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Dispute rages over eviction of families from mine hostel

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Evicted people say:

Staff Reporter

About 150 families who had been temporarily accommodated at a mine hostel in Roodepoort were yesterday evicted after four months of unsuccessful appeals to extend their stay while they arranged alternative accommodation.

The Star was told that Durban-Roodepoort Deep Gold Mine security staff began removing the families' belongings at about 7.30 am yesterday.

A meeting which residents had arranged for 10 am to pray that the eviction would be averted did not take place.

Dumping

Eric Ntshiqela, president of Vuhndlela United Communities of South Africa (Vucosa), which was created to help the homeless, said yesterday his organisation was arranging alternative accommodation at Poortje near Lenasia where the TPA was developing a squatter area.

The homeless people alleged that the mine's management was dumping their belongings in open veld near Dobsonville, refusing to give them enough time to arrange alternative accommodation.

A spokesman for the mine said the homeless had been occupying the hostel illegally and did not co-operate when several attempts were made to resolve the problem.

The spokesman said the mine had obtained a court order to evict the illegal occupants in order to proceed with plans to revamp the hostel to accommodate its staff.

The mine gave them temporary accommodation in May for an unspecified period, although they were not employees of the mine.

They said a man called Mack Morebudi had arranged the accommodation on their behalf.

However, they did not know the details of the agreement entered between Mr Morebudi and mine management.

Mr Morebudi — who had been charging each family R120 a month for two and three-roomed family units — disappeared in August when they first received eviction notices.

Residents have since learnt that he has moved to Botswana.

Mine management says:

About 300 homeless people had been occupying the hostel illegally.

A man called Mack Morebudi approached management about 18 months ago.

He made a proposal to buy the hostel with the aim of establishing a small business centre which would also accommodate families.

Although Mr Morebudi did not obtain permission, the homeless people started occupying the hostel illegally.

Mr Morebudi subsequently disappeared.

Numerous attempts to solve the problem with the homeless had been unsuccessful and no meaningful proposals had been advanced by the homeless.

The mine has received no monies from Mr Morebudi or the homeless.



He ain't heavy . . . a frustrated father carries his son as fellow evicted residents plead for more time to arrange alternative accommodation.
Picture: George Mashinini

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Action on accord

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

The programme is intended to dismantle apartheid structures at local government level and improve services in greater Soweto. ~~26/12/71~~ 51192

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

The accord, brokered by Chamber chairman Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, ended the greater Soweto boycott of rent and service fees. 51192

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

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

Dream comes true for residents of Riverlea

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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After an eight-year struggle by residents of Riverlea Extension 2, known as the Horseshoe, the Johannesburg township has been proclaimed, allowing residents to obtain home loans and develop the area.

In spite of letters and petitions to the State President's office and extensive media coverage, it has taken almost a decade for the residents to realise their dream of taking charge of

their future.

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Because, technically, there was no town planning scheme, residents could not sell their houses, buy property in the area to develop, rezone land to build schools or churches, or obtain home loans or avail themselves of housing subsidies.

"It is a dream come true," said Riverlea Gabieboela Islamic Association chairman Mannie Sahabodien.

In the past, when a local authority wished to build a housing scheme, it was not neces-

sary to proclaim the land as a township.

Johannesburg City Council town planning director Japie Hugo said the idea was never to sell the houses to the people, "but when those philosophies changed and the council agreed to sell, an exceptionally complex situation developed".

He said it had taken two years of hard work to get the land proclaimed.

"Riverlea Extension 2 is built on mining land and the con-

straints of the mining commissioner had to be satisfied."

Old records had to be traced, along with town planning officials long since retired and private contractors who built the original houses.

"Technically, legally and from an administrative point of view, it was probably one of the most complex cases in Johannesburg town planning history."

Many residents were, however, not aware of the November 20 proclamation as it was not widely publicised.

Jo'burg civic association wants action from council

By Jo-Anne Collinge

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

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

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

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

CAJ's expectations of the chamber were that

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

- White local authorities would take crucial strides to alleviate problems in the townships. "This includes the central involvement of Johannesburg City Council in Soweto. It also includes the incorporation of Ennerdale and Lenasia South within the responsibility of the Johannesburg City Council," said Mr Coovadia

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Water cut looms

Residents of Heidelberg's Ratanda township face a total water supply cut unless they pay R150 000 by tomorrow. The chief executive officer of the Ratanda Town Committee, DJ van Rensburg, appealed to residents to pay their current accounts monthly to ensure provision of services. (127)

Civic body, Jo'burg council slug it out ^{STAR} 9/1/92

Municipal Reporter

evict people on Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

its members, had never come back to the council

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

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

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

Group denies hand in squatter poster blitz

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The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) has denied that it released a derogatory poster urging violence against the Zevenfontein squatters in the Diepsloot area.

