week.

He said the main concern of residents, who owned huge properties in the areas' vicinity, was that low-cost housing would be built, spoiling the area. They were also concerned that townships housing more than 20 000 people would be developed.

However, developers who owned land felt there was no demand from the white market and had chosen to aim for an open market, Kruger said.

Meanwhile, last Monday's deadline for objections to the opening of areas in Johannesburg, which the Ministers' Council has asked the board to investigate, had been extended, Kruger said.

CBD Association chairman Nigel Mandy said in a letter to the board that the areas it was investigating were inadequate. They include Houghton, Lorentzville and Yeoville.

He said they excluded most of the CBD, Braamfontein, Hillbrow, Pageview, Vrededorp and Mayfair West.

He said he would ask for the investigation to be extended to the whole Johannesburg municipal area.

Plans to tackle four key issues

DP vows to make changes in Jo'burg

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Jo'burg tipped to seek free settlement status

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rohan told Mr Justice Law he had joined the Af-

Rohan said it had been to cover expenses. He had

obeyed his instructions. He said he had not in-

The trial continues. - Sapa

JEC wants Clase to open all schools

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

THE Johannesburg Central Joint Education Committee (JEC) has called on the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr Piet Clase, to unconditionally open all schools to all pupils.

The JEC said in a statement it had considered the recent proposal by the Minister that schools might be able to open from next year, but only if a large majority of parents were in favour of such a move.

He mentioned 90 percent as a possible required figure.

The JEC consists of parents committees from Ferreira Primary School, Bree Street Primary School, Fordsburg Primary School and Johannesburg Secondary School.

The committee said it wished to categorically state its objections to the proposal. It was a totally inadequate response to the critical crisis facing

the nation.

"We call upon the Minister to open all schools. We believe in creating a single non-racial education system for all the people in our country. We wish to place on record our abhorrence of apartheid and discrimination of any kind.

"The proposal is steeped in racism and entrenches race classification and the Group Areas Act."

The JEC also said ear-

lier this year, the Minister in charge of "Indian Education" made conditions for entry of pupils of other races to Indian schools. These included that the racial character of the school was not changed and any additional teaching staff would rest with the school to supply.

"We believe that both ministers are acting in isolation. They are creating bureaucratic obstruction and are not interested in moving to develop a non-racial education system," the statement said.

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Tensions in Jo'burg NP over open city plan

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

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

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

But Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson of the DP

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

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

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

mittee would mean the NP was helping to implement DP policy.

Details he gave of the NP caucus meeting before the management committee election revealed that six of the 21 NP councillors had voted for co-operation with the DP in a DP-led management committee. Although the proposal was defeated in caucus, this was the outcome of the council vote for the new management committee. NP councillors are accusing their colleagues of stabbing them in the back and voting against caucus decisions.

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NP tensions

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

This deal resulted in the defeat of three NP members previously on the management committee. 81 Dam 12/4/90

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

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

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

Klerk's policy and are subject to NP policy."

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

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

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

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

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Top athlete slain in gruesome multi murder

By BONGANI HLATSHWAYO

A TALENTED Witbank athlete has been murdered in a gruesome multi killing.

The family of Petrus Makhulu Shabangu, 35, believes people known to him chopped off his limbs in a bizarre attempt to "acquire" for themselves his running skills. Shabangu was to run in the Comrades Marathon on May 31.

Shabangu, of KwaGugqa Township, was identified at the Witbank Hospital mortuary by relatives. His legs had been chopped off, an eye had been gouged out and four front teeth were missing. The top runner had disappeared 18 days previously.

His grieving mother, Josephine, said this week the family suspect people close to her son

But his killers, whoever they are, will never achieve the glory he had.

Shabangu went missing after leaving home on the afternoon of March 11 to visit a friend and team-mate in the Eskom Gijimas Athletics Club in KwaGugqa.

A day after his disappearance, he was allegedly taken to hospital by a group of youths travelling in a white minibus. They declined to identify themselves to hospital staff, a spokesman said.

"They only said they found him lying in the street after being beaten up near a hostel. He was in a very bad state and was immediately transferred to Kalafong Hospital in Pretoria where he died," he said.

Shabangu's family, baffled by his disappearance, was advised by a nei thon



Hunted rightwinger sweet-talked family into sheltering him

By CHARLES MCGALE

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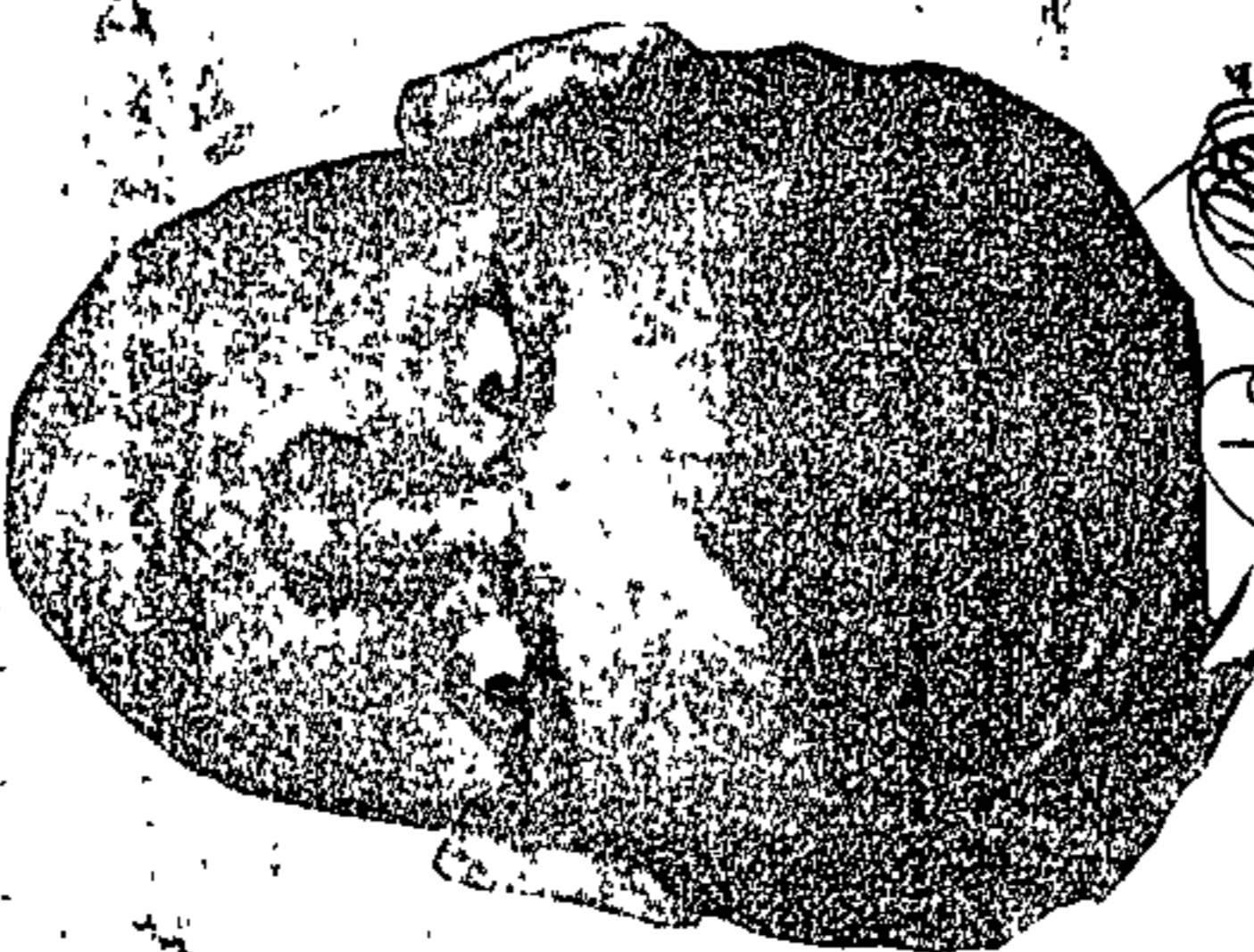
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Stopforth shared a



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Road death toll now 78

By DESMOND BLOW

SEVENTY-EIGHT people died in road accidents in South Africa between Thursday and yesterday afternoon, according to the National Road Safety Council (NRSC).

This number is expected to swell before the Easter weekend ends tomorrow.

"The worst day for fatalities was Thursday afternoon," said an NRSC spokesman, "and we fear that Monday will also be a high day for people perishing."

Nearly half the victims were pedestrians. Transvaal roads have claimed the most deaths at 30, with the Cape Province at 24, Natal 14, and the Free State 10.



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Stopforth shared a small verandah room with Bulalani.

Skweza said he returned home last Monday to find Stopforth had packed and left.

Guduza claims Stopforth spoke out strongly against apartheid.

"He told us he was looking for a job. We believed him. He was a very friendly and outspoken person," said Guduza.

"On one occasion we were driving around with him in his car - a maroon VW Golf with Namibian registration - and we were stopped by police. They questioned him about a Mandela T-shirt, and he told them where to get off. He said they could do anything they wanted, but he did not believe in discrimination. The police then searched us and let us go, with a warning that 'Charlie' should stop wearing such clothes."

When confronted with the newspaper story and pictures last Monday, Stopforth said he was returning to Namibia.

According to Guduza, Stopforth said he was going back to challenge the people who were looking for him. He promised to return over the Easter weekend.

City Press employee Willie Malaka, who lives in Orlando East, said he had met Stopforth several times in the neighbourhood.



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Victor Skweza



Tenants ordered out ahead of demolition

By Shirley Woodgate

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About 30 black tenants living in two dilapidated houses in Charlton Terrace, Doornfontein, Johannesburg, are threatened with homelessness after being forced to vacate the Technikon-owned property before it is demolished.

Tenant spokesman Mr George Phuti claimed police had entered the premises twice last week, kicking down doors and dumping tenants' belongings outside.

"When we demanded to see the eviction order or some form of police identification, the head of the plainclothes eviction

group said he had lost his ID," said Mr Phuti.

Spokesmen said the group had contacted Actstop lawyers to assist them.

Mr Phuti said the tenants paid rent totalling nearly R2 000 a month to Mr Desmond Smith who had not given them notice.

Confirming that he had leased the houses, Mr Smith said: "I was informed that the lease would be terminated at the end of March and gave the tenants three months' notice. But they refuse to budge."

Technikon vice-rector Mr J G Benade confirmed the Technikon had immediate plans to build on the property.

Robbers jump queue to grab pension pay

Staff Reporters

Pensioners watched helplessly yesterday as three armed robbers grabbed R188 000 in pension money in kwaThema township near Springs after attacking officials.

Three black gunmen ambushed the paymasters as they entered the HH Ngakane Hall at 9 am, grabbed trunks of cash and two guns before speeding

off in a white bakkie

The bakkie was apparently driven by a white man.

The robbers fired one shot into the air but nobody was injured.

"This is the coolest robbery I have ever seen," said a pensioner who witnessed the hold-up.

"Three black men walked in. One, who was very young, was wearing a municipal uniform

and the others overalls.

"The young one pointed a gun at one paymaster's chest and thrust out his hand. He took the trunk and gave it to his companion and moved towards another paymaster, who was already at the counter.

"The trunk and his gun were at the top of the counter. The robber grabbed the trunk and gun and ran away."

Shot in arm for black entrepreneurs

Star 18/4/90
By Frank Jeans

Blacks entrepreneurs can now operate industrial enterprises at Alrode South in Alberton, which was a white preserve until it was deproclaimed by State President FW de Klerk last month.

This breakthrough has been welcomed by East Rand Industrial township development company, Investron, which has been advocating open industrial areas for the past 10 years.

Managing director Allan Goldring says: "This deproclamation

heralds a new era for the black entrepreneur who wants to develop a strategically located factory.

"He can now enjoy the privileges and advantages of white industrialists."

Alrode South is one of the major industrial growth points on the Witwatersrand and is ideally located near major residential townships with their labour resources.

The black businessman is now able to buy land on a freehold basis and then build his own fac-

tory, or secure a ready-made workshop.

Mr Goldring believes this latest government move on reform will have a ripple effect across established industrial areas and create not only more opportunities for black business, but also more jobs.

"Traditionally," he says, "there have too many restraints on black entrepreneurs who have to invest in proclaimed black industrial areas, most of which are too remote from established markets.

"The black industrialist, too, has also had too little contact with other industrialists, many of whom would, in other circumstances, have become important stakeholders — either as suppliers, associates or customers."

Investron is now in the process of arranging total financing for black industrialists.

Two communities and 1 935 families were removed in the Transvaal during 1989, the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Mr Hernus Kriel, said in reply to a question by Mr Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North), yesterday.

In Natal 131 families were moved.

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Alrode South opens to Black industrial entrepreneurs

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

BLACK industrial entrepreneurs can now own and run factories at Alrode South in Alberton.

The area was originally zoned 'white industrial' until it was deproclaimed by the State President, Mr FW de Klerk, in March this year.

Mr Allan Goldring, managing director of Insvestron, an East Rand industrial township development company said, this "welcome reform" was largely due to persistent lobbying.

"This deproclamation

heralds a new era for the black entrepreneur wanting to develop a strategically located factory or workshop. He can now enjoy the same privileges and advantages of his white counterpart.

"Alrode South, one of the major industrial growth areas on the Witwatersrand, is ideally located near many of the major townships and their vast labour pools. The black businessman is now

able to buy land on a freehold basis and then erect and operate his own factory, or purchase a ready-made factory.

"Alternatively, if he prefers, he can lease a production facility," he said.

The details of the proclamation were published in the March 23, 1990 edition of the Government Gazette (volume 297, number 12364).

Goldring believes the property ownership reform will create a posi-

tive ripple effect across the country's established industrial areas, thus creating not only more opportunities for black entrepreneurs but also more employment, keener business competition and an all-round better image for South Africa.

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FROM A SPECIAL WRITER

JOHANNESBURG. — "Have they got diplomatic status?"

This was the nervous question posed by an estate agent to a (white) friend who accompanied my wife and me on a tour of a show house in a suburb near here.

The house was not to our liking and we never saw the agent again — he was the only person, during our entire search for a house in this city, who made us feel like "illegals".

The truth is, our experience is one of over-eager agents ready to do business, be of service and make a "buck".

Moving from a township house in Cape Town, it was of course a new experience to be able to scan thick property supplements in newspapers for houses on the market.

Ginger cookies and nerves — but no midnight knocks

The easy part was finding a suitable house.

Our own nervousness started after we purchased a house and had to move to a new (white) neighbourhood. It was compounded by the fact that we refused to do so on the much-hated permit system.

Insecurity

Our worry about a permit has, however, proved unfounded up to today. The only insecurity and hesitancy were in our own hearts and minds.

Some time after the removal firm unloaded our belongings, I

worried about a possible police knock at the door or a "meneer" from a government department who had the responsibility of keeping what is white, pure white.

The fact that our neighbours on both sides arrived at our front door on the day we moved in with a chocolate cake and ginger cookies helped, but did not put us entirely at ease.

So often I have heard that it is not usually the immediate neighbours who feel threatened but some troubled soul somewhere in the neighbourhood who has heard

of an "inkspot" in the area.

Three years after we had moved in, we had made good friends beyond our immediate neighbours, got elected on the school committee and joined the neighbourhood watch.

We were quite sad when we moved to another (white) neighbourhood three months ago.

Ginger cookies

In our new neighbourhood, we were not that concerned when we were not greeted with ginger cookies because, by then, we were

much more relaxed and confident.

It also seemed to us that the group areas situation here was much more relaxed than expected and that the spirit of the new South Africa has arrived in this city.

There is something about this city's "free spirit" that one can only find in a "world city". I am aware, also, that this is not something one must take for granted in my hometown, Cape Town.

Looking back, I somehow feel my hometown is a warm and friendly little dorp where most people have a liberal image but an environment where you must "know your place".

(SOUTH's special writer is a former Cape Town journalist who moved to Johannesburg in 1987. He holds a top public relations job with one of the leading companies in South Africa.)

Midrand farm soon to be gazetted as 'open' area

Staff Reporter

About 850 ha of the farm Diepsloot in Midrand will soon be gazetted as a free settlement area in spite of strong opposition from the Greenbelt Action Group and the town council.

The area which is to be granted "open" status extends from north of Riversands Farm to the R28 highway, a fraction of the original Norweto area that was scrapped after a massive outcry.

Dismay

Countryview, between Verwoerdburg and Halfway House, was Midrand's first racially mixed area, officially declared open along with District Six, Windmill Park and the Warwick Avenue Triangle in November last year.

The latest announcement by Free Settlement Board chairman Mr Hein Kruger has been greeted with dismay by the Greenbelt Action Group, which was formed by residents after plans to open the greater area known as Norweto were made known in 1986.

Commenting on the imminent gazet-

ing of Diepsloot as an open area, Midrand's mayor, Mr Alan Dawson, said the views of his council were well known: that free settlement areas created not mixed, but uni-racial suburbs that created more problems than solutions.

"Although the council did not officially oppose Diepsloot, we are opposed in principle to free settlement areas and believe the answer is the scrapping of the entire Group Areas Act. We understand that adjustments to this law will be made in the current parliamentary sitting," he said.

Local estate agent Mr Leon de Waal Louw said the move would push up land prices and predicted that the entire Group Areas Act would be scrapped once free settlement areas started taking off.

Former Conservative Party MP for North Rand, Mr Piet de la Rey, condemned the announcement, saying development threatened the environment and the area lacked adequate roads to service a high density population development.

TPA Earth Day events: 'whites only'

By Therese Anders, Star
Highveld Bureau 20/4/90

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's Earth Day festivities this Sunday are to be a "whites only" affair in the middle of the racially segregated Overvaal resort at Swadini in the Eastern Transvaal.

One of the organisers of the event, Mrs Hester Theron, information officer at the TPA's Department of Nature Conservation at Swadini, said Overvaal's race policy had "unfortunately been overlooked" when the event was planned.

"We would not like black people to think that Earth Day and conservation does not affect them also," said Mrs Theron.

"It was decided to hold the Earth Day function there because Swadini resort falls within the nature reserve and because it was the white school holidays."

Mrs Theron stressed that while the service and tree planting would be closed to blacks, the TPA's visitors' centre in the nearby Blydepoort nature reserve was open to all races.

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payable to legalise the contracts. "In my case," says the man, "my stamp duty would be only about R170 on signing the new agreement compared with about R1 700 which I have paid (though the cheque hasn't yet been cashed by the developer)."

The aggrieved resident adds that under the new contract the developer is entitled to borrow from the community to develop the village further. In addition, it faces few restrictions from the village management committee.

It seems to be clear that even if the developer believes it has the best interests of the villagers at heart it should have disclosed planned changes before selling units rather than after the pensioners had committed themselves. Boucher did not respond to phone calls or faxed queries from the FM. ■

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Begging to differ

Few planning policy changes are likely as a result of the the civic coup which, last week, toppled the NP-controlled Johannesburg City Council's management committee in favour of an alliance dominated by the DP.

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This, at any rate, is the view of re-elected planning and development committee chairman Eddy Magid who has emerged from the power struggle as non-aligned deputy chairman of the new management committee.

Nevertheless, Magid could find himself in a minority over the vexed issue of free settlement status for Johannesburg.

There is widespread speculation that the new management committee will treat, as a priority, an application to have the whole of Johannesburg declared open to free settlement. However, Magid adamantly opposes such moves unless the surrounding urban areas of Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort, Germiston, Soweto, Bedfordview and Diepkloof are also included in the application.

"My opposition is based purely on planning criteria. The political issues don't interest me now," he says.

Magid explains that declaring Johannesburg open to free settlement in isolation would result in greater, rather than less, urban fragmentation. It would also create chaos in terms of issues like traffic planning and control because flow patterns would be substantially altered (largely as a result of those entitled to live in Johannesburg working in surrounding towns).

"The only real option is to designate a

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much larger area open to free settlement. An even more logical solution would be to scrap the Group Areas Act."

In the context of broader planning issues and the new management committee, Magid says: "If anything, my elevation to deputy chairman has strengthened my ability to implement the enterprises which I had already started. A priority will be to pursue private sector partnerships — an issue on which the new committee chairman, Ian Davidson, and I agree."

He adds that the council will take the initiative by proposing specific ways of entering partnerships with large organisations. Typically this could involve the city as the landowner while the company functions as developer. "There are various scenarios which I personally will pursue in the very near future."

He adds that he endorses the policy of greater openness but stresses the need for privacy when discussing sensitive issues. ■

Group Areas Act is to be replaced soon

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Common voters' role, too?

STATE President FW de Klerk has promised to replace the Group Areas Act with "an effective and generally accepted" measure possibly next year.

In a major speech this week, De Klerk also said he accepted the idea of a common voters' roll for all races as part of a new constitution.

Speaking during the debate on his budget vote, De Klerk also promised to change or scrap the other pillars of apartheid - the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act, Land Act and Population Registration Act.

The idea of universal adult franchise on a common voters' roll was acceptable to the government, as long as it provided for protection for minorities and cultural, religious and language differences, possibly through other voters' rolls.

The NP was in favour of universal adult franchise within a dispensation based on the principle of non-domination and including mechanisms for protection, such as decentralisation of power, devolution of authority, constitutional checks and balances, decision-taking by consensus and an independent judiciary.

"A common voters' roll applied in a constitutional system based on the winner-takes-all approach, is not acceptable to the National Party," said De Klerk.

There was evidently a great deal of emotion among Members of Parliament who found apartheid legislation offensive and it appeared from their remarks there were members who questioned the government's sincerity in doing away with discrimination.

"It is the government's clear intention that new measures should not be discrimina-

tory and I commit the government to that goal," he said.

The NP's Plan of Action as campaigned for in the last election clearly declared that discrimination was unacceptable.

"The government has a broad mandate for repealing discriminatory legislation in its entirety or removing discriminatory aspects from legislation where this is still required.

"The key is that any substitute measure must be generally acceptable.

"Generally acceptable means exactly what it says. New measures will certainly have to have the support of the three Houses of Parliament.

"That can only be achieved if it does not attempt to implement a new form of discrimination," he said.

De Klerk also said:

■ The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act would be repealed this session, as he had undertaken in his opening address on February 2;

■ The government was working on proposals for a substitute to the Group Areas Act which could be brought before Parliament early next year;

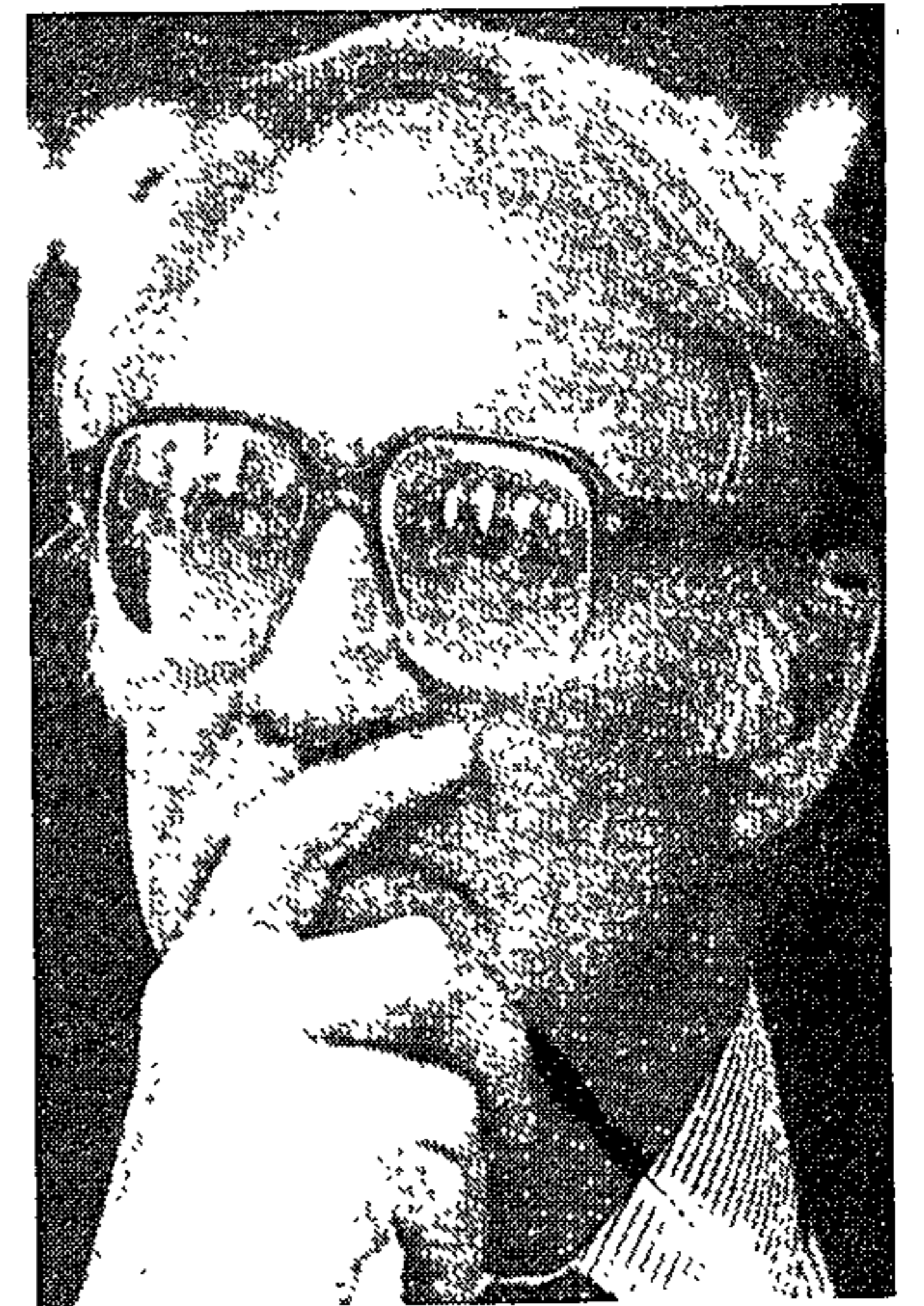
■ The National Party would insist on any new constitutional proposals being tested by white voters before implementation. The option of a referendum would also be available to coloureds and Indians who wanted to test their support bases, and to groups that were not qualified to vote for Parliament;

■ The National Party might form alliances with other parties and those which had opposed one another would have to join forces on matters they agreed on.

Opposition parties have expressed impa-



President De Klerk... promised to change or scrap pillars of apartheid.



Denis Worrall... 'a nice-sounding speech for international community'.

tience at the government's plans to deal with apartheid laws gradually.

Zach de Beer, co-leader of the Democratic Party said: "We cannot for the life of us see why these racist Acts cannot be summarily scrapped." - Sapa

Union and two executive ... as nothing had been

New look Group Areas condemned

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by ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

THAT the Group Areas Act will be replaced with what State President Mr FW de Klerk calls a generally acceptable measure was objectionable, Actstop spokesman Mr Cas Coovadia said yesterday.

Responding to De Klerk's statement that the Group Areas Act would be "scrapped," Coovadia said his movement would continue fighting any Act that prohibited people from living where they chose.

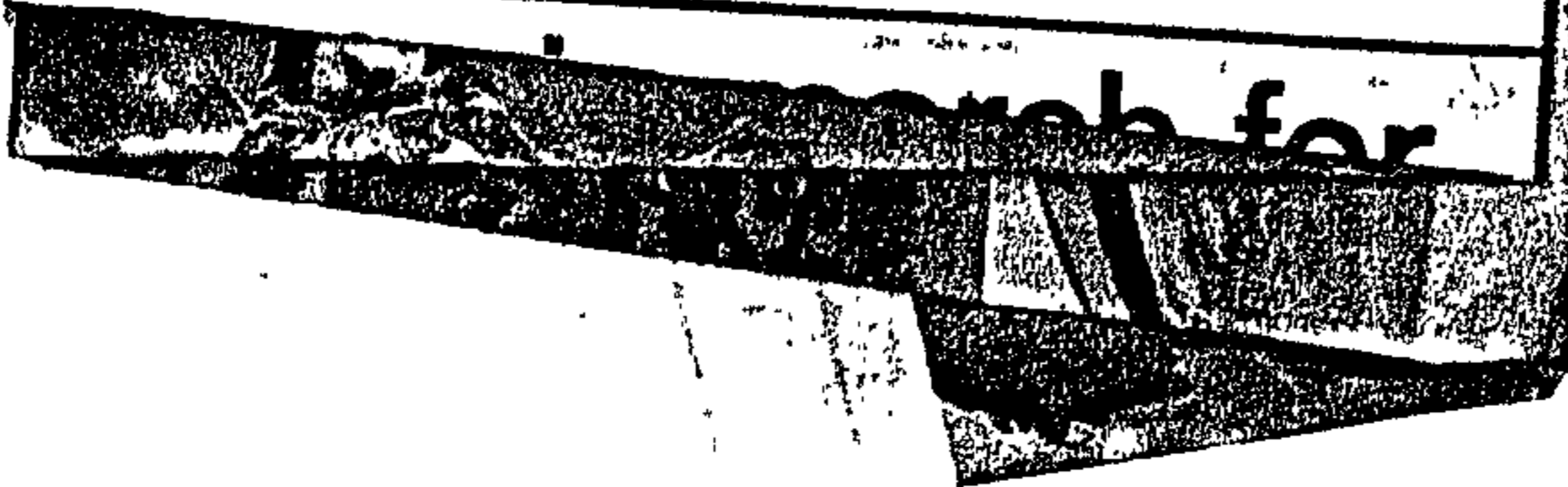
"When De Klerk said 'generally acceptable' he meant accepted by the three houses of Parliament," Coovadia said.

Fight Act

"We do not believe the Act should be replaced by any measure. We do not accept there should be any legislation to control where an individual chooses to live.

"De Klerk had also made no mention of consulting those people directly affected by the Act: black citizens. There was also no mention of consultation with black people through legal organisations like Actstop," he said.

Coovadia said Actstop would continue to fight the Act whenever it could and would intensify its campaign for its total abolition.



Sharp drop in general crime rate in Hillbrow

By Craig Kotze ~~23~~ 94

The general crime rate in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, widely perceived as the Reef's "heart of vice", has dropped significantly but rape and serious assault have increased, according to police statistics.

Figures released yesterday indicate sharp drops in crimes such as murder, robbery and common assault for the first three months of this year.

Crime which had increased was car theft, which rose from 548 vehicles stolen for the first three months last year to 680 for the same period this year, rape and serious assault, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Captain Opperman said rapes had increased by six to 39 and serious assault from 74 incidents to 121.

Murders had dropped by five to 31 and common assault by 43 to 309.

Robberies had also dropped by 132 cases to 232.

According to Captain Opperman, arrests made for prostitution had also dropped from 38 to 21.

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Law and order has broken down in Hillbrow — MP

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By Dawn Barkhuizen

Mr Lester Fuchs, MP for Hillbrow, has called for the immediate deployment of a municipal police force in his ward, contesting SAP figures which show that violent crime is dropping.

Police were fooling themselves if they paid attention to statistics showing violent crime to be lower in the first three months of 1990 than the same period in 1989, he said.

According to SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman the number of murder cases has dropped from 36 in January 1 to March 31 1989, to 31 in the same period this year.

The number of assaults reported were down from 352 to 309, robberies 364 against 232, prostitution 38 against 21 and drunkenness 91 cases against 57.

The only increases were for alleged rape — 33 to 39 cases — and car theft — 548 to 680.

Mr Fuchs however believes the security situation has deteriorated drastically.

Short-staffed

"I live in the area and speak to residents continually. Law and order seems to have broken down completely. Police are so short-staffed that they are unable to deal with the problem adequately if all."

This week and in the wake of the Easter weekend necklacing in Hillbrow, independent city councillor, Mrs Desire Simpson, called for SADF troops to be deployed in the area.

Mr Fuchs recently met with the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to discuss the situation and request the presence of a municipal police force in the area.

He attributed spiralling crime to the fact that police were seldom visible in the area and said their numbers had not been increased to match the population influx.

Captain Opperman meanwhile, attributed successes to good policing and a high number of arrests made during the year. Although he agreed that there was a manpower shortage, he said this was common throughout the country.

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DP will consult ANC, Actstop on open Jo'burg

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The Democratic Party plans to involve political groups such as the African National Congress and the anti-eviction organisation Actstop in negotiations on a non-racial city.

DP city councillor Mr Sias Reyneke yesterday said this was in line with the new DP-led management committee's policy of involving residents in council affairs.

"We want a desegregated Johannesburg as soon as possible. By involving as many organisations — for example, political and business groups — as possible, we want to ensure that the change will be well-managed.

"We do not want the transition to an open city to be seen as a well-polished form of apartheid, but as the *bona fide* desegregation of Johannesburg."

The decision to establish a committee to investigate the opening up of the city had been taken by the DP caucus, he said.

However, DP management committee member Mr Paul Asherson denied such moves, saying there was no need to involve organisations outside the council in the DP's plans for an open city.

"We have said we will not rest until we see the city open. The issue is non-negotiable."

Actstop spokesman Mr Cas Coovadia said many organisations rooted in the community could contribute towards moves for an open city.

"The history of the Nationalist government was a 'top-down' one. They took decisions and forced them down people's throats. We welcome the DP's attitude. In fact, we insist that organisations be consulted because we know our constituencies. All interested parties should work together in ridding the city of apartheid."

The Save the Pageview Association (SPA), which has been involved in a protracted legal tussle over the group areas status of the Johannesburg suburb, has come out in support of the management committee's plan for an open city.

This follows the city council's rejection on Tuesday of the declaration of parts of Mayfair and Pageview as free settlement areas.

SPA secretary Mr Ebrahim Kharsany yesterday said earlier moves to have parts of Pageview declared a free settlement area had been a tactical decision.

"It was merely a question of survival, a strategy to prevent further evictions. We are in regular contact with the new DP-led management committee and fully support moves to have the entire city opened up."

How sparrow's tale became Riana's motto

By Winnie Graham

Last Sunday Mrs Riana Behrens entertained nine black visitors in her Kempton Park home — yet just a few weeks ago she had never once visited a township or mixed socially with anyone in the black community.

The change in her life and attitudes came after spending a weekend in Tembisa.

"During that weekend I learnt all people are valuable and humanity is the same regardless of where you live," she added. "There are good and bad elements everywhere."

Her weekend in Tembisa came about almost by chance. One recent Sunday morning she spotted a form in the foyer of her local Methodist Church offering white residents the opportunity of experiencing life in the township. The "encounter" was being organised by Koinonia, a Christian reconciliation agency. Mrs Behrens decided to go.

"The weekend changed my life," she said. "I will never be the same again."

A consultant in problem solving, Mrs Behrens had always been interested in "cultural things". By visiting the homes of Tembisa residents, she had the opportunity of speaking to people, of sharing hopes and fears, opinions, prejudices and perceptions.

She admits she was uncertain when she packed for the weekend and "drove off into the smoke cloud called Tembisa". Yet, when she reached her destination in the township she experienced a feeling of excitement and anticipation.

Darkness and dust

"I met interesting people, including businessmen and teachers, but speaking to them in the darkness and dust brought home the reality of their lives," she said. "I could hardly believe I had just left a modern city with all the facilities we take for granted."

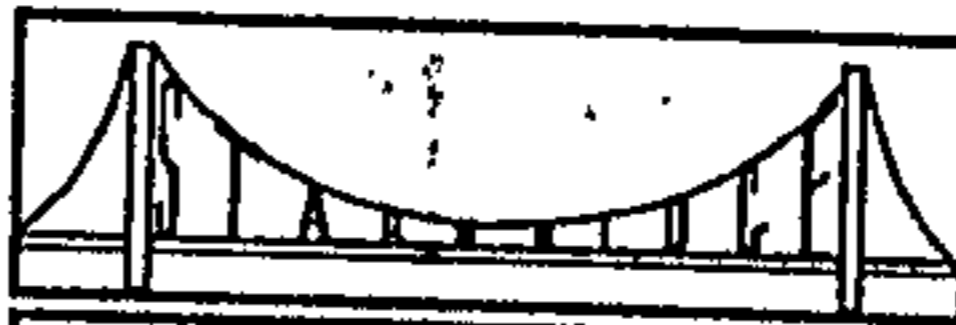
The drive through the suburbs of Tembisa, especially "Plasticville", she added, was like a horrible fairytale. Yet even in the squatter camp she found people trying to improve their lives.

"I found the lack of water and toilet facilities there absolutely scary," she added.

Mrs Behrens described the Tembisa rally as a highlight with some of the songs "so sad and beautiful", tearing at the heart.

Her host, she said, had told a story which would become her motto. In the days when birds and animals talked, he had told her, a knight had come across a little sparrow lying on his back, his legs stretched into the air. When asked what he was doing, the bird said he was holding up the sky. The knight laughed and asked if he really believed he could hold up the sky and the bird replied: "Perhaps not alone, but I will do what I have to do, sir."

She added: "And I, too, shall do what I can."



Starbridge

Blacks buying flats in Hillbrow

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JOHANNESBURG. — Black people wanting to buy residential property in Hillbrow, a white group area, are being granted permits to purchase immediately upon application by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works.

Mr Jaap de Villiers, who owns Beaconsfield Court and Lorina Court in Hillbrow, said yesterday he had sold 15 flats to black families since last Friday. He has advertised a total of 57 flats for sale at prices ranging from R30 000 to R75 000.

Mr De Villiers is in possession of a letter from the department's offices in Johannesburg, confirming that the two apartment blocks are inside the proposed Hillbrow/Joubert Park Free Settlement Area.

The letter confirms that the department is issuing permits to blacks, enabling them to obtain bonds and transfer property in their names.

A spokesman from the department in Pretoria said yesterday he did not believe permits were being granted immediately for Hillbrow or any other area.

He said the fact that the area where these flats were being sold was under investigation by the Free Settlement Areas Board would make no difference to the time constraints or number of permits being granted, as the Group Areas Act was still in force.

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Alexandra to lay it all on for whites

By Shirley Woodgate -

Alexandra residents will kill the fatted calf and sing and dance traditional style when they entertain their white neighbours from Johannesburg, Sandton and Randburg at a get-together in the township tomorrow.

Four local groups — the Alexandra Civic Organisation, the Alexandra Womens' Congress, the Alexandra Youth Congress and the Alexandra Student Congress — have issued an open invitation to whites and their families to go along and meet the blacks to find common ground.

"History has divided us but it is you and I, the ordinary people of South Africa, who need to discuss our common destiny. Let us be friends, not distant neighbours," reads their invitation, issued in the name of community leader Mr Obed Bapela.

The get-together will follow a "Jo'burg to Alex Walk" on Saturday morning, organised by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF).

FFF organiser Mr Etienne Marais said the walk was to promote non-racialism, a united Johannesburg and hope in South Africa's future. The FFF believed it important for blacks and whites to discuss their fears and frustrations.

FFF members will meet people in the parking area west of Dions at Arkwright Avenue, Wynberg, at 1 pm and transport will be laid on for the disabled and elderly from the parking lot to the picnic area and back.

National service: doctors

285. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (a) How many fully qualified doctors currently completing their military service are being used in public hospitals, (b) at which hospitals are these doctors stationed and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

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- (a) 7 doctors,
(b) 2 doctors at J G Strijdom Hospital
2 doctors at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital
1 doctor at Scottsburg Hospital
1 doctor at Harding Hospital
1 doctor at H F Verwoerd Hospital
(c) 4 April 1990.

Bread subsidy

314. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Agriculture:

- What bread subsidy was paid by the Government for each of the latest specified five years?

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The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

- 1985/86 — R180,497 million
1986/87 — R147,000 million
1987/88 — R147,370 million
1988/89 — R132,000 million
1989/90 — R105,935 million.

Own Affairs:

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Provincial public libraries: identification/functioning

71. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government: ~~transcribed~~
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- (1) Whether the identification and functioning of provincial public libraries has been finalised; if not, why not; if so, (a) which provincial public libraries were identified as White own affairs, (b) why were they so identified, (c) when were they trans-

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- ferred to his Department and (d) who took the decision in this regard;
(2) who will be responsible for (a) ordering and (b) buying books for such libraries?

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The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: ~~transcribed~~
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The same question was put to the then Minister in the Office of the State President charged with Administration and Broadcasting Services in 1988 as general affairs question 890(2) and answered by him — vide Hansard No 1288. (Cols 1187-1188).

Certain areas: residence permits

111. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government:†

- (1) How many persons were granted residence permits in terms of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, from 1 June 1987 up to the latest specified date for which statistics are available to live in White residential areas in the parliamentary constituencies of (a) Helderkrin, (b) Florida, (c) Maraisburg and (d) Roo-depoort;

- (2) in respect of what date are these statistics furnished?

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The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- (1) Statistics are kept for White declared areas, but not in respect of parliamentary constituencies. For the area of Roo-depoort no residence permits were issued.
(2) 21 July 1989 to 5 April 1990.

Group Areas Act: vacating of premises

112. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government: ~~transcribed~~
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- (a) How many persons who occupied premises in conflict with the provisions of the Group Areas Act had terminated their occupation of such premises in (i) the Transvaal, (ii) the

Orange Free State, (iii) the Cape Province and The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- (iv) Natal as a result of action taken by departmental groups for group area matters, excluding Police action, as at the latest specified date for which statistics are available and (b) in respect of what date are these statistics furnished?

B764E (b) 21 July 1989 to 5 April 1990.

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Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika

No. 75, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N VRYESTIGINGS-
GEBIED KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 2 VAN DIE WET OP
VRYESTIGINGSGEBIEDE, 1988, GELEË OP
GEDEELTES VAN DIE PLAAS DIEPSLOOT 388
JR, DISTRIK PRETORIA, PROVINSIE TRANS-
VAAL

Kragtens artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Vryestigingsgebiede, 1988 (Wet No. 102 van 1988), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied geleë op Gedeeltes 2, 119, 120, 123, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152 en 153 van die plaas Diepsloot 388 JR, distrik Pretoria, provinsie Transvaal, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n vryestigingsgebied is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Elfde dag van April Eenduisend Negehoenderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

No. 76, 1990

INSTELLING VAN 'N VRYHANDELSGEBIED
KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP
GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE UMKOMAAS, DIS-
TRIK UMZINTO, PROVINSIE NATAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie die bepalings van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (1) van die Bylae hierby, met uitslui-

PROCLAMATIONS

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 75, 1990

DECLARATION OF A FREE SETTLEMENT
AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 OF THE FREE
SETTLEMENT AREAS ACT, 1988, SITUATED ON
PORTIONS OF THE FARM DIEPSLOOT 388 JR,
DISTRICT OF PRETORIA, PROVINCE OF THE
TRANSSVAAL

Under section 2 (1) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby declare that the area situated on Portions 2, 119, 120, 123, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152 and 153 of the farm Diepsloot 388 JR, District of Pretoria, Province of the Transvaal, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be a free settlement area.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Eleventh day of April, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

No. 76, 1990

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA
IN TERMS OF SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP
AREAS ACT, 1966, AT UMKOMAAS, DISTRICT
OF UMZINTO, PROVINCE OF NATAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in paragraph (1) in the

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TPA: camping resorts

INTERPELLATIONS UNDER NAME OF MEMBER

QUESTIONS

+ Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs: ~~285~~ *Herendien*

Persons: expropriation of property

7. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

Whether he will furnish particulars of persons who have lost property by expropriation since 1948; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks are involved and (b) (i) what areas were affected and (ii) on what dates? C25E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

The Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs has not been responsible for any expropriation of properties. This was done by the erstwhile Department of Community Development. Since the inception of Own Affairs the various Own Affairs Administrations passed their own expropriation legislation. The information required is therefore not available and (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) as well as (b) (i) and (ii) consequently fall away.

Action against coloured persons in certain areas

8. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) Whether it is his intention to take steps against people of colour residing in the areas of (a) Mayfair, (b) Homestead Park, (c) Hillbrow and (d) Berea; if so, (i) what steps and (ii) why; if not, why not; whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Herendien* C26E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) As Mayfair, Homestead Park, Hillbrow and Berea are situated within a White group area which falls within the ambit of Own Affairs the question should be addressed to the Ministers' Council: House of Assembly.

(2) Falls away.

19. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) (a) How many camping resorts falling under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration are there in that province for (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Indians and (iv) Blacks and (b) what are the names of these resorts in each case;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? *Herendien* C52E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

(1) (i) Whites — none.

(ii) Coloureds —

(a) One resort.

(b) Rooodeplaat Dam.

(iii) Indians —

(a) One resort.

(b) Rooodeplaat Dam.

(iv) Blacks — none.

(2) No.

Vaal River resorts: amenities

20. Mr T R GEORGE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:

(1) What amenities are available to each population group at each of the Vaal River resorts falling under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration;

(2) whether it is his intention to declare these resorts open to all population groups; if not, why not; if so, when;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? C53E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS: *Herendien* C5190

(1) There are no Vaal River resorts under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. Camping, barbecue and abolition facilities are presently being developed for all race groups at the Vaal Dam. These facilities will upon completion, not be managed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration but will be privatised.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) No.

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Dark city bursting at its seams as people flock in

By Winnie Graham

Alexandra, the "dark city" wedged between Johannesburg and Sandton which is now undergoing a major facelift, is becoming one of the fastest growing towns in South Africa.

The population has shot up from 120 000 to 200 000 in just over two years and authorities are predicting that by the turn of the century more than 400 000 people will live there.

Efforts to upgrade Alex's sewerage system, roads, power and water supply have continued unabated, but little, it seems, can be done about the population explosion threatening to engulf it.

Mr Steve Burger, the administrator of Alexandra who this week took the representatives from ACE donor companies on a bus tour of the city, said new arrivals were settling in the area daily.

In July 1986 there were 5 500 "informal structures". Today there were 16 500. Statistics showed an average of 6,2 people occupied each unit.

While the local people were upgrading their properties, shacks continued to go up on every available piece of open space.

"Alexandra is bursting at the seams," he said.

In 1988, when squatters started moving in "in great numbers", the council had tried to legalise them by signing agreements with them. Today, however, many were erecting shacks in streets (both Fifth and Sixth Avenue have been closed to traffic), making it virtually impossible to keep tabs on numbers.

Squatters came mainly from the Ciskei, Transkei, Venda and Mozambique. In some instances hostel dwellers in Johannesburg sub-let their accommodation in the city town to live with their families in Alexandra.

So desperate were people for a place to erect shelters they are squatting in the local cemetery.

Mr Martin Ramokgadi of Alexandra said it was impossible to accommodate more people in the city.

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points after three events. The Tour of Corsica ends on Wednesday after a total distance of 1,397 km — Sapa-AP.

F W stops Areas Act case

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

President de Klerk has personally intervened in the Pageview saga by ordering that the State's court case against 67 Indian families living in the "white" Johannesburg suburb be withdrawn.

Save Pageview Association (SPA) secretary Mr Ebrahim

Kharsany said he had been informed by the State President's Office on Friday Mr de Klerk had instructed that the court case, which had been put on the Johannesburg Supreme Court roll for Thursday last week, should not proceed.

Mr Kharsany said he did not know whether the case had been postponed temporarily or whether pending prosecution of the Group Areas Act transgressors had finally been stopped.

Two weeks ago the SPA was notified by attorneys acting on behalf of the Department of Local Government and Housing in the Ministers' Council of the House of Assembly that legal action would proceed.

This move followed the Democratic Party-led Johannesburg City Council's rejection last month of the declaration of parts of Mayfair and Pageview as free settlement areas.

The DP favours the racial integration of the whole of Johannesburg instead of opening up small "pockets", which it believes will lead to overcrowding.

The SPA supports the city council's plan for an open city.

The Free Settlement Board recently announced a further inquiry into the desirability of opening up parts of Mayfair and Pageview.

Mr Kharsany said he was relieved that the State President had intervened and hoped that the 67 remaining Indian families would not be forcibly removed.

Hoernle lecture

described him of "fuelling the segregation", according to Ms Wentzel.

Hoernle was born in Bonn in 1880. He studied in Saxony and at Oxford, and came to South Africa to take up the post of professor of anthropology at the then South African College.

In 1923 Professor Hoernle lectured in Britain and the United States. In 1924 he was appointed professor of anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand. In 1925 Winifred, was appointed senior lecturer in anthropology.

Wentzel, Professor Hoernle's former colleague at both the University and SAIRR, was full of praise for the

Hoernle was an honorary research fellow at the Department of Anthropology — has written a number of books, including the much-praised "The History of Protest" which records the role of protest in South Africa.

Hoernle told The Star last week: "Protest was a very strong man and a good example of the kind of man to whom every man should look up. In those days he had the ears of men."

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Black City Sowetans 14/5/90 tenants march

ABOUT 300 Actistop supporters presented a memorandum to City Council members on Saturday, listing the grievances of about 100 000 residents of Johannesburg's so-called grey areas.

Under the watchful eyes of security police, Actistop supporters staged a colourful and peaceful march to city council offices, where Actistop president Sandile Ngidlana handed the memorandum to the council's DP caucus chairman, Mr Les Dishy.

Demands contained in the memorandum included the provision of affordable accommodation in the city centre, the desegregation of all health facilities, the opening of educational institutions and the scrapping of the Separate Amenities and Group Areas Acts.

The memorandum called for control over SAP intimidation and bias as well as for the maintenance of rent control to avoid exploitation of tenants by unscrupulous landlords. The Actistop president said it was a disgrace that 48 white schools in the area were threatened with closure, while black children had to travel to townships to attend school.

He said crime in the city centre was exaggerated and was not a result of the desegregation of the area. The roots of the problem needed to be addressed, he said, and rehabilitation facilities for vagrants should be provided.



Mrs Tiny Ntuli and Miss Emily Tsagane are congratulated by Mrs Audrey Mabuza (centre) after being presented with their senior primary teachers diplomas at a ceremony in Vosloorus, Boksburg, at the weekend. They are both from the Kathorus College of Education.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU.

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Overcrowding shocks even hardened police

By Shirley Woodgate

The massive extent of overcrowding in Johannesburg's inner suburbs was driven home last week when even hardened policemen were shocked to find 11 people sleeping in one room hired out at R400 in Braamfontein and 16 adults and six babies living in a Joubert Park flat.

Their findings were fully backed by local city council representatives for greater Hillbrow.

But Actistop spokesman Mohammed Dangor said although overcrowding existed, attempts by the police to highlight the problem were aimed at whipping up right-wing elements against blacks in Hillbrow.

"What they hope to achieve is to link blacks with crime despite the fact that statistics show a decrease in crime in the area."

He called for rent controls and accused the authorities who conducted crime sweeps in Hillbrow of punishing the victims of homelessness instead of addressing the root cause of the problem.

And, despite the wealth of supporting evidence, Johannesburg Medical Officer of Health Hilliard Hurwitz was adamant: surveys conducted by the city council revealed overcrowding was not the norm "to such an extent they contravened the Slums Act".

"However, we face a moral dilemma. If you displace 100 people, where do they go?"

"The problem centres on the lack of housing. It will be a headache as long as limited areas are open to people of colour and until the urbanisation influx can be evenly spread out," Dr Hurwitz said.

Joubert Park city councillor Desiree Simpson labelled the situation a "festering sore" with little chance of being cleaned up because of lack of consultation between the Government and city council.

Lift shaft

Mrs Simpson, who has been closely involved in the problems of her area since 1987, said: "In one block people pay R150 to live in a lift shaft.

"Small single rooms are curtained off and turned into cubicles for 10 people paying R200 a head, some tenants pay by the bed and after dark, watchmen at certain blocks charge R10 to sleep in passages.

"The slum landlords encourage overcrowding which is the basis of their wealth. These tenants are fair game for everyone out for a quick buck.

"American-style block-busting exists from the watchmen who makes a killing out of peoples' misery to the head lessees who exploit the homeless, and absentee landlords who are often retired and no longer living in Johannesburg.

"But nothing is done as the authorities do not communicate and, in any case, they are in limbo while the Slums Act has been scrapped and before its replacement is enacted," she said.

Dr Hurwitz said the Slums Act had been de-pro-nulgated for white areas and would be replaced by the Development of Housing Amendment Act which did not specify the rate of occupancy.

"We have made recommendations which we hope will be incorporated in the new Act. In the meanwhile, council does not sit idle when overcrowding is reported.

"We are able to act in terms of the Health Act and council by-laws, serving notice on the owner of the building to reduce the occupancy rate."

DP vice-chairman in Hillbrow Simon Chilchik said: "From a socio-economic point of view, thousands of people pouring into this tiny area lacking the necessary infrastructure is plain suicide. The entire area is sitting on a time bomb."



Candlelight in Milton Court, Hillbrow is not romantic but sheer necessity after the electricity was cut off three months ago — all part of the daily trauma brought on by lack of adequate housing, overcrowding and inner suburbs exploitation by slumlords

Picture by Ken Osterbroek

Whites 'back integration'

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Boksburg:

Dramatic shift for far-right town?

Boksburg has become the symbol of apartheid — yet it could become the first town to create an integrated system of local government in South Africa. Weekend Argus reporter GRAHAM LIZAMORE examines the implications of a comprehensive study that was made of the town.

BOKSBURG, the East Rand town known internationally as the symbol of apartheid after rightwing thugs against blacks who tried to use the town's lake, could become the first racially integrated municipality in South Africa.

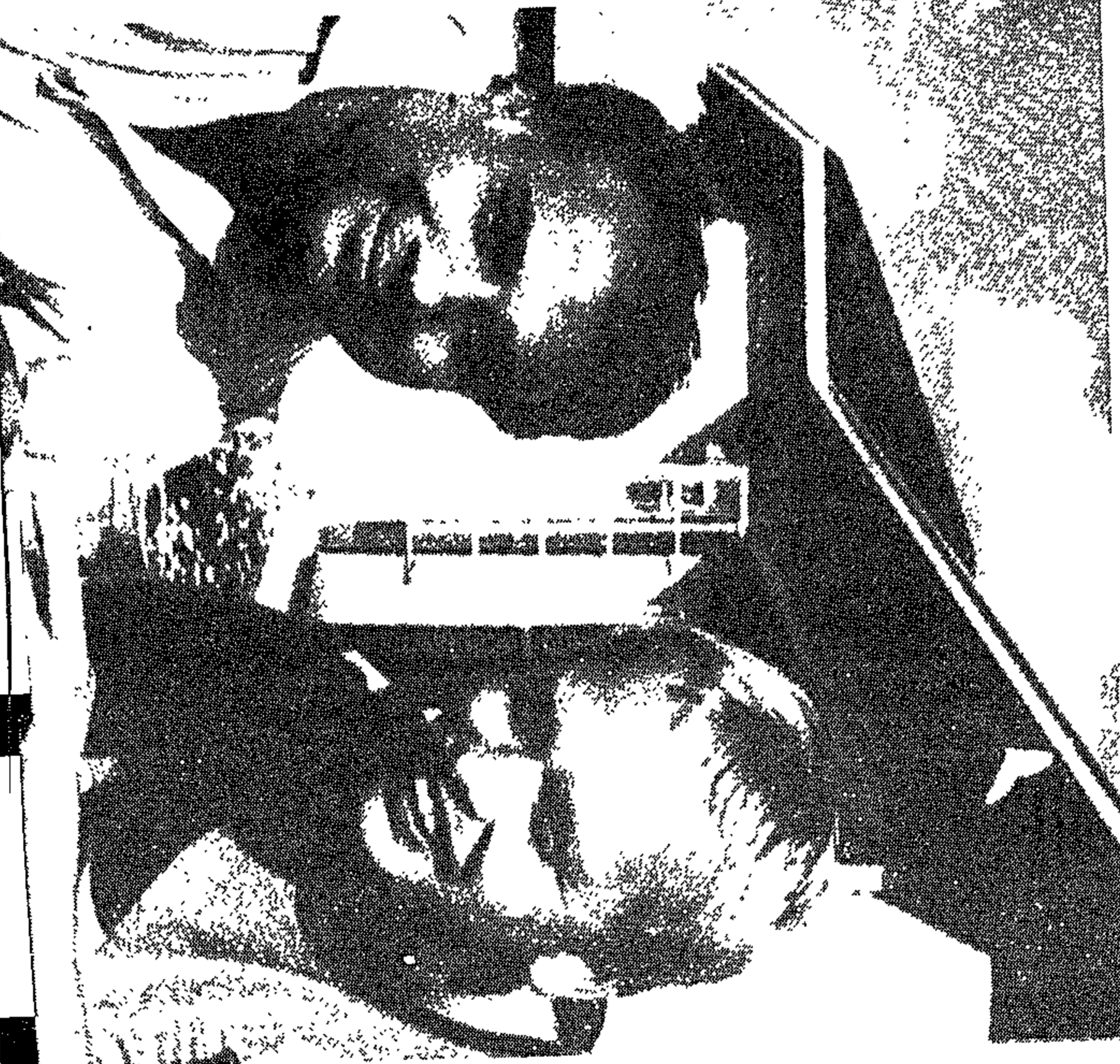
A study of the troubled town has revealed that a majority of Boksburg's 80 000 whites would support a single multiracial municipality. It also showed that the town conformed to the guidelines set recently by the State President for the establishment of integrated municipalities.

The results of the study conducted by the Policy Research Unit of the American Chamber of Commerce are also significant in view of two crucial by-elections within the next six weeks which should see the National Party wrest control from the Conservative Party's destructive stranglehold on the town.

If successful, the National Party is certain to consider an integrated municipality to renew interest and investor confidence in the town.

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Everything keeps going right

500 police in Hillbrow crime sweep

MORE than 500 policemen took to the streets in the Hillbrow-Berea area last night in one of the biggest displays of crime prevention there to date.

It was the second in the area this month, and part of the nationwide Operation Watchdog.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the aim was to prevent and combat crime, and a public relations exercise to let the public know that police were out to protect them.

Roadblocks

Drug squad and child protection unit members took nightclubs by surprise to check for drugs and teenage drinkers.

Roadblocks were set up by Hillbrow police and the dog squad, with traffic po-

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lice at hand with alcohol testers.

Captain Opperman said particular attention was paid to taxis and the possession of unlicensed firearms.

Hundreds of revellers travelling within the area were caught at the roadblocks. Streets were cordoned off for blitz searches.

Hundreds of policemen patrolled the area on foot, hunting for bag snatchers and car thieves.

Before the raid, Lieutenant-General Dorf Mathee, in charge of the operation, warned the police to be disciplined and reasonable — "there will be no kicking down doors or windows unless absolutely necessary".

Within an hour, two stolen vehicles were recovered and quantities of alcohol was confiscated in shebeen raids.

Nearly a 100 litres of homemade skokiaan and "barberton" were taken from a shebeen in Olivia Street, Berea.

Delighted

A plainclothes sergeant infiltrated the premises and bought a beer before about 15 uniformed men moved in and arrested the two owners and a few dozen drinkers.

A resident in a flat across the road expressed delight at the evening's event.

"We've frequently complained of noise and traffic outside the house, and are really glad the police are now taking action."

Children burnt in torch accident

MELODY McDOUGALL

VEREENIGING — An undisclosed number of school children were treated for burn injuries at the Sasolburg Hospital last night after an accident during a torch-light procession.

A witness, who phoned the Vereeniging office of The Star, said pupils of the Sasolburg High School were taking part in the procession — part of a German festival — when the incident happened.

According to unconfirmed reports one of the participants in the procession knocked over one of the paraffin-filled torches. Chaos ensued and several children suffered burns.

Shell gives activists' pleas on SA a hearing

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SUE LEEMAN

LONDON — Denis Goldberg, who was an accused in the Rivonia trial, and other anti-apartheid activists were allowed to address the Shell annual meeting this week to put their case for disinvestment from South Africa.

The Shell management which, in recent years, has become accustomed to anti-apartheid demonstrators disrupting annual meetings, agreed to allow an hour for discussion of the South African question.

Last year, chairman Sir Peter Holmes refused to bow to pressure for an intensive debate on Shell's involvement in South Africa.

On Thursday, he allowed Mr Goldberg and two others to speak, each for seven minutes. This avoided a repetition of the shouting match which usually ensues as activists, most of whom hold one share each, clamour to be heard.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement has been responsible for a sustained boycott campaign against Shell. In Holland, the campaign has involved a number of arson attacks at Shell petrol stations.

Top jockey suspended

ROBERT GARNER

A TOP South African, jockey Rhys van Wyk, has been suspended for six months by the Mauritian turf authorities.

Van Wyk, champion jockey on the Highveld last season, was suspended after being found guilty of not giving his mount every chance to win in a race on the island last Saturday.

Van Wyk appealed, but failed to attend the hearing on Thursday and the suspension is now in force. The suspension applies in all racing countries.

See Star Racing.

'Coloured' teachers in protest march

MORE than 2 500 teachers dispersed peacefully after presenting a memorandum detailing grievances against the "coloured" education system at the House of Representatives' offices in Johannesburg on Friday.

The huge throng sat down at the Bree Street entrance of the Department of Education and Culture offices while three teachers presented the memorandum to Transvaal chief education inspector Johnny Francis, who was booed and heckled.

On several short-term demands, Francis indicated his department was flexible, but he could not give a firm undertaking that several teachers dismissed for their alleged political involvement would be re-employed.

Provincial Teachers' Union member Mike Davey warned that if any who took part in the protest were victimised "we will come out in a much bigger force".

The march marked the end of a four-day "chalks-down" protest, which started on Tuesday. The education head office in Cape Town is expected to respond to teachers' demands tomorrow. — Sapa



The crowd of teachers marching to hand in their grievances about the education system.



Flashback to 1976 . . . This scuffle during a demonstration by Indian traders at Pageview reflects the mood of the people and their reactions to efforts to evict them.



Desolation Row . . . The People's Bazaar, once the biggest shop in Pageview's 14th Street, is boarded up but Mrs Gadija Bulbulia still lives upstairs. Do better days await?

Indians get a reprieve — but will it last?

Indians living under the shadow of the Group Areas Act in Pageview, Johannesburg, have been given yet another reprieve in their marathon fight to remain in the suburb of their choice.

This happened last week when President de Klerk ordered the withdrawal of the State case accusing 67 Indian families of living illegally in the "white" suburb — until a suitable arrangement can be made.

But few among those families who had dug in and refused to leave when the first signs of the real crunch came in 1962 dare to believe that this breather means ultimate victory — that it will lead to blanket permission to live in a mixed area originally given to their forefathers by President Kruger in 1896.

Their fight has now become a way of life dating back to the promulgation of the Act in 1956, which gave some 8 000 Indians three no-win choices:

- They could move willingly to Lenasia, 35 km away; hang on and hope the apartheid legislation would not be enforced, or
- stay put and fight what was perceived as a grave injustice based entirely on race.

Most bowed to the law and moved out over the next 18 years.

The historic 14th Street shopping strip was demolished and traders in 1977 had to take premises in the nearby Oriental Plaza.

Evictions under the Group Areas Act had after all led to the removal of millions of people in South Africa who had been deemed to be living in the "wrong" place — judged by their skin colour.

Also, the fight had gone out of those who had only just resettled in Pageview after being bulldozed out of Sophiatown in the mid-1950s under the same harsh Act.

Semi-detached homes may be the vogue in some of Johannesburg's more trendy suburbs. But in Pageview the remaining 67 families who have resisted eviction for 28 years are more likely to be found in "semi-demolished" homes, left as bulldozers scythed an apartheid swath through the land given to the Indian community by President Kruger in 1896, reports SHIRLEY WOODGATE.

By the 1970s, those who remained soon felt the increasing weight of the official hand driving the bulldozers into their small suburb.

But the authorities underestimated the grit of the 67 families who resisted. These included men like Ebrahim Kharasany who formed the Save Pageview Association (SPA) in 1981 to fight for the right to remain.

The chief executive of the Islamic Bank operates from his own multimillion-rand building in Fordsburg, but at the end of the day the quiet, slightly built businessmen in the pin-striped suit returns to his family in their humble semi-demolished house in Pageview.

Backs to wall

He was one of the handful who defied the eviction orders, the bulldozers, and the threats from white radicals who moved into the "economic" houses built by the Government to replace the leased Indian homes which had been demolished.

After the Group Areas Act was enforced in 1962, the Indians resorted to the courts in a "win some, lose some" seesaw which finally saw the 67 families shakily en-

trenched in their often derelict, partially boarded-up homes.

The application of the Slums Act failed to dislodge them. In 1982 the SPA brought the now well-chronicled Cassim eviction case against the Government, which ended with Mr Justice Curlewis commenting on the "preposterous contravention of common law".

But the Government appealed and won. Meanwhile, the roads were dug up, ostensibly to lay underground pipes which never materialised, and pigs' heads were placed at the two local mosques.

Then the Free Settlement Areas Act offered new hope which was promptly dashed by Deputy Minister of Constitutional Affairs Roelf Meyer.

Fighting with their backs to the wall, the SPA deperately appealed to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to intervene, and also turned to the Johannesburg City Council for support for their application to become a racially mixed area.

Out of the blue last month the Indians were informed by the Department of Local Government and Housing that the Government had decided to push ahead with the case hanging over their heads since 1982 following an interdict obtained by the SPA against the State after it served notice on them to leave the suburb.

As a last resort, the SPA appealed to Mr de Klerk.

This month they heard he had personally stopped the court case.

Now, with the Group Areas Act set to be scrapped, it may be too late for most of the Pageview Indians who have resettled elsewhere, but the small group of diehards pray that the new South Africa also heralds the end of their own heartbreak saga.



Johans plans to open up

By PETER DENNEHY

JOHANNESBURG has entered the race to become South Africa's first non-racial city — a title on which Cape Town has set its heart.

Yet Johannesburg lagged far behind Cape Town's progress, and the most Johannesburgers could realistically hope for was a simultaneous opening of both major cities, conceded Mr Sias Reyneke, a DP Johannesburg city councillor.

Cape Town's Deputy Administrator, Dr Donald Craythorne, said both could open at "more or less the same time", especially if enabling legislation had to go through Parliament first.

However, he added, opening a city should not be regarded as a race, but as a question of doing what was best for one's own city.

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"Johannesburg is a little bit behind us at the moment," he said.

Mr Reyneke said yesterday that he had just been appointed head of a council committee which would investigate "the quickest and most acceptable route" for Johannesburg to become an open city.

Until recently that council had been NP-dominated, but management committee seats were reshuffled in the wake of the Hiemstra Commission "council spying" revelations.

Now the management committee had committed itself to opening the city, Mr Reyneke said. His committee would report back to it on the best route "in two to three months."

One option it would consider would be Cape Town's idea of asking for exemption from the Group

Areas Act, another would be through extension of the permit system; a third would be via the Free Settlement Areas Acts, although this was not a favoured option.

The council was likely to approve a management committee suggestion that whenever Group Areas exemption permits were referred by the government to the council for comment, they would be automatically approved.

Mr Reyneke said his committee would make recommendations on how to manage the process of opening the city. Neighbouring municipalities — such as Sandton, Midrand and Randburg — would be invited to participate, so that Johannesburg would not be an open island. Measures to prevent overcrowding and the degeneration of neighbourhoods would also be considered.

6 ratepayer groups in mayoral censure

Municipal Reporter

SIX civic and ratepayers' associations have so far censured the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Gordon Olliver, for allegedly failing to show that "civic impartiality transcends personal political convictions."

This was revealed to the Cape Times yesterday by a member of one of five joint signatories to a letter to the mayor after last year's big march.

Later a sixth association, that of the Green and Sea Point ratepayers, also decided to censure him but later it dropped its plans to do so.

Mr Oliver had replied to all five bodies who signed the letter, to him. He could not be reached for comment yesterday as he was in the United States.

Mr Peter Throp, chairman of the Ward 10 Association — one of the signatories, said efforts had been made to bring like-minded associations together into a "think-tank" on major issues concerning the whole city.

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Jo'burg may cut red tape for move across colour line

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg management committee is to ask the city council to pass a recommendation approving all future applications from people of colour to live in white areas.

Management committee member Paul Asherson said all permits had to go to Pretoria.

"And Pretoria has to ask Johannesburg for its opinion every time. In the past Johannesburg has, most of the time, had no objection. To cut out this step, which can be time-consuming, the management committee has stated it has no objection, and will not need to be consulted therefore in the future."

This item, and the move this week by the Democratic Party-controlled management committee to appoint a committee to investigate ways of opening residential areas, could provoke lively debate at the monthly council meeting on Tuesday.

Conservative Party leader in the council, Jacques Theron, says the CP will definitely raise the issue of open areas.

"Here they sit, the DP and the Nats, six members of a management committee. The NP will not even open up their own party to other races and they want to prescribe to the rest of Johannesburg, and open up residential areas. Just take a look at their election manifesto — there's no mention of open areas. And the DP certainly doesn't have the majority of votes."

● A DP motion calling for the appointment of an international team of management consultants to restructure the Johannesburg City Council will be debated on Tuesday.

Actstop sends tough letter to Vlok

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CIVIL rights group Actstop has sent a strongly-worded letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, condemning what it describes as "racist, vindictive" actions by police against black tenants in flats in Johannesburg.

The Actstop letter, signed by publicity secretary Cas Coovadia, calls for an urgent meeting with Vlok to address the problem of "biased and intimidatory" action by the South African Police.

Attached to the letter is a list of six cases of alleged vigilante action and police misconduct this year.

Among the incidents cited is an attack on Claridge Court on April 26 by 50 youths who, says Coovadia, broke down doors, threw items over balconies, stole money and assaulted tenants.

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In another incident, on May 15, Coovadia says a "raiding squad" from John Vorster Square broke down the door of a the flat of Actstop member Nathaniel Kgaria and arrested him for being an illegal immigrant. Tenants marched on the police station to complain about police action. Kgaria was charged the next day with assaulting a policeman.

Chinese reject segregation

THE Chinese Association of South Africa (CASA) has strongly objected to suggestions that several hundred immigrants from Hong Kong and the Republic of China to South Africa be settled in areas established in terms of the Group Areas Act.

About 300 families from Hong Kong and about 500 Taiwanese families were recently granted permission by Home Affairs Minister Eli Louw to settle in South Africa. The local Chinese community was not against the settling of these immigrants, but there had been suggestions in the past that schemes to bring such immigrants to South Africa could involve the establishment of exclusive areas for their settlement, he said.

Tolerate

CASA chairman Rodney Man said in a statement the Chinese community in South Africa had "fought long and hard over the previous decades against the problems associated with the discriminatory provisions of the GAA.

"We cannot therefore tolerate" any exclusive grouping whether this be

voluntary or enforced." The local Chinese community was not against the settling of these immigrants, but there had been suggestions in the past that schemes to bring such immigrants to South Africa could involve the establishment of exclusive areas for their settlement, he said. He hoped that by way of his statement, the promoters and developers of such schemes as well as all Government authorities would take note of the feelings of his community in this regard.

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"The Chinese Association wishes to place on record the objection of the Chinese community to any development which involves racially exclusive areas," he said.

The families, which are to settle in South Africa, had investment funds available and as such would contribute towards the economic development of South Africa and be an asset to the Chinese community itself.

They were also of a "high calibre", Man said.

Possible locations for the settlement of these families were given by Louw in Parliament as the Reef area and the Western Cape. - Sapa

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Close corporations used to sidestep Areas Act

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LEADING Johannesburg law firm Webber Wentzel has been prominent in assisting blacks wishing to buy homes in white areas through close corporations, property sources say.

This was done by using a legal loophole in the Close Corporations Act of 1985. Blacks were able to buy land in white areas because close corporations were not precluded under the Group Areas Act.

House of Assembly director: area management Nico van Rensburg said the status of the owner and the occupier of property had to be separated.

"It is legal for a close corporation to buy property and have it registered in its name even if that corporation consists entirely of black people," he said. However, a black person needed a permit to occupy it.

"As it stands, the Group Areas Act is on the book but we are trying to steer away from prosecutions."

Chairman of Lawyers for Human Rights Peter Leon said: "That is a very important admission."

Leon said when the Close Corporation Act came into force in 1985 the Group Areas Act of 1966 was not amended to prevent a close corporation from owning property in, for example, a white group area.

The Group Areas Act originally prohibited disqualified persons from owning or occupying property in an area reserved for people of a particular group. The same applied to companies owned by disqualified persons.

The restrictions on disqualified companies contained in the Group Areas Act were not extended to close corporations when the Close Corporation Act became law in 1985.

"It then became apparent to the legal community that the easy way around the Group Areas Act was to use close corporations," Leon said.

Webber Wentzel said they had no comment.

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By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

Group Areas charge in CP town

Indian salesman Ismail Bemath, who moved into a house in the middle of the Conservative Party-controlled town of Amersfoort in March, is to be prosecuted in terms of the Group Areas Act on Friday.

This was confirmed by Eastern Transvaal police liaison of-

licer Captain Ogies van Straaten, who said the instruction to prosecute had come from the Transvaal Attorney-General.

Mr Bemath and his wife Rukeya, who is due to have the couple's first baby soon, were in the news in March when the CP

town council cut their water supply less than 24 hours after they moved in.

For the past three months the Bemaths have had to rely on the kindness of their new neighbour, an Afrikaans woman, who allows them to fill buckets of water at her house.

The Bemath's house was bought late last year by local Indian community leader Solly Moola.

Mr Moola said he had bought the house because Amersfoort's Indian community lived in hopelessly overcrowded conditions while in the white end of town there were at least 30 empty houses and many others for sale.

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By Craig Kotze

Police at the weekend moved to crush "people's courts" in Alexandra township near Johannesburg.

40 arrested in bid to crush 'people's courts'

In a large operation on Saturday, police moved into the township and arrested 40 suspects, who now face intimidation and assault charges.

A police spokesman said the operation was launched after police received complaints from Alexandra residents who said they had been "sentenced" by "people's courts" — without the right to a defence or appeal.

One woman, who refused to have sex with a man, was allegedly "sentenced" to 100 lashes with a sjambok. Twelve comrades allegedly stripped her naked and administered 43 lashes to her buttocks before ordering her to return another time for the rest of the sentence.

"These 'courts' wished to impose the regime of the comrades on the residents of Alexandra," police said.

Investigations are continuing in Alexandra.

"These alternative structures will not be tolerated. We will smash them wherever we find them," said the spokesman.

A Bloemfontein policeman has already been murdered by a "court" — he was stabbed 45 times — and many complaints have been received by police from across the country.

Alexandra has a history of "people's court" activity and security forces crushed many of them in 1986, when unrest was at its height in the country.

Of the 40 suspects arrested in Alexandra on Saturday, 16 have been positively identified by victims as being members of a "people's court". The others were still being investigated.

The suspects are expected to appear in the Randburg Magistrate's Courts today.

POLICE and Inkatha have respectively denied allegations of bias and "brutal attacks" on Actstop members in Johannesburg's "grey areas".

Actstop publicity secretary, Mr Cas Coovadia, last week told a media conference that Inkatha was involved in "brutal attacks" on its members in

Actstop attack claims refuted

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

the city." Captain Eugene Op-

perman, police PRO in the Witwatersrand region, yesterday dismissed Actstop's allegations that they administered the law

unequally.

He, however, confirmed that in certain cases, police had visited and searched flats. He

said these did not only belong to Actstop members. Police had gone there in reaction to complaints by landlords, estate agents and even residents.

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary general, said Actstop was a UDF affiliate and it was clear the allegations were part of the UDF/Cosatu/ANC campaign to besmirch Inkatha.

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By Jabulani Sikhakhane
Attempts by the Pepkor Group, to broaden ownership of the group and encompass people from whom it draws its custom, appear to be bearing fruit.

The company's recent venture with black shareholders on the Reef, Pep Reef, has posted outstanding results for the year ending February 1990. After tax profits increased 407 percent to R142 000 on a turnover was up 169 percent to R3,768 million.

The number of trading outlets doubled from three to six, this being financed from the company's own resources and

Pepkor venture is paying off

the issue of shares.

Directors warn that further expansion plans in the forthcoming year, coupled with anticipated difficult trading conditions, are expected to add further pressure on margins.

Pep Reef was formed in 1989, with a black majority shareholding, following the success of Pep Peninsula which boasts 30 stores, to give the black community an opportunity to share in Pep's success.

Pepkor Group directors believe that by spreading share ownership through all levels of society, a wider distribution of wealth is achieved and it also serves to demonstrate the value of the free enterprise system to people who have sometimes had cause to doubt it.

The years ahead may well see an expansion of Pepkor's partnership philosophy into neighbouring countries and perhaps even further afield.

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Reef teachers plan to strike

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Education Reporter

Coloured teachers on the Reef yesterday decided to embark on an indefinite "chalks down" strike from tomorrow.

About 1 000 teachers took the decision at a meeting in Eldorado Park after the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) failed to respond to their demands. Mike Davy, the co-ordinator of the Action Committee of Teachers, said last night.

After suspending a week-long strike a few weeks ago, teachers gave the department until Tuesday this week to respond to their demands, which included the timely payment of salaries, parity between male and female teachers and a living wage.

Mr Davy said the strike would continue until the department addressed the demands.

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Actstop will probe alleged assault

Star 4/6/90 By Abel Mushi

Actstop is to launch an "internal" commission of inquiry this week to investigate the case in which one of its members, a former magazine editor, is claiming he narrowly escaped death after being assaulted following a "people's court" hearing held by the organisation in Johannesburg last Wednesday.

Junior Ngubeni (36), former editor of the now-defunct Sun Africa magazine, rents a two-bedroom flat at Export House in the city. He sublet it to six tenants and was staying at his girlfriend's flat.

Mr Ngubane says:

"I had made arrangements with my sub-tenants to find alternative accommodation when I returned.

"Though I notified them well in advance, the sub-tenants are refusing to honour the arrangement. They are claiming they have nowhere to go. They have made it clear they have no intention of leaving even when I had agreed.

"I was accused by a tenants' committee at the building of overcharging my sub-tenants, though only three of them had to contribute R85 towards a R250 monthly rental.

"A meeting was held last Wednesday at the Central Methodist Church where the case was discussed and I was found to be in the wrong.

"At the end of the meeting, about 25 armed men acted suspiciously and when I tried to avoid them, they chased me to the Johannesburg Sun hotel.

"They dragged me on to the ground, assaulting me all the way to my flat. The beating continued in my flat where I was ordered to pay about R800 after my visitors were accused of having stolen some things (in the flat).

"I have not yet reported the matter to the police, as the mob threatened to do much worse if I did."

Actstop says:

"Last Wednesday's meeting was just another Actstop forum meeting, which we hold every fortnight. It was not in the fashion of a people's court. Mr Ngubane's case was raised at the meeting and was not part of our agenda.

"Mr Ngubane's case was discussed after Export House tenants presented it as an emergency. The matter was not resolved and Cas Coovadia (Actstop's publicity secretary) did not give anyone authority 'to do what they wanted' with Mr Ngubane.

"There were no men armed with pangas and guns at the meeting.

"Mr Coovadia said he remained at the scene for about 15 minutes after the meeting and did not notice anything suspicious. He was not aware of anyone having been chased.

"Actstop's general secretary, Pressage Nkosi, intimated that Mr Ngubane was a member of their organisation and had in the past helped them with some 'very important' issues.

"There must have been misunderstandings somewhere and it's very unfortunate that he had to go through all that.

"Apparently there are people who are using our name to achieve their own aims and because of that we have decided on an internal commission of inquiry into this particular case."

Frank Ndlovu, chairman of the tenants' committee, declined to comment.

Coloured teachers' strike spreads

Star
5/6/90 By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

The strike by coloured teachers in Johannesburg has spread to other areas including Pretoria, Klerksdorp, Krugersdorp, Potchefstroom and Kimberley, according to the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT).

The "chalks down", a protest against the late and non-payment of teachers' salaries, will continue until the Department of Culture (House of Representatives) meets the teachers' short-term demands, ACT said.

ACT co-ordinators Ronnie Swartz and Mike Davy told a press conference in Eldorado Park yesterday that there had been no official response from the department.

This is the second time coloured teachers have "downed chalk" in a month, for the same grievances.

Mr Swartz is one of the delegates from the giant non-racial National Teacher Unity Forum (NTUF) which will meet National Education Minister Gene Louw today to discuss the deepening crisis.

Review

Mr Swartz said teachers would review the strike after the Minister's response. He warned that if the response was negative, there would be "national mass action".

Mr Davy said there had been reports that the department was

considering withholding the June salary cheques of teachers who are on strike.

"At the moment teachers are maintaining order and discipline at school by keeping the pupils in their classes.

"Should the department persist with the threat to withhold cheques, teachers have indicated that they still have more forms of action lined up to intensify pressure on the department," he said.

ACT has called an emergency meeting with principals tomorrow afternoon at the Rand College of Education.

The Department of Education and Culture could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

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Teachers' strike: parents appeal for urgent action

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Parents of children affected by the strike by coloured teachers in the Transvaal have appealed to the House of Representatives to urgently address teachers' demands.

Many parents contacted The Star yesterday and expressed grave concern that the future of their children was at stake as no mid-year examinations were being written.

Striking teachers at more than 50 schools will review their five-day "chalks down" at a mass meeting in Eldorado Park today.

Parents contacted The Star yesterday and complained that the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) had ignored the teachers' demands, which were submitted to the department on May 18.

'Suffering'

Carol Damons, whose son is in Std 2 at the Bosmont Second Primary School, said: "I would like to know why the Department of Education is taking so long to respond to teachers' grievances. In the meantime, the children are suffering and it will have an affect on their future and the future of SA."

Another mother, Gail Thomas, said: "I have a son in matric, he wants to apply for a bursary to attend universi-

ty next year and if he does not have his June mark, they won't consider him."

Sharon Tim of Bosmont, whose two children are in primary school, said teachers should be given maternity leave and should be paid on time, but added: "Why do teachers wait for the crucial time — during exams — to embark on a strike, and why does the department ignore their grievances for so long?"

The organisation co-ordinating the strike, the Action Committee of Teachers (ACT), has held a series of meetings with parents to explain the reasons for embarking on the strike, and 10 parents support committees have been formed in different areas.

An ACT spokesman, Mike Davy, said yesterday that ACT had still not received a response from the department.

The Minister of Education and Culture, Rev Allan Hendrickse, said in a statement to The Star earlier this week that it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the teachers' demands as they were included in the overall demands of teachers' represented by the National Teacher Unity Forum.

"My policy in respect of education has been stated clearly, namely that I am working for the removal of the racial bias of education structures and am striving for the establishment of a unitary education system open for all."

ANC signs 34 white members in Pretoria

The Pretoria city centre branch of the African National Congress held its first meeting for white members on Wednesday night and expressed concern at the danger of apparently increasing right-wing violence.

The office said in a statement that 34 people, almost all white, had registered as members since the recruitment drive began on May 21.

"Membership seems equally split between Afrikaners and English speakers and includes both students and professional people ... lawyers, designers, publishers and lecturers," it said.

The ANC officially recognises a branch when it has registered 100 members. — Sapa.

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A pure white hole in the black area

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By SHAUN JOHNSON

THE farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder north of Johannesburg could soon be surrounded by a mixed-race township.

The Weekly Mail established this week that the planned free settlement area of Cosmo City, intended to house 55 000 people, will encircle the veteran right-winger's rural enclave at Sand-spruit, outside Randburg.

The location of Cosmo City could hardly have been more perversely chosen. For years Van Tonder has used his isolated farm — distinguished by a vast Vierkleur flag at its entrance — as the headquarters from which to wage a battle for the restoration of the old Boer Republics.

Now the proclamation of Cosmo City places at loggerheads the competing South African ideologies of separation and integration: a mixed race sea will surround an island of white purity.

But while his neighbours may have decided to sell out to the "new South Africa", says Van Tonder, he is staying put and will not accept a payout for his property.

"Some nations have fought for centuries and I tell my followers: don't think of giving up after only nine decades. We have only just started. I am not going anywhere."

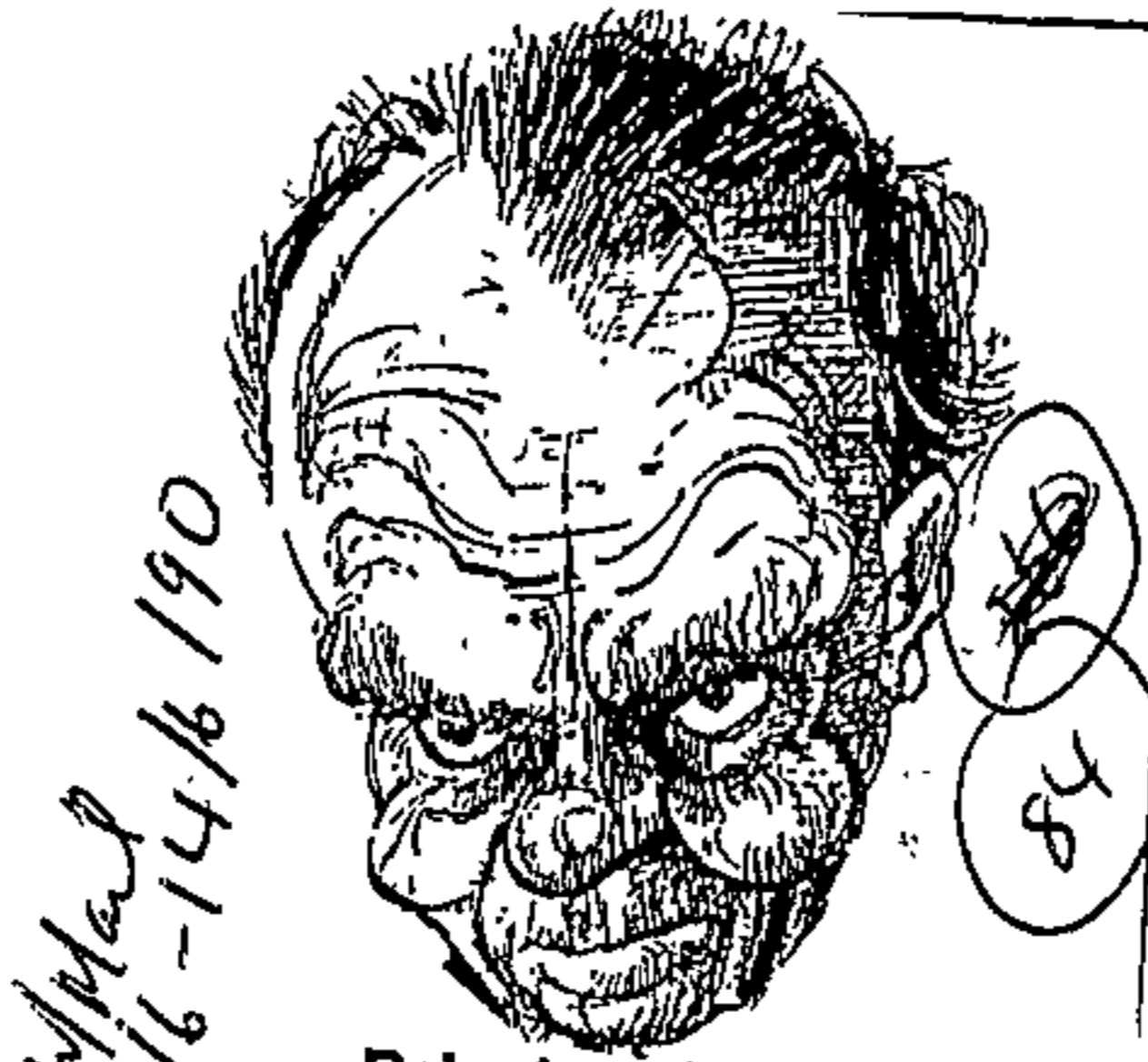
While he says he "obviously" opposes the Democratic Party-controlled Randburg council's decision to proclaim a free settle-



Robert van Tonder ... a Vierkleur flies from his white island in the new grey area near Johannesburg. Picture: STEVE HILTON-BARBER, Afrapix

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Robert van Tonder

Flying the Vierkleur

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...at area in his neighbourhood, he does not believe the scheme will ever work.

"I estimate that R250-million is needed to develop the area for the 8 000 proposed residential stands," he says. "Who's got that kind of money? Only the government, but who will they get to buy here? If blacks move in, Indians won't, and nor will Coloureds. Whites will keep away ...

Van Tonder said he "wouldn't like to say that he thought the choice of land for Cosmo City was intentional", and did not believe he was being specifically victimised.

There are signs that the proclamation of Cosmo City will spark resistance from white residents in neighbouring areas such as North Riding, Houtkopen, Mostyn Park and Nooitgedacht.

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Law: Hillbrow's cry

IF CRIME is to be eradicated in Hillbrow, occasional crime prevention operations are not going to be enough. More policemen stationed in the area permanently are what's needed.

This is the view of politicians and residents concerned about the burgeoning crime rate. They say that not nearly enough is being done to rid the area of criminals.

James Dryer, chairman of the Hillbrow Traders' Association, told the Saturday Star: "If police have a manpower problem then it is for the authorities to make use of the special powers they have to solve Hillbrow's problems." He said his organisation had decided to act as a pressure group to force the authorities to take action.

"We look at crime in a broad spectrum. We include as crimes, unscrupulous property owners charging tenants exorbitant rents. If laws such as the Group Areas Act are repealed then local authorities can take action against these landlords.

"These landlords exploit people who, under the Group Areas Act, are illegal tenants. They force them to pay any amount they choose in exchange for a roof over their heads," Mr Dryer said.

Insufficient manpower

Mr Dryer supports the idea of a municipal police force for Johannesburg: "The money which has been used on spying could have been spent on establishing a municipal police force ages ago," he said.

Peter Rose, former chairman of the Hillbrow Traders' Association, said police were unable to implement "bobbies on the beat" because they just did not have enough people to do the job. But he said if the Johannesburg City Council established a municipal police force, then the Government should compensate the council. "Hillbrow residents do not mind who protects them," he said, "as long as there is law and order."

Mrs Desiree Simpson, an independent city councillor, said no permanent relief had yet been given to Hillbrow. "We've seen Operation Watchdog in the last two weeks or so. But we need something permanent. Crime stops while these kinds of operations are in progress. But it soon starts up again as soon as they are over," she said.

Mrs Simpson feels so strongly about this that she has even called for SA Defence Force troops to be deployed to curb the violence and lawlessness in the densely populated flatland and has written to Cabinet Ministers requesting that a referendum be conducted to test the opinion of Hillbrow residents on the crime question. To date she has not received any replies.