The posters, depicting a group labelled "Greenbelt" shooting at caricatures of President de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and the Zevenfontein squatters, were plastered throughout the area on Tuesday.

The poster campaign is the latest in the controversy surrounding the proposed re-

location of the squatters.

"The poster, which has the name 'Greenbelt' prominently on it, is an incoherent, semi-literate attempt to raise emotions over the issues of squatting. We condemn it unreservedly," said GAG chairman Anthony Duggan.

GAG is conducting negotiations with the TPA over plans to relocate the squatters in the Greenbelt area north of Johannesburg and Sandton and outside Midrand. — Staff Reporter

Dobsonville objects to rent increases

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More than 1 000 Dobsonville residents yesterday rejected the rent increases introduced by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

Mr Jeff Seitshiro, branch secretary of the Azanian People's Organisation, said the meeting addressed what he termed the unreliability of electricity bills, the controversial community fund started by the Dobsonville municipality as well as the role of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber

By MZIMASI NGUDLE

"We resolved to reject the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber-sponsored Greater Soweto Agreement for reaching a binding conclusion without the involvement and knowledge of residents," he said

He said the meeting also resolved to continue the monthly payment of R23 flat-rate a house for service

charges, instead of R55

The residents also demanded that an investigation into the irregularity of electricity bills be launched and that payment of the community fund of R5 a unit a month be stopped, he said

Seitshiro said another meeting will be held on January 26 to call upon the signatories of the Greater Soweto Accord to explain the constitution and the mandate of the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber

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Water cuts

WATER supply to some areas in Soweto will be shut down today and Thursday

The areas are Baragwanath Hospital, Diepkloof, Lesedi Clinic, Power Park and Orlando East

Soweto 14/1/92
City engineer Mr PF Gunn said, water supply pressure in Diepkloof and Orlando East would be low from today to January 18

Residents get month's reprieve

By MONK NKOMO

NEW municipal tariffs for Atteridgeville, which were to be implemented next month, will now come into effect on March 1

Local Administrator Mr Maartiens Nel, speaking at a Press briefing, said the new tariff hike had been postponed because the Atteridgeville Town Council had not yet started reading meters in the township

The city councils of Pretoria and Atteridgeville, the TPA, the Pretoria Regional Services Council, the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation, the Interim Committee and the Atteridgeville Chamber of Commerce agreed on December 13 last year that residents of metered houses would pay an average of R113 and those without meters R103 a month from February 1

Nel said residents with metered houses would pay for electricity consumed. Council employees would start with meter readings this week

The chairman of the Regional Services Council, Mr Piet Delport, announced that the meeting with the participating organisations, scheduled for yesterday to discuss new site service charges for Atteridgeville, had been postponed to February 12

The parties will also discuss the possibility of installing prepaid meters in the township on February 15

"Each resident can buy his electricity and monitor the consumption. We encourage residents to accept this system," he added

Delport said the RSC would pay for the installation of meters

Ratepayers favour DP plan for army to patrol suburbs

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A proposal to call in the army to patrol Johannesburg suburbs to curb crime has been strongly supported by ratepayers and businessmen

In a snap survey conducted by The Star among shopkeepers, residents and city councillors, almost all interviewed were in favour of the proposal mooted by Democratic Party MPs

There were, however, some reservations about exactly what powers soldiers would have in backing up the police, and the worry that calling in the army could lead to other problems

Some believed that using army recruits was only a short-term solution to the problem

MPs Peter Soal and Tony Leon have delivered a memorandum to Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel urging the provision of more policemen in the northern suburbs and the use of the army and traffic authorities as a back-up to the police