One major problem in dealing with crime in Hillbrow appeared to be lost confidence in the police by residents in the area, according to Lester Fuchs, Democratic Party councillor for area.

Mr Fuchs said residents tend not to report crimes to the police because they feel the matter will not be attended to properly.

Another problem appears to be political. Important differences of opinion seem to exist between residents, councillors, the police and the Government.

Mr Fuchs does not believe that a municipal police force will solve the crime problem in Hillbrow and he has opposed Mrs Simpson's call for troops to be sent in. He does, however, believe that a municipal police force will be a step in the right direction.

A deterrent

Such a force, he said, will "at least mean that municipal policemen and traffic officers will be given arresting powers which will give us a form of bobbies on the beat and will be a deterrent to crime," Mr Fuchs said.

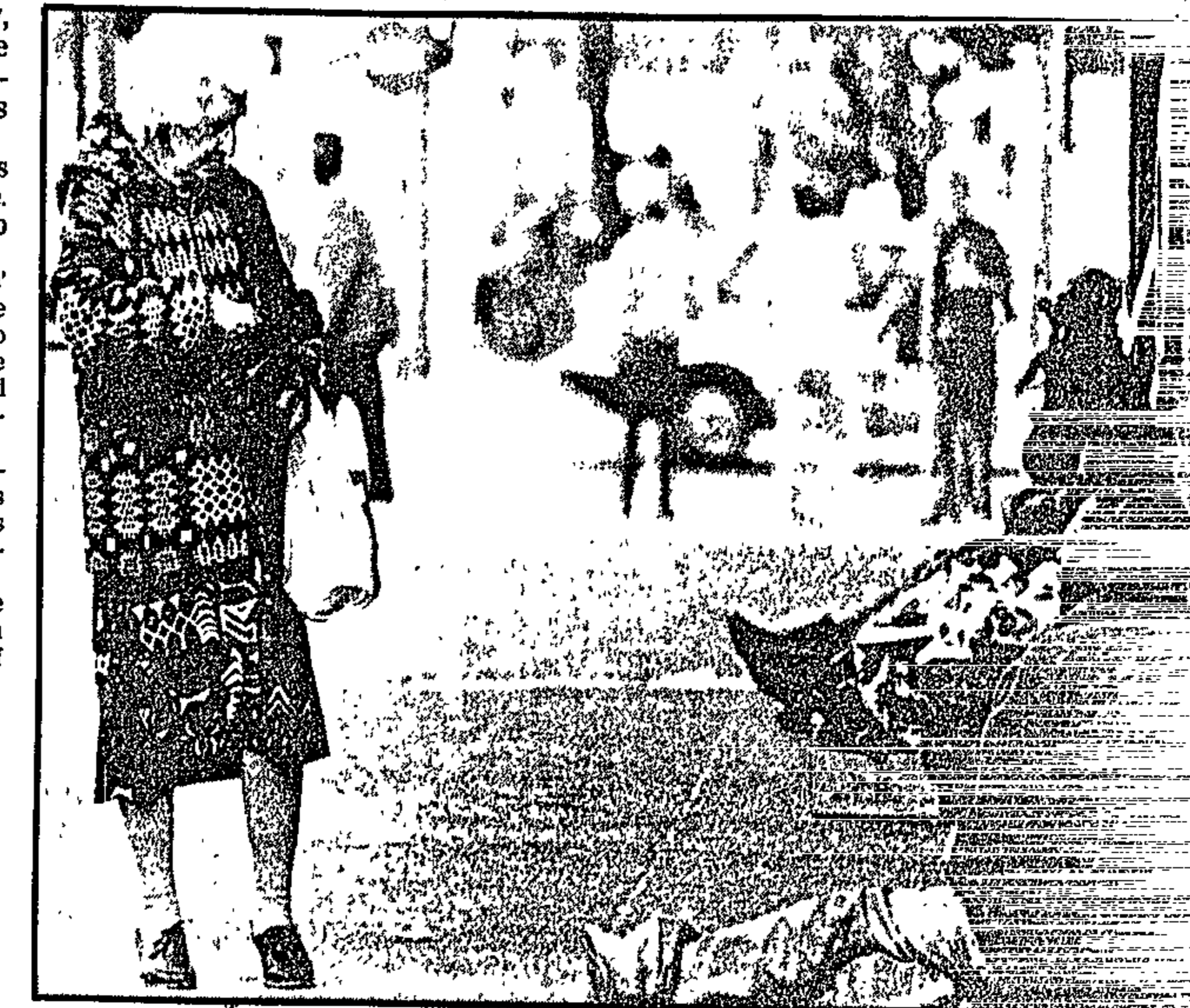
But, having said that,

he is not satisfied that crime in his constituency is being dealt with adequately, nor is he happy that the police are carrying out their functions properly.

He said he has appealed to the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, for more policemen to be deployed in the area. But Mr Vlok's response was to promise a series of crime prevention "operations".

Mr Fuchs told Hillbrow residents recently: "I'm concerned about the spiralling crime rate and I've spoken to Minister Vlok about it. The situation will be dealt with urgently to make Hillbrow a safe place to live in."

Hillbrow's dream of



More regular bobbies on beat, a backup force to beat crime

Report: JOVIAL RANTAO

municipal policemen patrolling the crime-ridden area drew closer to reality two weeks ago with the announcement by the Johannesburg City Council that a high-powered committee is to be set up to investigate the launch of a municipal police force.

Supplementary

Management Committee chairman Ian Davidson said the aim was not to replace the police but to supplement the force.

The committee, headed by Councillor Christopher Newton Thompson, would include the District Commissioner of Police in Johannesburg, Brigadier AS Venter, or his nomi-



FACES OF HILLBROW: Hungry youngsters (above) prowl Hillbrow's traffic; (top) gives to a beggar. At night she

nee; six councillors, including an independent and one member of the Conservative Party; and top council officials.

Mrs Simpson, welcoming the formation of the committee, said she would also be serving on it.

Police, however, dismiss claims that people are not reporting crimes because they have lost confidence in the police as "far-fetched".

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, spokesman for the Witwatersrand Police, said: "We have statistics to prove it. All the crimes reported to the police get all the attention they deserve."

He said police have embarked on a series of campaigns to rid Hillbrow of crime. He ad-

vised Hillbrow residents to be security conscious

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Pamphlets out

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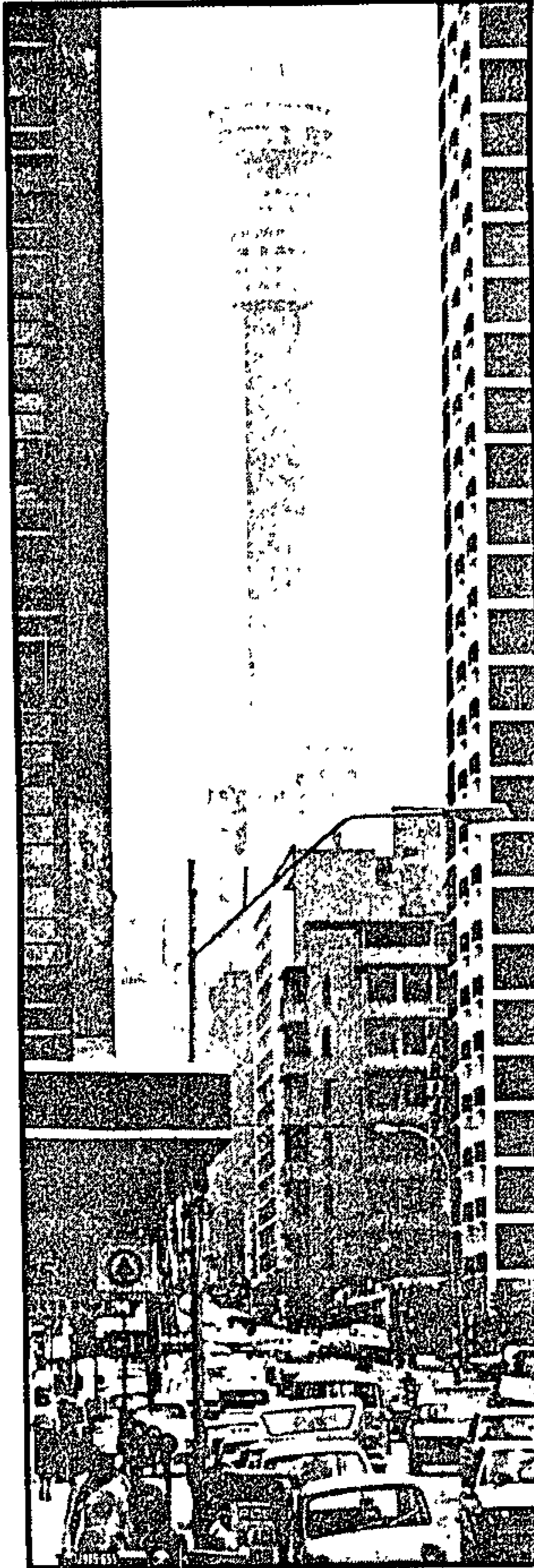
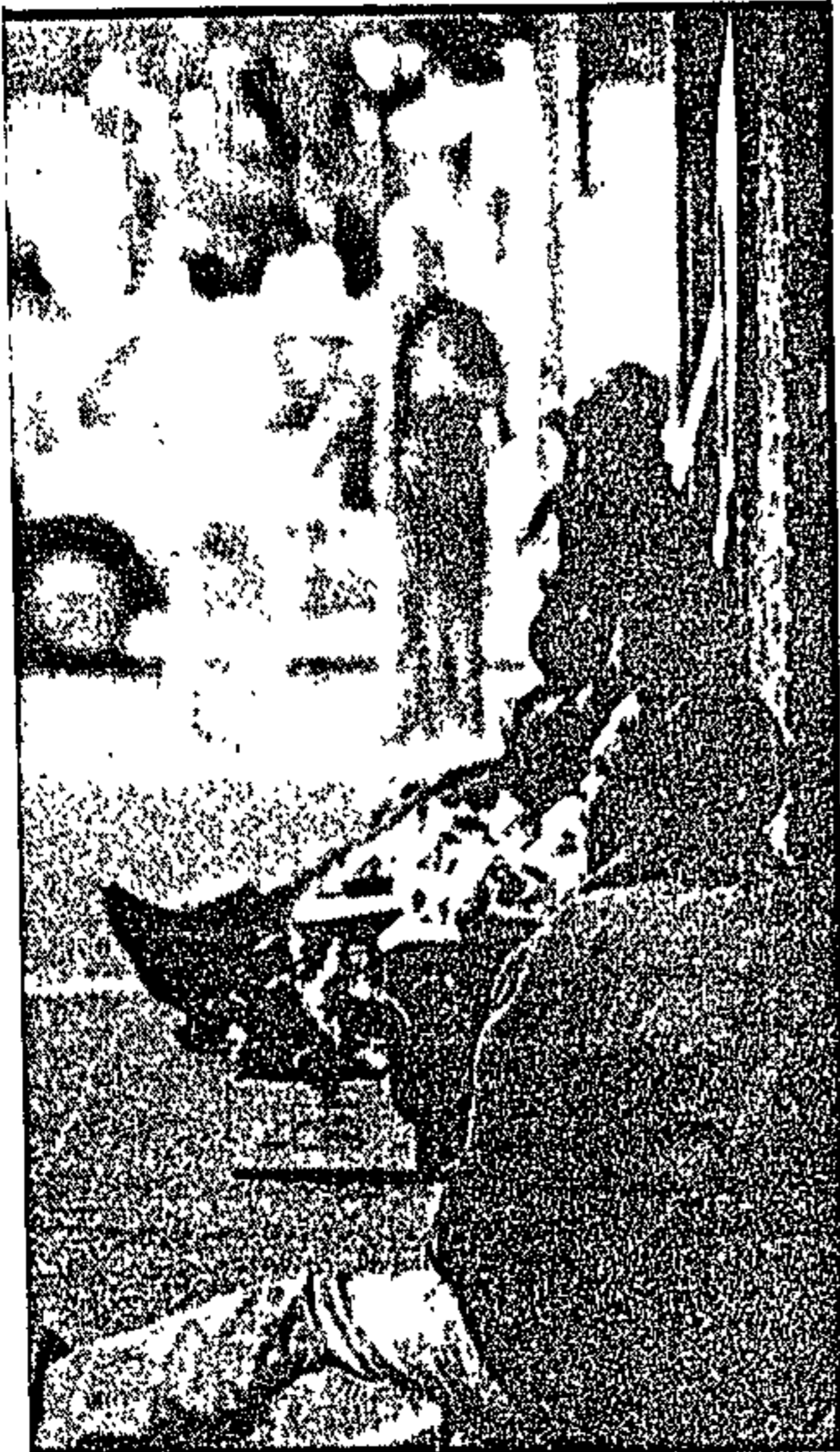
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Youngsters (above) prowl Hillbrow's traffic-packed streets, hoping for a hand-out. An elderly lady (top) gives to a beggar. At night she wouldn't venture out alone.

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Drugs and alcohol often aggravate the child's behaviour.

Child expert Mr Terry Kohler said these children had problems establishing affections and bonding with people.

"They can't keep a friend for long and they tend to befriend older people. They also focus on their own needs and

manipulate others for personal gains.

"They are bullies who behave cruelly. They are hostile and occasionally lie. Sometimes they don't have any feelings of remorse and guilt," Mr Kohler said.

Such behaviour was fuelled by responses these children received from society. "They are often

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— residents

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parents they would get what they desired: love and affection.

Mr Vogelmann recommended early treatment, such as play therapy, for better results. "Children tend to communicate more through play than in any other way."

"The family should also go for treatment because the problem is not the child's but the family's as well," he said.

South Africa needed to develop a comprehensive programme for children involved in violence, Dr Vogelmann said.

Mrs Helen Renegass of the National Institute for Crime Rehabilitation (Nicro) said there were

wrongly treated. This develops feelings of hostility and hate towards people in general."

Under-socialised children developed into adults with an anti-social personality disorder, according to Mr Kohler.

"One of the best remedies is the involvement of the family in this process. Unless parents start to

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FOCUS ON THE KANGAROO COURTS

Rough 'justice'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

KANGAROO courts in black townships continue to mushroom despite a massive police crackdown to root them out.

Community leaders see the so-called "people's courts" as a menace that could spark further black-on-black violence.

Several people have already been killed in retaliation following actions by youths to "discipline" other township residents.

Residents of several areas have complained of being tortured and assaulted at the "courts" for "offences" like refusing sexual advances, sleeping out and for other family squabbles.

After a conference in Alexandra township last month following media coverage of brutal assaults on "offenders" progressive organisations condemned as "barbaric" actions taken at these "courts".

Criminal elements turned "comrades" have also allegedly jumped on the bandwagon to rob residents in the guise of fighting crime in terms of the anti-crime campaign.

They allegedly "patrol" streets at night and raid shebeens where patrons are searched for weapons and end up being robbed or assaulted.

A *City Press* source said a raid at a Mamelodi shebeen nearly sparked violence when patrons refused to be searched and chased the "comrades" off.

"Those who dared to object have since been called to appear before the disciplinary committee (DC) for defying comrades," he said.

According to community leaders, "people's courts" are being confused with the call by ANC deputy-president Nelson Mandela to revive community structures like street committees and establishment an anti-crime campaign.

However, the ANC, MDM, UDF affiliates and other community and political organisations have distanced themselves from the kangaroo courts.

Youths are 'judges' and 'prosecutors' at 'courts of the people'

They told *City Press* the anti-crime campaign is a "crime watch" for residents against criminal elements, particularly in Soweto where the crime rate is high.

City Press was invited to a sitting of a kangaroo court in Mamelodi this week. Several people have already been assaulted at this court.

Youths who claimed to belong to local organisations were the "judges" and "prosecutors" and the "accused" were typically elderly people.

The "court" is operated from a backyard room cum beer-lounge. The "judges" and "prosecutors", who are members of the DC, claimed they had the "full consent" of the police.

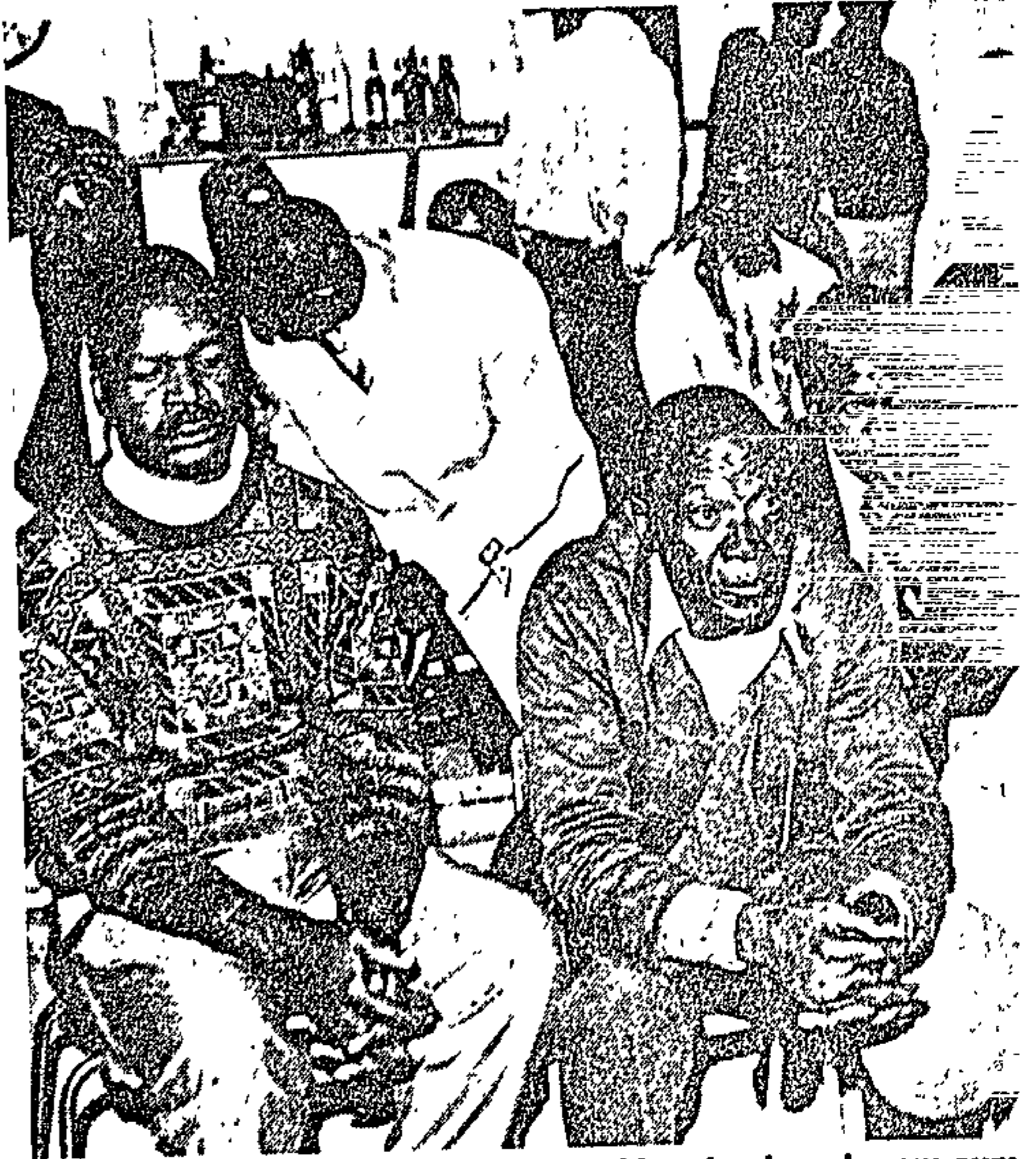
"We even have documents from the police to that effect," said a spokesman for the "area committee".

But when asked to produce the documents, he said they were "with the mother body".

He said the police had visited the "court" several times and "no actions were taken against us".

During the proceedings, a group of youths who claimed to belong to a local youth organisation burst into the room and aggressively demanded to know who had given *City Press* permission to attend. One was armed with a gun.

When told *City Press* was invited, they demanded that the the photographers' film be destroyed. After a protest by *City Press*, they went to "consult with members of 'the civic'".



This "people's court" was conducted in a backyard room cum

Although they claimed they were unable to contact their "leaders", they ordered *City Press* to report to "civic leaders" the following day and warned that if the pictures were used, "action would be taken" against *City Press* staffers.

The Interim Committee of the Mamelodi Civic Association, the Mamelodi People's Delegation and the Mamelodi Youth Organisation said they had no knowledge of a "people's court" in the township and distanced themselves from any such actions.

They also refuted suggestions that they were responsible for running the courts.

"The civic structures have no links with 'people's courts' and if members of our (ward) committees and repre-

sentatives are responsible, they should be taken to task," said a spokesman.

A spokesman for the youth organisation said they were going to investigate if any of their members were responsible for the court.

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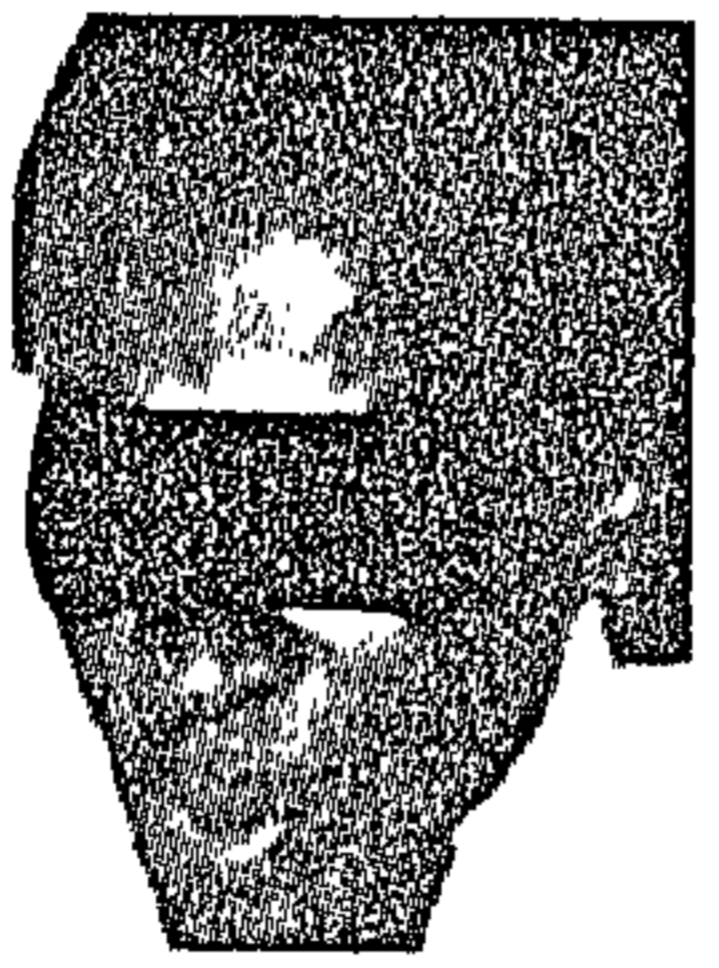
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The 'Judge'



The 'prosecutor'

The shame of kids allowed to mock law and freedom

By CHARLES MOGALE

A SICKLY alcoholic is awoken from his drunken sleep by an impatient knock on his bedroom door and, still semi-drunk, staggers up to answer it.

The messengers of the kangaroo court have arrived.

An excited group of youths, many of them his own son's playmates, fill the small room, taking up every possible sitting place.

They order him to dress quickly, before literally dragging him out of the house.

Fifteen minutes later he is sitting in front of them - an accused in their kangaroo court.

He is accused of sleeping out often and failing to maintain his family. A particularly rude youth of about 17, the son of a neighbour not on speaking terms with him, presides over the "trial".

The youth is leading the interrogation, his questions heavily loaded with a presumption of a guilty verdict. The old man is undecided whether to hold on to his pride by refusing to cooperate with the invaders of his privacy, or to explain that he has a drinking problem compounded by the infidelity of his wife, who is the complainant.

After silently pondering the options, he decides to explain that his meagre wages are tied up in a stokvel he joined on his wife's insistence. He did sleep out occasionally at the end of the month when he was attending the "stokle", and after drinking heavily. His wife knew very well where to find him and never complained to him.

His feeble explanations are drowned by the heavy chorus of young voices yelling for his blood.

A guilty verdict is passed and the sentence is 20 lashes on the buttocks. The neighbour's son, who prosecuted and then became judge, is now to carry out the sentence.

The accused is not allowed, let alone invited, to call any witnesses. There is no appeal against judgment or sentence.

Tears well down the the old man's

face. He is not afraid of the whip. It is the ultimate humiliation of having to undress before the children he virtually brought up, in African custom. He submits to the punishment.

That is a common scene in the infamous kangaroo courts, where the scales of injustice normally weigh very heavily against the accused.

In one of the more publicised shocking incidents from the courts, an Alexandra woman, Elizabeth Hlatshwayo, 32, was sentenced to 100 lashes for apparently stabbing a would-be rapist. After the 42nd lash, she collapsed and the "comrades" meting out the punishment released her and ordered her to return later for the rest of the punishment.

In the same township, Josiah Madonsela, 40, had to have hospital treatment for serious wounds inflicted when he was lashed more than 200 times with a whip after being "convicted" of trying to stop a love affair between another man and his common-law wife.

Hardest hit is Alexandra township, where incidents of jungle justice are more widely spread.

The courts have been condemned for:

■ Invasion of privacy. The youths running these courts often involve themselves in family squabbles, often without invitation;

■ Lack of justice. The officiators are often ill-trained youths who do not give the accused a fair hearing. Accused people are assumed guilty until proved innocent - which is rare; and

■ No option of appeal. Sentence, which is normally physical assault with a whip, is carried out immediately after sentence is passed. The prosecutors are themselves judges and carry out the sentence.

A disturbing trend among "officials" of the kangaroo courts is that they seem to believe they are carrying out "the struggle" by operating "people's structures".

They have, however, been disowned by anti-apartheid leaders who have insisted that "people's committees" and kangaroo courts are miles apart.



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School facing financial crisis

By Shirley Woodgate

The Noordgesig Pre-Primary School which has served Soweto and Noordgesig for 11 years is facing a financial crisis, management committee secretary Cynthia Phillips wrote to Operation Snowball.

"There is a great need in this area to accommodate more children and to expand to a full day's pro-

gramme. At present, the school cares for 50 children at a fee of R65 a month, which is not always affordable in this area.

"Through the kind assistance of the Human Resources Trust, the school has obtained mattresses for the children to sleep on. We are now faced with the problem of blankets as colder weather draws near," she wrote.

So Operation Snowball delivered 50 warm blankets to the school and a delighted Yvonne Merkel commented: "Previously, we relied on heaters to keep the children warm but even that did not always help.

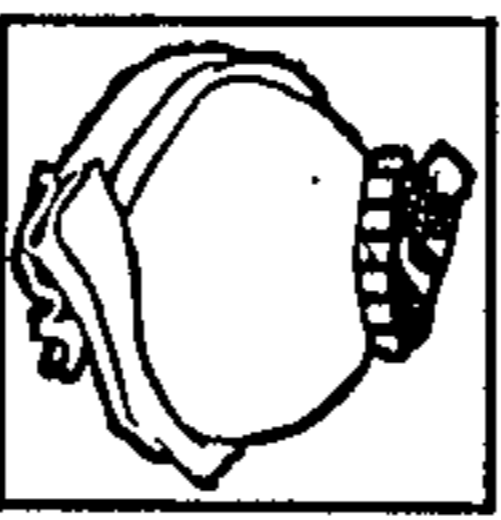
"But yesterday, after each child settled down under a warm blanket — some were even snoring — for the first time we had problems waking them up."

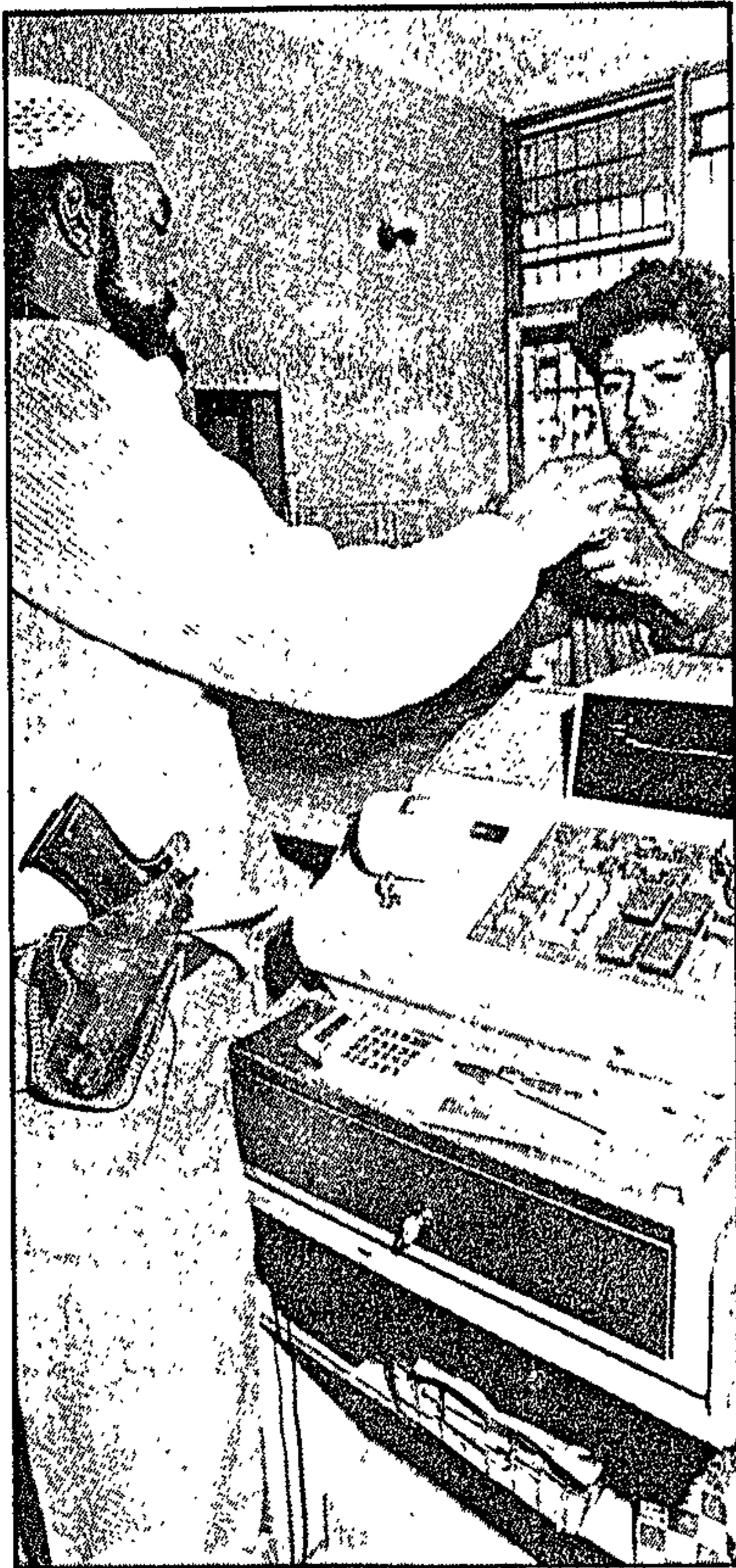
The Noordgesig children are just a handful of the people who need help from those of us who sleep warmly at night. Please send cash donations for buying blankets to Operation Snowball, Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000, or deliver old clothes to any one of the 25 depots receiving donations on our behalf.



Grateful foursome Gizelle Hendricks (left), Portia Twala, Leroy Malash and Lucinda Barriel. ● Picture by Herbert Mabusaz

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Armed at work ... Almost every third day in Johannesburg, a cafe owner is robbed. Police suggest they arm themselves, install alarms and panic buttons and keep their cash levels low.
● Picture by Jacob Rykliff

Easy pickings at corner cafes

"There were five of them. It was just after 7 pm. One of them put the gun in my mouth and said: 'We are not kidding here — I will kill you.'"

The speaker is a corner cafe owner. He is too terrified to disclose his name and begged that The Star not disclose the suburb in which his shop is, for fear the gangsters will come back and "get" him.

He decided it best to pay up rather than face death.

His is not an isolated case of a nervous cafe owner being left fearful after an armed hold-up.

It is the daily diet of fear with which many of Johannesburg's cafe owners and their helpers are forced to live.

Vulnerable and unprotected, corner cafes are soft targets for gang robberies.

Among those who have been terrorised and robbed at the counter recently is a Greek cafe owner near the Wanderers Club. Last week he, his wife and his 12-year-old daughter had guns held to their heads when four men robbed the shop.

The man also does not want his name or that of his cafe mentioned.

"It's not if we are going to be robbed — but when," he said.

"With so many police resigning, robbers know we are easy victims. We are easily accessible, the escape routes are open, plus we open early and close late when only a few people are around.

Every week, at least two cafes are robbed in the Johannesburg area. Every month, a cafe owner is murdered in the city. Easy accessibility, long hours and poor security make cafes soft targets, and owners fear for their safety. **MONICA NICOLSON** reports.

"The gang that robbed me were very professional and slick — so obviously they do this often," he said.

Frank Swarbreck, executive director of the Catering, Restaurant and Tearoom Association (Catra), said cafe owners were anxious about their high profile and weak security.

He and other cafe men interviewed by The Star stressed they believed the answer to the spate of hold-ups was not private security measures, but a stronger police force.

"We are willing to put our money where our mouths are. Cafe owners

want to canvass people's support in the area to put levies on certain commodities to raise funds for a high profile, well-paid police force," he said.

The more militant and angry cafe owners said they should be given a licence to kill robbers.

"The psychological effect on victims who wait for further attacks is very negative.

Captain Eugene Opperman, police liaison officer, said cafe owners had to take responsibility for their own security. He suggested installing alarms and panic buttons and that owners carry guns.

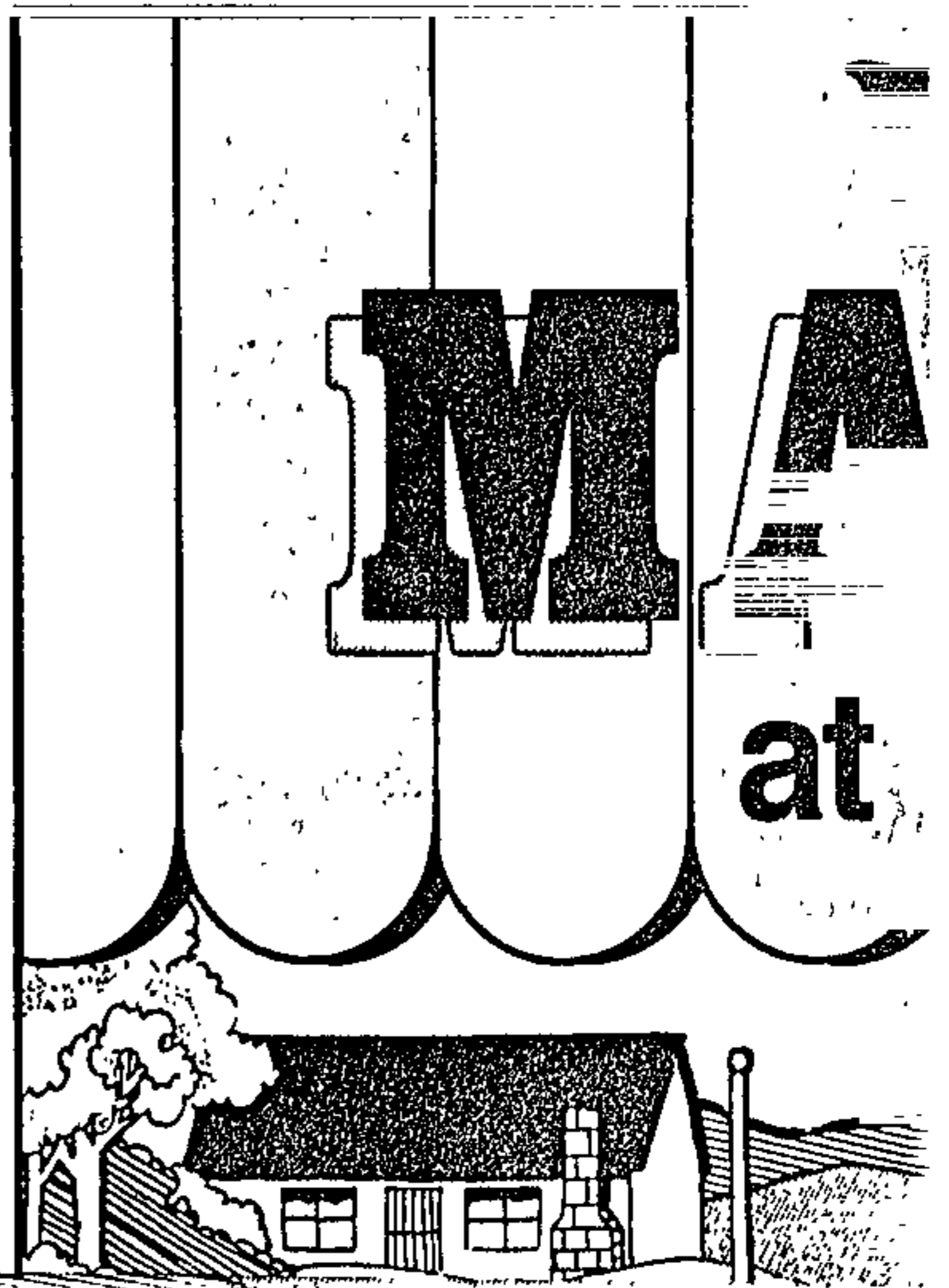
Game sale is a record

By Dirk Nel, Northern Transvaal Bureau

TSHIPISE — Giraffe, eland, ostriches and waterbuck were in great demand at the annual Greater Kudu-land game sale at Tshipise yesterday which netted a record R446 700 — confirming its status as one of the country's major wildlife auctions.

Keen bidding by more than 200 buyers from all parts of South Africa kept auctioneer Jack Klaff on his toes, and ranch owner Peter Knott described the event as his best.

Some of the highest prices of the season were reached, with giraffe fetching R7 200, eland R3 500, waterbuck R2 700, zebra R2 400, nyala R2 000, and gemsbuck R1 550.



Call Jim at Snopnet man

Tongaai: expropriation of pieces of land
 *13. Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:†

- (1) What steps are being envisaged by his Department at present in respect of the expropriation of pieces of land in the vicinity of Tongaat;
- (2) whether he recently received any representations in this connection; if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was the (i) nature of and (ii) response to the representations;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS: B1214E

- (1) None. The expropriation of land is not the function of my Department.
- (2) No. The rest of the question falls away.
- (3) The Department is well aware of the necessity of identifying land north of Durban for development and urbanisation and investigations in this regard are in progress and a meeting will in time be held with the parties concerned.

Voters' roll/census

*14. Mr J H MOMBBERG asked the Minister of Home Affairs: ~~12/6/90~~

- (1) Whether it is the intention of the Government to compile a voters' roll of all South Africans over the age of 18 years; if not, why not; if so;
- (2) whether this is to be done concurrently with the 1991 census; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be done?

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The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) and (2) In terms of existing legislation a joint voters' roll is not possible. In this regard the hon member is specifically referred to section 52 of the Republic of South Africa Constitution Act, 1983 (Act 110 of 1983), and section 3 of the Electoral Act, 1979 (Act 45 of 1979). The manner in which voters' rolls are to be compiled in future, is an aspect which obviously will depend on the outcome of the

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 negotiations for a new constitutional dispensation that will ultimately be submitted to Parliament for consideration.

Debonair Park: free settlement area

*15. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs:†

- Whether consideration is being given to declaring the Debonair Park residential area a free settlement area; if so, (a) why and (b) when is it expected that a decision will be given in this regard? ~~8/4~~

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS:

Yes, the area now generally known as Ironsyde, is being considered.

- (a) Due to the fact that the Free Settlement Board received a request to investigate the area as a free settlement area.
- (b) The investigation has reached an advanced stage and the Board's report shall be forwarded to the Ministers' Council concerned and the State President for consideration in the near future.

Orange Farm: fencing of railway line

*16. Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises:† ~~12/6/90~~

- (1) Whether the railway line on the eastern side of the Orange Farm Black residential area has been fenced off; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are envisaged in this regard; if so, (i) what is the condition of the fence concerned and (ii) what steps are to be taken regarding this fence;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1225E

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

- (1) Yes.

(a), (b) (i) and (ii) The railway line was fenced off to ensure the safety of people and cattle but the fence was damaged by vandals. Although it was repaired during 1989, it was immediately damaged again. The situation will again be addressed once

the town development has been completed. ~~12/6/90~~

- (2) No. ~~12/6/90~~

Loftus Versfeld: aircraft Z5 FSV

*17. Mr P H DE LA REY asked the Minister of Transport:†

- (1) Whether his Department keeps a register of aircraft registered in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, (a) who or what body is the owner of aircraft Z5 FSV which flew over Loftus Versfeld with a banner on 26 May 1990 and (b) who (i) authorised and (ii) bore the cost involved in the flight;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1227E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

- (1) Yes;
 - (a) Mr J E Popham
 - (b) (i) no application for authority was received
 - (ii) unknown;
- (2) no.

La Mercy Airport

*18. Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister of Transport:† ~~12/6/90~~

- (1) What is the latest planning of his Department in respect of the La Mercy Airport;
- (2) whether he has received any representations regarding the alternative utilisation of the land for this airport; if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was the (i) nature of and (ii) response to the representations;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

B1228E

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT:

- (1) The Department of Transport is currently appointing a multi-disciplinary planning team which will investigate the airport system in the Durban area and make proposals regarding the possible upgrading of Louis Botha Airport and/or the bringing into use of an airport at La Mercy.

(2) Yes; ~~12/6/90~~

(a) The North Coast Regional Development Association (NCRDA) and Members of the House of Delegates, including the hon Minister of Local Government and Agriculture in the Ministers' Council of the House of Delegates, made representations about the alternative utilisation of the terrain at La Mercy.

(b) (i) The NCRDA submitted a report to me, recommending among others, that the State should appoint consultants to investigate the La Mercy area, taking into account both the possible future airport as well as possible alternative usage of the area. Members of the House of Delegates made verbal representations to my predecessor to the same effect as the Minister concerned of the House of Delegates who requested that a portion of the land be made available to Indian farmers for growing vegetables.

(ii) In accordance with my speech during the discussion of the Department of Transport's budget vote on 11 May 1990, it was indicated that the terrain at La Mercy be retained for an airport. To the Minister mentioned, I indicated that the lease of certain parts of the terrain for other purposes such as farming will be continued with. In view of the uncertainty in regard to the time at which the development of the airport will commence, the land can only be let on a temporary basis and it would therefore be to the best advantage of the farmers if alternative land could be identified and acquired for settlement on a more permanent basis.

(3) No, since I already made a statement on this matter on 11 May 1990.

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Staff Reporter

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Bodies found in Hillbrow flat

By Helen Grange

The bodies of two men and a woman were found in a Johannesburg flat yesterday.

Police said the three, found in a flat in Parkmore Mansions in Koch Street, Joubert Park, were probably overpowered by gas escaping from the flat's stove

about 12 days ago.

However, tenants in the block said yesterday that the bodies were covered in blood when the police finally broke down the locked door and entered the flat.

Police had been called after tenants noticed a foul smell coming from the flat.

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Police 'not solely to blame' for casualties at Sebokeng

By Melody McDougall, Staff
Vereeniging Bureau (14/6/90)

The police could not be solely blamed for the death and injuries suffered by members of a 50 000-strong crowd during the Sebokeng shootings near the Sondela Brewery on March 26, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Etienne du Toit SC, appearing for the SA Police, said it was a unique concurrence of events on the day which had led to the tragedy.

Mr du Toit was presenting argument before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, which yesterday concluded its inquiry into alleged incidents of violence — including the Sebokeng shootings — in Vaal triangle townships on March 26.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery.

At least five people died in the shootings. Another seven people were shot dead in various other incidents of apparent unrest and looting of shops in the area, while about 280 were injured the same day.

Mr Justice Goldstone said he hoped to have the report on his findings ready by the end of June.

Referring to the first shot

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fired by Constable Sean van van Rhyn, which caused a chain reaction when other policemen also opened fire, Mr du Toit said the resulting deaths and injuries could not be ascribed to the error of judgment or human frailty of a single person.

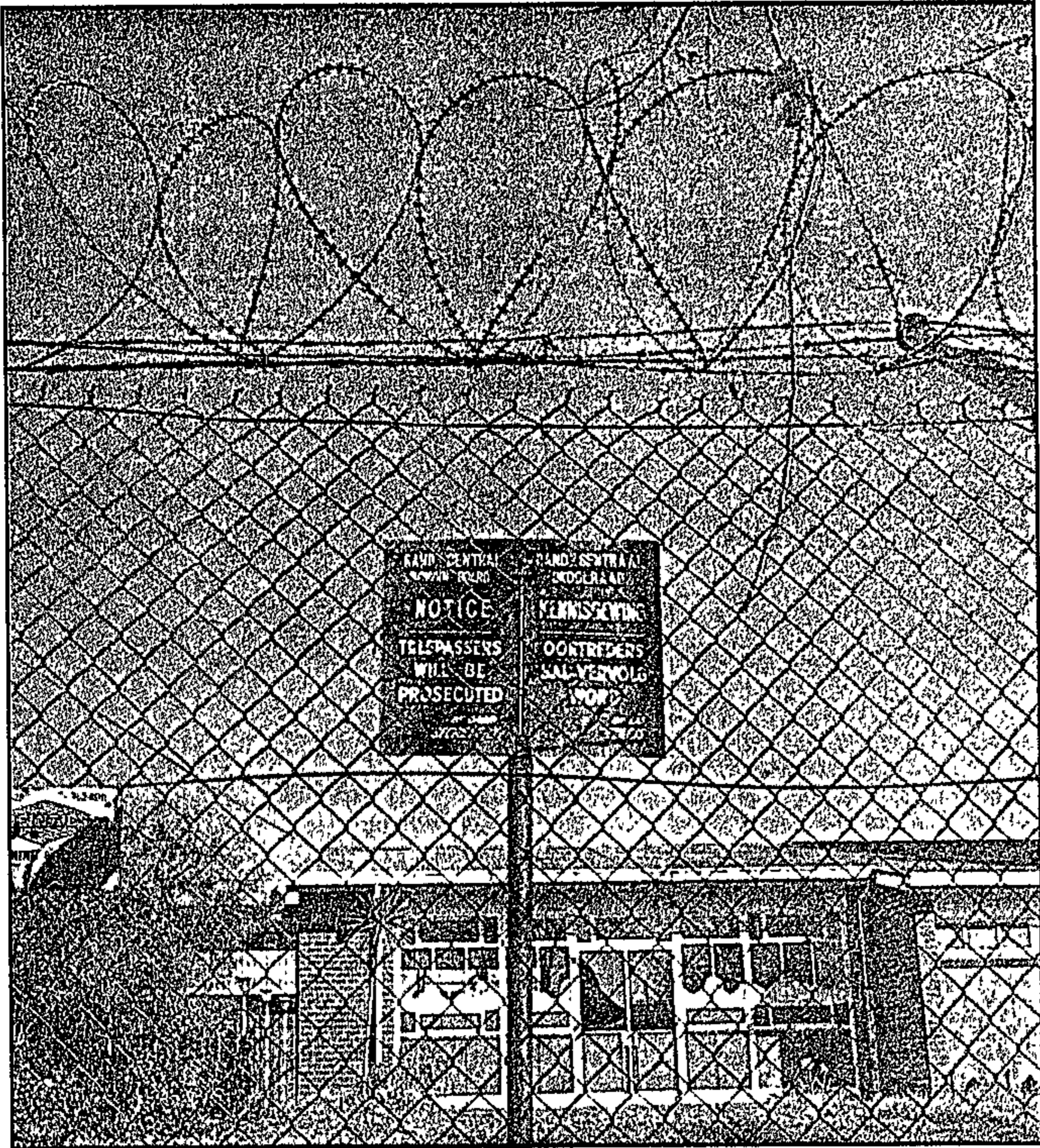
He said the fact that the constable accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper tear-gas rifle did not indicate deliberate "trigger-happiness".

The policeman was hit by a stone shortly before the shooting and was afraid at that stage.

Johan du Toit, who led all evidence before the commission, argued that correct police procedure would have been the firing of teargas into the crowd.

He said there should have been stricter control over the loading of weapons at the scene and more self-control displayed by both the police and crowd. It was also clear there was a definite lack of communication between all the parties involved.

Mr Johan du Toit asked for at least five of the 11 incidents of alleged violence in the townships on March 26, which claimed the lives of 12 people, to be referred to the Attorney-General for a decision.



Awaiting a new era . . . The Laerskool Mayfair Goedehoop stands deserted behind razor wire-topped fences after the departure of white children, but soon the grounds will echo to the laughter of Indian pupils attending their neighbourhood school. ● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

Indians welcome Mayfair school conversion

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Indian residents in Mayfair have welcomed the conversion of the empty white Laerskool Mayfair Goedehoop into an Indian school.

The school in 11th Ave is one of 26 empty or under-utilised schools nationally which the Government announced yesterday had been converted to coloured, African and Indian schools.

"Obviously I would send my child to the school when it opens its doors. At least in the near future I will not have to drive my child to school and fetch him in the afternoon," said Mrs Hasina Bulbulia, who lives directly opposite the school.

Her eight-year-old son, Mo-

ammed, is a Grade 1 pupil at Fordsburg Primary School, five minutes drive from her home.

Mrs Bulbulia said since the school was closed about six months ago, residents had been wondering what it would be used for.

Renovations

Pupils and other residents told The Star they were delighted that at last they had a school close by which could be used by the community.

Before the school opens, it will have to undergo renovations and be cleaned. The grass is knee-high, leaves are piled up in front of the bolted gates and windows are broken.

Part of the grounds are being used for parking by post office vehicles.

The school was closed last year following a big decline in pupil numbers.

Piroshaw Camay, a spokesman for the Joint Education Committee (JEC), which consists of parents' committees of four Indian schools in Johannesburg West, welcomed the move. He said there was a dire shortage of classrooms in the area.

A meeting between the JEC and the chief planner in the Department of Education and Culture (House of Delegates) is due this evening in a bid to alleviate classroom shortages at the Ferreira Primary School.

Mr Camay said two classes were held in the staffroom. The committee had tried unsuccessfully to have the school moved to the unused Crown Reef Primary School in Mayfair.

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Hillbrow now in free⁸⁴ settlement investigation

Staff Reporter

Hillbrow, which was excluded four months ago from an investigation by the Free Settlement Board into a large parcel of Johannesburg's eastern suburbs, has now been included with areas such as Joubert Park, Yeoville and Berea.

No explanation was given for the omission of Hillbrow from the study area announced in February despite the fact that the suburb is generally regarded as at least 40 percent black.

The omission of the multiracial suburb from the investigation into 13 areas as a free settlement area raised a storm of protest headed by Tony Leon MP and local councillors.

Compromise

However Johannesburg management committee member Marietta Marx said that contrary to common belief Hillbrow was not 40 percent black and had probably been excluded to accommodate the elderly whites living there.

The original area demarcated for investigation extended from Houghton Estate, down to Bellevue, Judith's Paarl, Lorentzville, Bertrams, Doornfontein and Joubert Park and Berea on the inner city side.

Mr Leon condemned the lumping together of widely disparate areas as "racial roulette" making no sense from a socio-economic, racial harmony or demographic point of view.

The Free Settlement Board said the area bounded by Clarendon Place in the northwest, Berea in the east and Pretoria Street in the south was now included in the investigation.

Free areas probe takes in Hillbrow

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THE Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) is to investigate Hillbrow — previously excluded from the board's investigation — as a free settlement area, chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

The area, Ward 26, bordered on the east by Berea, on the south by Pretoria Street and on the north-west by Clarendon Place, was excluded from investigation early this year when the board announced it would investigate the declaration of an extensive part of eastern Johannesburg.

These areas are: Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, new Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Lorentzville, Bertrams, portions surrounding Joubert Park and a portion of Houghton Estate, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

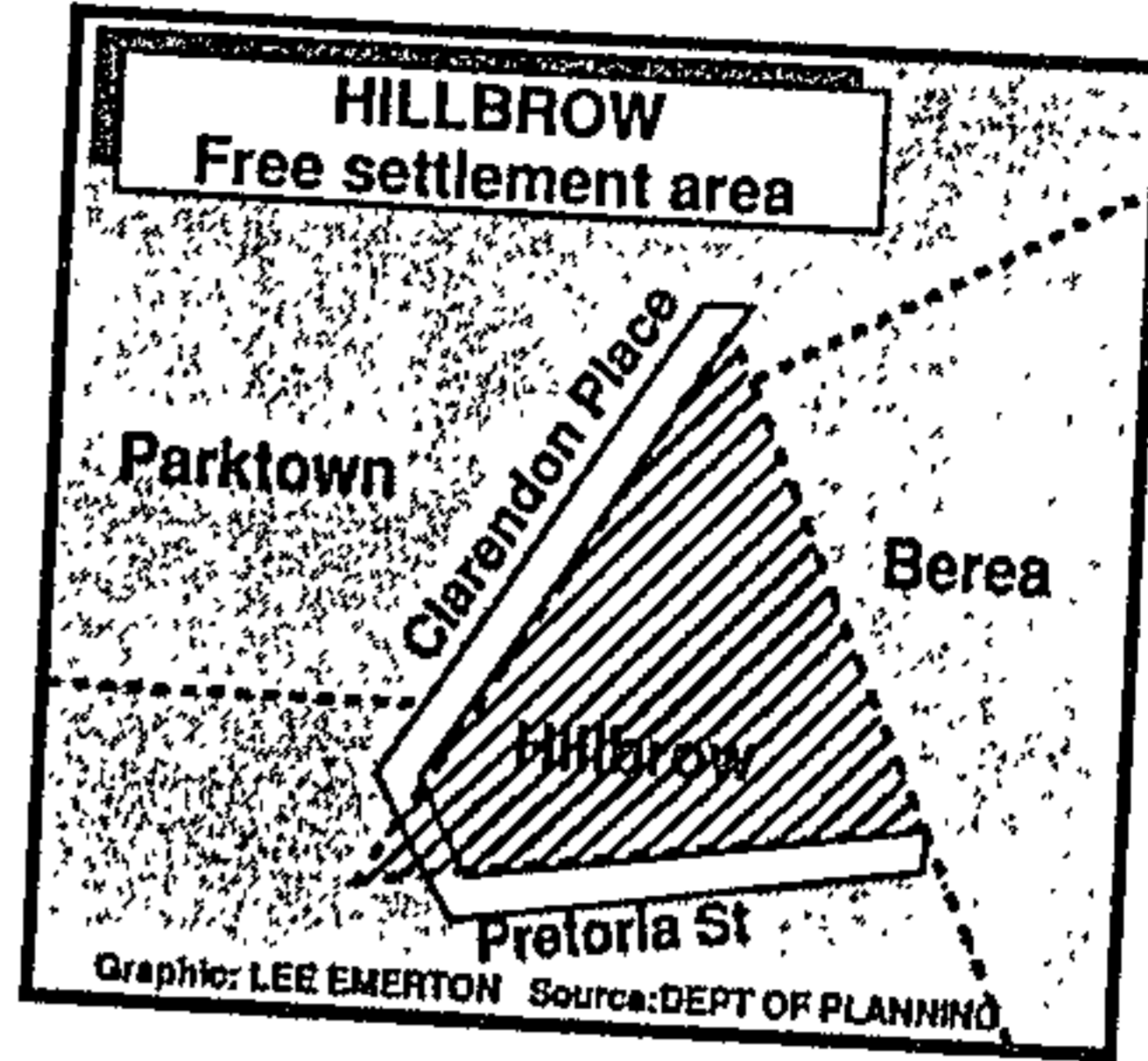
The omission of Hillbrow from these areas under investigation meant Hillbrow could have become a small segregated island in the midst of a large desegregated area.

Motion

CP leader in the Johannesburg City Council Jacques Theron said yesterday the question as to why Hillbrow was excluded in the first place was never answered. He said he did not know why it was now deemed fit to investigate Hillbrow.

The Johannesburg City Council decided in February to make representations to the board opposing the declaration of the eastern Johannesburg areas.

The motion, proposed by the DP, was passed with the support of the CP and an



independent councillor, although it was opposed by the NP. However, the NP was clearly relieved when the DP succeeded in its motion.

NP opposition to fragmenting Johannesburg into free settlement areas was shown when the NP supported a DP motion opposing the declaration of a part of Mayfair and a part of Pageview.

Theron said he did not think the DP or NP would support the declaration of Hillbrow.

He said the CP also opposed the declaration of Hillbrow, but for different reasons. He said muggings and robberies and the deterioration of the area were caused by allowing races to mingle.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the DP did not believe in free settlement areas and opposed the balkanisation of Johannesburg.

The council appointed a special six-man committee consisting of NP and DP councillors last month to consider open city initiatives.

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President gets plea to probe Turfloop

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SIX students at the University of the North have sent an urgent plea to the State President and the Minister of Education and Development Aid to institute a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities at the institution.

The plea was made through an attorney.

The six — Victor Mojalefa, the Rev FC Motubatse, Bertha Moloto, Samuel Selaone, Edward Sebesho and Maureen Sebesho — have asked President F W de Klerk and Mr Stoffel van der Merwe to help eradicate "malpractices of any nature" at the university, also known as Turfloop.

One of the students, Mr Mojalefa, has laid a charge of fraud or forgery with the Mankweng Police in Lebowa after discovering that two exam papers were written in one exam room at the same time.

SAP check

Brigadier L A Mojela, deputy commissioner of the Lebowa police, confirmed the matter had been reported and said investigations were underway.

The six want a commission of inquiry appointed to pay attention to the following points:

- The element of nepotism and tribalism in regard to the employment of lecturers and their promotion.

- Political victimisation at examination centres and the alleged involvement of security police.

It is alleged in the memorandum that the university's examination centre has a secret and confidential relationship with the security police of the SAP in Pietersburg.

- "An activist, Mr Motubatse was made to fail his 1989 examinations because he did not want to co-operate with the police. His marks were rectified after Mr Motubatse took up the matter with the head of department."

- Sexual harassment: "Female students who could not comply with the lecturers' 'one course-one blanket' policy were punished in the final examination."

- Moderation of external and final papers by external examiners: "There

Allegations by students of sex and tribalism are denied

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are cases where the university has admitted there were final examination papers which were not sent to external examiners for moderation."

"It is doubted whether other papers ... were moderated because in that course there were two different examination papers for Paper One written in one examination room at the same time."

- Irregularities in examinations conducted in the faculty of education: "In the November/December examination for 1989, students in Education 300 Paper One wrote two different papers in the same examination room. When students complained they were told their scripts would be marked leniently and they would be allowed to register for a senior degree."

- Faculty of Law and LIB degree: "A student registered for an LIB-degree for the 1989 academic year while she was still owing a course in her B Juris junior degree."

Loans secrecy

It is further alleged that some students were issued with certificates of a non-existent teaching diploma. The diploma, Senior Teachers Diploma, was phased out in the 1974/75 academic year.

- Bursaries and loans — the criteria of allocation thereof: the system of allocation of bursaries remains secretive. "Students from well-to-do families with a bad academic record receive a number of bursaries while brilliant students with poor backgrounds are forced to leave Turfloop because of lack of financial assistance."

- Examinations written at branch university campuses — Qwaqwa and Giyani: examinations

of the main campus at Turfloop are not written on the same dates with QwaQwa and Giyani campuses. This has caused great concern because there are suspicions of leakages of question papers.

Spokesmen for offices of both State President and Mr van der Merwe said the petition had been received and was already receiving attention.

In its response the University of the North said it doubted the factuality of the claims and urged the six students to withdraw their "libellous and unfounded allegations".

In a statement reacting to the allegations point by point the university said:

- "The university staffing policy does not provide for nepotism, tribalism or ethnicity. All new staff are appointed through selection interviews."

'Blatant lie'

- The 'sex for examination passes' allegation is a blatant lie.

- The university teaches at three decentralised campuses and each campus sets its own examination papers. Joint papers may be set but these would be written on the same dates.

- There is no way in which police could be involved in the university's academic programmes, including examinations.

- The majority of student bursaries are awarded by government departments and corporate bodies. "The few university bursaries are awarded by a bursary committee chaired by the rector and comprising deans of faculty and senior central administration staff." No university student loan scheme exists at present.

- "All our final year and post-graduate examinations are also externally examined, but supplementary and aegrotat examinations are not, for the convenience of students and new registrations."

- The university issues only degrees and diploma certificates which it is authorised to teach and only upon the student's successful completion of his studies.

"The university will not countenance any irregularities by any of its officers."



High-rise living . . . a couple stroll through Hillbrow, Johannesburg's most densely populated suburb.

Johannesburg's sleeping giant

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In the late 1970s and early 1980s Johannesburg City Council studies were based on the understanding that Hillbrow was a place of multiple activity. It was seen as a place of residence for a stable nucleus of elderly people and a transient population of young singles, single parents, childless couples and immigrants.

In the last decade, Hillbrow has changed dramatically. An increasing number of black, coloured and Indian families have moved into Hillbrow because of severe housing shortages in their own areas and a desire to be close to their place of work.

According to a city council report on Hillbrow, compiled by the Johannesburg City Health Department and the Town Planning Department, an influx of the poor and destitute to the inner city areas has been a world-wide phenomenon — a result of urbanisation.

Johannesburg's Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr Nicky Padyachee, says this creates severe problems unique to high-rise, high-density areas.

Survey

"There has been a change in the nature of the people living in the area — there are more families now than single and elderly people."

A survey was conducted by his department, primarily to examine the condition of buildings in Hillbrow and to establish the number of children who had not been immunised.

Johannesburg had the highest immunisation rate in the country, but people with children moving into the city lowered the immunisation average.

Of 302 residential buildings examined, 16 (5 percent) were in a "bad" condition and 72 (23 percent) could be classified as "poor". Immediate instruc-

Over the past 10 years the composition of Johannesburg's suburbs has changed. Singles and childless couples living in high-rise apartments have been replaced by migrant families from rural areas. Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS looks at the changing face of the city's best known suburb, Hillbrow.

tions were issued that faults be repaired.

Of about 38 000 people living in the 302 buildings surveyed, 40 percent were black. The average population density per flat was 3.4, but as many as 14 people were living in flats in some cases.

On average, however, no overcrowding was present. No obvious overburdening of bulk council services existed in the suburb.

Acting deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr Claude Newbury, said overcrowding obviously resulted in a deterioration of living standards.

"They have shelter and the basic services. There is an overload on facilities when five or six people inhabit a flat intended for two, but how much more dreadful would it be if these people were on the streets?" Dr Newbury asked.

City health department officials conducted the survey by keeping watch on buildings from 4 am in the morning until 9 am and then taking a head count of everyone who left the buildings. After 9 am they counted everyone who was left in the building.

Another issue which needed to be studied in depth, Dr Padyachee said, was the effect that living in a suburb such as Hillbrow had on dwellers from rural areas.

"Here we have a group of people coming from rural areas to one of the most high-density places in Africa.

"There is the difficulty of acclimatising to an urban environment which becomes more complex when coupled

with a high-rise environment.

"Black people moving into a new area lose the community life they are used to in a township. They lose the social support of their families. Often both parents have to work due to the higher cost of living in urban areas and they have nowhere to leave their children."

There were no creches or schools, limited open space, very little recreational facilities and very few religious facilities for all the different denominations living in the suburb, Dr Padyachee said.

"The environment needs to be modified to suit families, but there isn't the space. So we needed to look at innovative techniques."

Parking lots

"When more whites lived in Hillbrow, there was a great need for parking. Now more blacks have moved in, the need for parking has decreased. We are therefore investigating changing some parking lots into sites for nursery schools or parks.

"The Hillbrow street plan also needs to be adapted for pedestrians, especially for children so they can walk and play outdoors."

Head of urban design in the City Town Planning Department, Arlene Segal, is investigating sites for three parks in Hillbrow. Her department has already earmarked a parking lot for a park in Jager Street between Claim and Banket Streets. They are also busy turning sections of Quartz Street into a boulevard.

"We are giving residents more privacy by limiting through traffic in the area. It is absolutely essential to try to create spaces which can be identified by residents as their own," Mrs Segal said.

Dr Padyachee said health problems encountered were drug and alcohol abuse and loneliness — particularly among the elderly who often lived in self-imposed isolation, being too afraid to venture outdoors.

"The need for services for mothers and children has also increased. The general trend in the increase of sexually transmitted diseases has led to a greater need for confidential health services, which is why we began the Outreach programme two months ago."

(Outreach is aimed at "sex workers" such as prostitutes — male and female, drug addicts, alcoholics, homosexuals and the homeless. A clinic is in the process of being established in Hillbrow.)

Two months ago, the City Health Department began a major campaign to inform the people of Hillbrow about the free medical care available at public health clinics in Joubert Park and Hillbrow.

Quoting from the report, Dr Padyachee said overall, Hillbrow continued to be a liveable environment.

"This finding should not be allowed to lead to complacency. There are very real health and planning issues at stake in what may be Johannesburg's 'sleeping giant'."

"The issues of building exploitation, particularly of illegal tenants, contributes to hardship and social tension. Coupled to this is the threat of removal, as tenants may be evicted on grounds of race.

"This uncertainty, both for tenants and landlords is not

conducive to residential stability or to renewed investment."

The shortage of shelter, facilities for rehabilitation and health care and opportunities for education and employment had to be addressed to alleviate the plight of underprivileged people.

Lessons learnt in Hillbrow could be applied to other suburbs in Johannesburg.

The issues facing Hillbrow represented a major challenge to authorities and all interest groups to facilitate the creation of a better environment in which the various facets of Hillbrow could find a balanced community life.

Responsibility had to be shouldered by a partnership between the state, local authorities and the private sector, the report read.



Gangster gets death for fatal shooting

By Cathy Stagg

A man who committed seven crimes in two days was yesterday sentenced to death for the murder of an Alberton man, as well as an effective 24 years' imprisonment.

Passing sentence Mr Justice M S Stegman said Bostella Sithebe (25) was one of a gang of men who robbed Willie Hancke of his Nissan Skyline in Linden, Johannesburg, on March 18 last year.

An hour later three gang members armed with firearms robbed Johanna van der Merwe, of Raceview, Alberton, of her Ford XR6.

Rian Lotz (27), Mrs van der Merwe's neighbour, intervened and was fatally shot in the head.

The judge and his two assessors came to the unanimous decision that there were no extenuating circumstances.

The judge described the gang as "alert and capable criminals" and referred to Sithebe's many previous convictions.

The court also found that on March 20 last year the gang held up tellers and customers at First National Bank's Elandsfontein, Germiston, branch. They took R38 000 and one of the robbers stabbed Johannes Motloug, who was on duty behind the inquiries counter. A customer, Michael Galloway, was robbed of his watch and wedding ring.

Forty-five minutes later, two women tellers at Trust Bank, Elandsfontein, were each held up by two gang members. About R19 000 was taken. Charmaine Niewenhuizen was hit in the face with a revolver.

The judge allowed the two 10-year sentences for the robberies with aggravating circumstances on March 18 to run concurrently. Sentences for the three robberies committed on March 20 were combined so that the effective total was 12 years.

The judge also sentenced Sithebe to two years' jail for the unlawful possession of a firearm.

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Vaal councillor condemns plan for 'new Soweto' development

By Melody McDougall

The proposed development of another "Soweto" on the northern outskirts of the Vaal triangle has been strongly condemned by the chairman of the Conservative Party-dominated Vanderbijlpark Town Council management committee, Gerhard Smith.

On Tuesday the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council announced plans for the establishment of two new "Sowetos" south of Johannesburg.

Earmarked

The first of the two regions earmarked for development is an area of about 10 000ha and lies to the west of Soweto.

The second area is about 9 000 ha and is located north-west of Evaton and south of Ennerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway.

This zone has been earmarked for balanced residential housing, for about 700 000 people, as well as commercial

and industrial development.

Commenting yesterday, Mr Smith said the proposed development fitted in with Government policy to make available ground for housing accommodation which was merely a form of controlled squatter camps.

One of the major concerns would be the shortage of job opportunities which would result in a drop in the living standard of all residents.

He said Vanderbijlpark was the only Vaal triangle town which had a surplus of ground earmarked for industrial development, in which there was presently no interest. In addition, the country was experiencing a depressed economic situation.

"Therefore this development is not a good idea at all. One cannot draw people to a town if there are no jobs available," he said.

The chairman of the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council, Gustav du Toit, welcomed the development, saying it was an excellent idea.

DP calls for Jo'burg, Soweto to become one

By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

Black local government structures were crumbling and it was just a matter of time before Johannesburg and Soweto became one city and one municipality, Democratic Party councillor Sias Reyneke said during the budget debate last night.

"The planning must start now. Johannesburg and Soweto will be-

come one — we have to accept that reality and begin training people now for one local authority.

"It is clear that the local black government structures are crumbling and this crisis may force central government and everyone else involved, to enforce the incorporation of black councils with white local authorities so that the provision of services can continue," Mr Reyneke said.

"If we accept Johannesburg

and Soweto as one, there will be a doubling of the population and land area. We will sit with a new Johannesburg, of which a major part will be totally under-developed."

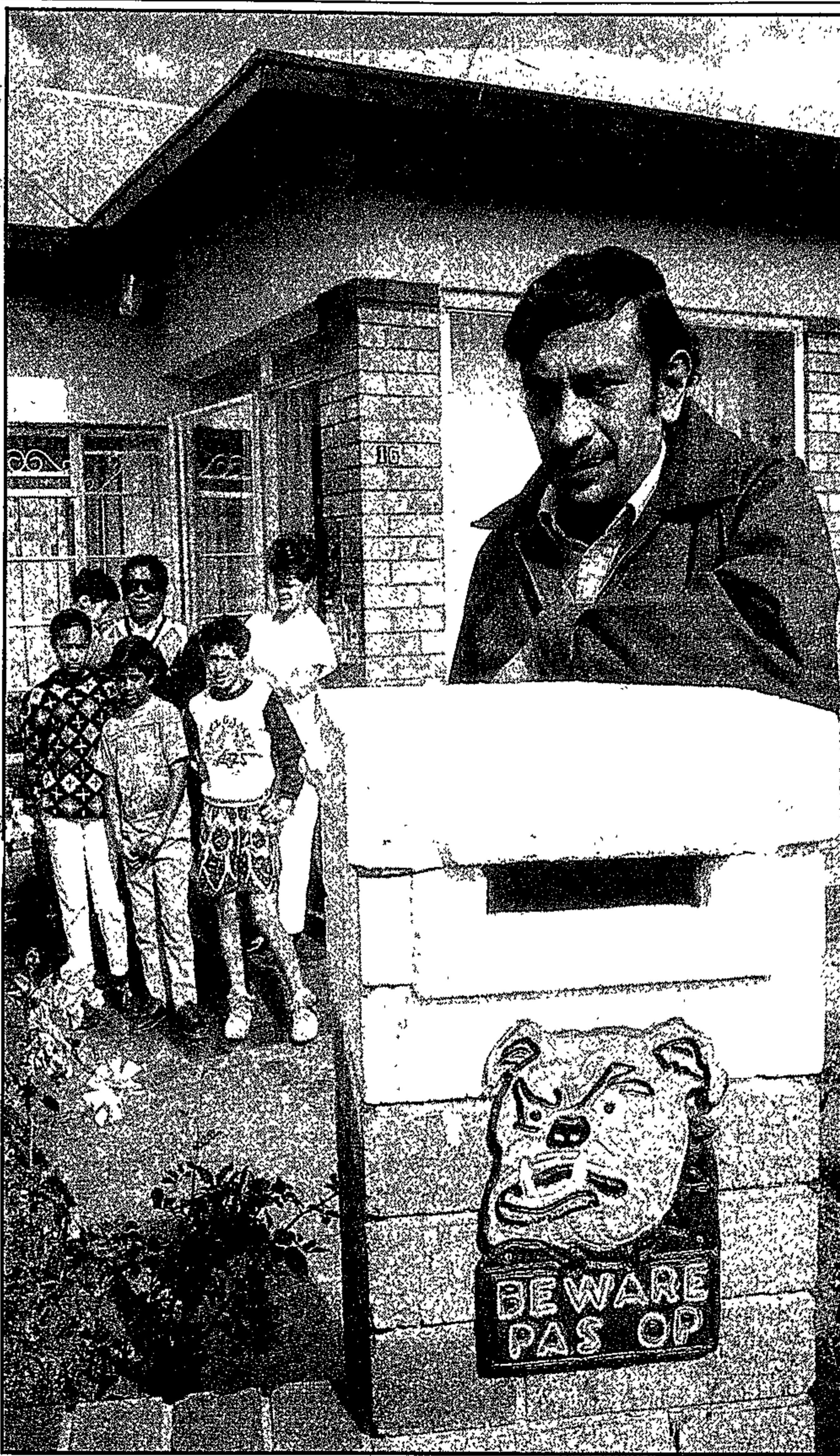
NP councillor Hein Kruger agreed that closer co-operation between Johannesburg and Soweto was inevitable. One municipality in the form of a metropolitan government or "super-municipality" needed to be investigated.

Economic suicide

"The two (cities) are interdependent and cannot exist without the other. Where Soweto is the main reservoir of human resources for Johannesburg and the broader region of which the two form the core, Johannesburg is the engine room where the human resources of the region come together and create the wealth of the region," Mr Kruger said.

"To exclude either Soweto or Johannesburg when the city boundaries were redrawn would be economic suicide for both, he said.

NEWS



Test case . . . The fate of many living under the shadow of the Group Areas Act depends on Davechand Ramjee of Mayfair West's success in court. ● Picture By John Hogg.

The uncertainty goes on for Group Areas families

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Group Areas Act charges against a group of Johannesburg families have been dropped — but for the families concerned, the uncertainty goes on.

The charges against 30 people in 11 separate cases were withdrawn in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week. The alleged offences occurred in areas that include the Johannesburg suburbs of Berea, Homestead Park, Mayfair West and Malvern.

Yesterday Homestead Park families told The Star there was little to celebrate. Their fate depends on the outcome of a case to be heard in the Supreme Court.

Validity

Davechand Ramjee of Mayfair West, one of the first in the area to be charged under the Group Areas Act two years ago, is contesting in the Supreme Court the validity of the proclamation making Mayfair a white area. The date for the hearing has not yet been set.

He said not even President de Klerk's promise that the Act was on its way out, has made him feel secure.

"It's all words for me. Only when the Act is taken off the statute books will I feel safe," he said.

The fact that the outcome of his case has a bearing on other people's future, said Mr Ramjee, made him all the more determined to fight to the end.

"This battle has been a rigorous test on my family. We have had to endure so much pressure for so long and it still has not come to an end," he said.

"When I was 10 my family were evicted in 1957 from Sophiatown because it was proclaimed a white area. Up until 1967 we were always moving because we could not secure accommodation in a 'black' area.

"For a while I lived in Fords-

burg, but the flat was much too small for my family of six. We moved to Mayfair in 1986 and I'm still fighting for my home," said Mr Ramjee.

Homestead Park resident Fred Samuel, who had charges withdrawn against him, spoke of the physical, mental and financial anguish of living in limbo.

In 1987 Mr Samuel and his family moved to Homestead Park. Within six months they were summonsed under the Group Areas Act. Soon the strain began to take its toll:

"We've never settled down. Weekends passed by without a murmur of social activity. My wife and I are always tied up in meetings and because of the possibility that we could be re-prosecuted I expect things to remain much the same."

The most disconcerting aspect of being charged under the Group Areas Act, Mr Samuel said, was having to explain to his children "that I am not a criminal — that all I really want to do is provide a good home for them".

Another resident, Miriam Kajee, echoed similar sentiments.

Wait-and-see

She said: "It's a wait-and-see game. We have had enough. We don't want to worry about a roof over our heads. We want to enjoy our remaining years with our grandchildren."

Trevor Bailey of the Legal Resource Centre said until the Group Areas Act was repealed in Parliament it would remain law.

The Supreme Court ruling in Mr Ramjee's case would have a bearing on the 30 people who recently had charges withdrawn against them, he said.

"For example, if the Supreme Court decided the proclamation was invalid the State would not succeed in securing a prosecution for the other cases."

The implications behind open cities

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EDYTH BULBRING

JOHANNESBURG would be controlled by a multiracial management committee replacing the Johannesburg City Council if the whole city was opened under free settlement areas legislation, Free Settlement Board Chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

In an interview with Business Day in Pretoria, Kruger spoke of the implications of opening cities to all races in terms of the legislation.

He specifically addressed the problems contained in the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act which discouraged cities from taking this step.

If Johannesburg was declared a free settlement area today, white residents could choose whether they wanted to register on the multiracial voters roll, which would elect a management committee, or stay on the whites only roll of the Johannesburg City Council, Kruger said.

The multiracial management committee would control Johannesburg, but those residents who chose to stay on the existing roll would have no representatives at a local government level, he said.

"They wouldn't have anyone to vote for as they would be on a roll which did not represent any specific area," Kruger said. However, he said the Act was unclear on the management committee's exact extent of power in such a situation.

This was one of the major reasons why city councils were hesitant to apply for the opening of their whole cities or parts of the city under the present legislation.

They feared the Act was too vague and could spell an erosion of their power or rate base and could mean a duplication of function. For this reason, of the 33 applications to the board, only four had been made by town councils: Durban, which had submitted two applications, and Knysna and Messina which had each submitted one.

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While the fears of the town councils were understandable, the problems presented by the Act were not insurmountable and could be addressed. But first, town councils had to take a step in faith, Kruger said.

"If not, it is like a child refusing to learn to ride a bicycle because he does not have a pump," Kruger said.

The legislation would be changed if it did not suit the needs of the city councils. Amendments to the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act were close to completion and would hopefully be introduced next parliamentary session, Kruger said.

Two areas which had been given most attention were the sections concerning the government structure of free settlement areas, and the status of the developer. While a large number of applications to the board had come from developers, these had to be disqualified because most did not fit the Act's definition of a developer.

In the case of these applications, the relevant minister's council then had to request the board to investigate these areas in the place of the developers.



● KRUGER . . . Free Settlement Board chairman.

The proposed amendments all depended on the state of play regarding the Group Areas Act, he said.

During this parliamentary session President F W de Klerk stated the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year and replaced with non-discriminatory measures. It is unclear at this stage whether the amended free settlement areas acts, which are independent of the Group Areas Act, will form part of the non-discriminatory measures or fall away.

However, despite all the uncertainty, Kruger said he did not feel his task was irrelevant. "Areas have to be opened up in the interim to cope with present needs."

Kruger emphasised that the acts as they now stood could not preclude city councils from applying to have their whole cities opened under the Act. Provincial Planning minister Hernus Kriel reiterated this in Parliament this session and said he was sympathetic towards the declaration of entire local authority areas as free settlement areas.

Kriel promised any recommendation to this effect by the board would be given extremely careful consideration by government.

Kruger said all five of the board's recommendations so far had been accepted by government. They were Windmill Park (Boksburg), Warwick Triangle (Durban), Country View (Midrand), Zonnebloem (Cape Town) and Diepsloot, south of Pretoria.

The results of investigations into a further eight areas had already been passed on to government and the decisions were still pending, Kruger said. They were Zuurbekom (West Rand), Ottery/Wetton (Cape Town), Cato Crest (Durban), Knysna, Messina, Waterval (Johannesburg), Zeekoeivlei (Natal) and Mayfair (Johannesburg).

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| Dr C J Vermaak | Paardekraal | Transferred to Kalie de Haas Hospital |
| Dr C J Vermaak | Pietersburg | Transferred to Paardekraal Hospital |
| Dr I V de Jager | Pietersburg | Promoted to Director: Community Health Services, Pietersburg Retirement |
| Dr E du Plessis | Pietersburg | Transferred to Southern Transvaal Region Community Health |
| Dr W Heunis | Sannieshof | Retirement |
| Dr J H Olivier | Soweto Community Health Centre | Retirement |
| Dr P J Beukes | Soweto Community Health Centre | Transferred to Kalafong Hospital |
| Dr H C Vorster | Tembisa | Resigned to enter private practice |
| Dr C J Vermaak | Kalie de Haas (Ventersdorp) | Resigned to enter private practice |
| Dr E J Badenhorst | Vereeniging | Retirement |
| Dr R Olivier | Far East Rand | Demise |
| Dr W A Kotzenberg | Warmbath | Demise |
| Dr A J P Burger | Witrand Care and Rehabilitation Centre | Accepted post of specialist at Witrand Care and Rehabilitation Centre |
| Dr M Patterson | Hillbrow | Resigned to enter private sector |
| Dr D Ungerer | Ga-Rankuwa | Resigned (reason unknown) |
| Dr W E Jackall | Baragwanath | Resigned to enter private practice |
| Dr P J de Jager | Nigel | Resigned to enter private practice |
| Dr D M Hawkins | Coronation | Resigned to enter private practice |
| Dr J Nagtegaal | Coronation | Promoted to Director: Health Services |
| Dr D Bruwer | Nigel | Transferred to Dr A G Visser Hospital Retirement. |
| Dr G S Withinsshaw | Sterkfontein | |

588. Mr R F HASWELL asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

(1) Whether Cape Town experienced a photo-chemical smog on the morning of 17 April 1990; if so,

(2) whether there were any instances of non-compliance with State health guidelines on the morning in question; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1356E

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

(1) Yes, atmospheric conditions were conducive to photo-chemical reactions, with a strong temperature inversion and absolutely calm conditions.

(2) Yes, the National Guidelines were exceeded for Total Nitrogen Oxides, (NOX), Nitric Oxides

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(NO) and Hydrocarbons, as measured by the City Council of Cape Town at the City Hall. However, at the same site, the level of ozone, an important indicator of photo-chemical smog was low.

The highest levels measured were as follows:

| Pollutant | Levels measured hourly average values in microgram/m ³ | Guidelines |
|--------------------------|---|------------|
| NOX | 2 468 | 1 504 |
| NO | 2 357 | 1 128 |
| Non-methane hydrocarbons | 1 287 | 270 |
| Ozone | 20 | 240 |

The episode lasted only for two hours from 07:00 to 09:00.

Salaries/salary scales

589. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination:

What have been the applicable salaries and/or salary scales for each post level in each department and organisational component referred to in section 6(1) of the Public Service Act, No 111 of 1984, since 1 April 1990?

Answered 22/6/90

The MINISTER FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION:

There are approximately 520 occupational classes, each consisting of various post classes, each with its own salary scale. In order to ascertain the appropriate salary scale for each post class in each department and organisational component referred to in section 6(1) of the Public Service Act, No 111 of 1984, the relevant information will have to be obtained from each such department and organisational component. Due to the extent of this task, it cannot be justified.

Public Service: differential pay scales

590. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister for Administration and Economic Co-ordination:

Whether there are differential pay scales in the Public Service for different grades of employees; if so, (a) how many pay scales are there and (b) what will be the appropriate key scale applicable to each pay level as at 1 July 1990?

Answered 22/6/90

Group areas legislation: prosecutions in certain areas

124. Mr L FUCHS asked the Minister of the Budget and Local Government:

Whether it is the intention to prosecute every person contravening group areas legislation in the Homestead Park/Furfontein/Beuzidenhoutsvalle/Malvern/Southdale West area; if

not, (a) why not and (b) (i) how many persons are estimated to be living in the area illegally and (ii) what percentage of such persons is being prosecuted; if so, (aa) how many persons does this involve and (bb) when will they be prosecuted? *Answered 22/6/90 B1073E*

THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT: (84)

No, the prosecution of contraventions in terms of Group Areas legislation does not fall under the jurisdiction of this Department.

- (a) Falls away — the Department's actions however are aimed at the achievement of a negotiated settlement where complaints were received and in case of need to be of assistance with alternative housing.
- (b) (i) Not determinable — unknown.
- (ii) None, as far as known.
- (aa) and (bb) Fall away.

CESM: research output publications

137. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture: (85)

What was the number of research output publications (books, chapters, articles or patents) approved for subsidy purposes for the 1987-88 financial year for CESM (Classification of Educational Subject Matter) (a) category 9, (b) category 15 and (c) category 16 in respect of the University of (i) Cape Town, (ii) Stellenbosch, (iii) Pretoria and (iv) the Witwatersrand? *Answered 22/6/90 B1357E*

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

This information is not available. Research output approved for subsidy purposes is not reported per CESM-category.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

QUESTIONS

† Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Lenasia/Zakkeriyya Park: postal delivery service
28. Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 6 on 4 April 1990, he will consider introducing a postal delivery service for (a) Lenasia Extensions 8, 9, 10 and 11, respectively, (b) Lenasia South and (c) Zakkeriyya Park; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether street numbers are displayed and letter boxes have been provided by the residents of the above areas; if not, what is the position at present; if so, how soon can the said delivery service be introduced? *D221E*

THE MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

- (1) (a) No,
- (b) no,
- (c) no.

As stated previously, Lenasia Extensions 8 and 11 are already being served sufficiently by means of mail collection points while similar facilities are to be provided in Lenasia Extension 9 as soon as possible. A mail collection point will also be erected in Lenasia Extension 10 as soon as the area has been proclaimed. The establishment of a post office and two mail collection points for Lenasia South has been approved and the expected date of completion of these is April 1992. A mail collection point for Zakkeriyya Park has likewise been approved for erection

as soon as a suitable stand has been acquired;

- (2) Street numbers yes, letter boxes no.

Since the areas concerned have been or are to be provided with mail collection points and the residents' requirements can best be satisfied by this method of mail delivery, it is not the intention to introduce a street delivery service.

Tobacco/alcohol advertisements: banning

30. Mr D K PADIACHEY asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (1) Whether she has called and/or intends calling for the banning of tobacco and alcohol advertisements in the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; *Answered 22/6/90*
- (2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? *D240E*

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) No, these two substances are viewed separately, and accordingly the approach to the advertising thereof differs.

A code of practice for tobacco product advertising was formulated by the Advertising Standards Authority in conjunction with the Department of National Health and Population Development to ensure control over the advertising of tobacco products. This code is updated regularly. By way of agreement with the tobacco companies, the advertising of tobacco on television, Radio South Africa and Radio Suid-Afrika is prohibited.

Advertising of alcohol aims to promote responsible use. These advertisements are not directed at excessive use or abuse. The ethical code on advertising, permits any person to complain about advertising that promoted undesirable behaviour.

- (2) Yes, to regard a blanket ban on all tobacco and alcohol advertising as constituting a primary objective, is a principle essentially in conflict with a free enterprise society.

Any legislation to achieve a total ban would tend to create a false sense of

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Govt 'must write off R731-m rent debt'

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Government will have to write off the estimated R731 million rent arrears owed by Transvaal's black townships before residents would consider resuming payment of service charges, a Soweto civic leader said at the weekend.

The president of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Isaac Mogase, said this after the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced last week it would no longer cover the cost of services to boycott-hit townships. The TPA said if councils were not able to collect enough money to pay their bulk suppliers, supplies would "most probably be discontinued".

Mr Mogase, who is also a member of the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), said the people of Soweto had never refused to pay service charges.

"The problem is that they (TPA) have been dealing with councillors and not with residents," Mr Mogase said.

The SPD is expected to meet provincial authorities next month in an effort to resolve the rent crisis in the province.

A spokesman for the TPA said last week arrears in the 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal, at the end of March, amounted to about R731 million.

"The rent boycott is effective in 42 of the 82 councils and we have only R26 million every month available for bridging finance. In the past three months we have paid out R164 million in bridging finance and that amount should have been spent after six or seven months.

Areas Act

charge ⁽⁸⁴⁾

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dropped

By Therese Anders,
Highveld Bureau

The State has withdrawn a Group Areas Act charge against Ismail Bemath, who moved into the middle of the small Conservative Party-controlled south-east Transvaal town of Amersfoort in March.

Mr Bemath, a salesman, and his wife Rukeya were in the news in March when the Amersfoort Town Council cut their water supply less than 24 hours after they had moved in.

His lawyer, David Bam, who has been instructed by Lawyers for Human Rights, said, he had given the Amersfoort council until Friday to reconnect the Bemaths' water.

The council had refused.

Kindness

"We will now be bringing an application before the Supreme Court," Mr Bam said.

For the past four months, the Bemaths have had to rely on the kindness of their new neighbour, an Afrikaans woman, who has allowed them to take water from her house.

Apart from cutting off the Bemaths' water, the council laid a complaint with the police that the couple were contravening the Group Areas Act.

On Friday, Mr Bemath said he was delighted to be a "free man" again.

"I had to miss the birth of my first child because of that business," he said.

"When I had to appear in court in connection with the charge, my wife gave birth in Nylstroom."



NEWS



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Youngsters see their future built before them



Happiness is seeing the walls of the technical college you hope to attend one day rising around you. Four youngsters, Violet Masuku, left, Priscilla Hlongwane, Santha Masilela and Simon Fabatsa, were on site at the new ACE College in Alexandra when Alan Tindall, chairman of the Allied Educational Trust, handed over a cheque for R50 000 towards the project. ACE steering committee chairman, Jolyon Nuttall, general manager of The Star, noted that R4,4 million of the R5,5 million needed had now been raised.

Blasts rock police stations

POLICE stations at Khayelitsha and Langa were rocked by explosions between 8 and 10 last night. *CNT 7/21/60*

A police vehicle was damaged and windows were shattered when a handgrenade was hurled at the police station in Khayelitsha about 8.35pm. *8/21/60*

"No one was injured," said Lieutenant-Colonel Lourens Haasbroek of SAP headquarters in Pretoria.

Residents as far away as Pinelands called the Cape Times to find out what had caused the blast.

No details were available of the Langa blast.

Timeshare thefts

Bruce Davis was convicted in a Johannesburg Regional Court yesterday of stealing R78 188 from Southern Sun (Pty) between August 1988 and November 1989 by failing to deposit certain cash payments after selling timeshare units. The hearing was postponed to August 17. Staff Reporter.