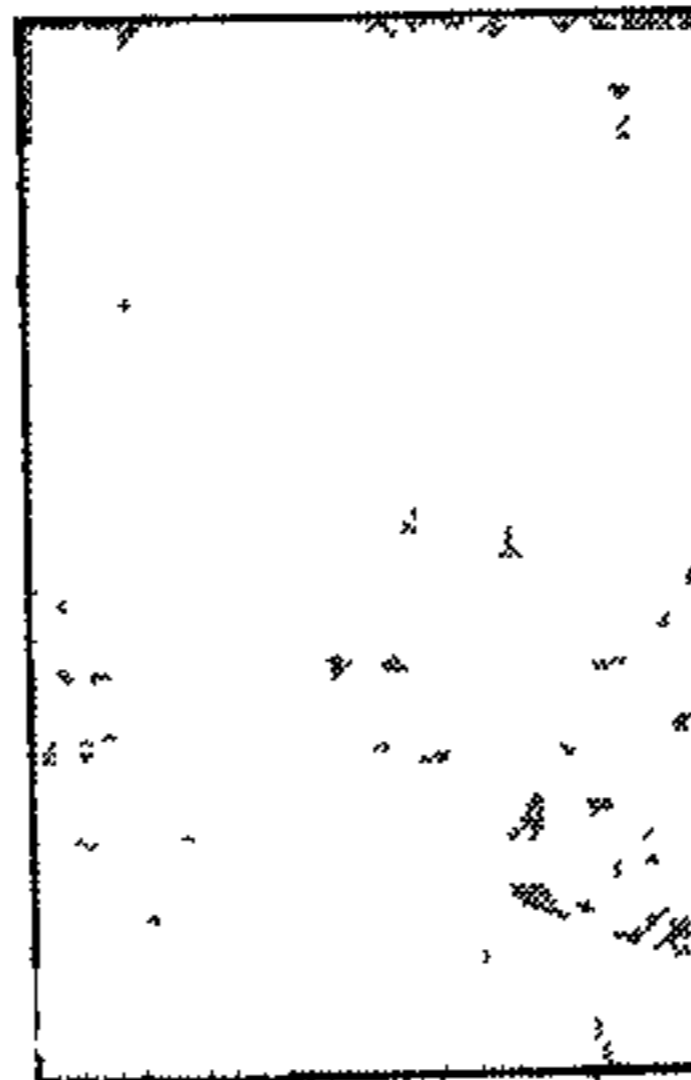
The MPs said national servicemen should assist police patrols in a complementary role without taking over SAP functions

A Rosebank chemist said she was in favour of more law enforcement officers, whether in uniform, on foot or horseback

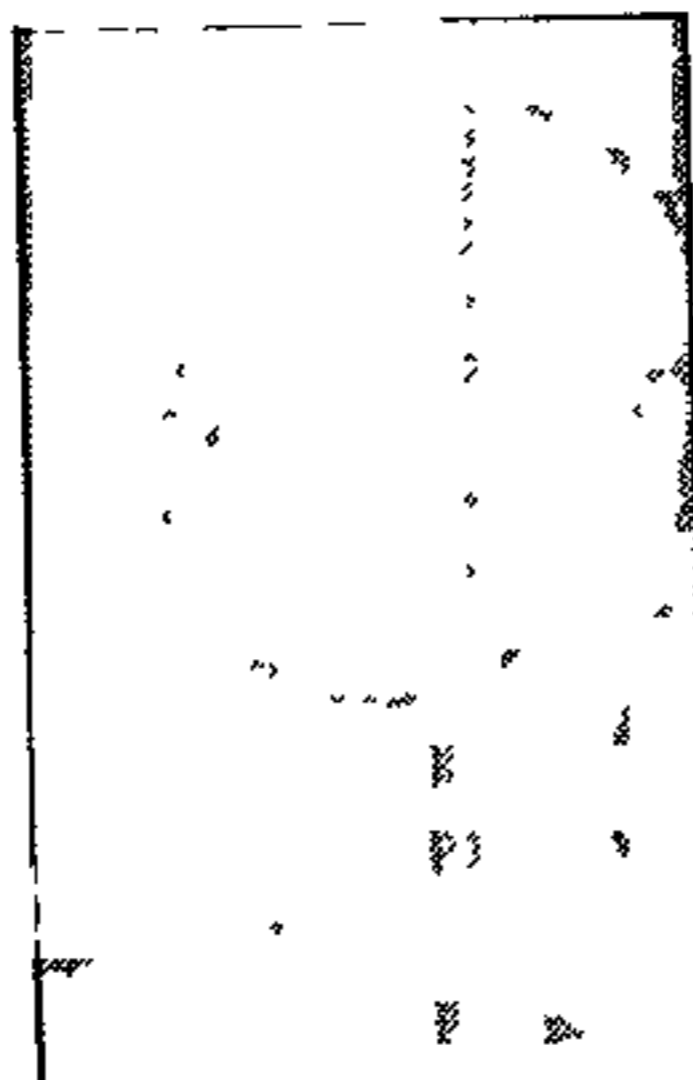
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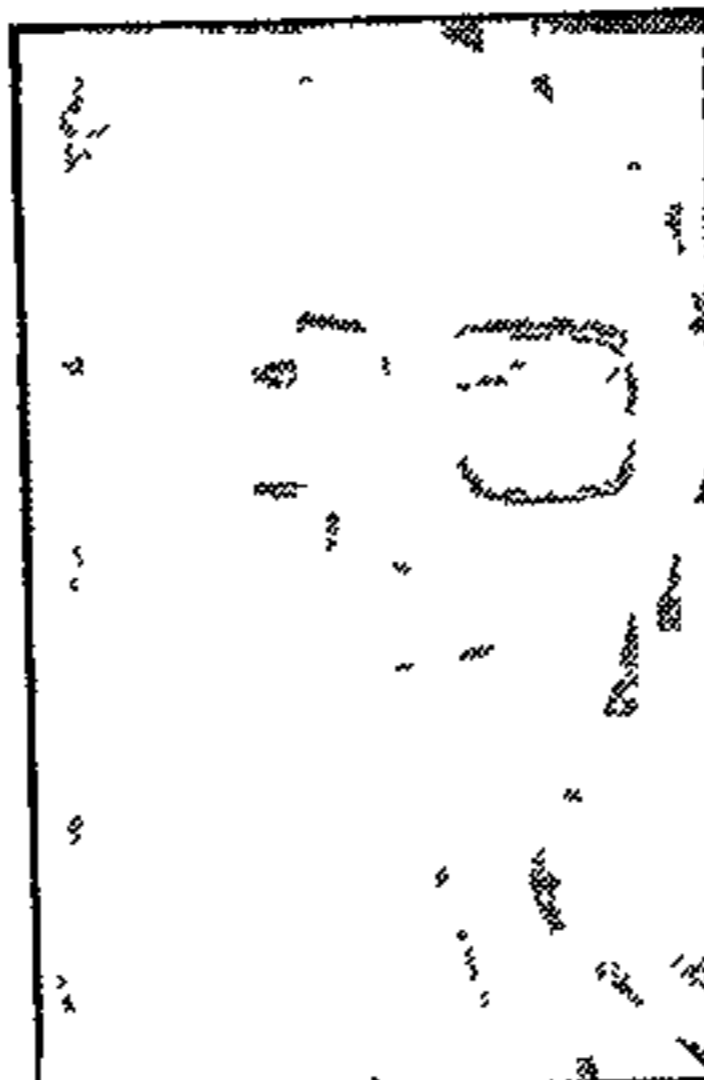
Raymond Goddin
time wasted in army



Jose Kennedy has
fought off muggers



Dick Malan believes
it is a good idea



Josh Sevel thinks it
is a first-class proposal

a chair to sit on outside our shop. Maybe then people will feel safe to come back and shop in Rosebank again"

Camping-shop owner Raymond Goddin said that instead of young men wasting their time in the army they could be put to far better use in the suburbs

Eighty-year-old Jose Kennedy says she has fought off muggers in The Mews, Rosebank, shopping centre parking lot several times and is all for the army being called in "The police are

overworked and there are just not enough of them," she said

Jeweller Dick Malan, of crime-plagued Hillbrow, believes it is a good idea to use national servicemen in the suburbs, but is concerned about the training they would receive

"It's a first-class idea," says Josh Sevel "The more protection we get, the safer I will feel I've been mugged twice already and I'm afraid"

Street vendor Levy Motloutsi said SADF patrols were a good idea as the high crime rate made people afraid at work and at home

Not in favour of the plan are Colin Petersen and Lott Gwanda, who believe that using army recruits to do police work could lead to friction and more problems

Most ratepayers' associations said their residents felt they were in such a desperate situation that any form of increased law enforcement would be acceptable as an interim measure

Northern Areas Group chairman Tony Challenger, who represents 18 northern associations, said that anything which could be done immediately to address the situation would be welcomed

Westdene, Auckland Park, Richmond and Melville Ratepayers Association chairman Wendy Potgieter said she could accept the plan if it were on the basis of national servicemen serving in their areas as a back-up to police

Kensington ratepayers chairman Jane O'Conner-Bailey said national servicemen should be allowed to serve as police reservists

Hillbrow councillor Desiree Simpson has for many months called for the army to intervene in her suburb

She is holding a march on Saturday to protest against the situation in Hillbrow and to call for increased law enforcement

Conservative Party opposition leader in the Johannesburg City Council, Jacques Theron, said one needed a fully staffed police force that did its job properly in the long term. The army was not the solution

● A Johannesburg City Council subcommittee investigating ways to get more law enforcement officers on the streets is due to report back to the management committee in two weeks' time.

New bid to control greenbelt area

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By Shirley Woodgate

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

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

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

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) has also



Robert van Tonder . . . chairs new group.

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

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

squatter camps was unwelcome and outdated.

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

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

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

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

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

CP threat over squatters

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RATEPAYERS in the green belt north of Johannesburg have asked the CP to help fight Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) plans to establish a squatter area in the Diepsloot region

CP MP Clive Derby-Lewis yesterday vowed to "take action" against the TPA unless the squatters were removed within 24 hours

B1 Day 16/11/92

The Greenbelt Action Group (Gag) earlier rejected the establishment of the squatter area in North Rand

Gag chairman Tony Duigan said squatters were pouring into the area despite Transvaal administrator Danie Hough's undertaking to defer a decision on resettling the Zevenfontein squatters at Diepsloot until late this month, The Star reported on Tuesday.

Later Hough said in a statement he had given instructions that a further influx of

squatters should be prevented.