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Security is a priority ³⁰⁴

CAPE TOWN — An official residence for the secretary-general of the SA Council of Churches, built at an estimated cost of R700 000 in Diepkloof, Soweto, is expected to be completed soon.

The national executive committee of the council decided to build an official residence and to ensure it was fitted with adequate security after

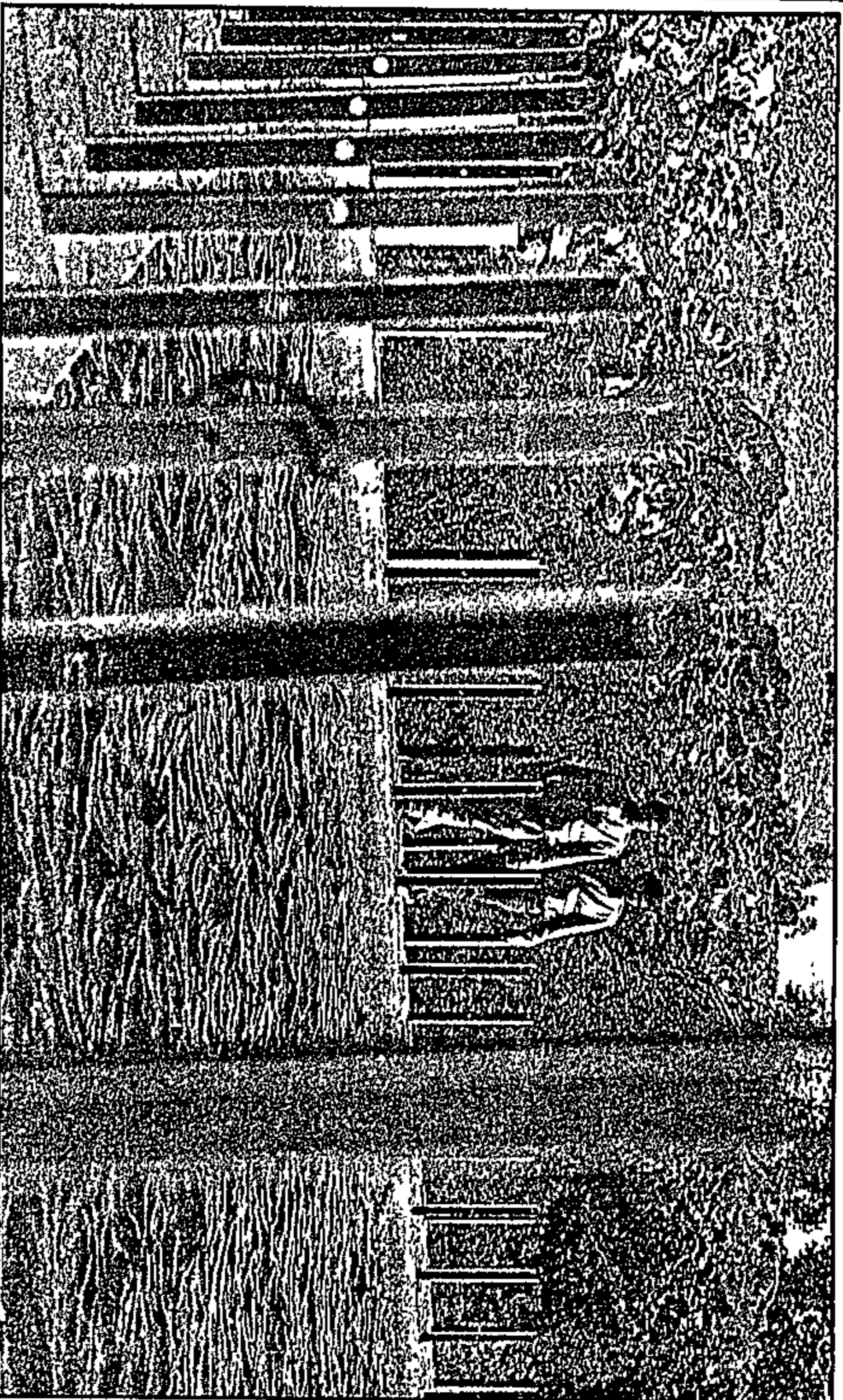
the bombing of Khotso House, general administrative secretary, the Rev Francois Bill, has reported. ⁸⁴

He said funds for the house had been pledged by churches in Norway, Germany, Switzerland and Canada.

The insurance claim paid out after the bombing was R3,3 million. — Own Correspondent.

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Clean-up project frustrated



The dumping dam . . . Clyde (left) and Shaun Daniels of Fleurhof would love to see an end to dumping in and around the Rand Leases Dam which is close to their home. Right: In spite of a sign forbidding dumping, the land around the dam is filthy.

● Pictures by John Hogg.



By Jacqueline Myburgh

A community group in Fleurhof on the West Rand who recently embarked on a project to clean up the nearby Rand Leases Dam, thus providing a recreational facility for residents, has found itself in trouble.

The young people who run the group, For a Better Society, are concerned about pollution in and around the dam and believe that development of a recreational facility would result in the area being kept clean.

But Rand Leases mining company has said it needs the water from the dam for the gold extraction process, and there is no likelihood that it would be given to Fleurhof residents.

A spokesman for Anglovaal, which owns the rights to the land surrounding the dam, said the mining company would consider allowing residents to use the land if it were approached formally.

Leases Dam is a sparkling green colour, but Clyde (20) and Shaun (19) Daniels, who live in Fleurhof, said dead animals, cars and rubbish had been dumped into it.

The area surrounding the dam has become an unofficial dumping site, despite signs forbidding dumping. When a reporter from The Star visited the dam, a dead dog, building rubble and torn dustbin bags littered the area around the dam.

Fleurhof, close to Soweto, was a white suburb until 1977, when it was declared a coloured group area.

"Since then very little has been done by the authorities to provide recreational and sporting facilities," said Des Rose, general secretary of For a Better Society.

Drug problem

There are no government schools, no church and no shops in Fleurhof.

Audrey Rose said a recreational facility in Fleurhof would help solve the drug problem experienced by the coloured community.

"Obviously we won't go ahead and clean up the place if we cannot use it, but maybe we will contact Anglovaal to discuss the possibility of developing a park around the dam," she said.

Pretoria council 'stalling'

Pretoria Correspondent

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A delay in the opening of amenities to all races has led to the Pretoria City Council being accused of "dragging its feet".

The council has indicated that once it had finalised details, all municipal services and facilities would be available to all Pretoria's residents.

The council — which initially said its bus service, libraries and angling facilities at Rietvlei Dam would be open to all races by this weekend, and the Hillcrest swimming pool by August 1 — now says its bus service will only be opened by August, or even September.

Other amenities would follow in October.

Unpopular decision

Local Democratic Party spokesman Martin Brink yesterday accused the council of "dragging its feet" over the opening of amenities.

Mr Brink claimed the council was not prepared to be held accountable to its voters — many of whom were conservative — for the opening of amenities, and that by delaying the move could hand over the responsibility for a possibly unpopular decision to the Government.

In a report considered "urgent", which came before the city council yesterday, the management committee said that in light of the Government's Discriminatory Legislation Regarding Public Amenities Repeal Bill — which would scrap separate amenities laws from October 15 — it was impractical to revise local by-laws on an ad hoc basis.

The management committee has recommended that the council secretary,

F J Kruger, revise all council by-laws and decisions related to public facilities so that provisions in Pretoria were in line with the changed statutory situation.

Mr Kruger was also to consider ways of making the by-laws practical to implement, and to submit separate reports to the council as a matter of urgency.

Transport director Eddie Liebenberg said once the city council took the decision his department would approach schools to arrange for new identity tickets for scholars who wanted to make use of concession tariffs.

School concessions would be available to pupils of all races, but only if they lived "within the municipal boundaries of Pretoria".

Bus concessions — such as those available to the aged and the handicapped — would also be made available to all races, but also only to people living in the municipal area.

Delayed

Special bus concessions available to white municipal staff without other transport benefits were to be phased out over two years.

Mr Liebenberg said he expected the opening of the bus service to be delayed because time was needed to make final arrangements.

Mr Brink said that apart from an initial acknowledgement of receipt, the DP had not yet received replies to four letters sent to the council asking it to apply for the opening of the entire city to all races.

"It looks not only like delaying tactics, but it is also a lack of good manners," he said.

Council rejects free settlement area proposal

West Rand Bureau

The Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp Town Council last night turned down an application by a landowner to have his land, which borders Munsieville township, declared a free settlement area.

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Councillor Bill Greyvenstein said the case had merits and the council should investigate. The property was bisected by the new K17 road and the northern side was adjacent to the township. The ground was not suitable for anything else, he said.

Braam du Plessis said the application had no merit whatsoever and that Krugersdorp would never be ready for a free settlement area. He suggested the applicant apply for industrial rights for the area.

The council decided to inform the applicant that it would support a rezoning to "industrial" should he wish to have his ground rezoned.

Whites urged to 'join struggle'

By Stan Hlophe

Township youths have been urged to mobilise their white counterparts in Johannesburg's northern suburbs to "join the struggle".

ANC executive committee member Steve Tshwete told about 200 youths in Johannesburg on Tuesday to "intensify the struggle" as victory was in sight.

Mr Tshwete was speaking at a service to mark the ANC's 35th anniversary of the Freedom Charter, organised by the South African Youth Congress (Sayco).

The Freedom Charter, adopted on June 26 1955, calls for a non-racial democratic South Africa. It led to a split from the ANC by the Africanists, who later formed the PAC in 1959.

Mr Tshwete warned the youths that their task would not be easy and advised them to persist in their efforts to encourage their white fellows to join the struggle.

He said groups such as the PAC who refused to talk to the Government, were beginning to have a rethink about taking part in negotiations.

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Areas 'vigilantes' claim

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JOHANNESBURG. — Private security companies — formed by ex-members of security forces, including Koevoet and even Angola's rebel Unita movement — were roaming Johannesburg's streets and harassing residents who infringed the Group Areas Act, Actstop spokesman Mr Mohammed Dangor claimed on Wednesday night.

He was addressing about 600 Johannesburg residents at an Actstop Freedom Charter Commemoration meeting at the Central Methodist Church.

Actstop is an anti-Group Areas Act lobby group fighting evictions and supporting tenants' rights.

Another Actstop member said: "We

are sick and tired of being harassed by landlords and their vigilantes."

Specific activities and names of these companies were not divulged at the meeting.

However, Mr Dangor said in an interview he had conveyed details of the alleged companies to ANC national executive committee member Mr Ronnie Kasrils and other ANC leaders.

Several speakers, including Actstop deputy president Mr Cas Coovadia, went to great lengths to explain ANC policies, the Freedom Charter and the Harare Declaration to residents.

A show of hands indicated only about 10% of people at the meeting had read the Freedom Charter.

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'Bloody war' if suburbs declared open

By Thabo Leshilo

The Johannesburg suburbs of Pageview, Mayfair and Vrededorp would erupt into a bloody war within 24 hours of being declared free settlement areas, the Free Settlement Board hearing was told last night.

The meeting held in Jan Hofmeyer Hall in Pageview, was convened to hear residents' comments on whether to desegregate the area or not.

Otto Hamman, chairman of the Vrededorp branch of the Conservative Party said the local white population would rise up and take the law into their own hands.

"We refuse to be dominated by the Indians, coloureds and blacks," declared Mr Hamman, to deafening applause and shouts of

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"hoor! hoor!" from the Afrikaans-speaking audience of about 70.

A woman told the meeting she pitied white people who stayed close to blacks because of the latter's "unbecoming behaviour".

"They do anything they like. They shout and make noise as they please. They even sleep in the streets and molest our young girls."

Poor people

She made an emotional appeal to the board not to open the area. She said the local white population comprised poor people and could not afford to move and buy houses elsewhere.

A Mr Swart, from Vrededorp, said he had been promised that Vrededorp would not be handed over to Indians.

"They will have it over my dead body," he said.

Board chairman Hein Kruger said it would take some time before a decision whether to desegregate the area or not was taken. The board still had to hear more evidence.

Chairman of the Save Pageview Association, which applied for the opening up of the area 18 months ago, said the body had boycotted the meeting because it had been overtaken by events.

Mr Ibrahim Kharsany said free settlement hearings had become "irrelevant and futile because President de Klerk has said the Group Areas Act (which forbids segregated townships) would be scrapped by the next parliamentary session".

Vigilantes are harassing residents - Actstop

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A threat

Dangor suggested this development posed a threat to the Government's planned negotiations and could derail even the "talks-about-talks".

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Actstop president Sandy Mgalane told residents that in terms of the Harare Declaration "the necessary climate for negotiations" had to be created before negotiations began.

If the ANC acts on Actstop members' claims it will be one of the first tests as to the democratic nature of ANC structures, people attending the meeting were told. - Sapa.

Hospital officials took bribes, inquiry told

Pretoria Correspondent

Claims of bribery and corruption involving hospital officials have been made at the commission of inquiry into the eight-day strike at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

Jerry Ndhlovu, of the Workers' Committee of Ga-Rankuwa Hospital, yesterday told the commission officials had accepted "presents" from workers and offered workers R20 bribes to reveal "information".

A worker had given an official, Mr A J Swanepoel, a "present" of money in order to "get an office", Mr Ndhlovu claimed.

He was being questioned on a list of workers' grievances, to which the Transvaal Provincial Administration had responded in writing before the strike began.

Alcohol

One grievance, listed under the heading "corruption", was that officials drank alcohol on duty.

The TPA's response to this was that workers were probably referring to a "single" event involving a white security guard.

The officer had been off duty, but consumed alcohol in a hospital office.

This was "inexcusable", but the guard had been rebuked in writing, the TPA said.

Asked by Mr G Josman, representing the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union, if workers were satisfied with this explanation, Mr Ndhlovu said "no".

He said two security guards had been fired for drinking on duty, but the officer had not. He should also have been dismissed, as alcohol was not allowed on the hospital premises.

Mr Ndhlovu said workers were unhappy with the TPA's reaction to other grievances.

He will be cross-examined today.

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When Afrikaners stop believing in apartheid

PAT DEVEREAUX

MEMBERS of the Bredenkamp family are deeply rooted in the Afrikaner community, but they have been ostracised by relatives, shot at, harassed by "strange men in the night" and threatened with death — all because of they have stopped believing in apartheid.

And when they all joined the African National Congress in February, it didn't make things any easier.

Residing in Pretoria's Conservative Party-controlled suburb of Queenswood has not been easy for Mr Louis Bredenkamp, Sr, and his wife, Mildred, in the past couple of years.

"I haven't seen members of my family for three years because of our political differences. And my own brother, an AWB member, is one of the people who has threatened to eliminate me," said Mr Bredenkamp, whose name has appeared on a Civil Cooperation Bureau hit list.

His lawyers have already compiled a dossier of attacks the family has been subjected to:

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● Mr Bredenkamp was shot at after attending a braai at the home of a black colleague's home in KwaNdebele in December.

Rhodesian war

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BY PAT DEVEREAUX

A PRETORIA University student had his 18-day call-up cancelled this week by the SA Defence Force — and he believes it was because he is a member of the African National Congress.

"I was called up to do a military camp during my university holidays a fortnight ago. When I didn't report to Seven Medical Battalion at Verwoerdburg the SADF called my home about six times and threatened to arrest me," Louis Bredenkamp said.

"However, after my lawyers sent the Exemption Board an affidavit stating my reasons for refusing to serve, the camp was suddenly cancelled," he said.

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Rhodesian war

• Two white men attempted to set Mr Bredenkamp's car alight outside his home.

• And lately, according to Mr Bredenkamp, strangers have been seen watching the house at odd hours.

"We've reported all these incidents to the police who claim to be investigating," said Mr Bredenkamp.

Raised as a staunch Afrikaner, South African-born Mr Bredenkamp had an English education in Rhodesia. He later married Mildred who is English speaking.

"I grew up on a farm and had many black friends. But the turning point for me was when I served as a soldier during the Rhodesian war. I witnessed such atrocities I decided I couldn't take it anymore."

Returning to South Africa in 1975 he began to question the apartheid system. "I wrote to State President Mr P W Botha in 1987 and asked him for his definition of democracy. It took six months before I got a reply

"Then I asked people in democratic organisations and their views made much more sense, so I joined them," said Mr Bredenkamp.

Although he denies influencing his family in any way, the young Bredenkamps seem to have followed in their father's footsteps.

The family were all arrested during the women's march on Pretoria's Union building in August last year. Then in February this year all five members of the family became members of the ANC.

The youngest child Michelle (12) recently wrote to the newspapers complaining about South African Defence Force actions she had witnessed in Mamelodi. And a fortnight ago Louis Bredenkamp, Jnr, added his name to the list of conscientious objectors who refuse to serve in the SADF for moral and political reasons.

Asked about their views, Mr Bredenkamp said: "I think my family have become much more radical politically than I have ever been."



LOUIS BREDENKAMP: "The turning point for me was when I served as a soldier during the Rhodesian War."

Shark victim 'could have escaped'

MOSSSEL BAY — Shark victim Monique Price could have escaped attack by submerging rather than staying on the ocean surface, according to what researchers believe.

Most shark attacks occur on the surface and it is possible that in the low visibility and choppy surf, the shark mistook Miss Price, her fiancé Francois Swanepoel and friend Graham Nel for seals — which are known shark prey.

Planning

Researchers believe that activity on the water surface attracts sharks because these ultra-sensitive creatures can pick up the vibrations.

If Miss Price had been closer to her companions and well below the surface, she would have been less conspicuous and their grouping together might have intimidated the shark.

Careful planning for emergencies and an assessment of the frequency of sharks in the area could have helped avert di-

OWN CORRESPONDENT

saster, says Duncan Pattenden, an experienced diver and member of the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI).

Attacks were obviously unpredictable and victims' reactions would vary, but adherence to certain rules could save lives, he said.

Mr Pattenden was responding to reports that Miss Price had entered the water after her companions.

The trio were out to recover an anchor lost from skiboat owner Henrie Terblanche's boat about 500m off the Hartenbos shore.

In his account of the attack, Mr Terblanche said the two men had gone into the water shortly before Miss Price, who was wearing a black wetsuit and compressed-air tank.

"She couldn't have been in the water for more than about two minutes when she started shouting 'Shark! Shark!' Suddenly this shark came out of the

water... I could see its white underbelly as it fought Miss Price."

He said the two divers swam towards Miss Price "in water thick with blood".

Mr Terblanche started the boat's motors and sped towards the divers. The shark disappeared.

Mr Pattenden said last Sunday's tragedy underlined the need for divers to be fully informed about the environment in which they sought adventure, and of emergency measures.

Emergencies

Diving carried risks, but "it is as hazardous as you want to make it".

"Besides, there are many other reasons besides sharks for divers getting into trouble. There is really no special case for shark emergencies. Existing standards and procedures can be used effectively in almost all situations.

"The improvement of existing first-aid kits on skiboats would also help," he said.

• See full report in WEEKEND.

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"I assume that my case has caused a dilemma for the SADF as I am applying for exemption on the grounds of my political and moral beliefs and the fact that I am an ANC member," said the 23-year-old final-year BSc student.

He added that he could not serve in the "apartheid" army until there was one-man, one-vote.

First questions

Mr Bredenkamp said he had completed his initial two years' military service in Namibia and Angola in 1986.

"It was a natural step to go straight from school into the army. But I began to question things in the army after General Magnus Malan denied that the SADF was in Angola when I as a national serviceman was actually sitting there," he said.

He said initially he had been very "unpolitical but became conscientised in a shebeen".

"My father took me into the townships with him about three years ago... As I met more township residents I became more politically aware. I got involved in student politics and am an executive member of the Students Democratic Society. I joined the ANC in April this year," he explained.

Mr Bredenkamp added that while supporting the armed struggle he would not consider joining Umkhonto we Sizwe unless peace moves between the ANC and the Government failed.

Tenants beaten for complaints

Court makes a restraining order on Hillbrow caretaker

By DESMOND BLOW

A Hillbrow slumlord's white "security men" beat up and terrorised black tenants on Tuesday when they voiced complaints, it is alleged in papers before the Johannesburg Supreme Court.

The landlord takes nearly half-a-million rand a year in rent from black tenants at Park Mews, a derelict eight-storey block of flats in Hillbrow.

Tenants have now been granted a court order against the caretaker, manager and security men after an application by Actstop to restrain them from assaulting tenants.

According to papers before the court tenants - who pay on average R300 a month for a one-room flat - went to the office of caretaker Peet van Loggenberg on Tuesday evening to lodge complaints about conditions in the building.

Instead of listening to their complaints, Van Loggenberg, surrounded by "security guards" who live in the building, allegedly assaulted three of the protesting tenants, including a woman. The three were taken to hospital for medical treatment.

Among complaints tenants wished to discuss with Van Loggenberg was that the lift does not work, that there is no hot water and no lights in the corridors at night. The flats also have broken floors, falling ceilings, broken toilets and blocked sewerage.

When Van Loggenberg assaulted the three tenants, the others fled. But they had handed in a signed petition and late that night Van Loggenberg and his "security men" broke down the doors of tenants who had signed the petition and assaulted them with fists, boots, batons, sjamboks and the butt of a rifle, an affidavit says.

Six were taken to hospital. The tenants fled their flats in the middle of the night and when they returned found their radios, clothing and other possessions - including money - were missing.

When Mohammed Dangor of Actstop phoned Van Loggenberg on behalf of the tenants and offered to negotiate in the dispute, Van Loggenberg told him to "f... off".

According to papers before the court, when Susan Albertyn, an attorney acting for the tenants, phoned and spoke to the manager, David Britz, he refused to discuss returning tenants' possessions to their flats.

This week when City Press photographer Evans Mboweni and I tried to interview Van Loggenberg about the assaults, we were threatened by Van Loggenberg and three members of his "security force". They cursed us and forced us to leave the building.

The flats are in a rundown condition and although they are rented out as furnished, the furniture provided is broken and dilapidated.

According to residents, after they complained about the conditions, their doors were smashed down late at night and they were beaten in their beds by Van Loggenberg, Britz and several burly white men who call themselves Trust Security Services.

In one flat a 29-year-old mother lay with her three-month old baby daughter in her arms as she was kicked all over the body.

In another, a 16-year-old schoolboy on holiday from Swaziland was hit with a baton as he lay asleep and his arm was broken. His mother was not at home, but when she returned she found that R1 500 she had in a cupboard for her son's schooling had disappeared.

Others in the room were lashed with sjamboks. We were shown blood-spattered pillows.

Many tenants report that their possessions have been tampered with or destroyed by Van Loggenberg and his "security guards".

Vuya Gaba, who returned to his flat on Wednesday after visiting his sister the night before, was taken to Van Loggenberg's office where he was given two hours to pack his bags and leave the building. Gaba had paid his rent and was not in arrears.

He found his flat had been vandalised. Broken glass, broken ornaments, cutlery and clothing was strewn on the floor.

When he was on his way out he was assaulted by Britz and a "security guard" called Lawrence. He fled, leaving behind all his possessions. He has not returned.

Charges have been laid at Hospital Hill police station.

On Friday, when an urgent application was brought against Van Loggenberg, Trust Security Services and David Britz, the three agreed to restrain from assaulting tenants until the application is heard. This was made an order of court.



Derek Zikalala, 16, had his arm broken by a "security guard". Solomon Rakabe, 27, was also assaulted.

Picture by EVANS MBOWENI

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R50 to open
Vereeniging
library doors

Own Correspondent

The Vereeniging Town Council is charging people living outside the town a R50 membership fee to use the library.

Black Unisa students, who studied in the library until the fee was introduced on July 1, believe the move is a racist ploy to stop them using it.

Town secretary Johan Coetzee denied this, saying all non-ratepayers had to pay.

He said once the Repeal of the Separate Amenities Act was gazetted, the council would decide whether to open the library to all races.

Teachers to meet Minister

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A delegation of coloured teachers who are on a "chalk down" in Transvaal schools were due to meet the Education Minister in the House of Representatives, Allan Hendrickse, in Cape Town this morning.

The teachers, represented by the Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU) and the Action Committee of Teachers' (ACT), have been on strike for more than a month demanding improved working conditions.

ACT spokesman Mike Davy said the strike would be reviewed at a report-back meeting in Eldorado Park tomorrow with representatives of different schools, and parents and students.

Depending on the outcome of the meeting with the Minister, teachers could resume classes on July 10.

Teachers are demanding a positive response to their short-term demands which include the timeous payment of salaries, supply of teaching materials and full parity between men and women teachers.

The Parent Support Group yesterday expressed "total dissatisfaction" with the House of Representatives' response to teachers' grievances.

Disease scare at 'Sun City' jail

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By SOPHIE TEMA

A SECTION of Johannesburg Prison has been placed under quarantine after one inmate had been diagnosed as having meningitis – a highly contagious disease.

The liaison office of the South African Prison Service confirmed that one case of meningitis had been diagnosed at the prison commonly known as "Sun City".

They said the matter was brought to the attention of the district surgeon and measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Visits to awaiting-trial prisoners were cancelled from Tuesday.

A medical doctor said meningitis brought on many complications. The disease could lead to an abscess forming in the brain.

He said the patient would have to be monitored and transferred to hospital. The rest of the inmates should be closely watched and the prison authorities would have to make sure steps were taken to protect them.

Prisoners have the right to demand the help of independent doctors.

If steps were not taken to protect the inmates, it could be very dangerous, he said.

This is the second case of meningitis in Johannesburg Prison.

In 1988 hundreds of trials had to be postponed when 796 prisoners in the Medium A section were placed under quarantine after an inmate contracted the disease.

This week, hundreds of people who arrived to visit friends and relatives were turned away from the prison without explanation.

Smuts Mokoena said he went to the prison on three different days to visit his son, only to be kept waiting outside from morning until visiting time was over.

He said no explanation was given to the waiting crowds and most of them were angered by the authorities' refusal to tell them what the problem was.

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Family fear 'blast' taxi driver might be dead

Police have no idea who planted bomb

By DESMOND BLOW

THE abortive Pretoria bomb attempt last Saturday remains shrouded in mystery as police battle for clues. Police have no idea which organisation - Left or Right - could have been responsible for the 11.4-kg car bomb found in a minibus at the Hallmark Building parking garage.

The SAP is searching for an Atteridgeville man, 33-year-old David Shongwe, who is alleged to have borrowed the taxi three days earlier to fetch his wife. He did not return the vehicle and has not been seen since.

Investigations by police have not connected Shongwe, who is well-known in Atteridgeville, to any political organisation.

The bomb, which was due to explode at 1.15pm, was about three times the size of Pretoria's Church Street bomb which killed 19 and injured more than 200 in May 1983.

Police agree the motive may have been to disrupt "talks about talks" due to resume in Pretoria tomorrow between President FW de Klerk and ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela.

Soil caked around the explosive devices could mean they came from a buried arms cache, said Major General Herman Stadler of the SAP. "But we will have to wait and see when we trace Shongwe."

There are rumours in Atteridgeville that Shongwe could be dead. The taxi could have been hijacked and Shongwe killed by either the Right or Left.

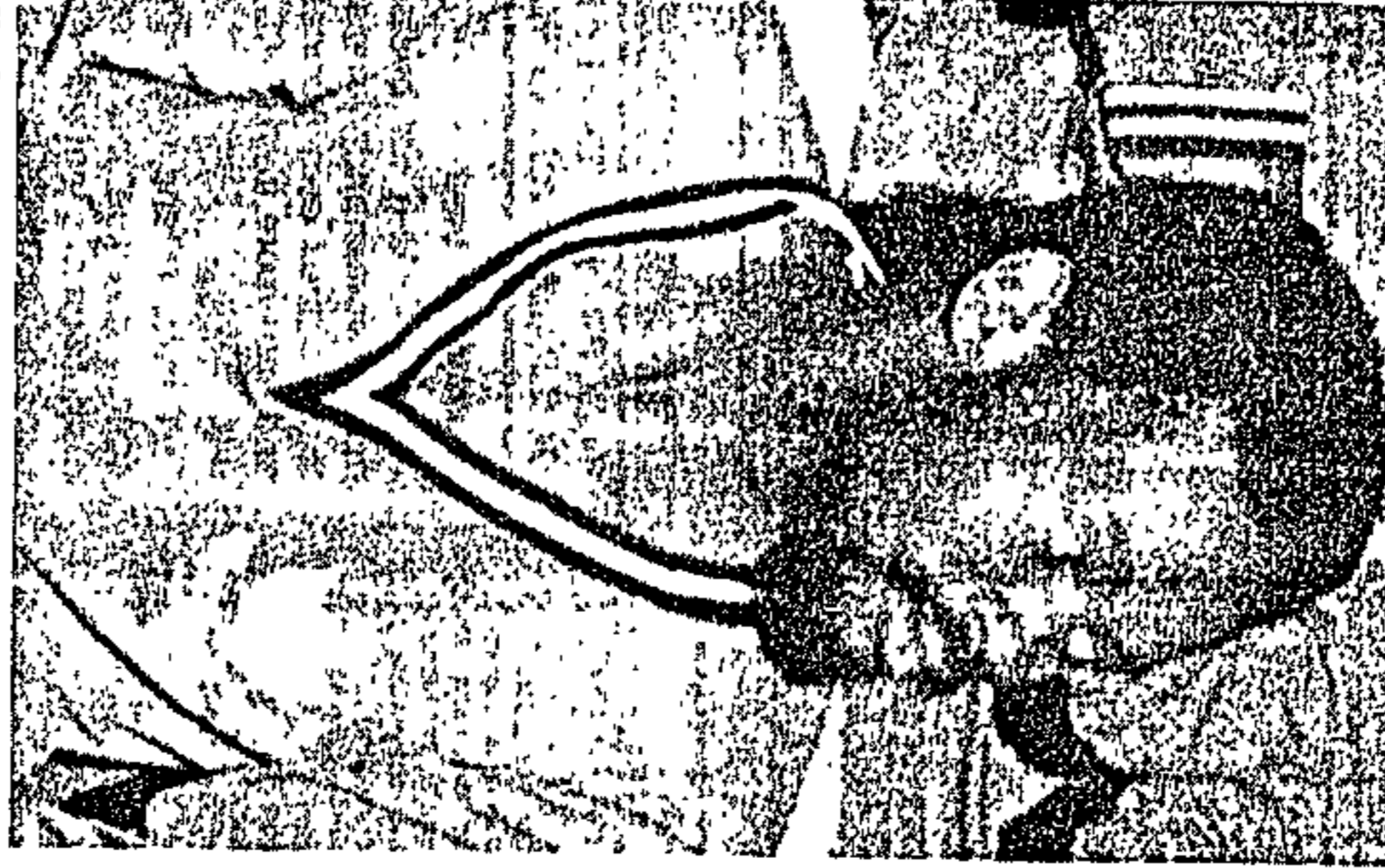
A Pretoria resident became suspicious when he saw the minibus parked at the Hallmark garage for hours and alerted police, who arrived with sniffer dogs.

Police said had the bomb exploded, it would have been devastating because it was in a confined space in the parking garage.

Hallmark Building houses offices used by the SA Defence Force, but mainly offices of private concerns.

The police traced the taxi's owner who employs several people to drive for him. The driver told police he had lent the vehicle to Shongwe last Thursday to fetch his wife. Shongwe had borrowed cars from him before and always returned them on time.

At this stage, police are convinced that neither the taxi owner nor the driver are implicated.



Missing ... David "Kimberley" Shongwe.

By ELIAS MAULIKE

THE family of David "Kimberley" Shongwe, 33 - the man sought by police in connection with the taxi found packed with explosives in Pretoria - fear he may be dead.

They think he may have been killed by people who took the taxi, filled it with explosives and parked it at the Hallmark shopping centre in Pretoria. They do not believe Shongwe was involved.

Atteridgeville soccer star Shongwe has no known links with any political organisation.

The taxi belonged to a GaRankuwa businessman. Shongwe, the father of two children and estranged from his wife, was described as humble and a gentle man who would not argue with anybody. He devoted most of his time to soccer.

He played professional soccer for Pretoria Callies and Orlando Pirates before helping to establish Pretoria Helicopters, an NSL second division team, after Callies were relegated.

Apart from playing for two other amateur teams, he was the trainer-coach and captain of Helicopters.

According to his family, friends and others who knew him Shongwe had no political links and did not even attend meetings or rallies. They said he hardly discussed politics.

Shongwe was a part-time driver for more than nine months. He used the taxi in the evenings because the full-time driver, Jacob "Killer" Maphosa, has weak eyesight and finds it difficult to drive at night.

Shongwe was last seen by Maphosa on Thursday before 7pm when he collected the taxi. Maphosa said he became worried on Friday morning when Shongwe failed to show up.



A police picture of the taxi found with explosives. David Shongwe was last seen driving the taxi.

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PROCLAMATIONS

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 109, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT CRAIGIEBURN (WOODLAND LODGE), DISTRICT UMZINTO, PROVINCE OF NATAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fourteenth day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

The whole of Sub. 59 (of 41) of the farm Umkomanzi Drift 1357, District of Umzinto, Province of Natal.

No. 111, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT SCHWEIZER-RENEKE, DISTRICT OF SCHWEIZER-RENEKE, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

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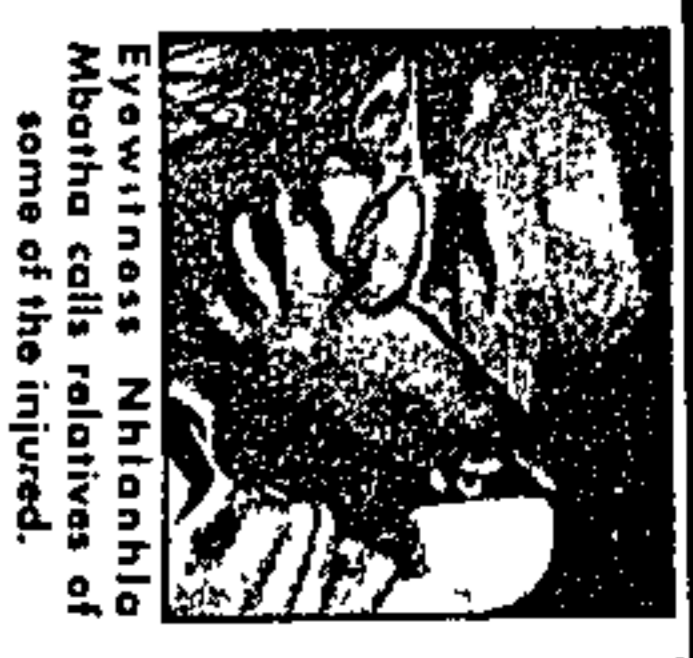
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Peak-hour blast injures scores in downtown Jo'burg

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Taxi-rank bomb horror



Eyewitness Nhlahlaha Mbatsha calls relatives of some of the injured.

A powerful explosion ripped through the black taxi ranks and bus terminus in Johannesburg's business district today leaving scores of people injured and damaging at least seven taxis and several private cars.

Eyewitnesses saw injured people lying on pavements and in streets during the peak-hour taxi rush.

No reports of deaths have been received but at least one person is in a critical condition.

At least three cars were badly damaged in the blast and others were damaged when they crashed as the bomb exploded at 8:24 am. The device had been placed in a dustbin in Bree Street between Sauer and West streets.

Emergency services disaster buses, a helicopter, ambulances, police and traffic officials were soon at the scene to ferry the injured to hospital and cordon off the area.

Eyewitness Nhlahlaha Mbatsha, editor of Drive On magazine, said he believed the bomb had been planted in a concrete dustbin outside the bus stop which serves Soveto.

"I was in the queue, there were about 15 people in front of me, the bomb exploded about 50m away from me.

"I just heard a big noise, everyone scattered, people in the taxis got out and ran away. There were rocks flying into the air. There was blood everywhere. People were crying and screaming. I saw about 10 people injured.

"It was only black people who got injured. I have never seen anything like it before.

"I went to see if I could help, everybody was just crying, there was debris everywhere — the concrete dustbin was destroyed, its contents strewn everywhere among the glass. Holes were blown into a taxi.

"The people who were in the taxi were badly injured. One man had a huge gash in his left thigh, blood was just pouring out. He couldn't talk — he was in shock."

Mr Mbatsha said he believed "anti-black elements" could be responsible as 99 percent of the people who worked and lived in the area were black.

He said police arrived on the scene within minutes with dogs

and began cordoning off the devastated area.

"They were telling the injured to remain calm."

Isha Charassi was in her shop in Ceramix centre when she heard the bomb explode. "Everything was clouded with smoke. I saw about six people running towards me with shredded clothing and some with no shoes."

People were standing around the blast scene crying from the shock of the blast.

People in shops buying food before going to work were injured by flying glass.

The area outside the Newgate Shopping Centre, which was strewn with broken glass and debris, was immediately cordoned off by the police.

A bystander, Mpho Ramoekoena, said he saw at least one body lying in the street close to the blast when he ran out of a shop after hearing "a big bang".

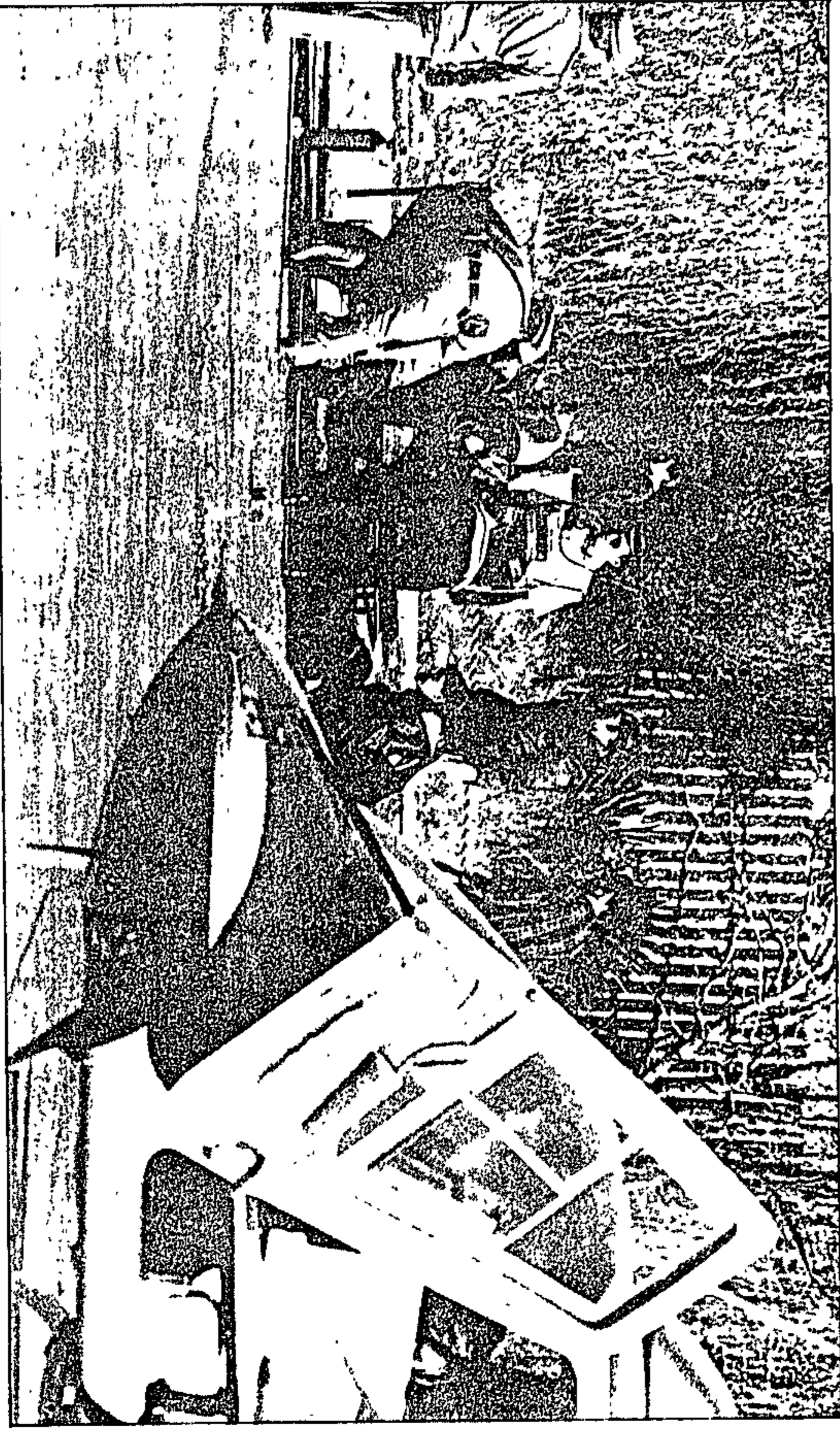
One of those treated for shock and minor injuries Nettle Ndlovu said she only felt glass hitting her and ran away leaving her shoes.

"This is an area which is predominantly used by black people obviously because their bus terminus is here."

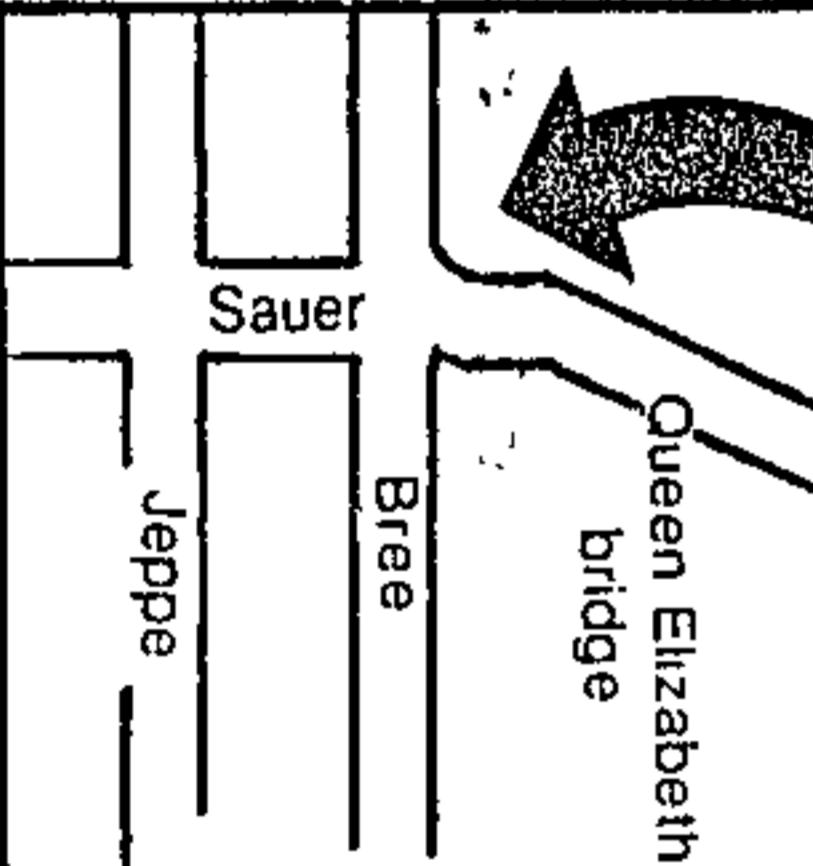
The shocked father of Antoinette Makgog (25), who was removed from the scene by ambulance with leg injuries, railway worker Mr Johannes Makgog could hardly speak, tears pouring down his face.

Antoinette's grandmother Violet Gosame from Kimberley was very upset as she was not allowed to comfort her injured grandchild in the ambulance.

By 9:20 am today, the entire area was still cordoned off as police sifted through the rubble to determine the nature of the explosive device.

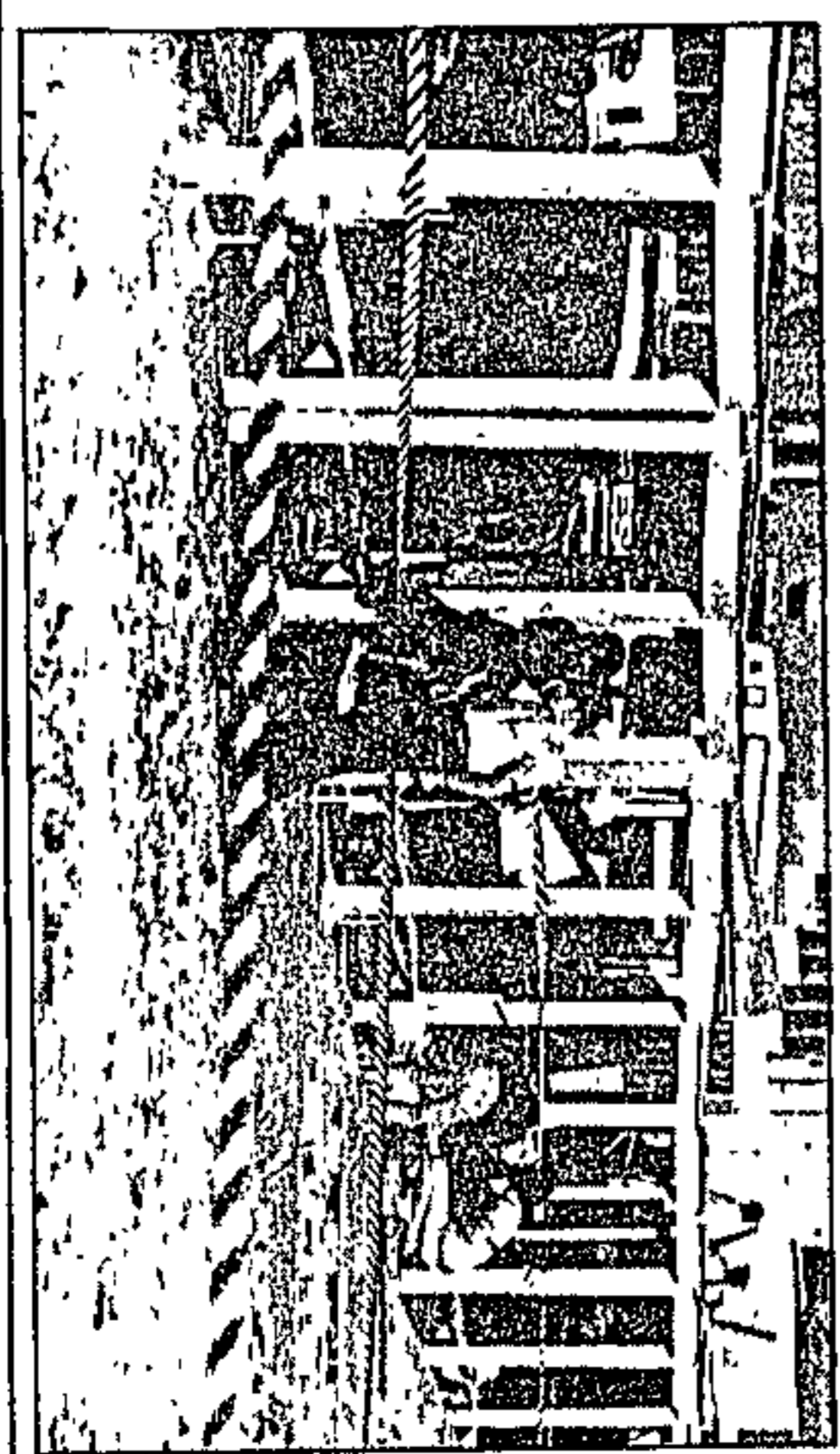


Where the bomb went off.



Helicopter in mercy airlift

An emergency helicopter (above) readies itself to airlift injured to the Johannesburg Hospital today. (Right) The devastated bus and taxi terminus in Bree Street is cordoned off after a powerful bomb exploded at 8:24 am. Scores of people were hurt and at least seven taxis and several private cars damaged.



Picture by David Sandison.

8th Afrikaans school may be forced to close

Education Reporter

Another white school in the Transvaal will be forced to close its doors at the end of the year due to a drastic decline in pupil enrolment.

Hoerskool Ontdekkers in Roo-depoort, which has capacity for 900 pupils, has only 400 registered at the school and 28 teachers.

Parents have held a meeting and recommended that the school close down at the end of the year.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Education Department (TED) said yesterday that the matter was still under consideration and a final decision would be taken as soon as possible.

The school will continue

operating until the end of the year and new pupils will be admitted if they apply, the TED spokesman said.

Headmaster APS van der Merwe is due to retire today and deputy-principal Andre Bam will take over his duties until the end of the year.

Last year two English schools and seven Afrikaans schools in the Transvaal were forced to close down due to a decline in pupil enrolment.

At the beginning of the year, the Bezhuidenhout Primary School in Johannesburg East closed down and Western High School in Johannesburg West is due to close down at the end of the year.

Hillbrow Hospital gets cancer aid

By Carina le Grange

Radiation therapy equipment, costing more than R6,5 million and used in the treatment of cancer, was officially taken into use at the Hillbrow Hospital yesterday.

The equipment put the hospital at the "forefront of radiotherapy treatment in the country", superintendent Dr Joe Nach said.

Officiating at the ceremony was the MEC in charge of Hospital Services in the Transvaal, Fanie Ferreira, who referred in his speech to the strike by hospital workers in May which caused the ceremony to

be delayed from May 5 until yesterday.

Mr Ferreira said there was presently a greater awareness of the importance of better health care delivery. Three factors most important to the welfare of the future South Africa were education, health care and housing, he said.

Rare equipment

The equipment, rare in South Africa, consists of a linear accelerator and a simulator which require special premises called a bunker, the cost of which runs to more than R1 million. Fully functional, 60 to 70 pa-

tients a day can be treated. At present there is a patient waiting list of up to eight weeks.

Hillbrow Hospital is a leading and the largest radiotherapy centre in South Africa. It has always served all race groups in the whole of the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle, western and south eastern Transvaal as well as patients from Swaziland and Botswana.

Dr Ferreira said one in three or four people get cancer, and 80 percent of them require radiotherapy treatment.

He said there were only two radiotherapy

centres in the Transvaal and only one private practice in South Africa that has a linear accelerator. No private practices have a simulator.

He said that, due to deeper penetration, accurate localisation and shorter duration of treatment, the equipment was of the greatest advantage in the treatment of deep tumours.

Dr Nach lauded the Transvaal Provincial Administration for responding to the hospital's need although the equipment had not been budgeted for and thanked the company who installed for doing this in in record time.

Victory for Parktown as Mobil withdraws bid

Star 7/7/90

JACQUELINE MYBURGH

MOBIL has withdrawn its application for the rezoning of a site on the corner of Jan Smuts and Seymour avenues, where they had planned to build a service station.

This announcement by the oil giant will be regarded as a victory by members of the Parktown Residents' Association who have struggled to prevent their suburb going commercial.

Rae Graham, city councillor for the Parktown ward, was "ecstatic" when she heard the news.

"Big developers must learn that they can't impose what they want on top of existing structures," she said.

Mobil announced yesterday it would withdraw its rezoning application with immediate effect.

This action would be followed by an independent evaluation of the traffic impact of the proposed service station, and the presentation of a development plan involving alternative land usage of the properties abutting Jan Smuts Avenue.

Parktown's development plan makes no provision for a service station — or any commercial institution — on Jan Smuts Avenue, says Mrs Graham.

"The council's metropolitan planners draw up plans for roads and know where traffic should be generated. Why don't people wanting to build service stations go to them, and ask where they should build them?"

MAGNUS HEYSTEK and SVEN LUNSCHÉ

HOUSE prices in Johannesburg have declined by almost 15 percent in real terms between 1985 and 1989, running against a worldwide trend of booming real property prices over the period.

Figures by the UBS show that from the first quarter of 1985 to the last quarter of 1989 the average price of a 140 to 220 sq m house has increased from R86 831 to R125 981, a rise of 45,1 percent.

However, over the same period the consumer price index for housing has surged by 60 percent, leaving house prices 14,9 percent lower in real terms.

The only other city where real property prices have fallen in real terms over the last five years is Frankfurt, according to figures in the latest Economist. House prices in Madrid have soared by 158 percent, in Tokyo by 114 percent and in London by almost 68 percent.

Substantial rise

In the preceding five years house prices fell in real terms in most of the world's richest cities.

Once again Johannesburg proved the exception — while the CPI for housing still rose substantially by 88,1 percent, house prices during the early '80s virtually doubled, rising from R43 312 in the first quarter of 1980 to R86 293 in the last quarter of 1984.

During the early 1980's house prices fell in real terms in most of the world's rich cities.

Between 1980 and 1984 property prices slumped 37 percent in Brussels and 32 percent in Stockholm with only New York (rising by 25 percent during the period), Frankfurt (up 20 percent) and Tokyo (up 12 percent) escaped the property shake-out.

Since then real property prices have boomed: between 1985 and 1989, they fell only in Frankfurt by 6 percent.

After tumbling 29 percent during 1980-84 house prices in Madrid soared by 158 percent in the period 1985-89.

During the same time-period house prices climbed 114 percent in Tokyo and also more than doubled in Toronto.

London's house prices rose by a comparatively modest 68 percent, restrained

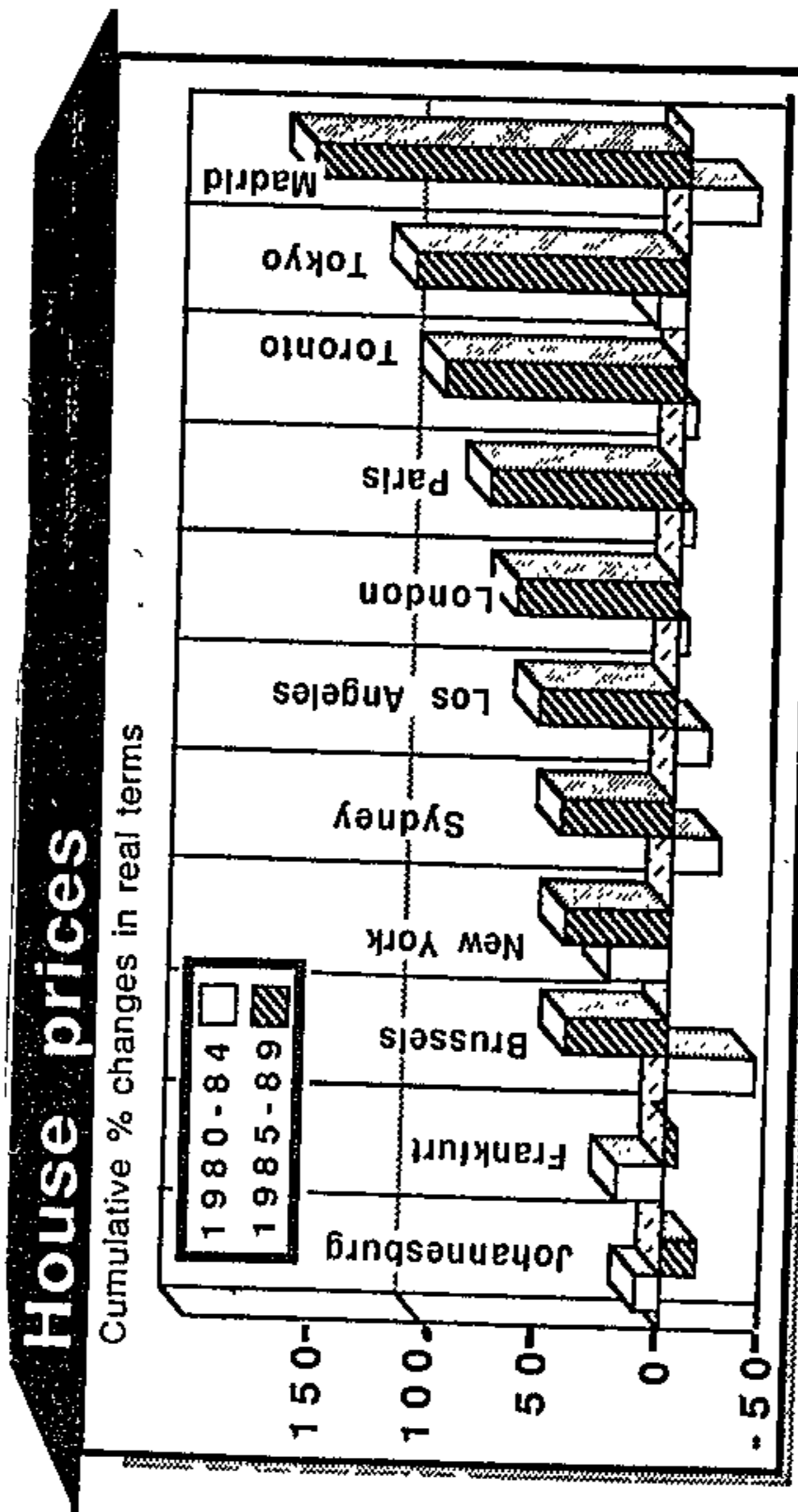
by higher interest rates during 1988 and 1989.

Apart from Johannesburg, Milanese homeowners saw the smallest real gains — just 37 percent during the four years.

Property economists ascribe the lag-gard performance of local property prices to a combination of several factors, including high interest rates, political uncertainty and low economic growth.

Although property prices have recovered quite significantly from their lows after the 1985/86 political disturbances, they still lag behind the rise in building costs and the increases in other world cities.

Despite lagging behind this world wide



PRICED UP: Prices of houses in the cities and suburbs are steadily creeping up but in real terms, as this graph shows, they are not keeping pace with inflation. But what has happened overseas could happen here once inflation is checked and the political future of the country is sorted out.

trend the local residential market is suffering from a slowing down in the economy, with high interest rates in particular starting to affect the ability of many homeowners to afford large bonds.

Several leading estate agents are reporting a dramatic drop in demand with many high-priced homes attracting little interest.

Also, homes are longer on the market with most sellers having to accept lower prices.

Property economist Neville Berkowitz forecasts a further slowing down in the local residential property market with a bottom to be found "within the next six months or so".

Economic factors are starting to exert their toll, combined with bleak outlook for corporate profitability, a weak stock market and a general slowdown in economic activity.

● The face of the property industry in South Africa is set to change as the battle in the home loan marketplace between banks and building societies heats up.

The United Building Society, which recently bought minority stakes in two estate agency groups, has confirmed that it is negotiating with other large estate agency groups to secure its 25 percent share of the market.

Other financial institutions are "vigorously" attempting to preserve their share of the home loan market and Jimmy McKenzie, senior general manager of First National Bank (FNB), warned this week that if more major real estate groups were signed up by building societies FNB would have no option but to launch its own real estate group to secure market share.

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Police raid enrages Van Tonder

THE Randburg farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder was raided by 35 policemen in the early hours of yesterday morning.

An angry Mr van Tonder said he could not understand the reason for the search, as he was not the leader of an underground organisation, but of a registered political party.

Mr van Tonder described the police contingent as "larger than the commando in which my father served during the Anglo-Boer War".

PAT DEVEREAUX and SAPA

He said the police filmed the whole search with a video camera. "This was an additional indignity, as we were still in our pyjamas," he said.

"All the police confiscated were a number of newsletters and pamphlets which were available to the public," he said.

He said the police action further confirmed that democracy in South Africa was dying and po-

litical parties were now becoming victims of the Government's persecution-mania against Boers, Afrikaners and rightists.

Mr van Tonder warned that the Government was creating a precedent, and could suffer the same fate once they lost power.

He denied he knew the whereabouts of Boerestaat Party leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph.

"The Boers will not again make the mistake of forgiving their enemies after they gain control of the country," he added.

Police confirmed the raid and that they had removed documents.

The raid had been carried out for very good reasons and officers had acted within the law, a spokesman said. There could be no suggestion that the action was calculated to intimidate.

"The SAP is apolitical and has a duty to do," said the spokesman. "We will execute this responsibility no matter who is involved. Nobody can be seen to be above the law."



BACKGROUND

Nature of attacks points to the Right

The latest terror acts were not planned or executed by individuals gone crazy but by a sophisticated organization with a clear ideological vision, according to the head of the politics department at the University of the Witwatersrand, Professor Alf Stadler.

"This is more dangerous (than individual acts)," he said. He believed the sustained attacks were the work of a far-right-wing group or groups.

Professor Stadler described the attacks as a disturbing development and said they would probably increase in frequency. He pointed out that before Friday's attack the blasts had not necessarily endangered lives.

"This changed when Friday's explosion ripped through a black taxi rank in Johannesburg, injuring scores of people. He said the attacks could have a two-fold purpose.

"The blasts serve to intimidate and terrify. It also serves as a strategy to galvanize the support of other right-wingers."

In the eyes of the perpetrators the targets of the latest blasts must be dabbed as either left-wing, reformists or anyone who poses a threat to white-minority rule, he said.

This was illustrated by Friday's attack.

White right-wing groups such

Terror attacks have increased in intensity and frequency. Last week seven bombs in separate incidents ripped through the homes and offices of left-wing and reformist targets. The spate of attacks has unnerved many and is believed to be part of a plot by white counter-reformists.

SHEHNAAZ BULBUHA reports.

as the Wit Woive in the past claimed responsibility for several of the blasts. Police last week denied that the Wit Woive existed.

However, the repeated attacks on specific targets, Professor Stadler said, indicated a high level of planning executed by a right-wing group rather than by individuals.

"The targets attacked, the sustained violent action and the geographic scale of the attacks show that the blasts were part of an orchestrated plan by a right-wing group," he said.

February 2, the day President F W de Klerk announced the imminent release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC and PAC, was a watershed date which triggered white counter-reformist reaction.

"This was the end of old-style

apartheid. Since this announcement the far-right believe they have been abandoned.

"Political violence is often undertaken by those who don't have a constitutional footing. Such was the case with the ANC during the 1950s."

The delay in the actual execution of terror attacks since February 2 was due to the need for time to build an organization which would embark on violent activity, Professor Stadler believed.

"I takes a while for a clandestine hit-squad to get its act together.

"Unlike the CCB this far-right group does not have access to everything on hand. It has to find people who will be prepared to take the risk of bombing and obtaining ammunition," he said.

Another factor which showed that the blasts were the work of a right-wing group was that the bombs were made of commercial explosives.

Such explosives were easily obtainable by white miners and the white counter-reformist grouping would probably have access to these people, he said.

He added that the profiles of all those attacked suggested far-right responsibility.

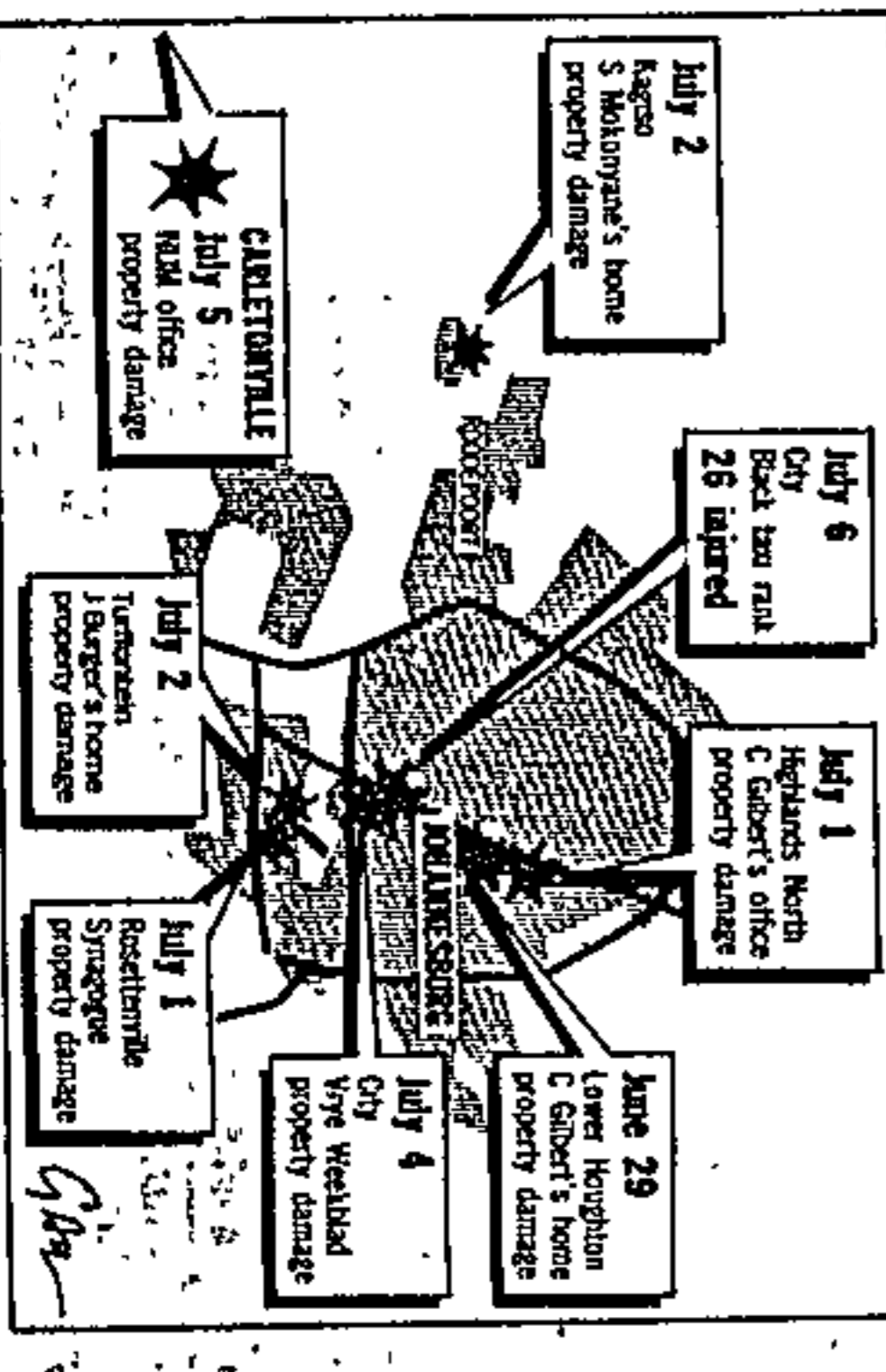
"A left-wing newspaper, Vrye Weekblad, was bombed. The Wit Woive claimed responsibility for the bomb which ripped through the house of National Party leader in the city council and management committee member, Jan Burger, who has been associated with moves to open city centres.

"Another bomb made of commercial explosives exploded at the home of prominent ANC and union activist, Serge Mokonyane, in Kagiso.

"Right-wingers have also made anti-Semitic statements and the bomb which exploded at a Johannesburg synagogue and which rocked the offices and home of a Democratic Party councillor is symbolic in this sense."

The foiled attack on the offices of the National Union of Mine-workers' also suggested right-wing activity, he said.

Last week's bomb blasts



Helping hand... a shocked woman is carried away for treatment after the Johannesburg bus-terminus blast on Friday.



Aftermath of the blast... the windows of this minibus were shattered and many people injured. Pictures by Etienne Rothbart.



Evicted family camps on pavement

By Guy Jepson

Actstop member Ely Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent last night in a tent on the pavement outside the central Johannesburg building from which they were evicted yesterday.

Actstop resolved at a meeting to set up the tent to protest against a feared piecemeal eviction of tenants at Polly Lodge, a rent-controlled building.

An estimated 200 Polly Lodge residents fear they face the same future as the Dingi family.

Actstop publicity secretary, Cas Coovadia said the tenants faced eviction because they were all Actstop members and had been

paying rent-controlled monthly rentals of between R88 and R98 since 1988, when they won a court case against the landlord.

Prior to the case, rentals at Polly Lodge varied between R250 and R450 a month, Mr Coovadia said.

"At the beginning of June a period of 30 days' notice was given to every tenant, and the landlord refused to accept their rentals for July.

"Now he has got a court order against Ely Dingi, the chairman of Actstop's tenant committee in the building.

"It is our assessment that the landlord is attempting to get indi-

vidual orders against Polly Lodge tenants to avoid the publicity. We have decided that wherever landlords adopt this strategy, we will put up tents."

The Star was last night unable to contact the landlord, a Mr Cohen, but an employee challenged the account given by tenants.

He said the building was no longer rent-controlled, adding that eviction notices had been served on its 52 tenants in August last year.

The combined rent paid by the tenants amounted to only about R4 400 a month, "which doesn't even cover water and lights".

Camping in central Johannesburg . . . Ely and Beatrice Dingi and their children (from left) Misa (4), Nceba (6) and Sibusisa (8) planned to spend last night in this tent outside Polly Lodge, on the corner of Jeppe and Polly streets, after their eviction yesterday.

● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

Dead woman found tied up in shower

Staff Reporter (11/7/90) (2984)

The body of an 85-year-old woman was discovered by her son-in-law in their Belgravia, Johannesburg, home yesterday.

Benjamin Medves found the body of Maria Fachin in the shower at about 3.30 pm, police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night.

"Her hands had been tied in front of her body with electric cord and she was covered in

clothing and linen. At this stage the cause of her death is not known. Her body had no visible injuries."

Only a video machine was missing.

"The house was in disarray and several household articles had been packed on one side, therefore it would seem that the culprits had been disturbed," Captain Opperman said.

Entry was probably gained from an open window or door.

Bomb suspect released, six more named

By Craig Kotze

One of the 10 suspects being held in connection with bomb blasts in Johannesburg has been released, police said today.

The man was released after questioning on Monday. He was not named by police.

Police yesterday released the names of another six suspected right-wing terrorists being held in connection with blasts, including those at the home and office of DP councillor Clive Gilbert and the Vrye Weekblad offices.

One of them, supply clerk Petrus Bester (31), was also the chief training officer of the military wing of Robert van Tonder's Boerestaat Party.

The other names released yesterday are: boilermaker Lodewyk J Minnie (39), Pelindaba technical control officer Leon van Rensburg (44), salesman Craig Barker (20), Arthur Archer (29), who is unemployed, and shop manager Eugene Becker (28).

The others are Leonard Veenendal, Darryl Stopforth and Israel Rootenberg of Vereeniging — the former commander of the AWB's Aquila unit.

Mr Veenendal and Mr Stopforth are wanted in connection with the murder of a policeman in Namibia after escaping from police custody last year. Because no extradition agreement exists between South Africa and Namibia they cannot be extradited to stand trial in Windhoek.

Evicted couple, kids spend night in tent

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SOWETAN Reporter

ACTSTOP member Mr Ely Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent Monday night in a tent on the pavement outside a block of flats where they were evicted through a court order.

Angry tenants supported by Actstop placed placards on the tent demanding the re-imposition of rent control, affordable housing for all and the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

Eighteen other tenants have been served with summonses to appear in court and lawyers acting for the landlord, a Mr Bloc Cohen, said all 51 tenants would eventually have to go because the building was to be refurbished and used for letting.

Tenants said they had been paying between R250 and R300 a month for a bachelor flat until April 1988.

They had decided to pay R88 a month because the building was under rent control.

Last month the landlord refused to accept their money.

Yesterday the caretaker of the building, Mr Leslie Kuppan, said the R88 monthly rentals added up to only R4 400 a month, which was not enough to maintain the building.

BACKGROUND

Frightened cry from Paton's country

Transvaal also faces mounting wave of rural violence

By JULIENNE DU TOIT

"I remember him putting the cord around my neck to finish me off. I shouted 'Jesus' and passed out," said a woman who cannot shake off her memories of being attacked on her smallholding in Middelburg.

Police have no statistics on whether attacks on smallholdings and plots are on the increase in the PWV area.

But police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday that attacks on vulnerable targets were definitely increasing.

Captain Piet van Deventer, media liaison officer for the Vaal Triangle which has a high percentage of smallholdings, said old people were particularly vulnerable and often took no safety precautions.

Threatened

Marie Hartard answered the door to an attacker who said he was looking for a job. He then forced his way in.

He was interrupted in his assault by two tenants on the property and fled without taking anything.

Mrs Hartard had every bone in her face broken by her attacker's punches, and could not



Unbridled brutality... an intruder broke every bone in Marie Hartard's face.

properly identify him in a police line-up because she felt threatened by his look.

Willie van Tonder, an 86-year-old man from a smallholding in Walkerville was attacked last Friday, but his nephew, Naas le Roux, drove the two intruders away with a revolver.

Mr van Tonder was taken to Vereeniging Hospital where he is recovering from a rifle bullet wound.

Maria Cesare (76), an arthritic woman living on her own in Upper Orkneys, was punched by two intruders on Saturday, then tied up while they carried away as much property and

OWN CORRESPONDENT

DURBAN — In the wake of a series of murders on isolated farms in the Natal Midlands, an appeal has been made for Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to visit the area to see for himself how law and order has broken down.

The plea has been made by the town management board of Richmond, a once-quiet town that is now badly frightened by the murders and attacks by armed bands.

Many of those responsible for the violence are said to be between the ages of 12 and 18.

The beautiful rolling hills of the area were made internationally famous in Alan Paton's classic novel "Cry, the Beloved Country".

Intimidation

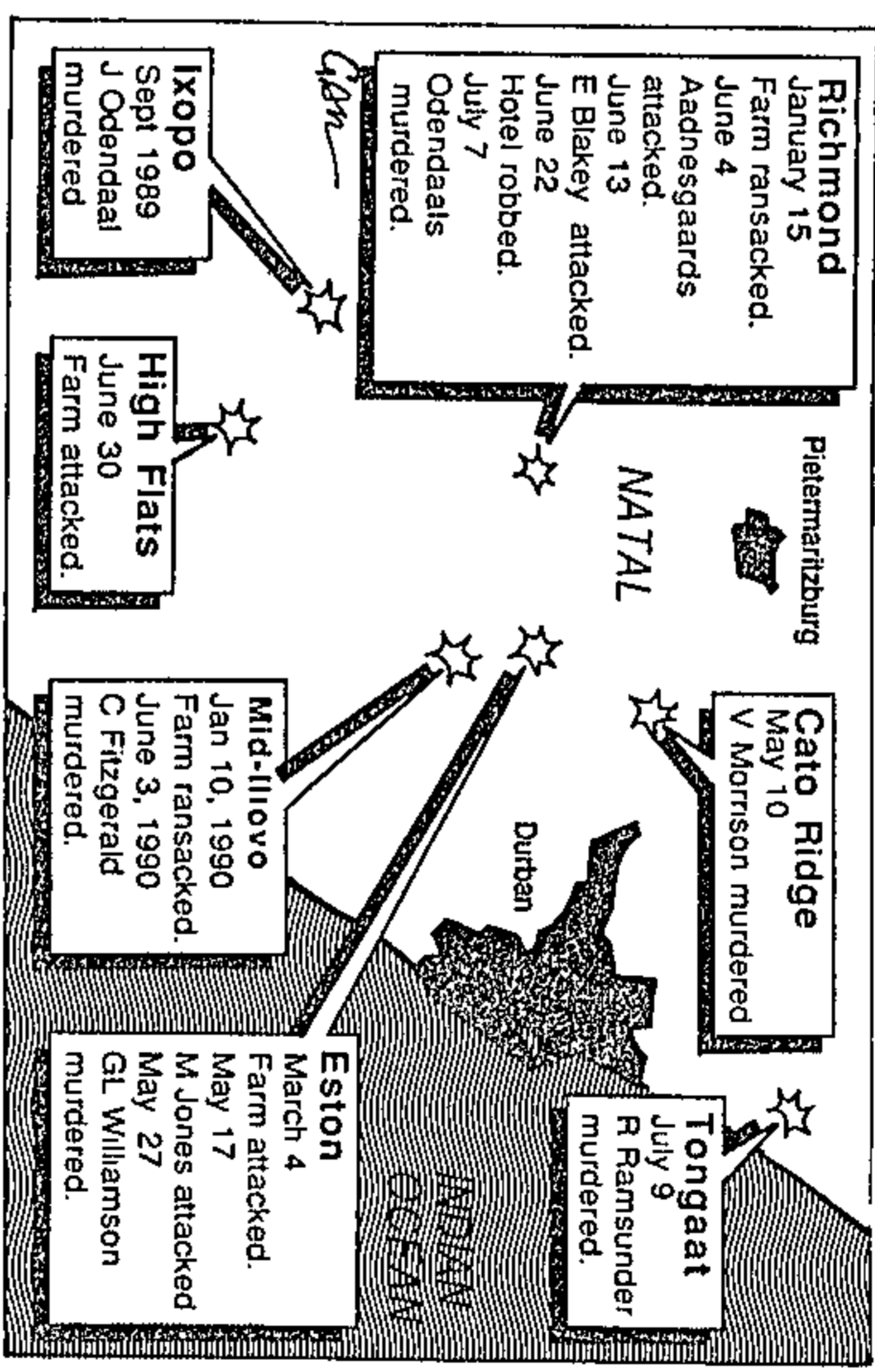
Richmond management board chairman Raveron Nicholson said yesterday there were two aspects to the security breakdown.

One was a spate of killings and assaults on members of the white community, mostly on farms. The other was the plight of many thousands of blacks living in nearby locations and wholesale intimidation, "barbarism" and destruction.

Two days before the horror killing of an elderly white farming couple in the Richmond district on Saturday, the town board passed a resolution expressing great concern at the "barbarism, loss of life, destruction of property and intimidation" which has been taking place largely in local black rural areas since 1987 and which has more recently been evident in raids on whites.

The resolution has been forwarded to the Administrator of Natal and his executive committee to seek their backing for demands for action to combat the lawlessness.

Slayings and attacks on Natal farms



Mr Nicholson said yesterday he hoped Mr Vlok and Deputy Minister of Justice Dannie Schutte would visit the district soon.

He said the situation among the 40 000 blacks living in the Nataleni, Magoda and Esimozoni locations close to Richmond was very bad.

On one day, 60 huts had been burnt. There was wholesale intimidation, Mr Nicholson said, and much of the crime went unreported.

The main trouble-makers were youths of 12 to 18, many of whom were armed.

The local chief had to have three armed bodyguards, and his home had been destroyed. The chief also had to leave his location at night.

Mr Nicholson said: "Lots of farmers are not very well armed and their homes are not very secure. We want to get

some assistance for them from the authorities.

"What we want in particular is that a police station should be established in the Nataleni complex and we have asked for an army presence there until the police station is set up.

Ferds

"It is about 7 km from Richmond and communication with the town is only by phone. By the time police get out there, the criminals are gone."

Mr Nicholson said that apart from the political violence between opposing ANC and Inkatha factions, there were many private feuds between families.

In addition, criminals were climbing on the handwagon and taking advantage of the

turbulent situation.

He said large-scale police raids were needed to search for unlicensed weapons.

"So many of these people are armed. One person had a shotgun, a pistol and an FN rifle. According to local blacks, he had killed 16 people over the years and was a hired assassin. He was eventually shot.

"We know the chap who led the attack on the chief's home, but he is still free."

Meanwhile in Richmond, during the recent one-day stayaway, members of the ANC went to a supermarket and made the owner close the store. They threatened to break the place up if the owner did not do so.

They also went to a doctor's consulting rooms and tried to get all the black assistants to leave. All the Indian-owned stores were closed.

List of victims

- September 1989, Ixopo — Johan Wilhelm Odenaal (42) died after being axed and gut-whipped on his farm.
- January 10 1990, Mid-Illovo — Lilly van Wyke, Bernadine Ryan and four children barricaded themselves in when mob ransacked their farmhouse.
- January 15, Richmond — Labourers locked Marjorie Nimmo in a shed on her farm and stole cash and firearms.
- March 4, Eston — Robert Erickson-Miller and his girlfriend, Anne Llye, were shot at while leaving their farm.
- May 10, Cato Ridge — Veronica Morrison (47) was found dead in a forest after being abducted from a farm.
- May 17, Eston — Maurice Jones (57) underwent emergency surgery after being shot in the stomach on his farm.
- May 27, Eston — Gerald Louis Williamson (83) was trussed up, stabbed and beaten to death on his farm.
- June 3, Mid-Illovo — Connie Fitzgerald (62) was killed while her husband was away.
- June 4, Richmond — Five men attacked Olaf Aadnesgaard (74) and his wife Jean (56) on their farm.
- June 13, Richmond — Two men wielding bricks attacked Ernest Blakey (73), who lives alone in a caravan.
- June 22, Richmond — Four armed robbers held staff and customers captive at Richmond's Central Hotel.
- June 30, HighFlats — Edward Walker (64) and his wife Pat (61) were shot at and assaulted by a gang in their farmhouse.
- July 7, Richmond — Johan Odenaal (77) and his wife Dorothy (64) were battered to death on their farm. Their son is the first victim on this list.
- July 9, Tongaat — Gannan using a home-made gun and a 9mm pistol shot farmer Roy Ramsunder (38) dead while he was driving his tractor.

Fierce fight over evictions at Polly Lodge

By Marguerite Moody

Up to 200 people could start living in tents on a central Johannesburg pavement as the landlord of the building in which they live has obtained court orders to evict them.

The tenants of Polly Lodge, on the corner of Polly and Jeppe Streets, claim they are facing eviction because they are members of Actstop, and have resolved to set up tents to highlight their plight if thrown out.

Actstop member Ely Dingi, his wife Beatrice and their three children spent last night in a tent on the pavement after being evicted on Monday.

The owners of the building, Poljep Ltd, claim, however, that they have been "more than fair" by giving residents adequate notice, and believe tenants are turning the matter into a "political issue".

Actstop says

Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia told The Star the building's residents had approached the organisation for assistance in 1987, after failed attempts to discuss perceived high rentals with the owners.

Tenants had paid rentals varying between R250 and R450 a month to live in Polly Lodge, a rent-controlled building until October 1988.

"After they formed a flat committee, they started paying rent-controlled monthly rentals and have been paying between R88 and R98 since," he said.

Mr Coovadia said the owners had accepted this amount until this month when July rentals were refused.

A period of 30 days' notice was given to each tenant at the beginning of June.

Shortage

"Our contention is that once tenants organise under Actstop and start demonstrating certain basic rights concerning living conditions, landlords start using one pretext or another to get them out," he said.

Although he admitted the owners were acting within the law, Mr Coovadia said it was "not morally right" to evict people when there was a shortage of housing in the city.

"There are 2,5 million homeless people in the PWV-area, and given this accommodation crisis, landlords and property owners cannot be allowed to act in a way which would make even more people homeless.

"This crisis, the Group Areas Act and other factors make for an abnormal landlord-tenant relationship, and the law, which is supposed to protect people's rights, needs to be looked at urgently."

Mr Coovadia said put-

ting evicted tenants up in tents was the only weapon his organisation had to attract the attention of the Johannesburg City Council and the public.

The owners say

A spokesman for Poljep, who did not want to be named, told The Star tenants had been given notice over two years ago, before they had joined Actstop.

"The building was being sold and the new owners wanted the premises vacated for renovations. We gave tenants a month's notice," he said.

After residents had then demanded six months' notice, this had been granted.

"When they then refused to vacate the premises, we took them to court on the basis that they did not have a legal lease, as they had been contravening the Group Areas Act.

"The court ruled, however, that their lease was legal despite the Act, and on that basis, we gave them a month's notice to leave."

The spokesman said that after repeatedly giving the tenants notice, the company had decided to seek court orders against the residents.

He claimed the building had been de-controlled before the tenants moved in.

"We have, in fact, been very lenient with the residents, as we could have claimed for the balance they owe. I believe we have been very reasonable and fair, and it's not my fault they have no place to live now," he said.

The spokesman said the residents were making a "political issue" out of the matter by resolving to put up tents for evicted tenants.

"Why don't they go to court if they think they have a legal case?" he asked.

Injured man 'was refused by hospital'

By Stan Hlophe

A man with serious burn injuries was allegedly refused admission to the Hillbrow Hospital on Tuesday night.

Residents said the unidentified man was one of three men sharing a shack which burnt down in Alexandra.

One man, Skhombo Mabaso, was found dead after the mystery blaze.

The third man escaped unhurt and has not been seen since.

Resident Simon Selepe said the badly injured man was rushed to the Alexandra Clinic, but was referred to Hillbrow Hospital as there were no doctors available at the time.

On arrival at Hillbrow he was refused admission by the staff who said the hospital did not

cater for Alexandra residents, Mr Selepe said.

He contacted the superintendent, Dr Norman Smith, who was adamant that the hospital would not allow patients from Alexandra in terms of Transvaal Provincial Administration rules, said Mr Selepe.

Emergency

"I tried to persuade the superintendent to make an exception as this was an emergency."

He would not budge and told me that I was wasting my time as that was the law.

"We then had to rush the injured man to Baragwanath Hospital where he was admitted without any difficulties.

"I later phoned the chief director of hospital services, Dr

PJ van der Berg, who confirmed that it was standard procedure for the Hillbrow Hospital not to admit patients from Alexandra."

However, Dr van der Berg said staff could have used their discretion in this case.

"Dr van der Berg advised me to submit a written report before he could institute investigations," said Mr Selepe.

Dr Smith declined to comment when approached by The Star.

Dr van der Berg's office confirmed that Mr Selepe was asked to submit a written report.

A police spokesman confirmed the death of Mr Mabaso and the injury to an unidentified man who was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

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Classes resume at coloured schools

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

Classes have resumed at coloured schools in the Transvaal after thousands of teachers suspended their month-long "chalks down" strike earlier this week.

When The Star visited a primary school in Eldorado Park yesterday, the classrooms were filled with pupils and teachers were back at work.

A spokesman for the Progressive Teachers' Union, Mike Davy, said teachers would hold a meeting today to discuss other forms of defiance to pressure the Government to address their grievances.

Mr Davy said the strike had

dragged on for a month because the Government had taken weeks to respond to their demands.

He said teachers had handed a memorandum to the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) on May 18, and the first response from the department was received on June 4.

"One can't help wondering whether the Government would have dragged its feet in this manner if it were white teachers who had gone on strike," he added.

The department's regional chief inspector, John Francis, confirmed yesterday that classes had resumed.

He was reluctant to say the situation had returned to normal, as teachers at some schools were refusing to undertake administrative duties.

"I am glad teachers are back in the classrooms and I hope that they and the pupils will work very hard to eradicate the backlog which was created due to the chalks down."

Pupils did not write the mid-year exams because of the strike. Although teachers attended school every day, they did not continue with the syllabus.

Mr Francis said his department was doing its best to attend to teachers' grievances about poor working conditions.

Police arrest five
men after city
store hold-up

Staff Reporter

Police have arrested five men in connection with a robbery at Clicks in central Johannesburg yesterday.

Three men entered the office of store manager Japie Nkosi (28) at about 11.30 am, while two others remained outside the store, said police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

The men held up Mr Nkosi and two Clicks employees with a firearm and took R5 000 from the safe.

Meanwhile, members of the Robbery Reaction Unit who had been notified of the robbery arrested two suspects a block away.

Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad detectives took over the investigation and three more arrests were made during the day.

Police confiscated a firearm, three knives and "nearly the full amount of the stolen money", said Captain Opperman.

Consumer boycott planned to hit Vaal area next week

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By Shareen Singh

A consumer boycott will begin in the Vaal region on Monday.

It will affect Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Sasolburg, Cosatu spokesman Zwelinzima Vavi told a press conference in Johannesburg.

The boycott, called by Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, Sayco and UDF affiliates, is a protest against "repressive measures" by Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils.

Protest rights

A statement by the Vaal Boycott Committee listed 20 incidents of harassment of leaders, banning of meetings and protest marches.

In the most recent incident, Cosatu's application for a march last weekend against the Natal violence was turned down. Mr Vavi said people could not understand why marches were permitted elsewhere but not in the Vaal.

The boycott will continue until the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils recognise the right of every citizen to protest.

Other demands include:

- One nonracial town council with a single tax base.
- That Vanderbijlpark Town Council stops demolishing shacks.
- A constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South Africa.
- An end to police harassment.

The boycott decision was taken after consultations with community organisations.

Boycott organisers are planning carefully to ensure that black shop-owners do not exploit the situation. Shops in the townships will have to be well stocked and prices reasonable.

Meetings have been held with the Vaal African Chamber of Commerce, South African Black Taxi Association and the Taverners Association to discuss the boycott.

Teachers begin defiance

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By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Transvaal coloured teachers yesterday embarked on a defiance campaign to put pressure on authorities to meet their demands.

Ronnie Swartz, chairman of the Progressive Teachers' Union (PTU), announced the teachers' plans at a parents' meeting attended by more than 400 people in Eldorado Park last night.

Teachers reviewed their decision to strike last week, after the Ministry of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) had verbally agreed to address five of the PTU's seven short-term demands.

However, teacher representatives from 65 Transvaal schools decided early this week to embark on the campaign because not all of their demands had been met, Mr Swartz said.

While the department had agreed to the timeous payment of salaries, it had

failed to address the issue of wage parity in terms of gender, he said.

The demand that the inspection of teachers be suspended was also not addressed, he added.

The PTU had decided that teachers would teach, but would not perform certain administrative tasks.

In terms of the defiance campaign teachers would not:

- Officially register pupil attendance;
- Sign a teacher attendance record;
- Take part in workshops or seminars organised by the department; or
- Supply the department with statistics concerning pupils.

The department had until August 1 to submit a written document detailing its agreement on the PTU's demands, Mr Swartz said. September 1 was the deadline given to the department to implement all the PTU's short-term demands, he added.



They walk through the congested offices of lawyer SD Fanaroff during a sit-in by Polly Lodge residents.

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

150 Polly Lodge tenants sit in at lawyer's offices

W/Mail 13/7 16/7/90

ABOUT 150 Polly Lodge tenants staging a sit-in at the offices of Johannesburg lawyers were given 10 minutes to disperse by police yesterday.

The tenants from the central Johannesburg block of flats staged the sit-in to protest against the eviction of Eli Dingo and his family on Monday.

The lawyer, SD Fanaroff, represented Polly Lodge's landlord in a court application to evict Dingo.

Johannesburg's deputy sheriff on Monday served an eviction order on Dingo effectively moving him out of the Polly Street building.

He subsequently set up a tent on the pavement outside. (84)

Actstop executive member George Sejaphala said the tenants were demanding an explanation from the attorney and the landlord for the eviction and impending eviction of other tenants.

"We will continue the sit-in until they meet us or seek a court order to evict us," they said.

Fanaroff said he was surprised that the tenants were staging a sit-in in his offices.

He said the Supreme Court gave an order for the eviction and he had only submitted the facts in favour of the eviction.