TPA spokesman Pieter van der Hoven said the issue of the squatters would be discussed at the TPA's executive meeting on Monday

Derby-Lewis said the CP was waiting to see what the TPA was doing about the squatters "They must make a decision or we will force them to make it."

Van der Hoven said the TPA had not heard from Derby-Lewis.

Resident Paul Perton said smallholders were concerned about crime in the area

"There are about 3 500 people occupying land illegally and there are no facilities, no sewerage, no water," he said

The CP had been contacted because local government was not interested in resolving the problem, he added.

Emerdale civic in boycott talks

THE Emerdale Civic Association this week followed the trend set by other civic groups of negotiating with city councils on the rent boycott. What makes the Emerdale episode unique is that it is the first coloured township in the Transvaal to have a rent boycott to negotiate about.

Negotiations followed eviction attempts last week by Johannesburg City Council security personnel and SAP riot policemen — foiled by residents who crowded the vehicles in such overwhelming numbers that police withdrew.

At a hastily-convened meeting on Monday, the city council undertook to stop the eviction of rent defaulters, and the council and the civic agreed to establish a joint working committee to look into ways of resolving the three-year-old boycott.

This was preceded by stayaways, pickets and marches over the past year on the offices of the city council and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a forum for restructuring local government.

At a sitting of the chamber last Wednesday, the city council finally bowed to pressure and agreed to meet

the civic after the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal raised the issue of evictions at Emerdale.

The boycott was triggered by the deterioration of the houses built six years ago by the Johannesburg City Council in Extension 5, south of Johannesburg. Because of faulty workmanship — bricks at the corners of the houses are clearly not properly interlocked, for example — walls are beginning to shift. The foundations, made of concrete slabs, are shallow and sinking.

Studies undertaken by both sides — the Emerdale residents commissioned the Van Hooven Commission and the city council instructed the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research — confirmed the poor state of these houses, which rent for R450 a month.

The boycott, which was also fuelled by inflated service charges, has taken on political undertones and radicalised residents of the six-year-old coloured township. The National Party, which is reported to be making inroads into

Emerdale residents are united in their rent boycott and the battle against evictions.

By HUBERT MATLOU

control of the coloured House of Representatives, may find it difficult to do so in militant Emerdale.

"I don't know of any NP or Democratic Party member in our area. Even the Labour Party is very marginal. Only the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress have called public meetings," said Ivan Simpson, an Emerdale resident.

In the words of Roger McCulloch, a member of the local civic association: "Emerdale is managed from Cape Town, pays its taxes to Rodepoort, its hospital is in Hillbrow, court in

Vereniging and car licence payments made in Westonaria.

"This makes a sham of the system of local government in our country," he said.

McCulloch added that transport costs are high because of the township's distance from greater Johannesburg, where many of the residents work. The construction of a toll-gate on our doorstep, said McCulloch, is an additional burden to the people of Emerdale.

According to Farouk Jardine, also a member of the civic association, the magnitude of the Emerdale problem was acknowledged by David Currie, a shadow minister of housing in the House of Representative.

"The problem of Emerdale is one to be solved by the people of Emerdale themselves. I can't do anything about it," Currie is reported to have told a residents' committee delegation.

Jardine said the city council has shifted the focus, making the boycott the issue instead of the structure of the

houses which prompted the boycott. "Our attention and efforts are now focused on fighting the evictions instead of tackling the state of the houses," he said.

Last year Emerdale linked the issue to the day-to-day struggle of challenging the Nationalist government.

As if marches and pickets weren't enough, Emerdale youth went on the rampage last September and burnt the local management council offices — triggering a wave of arrests and intimidation of activists by the police.

Jardine himself was visited by balaclava-clad men led, he said, by Emerdale Local Development Committee member Jimmy Olivier, threatening "to fix him up."

The civic is demanding that all arrears be written off and the original price of the houses reduced.

"We hope to galvanise the support of the majority of people in Extension 5 on this issue. Although the area is fairly new, with the latest liberalisation of the political process, fear and dormancy will go to the background as more and more people come out and air their views about their destiny," Jardine said.

Holy cow! Clergymen ⁽¹²⁷⁾ charged with trespassing

By RAY NXUMALO

THE state is trying to prove that "the law has no holy cows" by prosecuting 25 church ministers on charges of trespassing, says Anglican Bishop Peter Lee.

Lee was one of three white clergymen who joined a march to the offices of Lekoa town clerk Nicholas Louw to protest an imminent electricity switch-off in the township last winter.

"There was no way we could let them switch off the lights just like that. The situation in the township was volatile and further plunging it into darkness would give the evil powers that prowled in the township a free rein," explained the Rev Isaac Kolokoto, who organised the march.

Lee says Louw invited the delegation into his office and "offered tea, armchairs and the use of his telephone to call the state president to intervene in the matter. Nothing really looked amiss."