No compromise by Saccawu

About 600 South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers Union members (Saccawu) held their first national congress at the Witwatersrand showgrounds in Johannesburg on Sunday. ~~Star~~ 16/7/90

The main objective of the meeting was the changing of the existing logo "Saccawu on strike at the Southern Suns, away with the racist bosses" to "Unity, democracy and socialism". ~~16/7/90~~ (84)

Mr Jay Naidoo, general secretary of Cosatu, said that the "violent" way the strike was being tackled by management was not "pleasing" and the union mediation and management were not reaching any agreement over the grievances. There were no compromises from all the branches on strike. — Sapa.

Shareworld plan to become Mega City

16/7/84 By Guy Jepson

The first details of a plan to transform Shareworld into a multimillion-rand shopping and business complex, accommodating a taxi interchange with 400 platforms and a post office, were unveiled last night.

Announcing the concept, Paul Asherson, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's transport and taxi committees, urged the private sector to consider using Shareworld to its fullest potential.

He had invited Shareworld

manager Rene Lion-Cachet to brief the council so that its facilities and expertise could be mobilised to bring about the renewal of Shareworld by a wide spectrum of private-enterprise participants.

A source close to the project said: "If implemented, it would yield the most far-reaching and fantastic change to the social fabric of Johannesburg."

A post office with 25 000 boxes would form the core of the development, providing an essential service to Sowetans whose postal

service was in a lamentable condition, the source said.

The post office and the proposed taxi rank — probably the biggest in the world — would form the lifeline of the complex, catering for an estimated 6 000 taxis a day.

The complex, which could be named Mega City, would have about 90 shops and businesses — including building societies, banks, filling and repair stations — and a hotel.

Uniformed men shoot hitchhiker

By Craig Kotze

Young white men dressed in army "browns" shot and wounded one of two black hitchhikers in a suspected right-wing hit-and-run attack outside Cullinan, near Pretoria, at the weekend.

Police launched a massive search for the men and their car, but no arrest has been made.

Police said the wounded man was Almond Dlamini, who was shot in the side and in the hand. Mr Dlamini was not seriously wounded and was discharged from hospital soon after treatment.

Mr Dlamini and a friend were hitchhiking about 30 km outside Cullinan on Saturday afternoon when a white Mazda hatchback drove up and two shots were fired from the moving vehicle.

Sudden attack

Spokesman Lieutenant Piet du Preez said police had not identified the gun used, but believed it was a light-calibre weapon, possibly a .22.

Mr Dlamini's friend escaped injury in the 5.15 pm incident.

Lieutenant du Preez said the shooting took place opposite RNR Butchery on the Old Caledon Road. The attack was so sudden and fast only the last two numbers and letter of the vehicle's registration were seen —

... 90T.

An attempted murder docket has been opened. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Constable Nic Senekal at (01213) 30-203 after hours or at (01213) 30-501 during office hours.

Farmers desert dying Spri

An area once the vegetable garden of the Rand is destined to be a desert unless good rains fall for the first time in a decade. **NORMAN CHANDLER** and photographer **SAREL VAN DEN BERG** found nothing but misery among the farmers on the Springbok Flats, north of Pretoria.

The tears welled in Oom Chris Potgieter's eyes.

We were looking at a handful of workers picking, under a scorching sun, a forlorn cotton crop on his once-prosperous farm in the Roedtan area of the northern Springbok Flats.

It was his last crop before leaving the farm which had been his home for nine of the 34 years he has been in the area. The Land Bank had arranged for it to be sold because, as 54-year-old Oom Chris said, he couldn't meet the repayments.

Oom Chris fought hard to stem the tears in that cotton field up north.

They had come after I had asked a question all reporters hate to ask: "There must have been tears flowing, and anger in your home, the day the Land Bank told you the farm had been lost?"

He took a long time. Then he stared at me. The "ja" came out like the sigh of the winds which have blown away the riches of the Springbok Flats.

Vegetable garden

The Springbok Flats was once the great vegetable garden of the PWV area. It was ideal because of the proximity to the marketplace and soil which did not need fertilisation.

Motorists on the old Great North Road for years used to stop at roadside stalls to buy the area's produce. The produce is not sold any longer because the farmers are leaving.

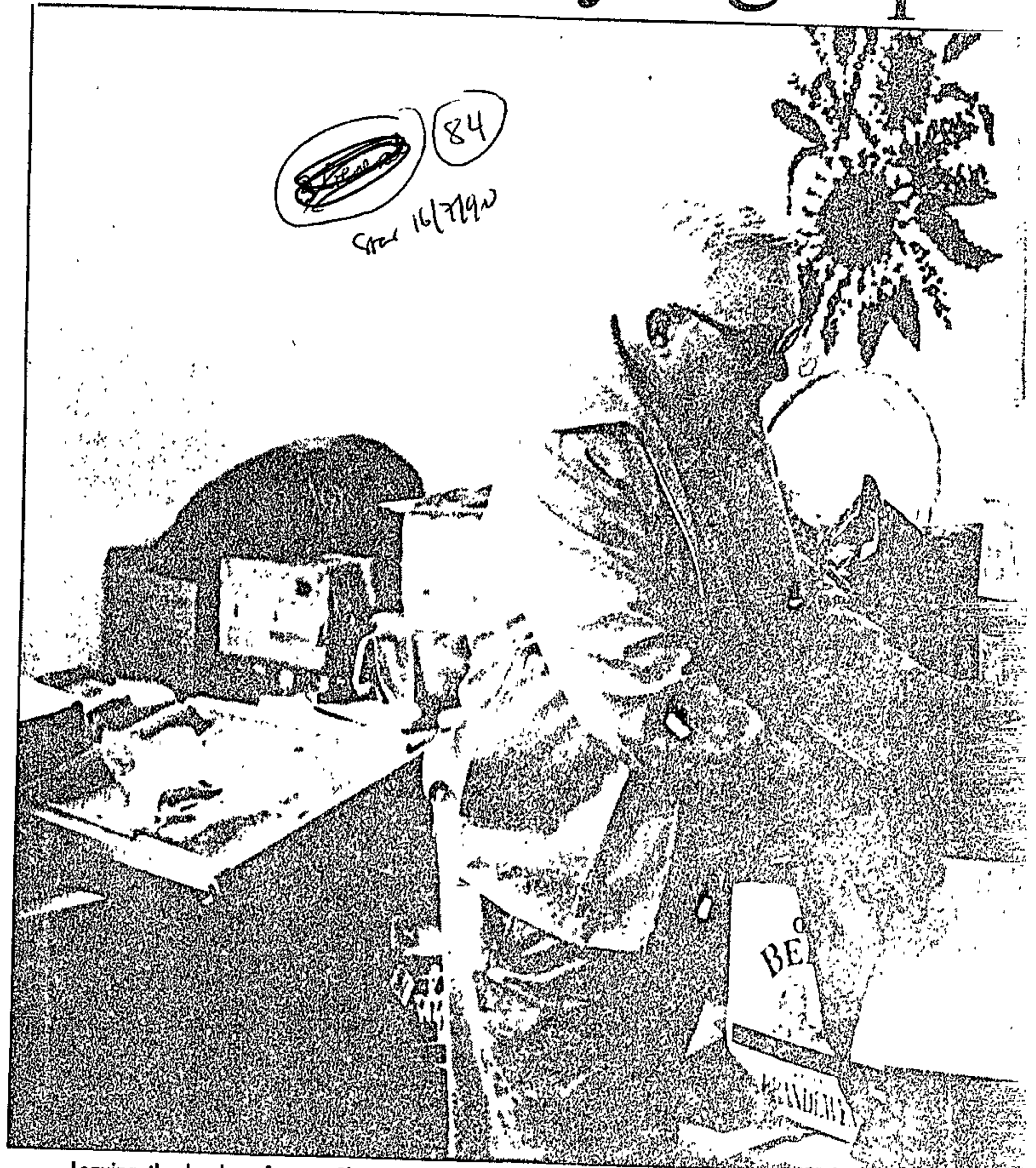
Cotton, which many thought in earlier years would be the saviour of this area, is stunted.

At one time there were 361 farmers making a living on the Springbok Flats. Today it is estimated by the survivors that by the end of next year there will be just a handful.

There are, farmers said, 20 auctions a month. In January this year, 32 farmers had already agreed to liquidation sales. The pace quickened substantially as the rains stayed away, the cotton, tobacco, maize and sorghum crops withered and the money ran out.

Local farmers' associations have been holding meetings at which resolutions have been passed calling on the Government to help the industry. These include a moratorium on debt for a period of up to two years, a freezing of the interest rates applicable to farming, and help with production costs in the short-term.

Mr Potgieter and his wife Antoinette say farmers make mistakes but he objects to the manner in which he and his fel-



Leaving the land... farmer Chris Potgieter and his wife, Antoinette, who have been forced off the l-

lows have been treated.

He calls the decision of the Land Bank "political".

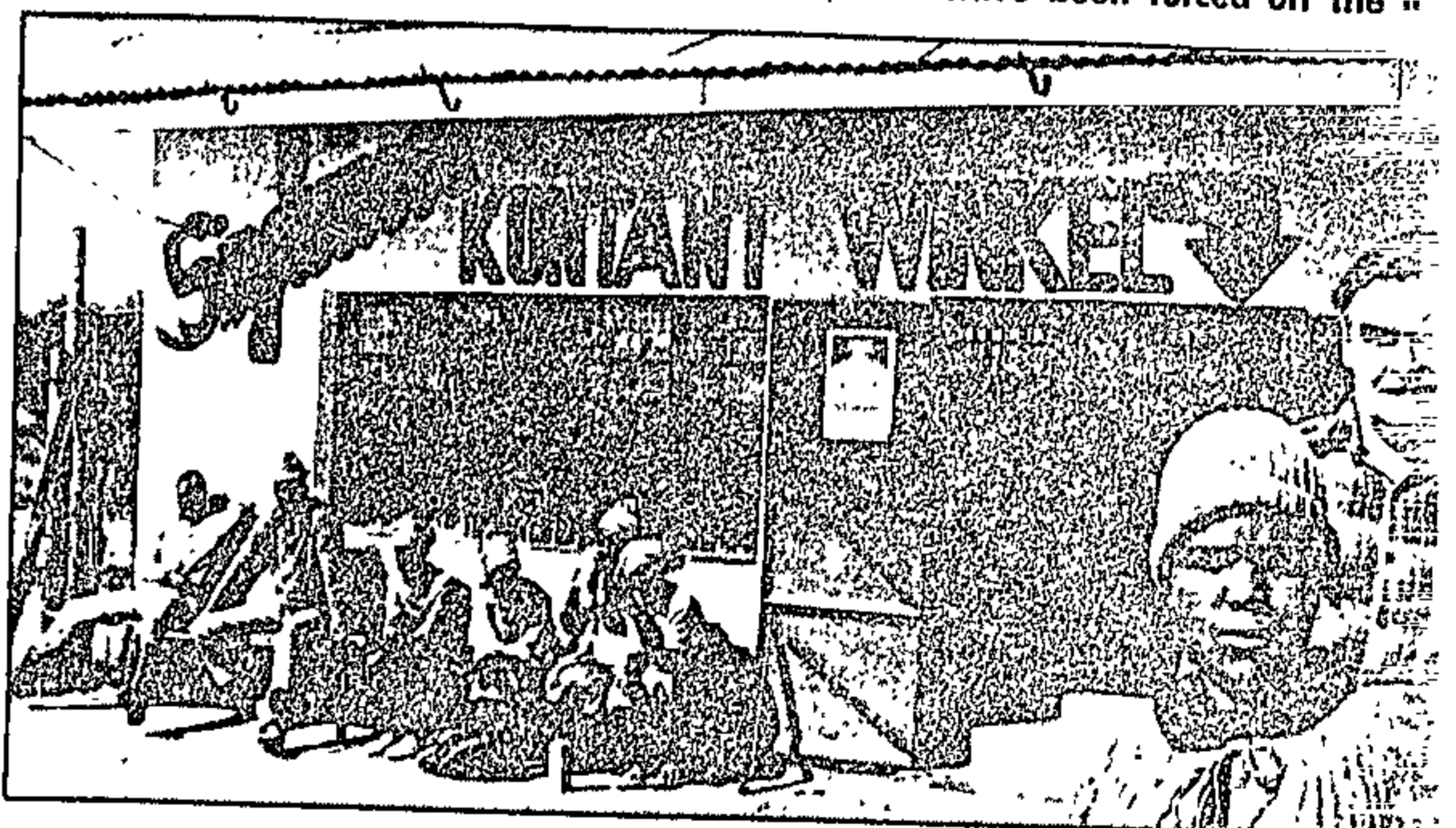
The political aspect comes in because Mr Potgieter and his family are members of the Herstigte Nasionale Party and the Land Bank is a National Party government organ.

"They (the Land Bank) wouldn't even listen to me. They (the Government) will sit down and talk to people like Nelson Mandela but not to Chris Potgieter," he said.

It was on March 3 this year that Mr Potgieter received the bank's letter giving him 14 days to meet his R625 000 obligation.

"I telephoned their offices in Potgietersrus to ask for a meeting. 'Oh', they said, 'you've already lost it. The farm's ours and will be sold by auction.'"

"I was dumbfounded. In February there is nothing with which to pay. The crops hadn't been harvested by that time. I worried and worried. On March 6 I visited the bank. But it was all over," he said.



Shopping blues... shopkeeper Pieter le Roux and his assistant Flora Sabele at the shop which this year lost 75 percent of its turnover because of the drought.

Mr Potgieter, staring at his cotton crop, turned his back as he asked: "I'm 54-years-old. What work am I going to do?"

There's no answer to that — and it's the same story all over the Springbok Flats.

Farmer Derick McLellan, of "Mooipan," about 10 km from Roedtan, says the viability of farming has gone.

"You don't even feel like farming. You have to do something, though, to pay that

money back.

"You can't sit on a farm hope it is going to rain because next year you are 60 R50 000 in the mire," he said.

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BACKGROUND

Desert dying Springbok Flats



Chris Potgieter and his wife, Antoinette, who have been forced off the land as the drought tightens its grip on the Springbok Flats.



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money back. "You can't sit on a farm and hope it is going to rain because next year you are another R50 000 in the mire," he said. The tragedy of the Springbok Flats can be measured in so-

cial terms as well. Farm families have been split up — farmers travelling many kilometres to find work and their wives taking up former occupations such as nursing, teaching and suchlike. But the human tragedy is not just among the whites. Hundreds of black people — each farm has about 50 labourers and with their families that could mean up to 200 dependents — are being affected by what's happening. They are pulling up roots and trekking to Lebowa or to the big cities further south, contributing to the thousands of squatters surrounding the urban areas. Mr Potgieter and Mr McLellan between them support 66 labourers and their families. On some farms more than 100 labourers are employed, each with a family. Kobus van Heerden has already sold his tractors, numerous farm implements and other equipment and is now working at Potgietersrus. The only ac-

tivity on his lands is the cotton harvest and the little business that the farm shop is able to get. His labourers are apprehensive of the future. "We've heard that things are being sold, that the farm may have to be sold. But what's going to happen to us? There are no jobs," said one. The farmers all say the same: "We have been keeping their children at school, feeding them, giving them medical treatment. I don't know what's going to happen." It is not only the farms which have been hard hit by the drought and the exodus. Business has suffered as well. Pieter le Roux, whose farm shop relies almost exclusively on black custom, says he is not desperate yet. "But give it time." Store sales have plummeted 75 percent this year alone. From his shop door, Mr le Roux looked across the road at stunted cotton and sunflower crops: "This will be a desert in a year," he predicts.

Last crop . . . but it's heartbreak for farmer Chris Potgieter of Roedtan district on the Springbok Flats, who has had to leave his cotton farm due to mounting debt caused by drought. ● Picture by Sarel van den Berg.

Plight of farmers in Springbok Flats desperate

By Norman Chandler

ROEDTAN — The plight of drought-hit farmers on the Springbok Flats, in the northern Transvaal, has reached crisis proportions with up to 20 farmers a month being sequestered and their equipment auctioned to repay huge debts.

It is estimated that at least 200 of the 360 farmers in the area, 150 km from Pretoria, will have left by the end of next year unless Government help is forthcoming and good rains fall.

Hundreds of black farm labourers are out of work and their dependants, who rely on the industry for schooling, food,

medical attention and other services, are trying to survive in neighbouring Lebowa.

The Star was told at the weekend that in the cattle, cotton and citrus area between Crecy and Zebediela, about 40 km east of Naboomspruit, the money owed to the Land Bank, pharmacists, doctors and general dealers totalled at least R135 million. The national farming debt is estimated at R14,9 billion.

Moratorium

Farmers, at three meetings held in the Roedtan area, have called on the State to freeze in-

terest rates applicable to farming for at least two years and arrange a moratorium on payments so the industry can get back on its feet after a drought that has gripped the northern and western Transvaal, the northern Cape and parts of Natal and the Free State for 10 years.

They have also asked for an emergency aid scheme to help with production costs, and a reduction in the cost of electricity.

The South African Agricultural Union is conducting a nationwide survey of the plight of farmers.

Hotelier and farmer Derick

McLellan, of the Roedtan district, said that in the last month there had been 20 auctions on the Springbok Flats. No one was buying the farms.

"It is not viable to farm here any longer," Mr McLellan said. "I have bought a hotel so that I can work and get money back.

Other work

Many farmers who are able to afford to do so are keeping their properties while working in neighbouring towns. Some travel 150 km a day to work in Potgietersrus.

Many, however, have sold cattle, tractors and implements to

meet mounting debts. Their wives are working for more prosperous landowners while others have started cottage industries.

Chris Potgieter (54), sequestered by the Land Bank because he could not repay R625 000, told The Star that the last "good year" for Springbok Flats farmers was 1981.

Mr Potgieter, who reaped his last cotton crop at the weekend, said he had bought his farm for R250 000 in 1981 and it was sold on auction 16 days ago for R180 000.

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Conflicting claims on Vaal Triangle boycott

Melody McDougall

Conflicting views have been voiced on the effects of the consumer boycott which began yesterday in four Vaal Triangle towns.

Although Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Myer Weitzmann said it was too early to determine an effective pattern, organisers of the Vaal Consumer Boycott Coordinating Committee claimed the boycott was "almost 100 per-

cent successful" throughout the affected areas.

Christo van Wyk, secretary of the Afrikaanse Sakekamer, who is also an industrial relations consultant and senior lecturer in industrial sociology, agreed it was still too early to determine the effects of the boycott.

However, he said although it appeared the boycott was not very effective after its first day, the situation could change by the weekend.

The boycott, which is to con-

tinue indefinitely in Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Sasolburg, is being called by Cosatu's Western Transvaal region, the UDF and Sayco affiliates in protest against "repressive measures" by Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils.

One of the major reasons listed for the boycott was the intransigence shown by the two municipalities over the granting of permission to stage protest marches through the towns.

The larger chain stores in the area were reluctant to comment on the effects of the boycott yesterday, but other businessmen agreed that there had been little support for it so far.

Mr van Wyk said he understood that it was estimated that if the boycott did succeed it could result in a revenue loss of about R2,5 million a day to traders in the whole Vaal Triangle area.

Half of this amount was spent on food.

Boksburg suburb in housing dilemma

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Estate Agents in Dawn Park, Boksburg, are facing a dilemma — they do not know whether to market the houses in the suburb to coloureds or whites.

One agent, Laretta Featherstone-Cobbaert has written a letter to Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Andre Fourie, and submitted a copy of a letter to Minister of Housing in the House of Repre-

sentatives, David Curry, to try and clarify the issue.

According to Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert agents do not know to which race to market the houses in Dawn Park, despite a recent referendum held by residents in the suburbs which was in favour of having the area opened to coloureds.

Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert said there was a 10-year waiting list of at least 400 000 coloureds wanting to buy houses.

She said if an agent intro-

duced a coloured buyer to a white seller the buyer has no guarantee that a permit allowing him to live in the area would be issued in three months.

She said the salaries of the average coloured buyers enabled them to qualify for a house between R60 000 and R65 000. There was a government subsidy for first time home buyers of up to R65 000, but it was not applicable to coloureds.

● According to Mrs Feather-

stone-Cobbaert, a coloured buyer has offered a white seller R90 000 for his house. The owner has accepted the offer but the problem now is that a permit has to be issued before the buyer's bond is approved within a period of three months.

It has been established that the official who issues the permits in Germiston, is helping out in Midrand and will not be available for another month, which compounds the permit problem for the buyer.

Workers picket
private hospitals

Three private hospitals around Johannesburg came under fire yesterday as hundreds of workers picketed against low wages, poor working conditions and racial discrimination.

Clinic Holdings Corporation, has refused to negotiate wages at a central level with the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (Nehawu), a spokesman claimed. Management insisted on concluding a recognition agreement with the union before negotiating wages.

However, a company spokesman denied union claims.

Management has agreed to meet the union next week. — Staff Reporter.

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We'll act if you evict us, tenants warn landlords

By Marguerite Moody

Defiant residents of Argyle Court in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, have threatened to "take action" if the owners of the building go ahead with threats to evict them.

Yesterday about 50 tenants gathered on the pavement outside the building and decided to spend the night there if members of a private security firm, waiting nearby, moved in and tried to force them out.

Residents alleged the owners' decision to evict them had been prompted by a dispute over rentals, which they had not paid for several months in protest against poor living conditions.

Agreements broken

When The Star visited the building, several windows were broken, there were heaps of rubbish lying around and the lift was not working.

Pressage Nkosi, Actstop's general secretary and a tenant of Argyle Court, told The Star the owners and their agents had broken two agreements reached between them and residents of Gorfil Brothers Investments' seven buildings.

"An agreement was reached to improve living conditions at Argyle Court, Protea Mansions, Branksome Towers, Claridge Court, Stanhope Mansions, Margate Court and Manhattan Court in exchange for a 10 percent rent increase.

"However, Mr Malan increased our rent whenever it suited him and nothing was done about the state of the buildings."

After a new agent, Stanley Kubheka, was appointed in January, residents demanded a meeting with the owners.

"However, their undertaking to fix up their buildings did also not materialise," he said.

David Gorfil confirmed yesterday that an ejectment order was pending against the residents of Argyle Court.

He told Sapa his company had cancelled the lease of Argyle Court and Branksome Towers with Mr Kubheka.

Prior to the a settlement whereby the buildings would be maintained if the residents paid their rent, the buildings were head-leased by Mr Malan, but the lease was cancelled.

By February this year they had drawn up a settlement with Manhattan Court, in terms of which the company would take care of accumulated maintenance, establish six-month leases for tenants and reduce the rent to R190 for all flats.

"Maintenance work to all six buildings has largely been completed," Mr Gorfil said.

He said after the settlement the situation improved to the extent that about 60 to 65 percent of residents were paying their rent, but by mid-April the other 35 to 40 percent were still not paying rent, though maintenance work was continuing.

He said rent arrears at Argyle Court ran to about R47 000 from February to June.

Argyle Court residents will be evicted some time this week and a security company will wait outside the building for the deputy sheriff.

Flat dwellers set for eviction after deadlock in talks

By Marguerite Moody

Residents of Argyle Court in Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, are likely to be evicted before the weekend after no agreement was reached at a meeting on Tuesday between residents and the owners of the building.

Residents have vowed to spend the night on the pavement if evicted.

The meeting between Gorfil Brothers Investments, the owners of seven buildings in Johannesburg, and a delegation of residents' representatives "broke up in disarray", according to David Gorfil.

"Since no settlement could be reached, I have no alternative but to put them out," the owner of Argyle Court, Claridges Court, Protea Mansions, Branksome Towers, Stanhope Mansions, Margate Court and Manhattan Court said yesterday.

Residents of Argyle Court say the owners' threats to evict

them had been prompted by a dispute over rentals, which they and tenants of other buildings had not paid for several months in protest against poor living conditions.

"We would be prepared to pay a part of our rent arrears, which have been paid into a private account, if we received an undertaking that conditions at the buildings would improve. However, no such undertaking was given last night," Actstop general secretary Cas Coovadia told The Star.

Mr Gorfil told The Star he had kept his part of an agreement reached between him and residents in February, in terms of which he had undertaken to improve living conditions at the buildings in exchange for a 10 percent rent increase.

"However, residents have not paid rent since then, and by the end of this month arrears at Argyle Court will amount to over R60 000."

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Boy tortured before his death - claim

By Shareen Singh
and Shehnaaz Bulbulia

A statement by a youth, who claims he was tortured by police and that he witnessed the torture of Eugene Mbulwana (15) who died in hospital on Friday while in police custody, was yesterday released by lawyers.

A lawyer said the witness, whose name was being withheld to protect his life, alleged police at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville tortured Eugene until he was unconscious.

Seven months ago, Nixon Mbuyiselo Phiri (16) of Khutsong, was allegedly tortured at the same police station. He died of

a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries.

The witness alleged that police kicked, punched, chained and poked needles into the backs of a group of youths who were detained with Eugene last Tuesday.

A police spokesman confirmed Eugene was among a group arrested on Tuesday and that he died while in police custody at the Leratong Hospital.

However, police would not comment on allegations of torture until further investigations and a post-mortem were conducted.

The witness said he saw police beating Eugene with a whip. Police allegedly told him: "Eugene

was stubborn and we wanted to fix him."

A police officer then stood on a table and started beating Eugene with his fists, he alleged. When Eugene fell the policeman started kicking him on the head.

The eyewitness said other policemen joined in the beating.

● The death demands an independent inquiry, human rights organisation, the Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) said yesterday.

Eugene was the sixth person this year to die in police custody under similar circumstances. The Government has ignored repeated calls for an independent inquiry after each death, DAC said.

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Forgery probe spreads to Natal and Swaziland

By Craig Kotze

Investigations into a massive forgery racket uncovered on the Reef by police have expanded dramatically, with false R20 and R50 notes found in Swaziland and Natal.

John Vorster Square Fraud Squad detectives will investigate whether the notes found in Swaziland and in Utrecht, Natal, are linked to a R700 000 forged note haul on the Reef, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman.

Pouring in

Investigations had expanded countrywide into the racket, but were centred primarily in the Transvaal and Natal.

Information was "pouring in" and detectives were working around the clock to follow leads.

Captain Opperman said that while it was difficult to say yet whether the extent of the fraud was growing, police would "follow the correct channels" to es-

tablish whether the forged notes found in Swaziland were linked to the present investigation.

Forged R20 notes were exchanged in the purchase of goats near Utrecht recently, said a Natal police spokesman.

Sixteen people have been arrested in connection with the case and police have questioned a prominent lawyer in connection with the matter.

In another development, a fire damaged desks and unimportant papers in a John Vorster Square office, the nerve centre from where the counterfeit racket is being investigated.

Detectives have opened an arson docket, though it was not known whether the fire was started to destroy evidence in the case.

The fire broke out on Monday night in the third floor offices, where a completed docket and two notes scribbled on paper were destroyed.

Captain Opperman said police were not prepared to speculate on the cause of the fire.

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DP congress venue a plus for De Beer

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The Democratic Party's decision to hold its national congress in Johannesburg has slightly favoured co-leader Dr Zach de Beer in the race for the sole leadership.

The DP's national executive decided in Cape Town yesterday to hold the congress in the World Trade Centre Johannesburg on September 6 and 7.

Choosing a single leader will be the main business of the congress.

Dr de Beer and co-leader Dr Denis Worrall are the main contenders.

But national chairman Tian van der Merwe is emerging as a strong third runner, filling the shoes of the third co-leader Mr Wynand Malan who quit politics this month.

His chances have been slightly damaged by the choice of a venue on Parktown MP Dr de Beer's home turf, party sources said.

By rights the congress should have been held in the Cape on the rotation principle, but the Cape party was unable to find a venue at short notice.

Spate of attacks on W Rand

1974 West Rand Bureau

A woman was hijacked on Ont-dekkers Road in broad daylight yesterday and two people were robbed and had their cars stolen in separate incidents on the West Rand.

A West Rand police spokesman said Christina Susanna Evans (63) of Burgershoop was sitting in her car at the Gorden Street traffic light at 8.30 am when a man walked towards her, pulled out a gun and climbed into the back of her car.

He ordered her to drive off. In Trezona Avenue he told her to stop. He took R250 and disappeared in the wooded area next to the road.

At about 5.00 pm, Cornelius Kruger (30) of Oberholzer was

robbed of his car near Kloof Mine in Westonaria. In the car was a briefcase containing about R10 000 in cash and a pistol.

The spokesman said Mr Kruger had stopped to pick up an order when four armed men held him up.

In the third incident, Vivian Theresa de Mata (26) arrived at her home in Ravine Street, Randfontein, at about 7.15 pm. She was confronted by four armed men who ransacked her house. They took her car, a Toyota Corolla, several household appliances and valuables and a CZ 7,65mm pistol. The value of the stolen property is about R90 000.

None of the victims was injured.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Drie-en-twintigste dag van Maart Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

'n Sekere gedeelte grond, 5,9900 ha groot, synde 'n proklamasiegebied oor Gedeelte 84 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 1) van die plaas Boschfontein 386 IR in die provinsie Transvaal soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiagram A3187/86.

No. 123, 1990

PROKLAMERING VAN GROEPSGEBIEDE Kragtens ARTIKEL 23 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE DE RUST, DISTRIK OUDTSHOORN, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebiede omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, gebiede is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Veertiende dag van Junie Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

H. J. KRIEL
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GEKLEURDE GROEP

1. Gebied K1

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 7230/89, synde 'n gedeelte van die plaas De Rust 57, administratiewe distrik Oudtshoorn, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

2. Gebied K2

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 7231/89, synde 'n gedeelte van die plaas De Rust 57, administratiewe distrik Oudtshoorn, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

No. 124, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 178 VAN 1971 EN DIE INSTELLING VAN VRYHANDELSGEBIEDE Kragtens ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE CRADOCK, DISTRIK CRADOCK, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens—

A. artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklamasie No. 178 van 1971 deur die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (c) van die Bylae hiervan uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (a) van die Bylae daarvan; en

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Twenty-third day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

A certain area of land, 5,9900 ha in extent, being a proclamation area over Portion 84 (a portion of Portion 1) of the farm Boschfontein 386 IR in the Province of Transvaal as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A3187/86.

No. 123, 1990

PROCLAMATION OF GROUP AREAS UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT DE RUST, DISTRICT OF OUDTSHOORN, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the areas defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation be areas for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Fourteenth day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet.
State President.

H. J. KRIEL
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

1. Area K1

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 7230/89, being a portion of the farm De Rust 57, Administrative District of Oudtshoorn, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

2. Area K2

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 7231/89, being a portion of the farm De Rust 57, Administrative District of Oudtshoorn, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

No. 124, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION 178 OF 1971 AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADING AREAS UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT CRADOCK, DISTRICT OF CRADOCK, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under—

A. section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 178 of 1971 by the exclusion of the area defined in paragraph (c) of the Schedule hereto from the area defined in paragraph (a) of the Schedule thereto; and

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Een-en-twintigste dag van Junie Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

INDIËRGROEPSGEBIED

Onderverdeling 365 (van 2) van die plaas Umkomanzi Drift 1357, distrik Umzinto, provinsie Natal, in sy geheel, soos per LG-kaart 81/1988.

No. 121, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE BARBERTON, DISTRIK BARBERTON, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Kleurling-groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Drie-en-twintigste dag van Maart Eenduisend Negehonderd en negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GEKLEURDE GROEP

'n Sekere stuk grond, 7 205 vierkante meter groot, synde 'n proklamasiegebied oor Gedeelte 115 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 14) van die plaas Barberton Town Lands 369 JU, provinsie Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldigram A 3551/89.

No. 122, 1990

VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED KRAGTENS DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE HEIDELBERG, DISTRIK HEIDELBERG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgroep.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town, this Twenty-first day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

The whole of Sub. 365 (of 2) of the farm Umkomanzi Drift 1357, District of Umzinto, Province of Natal, as per SG Diagram 81/1988.

No. 121, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT BARBERTON, DISTRICT OF BARBERTON, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Twenty-third day of March, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

COLOURED GROUP

A certain area of land, 7 205 square metres in extent, being a proclamation area over Portion 115 (a portion of Portion 14) of the farm Barberton Town Lands 369 JU, Province of the Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A 3551/89.

No. 122, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT HEIDELBERG, DISTRICT OF HEIDELBERG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

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300 hospital workers reject racist remarks'

About 300 workers at the JG Strijdom Hospital in Johannesburg downed tools yesterday over what they claim were racist remarks by a supervisor.

And at private hospitals on Wednesday, hundreds of workers demonstrated against wages and working conditions.

A spokesman for the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union said the kitchen supervisor at JG Strijdom had said she was going to fire black workers and replace them with coloureds. She said black workers were always ready to strike.

Workers demanded management take disciplinary action against her. She had made the remark before, and management had calmed workers by saying her attitude was not hospital policy. — Staff Reporter.

NP to elect candidate for Tvl by-election

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

The National Party Randburg divisional council is to meet next week to start the process of choosing a candidate to fight the Randburg parliamentary by-election.

Springs MP and Transvaal spokesman Piet Coetzer confirmed that the NP would definitely be fighting the seat, despite a call from the Democratic Party for the NP to pull out.

The seat will become vacant at the end of this month, following the decision by Randburg MP and DP co-leader Wynand Malan to quit party politics.

The Conservative Party has also decided to contest the seat and the DP has appealed to the NP to stay out of the fight to avoid splitting the reform vote.

The DP believes it is pointless for the DP and NP to be fighting each other in a three-cornered contest.

Congress

The name of Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl has emerged as a possible candidate for the NP.

The other strong possibility is Glenn Babb, the indirectly-elected MP and former deputy director-general of foreign affairs who fought the seat for the NP in the 1989 General Election.

Meanwhile, the DP's decision to hold its national congress in Johannesburg has slightly favoured co-leader Zach de Beer in the race for the sole leadership.

The DP's national executive decided in Cape Town yesterday to hold the congress in the World Trade Centre on September 6 and 7.

Choosing a single leader will be the main business of the congress. Dr de Beer and co-leader Denis Worrall are the main contenders. But national chairman Tian van der Merwe is emerging as a strong third runner to fill Mr Malan's shoes.

56 families evicted in bitterly cold weather

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By Shareen Singh

Fifty-six black families were evicted in freezing cold weather from a block of flats in Smit Street, Johannesburg, early today.

Angry Argyle Court tenants gathered outside the entrance of the building and watched their furniture being removed on to the pavement by employees from a private security firm.

Twelve policemen monitored the situation and prevented tenants from re-entering the building.

Actstop spokesman Moses Mashoeshoe, who was at the scene, said tenants had not paid their rent since May because the owner of the building had given them an undertaking that the building would be fixed within three months. He had told tenants they could withhold rentals if he failed to render his promise.

Tenants complained the seven-storey building had had no hot water for the past three years and the lift had not worked for more than two years.

General maintenance was also poor, they said.

Mr Mashoeshoe said all tenants

had been handed eviction orders at about 6.30 am by the deputy sheriff. But some tenants interviewed said they had not received eviction orders.

The pavement was cluttered with furniture and boxes.

CT Security employees were still removing furniture by 8 am.

At one point the crowd became enraged when an employee accidentally dropped a dressing table and it broke. Police intervened and stopped the crowd from harassing the worker.

Police said they were not there to remove the tenants but to give protection to the deputy sheriff.

Tents

The owners of the building, Mansolgor Investments, could not be contacted at the time of going to press.

Tenants were adamant they would not move. They planned to camp outside the building until the problem was resolved.

"Our furniture is standing on the street and we have no other place to go," a tenant said.

Protest march on court

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21/1/90 By Shirley Woodgate (84) 327

About 40 non-medical workers from the JG Strijdom Hospital today marched to the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court where a colleague was due to be charged.

Spokesman John Mashosho said the action was in protest against the arrest on Friday of colleague Philemon Chuma, who is also a shop steward of the National Education Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu).

He was arrested for allegedly raping a woman and stealing her wages. But Nehawu marchers claim management have trumped up the charge to discredit him.

Among the protesters were four

pregnant women, including Constance Sebaeng, who said not all the non-medical workers were involved as there was dissension in the ranks of the staff.

She said at the court that they expected to be joined by staff from Leratong, Johannesburg, Hillbrow, Tembisa, Rietfontein and Baragwanath hospitals who had promised support at a meeting yesterday.

JG Strijdom Hospital superintendent Dr Freda Pretorius said she was unaware of the stayaway: "All the services are running smoothly and all functions are normal.

"We had a problem with one or two of the chaps but it is a police matter now and out of my hands," she said.

Murder probe into 'torture' death

A MURDER docket was opened yesterday in the case of 15-year old Eugene Mbulwana, who died last Friday after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station, outside Carletonville.

He will be buried tomorrow at 11 am.

This was the second death linked to Welverdiend police station, and the ANC and human rights organisations have demanded a judicial commission of inquiry. The ANC also demanded an investigation into police practices at Welverdiend.

Nixon Phiri (16) died in January this year while being interrogated at the police station. A post mortem showed that he died of a cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries.

Eugene's scan results showed that he was suffering from a sub-dural haemorrhage, which doctors say is caused by pressure on the head.

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**SHAREEN SINGH
and SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA**

But police, who took Eugene to hospital, told them he was suffering from epilepsy.

An eye-witness detained with Eugene told lawyers he was brutally tortured until he became unconscious. He died at Leratong Hospital the next day.

The boys were among a group arrested outside Khutsong near Carletonville. Seven other youths, in statements to a lawyer, spoke of their experiences of police brutality at Welverdiend police station.

A doctor also told Saturday Star he treated five youths who were allegedly tortured at the police station. They had bruises, swollen lips and eyes, he said.

A post mortem on Eugene was conducted yesterday and results are expected next week.

No repairs no rent, say tenants

By Desmond Blow and Patrick Mafafu

ARGYLE Court tenants thrown out of their seven-storey Hillbrow building have been allowed back into their apartments following a last-minute agreement on Friday.

The possessions of tenants in 30 flats from five of the seven floors had been strewn on the pavement.

However, the security gate at the entrance to the building had been locked and the tenants were forced to remain out in the cold.

The owners of the building, Gorfil Investments, and attorneys from the Legal Resources Centre reached agreement to allow the tenants back providing discussions are held next week to solve the impasse reached over the non-payment of rent.

David Gorfil of Gorfil Investments has threatened to evict tenants in its seven buildings in central Johannesburg, unless rent for May this year is paid.

Tenants at the seven buildings owe a total of R300 000 in arrears, according to Gorfil Investments.

A spokesman for the owners said the order to evict Argyle Court residents was granted three weeks ago, but the landlord delayed evictions hoping to reach a settlement with Actistop.

Since the order was granted four meetings have taken place between Actistop, Gorfil Investments and landlord Kubheka Investments.

Actistop's major demand at the meetings was that the landlord carry out repairs on the buildings.

The landlord claims he has already spent more than R170 000 to meet Actistop's demands. Receipts shown to City Press show R41 000 was spent on Argyle Court alone.

Eviction threat for hundreds in city flats

Actistop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia said their treasurer had more than R300 000 owed to Kubheka Investments, and it would be released only when repairs were carried out.

City Press examined Argyle Court a few days before the evictions and found that only the corridors had been painted. The interiors and doors of the flats had not been painted.

The lift was not working, and a woman had to walk up seven stories on the fire-escape with a baby strapped to her back.

The baths were badly stained and paint was peeling from the walls and ceilings. Many of the floors had holes in them.

Gorfil said the lift had been repaired several times within the past few weeks, but that someone always deliberately caused it to break down.

A spokesman for Actistop said the lift had not worked for several years.

Tenants also claimed they had no hot water. Gorfil said there was hot water for 240 tenants but twice that number were there illegally and the furnaces could not cope. *year ago*

He said his company *had* hired out the building to a landlord who had allowed the building to fall into disrepair. "In May we took back the building from the landlord. After several meetings with Actistop we agreed to drop the rentals and improve the building on the understanding they would pay rent from May this year."



The belongings of 100 families were thrown out of Argyle Court in Johannesburg on Friday night, before they were granted a reprieve.

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Robbers shoot own man

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Four armed men made off with R80 000 and accidentally shot one of their own gang members after holding up a West Rand Consolidated Mine hostel manager yesterday.

A West Rand police spokesman said a Mr Burger of Greenhills, Randfontein, was on duty at the South Shaft hostel when the gang entered. They

demanded money and ordered Mr Burger to open the safe after threatening to kill him.

While they were taking the money, an AK-47 rifle handled by one of the gang went off, injuring a gang member.

The gang, including the injured man, fled in a beige Cortina bakkie. — West Rand Bureau.

Housing a top priority for open city councillor

THEO RAWANA

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A CONCERTED effort to provide adequate housing and finance to buy properties for people of all races in Johannesburg is a prime requisite for the opening up of the city, according to a councillor.

Johannesburg councillor Sias Reyneke, chairman of the Section 59 committee appointed to investigate and manage strategies for opening Johannesburg and the removal of residential segregation, said this on Wednesday.

Earlier, management committee chairman Ian Davidson had committed the city council to an open city "in which all people irrespective of race, colour or creed can own property and live in the residential areas of their choice".

Davidson told a media conference the opening of Johannesburg and the removal of segregation should be proceeded with without delay "despite government's stated intention to abolish the Group Areas Act".

Reyneke said the establishment of his committee should be seen as the first step towards the desegregation of

Johannesburg and the management of the process.

The first step in the process of desegregation would be the removal of legal restrictions on living in and owning property.

He said in planning and managing the process, his six-man committee should be guided by the following considerations:

- The process must be aimed at establishing a harmonious and stable non-racial society, free from discrimination and under no circumstances aimed at entrenching a sophisticated apartheid;
- Manipulation of the process in any form must be prevented;
- The desegregation should take place within the ambit of sound planning and effective local government;
- Auxiliary matters which could affect the process would have to be addressed.

Davidson said members of the private sector would also serve on the committee.

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Pedestrian jam . . . thousands of toyi-toying railworkers throng the streets of central Johannesburg yesterday as they march to Transnet's head offices to show management they are serious about wage demands.

Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

7 000 take part in march to Transnet

By Shareen Singh

More than 7 000 toyi-toying railway workers brought Johannesburg's city centre to a standstill yesterday when they marched on Transnet's head offices to submit demands.

The march was organised by the South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (SARHU) to show workers' rejection of Transnet's R700 a month minimum wage offer.

The union said it had dropped its demand from R1 500 to R1 000, but management had not shifted from its initial offer, which amounted to an increase of R100 a month.

SARHU official Nelson Ndini-sa handed over a memorandum to Transnet's labour relations manager for the southern Transvaal, Anneke Burke.

Although union leadership was non-committal on whether a strike was looming, rank and file workers said they would fight for a living wage and use their only weapon to achieve this.

The union has not declared an official deadlock and dispute pending the outcome of the next round of negotiations in August.

NEWS

Striking hotel staff toyi-toyi in Sandton City

By Brendan Templeton

About 1 000 striking Southern Sun workers yesterday descended on Sandton City shopping centre, demanding to see Southern Sun/Holiday Inns group managing director Bruno Corte.

The centre reverberated to the thunder of shuffling tackies as workers toyi-toyied, shouting for Mr Corte to take steps aimed at ending the strike deadlock at 41 of the group's hotels.

Startled shoppers stood aside as the strikers, who had marched from the nearby Holiday Inn, swept up to the main entrance of the complex.

About 20 riot policemen armed with shotguns stood around, but the spirit between the workers and the authorities was cordial. A traffic officer even offered the use of his car's loudhailer when the workers' megaphone failed.

Mr Corte was ushered down and soon he and worker representatives had organised a meeting

at the Downtown Holiday Inn at 9 am today.

The traffic department blocked off the road to the entrance to allow the informal conference to take place. Workers sat on the tarmac while their representatives and Mr Corte negotiated the meeting.

Worker leaders accused him of trying to ensure that the strike stalemate continued, and of not being concerned about ending it.

Mr Corte denied this: "Oh, come on. We were able to work out an agreement on the Mike Gatting (cricket tour) issue. I'm sure we'll be able to solve this."

They then demanded he address the workers directly.

"Sure I will, I'm not scared of them," Mr Corte said.

He told the workers about today's scheduled meeting and they cheered his announcement.

Shortly afterwards they sang Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika before dispersing to waiting buses.

Are whites less anxious?

By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

Six months ago white South Africans were less anxious about domestic social change and were willing to come to terms with "the inevitable", according to a survey conducted in January by the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA).

The survey was carried out while the national state of emergency was still in place, political organisations such as the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress were still banned, Nelson Mandela was still in jail and Namibia was still under South African rule.

Entitled "What Do We Think?", it surveyed white opinion on foreign policy issues and found that "the misguided and dangerous legacies" of the Government's doctrine of "total onslaught" lived on in many white South Africans' minds.

For the first time since its inception in 1982, the survey found that the majority of white South Africans (51 percent) were in favour of the total scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Declined

The survey, the fifth in a biennial series of similar surveys, was conducted for the institute among 2 000 white households countrywide.

Survey respondents' belief in the capacity of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force to control internal unrest indefinitely has declined significantly compared to the 1986 and 1988 surveys.

Anti-communism, the survey found, remained the Government's most effective weapon in domestic and regional policy, designed to discredit enemies and legitimise the

use of coercive State power.

Twenty percent of the respondents thought the communist threat against South Africa was exaggerated, corresponding to 20 percent in 1988.

While an overwhelming 63 percent of the respondents in 1988 were in favour of South Africa staging across-the-border raids in the neighbouring countries to scare away the ANC, this year 58 percent approved of such tactics.

The number of people who thought Zimbabwean president Robert Mugabe's government constituted a threat to South Africa's safety (57 percent), and that Mozambi-

que could not be trusted to carry out the terms of the Nkomati non-aggression treaty with South Africa (65 percent), was slightly lower than in 1988:

Only 21 percent of the respondents thought the Government was not yet spending enough on defence, as opposed to 27 percent two years ago.

Most of the respondents did not think the South African economy was strong enough to withstand sanctions (69 percent as opposed to 52 percent in 1988), and 55 percent of them agreed that the only way the country could avoid

sanctions was by granting equal political rights to blacks.

Those who thought granting rights to blacks would do away with sanctions made up 54 percent of the respondents in 1986 and 42 percent in 1988.

When it came to foreign leaders believed to be favourably disposed towards South Africa, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came out at the top (88 percent), followed by US President George Bush (73 percent) and West German President Chancellor Helmut Kohl (59 percent).

Boycott planners turn down talks

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Organisers of the Vaal consumer boycott have rejected a call by the Vereeniging Town Council for discussions today to try to end their deadlock.

The Cosatu/African National Congress-inspired boycott, which began in four Vaal Triangle towns last week, has had a crippling effect on local traders, with drops of more than 90 percent in turnover reported.

Cosatu spokesman Zwelinzima Vavi confirmed he had received the council's invitation to meet today, but said the boycott organisers were not interested.

The organisers' demands include the right to stage peaceful protest marches

through Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and the establishment of a non-racial town council with a single tax base.

A delegation of the Roshnee Action Committee (RAC) yesterday presented a memorandum to the Vereeniging Town Council's deputy town secretary, Charles Pechet, urging the council to allow peaceful protest marches in the town. About 90 percent of businessmen in the Vaal area signed the document.

A copy of the memorandum was also handed to Vanderbijlpark Town Council officials.

Mr Pechet emphasised to the RAC the council was not opposed to marches in principle.

Bank robberies: 3 in row

By Craig Kotze

Three banks were robbed in Johannesburg and the East Rand in rapid succession yesterday — two of them possibly carried out by the same gang, police said.

A security guard from Fidelity Guards was injured in one hold-up.

The first robbery was at 9.20 am when gunmen stormed into a Volkskas Bank in Van Riebeeck Street, Edenvale.

They held up Fidelity Guards employees and grabbed cash. One of the guards was injured but police did not have details at the time of going to press.

The gang escaped in a cream-coloured BMW, registration HGF 637T.

At 10.15 am, five gunmen held up staff and clients at the First National Bank in Boksburg North and grabbed cash.

They escaped in a white BMW without number plates. Ten minutes later, another

gang of five gunmen held up another FNB branch, on the corner of Bree and Rissik streets in Johannesburg.

They took cash and fled in a white BMW, also without registration plates.

A police spokesman said detectives would investigate to see whether the two FNB raids were linked.

● Johannesburg traffic police this morning arrested four suspects who allegedly planned to rob a garage in Jeppe, but were thwarted because it opened late.

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Pupil killed when 2 men open fire

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Staff Reporters (84)

A schoolboy was killed and his friend seriously injured yesterday at the Dr Cingo Secondary School in Maokeng near Kroonstad when two khaki-clad white men opened fire on pupils.

Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee spokesman Valentine Senkhane said Taylor Ntsuku (17) was killed and Tote Malakoane (16) injured when the two alleged right-wingers fired shotguns into the playground.

Police have confirmed the incident.

The incident came three days after Andries Nkala (13) died when he was hit by a stone allegedly thrown by two white children from a bakkie on the Ficksburg-Senekal road.

Yesterday, Ntsuka was found dead immediately after the shooting and Malakoane was admitted to the Boithmelo Hospital in Kroonstad in a serious condition. He had injuries to a leg and a hand.

Mr Senkhane said according to an eyewitness a white Toyota minibus passed the school slowly at about 10 am yesterday.

Two middle-aged white men were in the minibus, and when they were directly across from the playground, they opened fire, he said.

The headmaster of the school, Victor Modise, called an ambulance and the police were on the scene shortly afterwards.

A spokesman for the police in Bloemfontein said the children allegedly threw stones at the two men after which they started shooting.

The police know who the men are and charges of murder and attempted murder are being investigated.

No arrests have been made.

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Probe follows two deaths and claims of torture in custody

SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA

POTCHEFSTROOM police were conducting an investigation into police methods at Welverdiend police station, West Rand, after the deaths of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality, a lawyer said yesterday.

A spokesman for Police headquarters, Pretoria, Captain E Bloomberg confirmed this. He said the death of a teenager while in police custody was also being investigated and a report would be submitted to the Attorney-General.

Nixon Mayibule Phiri (16), died in January, and "Gadaffi Squad" member Eugene Mbulwana (15), this month. Both were allegedly tortured.

Apart from the two deaths which were linked to Welverdiend, a lawyer yesterday said several other detainees held there, have laid charges of alleged police brutality.

This month, The Star quoted a lawyer saying that in the space of a week, seven people had reported that police at Welverdiend had assaulted them. They displayed bruises on their bodies. In the past, a number of detainees have reported to have received electric shocks.

In several cases, the lawyer said, when their clients appeared before magistrates after being held at Welverdiend the court was asked to place on record that the accused had bruises.

Dr Malcom Chope from Khutsong, who was quoted at the time, said he treated five youths who were arrested with Eugene Mbulwana and allegedly assaulted at Welverdiend

Police station.
He said he had treated other detainees with similar complaints.

Nixon Phiri died at Welverdiend of cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries. At the time police said he died during interrogation.

Captain E Baartman of the Western Transvaal SAP said the inquiry into Nixon Phiri's death had been completed and the matter was with the Attorney-General.

A murder docket had been opened in the case of Eugene Mbulwana who died at Leratong Hospital on July 13 while in police custody.

New non-racial school an 'odyssey'

By Janet Heard,
Education Reporter

The 75-year-old St George's Home for Boys in Bedfordview is set to close to make way for the emergence of a private, non-racial and co-educational primary school next year.

This month the principal and founder of the 17-year-old Saheti School, Morgan Ellis, was appointed principal of the new boarding school, Bishop Bavyn School — St George's.

Mr Ellis left the comfort of Saheti to venture into what he described as "another odyssey, to be part of a new South Africa".

"At the moment there is only the Sir Herbert Baker building and I, and a wonderful vision," he said.

He expressed much excitement about being one of the key figures behind the restructuring of the boys' home into a "truly non-discriminatory primary school".

Holistic

Mr Ellis, who believes in a holistic approach to education, said the boarding school was developing at a moment in South African history when people were looking for a new education system.

The Anglo American and De Beer's Chairman's Fund is financing the costs of converting the grounds into a fully fledged private school.

Although Bishop Bavyn School — St George's has not yet started advertising, it has received 276 applications from pupils and about 20 applications from interested teachers.

The school plans to register under the Private Schools Act.

People interested in finding out more about the school can telephone (011) 616-4018/9.



Meeting the challenge . . . Morgan Ellis has been appointed principal of a private non-racial primary school in Bedfordview which will open in January. He has already moved to the school premises to assist in the transformation of St George's Home into a fully fledged boarding school. ● Picture by Etienne Rothbart.

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Stone-throwing mob kills man on plo

By Melody McDougall,
Vereniging Bureau

A 26-year-old Vanderbijlpark man died at Johannesburg Hospital after he, his father and elder brother were attacked by a stone-throwing mob when they went to investigate "fighting" on a plot near their Mooiwater smallholding at the weekend.

Jurgen Kuhne, a fitter and turner by trade, apparently suffered multiple stab wounds and head injuries.

His father Hans Kuhne (53) and elder brother Ralf (29) suffered minor injuries.

Fighting

A shocked Mr Kuhne said last night the tragedy occurred early on Saturday, when he and his two sons were awakened by a group of workers and asked to investigate fighting on a small holding about 3 km away.

While talking to two men on the plot they were suddenly surrounded by a large mob, which started throwing stones at them.

According to Mr Kuhne, he jumped into his car while his sons got into their vehicle in an attempt to flee from the scene.

The second car got stuck on a sand bank and when Jurgen got out to push the vehicle he was apparently attacked by the mob and stabbed several times.

Mr Kuhne said when he returned to the scene with police they found the stranded car burnt out.

A police spokesman last night confirmed that two men had been arrested.

S Africans to share views on country's future

Stephan
20/1/92 Political Staff (84)

South Africans of all political persuasions will come together at a three-day conference in Johannesburg this month to share their views on South Africa's future.

The conference, organised and hosted by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF), will bring together about 800 participants from MPs from all parties re-

presented in Parliament.

Also included will be groups such as the African National Congress (ANC), the United Democratic Front (UDF), the South African Communist Party and Inkatha.

Officials from various Government departments, opinion-makers, businessmen and academics will also attend.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said the conference, entitled

"South Africa at a Turning Point - Negotiations and Beyond", will focus on the need for wide discussion on the problems facing South Africa.

Miss Neke said members of the public will have an opportunity to debate in small groups with politicians and experts at the August 24-26 conference.

She said there will be exchanges of opinion on the process of negotiations, with views

expressed on referendums and constituent assemblies.

The conference's main purpose was "to provide a forum for examination of policy-related issues in a post-negotiations South Africa".

The FFF said while it welcomed the process of negotiations already under way, it believed the issues of negotiation should not be decided at top leadership level alone.

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New town 'not 2nd Soweto' (84)

By Louise Burgers, Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) yesterday denied that the proposed new town Rietfontein, south of Johannesburg, was another Soweto as race considerations had not been taken into account when the development was planned.

"It is a town for all people, not black or white. We believe it will largely serve the lower income group and provide work for up to 100 000 people in the future," town and regional planning consultant to the CWRSC, John Rosmarin, said at the CWRSC's presentation on Rietfontein.

It is envisaged that the 9 000 ha site would eventually accommodate 600 000 people. Facilities such as hospitals, recreation and schools — 194 primary and 63 high schools — have been planned.

About 1 300 ha was available for industrial development and 2 000 ha was set aside for open spaces, parks and recreational facilities.

The chairman of the CWRSC, John Griffiths, said it was impossible to put a cost estimate on the whole development as it was still in the preliminary planning stages. Procuring the land would cost in excess of R1 billion.

He said the completion of the planning and provision of bulk services would take about three years.


Detailed development planning is being supervised by a special committee chaired by Jan Burger who represents Johannesburg on the CWRSC.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration, West Rand and Vaal Triangle RSCs, the SA Housing Trust and representatives from certain mining houses serve on the committee.

Mr Griffiths said 25 000 ha of available land in the PWV area was being studied, as by the year 2 000, about 2,7 million people would have to be accommodated due to rapid urbanisation.

Factors taken into consideration when the Rietfontein structure plan was being developed were environmental aspects, existing development, transportation, potential land for urban development, existing and potential employment areas and future urban structure.

Initially Rietfontein residents would be largely dependent on the central Witwatersrand and West Rand for employment. Buses and minibuses using the existing road network would have to be relied on to provide transport.

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Policeman and taxi driver both wounded

Staff Reporter

An off-duty policeman and a taxi driver were wounded when unknown gunmen shot at them during a suspected armed robbery in Moletsane, Soweto, police confirmed last night.

Soweto police spokesman, Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, said the incident occurred at about 8 pm while the policeman and the driver were parked outside house number 1066, Moletsane. They both suffered leg wounds.

The unidentified policeman returned fire and the attackers fled.

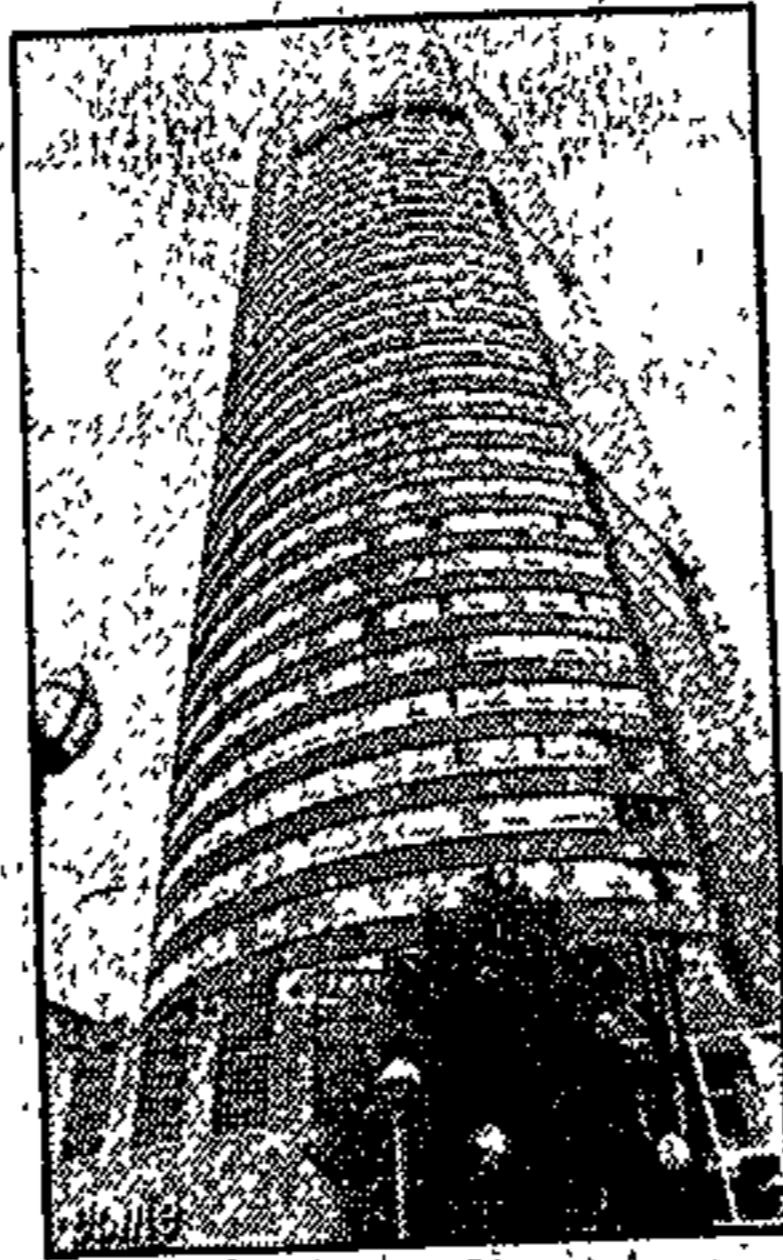
Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said nobody had been arrested in connection with the incident and police were investigating.

Top secret deal to buy Ponte City for exiles

By Shirley Woodgate
Top secret negotiations are in progress for the sale of one of South Africa's biggest blocks of flats, Ponte City in Berea, to eventually house up to 2 000 returning ANC exiles.

South African Council of Churches general secretary Frank Chikane today confirmed the National Co-ordinating Committee had set up task forces to deal with issues relating to the return of some 20 000 exiles, including housing. He said it was likely the possibility of acquiring Ponte was being explored, but he did not believe such a deal had been clinched.

Informed sources indicate the contract with the owners, Gazebo



Ponte City

Beneficiaries, and the as-yet unnamed purchaser were at an advanced stage.

Bankorp Property Services, who administer the property, indicated the building "had always been in the market" and a sale had been concluded.

While ANC spokesman Gil Marcus denied any involvement by the ANC, Ahmed Kathrada said he had only heard of the deal

yesterday and confirmed: "We have 20 000 exiles in South Africa and we have said we will look at housing, schooling, clothing and so on."

The building falls within the area recently identified for investigation as a free settlement area by the Free Settlement Board.

Some hospital fees doubled

ST- 2/8/90 Pretoria Bureau

Some patients will have to pay double for treatment at Transvaal provincial hospitals after yesterday's increase in fees.

Transvaal MEC for Health Services Fanie Ferreira said "patients in Government hospitals should make a bigger contribution to the cost of health services".

The new tariffs are:

- H2 patients — with a family income up to R16 200 and depending on the size of the family — R10 for admission to community hospitals and R15 for admission to regional or academic hospitals.
- H3 patients — with a family income up to R19 200 and depending on the size of the family — R10 a day in community hospitals and R15 a day in regional or academic hospitals.
- H4 patients — earning from R9 000 to R22 000 — R40 a day for community hospitals and R60 a day for regional or academic hospitals.

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US authority to speak at the Five Freedoms Forum talks this month

Political Staff

A leading American academic will speak at a mammoth conference organised by the Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) in Johannesburg this month.

The conference, to be attended by about 800 people from all political parties and organisations, both parliamentary and extra-parliamentary, will focus on the need for a wide discussion on the problems facing South Africa, according to FFF spokesman Gael Neke.

It is entitled "South Africa at a Turning Point — Negotiations and Beyond".

The August 24-26 conference will provide the first opportunity for members of the public to debate with politicians and experts on subjects that will directly affect their lives in the future, according to Ms Neke.

Professor Pat McGowan, a leading US authority on global political and economic systems, at present attached to Rhodes University's International Studies Unit, will talk about the global international environment of the '90s, with a focus on the changes taking place in Eastern Europe.

The commission will be chaired by Professor Koos van Wyk of Rhodes University's International Unit Studies.

● For more information on the conference, contact Ms Neke at (011) 678-7188 or Alastair Teeling-Smith at (011) 339-2003.

No Ponte deal yet, says Chikane

Staff Reporter

purchase Ponte had taken place.

Ponte City was just one of many buildings or projects suggested as possible housing for returning exiles, but no contract had been entered into, the South African Council of Churches said today.

Reacting to reports that the Johannesburg building was seriously being considered by the National Co-ordinating Committee as a housing prospect, SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said it was untrue that any negotiations to

Various possibilities were being explored, he said.

The housing company Quantum, reported to have been involved in the Ponte negotiations, had, like many other companies, approached the SACC and indicated their interest in the task force involved in the project.

Informal discussions had been held with some of the companies, including Quantum.

"I personally have not met Quantum," said Mr Chikane.

22 500 in strikes, protests

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By Brendan Templeton

About 22 500 workers were involved in strikes and protest action at mines in the Free State and Transvaal, the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said yesterday.

About 18 000 workers were boycotting stores and kitchens at JCI platinum mines around Rustenburg in protest against "repression" and working conditions, said NUM spokesman Jerry Majatladi.

Talks with the Chamber of Mines over wage demands on coal mines deadlocked on Wednesday, he said.

Another 1 500 workers at the Modderfontein gold mine, near

Brakpan, were sleeping on a football ground after being locked out following a strike over wages, recognition of the NUM, and dismissals.

At the Harmony gold mine, near Welkom, about 3 000 workers are striking over the detention of 11 colleagues arrested in June in connection with the death of a mine official.

A strike by about 20 000 workers is looming after a strike ballot by NUM.

Talks with the Chamber of Mines had failed to bring about any substantial changes in the mines' wage offer, said Mr Majatladi.

DP and ANC go north

7-6/8/60 (24) Northern Transvaal Bureau

Political history will be made in Pietersburg tonight when the Democratic Party and the African National Congress share a platform at a public meeting for the first time in the far Northern Transvaal.

In a local hotel, Zach de Beer of the DP and Thabo Makunyane of the ANC will address an open meeting which has aroused a great deal of local interest.

The DP established a branch in Pietersburg last year, and the ANC recently opened a regional office in the town.

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R350 000 taken in string of holdups

By Craig Kotze

A series of weekend hold-ups in Johannesburg, Sandton and on the East Rand netted robbers cash and goods worth more than R350 000, police said.

In Johannesburg, a suspect was shot and wounded by a robbery victim at Park Station after a gang held up two men on Friday night.

Antonio da Souza (19) of Roo-depoort and a friend were held up and robbed of R300 by four knifemen. Mr de Souza ran after the robbers and fired shots. One suspect was wounded and arrested.

The wounded man was hit in the lower back and is in the Hillbrow Hospital.

Gunmen

A gang raided two homes in Kew, tying up domestic workers and taking goods worth R90 000. The attacks took place in Fifth and Helen Streets.

In both cases, the stolen goods were loaded on to a bakkie.

Seven gunmen grabbed R45 000 from the Sales House clothing store in Second Street, Wynberg, on Saturday afternoon. The gang fled on foot.

Two robbers took an undisclosed amount of cash — police said it was "several thousands of rand" — from the Natal

Building Society on the corner of Pretoria and Quartz streets in Hillbrow at 7.45 am on Saturday.

In Jeppe, three gunmen made off with R12 000, two watches — one worth R1 000 — and liquor after locking up the owner and staff on Saturday in a walk-in fridge at the Leaders Liquor Store, Marshall Street.

In central Johannesburg, Pep Stores on the corner of Eloff and Salisbury streets was robbed of R6 000 at 9.50 am on Saturday.

And at Berry's Pharmacy in De Villiers Street, five gunmen grabbed R5 000 and bottles of after-shave.

The Star's East Rand Bureau reports that a wave of holdups, two of which ended up in shooting incidents, netted robbers almost R200 000.

In Elsburg, three gunmen held up Pieter Nienaber (67) and ordered him to open a safe before fleeing with R143 000.

In Tembisa, Albert Mashao (35) was robbed of over R26 000 at a service station.

An Alberton video shop was robbed of R14 000 by two gunmen.

A Boksburg man, R Ross (53) and his friend, a Mr Skelton, were overpowered by four knifemen and robbed of a firearm and more than R8 500 in cash after drawing money for a company on Friday.



Work on Johannesburg's Civic Spine at times cuts traffic in President Street to only one lane, especially at peak hour when minibus-taxis double and triple

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Civic Spine creates chaos for CBI

By Shirley Woodgate

Johannesburg's R10,5 million Civic Spine is still a twinkle in the eyes of the city fathers, but right now it's a major pain in the neck for hundreds of people along both sides of its route.

And even before the project has got off the ground, some President and Market Street shopkeepers are questioning whether the money has been well spent, whether the finished product will not be purely cosmetic.

It is the same story at every shop between Sauer and Rissik streets: dust, dust, glorious dust and plunging profits.

The customers stay out but the dust comes in

It settles on the merchandise, turns brand new goods into second-hand sale stuff, impregnates the carpets, adds an extra layer to foodstuff, filters into expensive electronic equipment and blankets the windows.

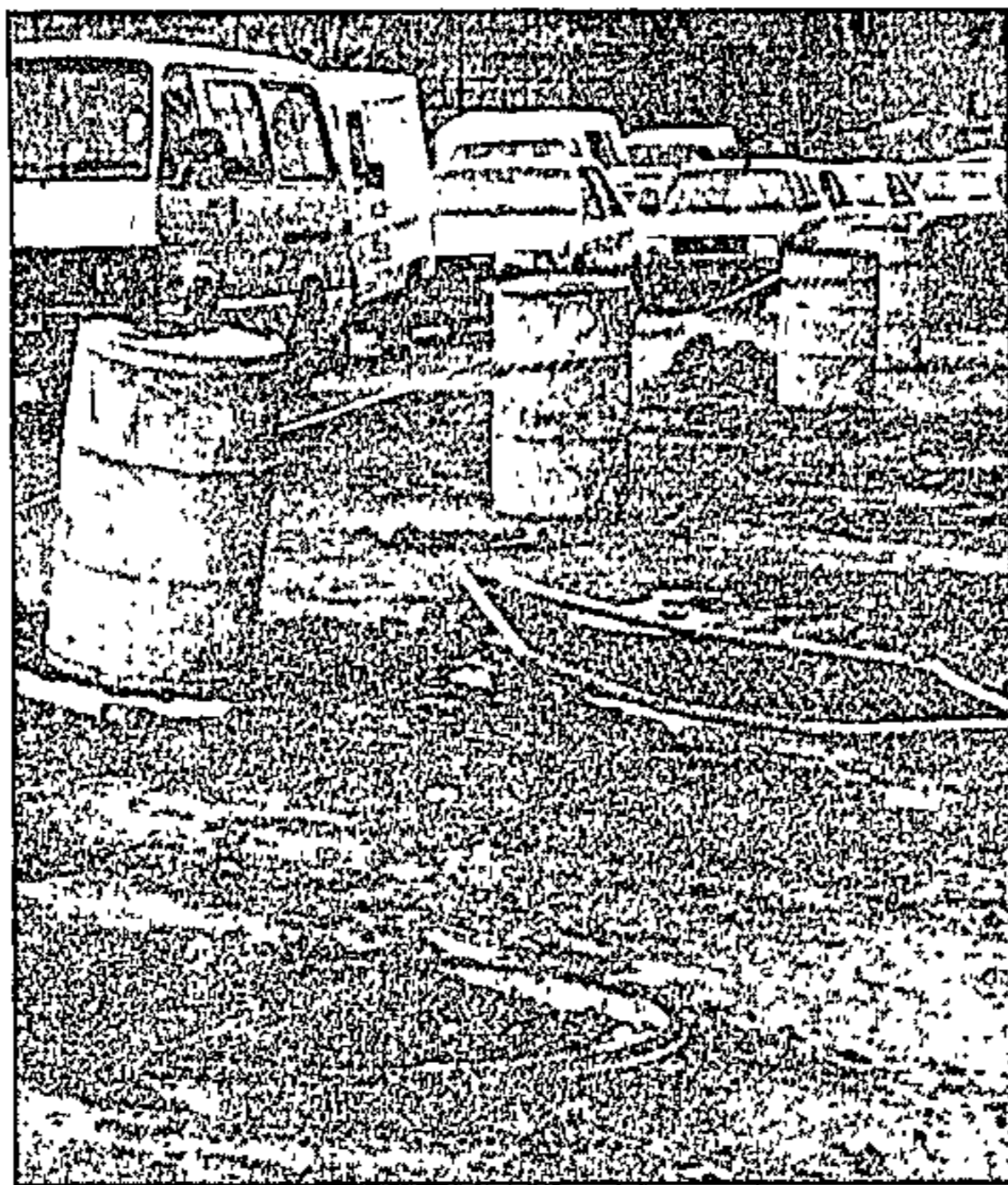
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Angry traders have had enough, but there is more to come as completion date is nearly a year away, in March 1991.

Out in the streets impatient motorists hoot their indignation at being held up by endless traffic jams and pedestrians run the gauntlet every time they venture on to the pavements.

Briefly, the Civic Spine is intended to give the CBD a tree-lined focal point.

It will run from the proposed piazza in front of the library through the extensively redesigned gardens and two new fast food restaurants above the



Cordoned-off sections of road, holes, and broken pavements are the order of the day while workmen prepare the ground.



In the dusty streets, pedestrians are forced to find a route between drums, broken pavements.

roofed car park ramps on either side of the library's fountain court, past the Cenotaph to the public square with its fountain in front of the City Hall facing the proposed hotel in the existing Rissik Street Post Office.

But according to shop owners, the lead-up to the end product is sheer chaos.

7.30 am President Street: No traffic officer in sight but traffic which is down to two lanes because of work on the Civic Spine is snarled up for two blocks.

Taxis charging down the right hand side of Sauer Street, hurtle

across onto the loading bays on the left of President Street and disgorge passengers, sometimes five vehicles at the same time.

When it all becomes too much, it's "hand on hooter and head your car into the crush".

Pedestrians jaywalk freely on the red. They have as much chance of getting across that way as any other.

A cyclist simply gave up the fight and took to the pavement, just another hazard for pedestrians already hard pressed to negotiate their way over missing blocks, potholes and sand traps.

But talk to the shopkeepers. Trader Adam Suliman: "The upgrading is purely cosmetic. It's a waste of money."

Maurice Reznik: "The situation is outrageous. We have to write off some garments because of dust damage. At the end of the day you paint the cupboard but that does not make it tidier. Who is going to use the Civic Spine? No self-respecting people will relax there."

Ian Dean, Market Street jeweller whose shop was cut off from the dirt pavement by a

deep uncovered trench: "We have lost all passing trade over the last few months."

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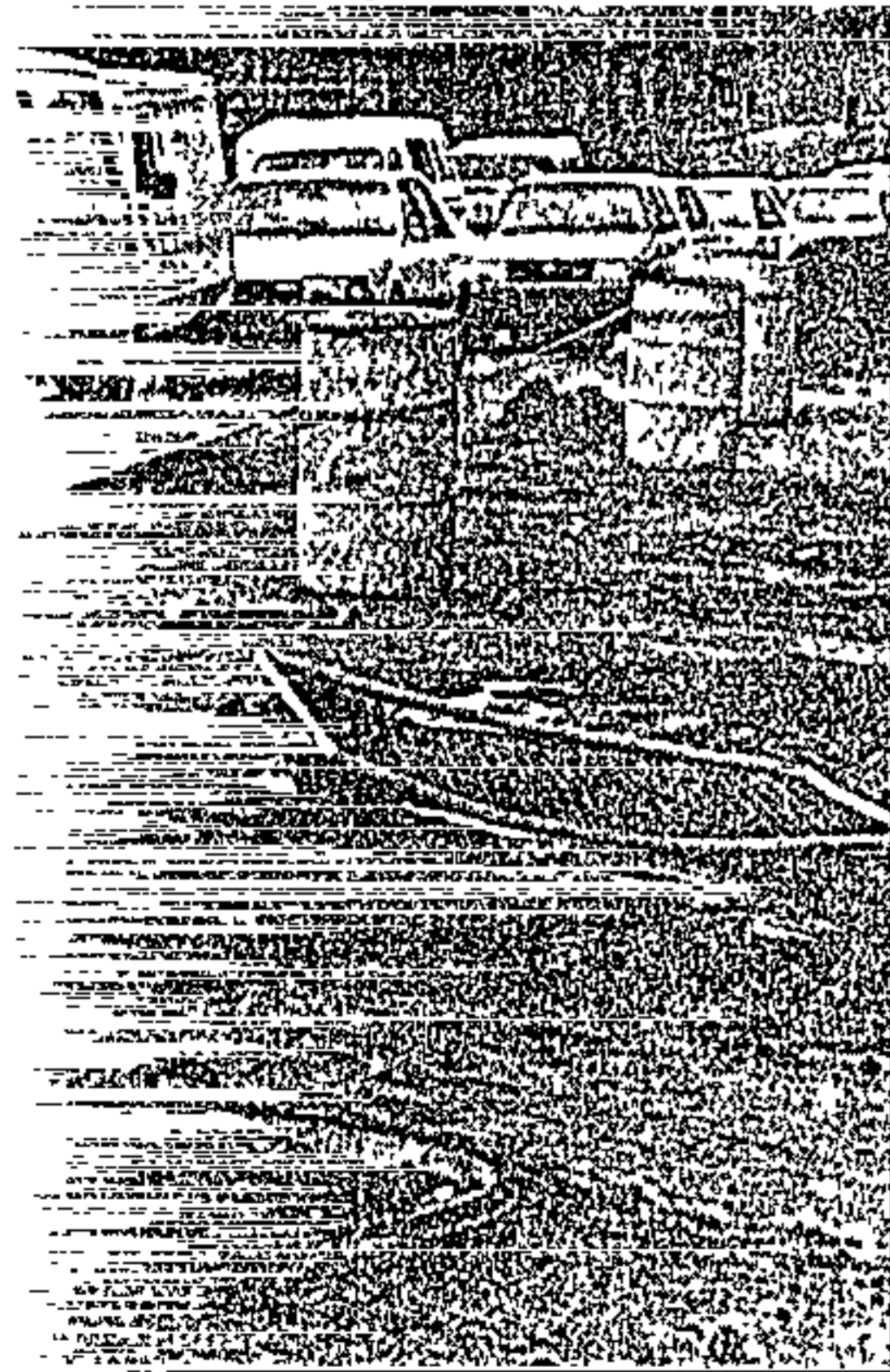
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they trip and fall or ruin their shoes". Harry Terezakis, pharmacist: "Business is down by 50 percent. Every time a car passes it kicks up dust which seeps into every corner of my shop. What is lacking in this job is consideration, co-operation and co-ordination." Juicy Lucy manageress Michelle Chadwick: "Business is 70 percent down. We arrived at work one day to find our refrigerator afloat after workmen burst a water pipe." Men's clothier John Renaud: "Business is down 30 percent.

Now we are in the cleaning, dusting and sweeping business" Toyshop proprietor Theo Charnow "They are totally inefficient. They laid the curb stones last month, now they are up again. I don't want to cut anyone's throat but that's what they are doing to me." Jose Alfonso "My takeaway food business is 40 percent down and the health authorities do nothing about my complaints." Tobacconist Bravin Jiban "Opening up your shop is a heartbreak experience in the mornings Business is 50 percent down and I have stopped buying new stock." Curator of First National Bank Museum Sue Smith "Sewerage, water and electricity supplies have been cut several times. We had no lifts for two days, telephones have been down and at one stage sewage was running into a hole in the street One pavement hole was dug and filled in three times"

Health

Bottle store manager Humphrey Matthyssen "We have major problems with lack of loading space in the street. Business is down 45 percent. After our water was cut off we complained to the health department who referred us to the engineers who sent us back to health, so we got our own plumber." Attempts to obtain comment from Johannesburg planning chief Eddy Magid were fruitless - the entire management committee left town last Wednesday for in-depth discussions about council matters at a Warm-baths, and they were only due back on Sunday.

Standard Bank Centre only a beginning

By Frank Jeans

Standard Bank Centre, the showpiece of Johannesburg property development, is the great beginning of a multi-million-rand additional assembly of commercial blocks bringing nearly 100 000 sq m more onto the market.

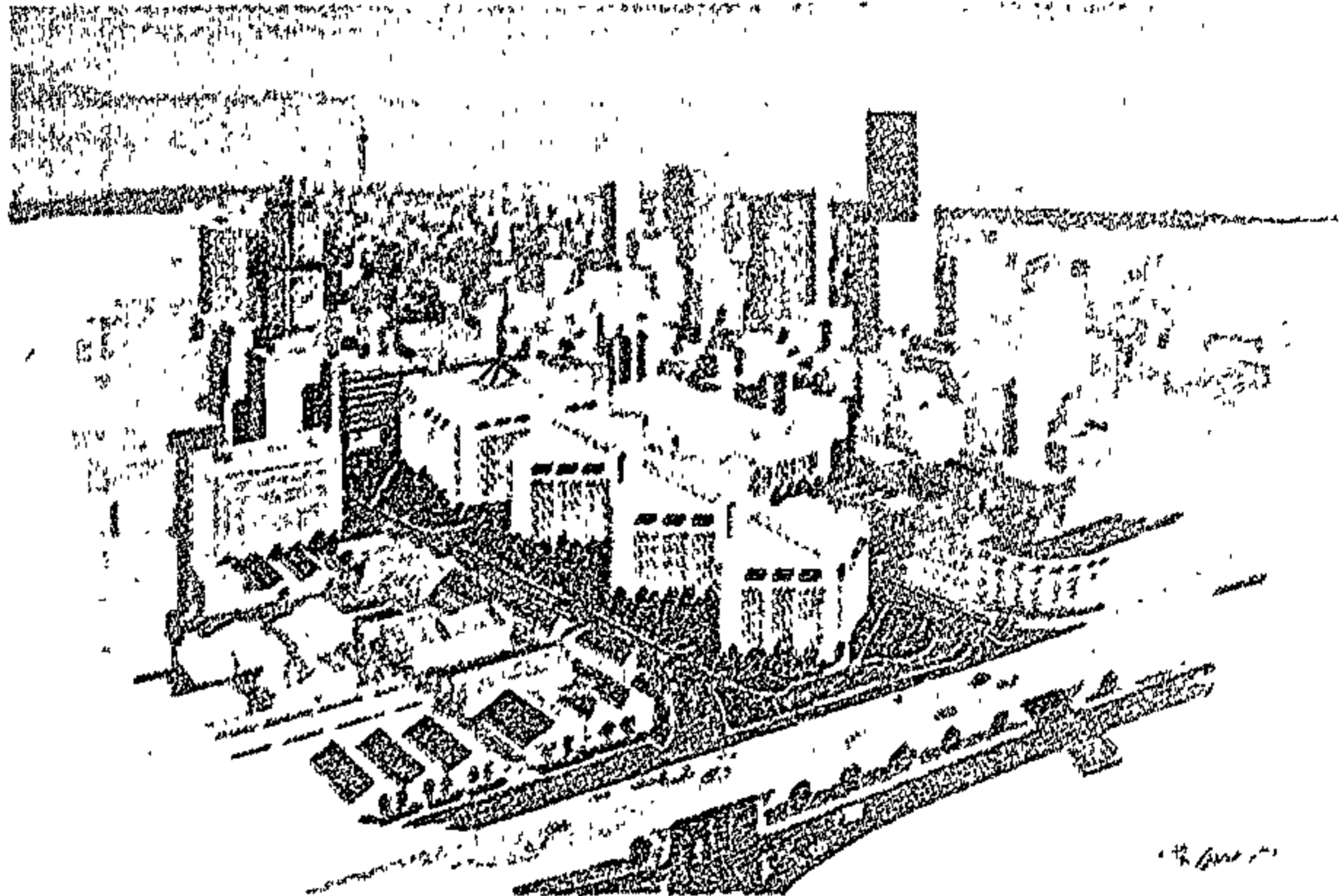
At a press briefing prior to the official opening of the R400 million development by Minister of Finance Barend du Plessis yesterday, Dr Conrad Strauss, managing director of Standard, said the bank had acquired adjoining land and properties south of the complex for future expansion.

Plans will take in new developments with landscaping and green belts on the verge of the M2 motorway.

"The siting of the centre has opened the way for a major redevelopment of the southern fringe of Johannesburg's Central Business District," said Dr Strauss.

"With office buildings in the immediate neighbourhood already generating a daily population of more than 12 000, the way has been opened for a long overdue development of this area."

A plus factor, too, for the big commercial build-up is the proximity of the motorway and its off-ramps, which will eliminate traffic snarl-ups re-



An artist's impression of the commercial build-up on the southern fringe of Johannesburg's CBD. The existing buildings of Standard Bank Centre are at the top, with additional blocks spreading out to the freeway.

sulting from the increasing office army.

Standard's latest addition to its head office is the total system masterpiece, No 5 Simmonds Street, which is linked by a skywalk to the No 6 complex, the construction

of which had to overcome extensive undermining — a legacy of the old mining days.

Standard Bank Centre now has a unique semi-circle colonnade bridging Simmonds Street.

Architect Willy Meyer

of Meyer Pienaar and Associates, told the meeting: "This element, which will bring greenery to what will be the entrance to the Standard Bank Centre, is testimony to the bank's commitment to the city's environment."

'Open' Hillbrow opposed

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday pushed for the entire city to be open to all races in spite of opposition from individual residents. It opposed Hillbrow being declared a free settlement area.

Addressing the Free Settlement Board sitting on Hillbrow, JCC representative R Bosman said the declaration of the suburb as a free settlement area would lead to the decline of its maintenance services as local bodies in a fragmented city would have less decision-making powers.

However, local residents addressing the eight-man board argued in favour of maintaining Hillbrow's former status — "an elite, whites-only area".

J E van der Merwe, a pensioner and flat owner, said since the influx of blacks into the area there had been a slump in property values coupled with steadily deteriorating living conditions.

She said the Government should compensate flat owners for damages they had suffered as a result of the slump. A trustee of a Hillbrow building, Mr W Ostrowika described Hillbrow as having become a "Third World crime-ridden slum".

The board is expected to take a decision next month, after which it would refer its findings to the Minister's Council.

Suspects found in 6 hours

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It took about six hours from the arrest of the first suspect to the completion of the investigation into the alleged murder and robbery of Dianne Tollman (53) in her Parktown North, Johannesburg, townhouse, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Herman van Straten, a detective constable with the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad, told Mr Justice R A Solomon and two assessors that he was one of the field team who went to Mrs

Tollman's home on February 14 last year. They tracked down Mrs Tollman's former maid, Betty Mbuli, and arrested her.

Mrs Mbuli (38) and her co-accused, Donald Khumalo (18), Godrey Moreane (24) and Thabo Malaleng (31) have pleaded not guilty to both counts.

By 7 am on February 15, the police had traced the taxi driver who allegedly transported the men to and from the townhouse.

The hearing continues.

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Vast recreation area proposed for PWV

By Shirley Woodgate

The Magaliesberg, Hartbeespoort Dam and the area surrounding the confluence of the Hennops, Crocodile and Jukskei rivers have been proposed by the Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) as a vast future recreational area to cater for the PWV's estimated 20 million population by the year 2010.

Gag, a pressure group which three years ago spearheaded tough opposition to Government plans to site the black township "Norweto" in the heart of white agricultural holdings west of Midrand, was responding to an invitation by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel for public input to a proposed strategy plan for the PWV complex.

Making public its submission for changes to the 1986 Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand, Gag proposed all three areas should for planning purposes be amalgamated into a single green "lung".

Urging that top priority should be given to recreational needs in the PWV, Gag said the logical extension of the Braamfontein Spruit would be north into the warmer climate along the Jukskei and Crocodile rivers to the Hartbeespoort Dam.

Country hotels, overnight guest houses, guest farms and retirement villages are envisaged, which would create work opportunities which in turn would lead to a need for additional housing in rural villages.

On a wider scale, Gag suggested planning for the area should be undertaken only after the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

Outdated

Road planning which was originally done in the 1970's to provide black commuter routes was outdated and should also be scrapped in favour of a relevant new plan in conjunction with Jomet, Masstran, local authorities and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Changed circumstances (specifically the planned Rietfontein development south of Johannesburg, intended to house 3 million people in an area not considered in any previous strategy plan) made this move essential.

Gag also suggested that vast tracts of mining land from Springs to Krugersdorp which have been considered sacrosanct on the premise that they may be mined again, should be considered areas for rehabilitation into residential, industrial or parkland developments.

2 NP nominees for Randburg

Staff Reporter

Two National Party nominations for the Randburg constituency were accepted at an NP divisional council meeting last night.

The choice between television personality André Walters and Marthinus van Schaikwyk, former political science lecturer at Stellenbosch University and president of Jeugkrag, would be made within a week, said Dawie de Beer, chairman of the council.

Mr de Beer said the two nominees would be vetted to see who was most acceptable to the needs and wishes of the Randburg community.

The vacancy arose when Democratic Party leader Wynand Malan resigned.

Pukke boycott white show

Potchefstroom University has refused to support the town's whites-only Spring Show "in any way" following a decision by the Potchefstroom Town Council allowing only white exhibitors and visitors.

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Professor C Reinecke, the university's rector and vice-chancellor, said: "The town council's decision affects certain staff members and students ... Consequently, the university has no choice but to dissociate itself."

Police evict 8/8/90 protesters at US mission

Police last night, at the request of officials, evicted three men staging a sit-in at the United States Consulate in Johannesburg.

The three former prison warders, members of the Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcru), occupied the consulate on Monday, demanding the reinstatement of 52 dismissed policemen and warders.

They were evicted after being on the premises for 30 hours. The sit-in was the second at the consulate in three weeks.

A consulate spokesman told The Star that sit-ins were becoming a trend. The consulate could not allow a diplomatic mission to be used as a public platform for individuals and organisations.

After due consideration the consulate asked the police to help remove the "trespassers", he said.

Earlier last night, Popcru said the three were being denied food, water and ablution facilities.

The consulate spokesman had no comment on this.

ANC, TPA hold
talks in Witbank

WITBANK — In a landmark meeting yesterday, about 30 members of the ANC and Eastern Transvaal Civic Association sat down to talk with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and representatives of white town councils.

The ANC's Eastern Transvaal secretary general, Joe Nkuna, said the three-hour meeting had been "very progressive".

"We now have a channel of communication between the two parties". — Highveld Bureau.

Wits tuition for weak students

Education Reporter

Wits University's faculty of science is to introduce a two-year tertiary college programme for students whose school background in science has been inadequate.

The programme will be open to those who wish to pursue a tertiary education in science, but who have come from schools with inadequate resources and poorly qualified teachers.

The course is designed to enable students to enter the second year of a BSc after completing the two-year college course.

● The SA Association of Art Historians (Transvaal) and Wits University's art history department are to host three lectures on "Art and political commitment".

For further details telephone 011-7163595.

More cases, no cash

Staff Reporter

Increased public awareness had pushed up the number of suspected child abuse cases reported to Johannesburg Child Welfare Society, but this had not led to a corresponding increase in funds, said director Adele Thomas at the annual general meeting this week.

Increasingly, welfare workers were dealing with children who had been severely traumatised and families with complex problems for whom extensive help was needed.

Work in Alexandra and

Soweto had become extremely difficult during the year with an average of two cases of abandoned children reported every week.

"Working under such difficult circumstances, social workers have had to recruit members of communities to meet the need," she said.

The society's 1990/91 budget is R8,5 million. Dr Thomas said after limited subsidies were received from the State, about R18 000 had to be raised daily from the private and business communities to make up the shortfall.

Another white Transvaal school may have to close

By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

Another white school in the Transvaal may be forced to close its doors due to a drastic decline in pupil numbers.

The Rand Central School Board has recommended to the Transvaal Education Department (TED) that Blairgowrie High School should close.

If it does, it will be the 13th Transvaal school to close since last year.

One parent said her daughter had brought home a note this week, which said the school's management council had recommended that the school should close.

She said there were now about 300 pupils enrolled, while about 900 could be accommodated.

A TED spokesman confirmed the school might close. He said a meeting was being held to gauge the opinion of parents.

The final decision

would be taken by National Education Minister Gene Louw after he was fully informed of the opinions of interested parties.

Chris Morgan, chairman of the management council, said dwindling pupil numbers was partly due to the building of a new school in the area, and to reduced demand from the community.

He said the Rand Central School Board had recommended that the school should close.

Last year two English schools and seven Afrikaans schools in the Transvaal were forced to close down due to a decline in pupil enrolment.

At the beginning of the year, the Bezhuidenhout Primary School in Johannesburg East closed.

Western High School in Johannesburg West and Höerskool Ontdekkers in Roodepoort are due to close at the end of the year.

Explosion at Anglo laboratory

Staff Reporter

An explosion which resulted in a fire at the Anglo American Research laboratories at Crown Mines, Johannesburg, yesterday caused extensive damage to the property but no one was reported seriously injured.

A spokesman for Anglo said the explosion occurred in one of the extraction ducts above one of the laboratories in the complex.

Thick black smoke which billowed above the building was noticed by passing traffic inspectors.

The fire department was called and the complex was evacuated.

Firemen put out the flames. Several people were treated for smoke inhalation.

The spokesman described the explosion and fire as an "industrial accident".

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By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

Leon lashes out at ANC, NP and SACP

The African National Congress (ANC) should stop relying on a victim psychosis and start being creative in the market-place of ideas and policies, according to Democratic Party MP for Houghton Tony Leon.

In a hard-hitting speech at his report-back meeting in his constituency last night, he accused the South African Communist Party (SACP) leader Joe Slovo of economic illiteracy, took the ANC to task for its "declared policy of 'popular frontism'", and its consequent lack of clear policies, and criticised the government for not repealing

all vestiges of discriminatory legislation during the last parliamentary session.

Mr Leon said much of what passed for the ANC's policy for reconstruction was "nothing more, or less, than tired, old anti-apartheid slogans and rhetoric dressed up in new garb".

Easy to win

"Repeating cliched paragraphs of the Freedom Charter is no substitute for analysis and coherence," he said.

It would be easy for the ANC to win power "on a minimal

programme of meaningless populism", just as it would be equally easy for "hard men of the left" in the ANC-SACP alliance to implement the second stage of the revolution through the imposition of socialism.

Mr Leon warned "Mr Slovo and his fellow travellers" that if they attempted to implement state-sponsored socialism in the new South Africa, those who possessed wealth and created jobs and opportunities would "simply relocate themselves, their children and their assets".

Turning to the NP, Mr Leon said it too was as vague and in-

coherent about its policies as the ANC.

"It has certainly reformed our politics and, haltingly and imperfectly, begun to dismantle apartheid. However, the fact that the NP has begun negotiations has not transformed it into a party of good government," he said.

While the DP was smaller, it was powerful in ideas and unambiguous in its commitment. The party had to engage in dialogue and win converts to its cause "in the new constituency of black South Africa" before it was too late.

Slovo heckled at chat show

Star 9/8/90 By Guy Jepson

Assemble a group of about 150 white-collar middle-class South Africans for a political discussion with a leading official of the South African Communist Party and you have a recipe for high drama.

And that was what is was at O'Hagan's Wine Bar in Dunkeld, Johannesburg, last night when SACP chief Joe Slovo made a guest appearance at a chat show chaired by radio and TV personality Tony Sanderson.

There was a short power-cut at the start, but Sanderson said: "There is no truth in the rumour that it is a right-wing plot."

Things got serious as Mr Sanderson

grilled Mr Slovo on Communism, its failure in Eastern Bloc countries, crimes committed in the name of Communism, the SACP's response to business fears of its economic policies, and its attitude to religion.

Heckling broke out as Mr Slovo was questioned over his public statement that Jesus Christ could have joined the ANC's armed wing.

But the man once regarded as South Africa's Enemy No 1 stuck to his guns.

"I believe Christ was a liberal and a revolutionary," he said.

The SACP was in favour of a Bill of Rights enshrining freedom of religion, speech and political affiliation, he added.

Council firm on Blairgowrie school

By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

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overwhelmingly in favour of the school staying open.

The management council of Blairgowrie High School will not reconsider its recommendation to the Transvaal Education Department (TED) that the school close — in spite of opposition by parents.

Chris Morgan, chairman of the council, said its decision would be sent to the TED.

At a stormy meeting between parents, representatives of the TED and the council, parents were

If the school is forced to close, it will be the 13th white Transvaal school to close because of a drastic decline in pupil numbers since last year.

A parent who attended the meeting said it was suggested that the school should open to all races or become an "all-day" school with compulsory homework and sport in the afternoons — which could persuade working parents to

send their children there.

Interviewed by The Star, Mr Morgan said these options were impractical.

The meeting was attended by about 200 parents, out of a possible 500.

Although most parents were against closing, the council would support the recommendation of the Rand Central School Board that it close.

There are about 300 pupils at the school, which can accommodate nearly 800.

Whites down tools, refusing to do work of black strikers

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By Brendan Templeton

About 200 white Spoornet artisans in Braamfontein threw a spanner in the works yesterday when they downed tools in protest against having to do the jobs of 350 black workers who went on strike last week.

The strikers' jobs included fetching materials, carrying tools to job sites, and assisting in repair work.

A spokesman for the white workers said they wanted to be paid their own salaries and that of the black workers as they were doing more than one job.

They would return to work tomorrow but in all likelihood, would refuse to work and return home, he said.

This could hold serious impli-

cations for Spoornet because the railway traditionally relies on its white workers to do manual jobs during strikes.

The South African Railways and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarwhu) said it expected the strike among its workers to escalate because negotiations with Spoornet management were progressing slowly.

The strike was sparked off by the dismissal of three workers and the issuing of a final warning to another.

Spoornet spokesman Ian Bleasdale said the workers had been told they could appeal against the disciplinary hearing's findings, but they had insisted on embarking on strike action.

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Inkatha against Peace - Fedtraw

By Shehnaaz Bulhulia

The Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw) yesterday accused Inkatha of attempting to derail the peace initiatives between the Government and the ANC.

Speaking at a press conference on violence, Fedtraw's executive member Jessie Dwartse announced that a campaign to end the violence was under way.

Fedtraw called on all those who were armed to lay down their machinery so that peace could be restored in the townships.

End to violence

An hour before the press conference 50 Fedtraw members, including the head of the ANC cultural desk, Barbara Masekela, staged a peaceful picket.

The women called for an end to violence and the resignation of Inkatha leader Kwazulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Feroza Adam of Fedtraw said August 9 was a day when women countrywide paid tribute to the 50 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria 34 years ago to protest

against women carrying passes.

This year women were carrying the message of peace, she said.

The peace initiatives on the part of the ANC and its allies appeared to have been met with violence by the right wing, Inkatha and the uncontrolled police force, she said.

Fedtraw demanded the Government disarm Inkatha, that warlords in Natal be brought to trial and that Chief Buthelezi be stripped of his power as Commissioner of Police in Kwazulu.

The organisation also called on the Government to abolish the Internal Security Act, control members of its security force and disarm right wing groups.

If the demands were met, the violence that was spreading in other areas of the country would be halted, Ms Adam said.

A resident of Sebokeng, Martha Marohi recalled the violence which had erupted in the area after an Inkatha meeting last month.

She claimed that Inkatha members went on a rampage.



Women on the move to end violence . . . head of the ANC's cultural desk, Barbara Masekela joins the Federation of Transvaal Women's picket clearing the streets of Johannesburg yesterday.

Spotlight
on diseases
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in children

Medical Reporter

The paediatric department of the Johannesburg Hospital is holding a symposium on chronic diseases in school children aimed at parents, teachers, community health nurses and others on Wednesday.

The aim of the symposium is to give an understanding of the problems of children with chronic diseases such as asthma, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy.

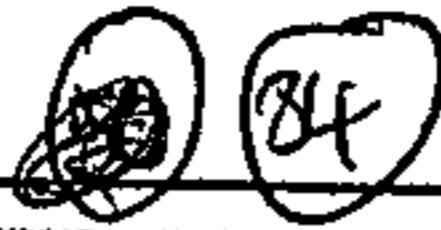
Topics will include the psychosocial effects and the mental and physical abilities of children with chronic disease.

Among the speakers will be paediatrician Dr Francois de Villiers, clinical psychologist Thandeka Mqoduso of the University of South Africa, physiotherapy professor Muriel Goodman of the Johannesburg Hospital and Dr Ros Frankel.

The symposium will be held in the hospital auditorium.

The registration fee of R20 includes tea and a light supper. Further information can be obtained from D Green at (011) 488-3256 or 488-3206.

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Who will pay for education needs?

By Kaizer Nyatumba,
Political Staff

Who should pay for school education in the oft-mentioned new South Africa?

That is a question with which a commission on education will grapple during the Five Freedoms Forum's (FFF) "South Africa at a "Turning Point — Negotiations and the Future" conference in Johannesburg.

The commission, to involve key policymakers and stakeholders from across a wide political spectrum, including proponents of "People's Education", will attempt this month to identify common ground.

It will also try to find ways of dealing with obstacles which might stand in the way of a common vision for a future education system, according to FFF spokesperson Gael Neke.

Some of the people involved in the commission, said Ms Neke, were important stakeholders who might be excluded in the actual negotiation process. The commission would

then "serve to democratise discussions around education policy in the future".

The conference will be attended by about 800 people.

The FFF's education group will initiate discussion and summarise the main points of view on the funding of education.

Said Ms Neke: "Financial provision is only one issue to be considered when looking at the system of school education, but has been isolated for discussion because of its crucial importance in determining solutions to the crisis."

Organisations invited to the August 24-26 conference were State education bodies, Government policy-makers, private school associations, teacher bodies, the private sector, organisations campaigning for open schools and political parties and organisations demanding fundamental change in the education system.

● For more information, contact Alistair Teeling-Smith or Etienne Marais at (011) 339-2003.

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Police accused after ID swoop

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By Monica Nicolson

A Johannesburg woman has accused police of unnecessary harassment after they entered her property, demanded that labourers produce identity documents and arrested them when they failed to do so.

Police said they ask labourers to produce work permits and enforce the Illegal Immigrants law to protect the rights of South Africans.

Mrs Madelaine Winfield says:

"My house in Orange Grove has been undergoing renovations for the past two months. On Tuesday police walked on to my property without a search warrant or my permission and demanded that the three labourers produce their immigration papers or work permits.

"Two men did not have their papers on them, so they were taken off in a police van.

"The supervisor tried to intervene, but the police told him to stop interfering.

"One labourer sent a friend to collect his papers and he was released. But the other man, whose papers were in Soweto, was held overnight and I don't know what has happened to him now," Mrs Winfield said.

Mrs Winfield does not believe this kind of incident improves race relations or problems in her newly adopted country.

Difficult

"I am very surprised by the police, because I thought this kind of intimidation and harassment was a thing of the past," she said.

A police spokesman says:

"Many thousands of illegal immigrants entering South Africa from neighbouring countries constitute a large big problem. It is very difficult to control. Due to the small staff in the Alien Control Unit, only a very small number are ever arrested and deported.

"It is an international law that a person working in a foreign country must have a work permit. A few reasons are to

protect job opportunities for residents, to prevent spreading of diseases and to protect the State.

"Police don't need a warrant if they believe a crime is being committed on a property.

"If a labourer is found to be working in the country illegally and the Department of Internal Affairs does not issue a work permit, he is deported back to his own country at the State's expense.

"Illegal immigrants who persist in returning to South Africa may go to court. The maximum sentence is six months and/or R600 fine," the police spokesman said.

Police said employers hired illegal immigrants because they could pay them less and did not have to pay tax on the workers' salary.

The maximum fine for employing workers with no permit is R10 000 and/or five months in jail.

Police said it would save a lot of time and trouble if people kept their ID books on them.

Call for probe of rightists

Pretoria Correspondent

Anti-apartheid organisations allied to the ANC have called on the Government to investigate right-wing organisations following the Bloed Street, Pretoria, bomb blast on Saturday.

And they have warned that failure to act could lead to a black backlash — possibly in the form of marches and consumer boycotts.

The United Democratic Front (UDF), supported by the Congress of South African

Trade Unions (Cosatu) and South African Youth Congress Organisation (Sayco), has laid blame for the bomb at the door of the right wing.

UDF spokesman, Mr Sipiwe Ngwenya, called on State President de Klerk to set up a commission of inquiry to "look seriously into the activities of the right wing".

Safety at taxi ranks comes into the spotlight at a meeting of the Pretoria United Taxi Association (Puta) today, following the bomb blast which occurred opposite a busy taxi rank and injured 40 people.

Chairman of Puta and the city's representative at the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta), Mr Enos Makena, said he deplored the planting of the bomb, especially at a busy taxi rank.

"The safety of our commuters comes first and we have called an emergency meeting to look into the question of safety at taxi ranks," he said.

This could include the appointment of plain-clothed security officers who would patrol taxi ranks. However he also appealed for vigilance on the part of commuters who

could point out suspicious people or parcels to taxi drivers or officials.

Mr Sipiwe Ngwenya of the UDF said information received by his organisation indicated that 44 people — and not only 12 reported as hospitalised — had been injured in Saturday's blast.

He said many of those injured had run away — an explanation confirmed by Mr Lola Mojela of the SA Youth Congress Organisation, who said people may run from a bomb for fear of being associated with it.

Conference to focus on protection of rights

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Professor John Dugard will chair a workshop on the protection of group rights in a future constitution at the Five Freedoms Forum's "South Africa at a turning point — negotiations and the future" conference at the Johannesburg Sun from Friday to Sunday next week.

Professor Dugard, head of the University of the Witwatersrand's Centre for Applied Legal Studies, will be one of many legal experts to take part in the workshop. It will focus on constitutional mechanisms for the future protection of the rights of the various groupings in the country.

Others will be Professor Albie Sachs of the ANC's legal department, University of Natal law lecturer Bede Harris, Professor Denis Davis of the University of Cape Town's Law School and Professor Ian MacDonald of Rhodes University's philosophy department.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said it would provide the first chance for members of the public to debate in small groups with politicians and experts "on subjects that will directly affect their lives in future".

The workshop will be one of many workshops and commissions to be held

Ms Neke said that now that the need for a new constitution and a judiciary Bill of Rights was generally accepted, these two items were likely to become key issues

"This workshop will be looking at what is the best mechanism to protect the rights of an individual as well as various constitutional mechanisms that protect an individual's rights."

● For more information, contact Alastair Teeling-Smith or Etienne Marais (011) 339-2003.



A drawing of City Librarian Dawn Evenden in the staff bulletin "The Cauldron" which celebrates the Johannesburg Public Library's centenary.

Library fun surfaces anew

The centenary of the Johannesburg Public Library in June brought a flood of memories both from readers recalling the joy they have received from books over many years, and from early — and current — librarians.

Many appear in the most recent and fascinating edition of "The Cauldron", the staff bulletin of the Johannesburg Public Library and Museums. The whole magazine is a lot of fun.

A rather nice headline to an appreciation from one reader is "Owed (Ode) to the Library". He closes his letter with the sentence "I owe you a debt I can never repay". The library helped him find literature on scores of interests.

Not plump

There are also many tributes from workers in the library before World War 2 — matriculant messengers who earned £7 10s a month plus uniform, and ended up as librarians and even department heads.

Charming narratives



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the dates on which their books had to be returned."

During the war the young men left on military service and the girls virtually took over every aspect of library service.

A hilarious incident is recalled by a reader for 55 years whose very first job after secretarial training was as the most junior of shorthand typists in the library. On her first day the chief librarian Mr R F Kennedy (whose daughter Lucy was one day to become chief librarian) observed the scared schoolgirl and said: "I hope your mother pinned your knicker to your knickers before you left home this morning."

"The Cauldron" re-

uant messengers who earned £7 10s a month plus uniform, and ended up as librarians and even department heads.

Charming narratives come from former "library girls" known in their day as "ten pound babies", not because they were young and plump but because they were paid £10 a month — a handsome sum in those days — as library assistants.

Many fell in love with the work, trained and wrote exams at the library and were hosted to a celebratory graduation lunch by the kindly, dedicated and revered chief librarian, Miss Anna Smith, who spurred their ambition.

Those were the days when the girls worked to 9.30 pm, walked safely on their own at night through the Library Gardens, caught a tram at the side of the City Hall and had a further walk home in the suburbs.

In 1934 came the move to the present beautiful building in Market Square.

On January 2 1940 the entire library service became free. One librarian recalls: "It was then the fun really began. It was wartime, there were few library outlets, and home TV in South Africa was something very much in the future.

"During lunch-hour the queues of lenders wound out of the Lending Library and down the front steps. Someone had to be on duty to marshal the lines of borrowers according to

schoolgirl and said: "I hope your mother pinned your hankie to your knickers before you left home this morning."

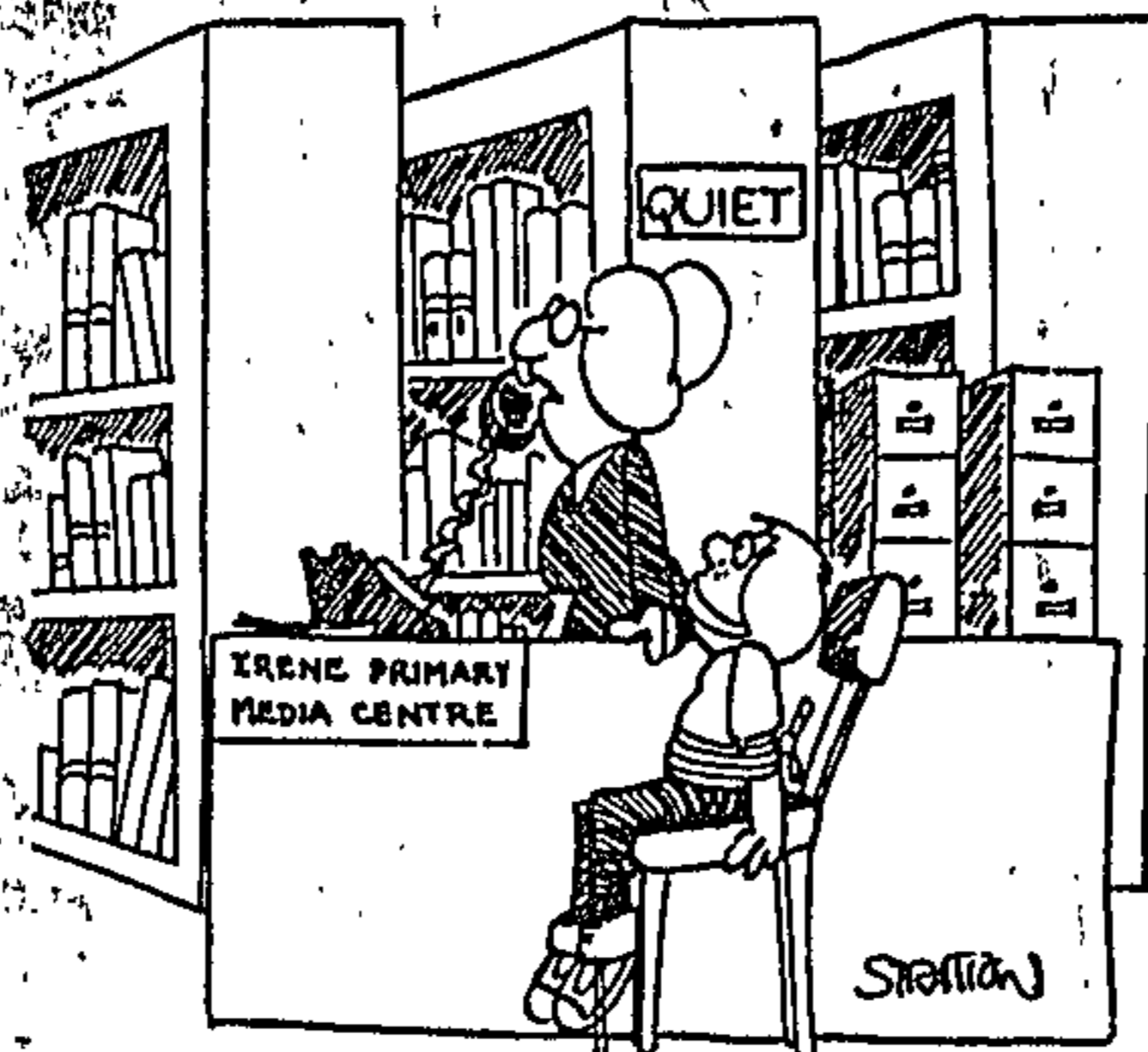
"The Cauldon" recalls that many matches were made over the years in the library.

One of the most famous is that of writer Herman Charles Bosman, creator of Oom Schalk Lourens, whose second wife, librarian Ella Manson, (described by an early librarian as "a warm, kind-hearted person deeply interested in music and poetry") met and chatted to him when he came in to borrow a book of poems by Baudelaire.

Rush

● A fun incident gave birth to "The Cauldon" writes its first editor, Mrs Fay G Karr. "It all started because as a senior readers' adviser I saw a newish assistant say to Mr Kennedy, during a busy lunch-time rush: 'Please stand in the queue'. All Mr Kennedy wanted to do was watch the long line of borrowers and make plans for speedier handling."

Mrs Karr adds: "Over four years 'The Cauldon' appeared six times a year. I tried to keep it short and quick reading so that it could be read from cover-to-cover in the you-know-where, then everybody would know what was happening in the library and its various branches, and also who Mr Kennedy was!"



"I'm not kidding around any more, Mrs Whitman. You have our book. We have your son."

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Policemen spoke of 'deep trouble' - detainee's wife

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Staff Reporter

The wife of a University of the Witwatersrand student detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act last Friday claimed yesterday that security police had said her husband was in "deep trouble".

Janet Seeber said her husband Jeremy was detained at their home in Verwoerdburg. He had not been charged and had been denied access to his lawyers.

Security police

searched the home for several hours before the arrest, Mrs Seeber said.

"They told me that my husband was in deep trouble when I inquired about the arrest. They refused to give any details."

Mr Seeber, a student of African literature, was detained several days before his daughter Angie's first birthday, Mrs Seeber said.

His detention has been condemned by the Teaching Staff Association and the Detainees'

Aid Centre (DAC).

The DAC said yesterday it hoped that, in the spirit of the Pretoria Minute, the Government would have begun releasing Section 29 detainees. Instead, repression was continuing.

The organisation called for the immediate release of all Internal Security Act detainees and for the scrapping of the Act.

Mr Seeber's detention has been confirmed by the Ministry of Law and Order.

Traveling into the future

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How do you involve 4 million people in a transport plan involving 21 towns and local authorities? That's something town planners the world over would give their eye teeth to know.

A team of engineering and planning consultants on the seventh floor of Devonshire House in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, may be approaching the answer.

The team, appointed by the Department of Transport and known as Masstran, this week completed an important stage in one of South Africa's most involved planning exercises.

Working with the public, as distinct from working for the public, they have moved a step nearer to recommending a mass transit system for the greater Johannesburg area.

The public involvement team has emerged satisfied, if not elated. They have won public praise and respect after 2½ months of almost daily discussions with community leaders, ratepayers associations, business and property people, transport operators, environmentalists

Johannesburg transport planners move a step nearer to achieving the impossible. **JAMES CLARKE** reports.

and others.

The aim of the first three rounds of meetings — all held in Masstran's office — was to establish the public's areas of concern regarding mass transport.

Ten citizens' liaison committees (CLCs) were formed on a regional and special interest basis. A committee of prominent community leaders helped them draw up lists of people for the CLCs.

I spoke to some who attended. They all seem pleased with the way things went.

Remano Del Mistro, transportation consultant and academic — who is on the steering committee which provides guidance to the Masstran team — said that in his "private view" the exercise has had "excellent" results and that Masstran is "on target".

Val Kleyn, representative of the Federation of Ratepayers in Randburg and who has attended three of the late-afternoon sessions, said: "We managed to identify many problem areas. The exercise was

pleasant, rewarding and stimulating."

Bob Stanway, director of the project, said: "We now have a much clearer idea of what people's concerns are and what they would look for in an improved public transport system."

Every issue raised was noted and cross-referenced. From this material the team has prepared a questionnaire ranking the relative importance of the public's concerns and, for the rest of this month, will survey almost 1 000 households to get the man-in-the-street's opinion.

Masstran's "second success", as Mr Stanway put it, has been to prepare computer models so planners can examine the potential and the limitations of all of Johannesburg's existing types of public transport — heavy rail, buses and combi-taxis.

It will also enable planners to see how these can be combined and at what point additional systems — such as a light rail system perhaps — need be introduced.

When might that be?

"It depends on a multitude of factors, not least of all the economy," says Mr Stanway. Ideas that have been mooted in the past, such as light rail systems, will be tested as options in the event that conditions could make them viable."

When the brief is completed in March next year it is unlikely that it will focus on a fixed, long-term master plan.

"We are more likely to recommend a practical planning process — a process that identifies scenarios and trends so that planners can implement a rational approach to public transport as circumstances change," said Mr Stanway.

What about getting people to leave their cars at home?

"That is not in our brief, but it may evolve if our recommendations result in a more attractive public transport system. We are not out to change existing modes of transport, but to maximise their potential in terms of a combined system."

"The combi-taxi, for example, will continue to pay an important role in the overall system."

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Gang shoots guards in bid to steal R3-m

By Anna Louw,
East Rand Bureau

Three Fidelity Guards employees were shot and wounded by a gang of robbers who forced their vehicle, carrying R3 million in cash, off the road on the R22 highway near Boksburg early today.

The driver of the van lost control and the vehicle careered across the highway and landed in the veld near the Bonaero Park off-ramp.

As the three guards emerged from the vehicle, one of the robbers opened fire with a shotgun. The driver, Dennis Thomas, was shot in the right arm and thigh. Deon Pienaar was shot in the left arm.

The wounded men and a third guard, Augusta Ackersley, ran through the veld to seek help at nearby smallholdings.

The robbers opened fire at the fleeing men, hitting Mr Ackersley in the back.

Bleeding profusely from

their wounds, the men knocked on the doors of two houses, but there was no answer.

At the third house, the owner, Warren Smith, called an ambulance and the police.

"There was blood everywhere. (Mr Ackersley) was lying on the kitchen floor while paramedics rendered emergency treatment," said Mr Smith.

Mr Ackersley had an exit wound in the chest and was losing a lot of blood.

The three were taken to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital, where Mr Ackersley is in a serious condition.

Mr Pienaar and Mr Thomas are reported to be in a stable condition.

The robbers fired several shots at the locks at the back of the van, but were unable to gain entry.

The security company later removed the cash from the van and took it to the Benoni depot where the guards were heading at the time of the attack.

Link between Mac and student detainee?

THE father of detained Wits student Jeremy Seeber (24) claims security police have implied a link between his son and South African Communist Party executive member Mac Maharaj.

Both men have been detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Maharaj was arrested last month for his alleged involvement in underground structures plotting against the Government.

Mr Seeber, an African literature student, was arrested last Friday.

Police have confirmed his detention but are not willing to disclose the nature of Mr

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Seeber's alleged ANC activities, as they believed it could hinder their investigation.

Mr Seeber's alleged involvement with the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, is also being investigated.

Professor Anthony Seeber, of the University of South Africa's Department of Economics, yesterday expressed outrage at his eldest son's detention.

In an interview with the Saturday Star he said the detention had come as "a total shock".

"We want Jeremy to know that we will stand by him, no matter what," he said.

The whole family had been holidaying in Zimbabwe and had returned to South Africa a day before the arrest.

"I could not believe my ears when I heard Jeremy had been arrested at his home in Pretoria.

"The security police told his wife, Janet, that Jeremy was in deep trouble.

"They questioned her about his connections with Maharaj," Professor Seeber said.

He said that if police had evidence against his son, he should be charged, rather than be detained indefinitely, without any access to lawyers.

The concerned father said he had taught his son since child-

hood to respect justice, but to fight apartheid.

"During his school years I introduced Jeremy to history texts other than those prescribed by the school, so that he could develop an open mind."

He described his son as being a "reserved, intense and concerned" individual.

Professor Seeber added that the family was not coping very well with the detention.

"My wife, Monica, keeps referring to the Groote Schuur Minute in the hope that Jeremy will be released.

"Since the agreement, however, more than 100 people have been detained under Section 29," he said.

My alarm clock's a bomb!

By ELIAS MALULEKE

... and Petrus was about to take it home to his family

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Brush with death... Petrus Keetse points out where he discovered the lethal device.

BLOED Street taxi-rank cleaner Petrus Keetse praised Lady Luck when he picked up an "alarm clock" in a Pretoria dustbin last Saturday.

An hour later he changed his mind and thanked the Lord he was still alive.

The Pretoria municipal employee said he was unaware the clock he found at peak hour at the busy taxi rank was a deadly bomb.

He said he had planned a short holiday and was looking forward to showing it to his family in Pietersburg.

Keetse, 43, said if the bomb had not been detected by police, he would have taken it to Mamelodi.

He said he was cleaning the taxi rank at about 8.15am when he found a "neat bag" in a bin near a filling station. The garage is at the inter-

section of Boom, Prinsloo and Bloed streets and is used mainly by taxis. Commuters also queue there for taxis.

Keetse said: "When I opened the bag there was an alarm clock attached by adhesive tape to a small battery and two coloured plastic tubes. Tiny wires were connected to the clock, battery and tubes."

He said the tubes were like "maChangaan woks" (pottery). He returned the clock and its attachments to the bag and stored the parcel in his changeroom before going back to work.

The changeroom is part of a small public toilet building at the taxi rank's entrance in Bloed Street.

This area is always crowded in peak hours and many hawkers ply their trade there.

Ninety minutes after his "lucky find", a bomb went off a few metres from the toilets. The bomb had exploded in a dustbin in front of a popular fast food outlet.

The 400g bomb rocked the takeaway shop and surrounding stores, sending glass, people and debris flying. Thirteen people were injured, three seriously.

As wailing sirens signalled the arrival of police and ambulances, Keetse ran back into the changeroom for safety, unaware he had a time-bomb for company.



Frans Mochlopi, who raised the alarm.

"It was a close shave," he sighed. "I was showing my supervisor the alarm clock when he suddenly shouted it was a bomb and rushed outside. "I left the room in a

hurry and followed him to a group of policemen to whom we reported the clock's presence."

Police confirmed the alarm clock was a bomb containing 400g of commercial explosive.

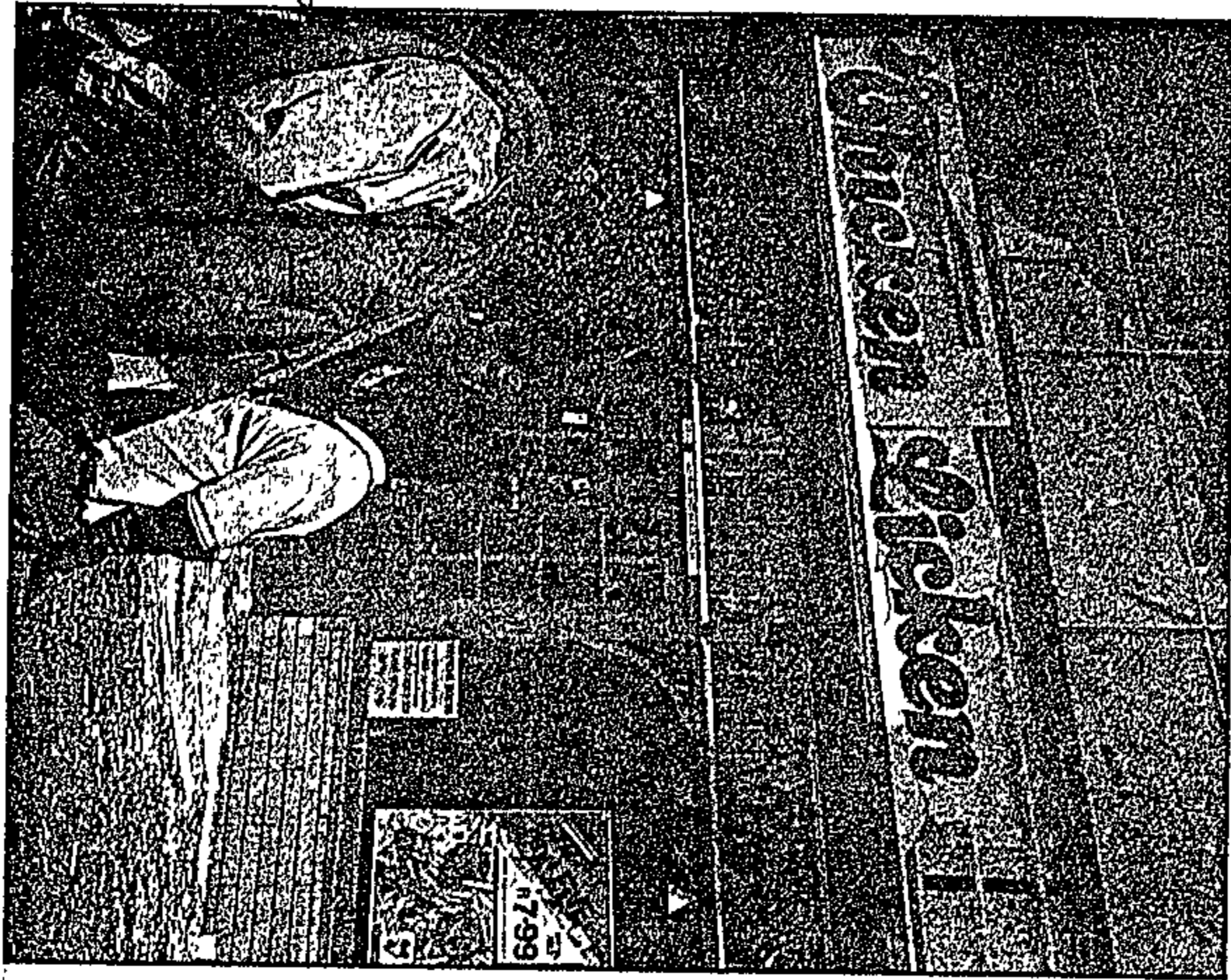
The bomb would have caused far more damage than the first because it was in a more confined and crowded place, police said.

Keetse's supervisor Frans Mochlopi said he noticed at once the clock was a bomb.

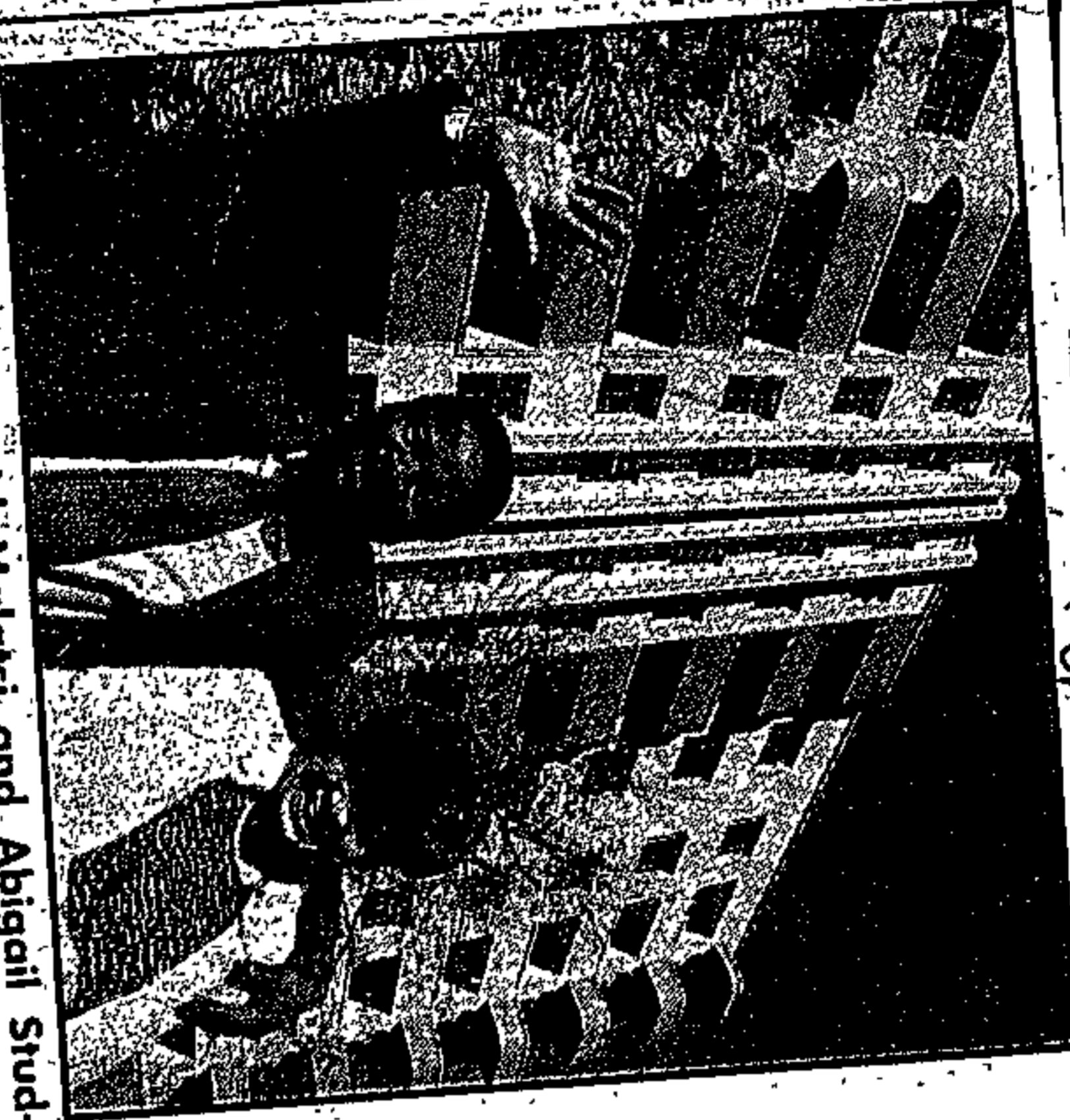
"The wiring and the circumstances under which Petrus found it made it obvious it was a bomb," said Mochlopi.

Keetse said he had learnt a deadly lesson, but a good one.

"From now on I am not going to take anything from a dustbin, not even a cold drink bottle," he said with a hollow laugh.



36 Hillbrow flats for sale — to all races



OVERJOYED David Malatsi and Abigail Studard outside Enfield Court.

FOR the first time in South Africa, a block of flats is officially on the market for ALL races.

The breakthrough in non-white residential establishment has been achieved in Johannesburg's flatland — Hillbrow.

The opening up of an entire property sectional title sale to other races might well be seen as a virtual curtain raiser to the eventual abolition of the Group Areas Act.

The building, Enfield Court in Kaptein Street, off Claim Street, with its 36 units, has been given block exemption from the Act for home ownership by other races in a traditionally white area.

Mr Konrad Rosen, of the Gradwells group which is managing the development, says: "Almost R1,5 million has been spent by the development company on the revitalisation of the vacant property."

The units have been renovated with new

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kitchens, bathrooms and carpeting, and all flats are linked to a security network — all on a par with the best finish in the white residential market.

The homes are competitively priced at R24 000 (studio), R37 500 to R41 500 (one bedroom) and R48 000 to R50 000 (two bedroom).

Marketing agent Ken Hardiman of Ken Hardiman Estates reports exceptional interest from the marketplace, with 20 of the Enfield flats already sold.

"With the expected repeal of Group Areas, there is going to be a flood of people seeking homes in previously controlled districts," he says.

"This must inevitably aggravate the problem of shortage of affordable homes."

Now Mr Rosen and Mr Hardiman are looking at similar developments in the Hillbrow area which could result in 2 000 more units coming on to the market for all races.

"We encourage resident buyers who, unlike speculators and investors, have a resident's interest in maintaining standards," he says.

"As flats are not tenanted, overcrowding and associated problems do not arise and the building increases in value."

Commenting on the development, Bob Tucker, managing director of the Perm, says: "This kind of project is seen as an important initiative in stabilising the residential property market and is conducive to the building up of communities."

"My only discomfort is that it has taken place under present restrictions and not in a free market system. Therefore, the sooner the Group Areas Act goes the better."

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Jo'burg house prices go up, up, up

By MICHAEL CHESTER

Johannesburg is still the most expensive area in South Africa for home-buying expeditions — with the average cost of a medium-sized house up 70 percent at almost R136 000 compared with under R80 000 less than four years ago.

This compares with a national average that trails behind at R102 500 against R72 000 at the start of 1986.

New surveys by researchers at the United Building Society show that while the middle price of houses on a nationwide count increased by no more than a modest 12 percent over the past year, lagging behind the overall rate of inflation, prices climbed by as much as 18 percent in Johannesburg.

Potential buyers also need to look more closely at the age of houses they circle in newspaper advertisements.

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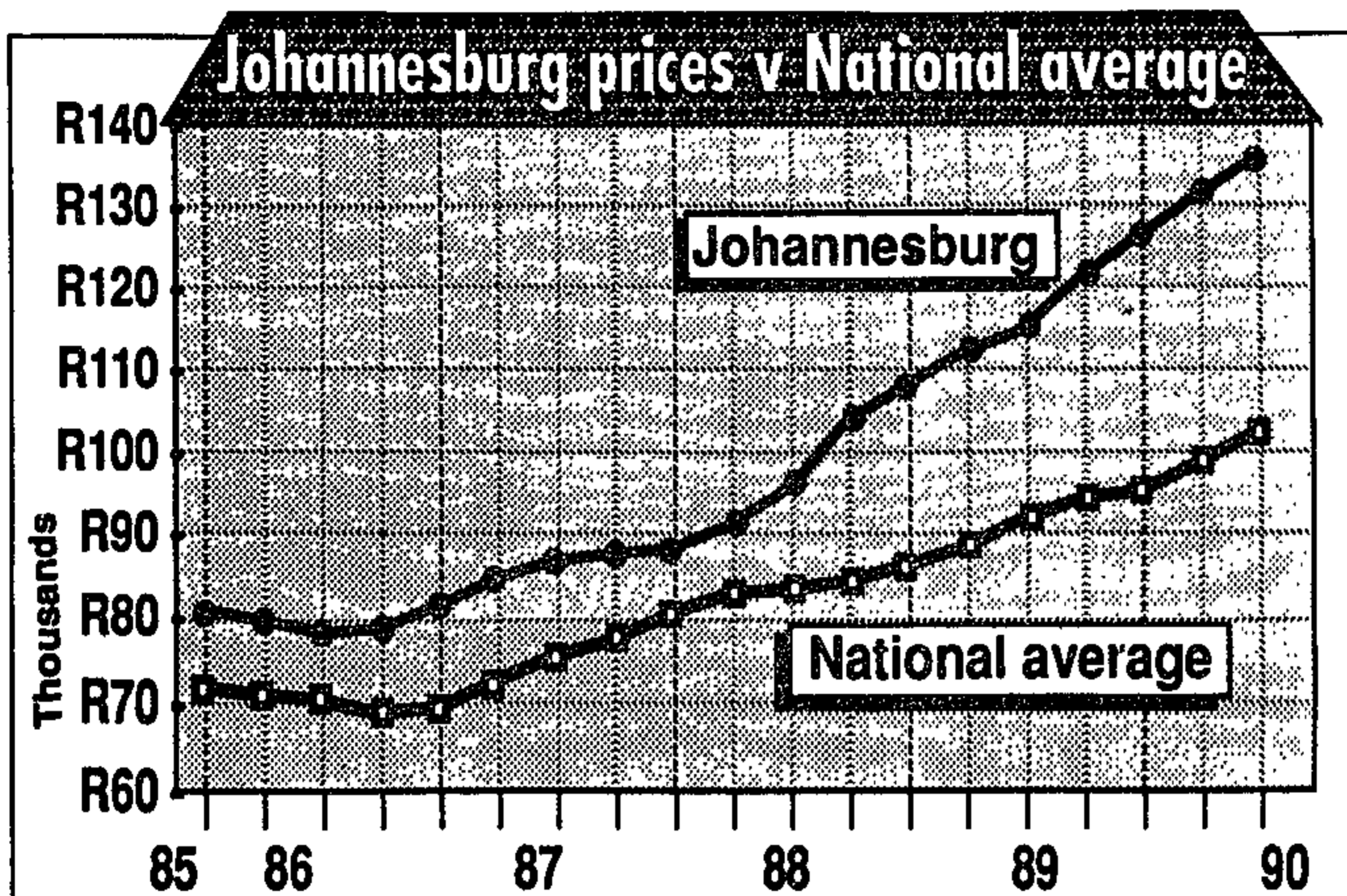
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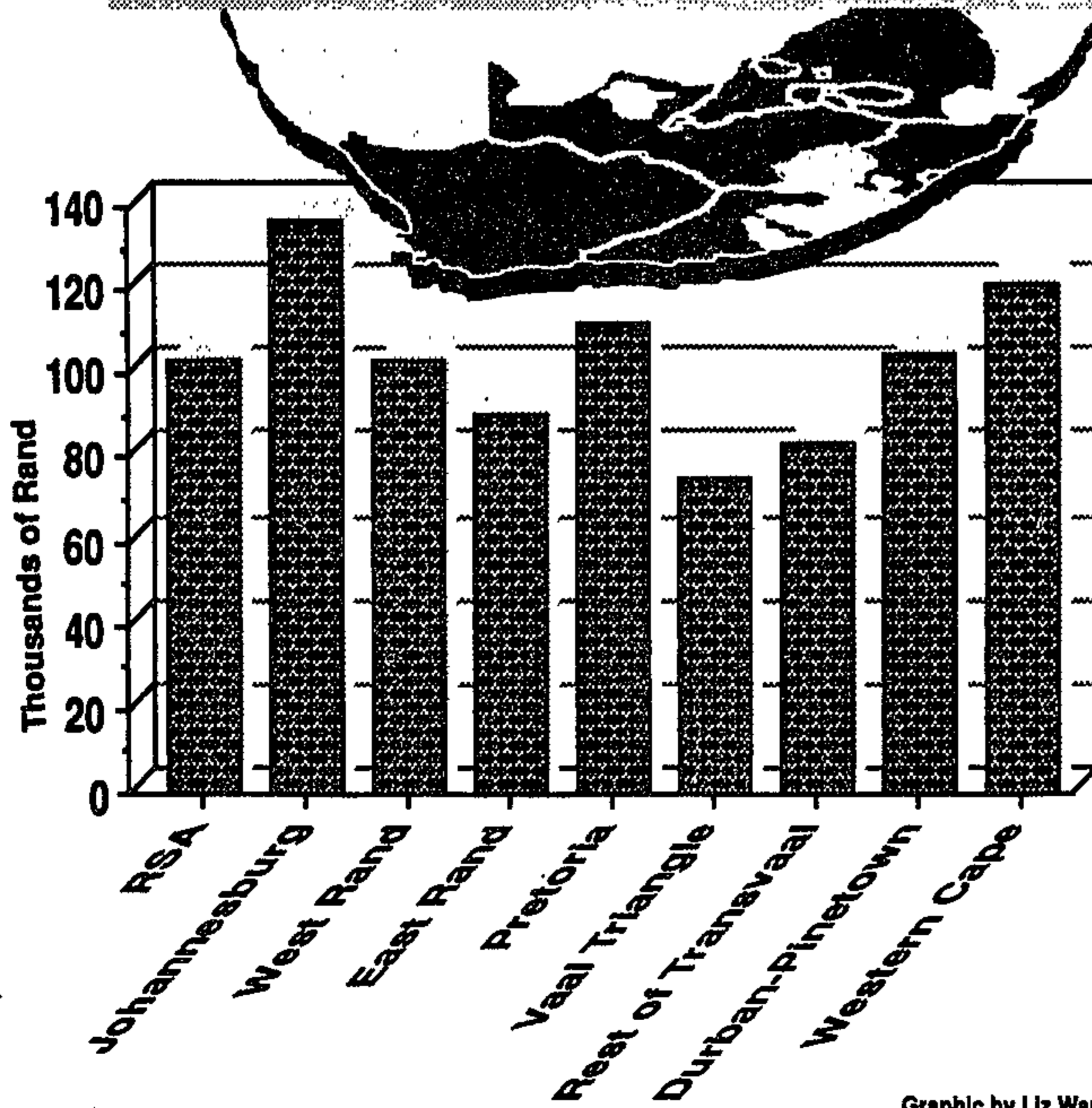
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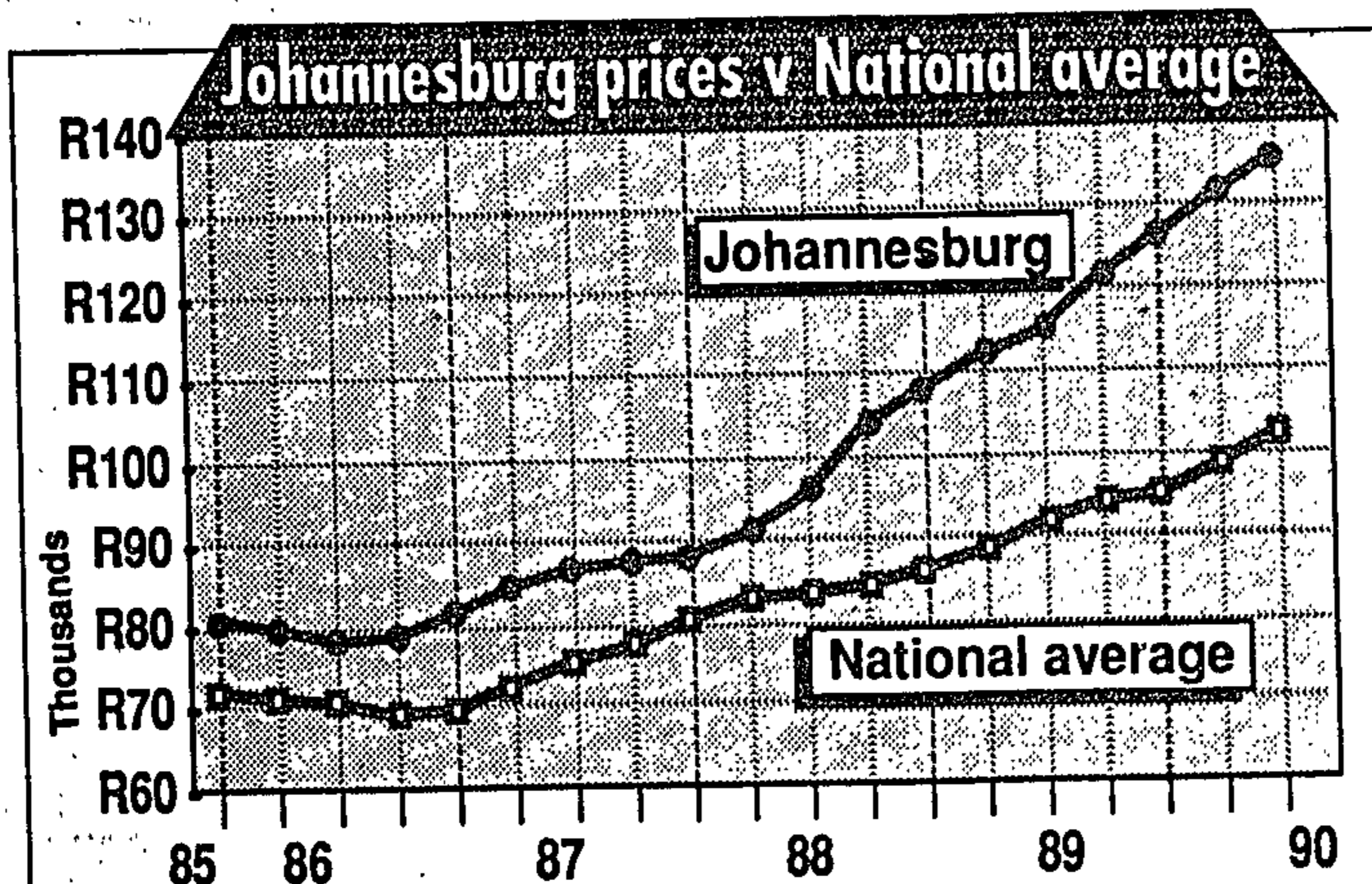
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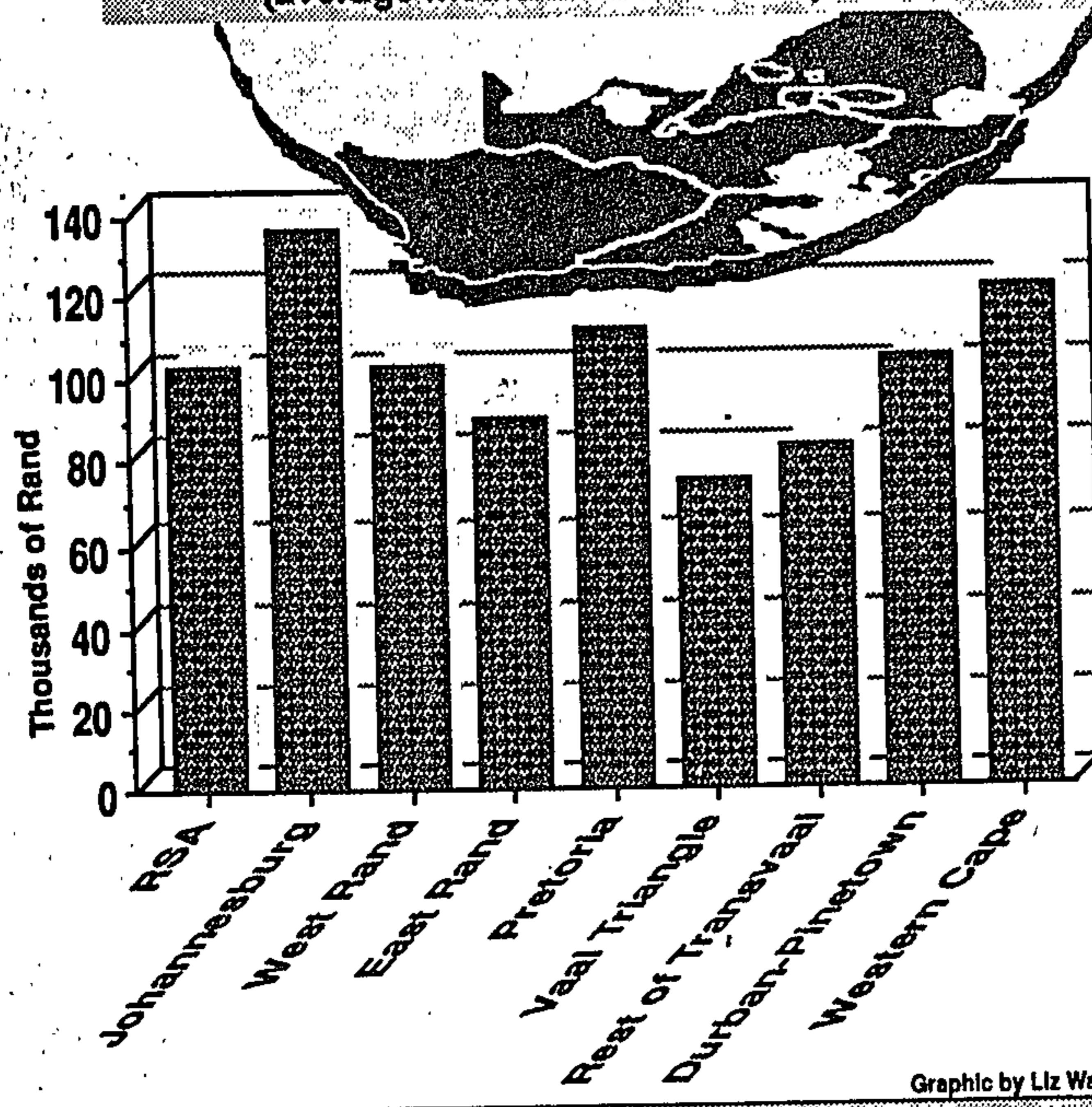
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ANC man is wounded in shootout

By Craig Kotze

An ANC national executive committee bodyguard was shot and wounded by police in Johannesburg at the weekend, and the movement's chief book-keeper was detained in Soweto on charges of possessing a handgrenade, The Star has learned.

Three Soviet-made F1 grenades, a Makarov pistol and one Skorpion machine pistol were seized after both incidents, police confirmed.

In all, seven suspects were detained in connection with both incidents.

Three people, including a black security policeman, were wounded in the shootout at the Little Roseneath Hotel in Hillbrow on Saturday night.

Visited hotel

Although police did not identify the shot ANC man, The Star has learned he is Ralph Petersen, a bodyguard of one of the members of the ANC's NEC. He is in a satisfactory condition in hospital after the shooting, as is the policeman.

According to police, the incident happened when security police visited the hotel and came across an ANC insurgent, who was arrested. He told the policemen he was expecting four other insurgents in a car. A car arrived and when police approached the vehicle, a confrontation and scuffle ensued.

One of the occupants tried to flee and was shot. Three other men escaped. The arms were later found in the car.

Both Mr Petersen and the first insurgent detained are being held in terms of section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

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Landlords call for ^(sic) action on Hillbrow

By Shirley Woodgate

The Group Areas Act was killing off the entire Greater Hillbrow area, costing flat owners millions of rands in lost rent and capital gains and forcing blacks to rent illegally, claimed chairman of Organisation for the Protection of Property Owners of South Africa (Opposa), Alfonso di Donato.

Blocks of flats costing R2 million to replace were up for sale for R400 000 while whites who had bought single flats for R50 000 were now unable to sell their units for R20 000.

Commenting on what he termed "the drastically deteriorating situation" in Hillbrow, the chairman of Opposa urgently appealed to the Government to implement the Free Settlement Act in the area.

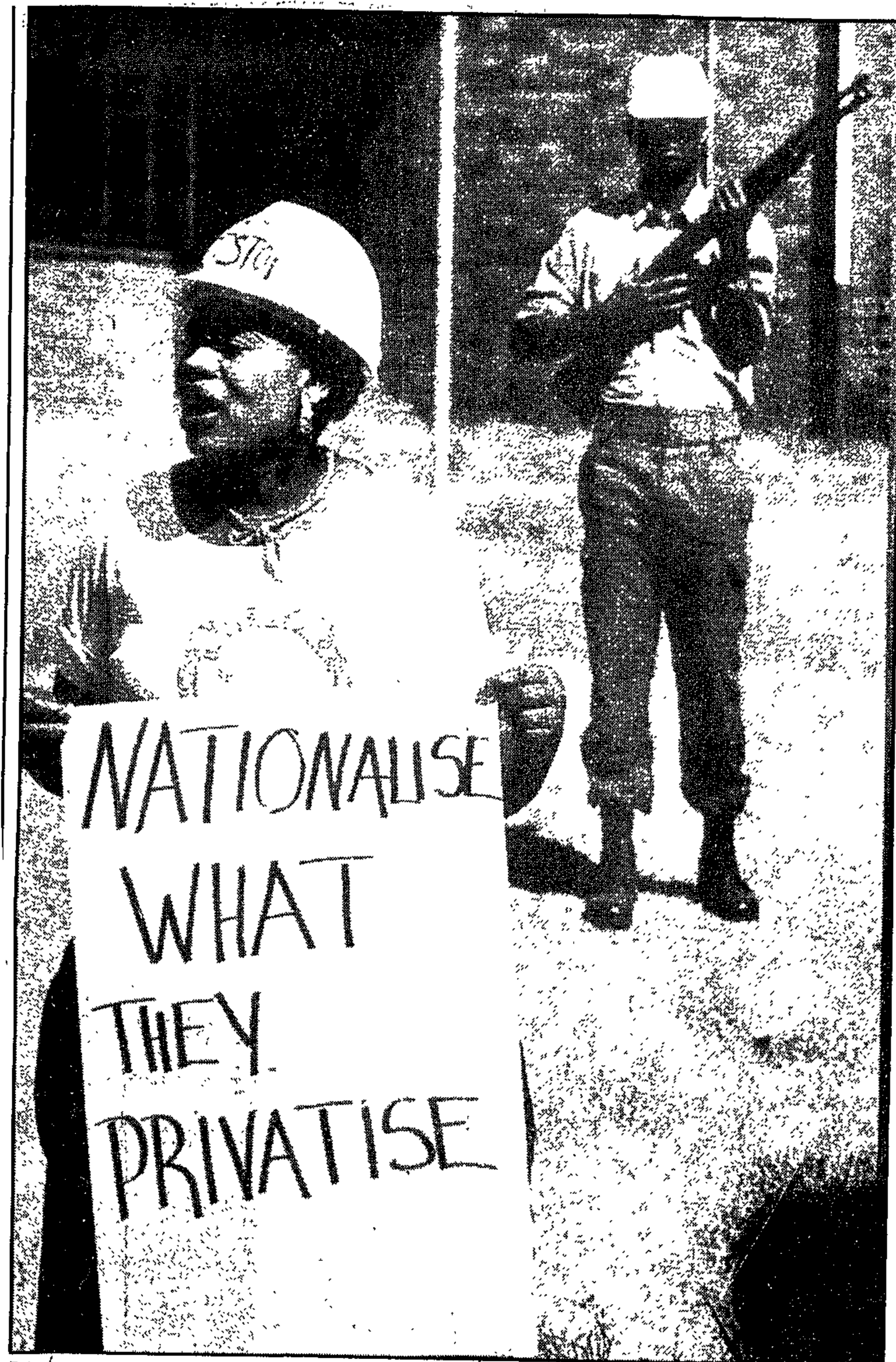
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"The picture is grim and only the legalisation of tenancy can prevent the area from deteriorating into a slum," he said.

"In one case in Jeppestown a building was cleared out so that the owners could do renovations. As the tenants moved squatters moved in. No rent is being paid and workmen trying to upgrade the premises are being threatened.

"But there is little that can be done to get the squatters out as the police are unable or unwilling to act," said Mr di Donato.

"If an action is defended, it takes up to a year to obtain a legal eviction. By the time the sheriff arrives with a court order, the original tenant has been replaced by another family. In the meantime no rent has been paid," he said.



Private armed guards police the auction of Octavia Hill as chanting, placard-waving members of Actstop toyi-toyi and sing outside the building. **Picture by Stephen Davimes.**

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**Protesters
disrupt
flats auction**

By Shirley Woodgate

Demonstrators yesterday disrupted the auction of the controversial Fordsburg complex, Octavia Hill, which was provisionally sold to businessman Solly Essack for R3 million — well below the R5,75 million upset price.

Mr Essack said the property had been bought on behalf of property company Boshold Ltd.

The final bid by Mr Essack must be confirmed within 14 days, during which time other offers will be considered.

Late yesterday JH Isaacs spokesman Wayne Wright denied that a bid of R6 million had been received, but said a higher offer had been expected.

The auction, which at times threatened to get out of hand as toyi-toyi Actstop members chanted and displayed posters, was conducted in the presence of armed guards, employed by auctioneers JH Isaacs allegedly in response to threats.

The eight-block flat complex, which was built in 1936 for elderly whites, later housed several fleeing Soweto councillors.

It was sold by the city council for R2,5 million to the housing department in the House of Assembly, which auctioned it off.

Bidding was delayed while auctioneer Hugh Denny was involved in altercations with members of Actstop, the Save Pageview Association (SPA), the ANC, PAC, SA Council of Churches and Black Consciousness Movement of South Africa.

They demanded to know whether Mr Denny could guarantee that the property would not be nationalised when a new government took over and protested against the sale of the building while 7 million people were homeless.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Sewende dag van Augustus Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
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Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

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No. 136, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 75 VAN 1990 KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 2 (4) VAN DIE WET OP VRYESTIGINGSGBIEDE, 1988, GELEË OP GEDEELTES VAN DIE PLAAS DIEPSLOOT 388 JR, DISTRIK PRETORIA, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 2 (4) van die Wet op Vryvestigingsgebiede, 1988 (Wet No. 102 van 1988), wysig ek hierby, vanaf die datum van publikasie hiervan, Proklamasie No. 75 van 1990 deur die beskrywing van eiendom Gedeeltes "2" en "120" in die derde reël daarvan deur respektiewelik die volgende beskrywings te vervang:

(a) Restant van Gedeelte 2, groot 89,0793 hektaar, volgens Kaart A 3107/06; en

(b) Restant van Gedeelte 120, groot 26,9863 hektaar, volgens Kaart A 232/57.

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VERKLARING VAN 'N VRYESTIGINGSGBIED KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 2 VAN DIE WET OP VRYESTIGINGSGBIEDE, 1988, GELEË TE KNYSNA, UITBREIDING 10 (FISHERS HAVEN) EN ERWE 1389, 1391 EN 1392, DISTRIK KNYSNA, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 2 (1) van die Wet op Vryvestigingsgebiede, 1988 (Wet No. 102 van 1988), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in Algemene Plan LG 8660 asook Kaarte LG 770/1907, 3535/1938 en 3077/1940, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n vryvestigingsgebied is.

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AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 75 OF 1990 UNDER SECTION 2 (4) OF THE FREE SETTLEMENT AREAS ACT, 1988, SITUATED ON PORTIONS OF THE FARM DIEPSLOOT 388 JR, DISTRICT OF PRETORIA, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 2 (4) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby amend, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, Proclamation No. 75 of 1990 by substituting the following descriptions respectively for the description of properties Portions "2" and "120" in the third line thereof:

(a) Remainder of Portion 2, in extent 89,0793 hectares, *vide* Diagram A 3107/06; and

(b) Remainder of Portion 120, in extent 26,9863 hectares, *vide* Diagram A 232/57.

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DECLARATION OF A FREE SETTLEMENT AREA IN TERMS OF SECTION 2 OF THE FREE SETTLEMENT AREAS ACT, 1988, SITUATED AT KNYSNA, EXTENSION 10 (FISHERS HAVEN) AND ERVEN 1389, 1391 AND 1392, DISTRICT OF KNYSNA, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 2 (1) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby declare that the area defined in SG General Plan 8660 as well as SG Diagrams 770/1907, 3535/1938 and 3077/1940 shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be a free settlement area.

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**VERKLARING VAN 'N VRYESTIGINGS-
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VRYESTIGINGSGEBIEDE, 1988, GELEË OP
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SINA, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL**

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No. 140, 1990

**INSTELLING VAN VRYHANDELSGEBIEDE
KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP
GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE PIETERMARITZ-
BURG, DISTRIK PIETERMARITZBURG, PRO-
VINSIE NATAL**

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, die bepalinge van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebiede omskryf in paragrawe (1), (2), (3), (4) en (5) van die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geokkupeer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegskema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dié gebiede in werking of bindend is.

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PORTION 62 OF THE FARM WATERVAL 5 IR,
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THE TRANSVAAL**

Under section 2 (1) of the Free Settlement Areas Act, 1988 (Act No. 102 of 1988), I hereby declare that the area defined in Surveyor-General Diagram A6915/69 shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be a free settlement area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Seventh day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

No. 139, 1990

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADING AREAS
UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS
ACT, 1966, AT PIETERMARITZBURG, DISTRICT
OF PIETERMARITZBURG, PROVINCE OF
NATAL**

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the areas defined in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional and religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in those areas.

Army of destitute Afrikaners on march

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THOUSANDS of destitute and near-destitute Afrikaner families are waging an increasingly desperate battle for survival in the Witwatersrand-Pretoria-Brits region.

The Afrikaner conservative leader, Mrs Martie Hertzog, believes that the present-day poverty among Afrikanerdom "is rapidly reaching the 1933 Depression level again".

And Professor Ben Barkhuizen of the Transvaal Youth Trust confirms that "thousands of disadvantaged white children are given additional daily meals at the TED schools because they can't get food at home".

These newly impoverished people are unemployed or semi-employed middle-class and working-class families with small children, hundreds of penniless ex-farmers, but also middle-class pensioners whose incomes could not keep up with galloping inflation.

Many of these "new poor whites" with their "nuclear-sized families" have no better-off relatives to fall back on, nor can they compete for the same jobs with working-class blacks in the cities.

Pride and disenchantment

Moreover, especially the younger Afrikaner men can only find temporary work at organisations afflicted by strikes of black workers — or become policemen, soldiers or security guards.

Out of a mixture of pride and disenchantment with what many call "Afrikaner elitism" in the NP-run Government and the main-stream Afrikaner churches, the new breed of Afrikaner poor rarely bother to confront the red tape involved in applying for the several-hundred rands monthly welfare payouts.

Instead, they "make do", exactly as tens of thousands did before the NP's former Afrikaner-Nationalistic policies gave them government jobs after 1948 they sell their cottage crafts at street stalls, do menial labour, transport and odd repair and painting jobs, collect scrap metal, fix people's cars, roofs and plumbing.

To supplement their meagre food intake, their families often eat at the Operation Hunger or TED soup kitchens and feeding schemes run by other smaller churches.

But these Afrikaners clearly prefer schemes run by conservative Afrikaners — especially those run without State-aid.

The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, the Boerestaat Party, and Mrs Martie Hertzog (widow of the late founder/leader of the Herstigte Nasionale Party Dr Albert Hertzog), the Vrouefederasie, the Transvaal Youth Trust, the Transvaal Agricultural Union and even ex-boxer Kallie Knoetze are all involved in, or are donating to, welfare schemes.

Spectrum

In response to a steadily growing need, Afrikaner individuals and groups, especially from the conservative end of the spectrum, have each mounted their own rescue effort for the "volk". So far it appears that these efforts are not co-ordinated.

Mrs Louise van Tonder of the Boerestaat Party, (BSP), Mrs Anna Boshoff of the Afrikaner Volkswag (AV) and Mr Kays Smit of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging all confirmed that their members spontaneously volunteered donations in the form of cash, food and clothing, to help destitute fellow-Afrikaner families.

Jobless and hungry, nearing levels of 19

The AV's spokesman Mrs Anna Boshoff said while the AV "was not a welfare organisation" it did send all the donations received from members to specific registered welfare organisations; the BSP recently started an emergency feeding scheme, and some of the AWB's local burgerrade still distribute food and clothing as the AWB have done since 1983. Mr Kays Smit said the AWB no longer runs soup kitchens; however, individual members are involved

shanties or garages on the properties of more fortunate friends or relatives; or sharing rental costs by cramming two or more families into small, unfurnished flats or houses.

Yet the official Government figures do not properly reflect this deteriorating situation because many do not qualify for the Government's (low) welfare benefits.

Many of these newly impoverished Afrikaners moreover have fallen into an attitude of hopelessness.

"When they don't have proper clothing because they have sold it all for food, they don't attend church any longer."

in such big feeding schemes in their local communities.

While hard figures were difficult to obtain from all these centrally unco-ordinated schemes, most spokesmen estimated that thousands of Afrikaner families must already be living in dire circumstances on agricultural holdings, and in urban and suburban communities from Johannesburg to Pretoria and Brits.

They have (not yet) turned to illegal squatting, but usually are classic "bywoners": occupying camping caravans, rooms,

Operation Hunger's spokesman said especially the young working-class families appear to lose hope of finding full-time jobs.

Platteland

Most had been drawn to Johannesburg from the platteland hoping to get those full-time jobs vacated by blacks during strike actions (such as the railway strikes).

Instead, they ended up destitute and often were unable to get back home to the platteland when laid off after the strikes ended. Operation Hunger in

Johannesburg reported an increase from their usual 300 white destitute families being fed at their Joubert Park soup-kitchen in April 1990 to 800 — mostly Afrikaner families — by July and August.

Yet inquiries at the Department of Welfare's Social Services Department, (House of Assembly), showed that only a total 1 200 white adults and 500 children had obtained social relief benefits this month in Johannesburg — only R10 000 more than six months ago.

Under this scheme, each qualifying white adult and youth above 12 years gets R20,40 a week and each child R14 weekly.

And the Government's emergency aid scheme — designed to assist unemployed destitute breadwinners during economic recession — actually showed a drop in payments at Johannesburg from R20 000 six months ago to R8 000 this month.

Under this scheme, each adult and youth above 12 years gets R228 and each child R69 a month. To qualify, the breadwinner must be registerable as officially unemployed at the Department of Manpower — and must be able to prove that he is actively applying for jobs.

At the Shalom Coffee Bar in Florida, between 300 and 400 Afrikaner fa-



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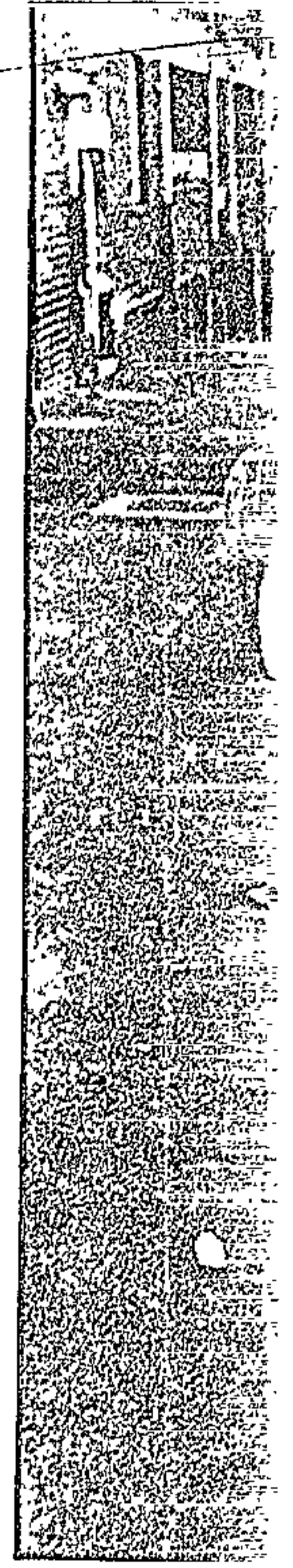
milies are fed each week. The Afrikaans women who fetch soup for their families also attend services at this religious coffee bar, as they "believe they do not have the right clothes to attend the NG-Church", said Mrs Rita Rodgers who runs the soup kitchen.

She said: "This is typical of us Boer people, they are proud and when they get to the stage where they

don't have any proper clothing because they have sold it all off for food, they don't attend church any longer.

"This also applies to their job future, as it is difficult to apply for the better jobs without proper clothes."

Some of these women's husbands do temporary jobs at the abattoirs, for which they earn about R200 a week whenever



LAST OPTION: If you

work is available; they mostly live in the Burgershoop municipal housing scheme, she said.

In Pretoria, the "Werk en Oorleef" organisation feeds an estimated 10 000 Afrikaners each day — without any State aid.

Mrs Kientjie Pereira of "Werk en Oorleef" said getting a daily meal has become the main struggle for many impoverished Afrikaners on the small-holdings between Brits and Pretoria North.

Many earn small incomes and thus do not qualify for welfare benefits from the Government: either with pensions, occasional part-time menial jobs or by hawking their cottage-crafts at street stalls.

Some families live for months on hand-outs from Operation Hunger which consist of soup powder and mealie-meal, she said.

Unemployed Afrikaner men often walk many kilometres to welfare organisations for a family's monthly food supply: a 12,5 kg bag of mealie-meal.

Mrs Pereira said people usually only showed up at her office "when they were already totally destitute and no longer had any other place to go."

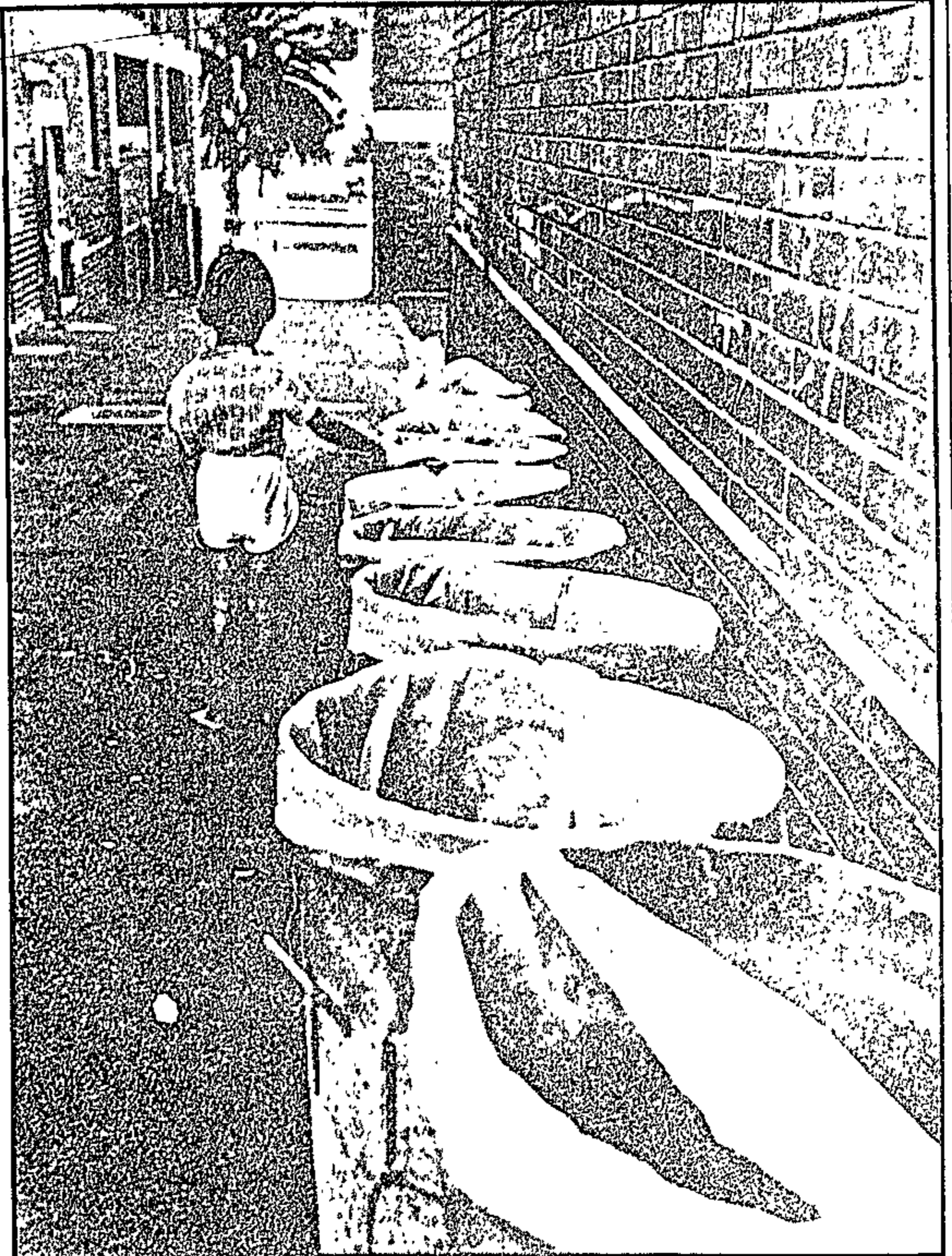
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Is colourblind. Churches and charity organisations are also assisting white families.



LAST OPTION: If you're hungry enough, the unthinkable is possible. A child searches for scraps in dustbins.

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Terror of tribal murder - in the heart of Hillbrow

Urban blacks are haunted by fears of city violence

FOR the first time in 25 years, Anthony Ncwane is living in fear of tribal murder.

Ncwane, 41, does not live close to the violence that has torn through black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past two weeks, but mentally, the carnage is on his doorstep.

Since arriving in Johannesburg in 1965 he has never had to peer over his shoulder. Now he does.

Ncwane and his wife live in a single room in domestic quarters on top of a block of Hillbrow flats. He has stoked the boiler beneath the block for the past 17 years.

He says: "Every night I make sure my door is locked. I am sure there is no need to because all my friends drink with me as normal. But I am the only Zulu among the Xhosas, Tswanas and Sothos and anything can happen. Only when the fighting stops will I feel safe."

The comment illustrates the legacy of tribal chauvinism which has left more than 514 dead and about 1 000 injured on the Reef.

This legacy is seeping into the consciousness of many urban black people who are isolated among others whose tribal affiliations are different.

Ncwane says: "I am not a member of Inkatha. Nobody has been around to ask me to join the organisation. In any event, I will not join Inkatha. The Zulus and

Xhosas are all South Africans and we need unity."

Ncwane owns a smallholding about six kilometres from Umzinto on the Natal coast. He waxes lyrical about the parties he throws once a year on his return home.

"Whenever I go home, a beast is killed and we drink lots of beer and vodka. All the people around come to my place because the 'madoda' has come home. And most of the people who come to my 'gumba' are Xhosas. We have a really good time."

"Now, who knows, they might not come in December this year."

The simple fears expressed by Ncwane are echoed by many people in Hillbrow.

Gibson Tshabalala runs the Little Soweto shebeen in the teeming multi-racial suburb and is well aware of the explosive climate in his illegal drinking house.

"Things have been pretty hairy here over the past two weeks. People come here and when they are drunk, they become vulgar and might say some tribalistic things."

"So, I have decided to put into action my plan of 'first tribal

word, first out'. I have kicked out about six people in the past two weeks."

"I don't want any stuff that is going to cause major problems. People in Hillbrow are not even affected by the violence. It is all in their minds," says Tshabalala.

Like Ncwane, he is aware of his tribal affiliation, which is Zulu.

He says: "In a situation where people are fighting because of their tribe, I cannot forget my culture. But only God knows when we will get rid of this thing."

He has not armed himself and does not think he will ever need a weapon.

"I just want my business to continue without interference. If a Zulu comes here and messes around with my customers, he is out. The same goes for anyone else. I don't want Kagiso in my shebeen."

However, the fear remains, regardless of where one lives.

Ncwane says: "I will carry on locking my door. I am still drinking and having a good time with my friends. But I am sometimes scared, especially at night. Other Zulus here have also spoken about their fears. I am not the only one." - Sapa

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Octavia Hill sale picketed

By DESMOND BLOW

TOYI-TOYING protesters this week intimidated white businessmen against bidding for Octavia Hill — an eight-block flat complex in Fordsburg.

The property fetched only R3-million — far less than its estimated minimum value of R5,7-million.

Armed security guards kept protesters out of the Octavia Hill community hall while the auction took place, but several Actstop officials entered as bidders.

The protesters' claims that a new government would nationalise the buildings seemed to prevent all but two bidders from making offers.

The sale of the complex was opposed by the ANC, PAC, SACC and Actstop, who said the authorities should reserve it for 100 returning exiled families.

The complex was eventually knocked down to Solly Essack of Boshold Ltd., a Botswana-based company which stands to make a profit of about R5-million if its bid is confirmed by the Johannesburg municipality, which owns the complex.

The 102 flats in the complex have all been renovated and rewired and Essack told *City Press* they would be sold on sectional title. He expects a three-bedroom flat to fetch R120 000 and a two-bedroom flat R90 000.

About two-thirds of the apartments have two bedrooms and the rest three. When sold they should realise more than R8-million.

Essack said he did not believe a future South African government would nationalise privately-owned homes.

Flat complex fetches R3-m

"The flats will be sold on a non-racial basis," he said.

"Government officials have assured us they will grant permits to whoever wants to buy a flat."

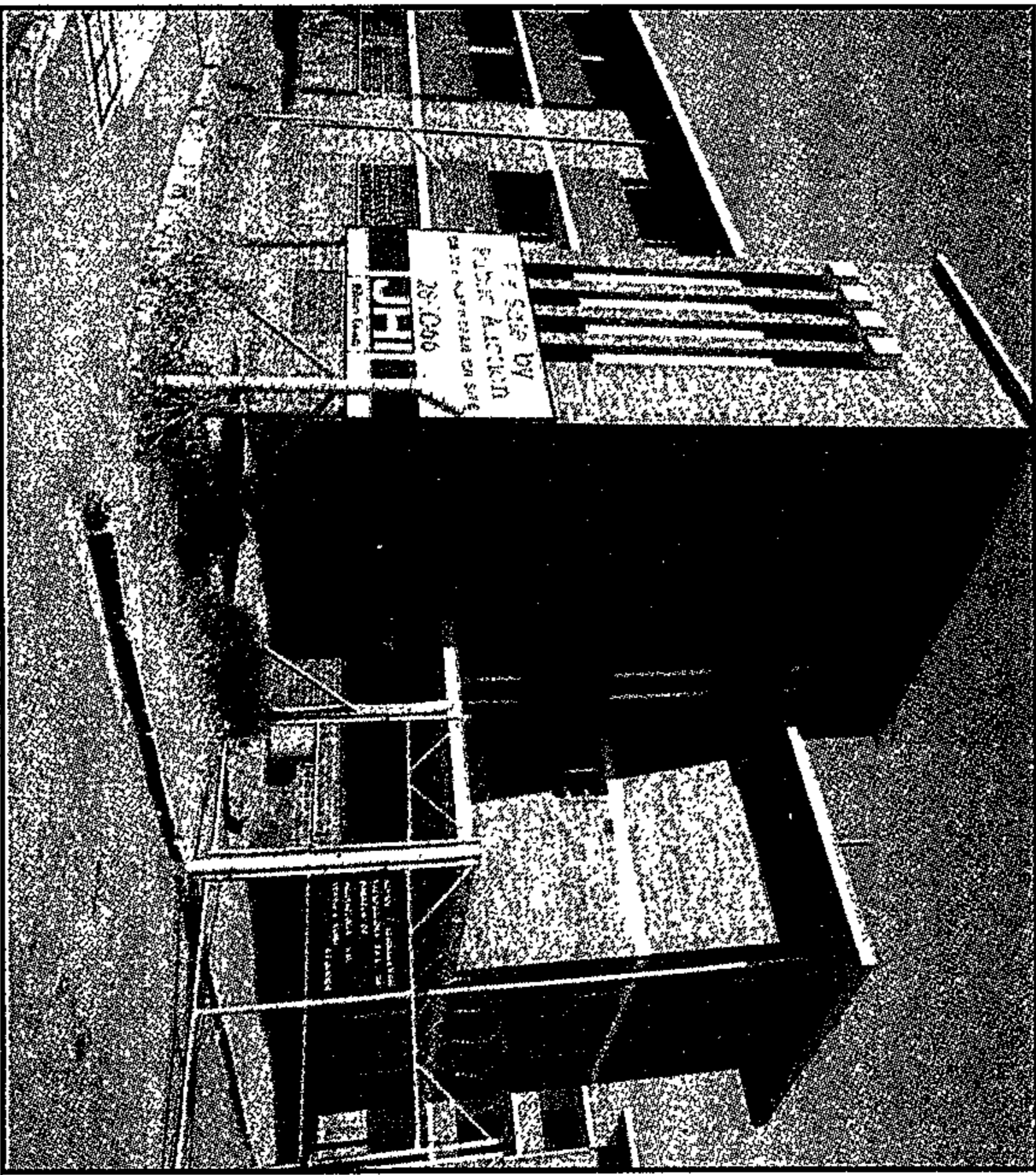
The auctioneer warned that the price had to be approved by the seller and other bids would be accepted for the next fortnight. Boshold would be given the opportunity to match any further bid.

Before the bidding began, Mohammed Dangor of Actstop asked the auctioneer: "How can you guarantee to your buyers that a future government will not nationalise the buildings?" The auctioneer said he could not.

Asked to start the bidding at R5-million, Dangor made a bid of R5. Then another member of Actstop bid R6. For several minutes there was no serious bid until Essack offered R2-million.

Then Thulani Phephe of Actstop bid R5 million, and it was knocked down to him at that price, although the auctioneer said he was not sure it would be accepted.

After Phephe withdrew his bid, another was made for R2,5-million, and Essack replied with a final bid of R3-million.



Octavia Hill flats . . . fetched far less than their estimated value.

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Death of Klipptown

By SOPHIE TEMA

KLIPPTOWN, which basked in glory as home to the signing of The Freedom Charter 35 years ago, has been declared a slum.

Despite its reputation as one of the most famous sites in modern African history, demolition work has begun in the Johannesburg township.

Its people now face the gloomy prospect of resettlement.

In Klipptown's Freedom Square on June 26, 1955, black leaders gathered to formally adopt the Freedom Charter as a blueprint for the new South Africa, to ensure all adult citizens were enfranchised and had basic human rights.

It was once one of South Africa's most cosmopolitan townships, but today houses and buildings are ramshackle and the bulldozers have moved in, changing the face of a township that was once populated by every race group in South Africa.

Authorities say the township has deteriorated over the years and inadequate housing, deficient facilities, overcrowding and lack of sanitary necessities have led to its downfall.

However, residents blame government and say it has used the policy of "divide and rule" to ensure the phasing out of Klipptown. One of its oldest residents is Annie Tarr, 90, who has lived in the same house for 65

Bulldozers

rumble into historic site

years.

She said: "I have lived here almost all my life and I cannot imagine moving from here to a strange place and settling among strange people."

The house in which she lives is completely dilapidated, the ceilings are caving in and the corrugated iron roof is damaged, causing the house to flood on rainy days.

The disappearance of Klipptown will also cause misery for hundreds of shopowners and street vendors.

It was here where blacks were first given the opportunity to own stalls and to trade as hawkers, with very little harassment from the authorities.

Every Saturday crowds from all over Soweto gathered in the area to browse and hunt for bargains ranging from foodstuffs to clothing and one could buy anything from a pen to the most expensive crockery.

People who once lived in this area still have highly emotional memories and they are saddened as shacks are demolished and

residents relocated.

They are concerned that within the next five to 10 years, Klipptown will no longer exist - not even the name - as the area will probably be incorporated into the coloured township of Eldorado Park.

Although there are still a few solid houses left in the township, that were built and owned by white and Coloured families who have long since moved elsewhere, it has undoubtedly become a slum.