Lee had to leave on an urgent call. After his departure, an official apparently called one of the remaining clergymen aside at 4 50pm to inform him that the offices had closed at 4 30pm.

The delegation was busy praying when riot police burst into the office and arrested them for trespassing.

Although the local police station is only about 200m away from the town council's offices, the clergymen say they were kept waiting in police vans for more than two hours before they were charged.

In October 1991, four months after the incident, the 25 ministers and six office-bearers of various denominations in the Vaal area were finally charged in court. Their case has since been remanded several times and they will appear in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court again on Monday.

The Lekoa council's legal advisor would not comment on whether the trespassing charge relates to the delegation having stayed in the offices past closing time.

Says Bishop Lee, pointing out that there is a history of hostility between the Lekoa council and the church, the incident is little more than an act of intimidation and "an exceptionally stupid use of South Africa's legal resources".

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Pretoria houses

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ISCOR is to sell 2 000 of its staff houses in Pretoria in a deal which could make the privatised company an estimated R200 million

Mr Alan Robson, manager of the company's Pretoria housing division, confirmed the company had approached about 2 000 employees renting three and four-bedroom houses in Pretoria and given them the option of buying the houses they were living in

Complications

He said Iscor had the houses and a further 1 200 flats valued and then offered the houses to employees at about 15 percent below market value

The flats will not be sold at this stage due to complications in the division of the title deed, he said

Robson said he could not say "for sure" whether houses not acquired by tenants would be offered to the general public

The houses are in Wespark and Kwaggasrand

City surplus may be wiped out by debts

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Own Correspondent

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

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

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

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

Written off

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

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

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

By BEATHUR BAKER

A 10-DAY pilot period for Eskom's Powerline project which started in December, is estimated to have generated up to 150 phone calls from consumers with electricity problems, a reportback revealed this week.

"Powerline, a toll-free phone in service, is the first step in a process to identify problems faced by black consumers and to give them an opportunity to voice problems and make suggestions," says project co-ordinator Peter Kgame.

Powerline revealed that the most commonly experienced problems and what consumers wanted were:

●Local authorities giving bad service — the inaccurate reading of meters, no customer service, improper maintenance and computers which are continuously "down" when consumers had problems.

Callers who receive their supply via a local municipality and not directly from Eskom are more difficult to assist, the report found, and in most cases could only be referred to appropriate municipal offices.

●The cost of electricity, overcharging and inexplicably high bills.

Eskom employees bring powerline to the townships

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●No electricity supply or sudden cut-offs were reported to be more common in black areas than in the white areas

●Requests from people who do not have an existing electricity supply. Some wanted to be supplied directly by Eskom

An example is the request of a caller representing 300 Sebokeng Extension 12 residents. He said they were living in new homes which are wired up but have had no power supplied.

Kgame says: "These residents took a petition to the local municipality and even then they were given no assistance."

●A number of callers had questions about the amount of electricity con-

sumed by various appliances.

Powerline was the idea of a determined group of black employees at Eskom who knew the electricity problems experienced in townships

Dolli Mokgalle, one of the Powerline team members receiving calls, says: "The pilot period revealed the kind of concerns people have out there. It helped Powerline establish what the major electricity problems of users were and enabled us to group them."

The Powerline team consists of 16 volunteers who receive calls from Monday to Friday between 8am and 10pm.

Kgame, also a member of the Corporate Strategy division at Eskom,

says: "A number of the black managers at Eskom came together to investigate exactly what is lacking in terms of service to electricity consumers

"We needed a mechanism which could serve as the channel between consumers and Eskom but which would allow them to feel free to speak about their problems to us"

A carefully worked out communication strategy to publicise Powerline includes:

●Daily advertisements in the *Sowetan* and talk shows on Radio Bophuthatswana and Radio Metro are aimed at creating awareness. The PWV is the area of focus at the moment but rural areas are also to be dealt with

●Reportbacks to the respondents of the advertisements, the talk shows and the phone-in. Powerline has also employed independent consultants to conduct a random survey of individuals in the township

"Within two days of the official launch on January 13, another 100 calls came through. It really makes us look forward to seeing further results," said Kgame.

SAP says it will not act to evict greenbelt squatters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Smallholders in the area have objected to squatters occupying the land

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

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

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

Rates clash with Jo'burg council looms

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By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said the management committee would certainly not resign.

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

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

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

ANC warns against troops in suburbs

Staff Reporters

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

The ANC's department of information and publicity said the military should be used only to protect the country's borders

"The responsibility of curbing crime lies squarely on the shoulders of the SAP and not the army," said a statement

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

Kriel to discuss the troops in the suburbs proposal

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

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

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

The ANC statement blamed escalating crime on the Government

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

ment"

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

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

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

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

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Decision on Midrand squatters delayed

By Shirley Woodgate
and Sapa

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

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

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

Deputy director-general of Community Development

posed TPA plan to resettle the community in the Driepsloot area.