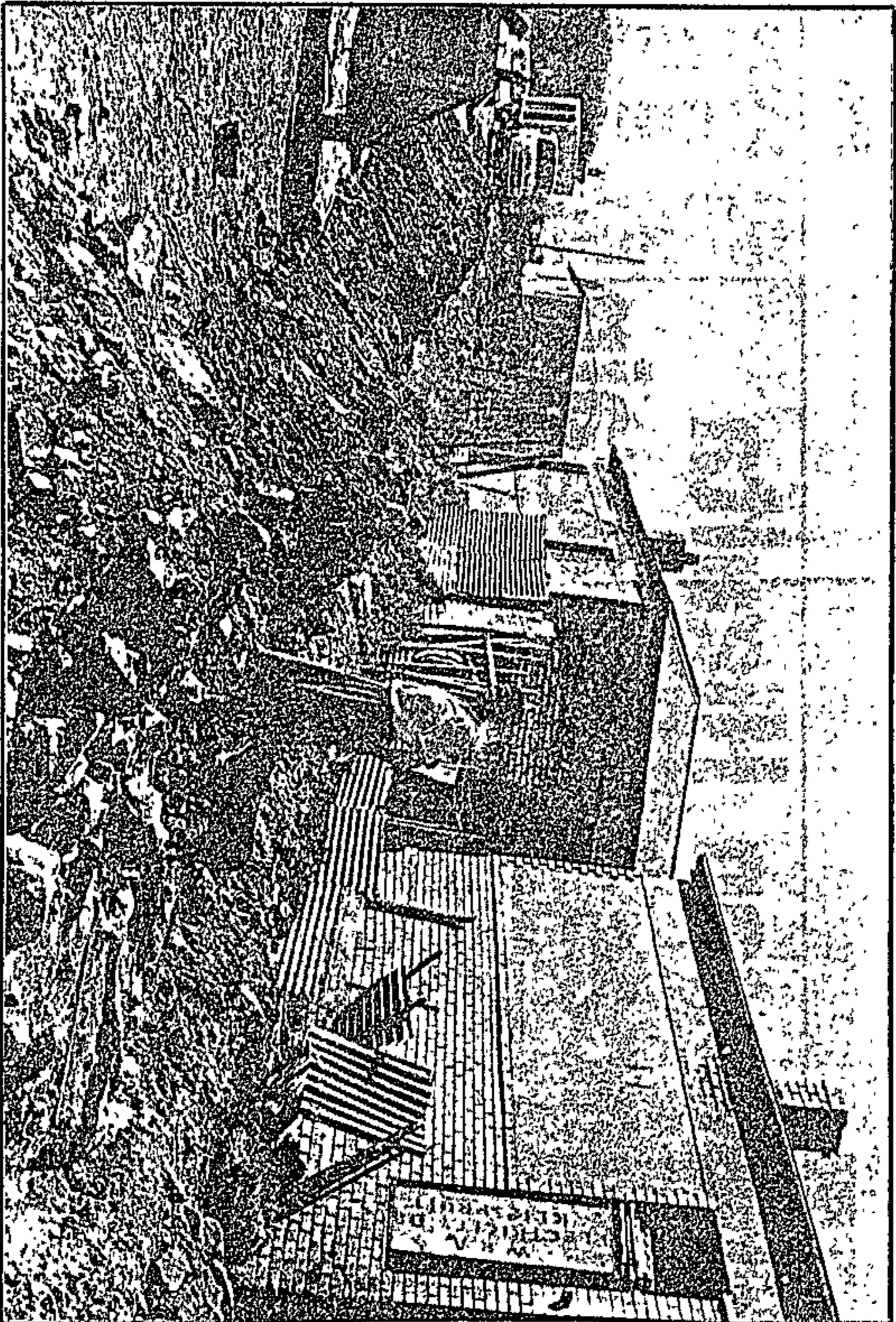
Many of the houses are in a state of complete deterioration and the term "house" is a misnomer, for the majority of shelters in which residents are accommodated are shacks or in ruins.

Most of the houses are controlled by the House of Representatives and are rented by families, some whom have been on council-housing waiting lists for many years.

Although there are several schools in the area, some researchers claim many children in Klipptown do not attend school.

There are others whose births were never registered, who are the offspring of black and coloured couples. They do not qualify for registration as coloureds in terms of the Population Registration Act.

There are only about 10 families left in Tamateveli, which formed part of Klipptown many years ago, and Paddavlei has already been incorporated into the modern Eldorado Park Extension.



The end... a Klipptown resident stands near houses being demolished to allow for a freeway.

PHOTO BY EVANS MBOVONI

Delegates slate FFF reference to 'warlord'

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

A Five Freedoms Forum weekend conference ended on a sour note in Johannesburg yesterday when Inkatha delegates lashed out at the organisers for publicly referring to the presence of an Inkatha "warlord".

The term was used in reference to the participation of delegates across the political spectrum, from far-right trade unionists to "warlords".

Small delegations of the FFF and Inkatha met for more than 30 minutes after the conference to defuse tension.

FFF spokesmen said the Inkatha members had expressed grave concern about their safety in view of the public reference to the presence of a "warlord". They feared for their lives at the hands of ANC supporters following recent clashes between the two organisations in the townships.

Inkatha members refused to comment on the furore, but said they were "delighted" to have been invited to attend the conference.

FFF spokesman Gael Neke said last night the term had been used in "an illustrative and not judgmental" sense.

The "warlord" participated in a three-hour discussion on violence on Saturday.

FFF spokesmen described the incident as an "unfortunate mistake".

The conference — which brought together the most diverse group of political organisations ever in South Africa — was marked by opposition groups amicably discussing their differences.

Referring to the three-hour commission of violence in his concluding remarks at the conference, FFF chairman Mike Olivier said it was an emotional session at which much pain and hurt had been openly expressed.

Make it happen at the bottom, says Slabbert

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

The Government alone should not carry the responsibility of restoring law and order in the country, former Opposition leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert said yesterday.

Ordinary citizens should themselves become involved in efforts to ensure the maintenance of security and law and order.

In his closing address to a Five Freedoms Forum conference in Johannesburg, Dr Slabbert said: "We cannot allow a situation to develop where the impression is created that it is the responsibility only of the regime to be in charge of law and order and justice. We have to argue that the security system must be seen to be non-partisan

to the satisfaction of those participating in negotiations."

He found it extraordinary that the SADF, SAP and secret agents all operated as if they had some kind of mandate to maintain law and order.

"If the regime is prepared to democratise government, health services and education, why should it not be prepared to democratise security?"

Dr Slabbert said citizens should get involved in efforts to create a climate conducive to negotiations and democracy.

"Don't wait for magic at the top, make it happen at the bottom."

He found it "staggering" that the impression had been created that President de Klerk was leading the struggle for a non-racial democracy.

DAY, Tuesday, August 28 1990

Jo'burg council to vote on opening city to all races

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THE Johannesburg City Council will apply for the entire city to be opened as a free settlement area, if a recommendation to do so is approved by councillors at the monthly meeting tonight.

The council will also ask government to repeal all discriminatory legislation, including the Group Areas Act, the Free Settlement Areas Act and the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

The council committee investigating Open City Initiatives suggested the moves, stressing the urgent need to prevent the piecemeal declaration of free settlement areas in Johannesburg.

If its recommendations, already approved by the management committee, are adopted tonight, the Free Settlement Board would be asked to defer considering applications to declare Mayfair, parts of Pageview, Hillbrow, Berea, Yeoville and parts

of Houghton as free settlement areas.

The application would put into action the management committee's commitment in May to an open SA and an open Johannesburg.

Opening the city to all races was one of the DP's main goals on taking over leadership of the management committee in April.

Proviso

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson yesterday said although most councillors were opposed to the concept of free settlement areas, Johannesburg had to set the pace and open the city to all races as an act of faith.

He said the application would be made with the proviso that no management committee be set up in terms of the Local Government Affairs in Free Settlement Areas Act.

Council wanted to be able to manage the integration of Johannesburg.

Davidson said he expected the majority of councillors to support the recommendations.

However, CP leader in council Jacques Theron said his caucus would oppose the item which went against the wishes of most Johannesburg ratepayers. They did not want security in their areas to deteriorate, Theron said.

EDYTH BULBRING reports from Pretoria that President F W de Klerk for the first time turned down an application for the opening of a residential area under the Free Settlement Areas Act. A Free Settlement Areas Board spokesman said at the weekend an application for the opening of a King William's Town area, Balaze Valley, was rejected.

It was also announced on Friday that Zeekoeivallei, an area near Durban, was approved by De Klerk as a free settlement area.

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University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg



New law planned 'to protect communities'

Govt warns against

'open' Johannesburg

Star 28/8/90

By Peter Fabricius,
Political Correspondent

Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" with plans to open the entire city for residence by all races, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fourie warned last night.

His warning came as the city's management committee prepared to put its proposal to the vote at the council's monthly meeting today.

Mr Fourie's comment strengthens past fears in Johannesburg that the Government seems intent on rejecting Johannesburg's planned application for an open city.

He made it clear that the Government's stance was based on its intention to abolish the Group Areas Act soon and replace it with measures that would give protection to communities.

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Freed . . . Umkhonto we Sizwe member Shirley Gunn, holding her son, Haroon Gunn-Salien, speaks to journalists being released from custody on Sunday. © I didn't bomb Khotso House — Page 3.

Jo'burg's R2,3-m bid for Old Eds gets nod

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Old Edwardian Society has voted in favour of selling its famous Old Eds Club premises in Houghton to the Johannesburg City Council for R2,3 million.

The decision was reached at a packed and emotional meeting of members that ran a marathon four

accepted after members had also considered alternatives of selling the property to the Witwatersrand Technikon, or a take-over by a syndicate that proposed to establish a health and racquets club.

Roll-over

Mr. Bothschild said the executive

Townships

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quiet but toll
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Crime Reporter

A 20-year-old man was shot dead at a Vosloorus hostel this morning in the only unrest-incident reported earlier today in war-ravaged Reef townships, bringing the death toll

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Suspicion

He said the management committee's proposal to make the whole of Johannesburg a free settlement area had been partly motivated by the need to get around partial free settlement.

Labour Party MP Mr Desmond Lockey today voiced suspicion that the measures might allow individual communities — possibly suburbs — to decide for themselves if blacks could live there.

He vowed the Labour Party would block any legislation which tried to "devolve or privatise apartheid".

● Louise Burgers, The Star's Municipal Reporter, reports that the Johannesburg management committee will today ask councillors to approve an application to declare the entire city a free settlement area as an interim measure pending the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

Lively debate is expected at the monthly council meeting, as the Conservative Party remains firmly opposed to an open city.

Both the South Western and Lenasia management committees have indicated approval for the motion.

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Jo'burg votes to open city

JOHANNESBURG. — The Johannesburg City Council last night voted overwhelmingly in favour of opening the entire city to all races.

A stormy debate, lasting almost four hours over the proposal, raged in the council chamber but only seven dissenting votes were recorded.

A proposal to have the matter referred back to the Minister's Council was defeated by 36 votes to seven.

Although votes for the open city proposal were not counted — there was no show of hands — those against included the four Conservative Party councillors, independents Mr Eddie Magid and Mr Mike Levine, and the National Party's Mr Cecil Long of whom only Mr Long had his objection

noted.

The decision for an open city could not be acted upon immediately as legislation does not exist for this to be done, but all the councillors who spoke in favour of the motion said this would signal Johannesburg's willingness to back the government in its reform initiatives and its drive to end discrimination.

The Democratic Party's Mr Ian Davidson said that informal discussion had taken place with other Witwatersrand councils on the issue and the idea had received support.

"We have thought through the consequences of an open city and we will live through them," Mr Davidson said.

— Sapa

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Jo'burg 'will only be open next year'

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JOHANNESBURG would not be opened as a free settlement area this year as the application would take at least five months to process, Free Settlement Board (FSB) chairman Hein Kruger said yesterday.

This, however, would not stop the board making recommendations within 10 days to President F W de Klerk on whether to open Hillbrow and surrounding suburbs as free settlement areas, Kruger said. He would not say what decision had been reached by the FSB but the final decision lay with De Klerk.

Kruger said the Johannesburg City Council's application to have the whole city declared a free settlement area was welcomed but would take at least five months to process. Government would most likely be unable to take a decision before about April 1991 although this was a rough guess.

He said the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, expected during the next Parliamentary session, could happen before Johannesburg could be declared a free settlement area.

Planning Deputy Minister Andre Fourie said it would be improper to respond to Johannesburg's moves before a decision was reached by De Klerk or Minister Hernus Kriel.

Johannesburg Deputy City Secretary Gert Marais said council would submit its application to the FSB within the next week.

Kruger said once the application was received, the board would decide whether to proceed with an investigation. Within two weeks, council would have

TANIA LEVY

to inform every person on the municipal voters roll of the investigation. Two weeks after that, advertisements would be placed giving anyone the right to object or approve of the application within 28 days. Kruger said in the case of a city like Johannesburg people would probably be given longer to comment.

The FSB would then decide if further verbal input from ratepayers' associations, political parties and other organisations would be necessary.

The Johannesburg council had voted itself out of existence in deciding it wanted the city to become a free settlement area, he said. In terms of the Local Government in Free Settlement Areas Act, residents would elect a management committee to run the area.

Legal opinion differed about the technicalities behind establishing this committee in the case of an entire city being declared open under the Free Settlement Act, said Kruger.

Johannesburg's moves were widely welcomed yesterday although neighbouring Sandton said it would be unlikely to follow Johannesburg's lead.

Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said he was concerned about flaws in the Free Settlement Areas Act and felt the Group Areas Act would be scrapped next year anyway.

Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer local affairs committee chairman Henrie de Clerq said the chamber approved of the move and had recommended earlier to the FSB that Johan-

nesburg be considered as a municipality rather than as isolated suburbs.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industries president Jonny Frankel said the move was a step in the right direction, an interim measure hopefully leading up to the scrapping in its entirety of the Group Areas Act.

Sapa reports the United Municipalities of South Africa welcomed council's decision and called on government to stop condemning councils which were ready for local options. The Five Freedoms Forum said the council vote would put government to a litmus test on its commitment to scrap apartheid.

...ds which are now on their perches.

try to get the matter dropped. And last Thursday the bird was returned," Mr Verster said.

Wits SRC president is elected

By Karen Stander,
Education Reporter

Law student David Jammy was elected president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) of the University of the Witwatersrand on Monday.

Mr Jammy (22) is first-year LLB student.

His election campaign included student benefits, educational issues and a merger of the National Union of South African Students (Nusas) and the South African National Students' Congress (Sansco) into a non-racial student organisation.

Vice-president of the SRC is second-year LLB student David Storey (22), son of Methodist minister the Rev Peter Storey.

Medical student Michael Goldblatt, who has taken time off from his medical studies to do a BA, was elected deputy vice-president and Robert Brooks, in his second year of a BSc, was chosen as a further dep-



David Jammy... building an SRC appropriate to a changing SA.

uty vice-president and projects officer.

Other members of the executive are second-year LLB students Robyn Farrell, honorary secretary, and Dalan Taitz, honorary treasurer.

Mr Jammy said he hopes he will be the last president of an all-white SRC at the university.

He added his fervent wish was that his 12-month term of office would see the ending of the historic strategy of non-participation in student government by the Sansco-affiliated Black

Students' Society (BSS).

Nusas and Sansco have already decided in principle to merge.

"We must involve all students in discussions and debate so that they can be active in determining the future of this country."

On the biggest challenges facing the new SRC, he said: "Wits SRC has always had a special, if controversial, role of opposing apartheid. I believe the vast majority of students are proud of the role it has played."

"But other areas have been compromised and the SRC has been criticised for this."

"At Wits it is difficult to represent the diverse population of more than 15 000 full-time students. The biggest day to day problem of a large proportion of the students is finding parking on campus. Others have to deal with finding food or accommodation because where they live is governed by legislation."

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VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE MAYFAIR, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgroep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Agtiende dag van Augustus Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

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No. 151, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 143 VAN 1967 KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 33 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966.—STUTTERHEIM, DISTRIK STUTTERHEIM, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklamasie No. 143 van 1967 deur die uitsluiting van die gebiede omskryf in paragrawe (1) en (2) van die Bylae hiervan uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae daarvan.

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PROCLAMATIONS

by the

State President of the Republic of South Africa

No. 150, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT MAYFAIR, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Eighteenth day of August, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

INDIAN GROUP AREA

The area according to SG Diagram A3824/90, in its entirety.

No. 151, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 143 OF 1967 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966.—STUTTERHEIM, DISTRICT OF STUTTERHEIM, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 143 of 1967 by the exclusion of the areas defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Schedule hereto from the area defined in the Schedule thereto.

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Seven-man gang hunted after Joburg robbery attempt

4 die in hospital shootout

(84) Star 31/8/90

By Craig Kotze

A police manhunt was under way this morning in Johannesburg's south-western suburbs for a seven-man gang armed with AK47 rifles, who ambushed and shot dead two young policemen and two Volkskas bank officials at the Coronation Hospital.

A police helicopter and the Radio 702 helicopter are helping in the search for the killers, who fled on foot.

Resistance by the two policemen resulted in the gang being thwarted and fleeing empty-handed without taking a cent from the Volkskas van, which is believed to have contained R908 000, including the payroll for hospital staff.

The money was intended for a Volkskas agency at the hospital.

"It was a heroic battle against all odds. Confronted by seven men with automatic rifles, these young policemen shot back and were gunned down in the line of duty," said police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

Bullets

Two policemen, aged 21 and 23 and both from the Flying Squad, died in a hail of bullets.

They had just returned from serving with the Namibian police, to whom they were seconded before independence. Their names have not been released.

A police dragnet has been cast around Newclare, Industria, Industria West, Crosby, Bosmont and Westbury with every available man taking part in the search, including detectives from the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad.

Witwatersrand police chief Major-General Gerrit Erasmus is personally monitoring the investigation and has expressed his condolences to the families of the slain policemen and bank officials.

At the time of going to press, no arrests had been made.

Escort

The killers fled in a southerly direction from the Coronation Hospital, which is on the corner of Fuel and Hamilton Streets, after the 6.20 am slayings.

The gunmen are considered extremely dangerous and are not to be confronted in any way by members of the public, said Colonel Malherbe.

He said the policemen were on escort duty for the bank vehicle when they were ambushed.

A shoot-out ensued and both policemen were shot dead outside their car.

The killers arrived at the ambush scene in a Toyota Cressida. Ironically, it was stolen from top Brixton detective Captain Charles Landman in Florida, Roodepoort, last night.

FOUR Cabinet Ministers and one Deputy Minister gave their tacit support to Johannesburg's historic decision this week to open its residential areas to all races.

They are Barend du Plessis, Minister of Finance and Transvaal leader of the National Party; Pik Botha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and leader of the NP in Johannesburg; Mr Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs; Mr A A (Ami) Venter, Minister of Local Government; and Mr Roelf Meyer, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development.

Also briefed were Mr Andre Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning, and Mrs Sheila Camerer, Transvaal NP information officer.

Other town councils in the Transvaal may soon follow Johannesburg's example. Informed sources told Saturday Star that informal talks had already been held between Johannesburg and the councils of Randburg, Midrand and Sandton.

Similar discussions would soon take place with the Roodepoort, Germiston and Edenvale town councils.

"Initial reaction has been positive and it seems there could be a dramatic breakthrough on a large scale," an NP city councillor said.

Although the Ministers have not yet publicly approved the decision — supported by 36 votes to seven — they were fully briefed by the city council's NP councillors before and after the council voted in favour of a proposal calling on the authorities to declare Johannesburg a free settlement area.

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None of the Ministers lodged official or unofficial objections to the plan, which NP sources described as "significant" and which, they said, contrasted sharply with Mr Fourie's "negative" view earlier this week.

"It was clear that we were given the go-ahead," said an NP source, adding that President de Klerk too was probably advised.

On the day the proposal was put to the vote, Mr Fourie, who represents the conservative Turffontein constituency, warned that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by opening its suburbs to all. But the fact that five of

The task opted for

THE decision to open Johannesburg's residential areas was based on recommendation by special task group appointed by the city council's management committee to study the pact and implications of a free and open city.

The group, known as the "Section 59 committee", was appointed in May and submitted a unanimous report calling for open areas to management committee on August 8.

It was made up of three councillors from the Democratic Party and three from the National Party.

They were Mr Sias Loeck (chairman), Mr Garrun and Mrs J Briggs (DP) and Kevin Wearing, Mr Venter and Mr Kruger Jun, son of

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STEVE McQUILLAN and KITT KATZIN

Mr Fourie's Cabinet colleagues appear to disagree with him by supporting the move in principle has dispelled fears, say NP spokesmen, that the Government will reject Johannesburg's application for an open city.

On the contrary, informed NP leaders believe Johannesburg will be given the green light to go ahead.

This is despite the fact that white ratepayers have not been consulted and that the fate of the Group Areas Act, which may not be repealed but revised, still hangs in the balance.

As a free settlement area, the whole of Johannesburg would be open to all races. Only sections would open if the Act was merely amended and brought back in disguise.

Allowing residents of individual suburbs to decide whether to admit other races is one option the Government is apparently considering as a means of protecting communities.

The city council, controlled by a joint NP-DP management committee, believes it can best achieve racial harmony by exploiting the free settlement option now, rather than waiting to see if the Group Areas Act will be scrapped in its entirety.

Task force

The Ministers were also briefed on the findings of a special task force of six councillors, which looked at the practical implications of opening the city to all races.

The group submitted a unanimous recommendation to the management committee, which formed the basis of the proposal approved by the council this week.

Johannesburg's application will be submitted to the Free Settlement Board, the Ministers' Council and the State President. If the board agrees to consider the request, the city council will be given two weeks' notice to inform voters of developments.

● Johannesburg abolished apartheid in swimming pools, public libraries and recreation centres in September 1989, and buses were desegregated later.

Ministers back bid to open Johannesburg

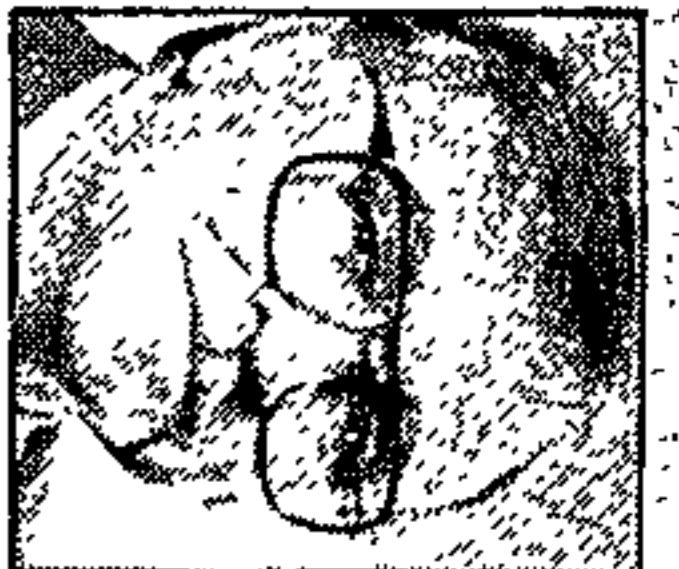
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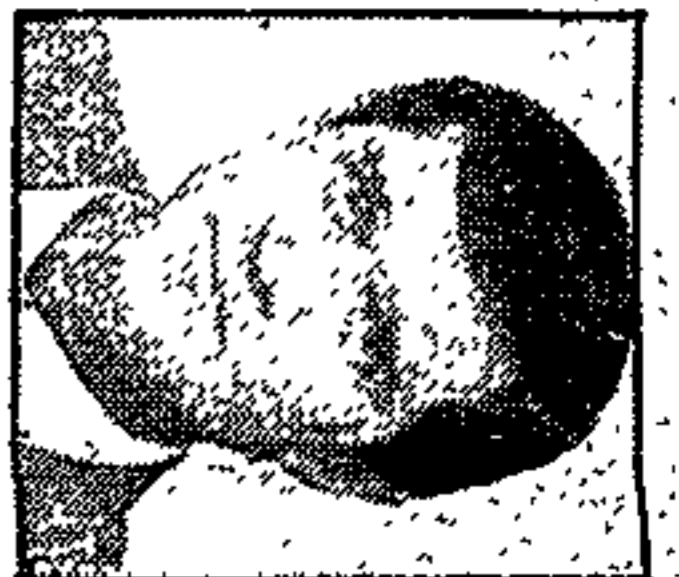
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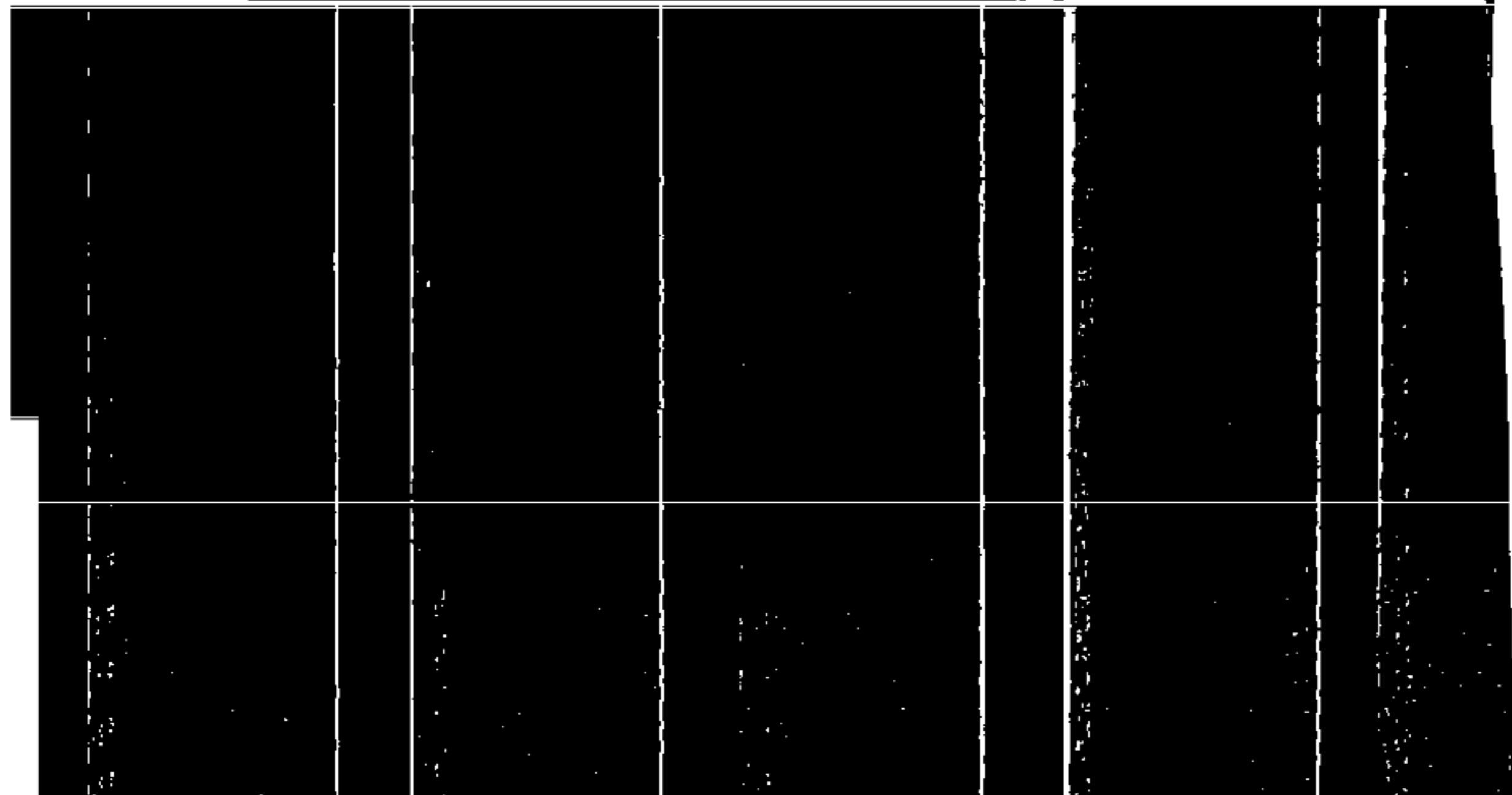
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Battle of City Hall

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KITT KATZIN and STEVE McQUILLAN

THIS week's dramatic decision to open Johannesburg to all races was born out of a messy power struggle earlier this year that left a trail of casualties in the corridors of power.

This was revealed by councillor Cecil Long, the representative for Robertsham, and was the reason

behind his quitting the NP caucus and the party in the wake of the "free Johannesburg" proposal.

He said that a shift in the balance of power on the six-man management committee — brought about by what one veteran councillor labelled "lies, deceit, collusion and treachery" — resulted in an "unholy alliance" between the Democratic Party and the National Party.

It was this which resulted in this week's decision to apply to the Government for the city to become a free settlement area.

Mr Long termed the DP takeover of the management committee a "cold-blooded revolution" supported by members of the NP, and said this week's decision was the "final straw".

In an interview with the Saturday Star, he claimed the seeds of revolution were sown in March after high-level talks in Cape Town between the NP and the DP.

'Collusion'

Mr Long said he had irrefutable proof of collusion and that NP councillors held talks with at least one DP MP and a senior Cabinet Minister.

It was at this meeting, allegedly at a Cape Town hotel, that a plan for the DP-NP coalition plot for joint control of the Johannesburg management committee was hatched.

He claimed that among the "conspirators" were Pik Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is the leader of the NP in Johannesburg; DP leader Zach de Beer; Marietta Marx, then deputy-chairman of the NP-controlled management committee; and NP councillor Hein Kruger Jun.

Also playing a role, claimed Mr Long, were Mrs Marx's husband, Alwyn Marx; and Johan Fick, NP information officer in Johannesburg and former councillor for Melville.

Mr Botha, Mr Kruger, Mrs Marx and Mr de Beer vehemently denied any involvement in such a plot. Mr Kruger and Mrs Marx said they were not in Cape Town at the time. Mr de Beer said: "The

Lid lifted on DP-NP 'power grab'



CECIL LONG: Quit NP caucus.

only time I was in touch with Mr Botha over council matters was when we together urged both parties to resolve their problems in order to get the budget through."

At that stage, the balance of power was such that the NP had doubts it would be able to have it approved by a majority vote.

But Mr Long is sticking to his guns. He alleges he has information to prove that these were the players who negotiated the deal. "I don't expect them to acknowledge this; it would be foolish of them to do so."

The effect of the plot, said Mr Long, was to alienate about half of the NP caucus members, who were not in favour of such a coalition.

He named Mr Kruger as the "Mr Fixit" behind the Cape Town talks. "From that point, things took their course. Obviously the motion of no-confidence in the NP's control of the council was pre-arranged."

Disclosing for the first time what happened behind the scenes on the day the new DP-NP management committee was voted into power, Mr Long



MARIETTA MARX: Denied plot claims.

said that part of the takeover strategy was to oust conservative councillors from the south.

They were himself, Ernie Fabel and Koos Roets, both former mayors.

According to his own research, Mr Long said a deal was struck between the DP and the independents that allowed Professor Harold Rudolph and Howard Bloomberg to be nominated by the DP for seats on the management committee, but Mr Rudolph and Mr Bloomberg were betrayed.

Also to be nominated were DP councillors Ian Davidson, Paul Asherson and Cecil Bass.

The NP would nominate Mr Long, Mr Fabel, Mrs Marx, Jan Burger, Mr Roets and Eddie Magid, an Independent.

"In the end, Professor Rudolph and Mr Bloomberg won only partial DP support, which meant the DP did not keep its promise. Instead, DP councillors voted for Mr Magid (12 DP votes), Mrs Marx (eight votes) and Mr Burger (eight votes) in a carefully devised plot."

'Fall guys'

Meanwhile, Mr Bloomberg and Professor Rudolph, instead of each getting the full 20 DP votes, obtained only 16 apiece.

The "fall guys" on the NP side, said Mr Long, were himself, Mr Fabel and Mr Roets, who each got 20 votes of the available 21 votes held by the NP.

Said Mr Long: "In addition to that, they each got four votes from the CP, and Ernie Fabel and I got the vote of Eddie Magid."

Explaining the breakdown in voting, Mr Long said each of Johannesburg's 51 councillors had six votes, making a total of 306.

He said the NP sought an alliance with the DP because it was "bleeding to death". In 15 months, the NP had lost five councillors.

He said one of the reasons for the management committee takeover was to ensure that the NP, ruling at the time but losing favour, was able to push through the budget vote in June.

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Jobless Afrikaners helped out

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ADA STUIJT

A HALF-DOZEN businessmen responded to last week's article in the Saturday Star which exposed the battle for survival by thousands of impoverished, jobless Afrikaners in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand region.

Managing directors of companies, including a major plastics manufacturer, a carpenter and a clothing manufacturer, showed keen interest in given impoverished Afrikaners fulltime jobs.

Another six individual readers responded with offers of temporary gardening or house-keeping jobs for men and women.

And one manufacturer urgently required 20 men to temporarily take the place of his striking black employees.

Kleintjie Pereira of the non-profit welfare programme, "Werk and Oorleef", said all such job offers were welcomed and her organisation was happy to have heard from businessmen.

She said many men and women were still out there, without hope and often without food or shelter, and she hoped that companies and individuals with job opportunities would continue to contact the programme in future.

"Such job offers, even if they fail to materialise into permanent jobs, were more important than most people realised as it gave these people a spark of hope," she said.

"Many of the women, besides having housekeeping abilities, are also well-trained cashiers who often are asked to work during strikes but can't get full-time jobs because these are normally filled by blacks.

"And the men will do any kind of job, they often are excellent artisans who simply require some brief job training to adjust to specific tasks.

"Moreover, our people don't strike, they are too keen to work, to keep themselves and their children."

Bombs explode near Afrikaans newspaper office

By Guy Jepsen

Two bombs exploded within seconds of each other outside the Johannesburg offices of the Afrikaans morning newspaper Beeld last night.

The explosions caused considerable damage but no injuries.

The first bomb, believed to have been made up of commercial explosives, was placed under a blue Volkswagen Citi Golf near the building's entrance in Miller Street, Doornfontein.

It detonated at about 11.05, wrecking the car, which is owned by Willem Pretorius, editor of the newspaper's arts supplement, Kalendar. Several windows in the newspaper building were shattered.

A second device, apparently placed near a delivery truck in First Street, detonated seconds later, shattering more windows. The explosion caused employees in Beeld's dispatch section, metres

away, to flee the premises.

Mr Pretorius, the owner of the wrecked Golf, said:

"We heard a helluva bang just after 11 pm and then I looked out of the window and saw it was my car. It happened just on deadline... and then the other one went off."

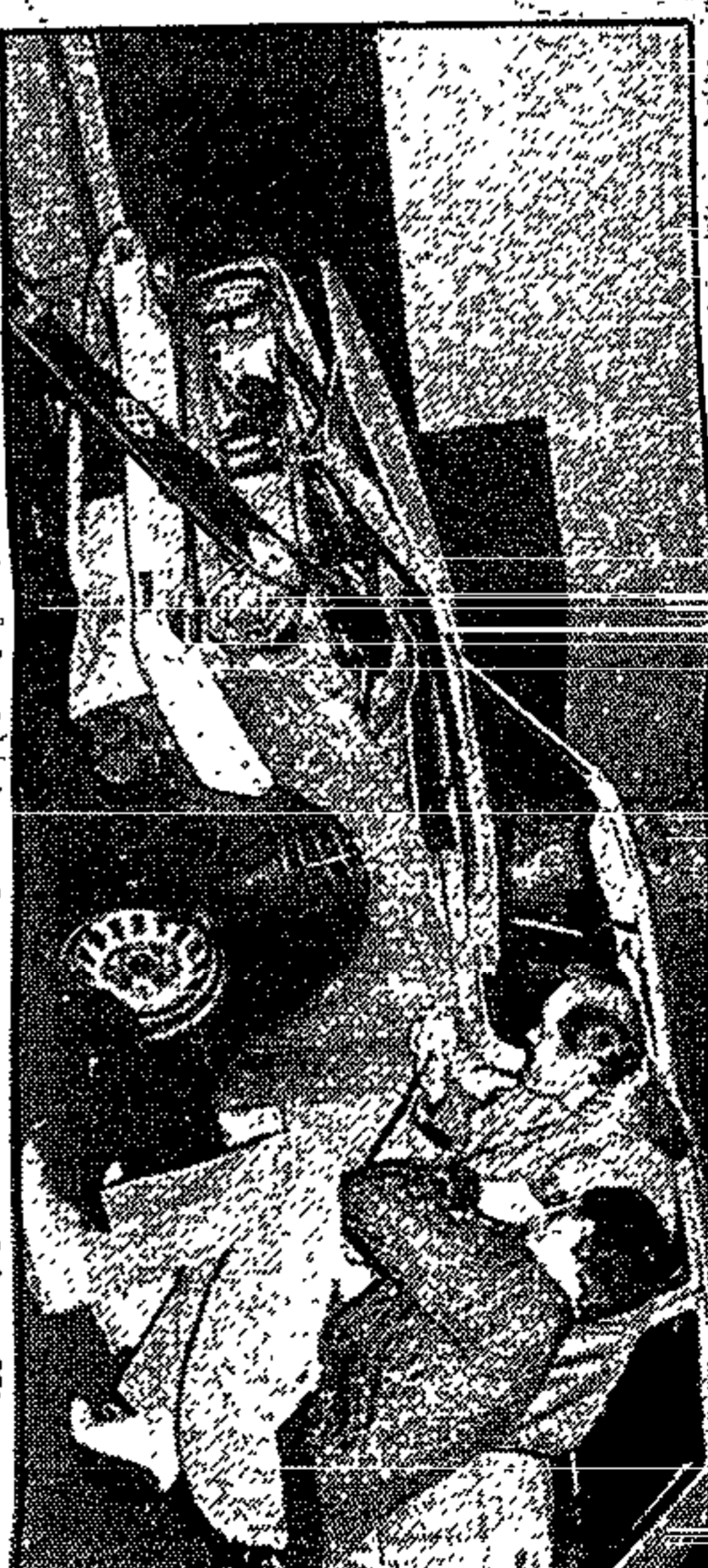
"We just told everyone to stay in the office in case there was another one."

Mr Pretorius said he believed the

explosions, coming in the wake of the recent blast at the offices of the Afrikaans weekly Vrye Weekblad, could be part of a pattern of attacks against the media.

Tyronne Caswell (17), an employee of a security firm, had just walked past the Golf to the security office in the Beeld building when the bomb went off.

"I missed it by about 20 seconds. It felt like an earthquake," he said.



Police inspect the bomb-damaged car outside Beeld's offices.

Compulsory school fees in the pipeline, says DP

PRETORIA — The introduction of a system of compulsory tuition fees at state and provincial schools was likely during the course of 1991, DP education spokesman Roger Burrows said yesterday.

He said one indication of this was Finance Minister Barend du Plessis's statement at the NP congress in Natal last week that user charges would continue to creep into the economy, even penetrating education.

However, no agreement had been reached on the issue between government, the organised teaching profession and parents' organisations, Burrows said.

The last effort was 18 months ago. "What makes it a political hot potato is if it is applied only to white schools and is not imposed generally," he said. Right-wing reaction could be strong.

Other sources said the issue had been on the desk of Education and Culture Minister Piet Clase for the

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past four years.

Before provincial councils were abolished, the Transvaal Provincial Council amended the education ordinance to make provision for compulsory fee paying by parents.

A Transvaal Teachers' Association (TTA) spokesman said until the scheme was spelled out in detail and all the financial implications were known, it would withhold support.

Among major objections to enforced payment for education by parents was the issue of collection.

This, the TTA felt strongly, was not a burden that should be thrust on teachers.

It was also felt that compulsory school fees were a form of selective and discriminatory taxation.

At least some education authorities believe education has always been, and should remain, a community responsibility.

NUM officials appear in Natal court

NEWCASTLE — National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) president James Motlatsi of Johannesburg, and 56 NUM northern Natal office bearers appeared in the Newcastle Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an alleged illegal gathering in the town on August 26.

NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa was also to have appeared

but was excused as he was busy with urgent consultations with Iscor.

The case is a sequel to a march from the NUM's Newcastle headquarters to a hotel a few kilometers away. 81009 4/9/90

The case was postponed to October 1 pending a decision by the attorney-general. The accused were released on R50 bail each. — Sapa.

Part of Mayfair now Indian area

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PRETORIA — A 15ha piece of land in Mayfair has been declared a group area for Indians, according to the Government Gazette.

A spokesman from the department of Planning and Provincial Affairs said yesterday the application, made by Rand Mines Properties in 1986, had been approved in terms of the Group Areas Act last week.

The land, which is shaped like an aircraft, is proclaimed mining land and Rand Mine Properties intends to ask for it to be rezoned for residential purposes, RMP GM Gert Strydom said yesterday.

Rand Mine Properties intends selling the land for Indian housing development once the area has been rezoned. Strydom said rezoning could take up to two years and he did not know at this stage how much the land would be sold for.

The area, called Crown North Extension 1, lies south-west of Fordsburg, an Indian group area.

Strydom said that with the area declared an Indian group area, it would cut through the red tape of getting individual permits for Indians wanting to own land in the largely white suburb.

A Planning and Provincial Affairs spokesman said the department would continue considering group areas applications until the Group Areas Act was scrapped.

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Pile of TED

equipment

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unearthed

Pretoria Correspondent

A mountain of electric typewriters and audio-visual machines worth millions of rands lay collecting dust in the Transvaal Education Department (TED) stores.

This was revealed in an audit by the Auditor-General's office.

It found that 11 300 electric typewriters to the value of R7,6 million lay in the stores for two years, and new orders had been placed for projectors when there were still hundreds in the stores.

The audit was for 1988/89. A TED spokesman said the machines had since been issued.

In the report, reference was made to a performance audit which revealed "deficiencies in determination of requirements and optimum utilisation of resources".

The department has initiated measures to improve decisions on requirements and the utilisation of equipment.

Shock over new Indian group area

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By Louise Burgers,
Municipal Reporter

An Indian group area has been proclaimed south of Mayfair, Johannesburg — a move described by community leaders as meaningless in the light of the pending removal of the Group Areas Act from the statute book.

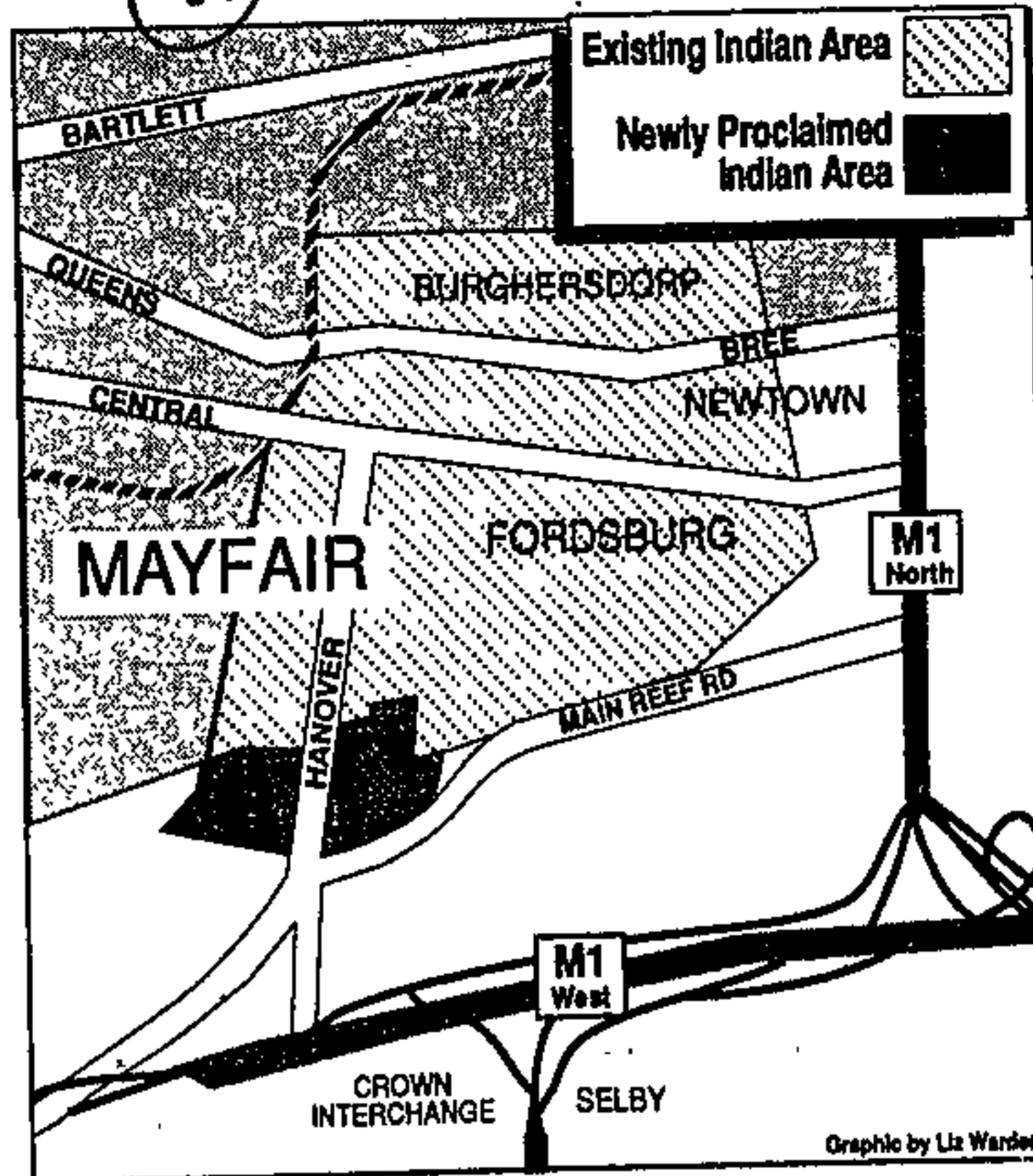
The area, an extension of the existing Indian group area in Fordsburg, is bounded by Princess Street in the west, 12th Avenue in the north and Main Reef Road to the south.

It comprises 15 ha and excludes the major part of Mayfair and surrounding areas, which are being investigated as a free settlement area.

A spokesman for the Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Theo Smit, said the application was made four years ago by Rand Mine Properties.

"There was a need for more residential land for the Indian population group in Johannesburg."

Mr Smit said he did



not know why a larger area had not been proclaimed to include Mayfair proper, and pointed out that it was a long process to have an area for one population group proclaimed for another group.

The chairman of the Johannesburg West branch of the ANC, Mohammed Valli Moosa, said the move was an "absolute farce".

"It is meaningless. The Group Areas Act in most of those areas has, de facto, already fallen away, and the Government itself has given a clear indication that it intends to scrap the Act."

Actstop spokesman Cas Coovadia said the action by the department was "mind boggling".

"This is crazy. Actions like this indicate that the Government is not serious about saying that race is not a consideration any more."

Mr Coovadia urged the Government to suspend all investigations in terms of the Group Areas Act.

The chairman of the Johannesburg City Council management committee, Ian Davidson, described the proclamation as irrelevant.

"I am amazed that when the Free Settlement Board has been requested to open up the whole of Johannesburg and there is talk of the Group Areas Act being scrapped next year, the department should still see itself duty-bound to declare group areas here and there.

"They should rather apply their minds to opening up Johannesburg."

Cassim Salojee from the Transvaal Indian Congress described the proclamation as senseless.

Pretoria takes first steps to open white areas to all

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THE first steps leading to the opening of Pretoria's traditionally white areas to other race groups have been announced by the city's management committee.

In what is seen as a precursor to the scrapping of the Group Areas Act by the government the Pretoria City Council has said it will consider blacks moving into white suburbs "on merit".

The chairman of the city's management committee, Mr James Leach, said in a statement the city council was prepared to "consider" applications regarding accommodation by blacks in the light of indications that the Group Areas Act will probably be abolished next year.

The statement came in the wake of criticism by the Democratic Party of the management com-

mittee's stand against a black man's application to live in Waterkloof Ridge.

Leach said the National Party in the city council was prepared to "consider applications for accommodation of deserving cases on merit" on condition they comply to the quality of life and the standards to be set by the Government in general or of a specific area, "and to accordingly make recommendations to the Government".

A DP spokesman last week slammed the management committee's refusal to support an application by Dr AN Tlailane to acquire a dwelling in Waterkloof Ridge as "hurtful and short-sighted".

Leach said yesterday it was a fact that the Government was in the process of eliminating the

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Group Areas Act.

"The Government has already said there would in the future be no more space for the Group Areas Act, and all indications are that the act will be abolished next year," he said.

"The town-planning

scheme may stipulate in the future that only one family be allowed per dwelling.

Leach emphasised that "everything will not be thrown open at this stage". *Sowetan Correspondent.*

Massacre of the innocents

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Aftermath ... two of the victims of last night's shooting lay sprawled on the platform of Jeppe station.

© Picture by Stephen Davimes.

By Guy Jepson and Jullenne du Toit
Two unknown gunmen opened fire on a crowd of commuters at Jeppe station in Johannesburg last night, killing five people and injuring at least 14 in what has been described as a motiveless and senseless attack.

Four of the dead were women. Both the gunmen and their victims were black.

"This is unreal — a terrible tragedy," Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, Witwatersrand police liaison officer said last night.

"The attack came out of the blue.

Jeppe station carnage unreal — police

We haven't established any motive yet — the injured and dead were Zulus, Xhosas, Tsvanas, you name it. We are investigating all possibilities, including factional violence."

The attack, which occurred at about 7.10 pm when the gunmen shot wildly into a crowd waiting on the platform, sent shock-waves through Jeppestown as scores of pedestrians fled the area and nearby shopkeepers and a hotelier barred their doors.

A spokesman for the Johannesburg ambulance department said six ambulances and a disaster bus

were on the scene within minutes and the wounded were rushed to Johannesburg Hospital.

Colonel Malherbe said two men approached the crowd and opened fire with two hand guns.

Total panic

It was later established that the weapons used were 9mm and 7.65 mm pistols. The assailants evaded police cordons set up minutes after the attack.

Police had no leads on the killers today. They are in possession of

vague descriptions of the two men.

The bodies of two women lay sprawled in a passageway inside the station building, near the entrance in John Page Drive.

Empty cartridge cases littered the floor. Four unmatched women's shoes lay at the station entrance.

Another body, a woman, lay on a nearby flight of steps leading to the station's ticket office. About 50 m down John Page Drive, police were examining two more bullet riddled bodies.

Aubrey Soal, the bartender of the Grand Station Hotel in Main Street,

said he was in the hotel bar when he heard between 15 and 20 shots in quick succession.

"I ran downstairs into the street to find out what was happening. There was total panic. People were running in all directions."

Mike Scotten, who was also in the bar when the shooting started, said two black men drove off in a white bakkie (shortly after the attack. The bakkie had been parked in Macintyre Street about 100 m from the station entrance.

Johannesburg Hospital spokesman Dr Clive Wills said 14 people had been admitted after the shooting.

"Eight of them are critical and

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five must undergo surgery," Dr Wills said. All the patients were black, but he was unable to confirm how many were male and how many female.

All 14 patients would be staying at Johannesburg Hospital overnight and would be transferred to other hospitals today, depending on how many beds were available.

When The Star visited the casualty section last night, bodies lay on stretchers with drips, oxygen masks and bandages as emergency personnel hurried around them.

Today, three of the 14 people admitted last night were still in a serious condition, a spokesman for the hospital said. One of the three, a woman shot in the stomach, was more seriously ill than the others.

Jeppe massacre: cops

left clueless!

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Who are these merciless angels of death clad in black leather coats?

By ELIAS MALULEKE

POLICE are still baffled by the mysterious "Wit-Wolwe" style shooting at the Jeppe Railway Station and Taxi Rank just after 7pm on Thursday - which left five dead and many injured.

Four women and a man were shot dead, while 13 men and two women were admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital in Parktown with bullet wounds - three in a serious condition.

According to the hospital's PRO Jenny Howard two men shot in the spinal cord are in a serious but stable condition. A pregnant woman who lost her baby after she was shot in the stomach is critical.

A Witwatersrand police spokesman said between five and seven black men, and not two as reported earlier, armed with 9mm and 7,65mm pistols opened fire on queuing taxi commuters - but there were no further clues about the massacre.

"The police are looking into all possible links, but there is nothing concrete evidence at this stage to specifically link any particular group - or to say exactly why the shooting happened," the spokesman said.

However, he said witnesses saw the gunmen - who wore identical black pants and black leather coats - open fire before disappearing among the fleeing, panic-stricken people.

Police said after the gunmen opened a volley of shots, they shot wildly as commuters scattered in all directions. The gunmen then mingled with the fleeing people and disappeared in the dark.

When *City Press* arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, blood on the walls and the ground glowed in the dark - and the bodies of a man and a woman lay side by side on a pavement in John Page Avenue, next to the station.

Two other bodies of women lay just inside the doorway of the main entrance of the railway station - one wearing a hospital uniform.

A short distance from where they lay, the fifth body, also of a woman, was sprawled on the steps leading to the platform. Like others, she was still oozing blood.

Clothing, bags and shoes were strewn about. Police collected more than 28 spent cartridges from the station alone.

A witness of the carnage, John Dhlomo, told *City Press* he was in a nearby cafe when he heard gunshots coming from the station. When he arrived, he found "many" people lying on the ground - but police were already on the scene and ordered onlookers away.

"There must have been more than 20 people lying injured on the ground before ambulances arrived to take them to hospitals," said Dhlomo.

Victims at the Johannesburg Hospital told *City Press* the taxi rank was crowded as there was a shortage of taxis. Most people were on their way home to Soweto after work.

They did not see their assailants. They were shot from behind while they stood in the queues. Others were shot during the stampede as they tried to run away.

Mother-of-five Millicent Shange, 33, a computer operator, said she had just got off a train from Germiston and was on her way to catch a taxi to Zola when she heard gunshots.

"I then felt this stinging pain in my left leg and fell. I tried to get up - but fleeing people forced me down as they jumped over me; and I fainted," she said.

Jappie Mabholo, 38, a Pick and Pay employee in Kensington, said he was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people with guns shooting. He could not make

out whether they were black or white. He saw people falling around him.

Benneth Ntshingila, 48, was shot in the spine from the back while he standing in the rear of a queue for taxis to Emdeni North. The father of four children also did not see who shot him.

"I just heard a loud bang similar to a firecracker and felt something hot strike me in the back before I fell down. People started screaming and I started praying," Ntshingila said.

When 28-year-old Samson Buthelezi heard gunshots, he ran - unaware he had been shot in a leg.

"I managed to run a few paces and fell down but I think I was saved by that fall - because as I landed next to a fence near the station, a man running in front of me screamed and fell down," he said.

City Press was not allowed to speak to some of the victims who were still in a serious condition.

However, most of the victims said they believed the spiralling township violence, which has claimed more than 600 lives on the Reef, may be spilling over into town.

Apart from allegations that police and the SADF are siding with Inkatha and stirring violence in the townships - claims vehemently denied by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok - the ANC, Cosatu, community organisations and residents also believe a "third force" exists and is trying to foment more violence.

A group nicknamed the "Messengers of Death" has also been driving around townships in a minibus shooting at pedestrians and, in some cases, starting a panic which culminates in further violence between hostel inmates and residents.

The "Messengers of Death" have claimed more than 30 lives since last weekend in Tembisa, Tokoza, Vosloorus and in Naledi, Soweto.

Police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman confirmed the existence of the gang.

Opperman said the gang was trying to provoke anger and cause disruptions.



He lived to tell the tale: Jappie Mabholo was waiting at the taxi rank when he saw people falling around him. ■ PIC: ANDRIES MCINEKA

Urbanisation seen as a contributor to job opportunities

Finance Staff
Urbanisation could make an important contribution to economic development and employment creation, Development Bank of South Africa policy analyst Stef Coetzee said yesterday.

He told the biennial conference of the DBSA at Wits University unemployment had reached alarming proportions, with

41,5 percent of the potential workforce without formal job opportunities.

A political settlement was needed to improve the economic growth, he said.

"However, a change in the pattern of economic growth is needed to promote the economic empowerment of the poor. This can, inter alia, be effected through policies

promoting a process of inward industrialisation and appropriate housing policies," he said.

Mr Coetzee said "emphasis will have to be placed on upgrading informal settlements and creation of a more intergrated city form, networking the developed and developing parts of our cities more closely than before".

Hospitals

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to pool

services

By Julienne du Toit and Sapa

The under-utilised J G Strijdom Hospital and the overcrowded Coronation Hospital in Johannesburg are about to amalgamate their services, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing Sam de Beer announced yesterday.

In a joint statement with the University of the Witwatersrand and the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr de Beer said a decision had been taken that initially one of the four main medical disciplines at Coronation Hospital would move to the J G Strijdom.

"Better patient care and an improved utilisation of facilities and manpower will result from this decision," he said.

Implementation

No details were given about the implementation of the decision.

Health organisations said they welcomed the move, but the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union and the National Medical and Dental Association qualified their approval.

Last year there were repeated calls for the services of the hospitals, which are only 2 km apart, to be amalgamated.

When the J G Strijdom was declared an "own affairs" hospital last year, there were rumours that the hospital might close when the University of the Witwatersrand withdrew its academic staff.

Patients at Coronation Hospital often had to be transferred to the Lenasia South Hospital, 42 km away, when there was an overflow.

West Rand march over grievances

By Montshiwa Moroke

Troops and police yesterday stood by while about 5 000 Toekomsrus residents marched to the Randfontein Town Council offices and presented a petition listing their grievances.

The march proceeded without incident despite a Conservative Party warning of possible violent confrontation.

The march was organised to protest against high rents and water and electricity tariffs.

A Toekomsrus Crisis Committee spokesman said a rent boycott was in progress in the township and it would remain in force until grievances had been addressed satisfactorily.



Peaceful rally . . . About 5 000 residents of Toekomsrus, near Randfontein, march to present a petition to the town council.

● Picture by Stephen Davimes.

Board recommends opening of two areas in Johannesburg

PRETORIA — The Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB) has recommended in two reports sent to President F W de Klerk that two areas affecting 15 suburbs be declared Johannesburg's first open residential areas. Yesterday FSAB chairman Hein Kruger declined to comment on the contents of the reports.

One report is based on investigations into Mayfair and Pageview, while the other concerns 14 suburbs in eastern Johannesburg.

However, sources told Business Day the one report recommended that only Mayfair be declared a free settlement area.

The other report recommended all 14 suburbs be declared one free settlement area.

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These are Hillbrow, Bellevue, Yeoville, Berea, Doornfontein, New Doornfontein, Judith's Paarl, Bertrams, Lorentzville, portions surrounding Joubert Park, a portion of Houghton Estate up to its boundaries with Killarney Golf Course, Oaklands, Norwood and Orange Grove.

Decision

Kruger said the FSAB received an application from the Johannesburg City Council on Tuesday asking that the board investigate opening the whole of Johannesburg.

The board would decide this week whether it would investigate the application.

The recommendations contained in the two completed reports would not affect a possible investigation by the board into the whole of Johannesburg as it was the board's responsibility to investigate applications, and make recommendations to the President who would make his decision on the basis of the report, Kruger said.

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said last night the two reports were irrelevant in light of Johannesburg's application.

He said he hoped De Klerk would not act on the recommendations until the board had finalised its investigation into the whole of Johannesburg.

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Anger over VAT on municipal rates

By Michael Chester

Thousands of ratepayers are up in arms to discover that the Government proposes to cast its VAT net even as far as municipal rates when the new tax system is introduced on October 1 next year.

In Johannesburg alone the extra burden to be shared by ratepayers could amount to more than R25 million a year.

Rebellion against the payment of value-added tax on bills for rates is being led by the Northern Area Group of

Ratepayers Associations (NAP), claiming to represent 18 suburbs stretching from Melville to Bramley and to the northern limits of the Johannesburg municipal area.

Chairman Tony Challenger said yesterday that proposals to impose VAT on municipal rates amounted to "tax on tax — a ridiculous situation". He added: "It's the sort of double taxation that the Government had promised to avoid in the new system."

Formal appeals had been made to Finance Minister Barend du Plessis to allow

municipal rates an escape clause.

"There's a big difference between payment of VAT on services and payment on rates," Mr Challenger said.

"VAT on basic services such as electricity and water supplies already threatens to be a considerable increase in household costs.

"VAT on rates would be the last straw, especially since municipal rates constitute a form of property tax already because they are imposed only on property owners rather than all users of municipal services.

"It is nonsense to even suggest there should be tax on taxes already paid."

Representatives of all 18 ratepayers' associations in the NAP had been called to a special meeting to be held at Emmarentia next week to formulate a united stand.

"We were first alerted to the VAT threat on municipal rates by the Benoni Ratepayers Association, which unearthed the proposal in the fine print of draft legislation in the Government Gazette.

"First we were shocked. Now we're furious. We expect strong support for our

objections from all ratepayers."

Johannesburg city treasurer Willie Siebert confirmed that at the moment there were about 150 000 private and business ratepayers in the municipal area. Between them they were paying about R267 million in rates assessments.

"The Government has yet to settle the precise rate at which VAT will be introduced. But one can expect ratepayers to be apprehensive," Mr Siebert said.

Though the Government has not so far announced a

VAT rate, hints have been dropped that it should be a shade below the current 13 percent charged under general sales tax.

Insiders suggest it will be fixed between 10 and 12 percent. At 10 percent, it would add R26,7 million to ratepayer bills in Johannesburg.

The SA Chamber of Business is staying on the sidelines of the argument.

Sacob director-general Raymond Parsons commented: "We must keep exemptions to an absolute minimum if we are not going to cripple the new system."

Survivor
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 tells of
 gun blitz

By Marguerite Moody, Stan Hlophe and Joe Openshaw

A municipal bus driver yesterday described his horror and fear when four men driving a minibus went on the rampage in central Johannesburg on Wednesday night, shooting indiscriminately at commuters and pedestrians.

The four unidentified AK-47-wielding gunmen left a trail of death and destruction, killing three people and injuring at least 17 during four apparently motiveless attacks.

No arrests have been made.

Speaking from his bed in the Johannesburg Hospital, Jacob Motsepe (40) told The Star he had been waiting at the taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets when the attack started at about 7.15 pm.

"People were falling down, others were screaming and everyone tried to run away."

He said some people were shot while lying shocked and cowering on the ground. Two men were shot dead.

Seven of the 14 injured taken to the Hillbrow Hospital after the attacks have been discharged. Six had undergone operations and four were critical.

The names of those discharged are Harry Makgotla and Wilson Leruti, both of Natalspruit on the East Rand; Richard Baloyi (24) of Molapo, Soweto; Thomas Mahlaba of Renilton House; Titus Matlala of Emmarentia; Oscar Khumalo of Bergville and Joseph Mofokeng (42) of Mapetla.

Bongani Gama of Meadowlands has been transferred to Milpark. Those still in hospital are Thomas Modau (25) of Dlamini; Clara Maluleka (25) of Chiawelo; Phumzile Sibisi; Elias Pokotana (45) of Moletsane; Daniel Shika (28) of Molapo and Jacob Mashiafane (30) of KwaThema.

Of the two patients besides Mr Motsepe admitted to the Johannesburg Hospital on Wednesday, a woman who was wounded in the stomach underwent surgery and was in a stable condition early yesterday. A third person was discharged.

Rowdy CP supporters disrupt NP meeting

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

A rowdy group of Conservative Party supporters disrupted a National Party meeting in Vereeniging for more than an hour before being marched out of the town hall by police.

The group then congregated in the foyer of the hall where they continued to sing throughout an address by Finance Minister and leader of the NP in the Transvaal, Barend du Plessis.

The drama unfolded when the 300-strong CP contingent boomed and stamped their feet, so that the guest speakers, including Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, were inaudible.

Barend Keet, the defeated CP candidate in last year's general elec-

tion, who appeared to be the leader of the group, repeatedly demanded to share the platform.

In his address Mr du Plessis said the message from the National Party was that it still supported the preservation of white rights.

Democracy

Stating that no person had the opportunity to negotiate with God about his or her skin colour, he said the NP stood for differentiation — not on the basis of racial discrimination, but on a cultural level.

A democracy could only work if the Government was responsible and representative in the form of a multi-party system, he said.

Referring to the continuing violence in the

country, Mr du Plessis said everyone was sick and tired of strikes, stayaways and senseless killings. However, internationally South Africa had the moral high ground and everyone would just have to be patient and sweat out the difficult times.

Although he gave the assurance that matters would improve once negotiations got underway, he declined to elaborate on the Government's strategy.

Mr du Plessis praised Mr F W de Klerk's bold move in unbanning organisations like the ANC and PAC. He said his timing, which coincided with the collapse of communism in Europe, was "absolutely brilliant" and was the salvation of the South African nation.

White parents 'tolerant' of mixed education

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KAREN STANDER, Education Reporter

MOST parents at 40 white Johannesburg schools surveyed by the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa (Amcham) are "tolerant" of opening schools to other races if "existing standards" can be protected.

Amcham executive director Wayne Mitchell said if these schools were opened, along with an additional 12 schools surveyed in the Durban area, it would be possible to create a minimum of 25 000 places for black children.

From interviews taking place in Alexandra to ascertain the interests of black teachers, parents and pupils, it was found that most of the hopes, aspirations and stereotypes about mixed education held by white parents were shared by their black counter-

parts. Both groups, for example, were deeply concerned about discipline and the quality of education.

Mr Mitchell said Amcham's policy research unit had pinpointed white schools in Johannesburg which might be amenable to integrated education and also because of their geographic situation in relation to the overcrowded schools of the black community.

Many of these white schools were under-utilised and faced closure, though some were in "grey" areas where black children had no reasonable access to alternative education.

Initial results of about 3 000 interviews suggest-

ed that only a minority of white parents were prepared to accept open schools unequivocally, but a majority were tolerant of mixed education provided that various safeguards were created to ensure standards were maintained.

The research indicated that the strongest support for open schooling was among primary school parents in the north-eastern areas where a number of schools were close to, or even exceeded, the 72 per cent minimum support laid down by white Minister of Education Piet Clase this week.

There was relatively greater resistance to open schooling among Afrikaans-speaking parents, although most would accept nonracial schooling where local schools faced closure.

Ennerdale boycott goes on

Residents of Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, decided yesterday to continue boycotting the payment of service charges until the local management committee introduces "affordable" rates. Their refusal to pay follows the arrest of several people after battles between police and residents last week when residents marched to the Ennerdale Civic Centre, which was later set alight. — Staff Reporter.

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Fresh bid to
resolve boycott

By Melody McDougall,
Vereeniging Bureau

Vanderbijlpark Town Council's management committee and a Cosatu delegation are to meet tomorrow for talks in yet another attempt to resolve the ongoing consumer boycott issue in the town.

Discussions between the parties were earlier called off after a disagreement about certain conditions laid down for the meeting.

The consumer boycott, which began in July, was lifted several weeks ago in Vereeniging, Meyerton and Sasolburg but is still continuing in Vanderbijlpark.

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Koster residents win forced removal battle

A Transvaal community faced with removal under apartheid laws has won its resistance battle — giving a morale boost to similar communities.

Over 350 families at the old section of Reagile township, near Koster, in the western Transvaal, will be spared, said M H Hathorn, of the Legal Resources Centre (LRC).

The LRC had been formally notified of the decision by the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs on Tuesday.

Lawyers defending the community obtained an

interim court order forbidding removal in 1988, after 65 homes had already been demolished.

Transvaal Provincial Administration authorities recently met white residents of Koster who assured them they had no objection to the community living in the neighbouring township.

Mr Hathorn said the unwavering resistance of the community had had a bearing in the decision of the authorities. He hoped that other townships under threat would also be saved.

One of the threatened townships is Oukasie in Brits. — Sapa.

Self-styled sheriff's fall from grace

By LOUISE BURGERS

It was his childhood dream to become a traffic officer. He realised that dream when he became Johannesburg's youngest traffic chief at the age of 34 in 1978. But now John Pearce, Johannesburg's self-styled sheriff, may be at the end of his career.

For many years he was Johannesburg's golden boy, with a vision to make his traffic force one of the best in the world.

In March this year, Mr Pearce emerged as a key player in the City Hall spy scandal and now he has been called grossly negligent by Mr Justice Hiemstra.

There are doubts whether

the director of public safety can outlive this latest controversy, but council sources say he is determined to fight hard to keep his job.

Mr Pearce (46) joined the Johannesburg traffic department in 1963 at 18. He has held the post of chief director of public safety for 20 months. Before that he was director of traffic and security for five years.

The larger-than-life Mr Pearce is an honorary citizen of Fort Worth, Texas, and of Colorado and Arizona.

When he took over as traffic chief in 1978, he was described as a man who would end maladministration in the department.



John Pearce.

His fall from grace began in June 1986 when there was an uproar over 38 traffic officers who travelled to Pieters-

burg in a luxury coach to attend a National Party meeting which was disrupted by the AWB.

Reports at the time suggested the officers went there to protect Foreign Minister Pik Botha, a personal friend of Mr Pearce.

In April 1987 it was revealed that Mr Pearce was to be paid to organise a R100 000 parking project at the Rand Show while he was on leave.

The next year his wife won a lucrative Rand Show parking contract.

In February 1988 he was accused of making freelance arrangements at council expense to accompany Bavarian Prime Minister Dr Franz

Josef Strauss to a northern Transvaal game lodge.

Mr Pearce said Johannesburg regularly escorted visiting VIPs at the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In December 1988 his appointment as director of public safety drew widespread criticism. And in June last year the DP launched an inquiry into the department of public safety. One of the issues raised was whether the council had donated a car to Mr Botha.

Mr Pearce has been accused of being a poor man's J Edgar Hoover and it has been alleged that he has abused his vast powers in the past.



The go-between . . . Wits University deputy vice-chancellor Professor Mervyn Shear asks police not to take action against a march of several thousand students. Professor Shear, was hit by a rubber bullet fired by police at a similar march last week. © Picture by Sean Weede

Police-student clash averted

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

A confrontation between Wits University students and armed riot police was narrowly averted yesterday when policemen blocking the path of a student march were ordered back.

The students had planned to march to the Hillbrow Police Station to hand over a memorandum after a meeting on campus to express concern at the recent township violence and to protest against Operation Iron Fist.

Permission for the march was refused by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Instead, the students marched around the perimeter of the campus to Jorissen Street, where they were met by police.

While students waited on the edges of the campus, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Mervyn Shear intervened, asking police not to take action.

Police allowed a delegation to hand over the memorandum and student leaders told the several thousand students to march back.

Tension arose when this was greeted by protest, and students and police faced each other in a stand-off for a few minutes.

Confrontation was averted when

the policemen turned and ran back. The students then dispersed peacefully.

At the mass meeting earlier, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton read a statement calling for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the violence, the impartiality and effectiveness of the police in controlling the violence and those responsible.

Former SA Council of Churches general secretary Dr Beyers Naude said law and order had to be based on justice for all, otherwise it led to disorder and bloodshed.

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Boycott comes to an end

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The 12-week-old consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark came to an end yesterday after the town council accepted demands by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) to hold marches through its streets.

And the Vaal Triangle MDM wasted no time taking advantage of the latest breakthrough — it said yesterday it would submit an application for a protest march.

And it warned in a statement the boycott could be resumed if the town council failed to give the march the go-ahead.

Other successes claimed by the MDM included an agreement with the council's man-

agement committee to take the issue of more land being made available to local townships to the next council meeting, and a committee agreement to discuss with other white Vaal Triangle town councils the possibility of establishing one council for all.

"It is anticipated that the town council will enter into responsible negotiations with the Boycott Committee in the planning of this march," the MDM said. "Subject to the co-operation of the council on this matter, the boycott will then be lifted."

A council spokesman was not available for comment.

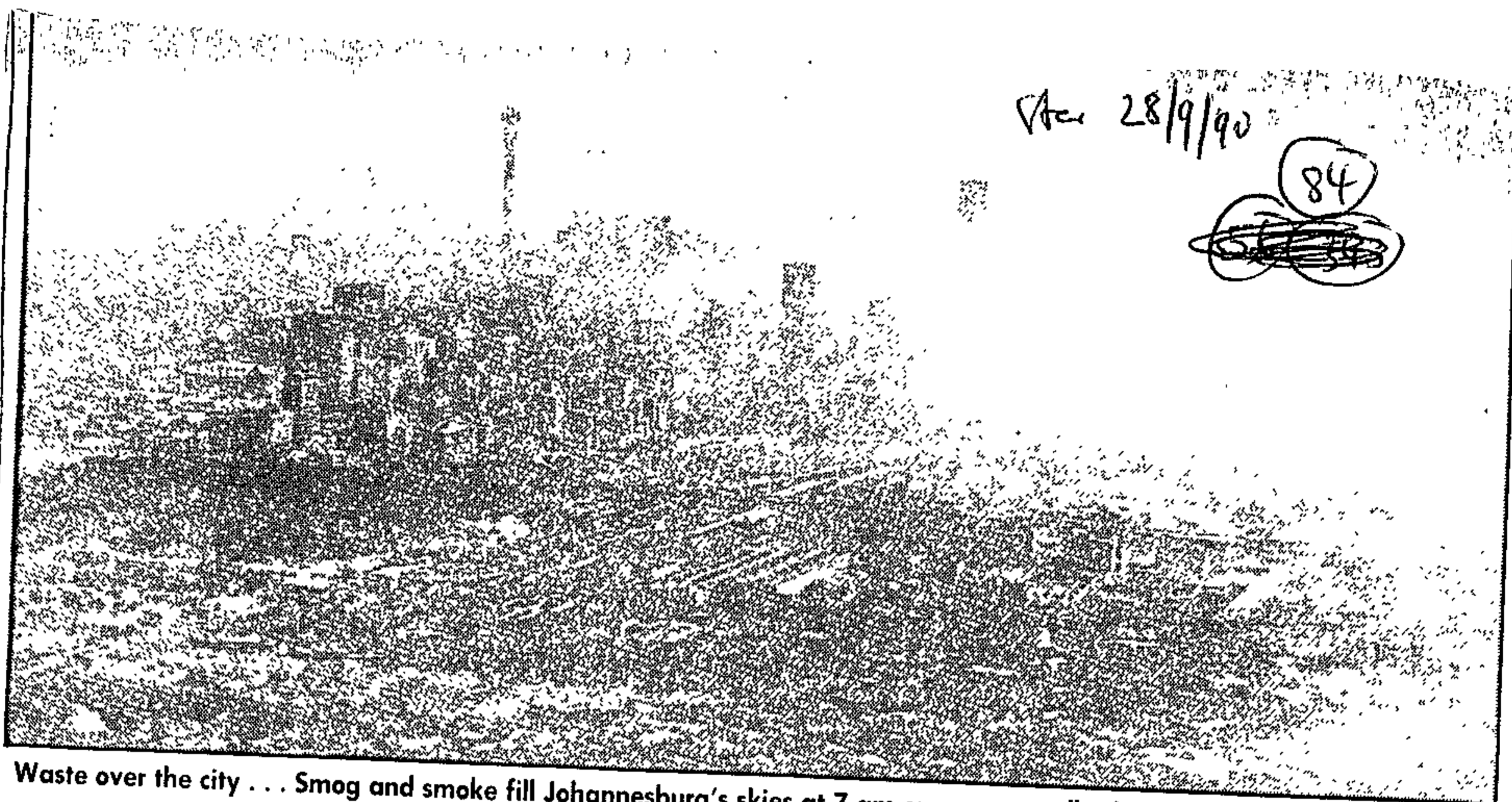
MDM suspends
Vaal boycott

VEREENIGING — Mass Democratic Movement affiliates in the Vaal Triangle have agreed to suspend the consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark with immediate effect.

The boycott began on July 16.

The Consumer Boycott Committee (CBC) said yesterday the suspension was the result of a change in position by the Vanderbijlpark Town Council, which has accepted the right of all South Africans to protest.

During a meeting between the council's management committee and the CBC last week, the committee also undertook to discuss the issue of more land for townships. — Own Correspondent.



Waste over the city . . . Smog and smoke fill Johannesburg's skies at 7 am on a supposedly clear summer's day. This scene was captured even before factories started belching fumes into the atmosphere.

Highveld 'one of most polluted areas in the world'

The Eastern Transvaal Highveld has been assessed as one of the most polluted areas in the world - with Eskom taking the rap for the bulk of the pollution.

However, Eskom communications services manager Andre van Heerden notes that there are eight major power stations which fall into the small area tested and that usually the level of pollution in the area is well within international standards.

"Depending on the conditions at the time the level of pollutants may vary considerably with, for example, the contribution from industry.

"The test results which showed the high level of pollution were taken during a peak period. These results were then compared to figures for the whole of West Germany rather than a heavily industrialized area.

"Eskom is now trying to change the perception that these reports created," says Mr van Heerden.

The Eskom approach is based on priorities, he says.

The levels of pollution in the townships, mainly because of coal and wood fired stoves, is two-and-a-half times the levels on the Eastern Transvaal Highveld.

In addition the pollution contains a high level of solids as, unlike the emissions from the power stations, these are not removed.

During the winter, temperature inversions trap the smog over the townships and expose the inhabitants to high levels of pollution.

The rain in South Africa is already more acid than that usually found in other parts of the world and this has caused local plant life to have a higher adaption to acid rain.

To remove the sulphur dioxide from the power station emissions would require fitting the power stations with scrubbers at an estimated cost of R1 billion per power station.

Thus, to fit scrubbers to the eight main stations in the Eastern Transvaal Highveld would cost around R8 billion.

On the other hand he estimates that the cost of providing electricity to almost every township in South Africa would cost around R6 billion and there would not be a resulting increase in the cost of power.

"By doing this we would be making a greater contribution to cutting pollution for a larger number of people.

"The electrification of the townships is

therefore, a higher priority and we will address this first.

"Once this has been done then we would look at the Eastern Transvaal Highveld again," says Mr van Heerden.

Power stations create a lot of ash during their operations and the bulk of this goes out through the smoke stack. However, Eskom has fitted precipitators to all its power station.

These are large electrically charged plates. The ash stick to the plates and 90 percent to 99 percent of the ash is removed.

Eskom has recently spent another R100 million installing sulphur trioxide injections systems which increase the efficiency of the ash extraction process.

Eskom uses a lower grade of coal than anywhere else in the world - this produces about 40 percent by-volume of ash.

The ash is finding commercial application as both a cement extender and for making bricks.

However, at this stage the bulk of the ash is dumped.

A disposal site will have its topsoil and seeds removed and the ash is placed on the site and then covered with the top soil and the area reseeded.

SUE OLSWANG

THE All Schools for All People (ASAP) Campaign is working against the clock in a determined effort to see many of Johannesburg's white state schools opened to black pupils for the start of the 1991 school year.

The ASAP campaign was established last year in response to the crisis over the Johannesburg High School for Girls (Barnato Park), which was threatened with closure because of declining numbers of white pupils.

The campaign was founded by a host of subscribing organisations including the Black Sash, the Five Freedoms Forum, the Transvaal Teachers' Association, the SA Council of Churches, the Johannesburg Democratic Alliance, the Union of Democratic University Staff Association, and the SA Association of Independent Schools.

The Saturday Star discussed the campaign earlier this week with two members of the ASAP's north-east Johannesburg committee. The members are Professor Bruce Murray, head of the University of the Witwatersrand's Department of History and chairman of the Academic Support Committee in the Faculty of Arts, and Mary Metcalfe, a lecturer in the Department of Education at Wits University.

Unequal facilities

"A large number of the Transvaal Education Department (TED) schools in north-east Johannesburg are operating at very much below their capacity ... while nearby Alexandra is experiencing tremendous overcrowding in classrooms," Professor Murray said.

Professor Murray said ASAP's north-east committee is concentrating its efforts on opening white schools to black pupils residing in Alexandra and Johannesburg's north-eastern suburbs. "Opening white schools won't entirely solve the education crisis in Alexandra but at least its move in the right direction."

Professor Murray said the ASAP north-east committee has been establishing contact with school principals and staff members, school management committees and representatives of the Alexandra community to devise guidelines for the opening of Johannesburg TED schools to pupils of all races by the start of the next school year.

He said ASAP sponsored a recent meeting between management committees of north-east Johannesburg schools to consider the guidelines for opening schools in 1991. The management committees are now following up by consulting parents to ascertain whether they should apply to the Minister of Education to open up in 1991 in accor-

dance with any one of the three models recently outlined by the Minister.

"The Minister's initiative has come very late," Professor Murray said, "and it is now a race against the clock to see whether we can get schools opened in 1991."

Mrs Metcalfe said a number of considerations or guidelines would have to be taken into account for the process of change.

These include factors like age and admission ranges, numbers, selection and placement, staffing and funding.

"The consensus so far is that age ranges are important and should not be too divergent," she said. "A limit of one or two years over the average age of the class seems to be acceptable."

"Discussions about admission ranges have pointed to admission at all levels of primary school. Standard 6 seems to be the ideal starting point for high school admission so the emphasis will be placed there, but there will also be admission into Standards 7 and 8. Standard 9 and 10 have been seen as problematic."

Mrs Metcalfe said it was highly unlikely there would be an immediate attempt to fill all vacant places in north-east white schools as the aim was to rather move gradually into admitting new groups.

In schools that decide to go the private route, or to become state-aided schools, teaching staff might probably be drawn from all race groups.

Workshops will have to be held to help teachers cope with pupils from different learning backgrounds and life experiences.

Mrs Metcalfe said black pupils will most likely be required to contribute to school funds in order to maintain facilities, and the ASAP is planning to launch a major campaign to establish a bursary trust fund

● ASAP branches are also operating in Mayfair, Johannesburg north-west and Johannesburg east.

● Professor Hennie Maree, the rector of Pretoria's Onderwyskollege, has warned that traditional white education will virtually disappear in a new political dispensation.

Professor Maree, who is also chairman of the Transvaalse Onderwysersvereniging (TO) and the Teachers' Federal Council (TFC), made this statement when he spoke to representatives of the Afrikaans teacher organisation.

Referring to the new school models announced recently, Professor Maree said the Government has shown a determination to take interim steps to change and there are indications there will be numerous government schools allowing pupils of other races by next year.

Target: Open TED schools by '91

ASAP campaigns for change in Jo'burg area

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GROUP AREAS — TRANSVAAL

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Students' 'no' to PAC-Govt talks

Star 1/16/83 Political Staff (84)

The Witwatersrand region of the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) has rejected the Government's invitation to the PAC to hold exploratory talks, saying the invitation was an attempt to co-opt liberation movements into the system.

At Paso's first annual Witwatersrand regional congress in Soweto at the weekend, it turned down the invitation and called for the intensification of the armed struggle.

Paso Witwatersrand organiser Mandla Matiko said negotiations would not bring about the total emancipation of "the disposed African masses". The land issue, he said, remained not negotiable.

Pals Holdings

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Pals Holdings is the latest Cape clothing manufacturer to trim dividends after a squeeze on profits.

Although turnover jumped by

Second Areas Act permit granted

Sowetan 3/10/90
A SECOND Group Areas Act permit - this time to a black medical doctor - has been granted to a person of colour to live in Waterkloof Ridge.

Obvious activity within the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works in granting permits has come as an indication that the Government has started moving in spite of the Pretoria City Council dragging its feet in giving comment on group area applications.

The successful application, and an-

other by a prominent Indian businessman, form part of about 10 applications submitted to the department by people of colour who want to live in Waterkloof Ridge. (84)

The latest permit has been issued to Dr AN Tlailane to buy a house and live at 253 Antares Street, Waterkloof Ridge Extension 1, in spite of an indication by the Pretoria City Council's management committee that it did not support his application. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

Hillbrow flat raids

JOHANNESBURG — Police and Inkatha members are assisting landlords who exploit black tenants in grey residential areas, it was claimed here.

The allegation made by Actstop, however, were denied by the police and Inkatha's youth leader, Mr Themba Khoza.

Actstop has 75 flat committees in Hillbrow and adjoining suburbs. Actstop spokesperson, Mr Presage Nkosi, said police on Monday evicted residents from a flat in Hillbrow for a landlord without a court order. Actstop members had said they would set up a mechanism to defend themselves.

Approached for comment, a Hillbrow police spokesperson said: "I am not prepared to say anything to you about Actstop".

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Exile Prof Davies back, joins UWC

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Political Staff

A FORMER Cape Town resident, South African affairs specialist Professor Rob Davies, has returned from exile and joined the University of the Western Cape, UWC disclosed yesterday.

He has been appointed to UWC's Centre for Southern African Studies as co-director to Professor Peter Vale, who joined UWC earlier this year.

Prof Davies completed his doctorate at the University of Sussex.

He was in exile for 19 years. For the past 11 years he worked at the Eduardo Mondlane University's Centre for Southern African Studies in Mozambique.

Prof Davies said he was attracted to UWC "as a research institution and because of its contribution to the national democratic struggle".

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PROCLAMATION*by the Acting**State President of the Republic of South Africa*

No. 178, 1990

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 66 OF 1986 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT MIDRAND, DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 66 of 1986 from the date of publication of this Proclamation by the exclusion of the area defined in the Schedule hereto from the area defined in the Schedule thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twenty-fourth day of September, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,
Acting State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ACCORDING TO
PROCLAMATION DIAGRAM SG 5641/86

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG 5641/86, being a proclamation area over the farm Allandale 10 IR, Administrative District of Johannesburg, Province of the Transvaal, in its entirety.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES**DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

No. 2351

5 October 1990

**PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF
APPOINTMENT**

It is hereby notified that Mr Hannu Seppo Ilmari Uusi-Videnoja, Chargé d'affaires of Finland, presented his Letter of Appointment to Mr R. F. Botha, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, in Pretoria on 13 September 1990.

Mr Uusi-Videnoja is the successor to Mr H. K. I. Mantyaara.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOME
AFFAIRS**

No. 2331

5 October 1990

ALIENS ACT, 1937**CHANGE OF SURNAME.—LEEUEW TO
FLANDERS**

The Minister of Home Affairs has been pleased under the provisions of section 9 of the Aliens Act, 1937 (Act No. 1 of 1937), to authorise Boetman Abram Leeuw and his minor child Shurldraé Abram, residing at 114 Kudu Street, Newtown, Athlone, to assume the surname of Flanders.

PROKLAMASIE*van die Waarnemende**Staatspresident van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika*

No. 178, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 66 VAN 1986 KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 33 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE MIDRAND, DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklamasie No. 66 van 1986 vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie deur die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan uit te sluit uit die gebied omskryf in die Bylae daarvan.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Vier-en-twintigste dag van September Eenduisend Negehonderden-negentig.

G. VANN. VILJOEN,
Waarnemende Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,
Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

GRENSBESKRYWING VOLGENS PROKLAMASIEKAART LG 5641/86

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG 5641/86, synde 'n proklamasiegebied oor die plaas Allandale 10 IR, administratiewe distrik Johannesburg, provinsie Transvaal, in sy geheel.

GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWINGS**DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE
SAKE**

No. 2351

5 Oktober 1990

AANSTELLINGSBRIEFOORHANDIGING

Hierby word bekendgemaak dat mnr. Hannu Seppo Ilmari Uusi-Videnoja, Saakgelastigde van Finland, op 13 September 1990 sy Aanstellingsbrief aan mnr. R. F. Botha, Minister van Buitelandse Sake van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, in Pretoria oorhandig het.

Mnr. Uusi-Videnoja is die opvolger van mnr. H. K. I. Mantyaara.

(72/63/1)

**DEPARTEMENT VAN BINNELANDSE
SAKE**

No. 2331

5 Oktober 1990

WET OP VREEMDELINGE, 1937**VANSVERANDERING.—LEEUEW IN
FLANDERS**

Dit het die Minister van Binnelandse Sake behaag om, kragtens die bepalings van artikel 9 van die Wet op Vreemdelinge, 1937 (Wet No. 1 van 1937), Boetman Abram Leeuw en sy minderjarige kind Shurldraé Abram, woonagtig te Kudustraart 114, Newtown, Athlone, te magtig om die van Flanders aan te neem.

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NEWS

A Johannesburg businessman claims his sick black friend was refused admission to the Edenvale hospital last week.

Ian Bromley said a houseman had diagnosed pneumonia and said the man had to be admitted immediately.

However, a nursing sister overruled the doctor and said the patient must be transfer-

Hospital 'refused to admit black'

red to Tembisa or Hillbrow hospitals. Mr Bromley said he asked the doctor what would happen if a white man had come in with pneumonia.

The doctor replied that the white patient would "most probably" have been admitted.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said Edenvale's superintendent, Dr Mervin Darnelin, had been contacted about Mr Bromley's allegations.

His reply was that Edenvale Hospital was full.

WILSON ZWANE

Blacks seeking better standards in white areas

INTOLERABLE conditions in the townships coupled with a desire for a better life have contributed to an influx of black professionals into white suburbs.

This emerged from interviews with some of the black professionals who have abandoned townships around Johannesburg.

A businessman, who requested anonymity, said the living conditions in the "traditional" townships were abominable and forced people with "means" to find better living places in the white suburbs.

"Some people have moved into the new extensions. Living conditions there are better than in the traditional townships. However, people like me, who could afford it, went for the best - the white suburbs."

he said.

A young doctor said ever since he left Soweto more than a year ago he had had no reason to "yearn for what I left behind".

He said that in a Johannesburg suburb he had more privacy than ever before as he now had a bigger house.

Consumer Institute for Research and Promotion director Elridge Mathebula described conditions in the townships as "barbaric and not conducive to human habitation".

Mathebula, who recently vacated his Parktown house for a house in Spruitview (a new black suburb on the East Rand), said he had been forced to leave

the township because of the "unacceptable" conditions there.

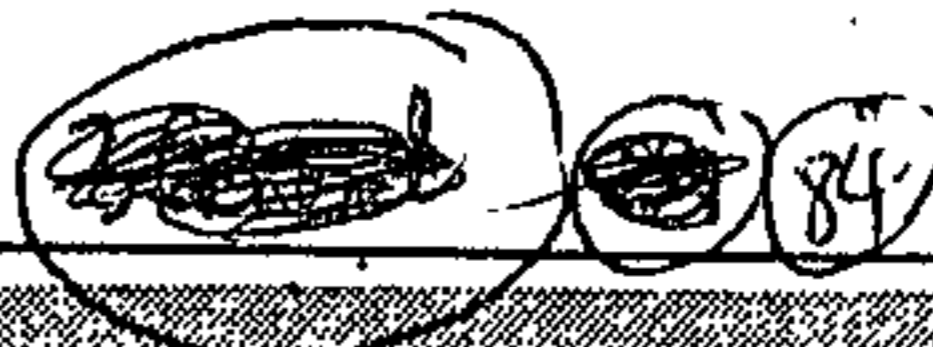
"Black townships are barbaric. The streets are dusty and litter is strewn all over the place. The houses and yards are small. You do not have room for a proper garden or a swimming pool," he said.

He conceded, however, that life in a white suburb was not always "rosy" and had taken its toll on him.

"I found myself exposed to a totally different culture. I started missing being among my own people.

"But I was not keen on returning to the township mess I had left behind. That is why I decided to leave the city and move into Spruitview," he said.

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Ex-white land set for black ownership

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

The Government plans to make available to blacks about 9 500 ha of previously white-owned farms in several Transvaal and Natal areas, it was announced yesterday.

Some of the land will be added to KwaZulu and KaNgwane while in other instances, tribal areas will benefit.

A portion of the affected land is in the Ngotshe area, near Vryheid, and the remainder at Wakkerstroom, Amersfoort and Nelspruit.

The proposal is the first on the sensitive issue of land ownership since a meeting of self-governing territories, the Government and the four provincial Administrators decided in Pretoria earlier this month to recommend the repealing of the 1913 Black Land Act and the 1936 Development Trust and Land Act, known collectively as the Land Act.

The repealmments would, essentially, allow people of another colour to farm or live on land previously reserved for whites.

The meeting's recommendation has been vigorously opposed by the Transvaal Agricultural Union, which last Friday held a protest meeting in

Pretoria after 95 percent of the province's 16 000 white farmers voted in a referendum to preserve sole control of the land for whites only.

Delegates have given the Government until November to come up with new proposals.

According to J H W Mentz, chairman of the Commission for Co-operation and Development, it is proposed that the parcel of land under consideration be made available for black occupation.

Portioned off

At Ngotshe, portions of farms known as Frischgewaagd, Lisbon, Waterval, Doornplaats, Dwarsrand and Magut are proposed for blacks while at Wakkerstroom, the 1 000 ha farm Doornfontein could be added to the existing black residential area known as Driefontein/Kaffir Locatie.

Portions of the farm Vlakpoort are scheduled to be added to Daggakraal in the Amersfoort district while Broedersvrede, in the Nelspruit district, is planned to be acquired by the SA Development Trust and then added to KaNgwane.

The commission has decided to meet at Wakkerstroom on November 5, at Louwsburg on November 6 and at Nelspruit on November 7 to hear objections to their proposals.

ET Cons

to prove platinum find

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By Derek Tommey

Eastern Transvaal Consolidated Mines (ET Cons), which has been mining gold in the Barberton area of the Eastern Transvaal for more than 100 years, could undergo a metamorphosis.

It has found nickel, copper and platinum group metals on the farm Slaaihoek, where it owns the mineral rights and mining title.

The chairman, Mr Rob Wilson, said last night that ET Cons was to spend R5,1 million determining the nature and extent of the mineralisation on the farm.

He said some R3,5 million would be spent in the current financial year (which ends in June, 1991).

This expenditure would be in addition to the proposed R6,3 million for other prospecting.

Prospecting

The prospecting programme on Slaaihoek should be completed towards the end of next year.

ET Cons has been intensively seeking new gold deposits to offset the depletion of reserves at its New Consort mine. ET Cons is also prospecting in the vicinity of its Sheba and Agnes mines.

In the year ended June total gold-bearing ore reserves dropped from 1 344 000 tons averaging 3 133cm.g/t to 937 000 tons averaging 4 067cm.g/t.

ET Cons shareholders agreed at the annual meeting yesterday to sub-divide their ordinary 50c shares into 20 shares of 2,5c each.

ET Cons shares are currently trading at 10 300c. The split should lead to the price of ET Cons shares becoming a more manageable 515c.

Workers' library staggers on

By SANDILE MEMELA

THE two-year-old Workers' Library, aimed at improving the literary and cultural knowledge of trade-union members and working-class people, has not borne much fruit, chief librarian Emmanuel Kgomo told *City Press* this week.

The library, at Gilhove Chambers on the corner of De Villiers and Wanderers streets in Johan-

nesburg, was launched with a flourish at the Wits Flower Hall in 1988 - but only a trickle of workers have come to make use of the rows of books.

The aim of the library was to provide a forum for workers to discuss issues affecting them, and to offer facilities for learning.

"We aim at establishing a network for workers to discuss their problems and come to grips with

running their own lives," said Kgomo.

The goals of the library have not yet been reached.

"We are still trying to identify means that will best satisfy the aspirations of the workers."

Kgomo said most workers who visited the library were looking for jobs or information that could help them meet their immediate physical needs of food and shelter.

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Many facilities on Reef are free - or almost free

Staff Reporter

While certain platteland towns are increasing entrance fees to municipal amenities to enforce segregation, ratepayers on the Reef can use facilities such as pools, libraries, parks and public toilets for free or for a small charge.

The fees charged by some Conservative municipalities for amenities are in some cases hundreds of rands more than ratepayers in, for example, Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton pay.

In Johannesburg and Sandton, anyone living or working there may join the library free of charge.

In Randburg, entrance to municipal swimming pools is free and in Johannesburg it costs an adult R1,40 while children and senior citizens can take a dip for 40c.

This compares with the R15 non-residents in Vanderbijlpark will have to pay for a swim in the municipal pools. To avoid paying the tariff, residents must produce water and electricity accounts.

In several platteland towns, non-residents must pay R100 and R500 to join the library.

In Bethal the library membership for non-residents is R500 a year. And in Pietersburg, non-residents have to pay R100 to use the library while residents can join for R12.

In public parks on the Reef, there are few places where people have to pay, but in Newcastle, the local caravan park is to be fenced off and an entrance fee will be charged.

Visitors to the local dam in Potchefstroom will now pay R3 a person instead of the previous fee of R3 a vehicle.

Actstop urges action against CP councils

CIVIC Associations countrywide are being urged by Actstop to take action against Conservative Party councils which refuse to heed the scrapping of the Reservation of Separate Amenities Act.

Spokesman Mohammed Dangor said this week people should force recalcitrant councils to implement the law by way of organised protest, marches and court action.

Threatening that CP councillors and CP municipalities could be tied up in litigation for the next 20 years, Actstop further urged Lawyers for Human Rights, the National Association for Democratic Lawyers and the Black Lawyers' Association to assist any indi-

vidual or civic association which had to go to court.

"It is the start of the Martin Luther King era of the 1950's in South Africa when people who are blocked, will go in their thousands to the front doors of previously segregated amenities to demand entry.

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Weapons

"Their weapons will be exposure and embarrassment," he said.

Dangor said Actstop had urged the powerful umbrella body, Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) representing all civic associations in the area, to adopt this form of protest.

"To the CP councils

who defy the law, we say if you want to retain your apartheid signs, then you must also put up the white's only signs outside your businesses.

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Home loans: Lenders wary of grey areas

FINANCIAL institutions are showing reluctance to grant loans in at least one grey area.

The Weekly Mail has come across two incidents of people being refused bonds in different properties in Bertrams, Johannesburg. Banks and building societies polled by *The Weekly Mail* have denied they have national bans on granting bonds in certain areas — but most say decisions are left to regional managers.

Estate agent Eileen Kovacz, who operates in Bertrams, remarks: "They say Bertrams is a high-risk area because it's 99 percent black."

She says if there is already a bond on the property the bank or building society may grant a "takeover bond" but is only prepared to give 65 percent to 70 percent of the bond amount being asked for.

It's virtually impossible to buy a house in Bertrams unless a company bond is available, reckons Kovacz.

A journalist for a major newspaper, Glynis O'Hara, was flatly refused a bond by the United Building Society for a house in Judith's Paarl. However, the SA Perm was willing to grant a bond — at R10 000 less than was asked for.

Her experience suggests that even where bonds are granted, house prices are pushed down.

De Huizemark chairman Piet Hamman goes further. He is adamant that financial institutions are refusing to grant loans in suburbs like Hillbrow, Joubert Park, Jeppe, Bez Valley, and Malvern.

Applications for loans in these areas are either flatly refused or the terms offered make things very difficult for prospective buyers.

If Hamman is correct, the reluctance to grant bonds in those areas threatens to hasten a decline in those areas.

"If this is happening it would make the prophecy that grey areas will become slums self-fulfilling," agrees property economist Neville Berkowitz.

The refusal to grant bonds restricts the sale of properties and condemns the areas to slumdom. Buyers' only alternative is to find cash; other owners will have to rent out their properties on a large-scale, accepting low rentals for them.

UBS MD Mike De Blanche says deci-

Lenders' reluctance to grant mortgage bonds on homes in grey areas could make the fear that these areas will become slums a self-fulfilling prophecy, reports

REG RUMNEY

sions are left to the local boards. "There are a few areas where we do not grant loans, for instance where we feel the general area to be dilapidated. Most areas would qualify for loans. Any area would be reviewed on a regular basis."

"Each branch would have its own specific policy," says the SA Perm senior GM Peter Hibbit. But he says the stability of the area is important in assessing the risk of individual applications.

Allied Building Society MD Don Hunter says there is no blanket policy on granting loans in certain suburbs. "There are minimum standards. We have to have some cut-off point below which we don't lend." Hunter says the dwelling and the ability to pay the loan are assessed.

This is mirrored by First National Bank GM Jimmy Mckenzie, who says decision-making on bonds is decentralised. "The regional general managers probably know the areas they want to be in."

He adds: "Every case would be evaluated in terms of risk." Mckenzie says FNB has done business in grey areas, such as Hillbrow.

"We haven't a formal policy," says Standard Bank senior GM Dennis Matfield. "We look at each case on its merits. There must be value in any house or flat we decide to finance."

In the US, financial institutions have "red lined" certain areas into which blacks move, causing prices to fall. Estate agents have been accused of engineering red lining to snap up properties cheaply for later gentrification or for use as office space.

In South Africa, fears of "bond boycotts" by disgruntled residents similar to the widespread rent boycotts in the townships may be causing banks and building societies to think twice about granting bonds in grey areas.

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State has 'firm' control on country - De Klerk

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Government had now attained a firm grip on the country after a troubling period of violence, President de Klerk said in Pretoria last night.

This had enabled it to lift the state of emergency in Natal, he told an enthusiastic capacity city hall crowd of about 2 000 NP supporters at a public meeting marking the opening of the Transvaal National Party congress.

The meeting took place behind a tight security cordon, with scores of policemen keeping right-wing protesters at bay, and detector screenings of everyone in the audience on entry.

The stage management also exhibited a new style for NP meetings, with a long-haired male cabaret singer entertaining the audience before the curtain lifted on Mr de Klerk and his wife Marjke and Transvaal

NP leader Barend du Plessis and wife Antoinette on the podium — instead of the usual line-up of Cabinet Ministers and party officials.

In a wide-ranging speech in which he made no new announcements, Mr de Klerk:

- Delivered a blistering attack on Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht and Ferdi Hartzenberg for advocating "radical" strategies such as boycotts, civil disobedience and disruption and violence at political meetings.

Lashing out

He said it was "almost tragic" that while the ANC was slowly and steadily moving away from radicalism, the CP and other rightist groups — who already had the vote — were becoming more radical.

Mr de Klerk also:

- Warned CP supporters they would be co-responsible for CP actions if they remained supporters.

- Urged extra-parliamentary groups to stop lashing out at the security forces and the Government "whenever their own supporters become involved in acts of violence".

- Re-affirmed his promise to allow the white electorate to accept or reject a new constitution before it was implemented.

- Defended the NP's decision not to go into an election pact with the Democratic Party.

Mr de Klerk said the NP was on course and would not be deflected from its reform goals by threats and pressure from the CP or anyone else.

In one short year, the NP had moved from promises and hope to the threshold of real negotiation.

Mr de Klerk also said:

- Support for reconciliation through negotiation was growing by the day and the "violent ones" to the left and right were standing naked before the South African public and the international community.

- The debate was widening and deepening.

- International enmity was being replaced by interest, encouragement and even acceptance. South Africa's voice was being heard again across the world — and being believed.

Stability

- "Slowly and surely" the foundations were being laid for economic stability and growth.

- Thousands of millions of rands had been set aside to address socio-economic problems.

- "After a troubling period of violence and intimidation, a firm grip has been attained and today I could announce the lifting of the State of Emergency which still existed in the province in Natal."

The Government had done its part and would continue to do so.

"The door I spoke of at my inauguration is now fully open. Let us start fundamental dialogue."



'Wit Wolwe' threaten black patient

Dirk Nel
Northern Transvaal Bureau

POTGIETERSRUS — A group of armed men claiming to be Wit Wolwe gathered outside the "whites-only" Voortrekker Hospital on Thursday last week and threatened to remove a black woman patient admitted for special surgery.

For her own safety she

was transferred to another section reserved for Indians, said the doctor who had recommended her admission.

A witness said the men were armed with pistols, batons and rifles.

Black patients in the area are usually admitted to the nearby Mokopane Hospital.

Transvaal Hospital Services MEC Fanie Ferreira warned that people who be-

haved in an obstructive manner were transgressing the law.

He said nobody could be turned away from any hospital in the province, especially in cases of extreme urgency.

"This kind of disgusting behaviour makes me ashamed of my own town," said Rita Nel, a Potgietersrus resident.

Whites replace black workers after strike

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By DESMOND BLOW

A PIETERSBURG window-and-door-frame factory owned partly by Transvaal administrator Danie Hough's wife has fired all its black employees and hired whites to do their jobs.

The whites are earning exactly the same wages as the former employees.

Danie Hough had been a director of the business, NTY Staalwerke, since the 1960s, but last year his wife Mignonette, 49, and Klaradyn Booyens, 37, took over his share of the company with R100 capital, renaming it NTY (Lebowa) CC.

Seven months after the new owners took over, the 80-odd black employees were told they would have to work a four-day week with reduced pay. When they objected, they alleged four of them were fired.

The rest of the black workforce then went on strike and were summarily dismissed a few days later.

None of the black employees, some of whom have been with the company for more than 26 years, have found other employment.

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However, he admitted that many of the white employees were not up to the standard or as reliable as the blacks.

"About half our white employees are from special schools," he said, "which means they are not as efficient and they are also prone to industrial accidents. The staff turnover among whites has also been high."

Quin blames Nactu for the loss of jobs.

"When I expressed concern that men with long service would be left destitute, Theo Ramalama of Nactu, who is representing the fired workers, told me that millions were without jobs and that 80 more would not make any difference."

The union denies Quin's version. It maintains the workers only went on strike when four employees, one a shopsteward, were arbitrarily fired.

Pietersburg attorney Jan Stemmet, who represented the factory in talks with the union, said there was a certain amount of truth in the stories of Quin and the union.

He said workers were told the factory had either to cut down on the hours worked or people would have to be retrenched.

He said the workers refused to work shorter hours.

Stemmet said the four workers were not fired but retrenched, because that was the only alternative to working shorter hours.

He also denied the four had been retrenched because of their connection with the union, and were regarded as troublemakers by the owners.

ANC opens in mixed area

Staff Reporter

Paarl and Malvern.

The Johannesburg East branch of the ANC was launched yesterday.

Sixty new members were signed up, bringing the membership to 210.

Newly elected secretary, Benita Pavlicevic, said the turnout had been "good" with 135 members attending.

The new branch includes the suburbs of Doornfontein, Troyeville, Kensington, Bez Valley, Jeppe, Bertrams, Judiths

The cultural diversity of the area forced the branch to issue leaflets in six languages: Sotho, Zulu, Afrikaans, English, Portuguese and Italian.

● Sapa reports that more than 8 000 people yesterday attended the official launch of the Thabong Civic Organisation in Welkom.

Spokesman Lazarus Masoka said one of the resolutions adopted was to demand the resignation of the Thabong Town Council.



Developers warned to act with caution

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There should be "extreme caution" in the development of industrial property on a speculative basis in a market "awash with mini factories".

This warning to developers comes from Brian Langford of API Property, who has studied mini-factory growth points.

He says: "During the past year, the Robertville and Stormill areas alone have supported about 40 000 sq m of 'spec' development either completed or under construction, while on the East Rand, the area around Isando currently has about 70 000 sq m of factory space due to be completed by the middle of next year."

These ventures involve institutions. Activity by private investors in the industrial market should also be taken into account.

API's investigations into the availability of industrial land in Edenvale and Kempton Park reveal that anyone requiring large tracts of land has a problem.

"As well as being expensive, Sabenza and Eastleigh are almost fully sold and Spartan and Isando are both almost fully developed," says Mr Langford.

In Wadeville, an area with historically low rentals, owners are finding they are now achieving much higher rent levels.

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Joh'burg 'ready for 5-star visitors'

By Adam Gordon

Johannesburg was poised to regain its rightful place as a premier business and tourist destination, Anglo American chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson said at the official opening of the Carlton hotel's new R3,7 million lobby yesterday.

"As surely as sanctions

are on their way out, five-star visitors are on their way in," he said.

This marked the emergence of Johannesburg as a modern international metropolis, he told a gathering of about 200 guests.

He said the fact that Spain earned more from tourism than South Africa did from its gold mines suggested that the tourist industry remained largely unrealised in this country.

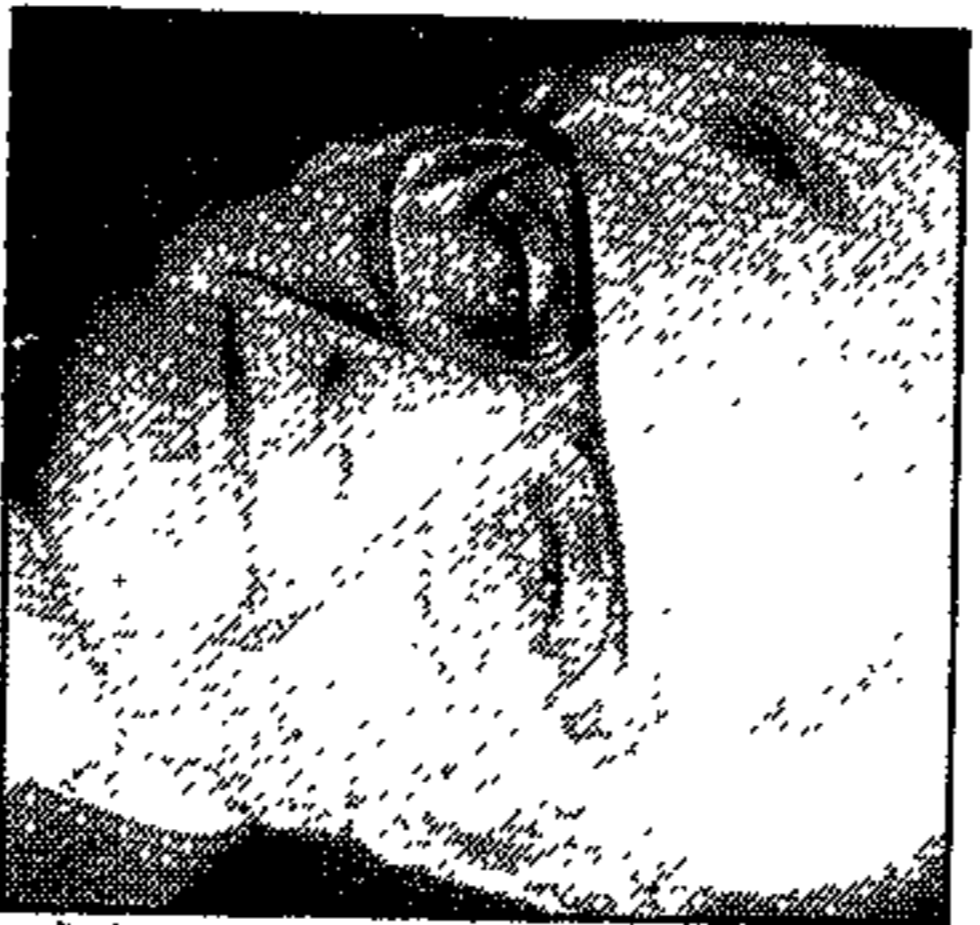
The R3,7 million world-class foyer revamp would help the Carlton and others like it become "foreign-exchange factories".

The Carlton Centre, built in 1972, was Anglo American's largest single long-term property investment. It probably remained the most ambitious attempt to address what he termed "the urban failings" of the central business district. However, Anglo Ameri-

can's participation in urban renewal was not confined to the Carlton, Mr Ogilvie Thompson said. Anglo American Property Services was pursuing the redevelopment of Newtown with the Johannesburg municipality.

"We hope these important initiatives in urban renewal will also be allowed to unfold," he said.

Anglo American's previous chairman, Harry Oppenheimer, opened the original Carlton lobby in 1972.



Julian Ogilvie Thompson

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Proposals invited for Onderberg sugar mill

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Government is to invite entrepreneurs to submit proposals for the building of a new sugar mill in the Onderberg region of the Eastern Transvaal and KaNgwane.

Trade and Industry Minister Kent Durr announced yesterday that the Sugar Association would shortly publish a press advertisement formally inviting applications.

Mr Durr said he was "enthusiastic" about the extra jobs that would be created and the possibility of establishing a substantial number of small cane farmers in KaNgwane.

But he cautioned that

the Government was not able to provide any guarantees that there would be extra irrigation water.

International agreements needed for the construction of irrigation dams had not yet been concluded.

Entrepreneurs considering investing capital in the sugar mill would have to "make their own commercial judgment".

These would have to be based on their assessment of the existing and future water supply situation.

Mr Durr said the introduction of free production areas for small growers had resulted in large numbers of these growers in the Natal/KwaZulu area entering sugar farming.

We will fight a black govt - ET

By Julienne du Toit

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MIDDELBURG — AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche brought about 1500 people to their feet in Middelburg Town Hall last night with a threat to fight any black majority government.

Mr TerreBlanche said he warned people a year ago the ANC wanted to nationalise their pensions and savings in the banks.

"Did your blood not warn you?" he asked the hushed audience.

He said 28 million blacks could easily be destroyed and driven back to their homelands

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in a war they appeared to want.

A referendum should be held using political seats, not one man, one vote, said Mr TerreBlanche.

In this way, President "Jellytot" de Klerk would be able to see how strong right-wing support was.

He said the volkstaat, which would include the Transvaal, Free State, northern Natal and northern Cape, would exclude the PWV, "where they can carry on bastardising themselves".

The volkstaat would cut electricity to the PWV if it co-operated with Soweto, he said.

Mr TerreBlanche's speech

was emotional, full of references to Old Testament battles and to barefoot children dying beside wagon tracks.

He admonished one member of the audience to stop laughing and another to keep quiet.

Referring to an Old Testament story, he begged God with a breaking voice to make him a donkey. He said the Government was beating him to betray Jesus and the child-angels in the town hall were asking the Government why.

Shaking and sweating, he ended: "God, O God, I am tired. This is the 70th time I have spoken to South Africans this year. Are you listening?"

Police 'prevented aid to dying man'

By Brendan Templeton

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A Black Sash member yesterday described how police in Hillbrow last week prevented her from comforting a fatally wounded man who was shot minutes before her arrival.

Witnesses told The Star the suspected car thief was shot while lying on the ground by a policeman. They said a medical student was prevented from giving him first aid before he died.

The man was shot outside the Metropolitan apartments in Alexandra Road, Hillbrow, at about 11 pm last Wednesday.

Dorothy Wheeler said a policeman shouted at her: "Don't touch him", when she leant over the dying man. Blood was pouring from his mouth and his eyes were glazing over, but she noticed one hand still moving.

Witnesses told The Star they heard gunshots and saw a man running down the street stumble and fall. While he was on the ground, the policeman shot him from about 10 m.

Ms Wheeler said police made no attempt to help the man. Another witness said the policeman turned and walked away after firing the last shot. He did not check the wounded man's condition.

Police grabbed The Star's camera to prevent pictures being taken and threatened to confiscate it. The medical student who tried to help the man was subsequently arrested.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman urged people who witnessed the incident or who have any information to contact Sergeant Erasmus at Hillbrow police station, (011) 643-4811.

All roads lead to the CBD

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For all the great commercial build-up of Johannesburg's satellites, the city's heart is as healthy as ever and its main survival factor remains the vital transport system.

"All roads lead to the central business district," says Stanley Arenson, a director of Sandton-based Russell Marriot & Boyd Trust (RMBT) — a 'city man' who believes with the emergence of the non-white blue collar worker, the accessibility to the city workplace is of prime importance. Substantiating this view is the on-going institutional development process within the city, which must inevitably lead

to a constant growth in the office army well into the future.

First National's Bank City complex and Standard Bank's blocks in Simmond Street — Standard also plans big commercial developments on adjacent properties — as well as projects by insurance groups and mining houses will all ensure a prosperous city centre.

"The people needed to staff these undertakings can easily commute to work without the use of a second car which is very much a requirement for northern areas," says Mr Arenson.

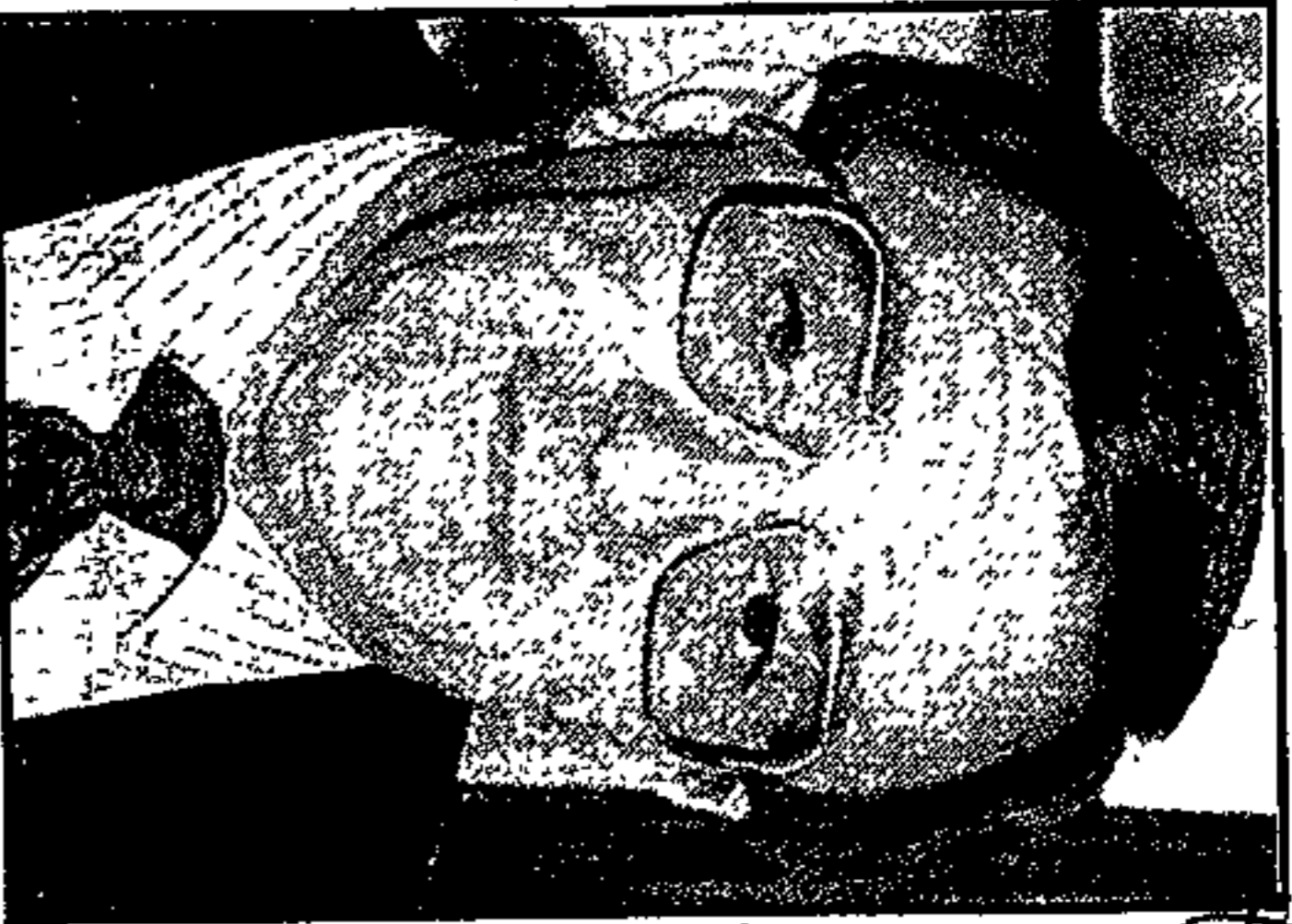
"Evidence of the use of public transport can be seen in the

parking allocation of the CBD — one bay per 100 sq m of office space — compared to the northern suburbs figure of four bays per 100 sq m."

The RMBT director, in a breakdown of the city office market, puts total A grade office at more than 822 000 sq m, of which nearly 77 000 sq m is vacant (9.34 percent).

There are more than 485 000 sq m of B grade offices, with a vacancy figure of 83 500 sq m (17.23 percent).

Planned new developments account for 268 500 sq m, while 250 500 sq m of new space coming on to the market has been prelet.



Stanley Arenson . . . accessibility is of prime importance.

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Southgate open for business

By Frank Jeans

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One of the most ambitious retail property assemblies in recent years has been completed, with the opening yesterday of the massive, R180 million Southgate Mall south of Johannesburg.

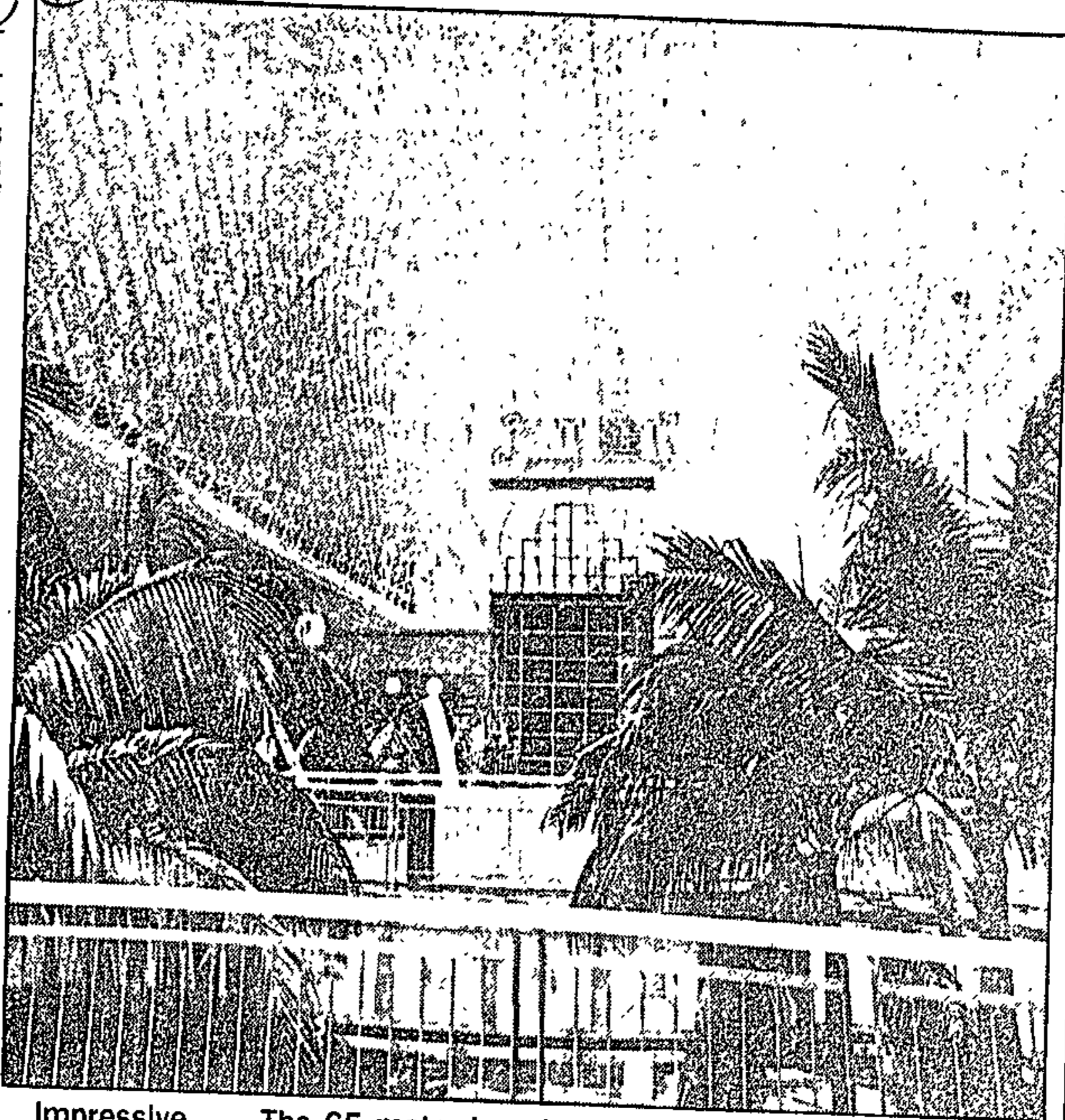
The Mall was designed and built in a record-breaking time of just under 19 months.

Mr Malcolm Wilson, managing director of Matrix Projects, the Rivonia-based construction management company responsible for the creation of Southgate, says:

"We estimated the contract time would be 24 months but when the financial viability was complete, the initial return on total investment was unacceptable and well below what any potential investor would perceive as an attractive return on his investment.

"A reduction of six months in the construction period meant a substantial saving in the interest bill and in cost increases arising through escalation."

Main contractors were Giuricich Brothers, Wilson Bayly Holmes and



Impressive . . . The 65 metre long barrel vault skylight over the entrance to the new complex contains 5000 glazed panels and 75 tons of steel.

Concor Building and they have created a centre of about 84 000 sq m.

The complex has 65 000 sq m of lettable

space and comprises 185 line shops and 15 national chain stores.

Included in the entertainment component is a

seven-cinema Star Kinekor spread.

The architects were Bentel Abramson & Partners.

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Jo'burg bus fares to go up

Johannesburg municipal bus fares will go up by about 10 percent on January 1 — the second rise in six months.

Transport chairman Paul Asherson said the management committee had no choice, as the two recent fuel price increases had pushed the transport department's operating bill up by R2,5 million.

Fares will go up by between 10c and 20c. — Staff Reporter.

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Repeal of Group Areas Act causing price uncertainty

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UNCERTAINTY about what will happen after the Group Areas Act is repealed is playing havoc with the property market, Multiple Listing Services (MLS) East Rand regional chairman Jan Grové says.

He believes the Act's repeal will affect various areas differently and that two possible scenarios may result.

Demand for accommodation may soar when the Act is repealed and this will force property prices up, especially for rented accommodation.

Upgraded

"With 68% of black, coloured and Indian families living on less than R600 a month, suburbs with houses or flats for rent will be highly sought after."

These groups will probably move to suburbs in Johannesburg such as Hillbrow, Yeoville, Berea, parts of the CBD area and certain parts of the East Rand, he says.

"If a higher-income group of another race replaces a poor white group in a particular area, that area will automatically be

upgraded and property prices will rise."

The other scenario is that the effect will be similar to desegregation in the US.

When one race group moves into a particular area, there is an exodus of the predominant race group. They then sell at lower prices.

Then, unrest, crime and urban blight may increase — which has already happened in Hillbrow, Grové says.

"However, partial relaxation of the Act is no solution. Neither is the Free Settlements Act.

"Both will destabilise natural market forces, resulting in additional social pressures and a sudden acceleration of urban decay in certain suburbs.

"A satisfactory and enduring resolution of this sensitive issue will largely depend on the attitude of all race groups involved. I believe that mutual trust and respect should be the guiding criteria."

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Vote for the Nat Party in Randburg, says DP leader

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By Adam Gordon

Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer said last night that people should vote for the National Party rather than the Conservative Party in the coming Randburg by-election.

The DP-mooted Randburg election pact with the NP had not set a precedent for his party in the future, he said.

Dr de Beer was speaking with fellow MP Harry Schwarz at a meeting in Craighall Park, Johannesburg.

Mr Schwarz said he had been mandated by the DP to negotiate with the NP on the issue of the by-election. For varying

reasons, none of the DP caucus had wanted to fight the election.

An opinion poll had shown that the NP had twice as much support among blacks as the DP.

Dr de Beer said South Africa needed a government of national unity with moderate, centrist, non-socialist values.

He expected such a government to incorporate large elements of the NP and the ANC, as well as the DP.

In a new South Africa, in which everyone had a vote, the DP had more of a role to play than ever.

(Report by A Gordon, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg.)

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Parents at 4 schools ready to vote on multiracial issue

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Parents from at least four Johannesburg schools will soon vote on whether to open their schools to all races.

In a poll of schools yesterday, principals and other spokesmen said other schools would also be holding referenda on the issue in the coming months.

The most popular of the three alternative models proposed by the Government appears to be model "B", in which a school remains State-funded but the management committee sets the admissions policy.

All four schools who have set dates for polling are to vote on this option.

The other models are becoming a "State-aided" school or a private school.

The first school to go to the polls is the Johannesburg Prep School for Girls, where parents will vote next Saturday. They will be followed by parents from Parktown Boys High School on November 9, Northview High on November 12 and Saxonwold Primary School on November 14.

Advised

The only school which indicated it had decided not to vote at this stage was Hyde Park High School in Sandton.

Management committee chairman Maurice Jochelson said the committee had advised parents that they could not recommend any of the models at this stage and had asked the Government for more information on all of the models.

A spokesman for Bryanston High said an information meeting was held on Wednesday night, at which the consensus was in favour of voting on model B.

● It has been reported that Pretoria High School for Girls could be the first State school in the city to have an open admissions policy.

The school management council is to meet parents on Tuesday and will hold an opinion poll on November 20. If it gets the necessary support, the school could adopt model "B" and be open from January.

Klerksdorp boycott

By DAN DHLAMINI

FROM tomorrow, residents of Jouberton will boycott stores in nearby Klerksdorp until policemen - who they allege are involved in violence in the township - are suspended or arrested.

At least three people have died in five weeks of unrest.

The boycott - announced by the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM) this week - follows a press conference last week when alleged police brutality was discussed.

The MDM called for an independent judicial commission of inquiry into police activities in the township.

Two victims of alleged police brutality, Alfred Mbolweni and William Mbhakaqani, were buried yesterday. Police in Pretoria said Mbolweni was fatally wounded on October 13 after he and several youths allegedly petrol-bombed security personnel who were guarding a burning vehicle.

The police said Mbhakaqani was shot dead on October 14 when he was part of a mob which allegedly attacked the home of a policeman.

Police, however, deny they shot dead Raymond Morapedi on September 23.

They claim a taxi with false registration plates dumped Morapedi's body in front of a police Casspir and sped away.

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Boycotts to start in two Transvaal towns

By Montshiwa Moroke

Vosloorus and Jouberton civic associations are to embark on consumer boycotts in Boksburg and Klerksdorp respectively this week.

A spokesman for Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA), Keith Montsitsi, said the boycott of white-owned businesses in the Conservative Party-controlled town would start tomorrow.

Businesses owned by councillors in the township would also be boycotted, he said.

The boycotts have been called as a protest against the Government withdrawing services in

the two townships.

Jouberton residents said they would continue the boycott until police, whom they alleged were involved in violence in the township, were either arrested or suspended.

Mr Montsitsi said it had "dawned on his association" that township residents were paying more for services than whites.

"We have a feeling that we also contribute towards the profit-making of these large businesses.

"Commerce and industry derive profits out of our labour and buying power," he said.

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Orange Farm buy-out begins soon

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Evaluators appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration will soon start negotiating with white landowners at Orange Farm and certain surrounding areas to buy out their properties for scheduled black settlement.

This was confirmed yesterday by the TPA's director of liaison services in Pretoria, Piet Wilken, after a meeting attended by local landowners, the police and TPA officials near Apple Orchards on Monday night.

The Government has allocated R24 million to

buy out white-owned properties in the area after complaints by residents that they had been ruined by plundering inhabitants of nearby squatter camps.

The squatters have denied these allegations.

One of the residents, who attended the meeting but asked to have her name withheld, said various matters had been discussed at the function, including the safeguarding of the area.

She said local landowners were grateful for the establishment of a satellite police station at Orange Farm, which she hoped would help combat the spate of burglaries and plundering

residents have suffered recently.

The woman said the TPA's assessment of damage on smallholdings and the possibility of compensation for landowners was also discussed.

However, no decision about the matter was reached.

She said the TPA had undertaken on Monday night to start sending out evaluators to the area to negotiate individually with landowners about the purchase of their smallholdings.

The TPA apparently indicated that property owners to the west of the Vereeniging/Johannesburg railway line would

be paid out within the next two months.

Mr Wilken told The Star that the amount of land purchased would depend on how far the R24 million allocated for the project for this financial year could be stretched.

The land of those who were still living on their properties would be bought out first.

He said the TPA was having difficulty in tracing plot owners who had already moved off their land.

In the second phase of the project the TPA would buy property in the West Rand agricultural holdings (Zuurbeekom).

Klerksdorp boycott: police 'will act'

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By Montshiwa Moroke
and Sapa

Klerksdorp police are to launch "special actions" to prevent intimidation of Jouberton township residents during a consumer boycott which started on Monday.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden, said police would "definitely take action" against intimidation attempts.

Spokesmen for Checkers and

Pick 'n Pay supermarkets were not happy with the prospect of experiencing another boycott.

Checkers managing director Sergio Martinengo, said he was "sick and tired" of boycotts and "everyone" was tired of them.

"They cause a lot of business to be lost and unfortunately they cause jobs to be lost too."

Peter Bosman general manager and director of Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp, described the boycott as "a sorry situation".

The boycott follows claims of

police brutality during recent unrest in Jouberton. Mass Democratic Movement spokesmen said residents were demanding the removal of police from the township. The boycott would continue until the policemen, allegedly involved in the violence, were arrested or suspended.

Major van Heerden claimed that law-abiding citizens welcomed the police presence. He said the police would investigate all written statements of alleged police violence.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Jan van den Bergh, said "I do not understand why they have to punish white businesses for certain police actions".

• Vosloorus residents have decided to boycott Boksburg businesses and businesses belonging to Vosloorus town councillors from tomorrow.

This follows a deadlock in negotiations to resolve the rent and services boycott, according to Civic Association publicity secretary Keith Montsitsi.

Three white schools to be used by other races

By Karen Stander
Education Reporter 31/10/90

Three white schools in Johannesburg had been offered for the education of children of other population groups, the Government announced yesterday.

The schools are:

● Western High School in Homestead Park — due to close at the end of the year — which is to become an Indian school under the House of Delegates.

● Mayfair-Goedehoop school (already closed), which has been offered to the Bophelo-Impilo Institute, a black private school with more than 1 000 pupils presently housed in "very unfavourable circumstances" in Johannesburg. It would have had no accommodation next year.

● A vacant primary school in Bezuidenhout Valley, to be handed over to a private school managed by the Creative Vision South Africa Trust.

Redundant

Sam de Beer, Minister of Health Services, Welfare and Housing for the House of Assembly, said yesterday that due to changes in the patterns of occupancy in certain suburbs in Johannesburg, a number of schools had become "redundant for white schooling".

Some of these schools had already closed down while others were in the process of being closed down.

According to the procedures prescribed by the Ministers' Council, educational properties becoming redundant were first offered to departments in the House of Assembly.

If the property was not required by these departments, every individual case was considered for educational purposes.

Although the SA Police had indicated that they would have liked to acquire the Bez Valley property for a police station, it was decided in conjunction with the Minister of Law and Order that the need for educational institutions had preference.

Mr de Beer said the schools would be handed over at the conclusion of negotiations on the conditions of use and payment.

Boksburg traders face 3-week boycott

By Helen Grange

Boksburg traders — ravaged by almost two years of poor business — are bracing yet again for what could be another disastrous Christmas.

Although trade was "fairly normal" in the town yesterday, a consumer boycott called by the Vosloorus Civic Association because of the rent boycott crisis in the township threatens to strangle Christmas trade from today.

The boycott, set to last three weeks, has been called in protest against the withdrawal of services from Vosloorus.

Businessmen in Boksburg have unceremoniously resigned themselves to the possibility

of another "white Christmas" like the one in 1988, which saw the closure of several small traders in the town centre.

The 1988 consumer boycott, called in protest against the new Conservative Party-led town council, lasted a year.

Cut back

The fact that East Rand Proprietary Mines has cut back heavily on its workforce in the area has meant that traders are at present doing only half their usual business.

"Now, when we've just stocked up for Christmas, this boycott has to happen. How are we going to sell these goods?" an Indian trader, who wished to remain unnamed, complained yesterday.

Some traders have

cancelled their Christmas stock orders on hearing of the boycott, and are hoping to survive by selling old stock.

However, others were more optimistic.

"With the petrol price as high as it is, I doubt families will travel to the next suburbs to shop," one trader said.

"In any case, the mine-workers who buy here are mostly foreign and do not adhere to boycotts."

"If we made it through Christmas '88, we'll make another one," said another.

Bobby Bieber, who suffered a heart attack after his clothing store almost went bankrupt last year, said: "I don't know what's going on, but it's been slow all year. Come back next week and I'll tell you."

Actstop, council try to patch up

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BLACK members of Actstop were allowed to address Johannesburg councillors on Tuesday night about exploitation and discrimination in the city.

About 200 members of the anti-Group Areas Act organisation staged a sit-in in the council chambers.

General secretary Pas-sage Nkosi said black inner city residents were upset at the council's response to a memorandum listing grievances which included high rentals and exploitation by landlords.

Nkosi said there were

no schools for the people, who were constantly harassed by police.

Johannesburg was prospering because of blacks' buying power but they were turned away from recreation centres and and cemeteries in the city.

Problems

Councillor Ian Davidson said he recognised the problems they experienced and said the council would continue to look into them.

He assured Actstop that all amenities and cemeteries were open to all races.

Faceless five control Joburg's future

A FACELESS group of men — all Pretoria residents — are the final planners of Johannesburg. They can overturn any Johannesburg planning decision brought before them — and once the Minister of Local Government has rubber-stamped their view, the matter is closed.

Who are the men on the Pretoria-appointed Townships Board? The board chairman says it is "not in the public interest" to say.

What are their qualifications? He refused to say. The faceless few mastermind a town-planning system which is as democratic as an Iraqi tank.

They were appointed by the province, which has a history of sometimes aggressive indifference towards Johannesburg.

For example, Johannesburg Hospital on Parktown Ridge was planned by provincial planners without the city council even being told.

Recently the Townships Board overruled the Johannesburg council when it came to the scale of office developments in Annerly Road, Parktown. Their reasoning totally puzzled the council. The board overruled Johannesburg over unwanted business development in Illovo.

It overrides three-quarters of the planning decisions brought before it.

Traffic problems

It overrode Sandton a few days ago when Sandton, stressed by traffic problems, opposed three traffic-generating applications for offices in residential Wendywood. The board gave all three the go-ahead.

The board overrode Sandton on another occasion and forced it, against its will, to accept a big office development in congested Nicol Highway.

Tony Challenger, an architect who is chairman of Johannesburg's Northern Areas Group, said decisions with "far-reaching implications, and affecting important developments are effectivly made by the Townships Board which can overrule the city council of Johannesburg".

The board advises the Minister, Herrus Kriel. He either accepts or rejects its recommendations.

Yet Mr Kriel is MP for Parow — Parow being as far from Johannesburg as Blantyre — and is not answerable to voters in the affected areas.

architect, who is a member of

I asked him: "How do we know there isn't a bunch of retired constables advising the Minister?"

He then told me that one was a retired magistrate and one a retired planner.

I found out that they are G Visser (retired magistrate), D G Raath (retired planner), D J L Kamfer, J S van der Walt and D P Wilcox.

I managed to find Mr Kamfer who said: "Mr van Heerden has told me all about your inquiry. I am not prepared to talk to the Press."

Thus, five ratepayers from another city — too scared to let the public know what they used to do for a living — have a greater say over Johannesburg than all its 135 000 ratepayers.

Right now the faceless five are advising the Minister on what decision he must come to on the "Houghton Island" issue.

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The Minister is not even obliged to visit Houghton. He can simply take the board's advice and demand that Johannesburg city council, which is against Sanlam developing offices in Houghton, accepts Sanlam's plan.

When Johannesburg council officials argued their case to the five men they had exactly the same status as Sanlam. The fact that tens of thousands of voters were behind them meant nothing to the board.

The normal procedure for objections to planning decisions in Johannesburg is to first go to the Town

Planning Tribunal which comprises a chairman and 14 city councillors (a quorum is five). The tribunal listens to the council's planners and to the applicant and then makes its decision.

Astonishingly, it can overrule the city council itself.

"This makes the tribunal a policy-making body," said Mr Lange. "Surely that sort of job should not be left to five councillors whose votes are not made public, but should be a function of the full council who do come election day."

The city's director of planning, Rudi Erasmus, disagrees: "The tribunal does not overrule the council. It is obliged to take into account policies approved by the council in its deliberations."

The fact remains that the tribunal arbitrates and can come to a decision in favour of an applicant. But if its decision goes against the applicant then the applicant can go to the Townships Board where another set of criteria applies.

Tony Challenger has a suggestion: "The democratic thing to do is form a planning appeals board comprised of local residents under a retired judge or senior counsel — similar to the Valuation Appeals Board."

(The Valuations Appeal Board, comprising local people, is totally independent of the city council and cannot be overruled by Pretoria.)

Anthony Lange said: "Town-planning decisions must be made locally. We are a big enough city to know our own minds."

Enigmatic committee

"Yet, while we have the most elaborate system for ordinary law, we have only an enigmatic committee for town and regional planning.

"Far-reaching planning decisions are made by people whose qualifications we don't know."

Tony Challenger said: "Who are these people on the Townships' Board? When I asked that question I was told the information could not be divulged!"

I was told by an official that there were five members and he named them. But when I asked questions she referred me to the board's chairman, Mr P W K van Heerden.

I asked him who, precisely, sat on the board and what their qualifications were. He refused to say. He was adamant: "I cannot give you their qualifications. They are appointed by the Administrator and that's as far as I am prepared to go."

I argued that as they make far-reaching and complicated town-planning decisions — decisions which can make or break people and alter the destiny of towns and cities — the public should be told their qualifications.

"They don't make decisions," he said. "They make recommendations. The Minister makes the decisions on their advice."

the Norwood/Orchards Residents' Association, said:

"Town planning decisions affect more people, involve far greater sums of money and exert influence for a considerably longer time than the majority of judgments in the Supreme Court."

Stored arms for 'war'

By MARTIN NTSOELINGOE

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A MAN charged with five others for the Jeppe Station massacre, which left 26 people dead and more than 100 injured, told a Johannesburg magistrate's court he was forced to store arms for an impending hostel "war".

Manyebo Magubane, 55, told the court how Jericho Ntusei Manyoni ordered him to store two firearms and ammunition, in preparation for the bloody hostel war.

Manyoni is one of the three suspects wanted by the police for the massacre and maiming of people in a

Soweto-bound train in September. The other two are Mkhezwa "Sout" Mbele and John Mahlazi "Matak" Nxumalo.

He said two other men sent unknown youths to him to store traditional weapons.

Magubane is appearing with Martin Ngcobo, 49; Basi Nkosingondle, 27; Solomon Khumalo, 33; and Mandla Majozi, 23.

Magubane further said he was not a member of Inkatha, but knew his co-accused, and came from the same area as some of them - Inkandla in Zululand.

In a statement made before a police officer, Magubane said people who did not want to join Inkatha could get killed.

He further said police arrested him at the place where he works, and after a search found two firearms, ammunition and several traditional weapons.

Magubane told the court that after his arrest he was kicked, punched and given electric shocks on his private parts by police.

Ngcobo and Nkosingondle also claim they were tortured.

'Repeal will not jar prices'

THERE is unlikely to be a general rise in property prices if the Group Areas Act is repealed, town planner Grant Staff writes in the first edition of a new journal, Urban Forum.

In an article on free settlement areas in Johannesburg, Staff writes that some localised price increases or decreases might occur, depending on a combination of increased demand and the socio-economic status of those moving into these areas.

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Dynamics

He says the socio-economic status of the people moving into an area has in any event been shown to be a far more important determinant of possible price rises than race.

He writes that the same dynamics are applicable to free settlement areas.

Hence, some of these areas could experience a rise in property values and prices, but only if a sufficient number of people of

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a sufficiently high socio-economic status want to move in.

Free settlement areas such as Mayfair might experience some pressure on prices, but it is debatable whether this will be more pronounced than in similar non-free settlement areas such as Brixton, Westdene and Melville, where prices are already rising.

If both factors — increased demand and the socio-economic level of those moving in — are high, prices will rise. If both are low, then prices will drop, Staff says.

If the first is high and the second low, then prices also will drop, he writes.

However, Staff warns that much research into the specific dynamics of individual areas needs to be done before it can be predicted with certainty what outcome residential desegregation will have on particular areas.

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FW asks

for strong reform vote

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By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

President de Klerk rounded off the National Party's Randburg by-election campaign last night, at a meeting of about 1 500 voters, by calling for an overwhelming vote for reform.

About 700 enthusiastic supporters filled the Randburg High School hall and several hundred more listened to the speech from loudspeakers outside the building. There was no right-wing disruption.

Speed

Reflecting NP fears of a strawaway by Democratic Party supporters in tomorrow's by-election, Mr de Klerk appealed to voters to overcome "petty party political prejudice" and to strengthen his hand in his reform moves.

"An abstention will, however it may be intended, amount to a tacit vote against a new South Africa and that is how the analysts will see it, as a tacit vote for the Conservative Party's emotional opposition to inescapable renewal.

"In this spirit I ask all Randburgers to stand up and be counted for what they basically believe in. Your support will strengthen my hand in moving forward with speed and determination."

He denied that the NP had played "typical party politics"

in pulling out of an election pact with the DP in Randburg and repeated his wish to see the Democratic Party becoming part of a broad discussion.

Earlier, at a press briefing, Transvaal NP leader Barend du Plessis had hinted that the NP's decision to stand back for the DP in Yeoville could lead to a broader election agreement.

Asked if the NP might do the same in other by-elections, he said: "There is a spirit that prevails beyond the confines of the Transvaal."

He also confirmed that the NP and the DP were discussing an election pact in coming Johannesburg council elections.

Mr de Klerk also warned about the danger of complacency. Although the CP had done badly in Randburg in 1989 it was putting all its "venom, bitterness and dirty tricks" into the campaign, he said.

The only way to counter this was to vote overwhelmingly in favour of reform and renewal so there could be no argument about where South Africa intended to go.

Dealing with CP criticism, he said he wanted to make it absolutely clear that there would not be another general election soon "because there is no basis for such a request".

He dismissed CP leader Andries Treurnicht's criticism that the NP had closed the door of constitutional change. He had given an absolute assurance that there would be a referendum before any new constitution was entered, he said.



Capacity crowd . . . hundreds of people packed the Randburg High School hall last night, and hundreds more stood outside, to hear President de Klerk appeal for an overwhelming vote in favour of reform. Picture: Karen Fletcher.

Franz Auerbach discusses who owns what in South Africa

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The few who hold most of the land

FARMERS of the Transvaal. Agricultural Union have threatened various kinds of militant action if the Government proceeds with its plans to scrap the 1913 and 1936 Land Acts. Black political organisations, on the other hand, demand various forms of land redistribution because their ancestors were dispossessed of much of their land. It would therefore help to know what areas and populations are involved. About 70 000 white farmers own 77 million ha out of our total 122 million ha land area, or 63 percent of the total. As we know, some of this land was once owned by freehold black farmers who were removed from their land because it had suddenly become a "black spot".

And we also know that not all the 77 million ha are in fact being farmed at present. Drought, debt and the lure of the cities have reduced the number of active farmers by about a quarter during the last two decades; some farms have been abandoned — even though one has also heard of one farmer owning 14 farms. Now compare the land owned by white farmers with the area of the homelands, remembering that the main effect of the 1913 Land Act was to prohibit people who were not white from owning or buying land outside what were then called "native reserves". The total land area of all the 10 homelands is now 17 million ha, or just under 14 percent of our total land area. And the homelands now

carry a population of 14 million people. Thus the rest of the country — all our main urban and peri-urban areas — make up the remaining 28 million ha, or 23 percent of the total. White farmland houses the 70 000 farmers and their families, plus 1,2 million farm labourers, who can be evicted at the whim of the farmer. If we call this 1,5 million people altogether, it leaves 20,5 million of our 36 million 1988 population living in the rest of the country. This gives us a density of one person per 51 ha on white farmland as against one person per 1,2 ha in the homelands, which are often designated "rural" in spite of the fact that this density (1,2 ha

per person) is greater than that of the urban areas, which have 1 per 1,37 ha. So the homeland density is more than 40 times greater than that of the white farming areas. Such gross inequality must surely be redressed. There seems ample scope for a wide variety of strategies to encourage the settlement of more black South Africans on South Africa's farmland. The matter is discussed in depth by David Cooper in "Claiming the Land", in the new magazine "New Ground". There will be much debate about it in the future. My purpose has been to highlight that 70 000 people own 63 percent of our surface area — and some of them, it seems, absolutely refuse to share any of it... □



Just you dare . . . A policeman next to a minibus with TopSport
at Zeph Mothopeng's funeral

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Miners down tools over missing worker

By Brendan Templeton

Libanon mine in the western Transvaal came to a standstill yesterday when 6 000 workers downed tools over the mysterious disappearance of a colleague at the mine.

Workers suspect he was murdered underground.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said management had dragged its feet over Mokhameleli Ntoko, who went missing in May.

Mine security, police and army personnel were forcing workers underground at gunpoint, the union said.

This week Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kok denied the charges and said an intensive search for the missing man had been conducted above and

below ground.

"Mine property has been available to protect workers who wanted to work and at no point has anybody been forced at gunpoint to work."

The NUM demanded the dismissal of three mine officials. The union said management had admitted that the day after Mr Ntoko's went missing, he was clocked in by a mine captain after being told to go to work early for repair work.

Mr Ntoko's computerised identity card was found at the mine's crush office and his lamp was discovered underground. They said his tool case was also found hidden underground.

Mr de Kok would not discuss the issue further. "At present, Goldfields are engaged in talks with the union," he said.

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Vanderbijlpark shops boycott may resume

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Indications are that the suspended consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark will be reinstated following the management committee's decision not to allow a protest march in the town on Saturday.

This was confirmed yesterday by Zwelinzima Vavi, regional secretary of Cosatu's western Transvaal branch.

The decision to turn down an application for the peaceful protest march was taken after the CP-controlled Vanderbijlpark Town Council's management committee met a Cosatu delegation on Monday.

Management committee chairman Gerhard Smith yesterday said they had reasonable grounds to believe a march of 11 000 people would "probably obstruct traffic or impair the amenities of life and facilities of the public in general".

He said the closing of streets in the central business district, espe-

cially on a Saturday, would seriously restrict the freedom of movement of shoppers.

This could lead to hostile feelings between the different race groups, Mr Smith said.

If violence were triggered by any incident, it would inevitably result in public disorder.

"Therefore, the management committee had no choice but to refuse permission for the march."

Mr Vavi said that according to a standing decision taken earlier by the boycott committee, the boycott would be reactivated on November 30 if the town council failed to co-operate in the matter.

An alternative suggestion by the council, to stage a picket, was not acceptable.

Saying reasons for refusing the march were "a lot of rubbish", Mr Vavi said the issue was a political matter.

He said a meeting would be held soon to decide on which date the boycott would be reinstated in the town.

Mixed reaction to boycott

Staff Reporter

Spokesmen for businesses in Boksburg and Kroonstad have expressed mixed reaction to the ongoing consumer boycotts in the towns.

The ANC-aligned Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee is demanding the resignation of the entire Maokeng Town Council before it is prepared to discuss lifting the boycott.

According to Kroonstad municipality, Maokeng residents owe more than R1 million in arrears for services, and last Wednesday it went ahead with a threat to cut off the township's electricity and water.

In Boksburg, the Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) called for a boycott after it failed to reach agreement with the local council. The VCA is demanding that residents pay a flat rate of R50 and the council is demanding R60.

The council has retaliated by switching off electricity at intervals for the past two weeks.

A Checkers spokesman said business in Boksburg had definitely been affected by the boycott, while in Kroonstad it was still too early to assess the situation.

A spokesman for a Pick 'n Pay in Kroonstad also said it was too early to comment.

Govt probes spill warnings

SUE OLSWANG and SAPA

HEALTH Minister Rina Venter is investigating warnings of a serious health threat from sewage-polluted streams in the Witwatersrand, her department confirmed yesterday.

Dr Venter is expected to release a statement on the issue soon. At least four Highveld rivers are being threatened by a serious health crisis because sewage is pouring into the rivers from nearby black townships.

An official at the Department of Water Affairs in Pretoria told Saturday Star his department has identified sewage spillover problems in the Blesbokspruit, the Natalspruit, the Klip River and the Rietbospuit.

Defective

He said sewage spillovers into the rivers were being caused by inadequate sewage systems, blocked sewers and defective sewage pumps in nearby black towns.

"The only way to solve the problem is to provide financial assistance for new sewage systems and the opening of sewers," he said.

"The sewage spillovers represent a serious health hazard to township residents but will not harm fish and other river life unless there is a depletion of oxygen levels."

Daveyton residents

Organise clean-up
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STAN HOPE

THE Daveyton Interim Committee (DIC), the newly-formed Daveyton Health Committee and the town's Sayco branch have launched a two-day clean-up campaign to start today.

Tour

The media was taken on a tour of the East Rand township by the DIC executive committee and former mayor Tom Boya, and saw rubbish in front of shops, schools, nurseries and churches. Rivulets of sewage flowed along the streets.

A refuse company and coal merchants have offered their trucks and graders.

Sewage pouring into rivers

The official said pollution in the Blesbokspruit and Natalspruit will, to some extent, be countered naturally because an abundance of vegetation will help in the self-purification process.

He said it was doubtful whether any of the rivers would be permanently damaged by the sewage spillovers. Meanwhile, leading virologist Professor Margaretha Isaacson of the South African Institute for Medical Research, yesterday added her voice to the warnings.

Cholera

Usage of untreated, sewage-polluted water could cause serious outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, polio, hepatitis, dysentery and gastro-enteritis — and raw vegetables such as carrots and lettuce, irrigated with such polluted water, could pose a health threat to the population at large, she cautioned.

However, the Health Ministry's epidemiology director, Mr Horst Kusiner, said yesterday the health risks posed by the polluted water only faced people who used river water in its untreated form.

He told SABC radio news the water supplied to cities, townships and farms lands through which the affected rivers ran was treated and totally safe.

Mrs Maria d'Oliveira, deputy director of the Department of Water Affairs' Highveld water quality division, who earlier released news of the potential hazard, told Sapa her on-site inspection yesterday morning had again found a great deal of raw sewage in the Klip River near Soweto.

She has alerted the Department of Health in Pretoria about the, health threat, posed especially to the squatter communities who use untreated water from the streams.

Department of Health Services and Welfare spokesman Mr Johan van Niekerk said the Director General was also giving urgent attention to the problem.

Death in troubled water

POLLUTION KILLS: Two ducklings paddle languidly past a dead fish in Johannesburg's Zoo Lake. The demise of this fish and another this week was attributed to the probability of polluted water draining into the lake from the nearby Johannesburg Zoo. Several more fish died in the lake during October. The lake was this week observed to be polluted with litter and the edges clogged with rotting digee which formed a green scum on the surface. Photograph: KEN OOSTERROEK



DTA back after walkout

WINDHOEK — Members of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance were back in the Namibian National Assembly yesterday after walking out on Thursday when government members voted down an attempt by DTA chairman Dirk Mudge to introduce a motion on economic policy.

Two members of Action Christian National, Mr Jan de Wet and Mr Peter Kayser, joined the walk-out.

Mr Mudge afterwards claimed the Swapo government was violating the freedom of speech provision in Namibia's Bill of fundamental rights, which indicated the government would decide what opposition parties should say in public.

But Prime Minister Hage Geingob said the DTA and ACN walk-out was not caused by the government's view

on the discussion of economic policy, but because the opposition could not accept democratic defeat.

Opposing the introduction of the motion, Mr Geingob said the Namibian government was presently engaged in bilateral negotiations on trade with several foreign governments.

Once definite conclusions and agreements had been reached, NA members would have the opportunity to debate the issues.

The Prime Minister said an investment code was presently being drafted by Namibia and would be tabled for discussion in the NA in due course.

The DTA and ACN walk-out left the assembly without a quorum and business was suspended until Friday.

Give us immunity, say draft-dodgers

LONDON — Ten exiled conscientious objectors due to return to South Africa this month have called on the Government to end conscription and guarantee the safe return of all exiles.

The 10, who have lived abroad for periods ranging from a year to 11 years, said the abolition of conscription would encourage the return of other exiled resisters.

In a joint statement the group said: "We are returning with no guarantee."

MIKE SILUMA

To be accompanied by their friends and families, the 10 will leave Britain for South Africa on November 30.

The Committee on South African War Resistance (Cosawar), which has represented the interests of exiled war resisters since 1979, said the return of the group would mark the end of its operations in Britain and Holland.

Cosawar said in its

White thugs go on the rampage in Potch

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE sleepy western Transvaal town of Potchefstroom this week resembled a scene from the film *Mississippi Burning*, as four armed whites in a minibus went on the rampage, assaulting blacks.

Among their many victims were a Vaal Reefs taxi driver, Hector Mapeuge, whose minibus was set alight, and an armed SADF soldier, Andile Matoti, 26, of Soweto who sustained head injuries.

The white men allegedly drove away in Mapeuge's taxi and it was later discovered gutted on the Potchefstroom-Carletonville road.

In an exclusive interview, Matoti, a trained soldier with two years' experience in the army, said he was armed with his PBK pistol during the attack.

He said he could have killed his assailants had he wanted to.

He said he fired two warning shots but one of the four men kept on coming and he decided to flee rather than kill

him.

Two white men appeared briefly in the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court this week in connection with the alleged assaults.

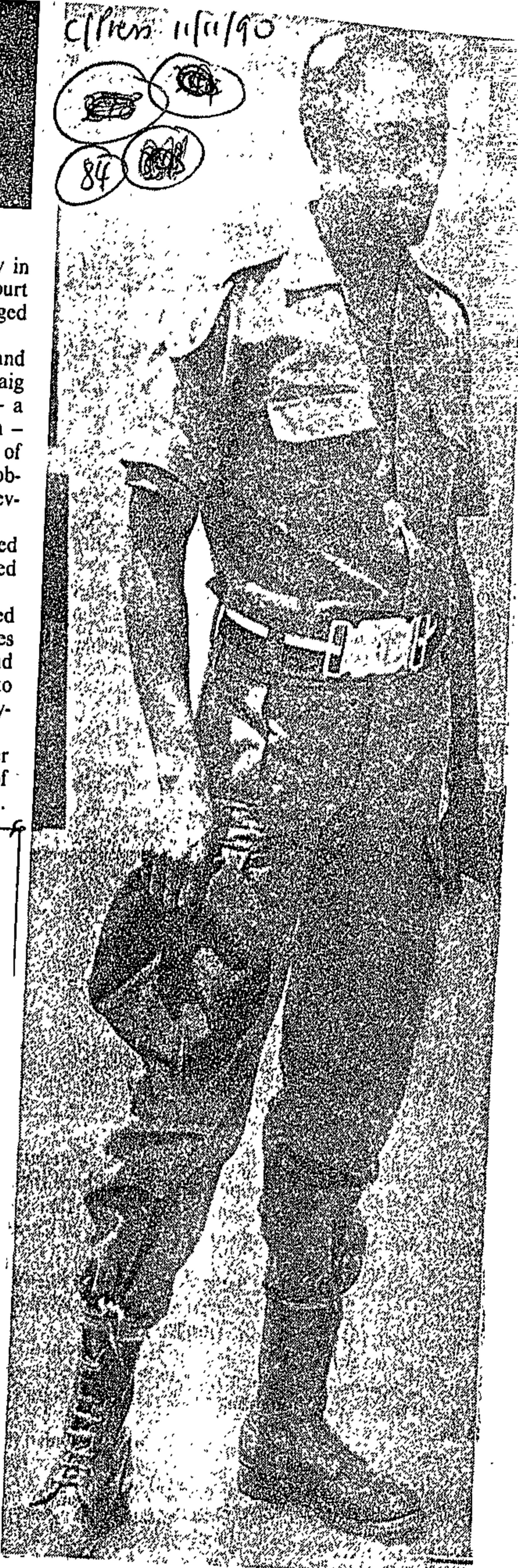
Marthinus Christoffel Visser, 25, and his brother-in-law, Edmund Craig Knoetze, 24, both of Smit Street - a blue-collar section of Potchefstroom - were not asked to plead on charges of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Magistrate Flip du Toit adjourned the case to November 21 and released them on R500 bail each.

Meanwhile, the case of two alleged Fochville rightwingers facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition was this week postponed to December 6, pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

Dood Minnie, 40, of Middlewater farm and Petrus Piet Bester, 30, of Carina Court were not asked to plead.

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Soldier Andile Matloti ... decided to flee rather than kill his attackers - and sustained head injuries in the assault.

Death toll rises to two

City centre street-war 'avoidable'

Staff Reporters

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson has sharply criticised the authorities for the bloody outbreak of violence that saw pitched battles between flat residents, protest marchers and police lasting several hours in Johannesburg's city centre on Saturday.

The death toll has risen to two after an injured person died in hospital.

About 20 people, including passersby, hawkers, policemen and a traffic officer, were injured in the fighting.

Said Mr Davidson last night: "It was totally unnecessary and the bloodshed could have been avoided."

However police have blamed the ANC-backed Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST).

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night: "Blame for what happened rests squarely with CAST and their supporters. It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters — it would seem that the demonstrators controlled the leaders."

Late on Friday afternoon, Johannesburg's chief magistrate refused permission for

the march after the City Council had given the go-ahead to CAST.

Mr Davidson maintained that the period of notice banning the march had been totally inadequate.

"The city council gave CAST permission to hold the march on Monday, well before it was to take place, but the magistrate informed the organisers of his decision only at 4.15 pm on Friday.

"If the magistrate believed the march would create problems, the least he could have done was communicate his refusal well in advance.

"And the gathering was given only five minutes to disperse, which was totally inadequate," he added.

Worrying

Sam Ntuli, general secretary of CAST, said last night. "It was very unfair of the magistrate to refuse permission for the march and to tell us only at 4.15 pm on Friday after we had timeously gone through correct channels."

Actstop general secretary Pressage Nkomo claimed last night that people had been shot in taxis and on their way to the march.

"We have instructed the ANC to reconsider its stand on the armed struggle. The ANC and the MK are the

only ones who can protect us," Mr Nkosi said.

Captain Opperman said it had been established that petrol bombs had been "available" to demonstrators. "It seems as if they were prepared — this is worrying."

He denied that police had adopted a hard-line approach toward mass marches in recent months. Laws had to be adhered to and upheld.

Police had afforded the marchers a reasonable time to disperse peacefully. The demonstrators refused and the SAP used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse the crowd.

The demonstrators regrouped on several occasions, thus forcing the SAP to take further action, added Captain Opperman.

During many of these incidents, bottles, objects and petrol bombs were thrown at the police. Nine SAP vehicles had been damaged.

The crowd — estimates range from between 300 and 2 000 people, was one of several that gathered on Saturday to protest against local black authorities. The marches came amid a growing row between the ANC and the Government over mass protest action.

In Germiston and Cape Town legal marches went off peacefully.



Attack from above . . . A policeman points at a suspected assailant after various missiles were thrown at troops and police from blocks of flats and rooftops during Saturday's clash in Johannesburg. Picture: David Sandison

This is the end, say farmers

By Norman Patterson

"This is the end of the western Transvaal" is the grim view of a number of farmers canvassed this week about the drought in the region.

The bright view, held by a couple of farmers playing pool in the Elgin Hotel in Delareyville, was: "Why are we playing pool?"

"Our tractors are greased, the fertiliser is ready, our hedges spun, and our workers are watching us with big eyes.

"You want us to work — you pray for rain."

Pray for rain they did in the western Transvaal.

Thousands of farmers drove to church in Sunday suits on Monday.

Twisting

"...Dominees told them: "Pray like you never prayed before, because this time, God helps us."

Outside the churches lay tens of thousands of square kilometres of arid farmland, with clouds twisting and turning above — but no rain came down.

Many farmers have ploughed their lands, in case of rain, and were sitting on their stoeps, watching the horizon.

At Kameel (population: zero) "Hennie and Bennie" aren't a comedy show.

They've suspended their attempts at farming, and have put a board with their names above a cash store, but don't attract many customers.

"Maybe farms should be nationalised, with farmers put on a payroll," they said.

Chris du Toit of the farm Corsica in the Delareyville district said: "We definitely have a problem.

"The planting season for several types of plants has passed, and we've not had rain yet.

Falling

"There are farmers here who won't make it if it does not rain this year.

"There definitely are farmers who will be bought out after this season. Others will run up more debt.

"The Weather Bureau said it would be 35 degrees today, but I think it will be more."

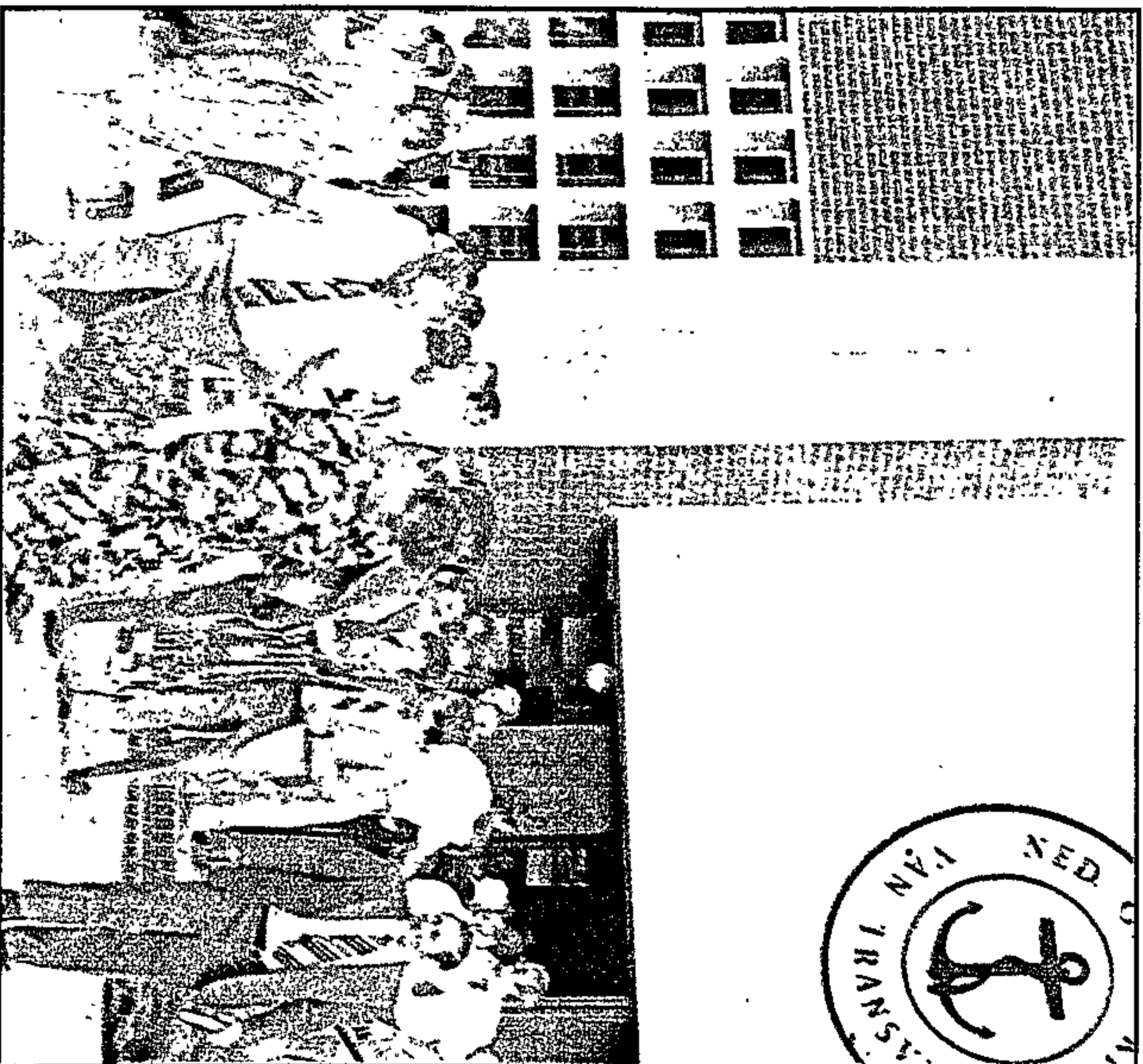
South African Agricultural Union president Nico Kotze said the situation in summer-crop areas was becoming extremely critical.

Grazing and feeding conditions, and the water supply, were deteriorating rapidly, he said.

The financial position of Transvaal farmers was poor.

Mr Kotze said that in northern and western Transvaal, the underground water level was falling.

Because of this, many boreholes had dried up. — Sapa.



Plea for rain . . . Delareyville farmers outside church. Picture: Sarel van den Berg



Two more opt for model B

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By Karen Stander
Education Reporter

Two Johannesburg schools have voted to open their doors to all races in the latest move towards open schools in the Transvaal.

Parents of Parktown Girls High and Parktown Boys High voted on Friday to adopt the Government's alternative "model B", which will allow management committees to set their own admission policies.

Last week the junior schools which feed the Parktown high schools, Parkview Junior Primary and Parkview Senior

Primary, also opted to open their doors in terms of model B.

The schools are confident they will get the go-ahead from the Department of Education and Training and all four schools should be open to all races by the beginning of next year.

At Parktown Boys High, 91,4 percent of parents in a 90 percent poll voted "yes" to model B (82,3 percent of those eligible to vote). At the girls' school, 93 percent in a 90 percent poll (83,5 percent of all parents) voted for the same option.

Tom Clarke, headmas-

ter of Parktown Boys High, said he was very happy with the result.

Entrance examinations in English and mathematics for prospective students in Std 6 next year would be held on November 24, he said.

The examination results, together with a short interview emphasising the pupil's willingness to take part in the school's extra-curricular activities, which included computers and sport, would determine who would be admitted.

Pamela Quin, headmistress of Parktown Girls, said she was thrilled at the parents' decision.

Police surround ANC man's house

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

Security police yesterday surrounded and attempted to search the Mayfair, Johannesburg, house of top ANC and United Democratic Front activist Mohammed Valli Moosa.

Nine security policemen, led by a Captain van Huyssteen — the same man who arrested Mr Valli Moosa last year for his role in the defiance campaign — entered the property at about 10 am, Mr Valli Moosa said.

"They surrounded the house and threatened to break down the door. They also tried to forcibly open the windows."

After futile attempts to enter the house, they had harassed a domestic at the next-door property — the house of his brother, Moitseem — and "held her down at gunpoint". They demanded that she grant them access to the neighbouring house, he said. Mr Valli Moosa's wife, Ehsabe, was in the house.

He said the police had first told his wife they were looking for him, then changed their story and said they were looking for someone they had reason to believe was residing in

the house.

A source told The Star that recently released ANC national executive member and Operation Vula accused Mac Maharaj was living in the house.

Police said security police had searched the house, but this was denied by neighbours and the Valli Moosa couple.

The spokesman declined to say why police had attempted to search the property, merely saying: "All I can say is that the search was in connection with a current investigation."

Mr Valli Moosa, who had rushed from ANC head office in the city centre after having been telephoned by his wife, commented: "I've gone through this a million times in the last decade. Nothing seems to have changed."

Mr Valli Moosa, who was last detained last year for six weeks, is the secretary of the ANC's internal leadership corps and secretary of the organisation's political committee.

The policemen had already left when Mr Valli Moosa, accompanied by a lawyer and Government/ANC steering committee member Mathew Phosa, arrived at the house.



Still being harassed . . . ANC activist Mohammed Valli Moosa at his Mayfair house, which security policemen tried to search yesterday.
Picture: Herbert Mabuza

In the far northern town of Louis Trichardt frontiers are shifting

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WHEN Louis Trichardt's old location of Tshikotoa was flattened, the only church left standing was the Dutch Reformed Church. Every other church was chopped down. Just the NGK in Afrika, with its spire sticking up in the air, remained.

The Sothos were also left behind, stranded between the rubble and the jacaranda trees.

The Shangaans were parcelled off to Gazankulu and the Vendas to Venda, and their homes, including the *klein huisies* at the back, were smashed to discourage new tenants. But Lebowa was too far away, so the Sothos, a minority in the location, stayed on. But for that concession, apartheid had won the day.

No one can say for sure when things started to change. Youths came from the south with stories of rebellion. And with revolution in their hearts they started to organise "structures". Opposition to the homeland government in Venda and the release of Nelson Mandela further radicalised the communities in the Soutpansberge, one of South Africa's furthest frontiers.

In March the black community around Louis Trichardt organised a march into town but permission was refused by the magistrate so a three-month consumer boycott was called instead. It was the first real display of black muscle and white business was shocked.

The chamber of commerce called an emergency session. It was time to talk. Even the Conservative Party mayor, Louis Hartzenberg, was in on the first discussions at the Venda Sun hotel on May 23 where the boycott committee unfurled their aims and objectives.

They wanted Tshikotoa re-established, the business district opened to all races, separate amenities scrapped and something done about the "reckless approach" of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and police brutality. At the first meeting they got assurances that the chamber would look into their grievances.

At the second meeting — on September 16 — at a local hotel owned by the head of the chamber of commerce, Brink Schlesinger, they achieved a significant victory. Members of the chamber and the black community were

In the conservative town of Louis Trichardt whites are in conflict with each other and blacks are becoming more assertive.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

there and the air was pregnant with promises. It went something like this:

Sure, the government has agreed to upgrade Tshikotoa. Separate Amenities is going. Sure, we're going to open the central business district to all. Just one condition: don't tell the white folks. This is a conservative town.

The chamber could rely on the loyal weekly newspaper, *The Soutpansberger*, to keep its mouth shut. Its editor — and a member of the chamber — Johan du Plessis, knew that "this town lives on black buying power", and "we can't chase these people away".

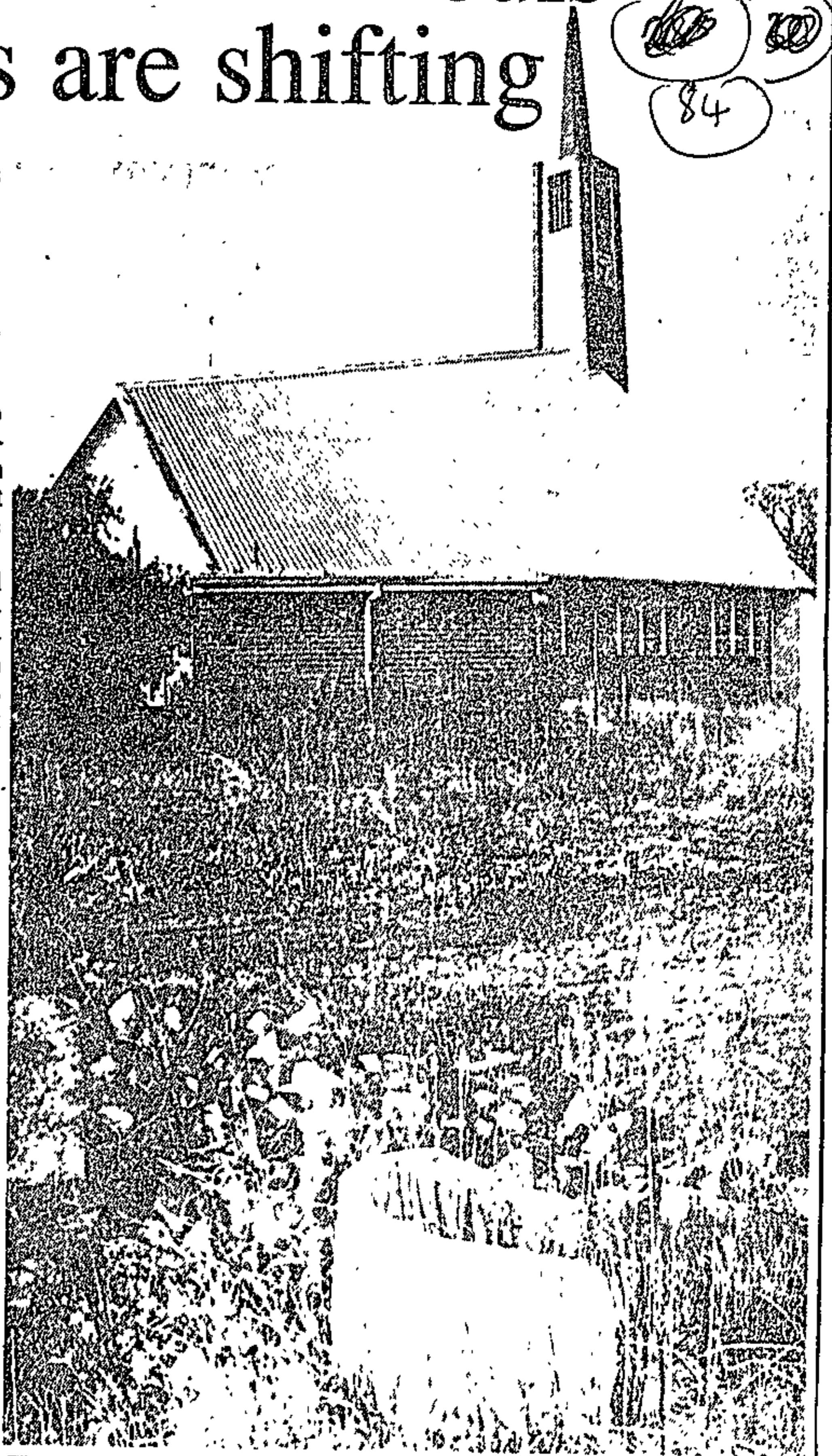
Had the meeting taken place before July there would have been nothing for the chamber to worry about and the whites would have been none the wiser. But in July Hennie Theron had launched the *Berg-Banier* in opposition to *The Soutpansberger*.

Theron, the headmaster of an agricultural school in Venda, believed that Soweto should be divided into five independent city states, whites should not be forced to share power with people who urinate in the street and President FW de Klerk and the Louis Trichardt chamber were undemocratic.

A former journalist for *Die Burger* for 10 years, Theron also believed in the maxim "publish and be damned". So he ran the story under the headline: "Black township to re-open". He sent a reporter out to take pictures of what was left of the township which, he pointed out in the article, was separated from the white residential areas by "only one street". The story sent shivers through the white community.

Publishing the truth cost Theron advertising and business support and there was mud slinging — including pompous front page editorials — between the two papers. "My opposition with all respect is playing for the gallery," says Theron. "He's softening up the advertisers. He's not doing journalism much credit."

But for all the furore among whites, blacks were still waiting for the promises to materialise. Edward Rambane, a lawyer and leader of the boycott committee, said his eyes were getting



The rubble of Tshikotoa ... Only the NGK was left intact

Picture: ELLEN ELMENDORP

bloodshot from scanning the papers for news of announcements.

Trust does not come easy in Louis Trichardt. It is not a town that has been noted for being nice to black people. Rambane defends blacks who get sent to jail for not stopping at a stop street.

In Louis Trichardt, he says, domestic workers get fired at the end of the month so their employers don't have to pay them.

With none of the promises materialising, the boycott leaders are making new

plans. That the campaign has been expanded to include demands for a living wage and the establishment of a non-racial town council is a measure of how much the balance of power has swung in the town. They are also threatening a new consumer boycott.

A pamphlet distributed by the boycott committee warns: "If the Conservatives disagree to agree we enshrine for them in our package a black X-MASS."

Some people, says Rambane, never learn.

'40 pc of black adults will be infected by 2010'

Jo'burg-Soweto now

Aids capital of SA

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By Shirley Woodgate

Up to 40 percent of the total black adult population of South Africa may be infected with the Aids virus in 20 years' time.

This is the shock message of a report just released by the Johannesburg City Health Department.

It said the level of infection would depend on the availability of an effective vaccine, new drugs and the scope of preventive health education programmes.