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

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

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

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

ter of urgency.

Amid reports that the squatter community at Zevenfontein had swelled to 8 000, Mr Dekker appealed to Midrand residents not to take the law into their own hands.

It had been decided to investigate the entire issue of demarcating land.

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

Some groups had indicated

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

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

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

Drip technician 'lackadaisical'

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ANDREW KRUMM

A TECHNICIAN could have contaminated drips which allegedly caused the deaths in 1990 of 13 babies, a Johannesburg inquest heard yesterday

The court was told that during routine quality control tests conducted by drip manufacturer Sabax, technician Allan Davies regularly failed (40% of the time) to exercise the "skills and procedures" required in terms of international norms

The skills and procedures required of Davies were integral to the company's quality control process, known as process validation, and necessary to maintain sterile conditions during drip production

Microbiologist Prof Margaretha Isaacson of the SA Institute of Medical Research, who yesterday offered evidence of her investigation into Sabax facilities, labelled Davies "inexperienced" and "lackadaisical" Isaacson said Davies was a potential source of infection

In her report, Isaacson said "although it was not shown there was a causal connection between Davies' skill and the contami-

nated products", he should be transferred to "less sensitive duties"

Reviewing quality control tests, attorney Peter Solter, representing 10 of the families which lost babies, said sterile conditions had been compromised on production equipment during testing

He said bacteria tests done in the cabinet in which the drips were produced showed contamination

During cross-examination by advocate Clive Cohen SC, representing Sabax, Isaacson said technicians' skills and procedures were "most important" in guaranteeing the sterility of the end product

Isaacson criticised Sabax testing procedures, saying neither drip components certified sterile by suppliers nor the Sabax end product were tested for contamination However, a body of opinion regarded these tests as unnecessary

The inquest continues today

Whites patrol squatter camp

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A COMMITTEE formed by white residents of Chartwell on the North Rand has started 24-hour patrols of entrances to the Zevenfontein squatter camp to prevent more people moving into the area

Chartwell Action Committee chairman Mike Findlay said the committee had been authorised by the owners of the land to exercise control over numbers

More than 100 truck and bakkie loads of building material had been prevented from entering the camp over the weekend, he said

Findlay claimed the committee was in contact with squatter leaders and there had been no incidents between the two groups

Last night a police spokesman could not confirm that a committee had been formed to patrol the entrance, but said police were patrolling the area and all was quiet - Sapa

Azayo vows to continue its campaigns

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

THE Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo) would continue to provide visiting artists with a "hot reception", president Thami Mcerwa said yesterday after his release from detention on Monday

Mcerwa was detained for more than a week in connection with the grenade

attack on the offices of the Paul Simon tour management before Simon's first concert two weeks ago

Mcerwa said his detention under the Internal Security Act was an attempt to intimidate Azayo

"We will definitely continue to use any means possible to stop the tour," he said last night "And any other artists can expect not

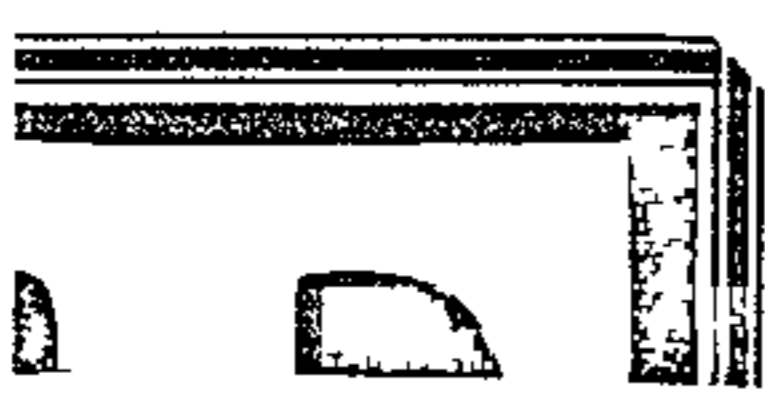
to get kidgloves treatment from us if they come here to make money"

Mcerwa added, however, that Azayo would leave alone artists who contributed to black culture, such as American director Spike Lee, who arrives tomorrow to begin filming Malcolm X

But US rap group Snap which is planning a visit in a few months, could expect "a hot reception", he said

Police fired first shots, says AWB

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'We'll call in AWB to move squatters'