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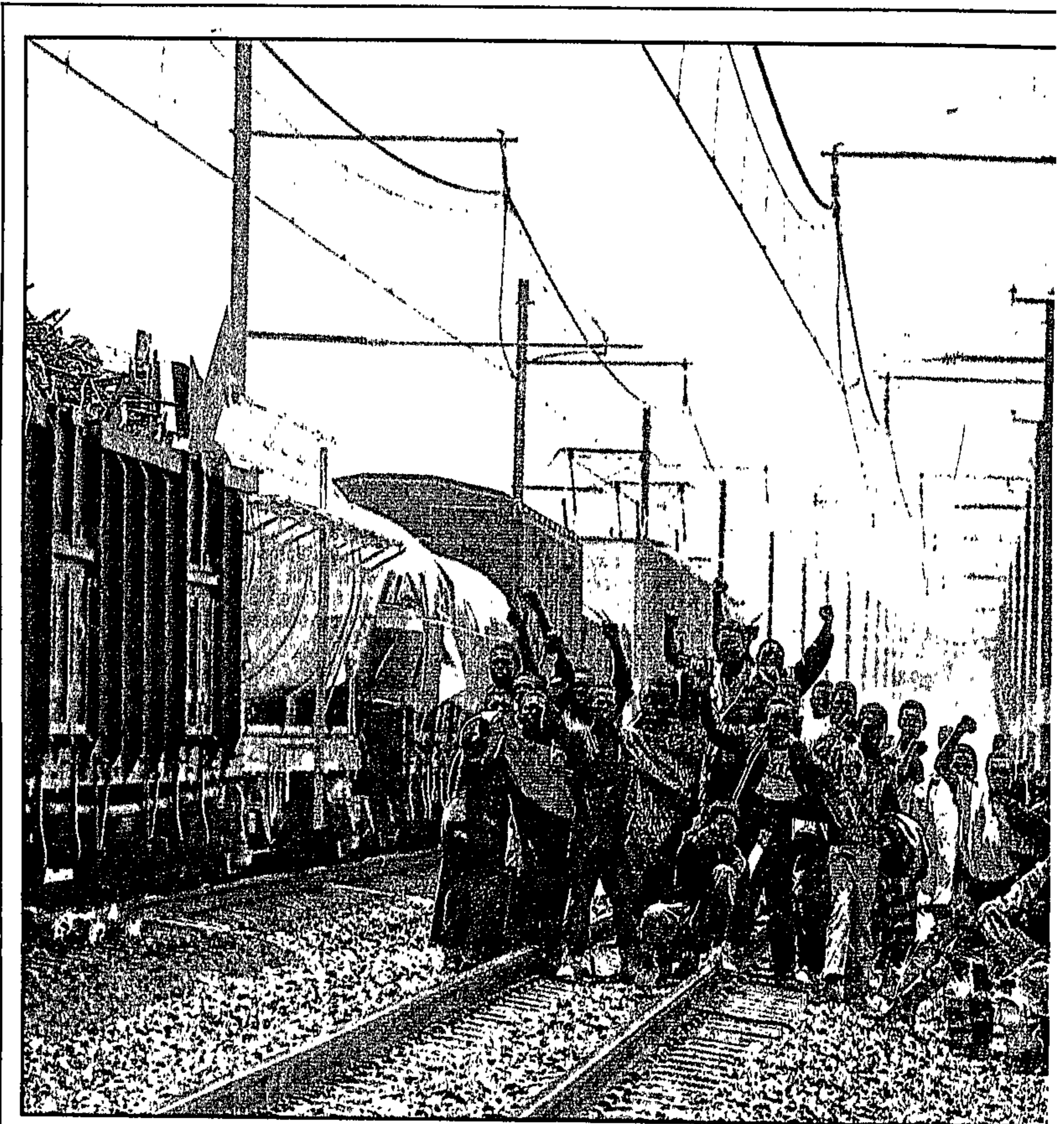
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East Rand Bureau

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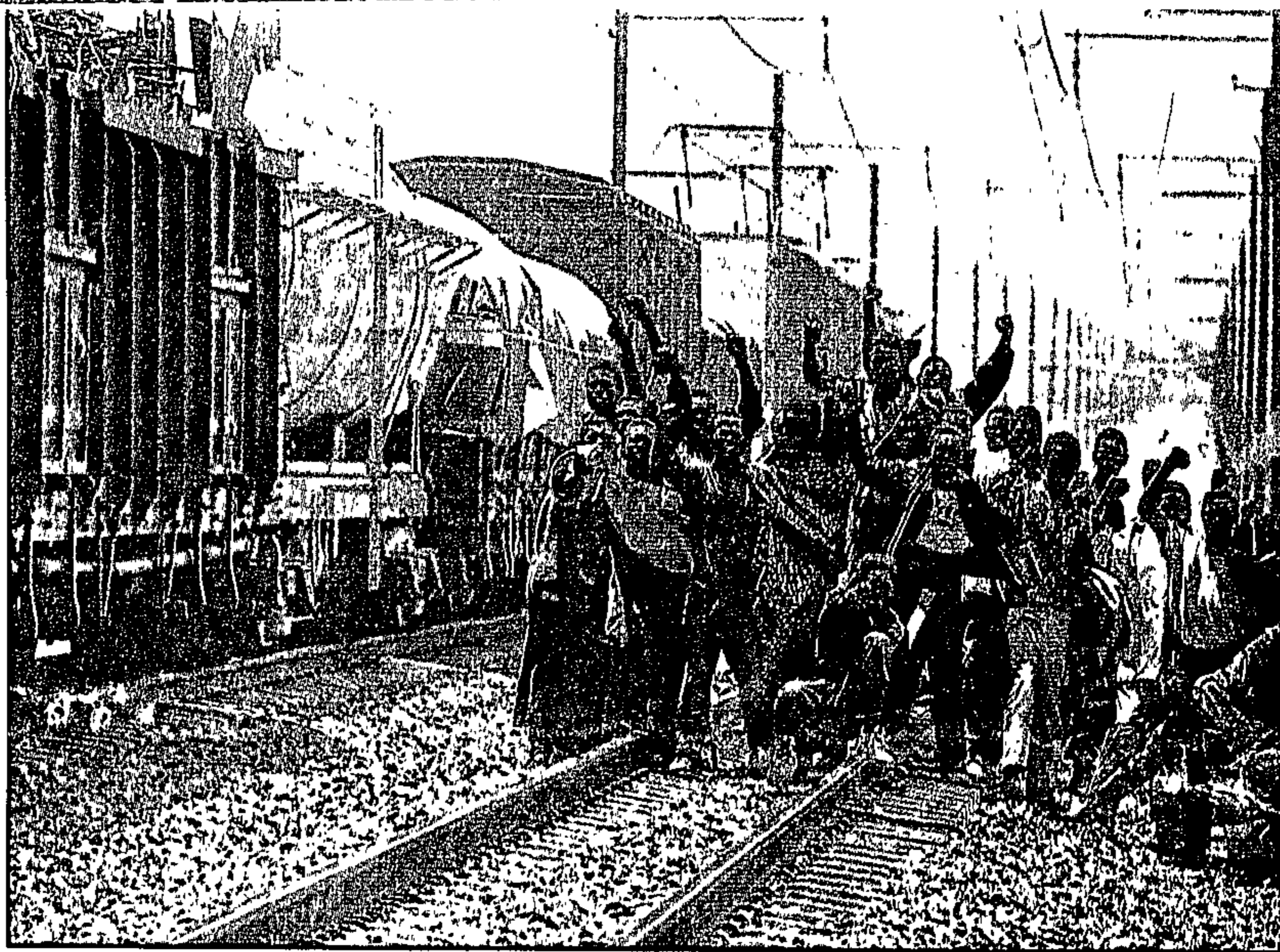
Transvaal has the most cases, followed by Natal, the Cape and the Free State, "The SABC should seriously rethink its refusal to screen condom advertisements, and more education at schools level is essential in view of recent statistics from the Cape showing 70 percent of high school pupils are sexually active," Dr Padayachee said.

Professor Sher stressed that a side effect, largely overlooked by the media, was the effect of the Aids virus on tuberculosis.

The incidence of TB was far greater in South Africa than Aids, but the link was when the Aids virus, which depresses the immune system, reactivated TB which may be lying dormant.

"The Government is not providing enough money to educate the public about Aids and people themselves are simply not doing enough about safe sexual practice.

The World Health Organisation has predicted that an estimated 10 million infants and children in sub-Saharan Africa will develop Aids and die from the disease by the year 2000.



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A mother of two primary school children is fighting for her life in hospital after being shot twice with a rifle by her former husband in her home in Springs early today.

An ambulance spokesman said the man shot his former wife in the head and chest with the rifle before shooting himself in the head.

He died in a bedroom in the house.

The man went to the house early today and began arguing with his former wife.

The woman was gunned down in her bedroom. The man then went to another bedroom, where he shot himself dead.

The couple's children, a boy and a girl, sought help from neighbours.

Their mother was taken by ambulance to the Far East Rand Hospital, where she is in a critical condition.

The children were taken in by neighbours.

A police spokesman said detectives were at the scene investigating.

They have not yet released the names of the couple.

Widower, maid murdered

Staff Reporter

An elderly Johannesburg widower and his domestic worker were found murdered in their house in Sydenham yesterday afternoon.

Police said Chrysotomos Tellides (71) and Lillian Makgale (44) died of multiple stab wounds. Their bodies were discovered by a neighbour at about 3 pm in the Sneddon Street house. Police were immediately alerted.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said robbery appeared to be the motive.

Mr Tellides lived alone in the house following the death of his wife several years ago.

Brixton Murder and Robbery squad detectives were on the scene until late yesterday searching for clues.

Colonel Chris Earle, head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad said today there were at this stage no suspects. "It appears as if this case will be very difficult to solve."

There appeared to be no signs of forced entry.

Mr Tellides is survived by three children, George, Maria and Johanna.

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This brought the gold share index to 68 points below the previous year's low reached in June, closing at 1253.

Yesterday's drop was about R1 924 000.

The gold price lost \$5,20 in London yesterday to a close of \$379,25 after an \$8 fall in New York the previous day.

However, in New York last night, it closed \$1,50 up on the day at \$379,10.

Weekend will be warmer

No significant break is expected in the present dry weather pattern over most of the country for at least the next four days.

A Weather Bureau spokesman said showers had been reported in the Pietersburg area yesterday but sustained rain was needed.

The weekend forecast for the PWV area is "sunny and warm" with temperatures up to 26 dec C on Sunday. Over the Transvaal there will be a 10 percent chance of showers tomorrow.

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■ PIC: EVANS MBOWENI

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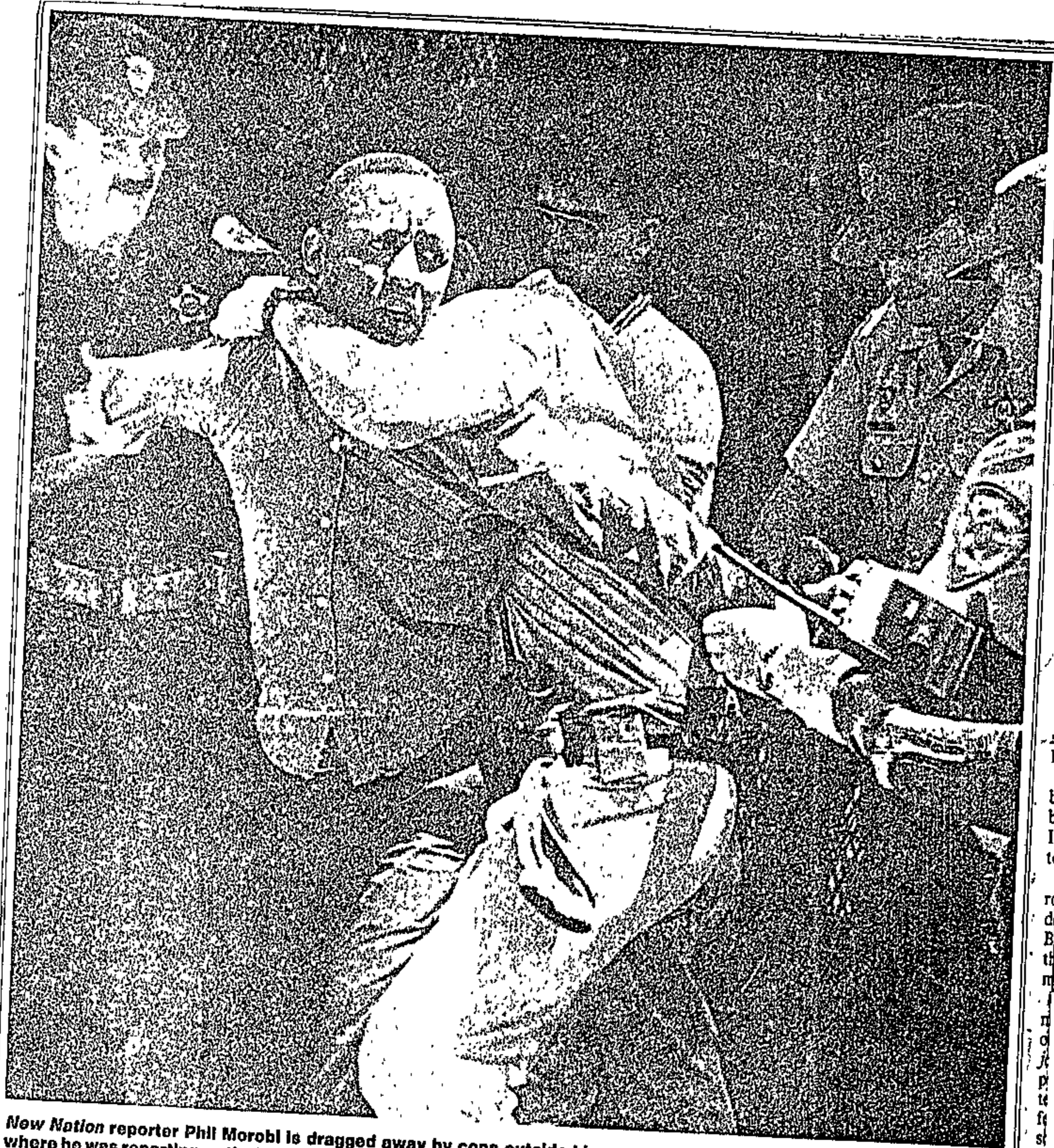
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New Nation reporter Phil Morobli is dragged away by cops outside his newspaper's office in Johannesburg yesterday where he was reporting on the banned march. Cops claimed he threw a bag of potatoes at a cop. **PICT: EVANS MBOWENI**

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Non-formal education bureau set up at RAU to tackle crisis

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

Non-formal education would play an increasingly important role in addressing the education crisis against the backdrop of economic recession and limited State funds for formal education, says Rand Afrikaans University rector Professor C F Crouse.

He was speaking at the launch of the Bureau for Non-Formal Education at RAU yesterday.

"The Government has allocated 20 percent for

the education budget. There is little chance that this will increase. We are also facing an economic recession.

"Non-formal education offers a solution to this crisis," he said.

The bureau, which would begin its programme in January at RAU, was offering courses that were career-oriented. The programme aimed to assist the underprivileged, Professor Crouse said.

"RAU is aware of the necessity to make know-

ledge — inside as well as outside the university — available to all sections of the community. The bureau essentially is a community service," he added.

The bureau was independent of the Government and would be funded by private enterprise and participants, he said.

The courses offered included word processing, communication skills as well as Afrikaans, English and a range of foreign languages.

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Court battle over closure of Springs pools

By Helen Grange

The Conservative Party-controlled Springs Town Council — rather than see black people using two swimming pools — closed them after the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This submission, made by George Bizos, SC, acting for an "aggrieved" Springs resident, Michael Hart, is the basis of a court application challenging the validity of the Springs council's resolution to permanently close the Casseldale and Selection Park swimming pools.

Mr Hart is applying to have the decision reviewed or set aside, and to have an order granted that the council maintain the pools for use.

The council resolved on July 31 to close the pools, and has argued that this was for economic reasons and not politically inspired.

At the time, the council voiced its opposition to the Government "depriving" it of its powers and prerogative to control amenities.

Mr Bizos argued that the council had closed the pools without inviting affected ratepayers to make representations.

He also said the council's submission that the closures were

for reasons of rationalisation and possible privatisation was not supported anywhere in its responding affidavit. No information appeared as to how much money would be saved.

There was also no information as to why the matter was treated as one of urgency.

During the same period, provisions in relation to the use of the library, as well as regulated access to Murray Park, were also introduced, "allegedly for the same economic reasons".

Counsel for Springs council, represented in court by Springs mayor Gillie van Niekerk, argued that the council was not obliged in terms of council ordinances to canvass ratepayers' opinions on the decision to close the two pools.

He added that the council had not given effect to CP policy in that the chairman of the management committee had on more than one occasion stated that CP policy as far as sports and recreation would not be implemented.

The council had, since October 15, opened to all races the bus service, two other public pools, about 40 parks and the library. In addition, many council facilities had been allowed to be used by members of all races even before October 15.

Mr Hart is being assisted by the Legal Resources Centre.

The hearing resumes tomorrow.

THE TEN TOUGHEST LANDLORDS

have 10 people instead of six using the lift, which is why the motor burns out, and the effluent costs go up and everything. (84) (90)

"So you evict them and they want to resort to violence and violence meets violence. They came with bush picks, knives and a chopper. Then one went for his chopper and tried to chop me so I defended myself because I'm always ready, and fortunately he fell next to his chopper because I moer him with my fist."

"They laid charges of assault but nothing happened because the police didn't take up the charge."

Actstop lawyers, however, said that they had been granted a successful interdict against eviction and were now back in the building. They said that Van Loggerenberg was being sued for damages sustained in the assaults on their clients, and for the loss of possessions.

Van Loggerenberg said his tenants "appreciate the fact that we are very strict in this building."

"We don't allow hobos in here. You have to pay a R5 deposit when you enter."

He said the rent was R400 for a bachelor flat, "but for that you get security and don't have to go on the trains from the townships."

He said if Actstop tries to "stir nonsense they get evicted because I don't allow them on my premises. We don't accept them and won't negotiate with them."

"If they want to come here they must buy me out because I pay the rates, taxes, water, lights and repairs. But then they'll just turn the place into a brothel or a shebeen."

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6 JOGGIE SCHOEMAN

JOGGIE Schoeman is a former policeman who runs a private security company and claims to have "no problems at all in my flats".

After hearing reports that his security company, Prim Security, had given some of his tenants a rough time we went looking for him.

He had worked for Van Loggerenberg at Park Mews, but the only tenants we could find who would speak about him were Sillman and Skosana.

"He was better than Van Loggerenberg when he was running the show here," said Sillman. "He used to say, 'I'll moer you', but he never did."

At a block opposite Park Mews called Boulevard Guest House, a tenant, who asked not to be named, said their rent was R320 a month and that the building was owned by Schoeman and controlled by his son, Kleintjie.

"We are treated badly here. I'm scared of being evicted if I am identified. When we raise problems they don't take them seriously."

"If you have a visitor without an ID they have to pay R5. People get beaten up without reason and Schoeman comes in and does what he wants."

The building, which had previously been an hotel, had communal bathrooms and toilets. Several windows were broken.

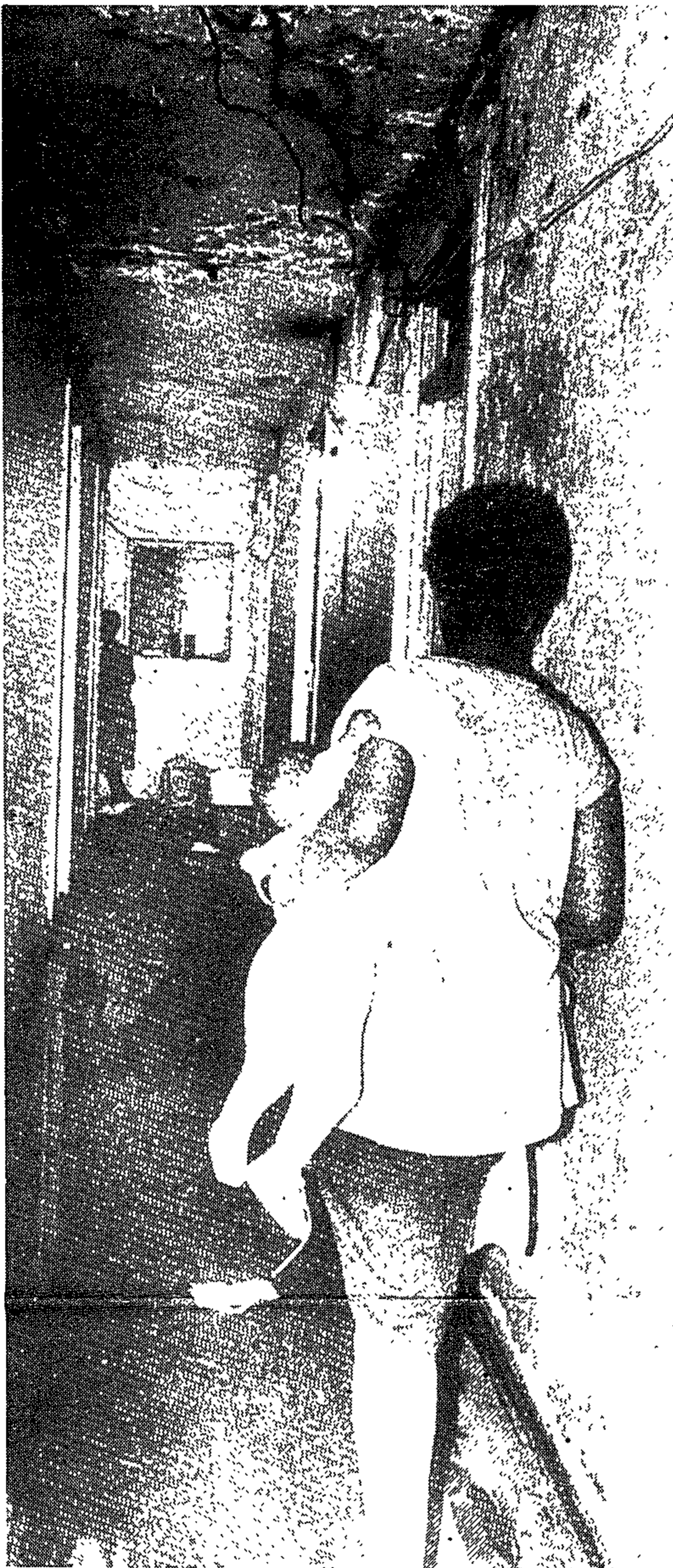
"Look, I don't want to get involved in this because there are no problems in my flats," Schoeman said in a telephone interview.

He said his tenants were satisfied and "all my rent is paid by the end of the month and when I was in Park Mews it was the same".

On Actstop, he said: "They want people to stay for nothing, but if that's what they want they can stay in Soweto. If they want to stay in my building they must pay and that's that. Actstop has nothing to do in my building."

Asked about assault allegations against himself and his security company he said: "Listen my friend, I have never hit any tenant, never in my life. I have a security firm and usually people call me when they have to sort out their flats."

"But I was 23 years in the SA Police, so I know the law. Why must I assault a tenant? If I wanted to I could, but all my tenants are satisfied, and that's that."



The worst building we found ... decayed Allendene in Berea

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7 PAUL ZACOVIC

PAUL Zacovic says he came to South Africa last year via New York, Buenos Aires, and Europe. He owns three buildings: Waverley Court in Smit Street and Kilkenny Court and Drummond House in De Villiers Street.

Tenants in Waverley Court complain of assaults and illegal evictions by security guards, a huge problem with cockroaches and other pests and lifts which often did not work.

James Julies, a Waverley Court resident, said he had been beaten up by Zacovic's "goons" and "illegally evicted ... Zacovic gave them authority to evict me on a certain day. I came into the building and they didn't even talk to me, they just beat me. That was on October 8. I then had an argument with Zacovic and told him he was exploiting us."

Showing me his June rent slip, he explained that for a one room flat he paid R230, plus R89,13 for electricity and R23,60 for water — a total of R342,72.

"I had until today to pay, but I was evicted two days ago. They broke open the door and removed my stuff."

According to Actstop's Pressage Nkosi, Zacovic's guards have assaulted tenants on several occasions.

"Conditions in Drummond House were bad but they've improved. Things are still very bad in Kilkenny and Waverley."

Zacovic agreed to talk on the phone. "I keep a very low profile and I don't like to get involved. I do things in a very civilised manner, but it's impossible to

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8 ALFONSO DI DONATO

ALFONSO di Donato is a suave, white-haired Italian who carries a .38 pistol in his belt and has become per-

haps the leading man in the Opposa campaign against Actstop. At the city centre office of his company, Al's Home Marketing, he pointed to a stuffed monkey on his filing cabinet. "Pressage Nkosi, Pressage Nkosi," he said, referring to a leading Actstop activist. Later, I phoned him back for a follow up interview: "You remember that monkey on my filing cabinet. I put a picture of Pressage Nkosi next to him and they look exactly the same," he said.

Di Donato owns several buildings in and around the city centre as well as his own security firm.

"The company is well organised," said Nkosi. "They have guns, dogs, vehicles and a reputation for being very heavy."

Actstop's Cas Coovadia speaks of him as one of the most intransigent landlords they have dealt with.

"He's one of the landlords who take the attitude that there is no need for them to listen to the grievances of tenants. All attempts by Actstop to talk to him have met with total refusal. His attitude is that if tenants don't like it they are free to leave and he's totally opposed to negotiations."

At Fairmont in Hospital Hill, tenants said the building was run by Di Donato. They said rents were up to R400 per month for a bachelor flat, and people were thrown out when they complained.

"The security guards are very heavy and intimidatory and have stopped tenants from entering the building in the past," said one tenant.

Di Donato, however, said that "we are just an agent for the building and the security company is not mine. We hire them because this was requested by the tenants, and we haven't evicted anybody for two years now."

Johannesburg lawyer Amichand Soman said that in about August 1988 one of his messengers, Maxem Mollo, went to Di Donato's firm to serve papers on him.

"Di Donato assaulted him. He punched him and kicked him. He laid charges but I'm not sure what happened because he's no longer working for us," Soman said.

Di Donato said: "He refused to leave the premises and hit me really. So I defended myself. I was assaulted and laid charges but I don't know what happened."

On his attitude to Actstop, Di Donato confirmed that he wanted to get a supreme court interdict to prevent them interfering with the "common law right of the landlord."

"Actstop is an organisation to make us victims of blacks. We are paying interest at 21,75 percent. They think we collect the rent and put it in our pocket. But, for example, if there's a R500 000 bond, your repayment is R97 000 per month. Then people decide not to pay rent and you default on your bond, and in three to four months the building society writes you a letter to put the building up for auction."

"The Group Areas Act is going, but who will open doors to blacks? They take a building and make a wreck of it and then blame the landlord."

DAVID Malan is a little man who could soon be in some deep legal waters.

He and his partner Solly Cohen leased eight buildings from Gorfil Brothers. They were five-year leases, but lasted less than 20 months. Then, as David Gorfil puts it, "the wheels came off" and Malan is being sued for an unspecified amount.

The case against him is that he was overcharging tenants, overcrowding the buildings, neglecting maintenance and that he failed to pay the municipality for services, particularly in the last seven months of the lease.

The result was outstanding bills of nearly R7 000, rent boycotts in five buildings, large amounts owing to the city council, and several buildings in a severe state of disrepair.

Gorfil was reluctant to discuss the

matter but confirmed the case would come to court early next year.

Malan confirmed he was being sued but said he could not comment on the case because it was *sub judice*.

Malan is essentially a middleman who takes out a head lease, administers the building and collects rents. He is also the collecting agent for some buildings.

The battle with Actstop at five of the "Joubert Park Seven" buildings (Argyle Court, Claridges Court, Protea Mansions, Margate Court and Branksome Towers) lasted nearly three years. There were frequent attempts at evictions, clashes with Malan and security guards and in one incident Malan "detained" journalist Sally Sealey in his office and refused to let her leave.

In 1987 several tenants were evicted after refusing to agree to a "no meetings" clause and a clause agreeing not to be protected by the Rent Control Act.

On several occasions there were mass evictions for late payments of rent ar-

rears which led to families spending the night on the street.

Conditions at most of the buildings were appalling. At Branksome Towers, for example, for several months there were damp, exposed wires and no flushing toilets or hot water.

It led to the council switching off the lights when the electricity bill was not paid, the tenants bypassing Malan and attempting to pay rents directly to the Gorfils, and then staging a sit-in at the Gorfils' offices.

David Gorfil then met the tenants, paid the council, got rid of Malan, and reached an agreement with Actstop.

But, according to Actstop's Cas Coovadia, he has now "reappeared" at other blocks, including Castle Blaney and Navarone Court in Esselen Street, Hillbrow, which belongs to Solly Cohen and Wyntonjoy, which is now being run as an hotel.

"Recently some members of the police came and broke down doors at Navarone and started evicting people. The tenants put the people back in their flats. Actstop met with the Hillbrow Police but they said the policemen were not from Hillbrow."

Malan said he was not involved in the alleged police raid at Navarone, and that while earlier this year he had "helped the owner" at Castle Blaney, he no longer had any involvement with it.

According to Nkosi, Malan allows shebeens in the flats. "When, say, you have one or two toilets in the building and you have a shebeen patronised by scores of people, they start relieving themselves in the lift. It's the landlord's job to shut down the shebeen."

Malan denies that he has had any role in this development, or that he was aware of it.

Nkosi says Malan hires private security companies, such as Trust Security, to keep control. "There was one incident, I think it was at Protea Mansions, where Malan was present when security guards assaulted a 50-year-old man."

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A LANDLORD SPEAKS

I used to go to the building at say 2am or 5am and knock on the door and then take pictures with my camera of how many people were staying there because you need evidence. We don't get the police involved because I don't believe in brutality. Only if a person refuses to leave or if there is a shebeen.

— Landlord Paul Zacovic

THE TEN TOUGHEST LANDLORDS



Struggling middleman Rudi van Wezel isn't much better off than his tenants

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"I took the issue to court and got a restraining order against Malan and Milton in July 1988. But in April last year I had an altercation with Malan and he punched me."

Malan said the allegations were "completely untrue." At the time of the alleged incident he was quoted as saying that Nkosi assaulted him "for no reason."

"There have been no assaults from us. It is the owner who gets intimidated. Two weeks ago I stood at the front of the gate and then all the members of Actstop from John Court in Hillbrow came and they threw hot water at me. And another time, at Branksome Towers, I went to inspect if the electrician did his job and was sprayed with a fire extinguisher."

Malan maintains his strong opposition to negotiations with Actstop.

"It is no good having any negotiations with Actstop. Their purpose is to boycott rents and force landlords into insolvency."

Nkosi responded: "When a building is rent controlled then we will tell the tenants to pay the rent control amount. If the landlord wants that raised it's up to him to apply to the Rent Board."

10 JOE FARBER

JOE Farber is a landlord who is accustomed to changing his mind.

He initially agreed to a *Weekly Mail* interview after a short discussion on the phone.

When I arrived he said he had never heard of *The Weekly Mail* and sent me out to buy one. After carefully perusing it he decided it was a "black paper", which meant he would have to consult his son on whether to proceed.

I phoned him the next day and he said they had decided I could not interview him, but could discuss the matter with his son. A week later I phoned him back and he granted me a 10-minute telephone interview.

Farber is in his 70s, a short, cigar-smoking man who is managing director of Hillbrow Estate Agents. He owns several buildings including Claridges, Waldorf Heights and Fabian Heights, all in Hillbrow.

Early in 1988 a delegation of tenants from the three buildings went to his offices to express their dissatisfaction with the maintenance of their buildings, after being notified by Farber of a 10 percent rent increase for maintenance costs.

The tenants demanded a month's notice and complained that rubbish was not collected regularly, the building was left in darkness as light bulbs were seldom replaced, and lifts were often out of order.

A LANDLORD SPEAKS

Listen, my friend, I have never hit any tenant, never in my life. I have a security firm and usually people call me when they have to sort out their flats. I was 23 years in the police, so I know the law. Why must I assault a tenant? If I wanted to, I could, but all my tenants are satisfied.

— Landlord Joggle Schoeman

After Farber returned letters requesting a meeting, they went to his office, where they say he called them "pigs and dogs". He denies this.

At the time the Medical Officer of Health for Johannesburg, Dr H Hurwitz, said his department had investigated two of the buildings, Waldorf and Claridges, and said that "in one of the cases we served a statutory notice requiring the owner to take action regarding health hazards in the building."

This set-to served as one of the opening rounds in a three-year conflict with his tenants about rents, conditions in his buildings and evictions.

The battle often ended up with attempts at eviction being challenged in court — usually successfully. Actstop lawyers say Farber has lost "tens of thousands of rands in court."

The three buildings include over 80 flats and over 350 tenants, most of whom appear to be people in the middle income group. The dispute over rents and maintenance has continued, as has Farber's attempts to secure evictions.

He recently returned postal order rent payments to tenants and has given tenants final notice to vacate within a month.

According to Actstop, he wants tenants to pay arrears but they argue that most of the original tenants, who owed the arrears, are no longer around.

Actstop's lawyers now want an independent arbitrator, chosen by Farber, to determine a reasonable rental, but they say this has not been accepted.

Farber's buildings are adorned with signs such as "Luxury Flats, Fully Furnished", but tenants say the situation is quite the opposite.

At Waldorf Heights, for example, tenants told me there had been no electricity for the past two months and that rents there were R365 to R450 for a bachelor flat.

Actstop's Nkosi identifies six problems in his buildings and the way they are run.

"First, there's the lack of maintenance. Lifts often don't work, for ex-

ample, and we had one tenant with sewage running into his basin.

"Second, a person looking for a flat has to pay a deposit of R300 or more and is promised that the flat will be fixed up. The rents are R300 to R400 for an unfurnished flat in appalling condition, and he does nothing to fix it up. But the tenant has nowhere else to go, so he fixes it himself.

"Third, the electricity bills are often exorbitantly high. We had one tenant who had an explosion in his flat last May with the result that the council cut off the gas at the mains, but he still gets a gas bill each month. Independent electricity people went to read the meters and found they were faulty.

"Fourth, people are running shebeens in some of the buildings and Farber turns a blind eye. You get outsiders and vagrants coming in, using the shebeens and urinating all over the place. In one of the buildings the only lights that haven't been switched off are those for the shebeen. Someone chopped the cables for the rest.

"Fifth, there's a lack of security. Tenants want a security gate and guard.

"Sixth, some tenants say they have been threatened and beaten by his employees. He's used his security guards to come in and evict people while they are at work, and when they return the locks have been changed."

The tenants at the three buildings say they are prepared to pay market-related rentals if the buildings are fixed up, and say the rents could go up as each floor is repaired on a floor-by-floor basis.

In the telephone interview, Farber said it was not true that his buildings were in a poor state of repair.

"They're just looking for points in order not to pay rents. What happens is that they themselves break things. I have spent thousands of rands on maintenance."

He did not dispute that there were shebeens in the building but said he was not at fault.

Asked about his attempts at mass evictions of tenants he said: "They want it so — they don't pay rents, lights and water."

He said he knew of "no tenants who have been assaulted by his security guards, but I don't know everyone because some were squatters."

Asked whether it was true he had a shotgun in his office, he responded: "What's it got to do with them? All these things are nonsense."

Farber denied he had ever called tenants pigs or dogs or used racist language.

"That's completely untrue. I have got nothing against black, green or yellow. I work with blacks."

He said he believed Actstop wanted to cause trouble. "They don't pay for anything. If the people don't pay rent then I have them evicted."

Two groups square off at the centre of the war

AFTER more than three years of organising tenants to fight individual slumlords, the tenants' organisation Actstop has spawned a protagonist.

The Organisation for the Protection of Property Owners of South Africa is, as yet, an elaborate name for a small group of mainly small Johannesburg landlords and "middlemen", but they intend to grow at a rapid rate.

Their main aim is to protect their interests and to oppose Actstop, which they believe is encroaching on their rights as property owners.

Actstop was formed 12 years ago to oppose Group Areas Act removals, but effectively folded in 1982 when these were suspended in Johannesburg. It was revived in 1987, by which time the majority of tenants in the city centre and surrounding areas were black.

"What we have set out to do is to organise tenants in order to end the exploitation, neglect, harassments and assaults on tenants by unscrupulous slumlords," says the organisation's ebullient and sharp-tongued general secretary Pressage Nkosi.

Actstop organisers moved from building to building speaking to tenants, organising block committees and confronting landlords and their "middlemen".

According to Actstop publicity secretary Cas Coovadia, the organisation now has committees in 76 buildings and a membership of over 10 000.

Actstop denies the Opposa accusation that they are a blacks-only organisation, but acknowledges they need to attract more white members.

Actstop is affiliated to the United Democratic Front and the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal, and helped lead Saturday's mass marches for the resignation of councillors. This has attracted accusations from Opposa that it is purely politically motivated.

"Actstop is publicly pro-ANC and SACP," says Opposa leader Alex Koulombis. "They are acting to destabilise for political purposes. Actstop has its own incentive and that is the hatred of capitalists."

Co-leader Alfonso Di Donato adds that Actstop is opposed to blacks owning property in the city centre: "They want blacks to be poor. They should encourage ownership."

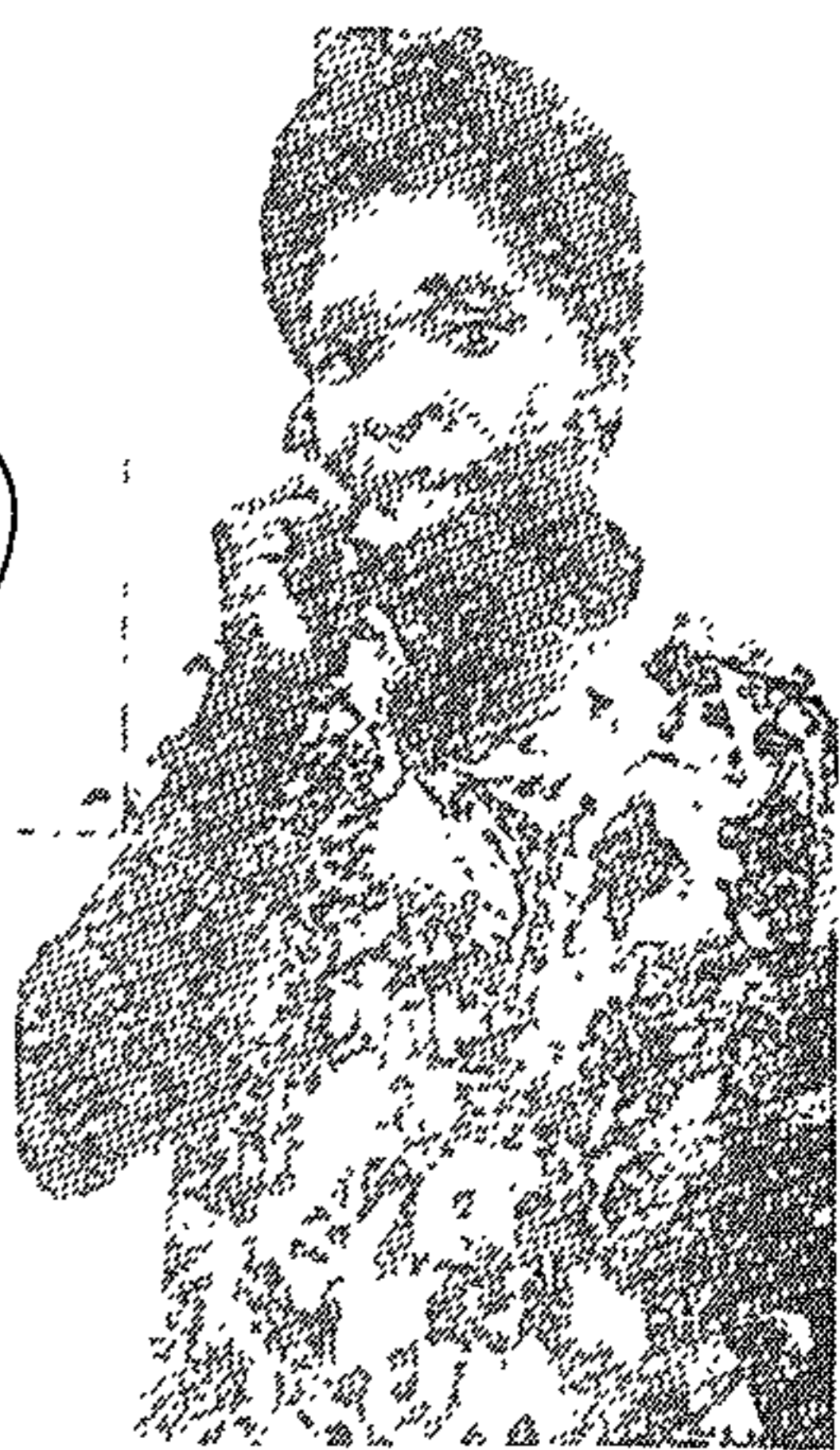
Nkosi, who is seen as public enemy number one by Opposa members, responds by stressing that Actstop's goal is to improve the lives of tenants.

"We certainly have no hard-line policy against blacks buying property in central Johannesburg. We used to caution against it because the Group Areas Act put black owners in a precarious position, but this certainly had nothing to do with being opposed to capitalism. With the Group Areas Act on its way out we will no longer advise against people buying."

Opposa was formed in Johannesburg last year with the specific purpose of protecting the interests of landlords in the Central Business District and countering Actstop's campaigns.

Among its stated goals are: the abolition of the Rent Control Act; the end to "the manipulation of the Health Authority by political organisations to put pressure on landlords with excessive demand and continuous harassment by black inspectors"; dealing with "the problem of Actstop, as an organisation which also interferes with free market forces"; and collecting information on tenants "with bad credit records, or with a history of harassment by black inspectors".

Opposa takes a policy of not negotiating with Actstop and instead, as Di Donato puts it: "We want to apply for a supreme court interdict to prohibit Actstop from interfering with the com-



Actstop chief: Sharp-tongued Pressage Nkosi



Opposa chief: Smooth-talking Alfonso di Donato

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Di Donato says Opposa currently has 25 members who own 50 buildings.

Some of their members operate as "middlemen" who take out a headlease from the owner and then collect rent from the tenants themselves, which means they take the brunt of the tenants' wrath.

Several are immigrants from Italy, Greece, Portugal, Germany and Eastern Europe. While some of their members are wealthy, others live not far above the breadline.

Actstop and the Rent Control Act are blamed for their plight.

They accuse Actstop of unilaterally reducing rents to levels well below breaking even level, forcing them to move to cut off electricity.

Actstop in turn says this tactic is only resorted to when landlords have consistently failed to fulfil their obligations of maintaining their buildings, and point out that in many cases they have only reduced rents after the electricity has been cut off.

Some landlords accuse tenants of, as one put it, "living like pigs", and charge that they are responsible for the poor state of repair of many buildings.

Both sides accuse each other of using intimidation and assault.

"Some of their members have a history of using violence against us — either themselves or by sending in their security guards. We've had numerous cases of our members being badly assaulted without provocation," says Nkosi.

He adds that no Actstop members have ever been convicted for assault or intimidation.

"Our policy is one of advising people never to use violence, but instead to lay charges. We absolutely outlaw intimidation and will take strong action against anyone who tries to use it."

Some Opposa members say they have been threatened by tenants and accuse Actstop committees of intimidating tenants into boycott action.

Di Donato concedes that "it could be that tenants have been assaulted. We can't say that hasn't happened. We are not going to take things lying down."

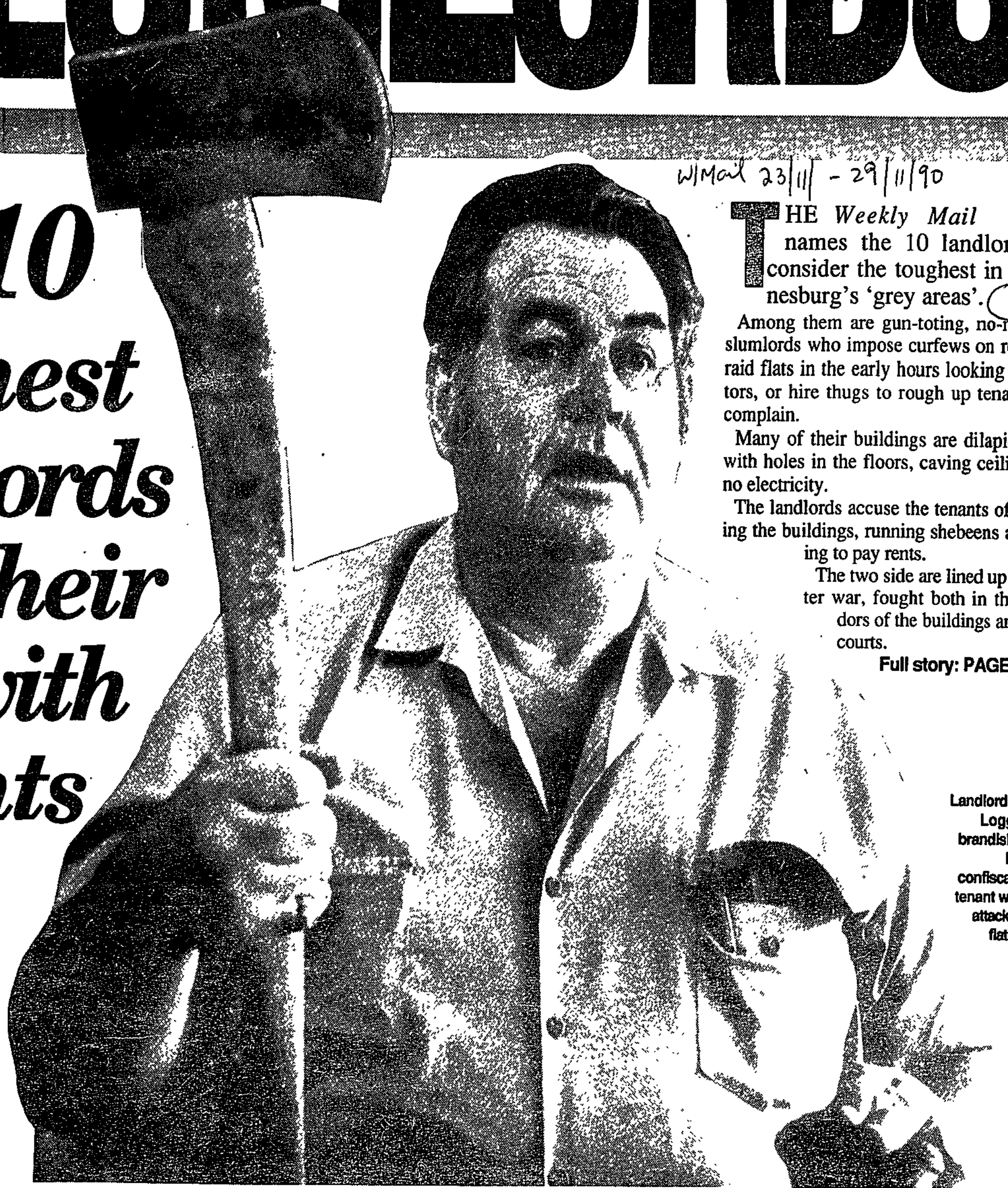
Actstop accuses the police of siding with the landlords, while some Opposa members say the police are not interested in their complaints.

Gamblers of the parched farmlands,

SLUMLORDS

The 10 toughest landlords and their war with tenants

A WEEKLY MAIL INVESTIGATION PROBES CONDITIONS IN SOME OF THE GRIMMEST BUILDINGS IN THE FLATLANDS WAR ZONE
By GAVIN EVANS



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THE Weekly Mail today names the 10 landlords we consider the toughest in Johannesburg's 'grey areas'. **84**

Among them are gun-toting, no-nonsense slumlords who impose curfews on residents; raid flats in the early hours looking for visitors, or hire thugs to rough up tenants who complain.

Many of their buildings are dilapidated ... with holes in the floors, caving ceilings and no electricity.

The landlords accuse the tenants of wrecking the buildings, running shebeens and failing to pay rents.

The two sides are lined up in a bitter war, fought both in the corridors of the buildings and in the courts.

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Landlord Pieter van Loggerenberg brandishes an axe he says he confiscated from a tenant who tried to attack him in the flatlands wars
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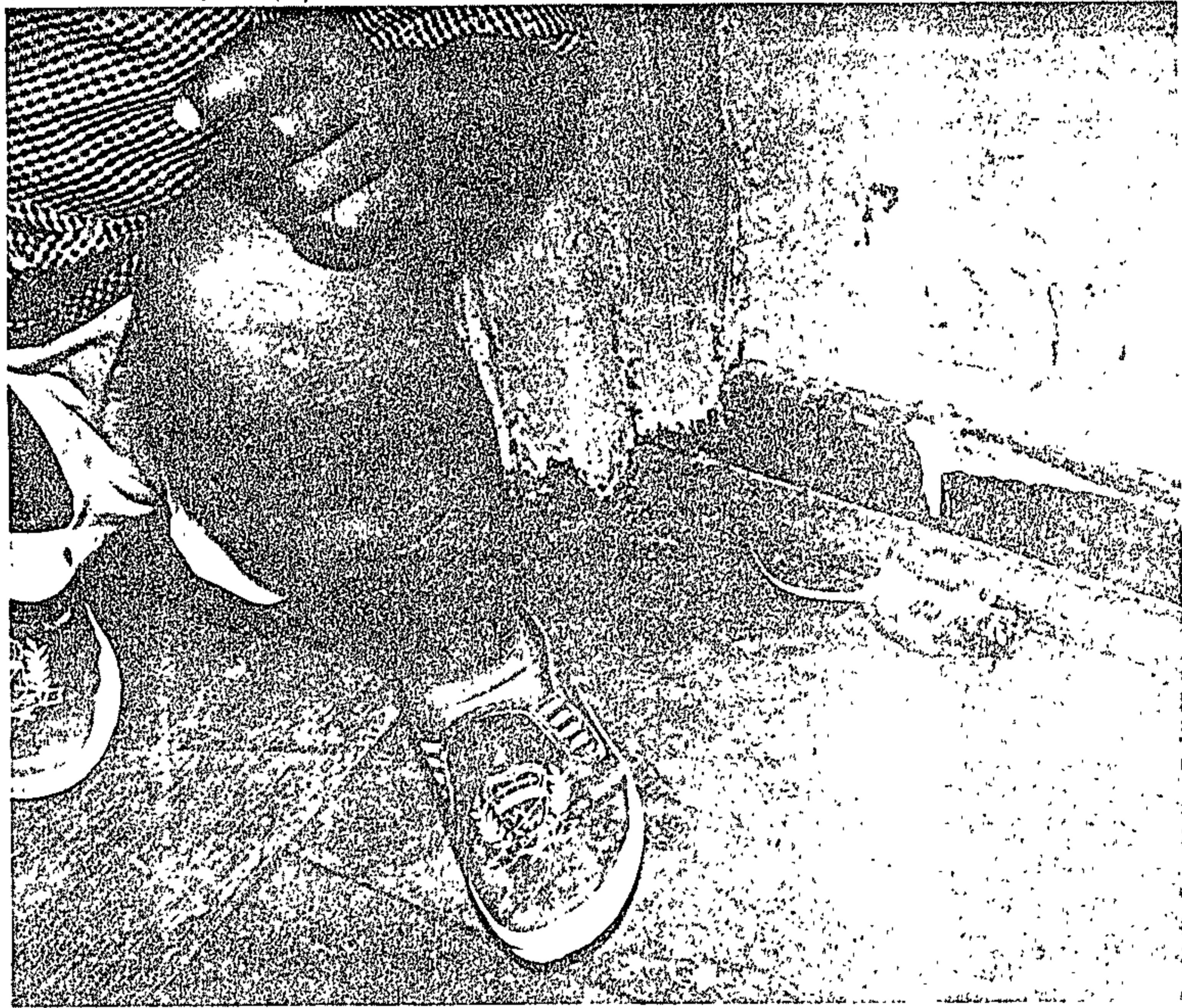
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Two residents of a flat in Allendene Court ... a young boy and a dead rat

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK

THE effective dismantling of the Group Areas Act in central Johannesburg has brought the return of an old phenomenon: the slumlord.

The small landlords are the ones who destroyed the Act by gradually allowing black tenants into their city centre buildings. In the process, however, they found tenants who were vulnerable, had little protection and no rights in the area.

The result is that 90 percent of tenants in the city centre are black, and in many cases are paying high rents for overcrowded buildings that are decaying and never renovated. They are at the mercy of tough, no-nonsense, gun-toting slumlord, some of whom impose curfews, charge R5 to allow visitors or evict tenants who complain.

Weekly Mail investigated and identified the 10 toughest slumlords.

1 ERIC JOOSTE

IF half of what Eric Jooste's Malvern tenants have to say is true then we're dealing with one tough cookie.

I spoke separately to six black tenants at Belair Flats — one of several buildings he owns in this area — and they told me that at around 10.30pm on an October night Jooste had arrived with a gun on each hip and banged on their doors in an angry search for visitors breaking the building's 10pm curfew.

"He kicked at my door like a mad person — in fact at every door in the block — as though he was looking for a fight," said one tenant who asked not to be named.

"When he found that Daniel Baloi had two visitors, he threw them out. Daniel was fined R150 and then evicted when he refused to pay.

"Even if your girlfriend stays over with his permission, you have to pay an extra R25 a month. They say it's because she uses hot water. And no children are allowed."

This man pays R325 for his small bachelor flat. He says there is never enough hot water, which means they

can only wash clothes on Sundays. "There are 20 flats and a tiny geyser, so the water's always cold."

He has a small basin in his room, no kitchen and has to use a communal bathroom.

Another tenant told me she paid R275 for a tiny room with no electrical plug, no bathroom, no hot water, a tin roof with no ceiling, and only one naked light bulb.

"If you break any of the rules you get thrown out. Say if you have visitors, you get no notice and you don't get your deposit back," she said.

Baloi said he had been allowed back into his flat five days after being thrown out, because the tenants' organisation Actstop threatened legal action.

Baloi's flat is a single room of three metres by four metres, with an unpainted ceiling, for which he pays R275 per month.

"I don't know why we pay so much. There are three whites in the building who pay between R130 and R150 per month," he said.

At nearby William Court, also owned by Jooste Property Management, one tenant said he paid R450 for a bachelor flat.

Several attempts to interview Jooste proved fruitless.

It took two visits to the office of Jooste Property Management before manager Joy Lubbe was reached. She confirmed that Eric Jooste owned the buildings in question and explained why they had adopted the curfew.

"The reason is to keep the lights and water bill down. It costs us R2 500 a month. If you don't have it, they'll have their brothers and sisters in with

them and you can't allow 10 people in a room with only space for one or two.

"Look, every estate agent sets conditions. We have rules and regulations and the tenants take their flats fully aware of these. Nobody forces them to take our flats."

She said the rules applied to all Jooste's buildings — "and there are quite a few in the Malvern area".

Lubbe confirmed that action had been taken against Baloi.

"This particular one had four people in his room, all in the same bed. If we find they have visitors, they get notice, but there's no such thing as a fine."

"We'd been getting complaints for four months. On that day Jooste did an inspection because people were causing a disturbance, but he didn't go there and kick doors open. He found bottles of beer all over the floor."

Lubbe confirmed that Jooste carried a gun for protection.

She said that only one bachelor flat in Belair Court was rented for over R300, and said that the William Court rents were less than R250, but confirmed that whites in Belair Court paid less than the blacks.

"That's because the four white tenants have been there for over 10 years and had been paying less, so you can't just make them pay new rentals."

Lubbe said it was not true that tenants could only wash their clothes on Sun-

days. "The flat has a boiler which works by coal, so for those who come home late there's no hot water because the others take it all. That's why we have the rules about visitors."

She insisted that there was "no conflict between landlord and tenants in our flats".

2 CLAUDIO CERASOLI

THIS man is the owner of one of the most disgusting buildings in Johannesburg.

Allendene, in Soper Road, Berea, is an old building that one would expect to be consistent with the tone of the neighbourhood. A peep inside shows otherwise.

The building stinks from damp, dead rats and rot. There are holes in the floor, and the ceiling is caving in. Toilets are blocked and broken, there is no electricity and the glass from broken windows is strewn all over.

According to city councillor Cliff Garrun, Cerasoli has been summoned several times "for things such as raw sewage running out of the building".

The building, (and an accompanying house at 49 Soper Road, both of which are property of the company 51 Soper Rd cc), has long been the object of litigation and council action, but appears to be in as bad a state as ever.

A few years ago Cerasoli sold the building to Tony Pharboo (see below) who, according to the tenants' lawyers, stocked the building with tenants and then failed to pay the bond, electricity, rates and taxes. Cerasoli obtained

judgment against Pharboo and then found himself up against health inspectors and Actstop.

For a while the flak catcher for the building was the head lessee, Rudi van Wezel (see below), but he parted ways with Cerasoli earlier this year.

"I did Allendene for Cerasoli and he wasn't prepared to repair or put in any money. He just wanted to evict the tenants," said Van Wezel, who accuses Cerasoli of not paying him four months' salary.

Early last year the building's 80 families all found themselves out on the pavement after deciding to reduce their own rents.

Cerasoli is currently involved in a court case in which he claims to want to evict the tenants in order to repair the building. The tenants are arguing that he has waived this right by failing to fulfil similar promises in the past. The dispute is likely to be decided next year.

Tenants are paying R80 rent for their single rooms, while the owners want between R180 and R280.

"If he fixes the building and restores services, we will be prepared to pay market-related rentals," said John, one of the tenant representatives.

He said Cerasoli was "very rude" to the tenants, that he "sometimes carries a gun" and "tries to make people scared".

John said the tenants only recently discovered that Cerasoli was the landlord because Van Wezel had previously told them he owned the building.

In an initial telephone interview, Cerasoli said the following: "I had sold the building to Mr Pharboo, who is a

In the course of his two-month investigation, GAVIN EVANS interviewed more than 100 tenants, more than 20 landlords, city councillors, lawyers, policemen and officials of residents, tenants, and landlords associations.

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THE consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in Pretoria has been postponed while steps to end the deadlock between the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) and the government gain momentum.

The UDF suspended the boycott on Friday to enable the residents' association and the government to resolve the crisis.

The boycott was called by the UDF last week after electricity in Atteridgeville was cut off.

The blackout sparked violence between residents and police which claimed three lives, including that of a nine-year-old pupil.

Asro has arranged a meeting for tomorrow with Transvaal Provincial Administration representatives to seek a "speedy" and peaceful solution to the problem.

Asro will meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on Tuesday to discuss the proclamation of Atteridgeville as an unrest area.

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VW still closed

THE Volkswagen factory in Uitenhage stayed closed for the seventh day on Friday as no progress had been made in talks with the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, the company said.

Production could not be resumed until the recognition agreement had been signed and employees tendered their services in terms of the agreement and their service contracts, VW said. - Sapa

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Picnic attack: arrests likely later today

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Crime Staff

Arrests of the sjambok and knobkerrie-wielding thugs who savaged a black Sunday school outing in a Louis Trichard park were expected later today, police said.

At least five children were taken to hospital and dozens injured after about 30 right-wing extremists attacked between 200 and 300 children aged between seven and 14 in the park on Sunday.

The children were members of the Apostolic Faith Mission Church at Dzanani in Venda.

No arrests had been made by this morning, "but there will be arrests this afternoon or tomorrow", said Far Northern Transvaal police spokesman Lieutenant Werner Voigt.

Lieutenant Voigt said the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, would speak about the incident at a press conference in Pretoria today.

In a statement released yesterday afternoon, the SAP's Regional Commissioner for the Far Northern Transvaal, Major-General G J Viljoen, said a special investigation team under the command of Major At Prinsloo, the district CID officer, "will investigate all aspects of the case".

The statement said the police team would be assisted by a surgeon, "in order to verify all claims of injury during the assault", adding that the investigation would continue until all those responsible had been apprehended.

Lieutenant Voigt told The Star yesterday that the attackers were members of the right-wing Blanke Beskermingsburo.

In another development yesterday, academics at the University of Venda were collecting signatures to a document expressing their "horror and disgust" at the incident.

Lieutenant Voigt said Blanke Beskermingsburo members had "mobilised themselves" on Thursday following plans by the local consumer boycott committee to stage a protest march through Louis Trichardt on Saturday as a prelude to a boycott of white-owned businesses due to start tomorrow.

"We had discussions with the committee last week and they agreed to call off the march," Lieutenant Voigt said.

He said there were only "a few" policemen on the scene on Sunday when the schoolchildren arrived at the park.

"Then some Blanke Beskermingsburo people arrived and started attacking the black children. The police tried to maintain order but they couldn't do it — there were too few personnel," he said.

"One of our policemen was also attacked," he said.

The Rev George Mohali, who had accompanied the children, said a group of about 30 white men ordered the church group to leave, telling them blacks were not allowed in the park.

He had informed a senior police officer on the scene about the threatening attitude of the men but, as the children were about to leave, they were attacked with various weapons.

Land of dust and

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Desperation is reflected in the eyes of farmers throughout the western Transvaal as the drought continues to hold the country in its merciless grip. NORMAN CHANDLER and photographer SAREL VAN DEN BERG visited the stricken farmlands.

AS far as the eye can see, there is nothing to break the monotony of the fields of despair.

In the good years, men worked those fields. They grew crops and reaped bountiful harvests of maize and wheat as well as other grains.

Today, in the face of the worst drought in 60 years, most of the fields of the western Transvaal lie fallow.

But it is not only the fields that tell the story. The once-bustling towns and villages of Lichtenburg, Sannieshof, Stella and Delareyville, to name only a few, tell it as well . . . it shows on the main streets where tired shop frontages beckon to passers-by.

The problem is that passers-by are few and far between. Hand-in-hand with the drought has come hardship. Penury for some. Heavy drinking for others.

Despair has also set in among black people who could, for generations, count on their farm jobs. As the noose has tightened around the necks of white farmers, so have the chances of employment lessened, and in some cases, gone completely.

Men and women — the ancestors of the first trekkers who tamed the land — have deserted the small settlements or left their farms in the hands of black foremen to find their fortunes, if there are any to be found, in bigger centres such as Klerksdorp, Potchefstroom or Welkom.

Many have turned to mining, others have taken jobs as insurance salesmen or else work for the roads department of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Wives have returned to their former professions — nursing, teaching and the like — in a bid to help their husbands rebuild lost fortunes.

Hennie Conradie, at a dusty crossroads called Kameel, took to working on the mines and is now thinking of going back if the situation doesn't improve. His small son, Frikkie, played in the dust as we talked — "I'll do it for him," said Mr Conradie

with a shrug of his shoulders.

Others, like his friend Bennie Oosthuizen, have sent wives and children to stay with better-off grandparents or other relatives until the worst is over.

"It's tough, hey. But it will come right," said Mr Conradie with a touch of faith as he recalled the days when an average of 109 mm of rain fell every November to assure a good maize harvest.

This November has seen *no* rain fall. The last rain to wet the fields of the western Transvaal was on October 6 and 7 when a total of 30 mm fell. In January this year 41 mm was registered in the Delareyville district; in February it was 42 mm, in March 70,5 mm, and in April 66 mm. There was nothing in May, June, July, August and September — not even what the South African Agricultural Union (SAAU) chief economist Dr Koos du Toit calls "the bonus of a shower during winter to help grazing."

For Mr Conradie, the opening of a small trading store has been a saviour of sorts, but even then the overheads are such that more turnover needs to be generated if the business is to make ends meet.

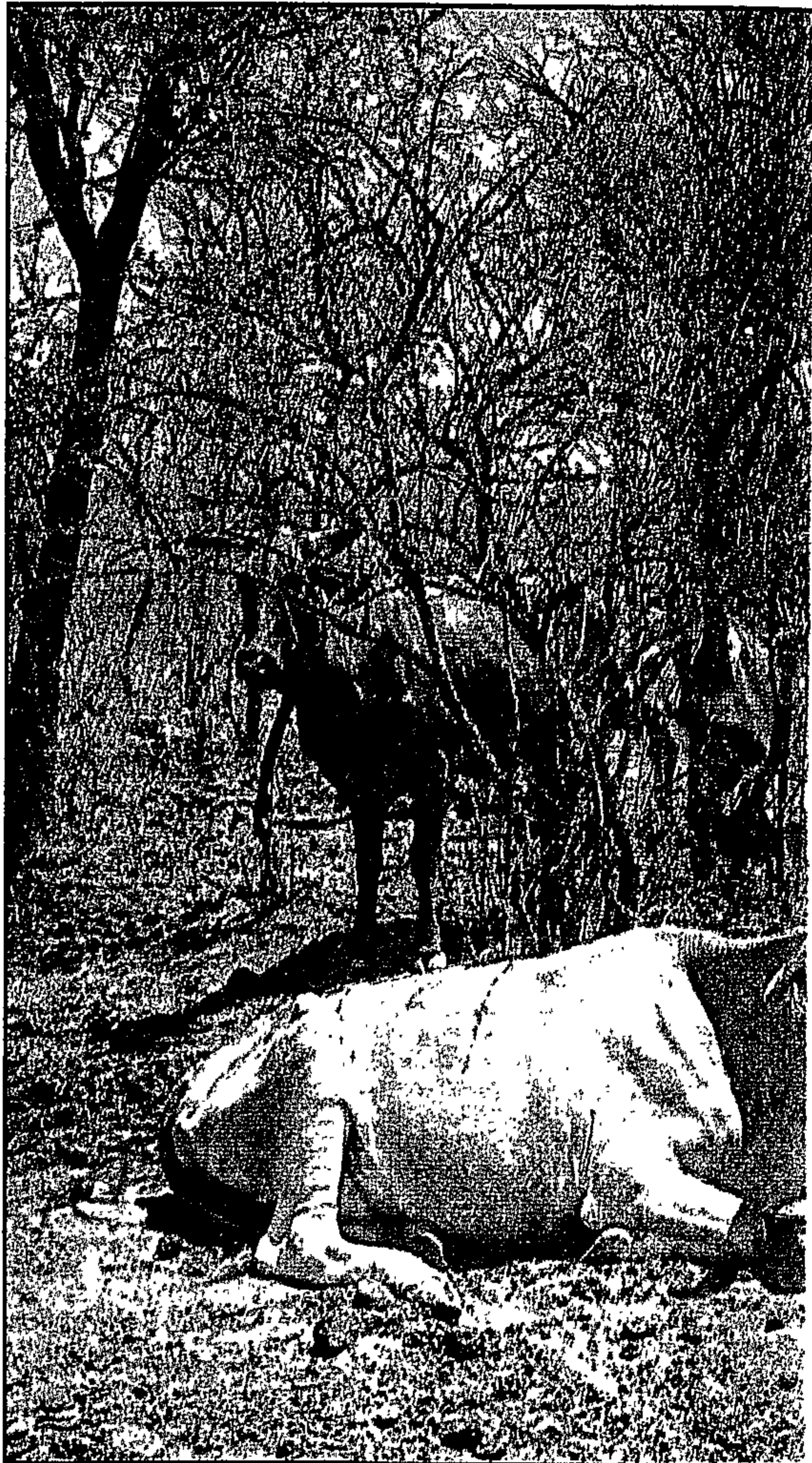
"At least we can eat," is the attitude.

Travelling through the far western Transvaal, motorists cannot help but be struck by the lack of activity. Certainly, in one or two areas, farmers are out ploughing the lands — but that is, as was explained by an agricultural co-operative official, in the hope that rain will fall.

That hope has been a forlorn one for hundreds of farmers from Vryburg and Stella in the far west, to Thabazimbi and beyond in the north-west.

At Silent Valley, close to the Marico River, there is an uncanny silence. The area once saw better days . . . now it is much like other districts in fighting off the elements.

The Groot Marico district of Herman Charles Bosman and Oom Schaik Lourens fame is unlike what it was once. It has always been tough in that dis-



Bare earth . . . In the Groot Marico, cattle have grazed the veld bare.

trict, but now . . .

The huge Lindley's Poort dam is 45 percent full — and the jetty at which boats of the Marico Boating and Recreation Club once tied up is 130 m from the water's edge!

Around the dam, lands also lie fallow, cattle are having to be fed on the farms between Groot Marico and Straatsdrif and Skuinsdrif, while the Marico irrigation system which wends its way through the desolate countryside adjoining Bo-

phuthatswana is almost useless.

In desperation, townspeople all over the region have joined farmers in praying for rain. Churches have been packed, and grim-faced people invited by dominees to tell their stories of hardship have cried with emotion in the pews . . . and still the sun scorches the earth.

Their faith, though, is unshakable. The message from everyone spoken to out there has been the same: "We will persevere. We have beaten the

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Farmers turned traders ...
Bennie Oosthuizen and Hennie
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weather before, and we will do so again."

This time, though, it has been tougher. After 10 years of drought, one year's good harvest and now this.

Some farmers have been fortunate in building up feed for their livestock, and hope this will see them through the summer or at least until good rains.

Some have become "regulars" at bars with names like "Mielieblaar" — a barman in one town summed up the situa-

tion: "There are four churches here. There's this bar. And there are four bottle stores ... that tells a lot, doesn't it?"

As the farmers down their brandy-and-cokes (seldom a beer) the mood changes from exasperation to light-heartedness, and then back to reality. Tongues start to wag, the names of political figures are bandied about, and the political reforms come in for some harsh criticism. It is as if the farmers believe politics and not the lack

of rain has sunk their hopes.

It is not only the drought which has caused hardship.

High input costs — seeds, fertiliser, diesel for tractors and bakkies, Eskom electricity, paraffin and wages — have played a major part in the overall hardship picture.

Production costs a hectare on western Transvaal farms run at about R60, but with the situation farmers are now facing, some have cut these costs to about R35 a hectare in order to

make ends meet.

The cutback has, inevitably, meant a drop in the labour force — and many of these people have trekked to other centres to find work or joined the influx to squatter camps around the big cities.

Farmers admitted that they weren't happy with what they have had to do because they fear the consequences.



Some farmers in the Stella district — where farms average about 600 ha in size — have run up R10 000 debts on petrol alone, and do not know how to pay back the oil companies or their co-operatives. With the country going through tough financial times, it could mean them having to leave the lands or having banks foreclose on them — even though organised agriculture has asked the Land Bank, the Agricultural Credit Bank and commercial banks not to do so if the farms are viable.

The national farming debt stands at just under R15 billion. There are fears that forthcoming Government aid will be too little, too late, for many of the country's 70 000 farmers.

The Government has said it would help the industry "but only the solvent farmers". Travelling through the country districts doesn't leave much to the imagination — there cannot be too many solvent farmers. □

Pictures: Sarel van den Berg.

Victim's burial a first for Jo'burg

Soweto
29/11/90



HISTORY will be made this week when the first black is buried at Johannesburg's Central Park Cemetery.

Mr David Oupa Hlongwane (33), who died during a demonstration in the city centre last week, will be buried on Sunday, executive member of Actstop Mr Mohammed Dangor said yesterday.

"This is a victory for Actstop," which was also involved in the march, said Dangor.

By IKE MOTSAPI

"Who would have thought that this would be possible? We have been fighting for the abolition of all racial laws because we felt that no individual should be restricted.

"We are saying this is history to bury Oupa at the Johannesburg Central Cemetery whereas that is not so. He, like other many blacks who have died before, should have had the legitimate right to have been buried there.

"This is not history but a right for the entire

black population," he added.

Dangor said deputy president of the African National Congress Mr Nelson Mandela and the Rev Frank Chikane of the South African Council of Churches will be the main speakers.

Hlongwane died after police shooting incidents during a march in Johannesburg organised by the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal.

Cast is fighting for the abolition of discriminatory laws.

Stock farmers get drought aid

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Emergency drought relief measures for stock farmers have been introduced in the Potgietersrus area of the northern Transvaal and the Jansenville and Steytlerville areas of the eastern Cape.

Minister of Agricultural Development Dr Kraai van Niekerk said drought schemes would be introduced on Saturday, after a decision by the National Drought Committee that the drought should be declared a disaster.

"Disaster relief aid will not only

assist farmers, but also the community, including town dwellers and labourers," Dr van Niekerk said.

● South Africa is on the verge of importing maize and wheat because of the drought. The Maize Board yesterday said exports of wheat and maize had been halted.

Only half the 1,3 million hectares available for maize production has been planted, while wheat is expected to be about 500 000 tons short of the 2,5 million required locally.

Black boycott grips Louis Trichardt

29/11/90
By Dirk Nel
and Sapa

LOUIS TRICHARDT — A full consumer boycott of white and Indian-owned businesses in Louis Trichardt began yesterday, despite urgent talks between the Soutpansberg Sakekamer and the central boycott committee.

Boycott organisers are demanding the immediate upgrading of the nearby Tshi-

kota township, the creation of a free settlement area and the opening of the central business district to all traders. They insist that the demands are non-negotiable.

The boycott is planned to last the entire festive season.

Buses to Louis Trichardt were half empty yesterday as large numbers of Venda shoppers stayed at home. Workers arriving by taxi gave shops a wide berth.

Soutpansberg Sakekamer chairman Brink Schlesinger said cafes, take-away shops, supermarkets and clothing stores would be worst hit. But he expressed optimism that the dispute would be resolved soon.

He claimed that the assault by a white vigilante group on black Sunday school children in the town on Saturday "did not represent the attitude of most

whites here".

● The Indian community yesterday deplored Saturday's incident, saying it had disrupted the town's tranquillity.

The Reverend George Mohali, the Apostolic Faith Mission minister who was in charge of the Sunday school children, said he wished to lay the matter to rest now that a police investigation was under way.

Durr's now post 'outcome of a trial'

Axe murder



THE LANDLORDS SURVEY: THIS WEEK WE LOOK AT SOME OF THE BIGGER AGENTS

Grey areas? No, it's Group Areas

WHEN African National Congress cultural boss Barbara Masekela arrived home in September after more than 20 years in exile she found getting accommodation in a "grey area" was not easy for a black.

United Democratic Front official Neil Morrison was helping her to find a flat and he assumed that he would have no problems in Berea/Yeoville — a "grey area".

"I went to the biggest agency in the area, Zulbergs, and saw signs up advertising scores of flats and houses. So I went around with Barbara to the letting department and spoke to a woman there."

"She assumed we were a couple and became very stiff and said: 'Our landlords do not let to black people.' I

asked whether this applied to all the buildings they controlled and she confirmed it did.

"Then the owner, Hymie Zulberg, came storming out of his offices and said: 'Just leave please, get out, we don't let to black people. I don't want to get into a political conversation with you', and then went back into his office."

A couple of weeks later *Weekly Mail* reporter Glenda Daniels (who is classified Indian) and her flatmate Susie Nkomo got a letter under their door at Celeste Mansions in Natal Street, Yeoville (where Zulbergs are the agents), in places you don't belong, please get

A major letting agency in Johannesburg's largest 'grey area' has a whites-only policy.

By PHILIP GARSON and GAVIN EVANS

purporting to be from "the owners of Zulbergs".

It said: "We want you Indians and blacks out of this flats you know this is a white flat we don't want trouble. These flats for nonwhites somewhere else, so people are complaining they don't want you Indians and nonwhites in places you don't belong, please get

ing to get them out. We stick to Group Areas Act. We uphold it." Zulbergs is one of the largest letting agencies in the area. In a follow-up interview Zulberg said it was "highly confidential" how many blocks of flats they let in the city, but added that they "exist in almost every part of Johannesburg".

Zulberg told us he did not send the letter and it probably came from white tenants in the flat. But he added: "We would have used an official letterhead", and went on to say that he would speak now to his attorney "in order to get them out."

"We work under the Group Areas Act, so we can't let them in. Actually we let the flat to a white man. We keep to the Group Areas Act. We don't violate, but we are certainly going to keep them."

"I'm a law-abiding citizen. If the Group Areas bring in certain laws I'll do my best to keep them. We take instructions from the owners, and we will not break the law even if the owners were prepared to."



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All are welcome at these flats. (Whites only)

W/Mon 30/11 - 6/12/90
One of the ironies of property letting in this country is that it is the small slumlords, some of whom are openly racist, who defy the Group Areas Act, while the bigger landlords often apply a whites-only policy.

GAVIN EVANS and PHILIPPA GARSON report

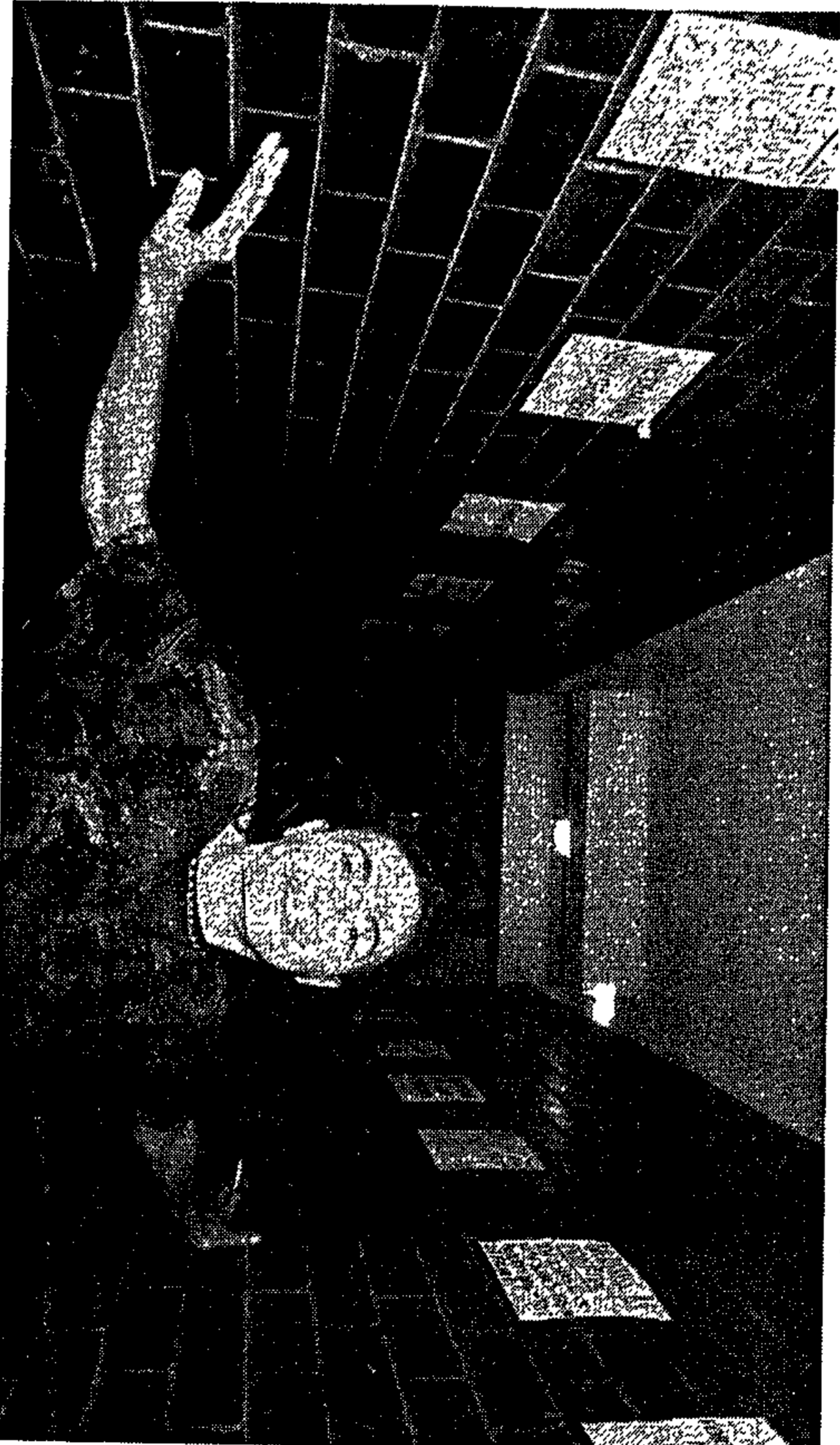
PROSPERITIVE tenants at buildings controlled by Africa's biggest letting agency are handed a glossy brochure which includes "A word of welcome", but many inhabitants of JH Isaacs-controlled apartments are made to feel most unwelcome — especially if they are black.

"Isaacs has a history of not letting black people in," says Cas Coovadia of the tenants' organisation Actistop.

"When we challenge this their response is that they are just upholding the law and that it's illegal to let black people in under the Group Areas Act — despite the fact the state is no longer applying the law and has made it clear it will be repealed next year."

A JH Isaacs representative, who asked not to be named, explained: "We are not a political organisation. Many non-whites have gained access to our buildings via whites — by that stage it is too late, what can we do? But we don't break the law."

"If a black person does move in via a white person, well, whether we take action depends on many factors such as the attitude of the landlord, over-



Corridor of protest ... a resident of Fortesque Mansions surrounded by signs denouncing conditions in the building.

crowding and objections of other tenants.

"I'm not saying there are no non-whites in any of our buildings, but the buildings are run in accordance with the law. We are purely agents, not landlords, and as a group we are probably the biggest in the southern hemisphere."

In the course of our investigation we visited several Isaacs buildings where

the tenants had a host of complaints. Two of these were Constantia building in Koch Street, Joubert Park and Fortesque Mansions in Yeoville.

At Constantia, one black tenant, who asked not to be named, told us: "I pay R523 a month for a three-room flat and the conditions are terrible."

"When you move in you get one month to paint the flat, rent-free, but

you find there are no handles, the windows are broken, and you have to paint and it comes to more than a month's rent."

At Fortesque Mansions a group of tenants recently presented a petition at the JH Isaacs head office, setting out a string of grievances.

Their anger is directed primarily at landlord Manuel Pestana, but they blame Isaacs for doing nothing to im-

prove the situation.

Tenants say conditions include blocked drains, faulty wiring, hot water shortages, leaky plumbing, volcanic geysers and wet ceilings.

When one tenant approached Pestana about her meagre water supply, she said he replied that since she was very small person she did not need much bath water. Another got an electric shock as a result of an overflow geyser.

Earlier this year the then-care taker of the block, Jason Arons, sent letters about the situation to the *North East Tribune*, but after attempts to spur the authorities into action failed he resigned.

He was then served with an eviction notice, supposedly to make way for new superintendent.

Contacted by *The Weekly Mail*, Pestana commented: "They are all mad."

"It is all lies. We spent a lot of money putting in new pipes. What they say is not the truth, you must believe it!"

Tenants claim there is no attempt on the part of JH Isaacs to rectify the situation, and point out that Isaacs has common business interests in Madeira with Pestana.

The JH Isaacs representative said: "The fact that we are dealing with the Pestana family in Madeira has no bearing on Mr Pestana as such. His attitude towards the building has remained unchanged for 15 years before our involvement."

On the conditions in the flat the Isaacs representatives stressed they were Pestana's agents and acted on his instructions.

Sta 30/11/90

Bid to end Northern Tvl shop boycott

By Dirk Nel
and Sapa

LOUIS TRICHARDT — The crippling consumer boycott of white- and Indian-owned shops in Louis Trichardt continued yesterday amid new developments which could cut the duration of the protest action.

Moves were afoot to convince the boycott organisers that some of their demands were receiving attention.

Last year Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Constitutional Development, promised that Tshikota township would be upgraded — but this would not happen overnight, a local attorney said.

A demand that workers be allowed to join the trade union of their choice could not be enforced locally, he said. The possible opening of the CBD was also receiving attention at Government level, he said.

Yesterday, there were fears that tenants in the central business area would be unable to pay rent if their income dwindled over the Christmas period.

Retrenchments have also caused alarm among workers.

● It is reported from Kroonstad that business has dropped by 70 percent because of the consumer boycott of white businesses by Maokeng residents.

It was also reported yesterday that Maokeng was facing "militant action" following the arrest of 10 youth activists.

A Kroonstad police spokesman said 10 youths were being questioned in connection with cases of public violence.

● In a bid to open their town, the National Party-controlled Pietersburg Town Council decided this week to recommend that the central business district be opened to all races.

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No. 195, 1990 (84)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADING AREA UNDER SECTION 19 (1) OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT BOKSBURG, DISTRICT OF BOKSBURG, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 19 (1) of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, the provisions of sections 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 and 40 of the said Act shall not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in that area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twentieth day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,

State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

SECTION 19 (1) FREE TRADING AREA

The Township of Jansen Park Extension 3 in its entirety, *vide* General Plan A 653/89.

No. 196, 1990 (85)

AMENDMENT OF PROCLAMATION No. 159 OF 1968 UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT MURRAYSBURG, DISTRICT OF MURRAYSBURG, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Under section 33 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby amend Proclamation No. 159 of 1968 from the date of publication of this Proclamation by the exclusion of the area defined in the Schedule to this Proclamation from the area defined in paragraph (b) of the Schedule to that Proclamation.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Twentieth day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,

State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister of the Cabinet.

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No. 195, 1990

INSTELLING VAN 'N VRYHANDELSGEBIED KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 19 (1) VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE BOKSBURG, DISTRIK BOKSBURG, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 19 (1) van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, die bepalings van artikels 26 (1), 27, 35, 37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geokkupeer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegskema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dié gebied in werking of bindend is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Twintigste dag van November Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,

Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

ARTIKEL 19 (1)-VRYHANDELSGEBIED

Die dorp Jansen Park-uitbreiding 3 in sy geheel, volgens Algemene Plan A 653/89.

No. 196, 1990

WYSIGING VAN PROKLAMASIE No. 159 VAN 1968 KRAGTENS ARTIKEL 33 VAN DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE MURRAYSBURG, DISTRIK MURRAYSBURG, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP

Kragtens artikel 33 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), wysig ek hierby Proklamasie No. 159 van 1968 vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie deur die uitsluiting van die gebied omskryf in die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (b) van die Bylae van daardie Proklamasie.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Twintigste dag van November Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,

Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister van die Kabinet.

Second Boksburg free trade area upsets CP

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BLACKS will be allowed to open businesses in a second part of CP-controlled Boksburg following the declaration of a free trade area in the East Rand town — a move which has enraged CP councillors.

Jansen Park Extension 3, situated about 7km from Boksburg's CBD, was proclaimed a free trading area in Friday's Government Gazette.

Blacks could now operate businesses in the area from December 7.

The CP's chief whip in the council Andries du Toit said yesterday the party opposed any free trade areas as it took away the right of the white man to trade separately from blacks.

Boksburg's CBD, which was declared a free trade area under the formerly NP-controlled town council, had become totally black and was not safe for whites, he said. B/P ay 11/12/90

Admitting defeat, Du Toit said, "What can we do about it? The CP does not control central government."

He said the newly proclaimed area was not situated near any black area, so it would not have a "total influx" of blacks, but the area would eventually be swamped.

The area was also dominated by huge shopping centres and it was unlikely that black traders would be able to acquire a foothold in the area in the short term.

Du Toit said he assumed the proclamation was therefore a move to gain investors.

Boksburg's right-wingers lost their fight for petty apartheid when the Pretoria Supreme Court in March overruled the council's reservation of the Boksburg lake and the tennis courts for whites only.

The mark rally yesterday was also on different growth directions.

CP objects to intimidation of residents

The Conservative Party is up in arms at alleged intimidation by white officials from the Department of Local Management, Land and Works to get residents of an area near Pretoria to sell their houses to Indians if they did not want them as neighbours.

The chief secretary of the CP, AS Beyers, said yesterday he had received information from a community leader in Erasmia, near Pretoria, that a department official, whose name he gave, had visited certain white residents on December 6 with the purpose of influencing them to sell their houses to Indians.

"On December 7 I wrote a letter to the director-general of the department in which I asked for his comment on these allegations."

"On December 10 (Monday) the official telephoned to tell me the director-general would fax a letter to me on that day. The fax has so far not been received by my office."

Mr Beyers said that during his conversation with the official, it was confirmed that he had vi-

sited five families in Erasmia the previous week.

The official had also reportedly confirmed he had advised one of the families to sell their house to Indians should they not wish to live next to them as neighbours.

"Through this ... (the official) has confirmed that the complaint the Erasmia community leader gave to me was not unfounded," Mr Beyers said.

"It is shocking that the department is now sending officials to influence whites to sell their houses to Indians.

"It is nothing more than blatant intimidation of people who are resisting the estrangement of their residential areas to other race groups.

"With this the department is making a mockery of an undertaking last year to whites that their own residential areas and community life would be maintained.

"I am writing to the relevant Minister, Amie Venter, to request him to put an immediate stop to his department's intimidation of white residents in Erasmia," said Mr Beyers. — Sapa.

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in paragraph (1) of the Schedule to this Proclamation from the area defined in paragraph (b) in the Schedule to that Proclamation; and

B. section 23 of the said Act I hereby declare that the area defined in paragraph (2) of the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Coloured group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Third day of December, One thousand Nine hundred-and-ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,

State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

Area DK

(1) The area depicted in Proclamation Diagram SG 3793-90, being a proclamation area situated at Calitzdorp, Administrative District of Calitzdorp, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

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Area K

(2) The area depicted in Proclamation Diagram SG 3794-90, being a proclamation area situated at Calitzdorp, Administrative District of Calitzdorp, Province of the Cape of Good Hope, in its entirety.

No. 214, 1990

DECLARATION OF A GROUP AREA IN TERMS OF THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966, AT BENONI: PORTION 46 OF THE FARM RIETFONTEIN 115 IR: APEX AREA, DISTRICT OF BENONI, PROVINCE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Under section 23 of the Group Areas Act, 1966 (Act No. 36 of 1966), I hereby declare that the area defined in the Schedule hereto shall, as from the date of publication of this Proclamation, be an area for occupation and ownership by members of the Indian Group.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Pretoria this Third day of December, One thousand Nine hundred and Ninety.

F. W. DE KLERK,

State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet.

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister of the Cabinet.

SCHEDULE

The area depicted on Proclamation Diagram SG A3170/90, being Portion 46 of the farm Rietfontein 115 IR, District of Benoni, in its entirety.

van die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (1) van die Bylae van hierdie Proklamasie uit die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (b) van die Bylae van daardie Proklamasie; en

B. artikel 23 van genoemde Wet verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in paragraaf (2) van die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Gekleurde groep.

Gegee onder my Hand en Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Derde dag van Desember Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,

Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

Minister van die Kabinet.

BYLAE

Gebied DK

(1) Die gebied soos voorgestel in Proklamasiekaart LG 3793-90, synde 'n proklamasiegebied geleë te Calitzdorp, administratiewe distrik Calitzdorp, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

GEKLEURDE GROEP

Gebied K

(2) Die gebied soos voorgestel in Proklamasiekaart LG3794-90, synde 'n proklamasiegebied geleë te Calitzdorp, administratiewe distrik Calitzdorp, provinsie die Kaap die Goeie Hoop, in sy geheel.

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VERKLARING VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED INGEVOLGE DIE WET OP GROEPSGEBIEDE, 1966, TE BENONI: GEDEELTE 46 VAN DIE PLAAS RIETFONTEIN 115 IR: APEX-GEBIED, DISTRIK BENONI, PROVINSIE TRANSVAAL

Kragtens artikel 23 van die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966 (Wet No. 36 van 1966), verklaar ek hierby dat die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, vanaf die datum van publikasie van hierdie Proklamasie, 'n gebied is vir okkupasie en grondbesit deur lede van die Indiërgroep.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Pretoria, op hede die Derde dag van Desember Eenduisend Negehonderd-en-Negentig.

F. W. DE KLERK,

Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

H. J. KRIEL,

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BYLAE

Die gebied soos voorgestel deur Proklamasiekaart LG A3170/90, synde Gedeelte 46 van die plaas Rietfontein 115 IR, distrik Benoni, provinsie Transvaal, in sy geheel.