By Julienne du Toit

STAR 22/1/92

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

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

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

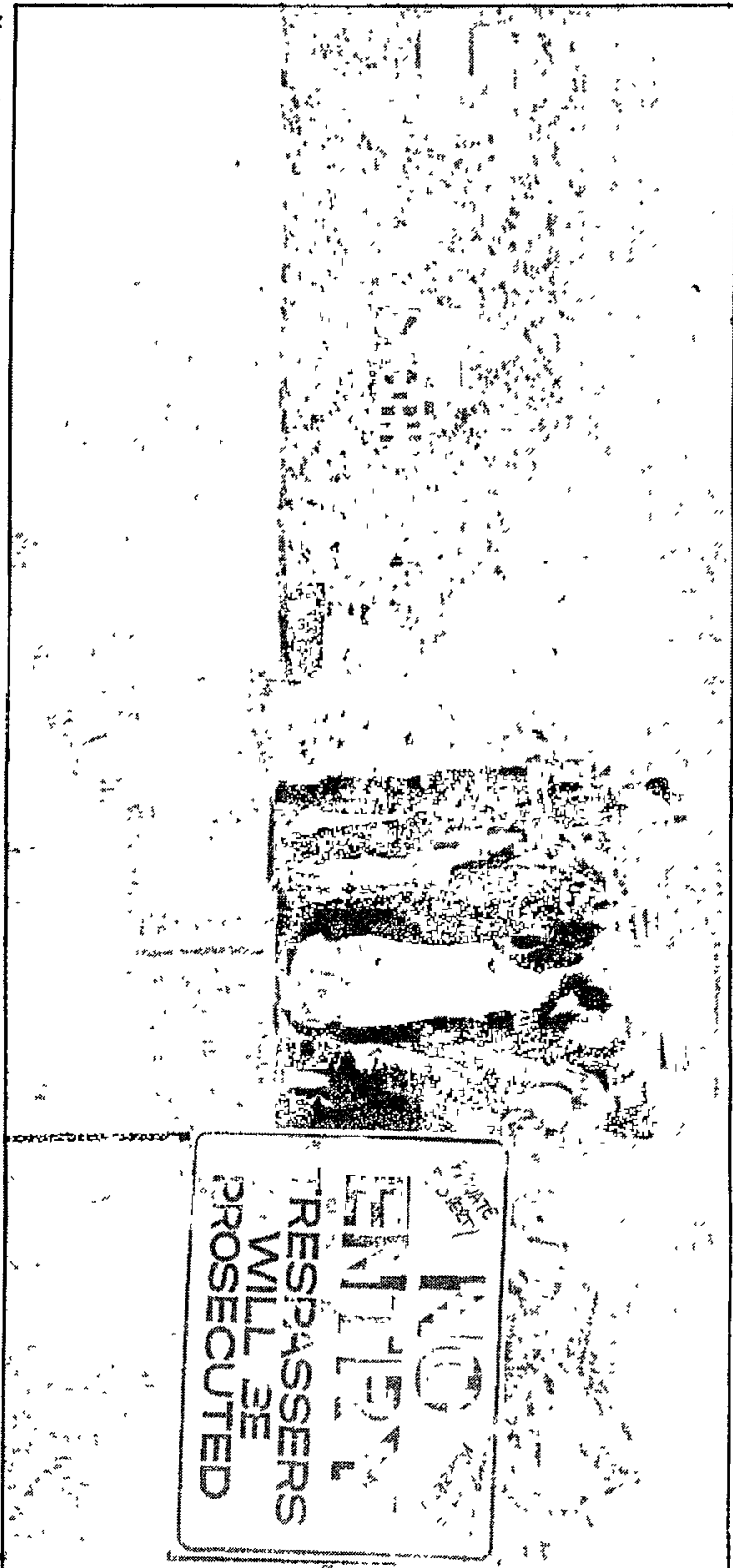
He said many people in the areas of Chartwell, Broadacres, Fourways and Kyalami had joined the Conservative Party and were in touch with the party on a daily basis.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

TPA co-operated with them.

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

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

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

He denied residents were taking the law into their own hands.

TPA director of liaison services Piet Wilken said that the

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

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

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

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

In search of solutions to the squatter problem

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DARIUS SANAI

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

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

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

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

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

GAG, though officially non-aligned, has come under criticism for these reasons. It aims to preserve the area between the Randburg-Santon boundary and the Hartbeespoort Dam as a recreational "greenbelt", and various elements of the CP and Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder have wholeheartedly supported GAG's principles. But will the shifting of homeless blacks from one area to another solve the squatter problem in the PWV area?

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

Firstly, says Duigan, the areas proposed by the TPA as squatter camps have no facilities and are far from possible places of employment.

Here, the ANC is in agreement with GAG. ANC PWV region spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa says that the proposed settlements are "far away from roads, facilities and municipalities to put squatters there will be tantamount to taking their lives away".

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The ANC's Mamoepa said he agreed with many things that Duigan was saying. The TPA proposals were one-sided, and the squatters and civic associations had to be consulted on any future decision by the TPA. The ANC had an exploratory meeting with GAG earlier this week, and Mamoepa said the two organisations hoped to work together to establish some kind of a consensus on what should be done.

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

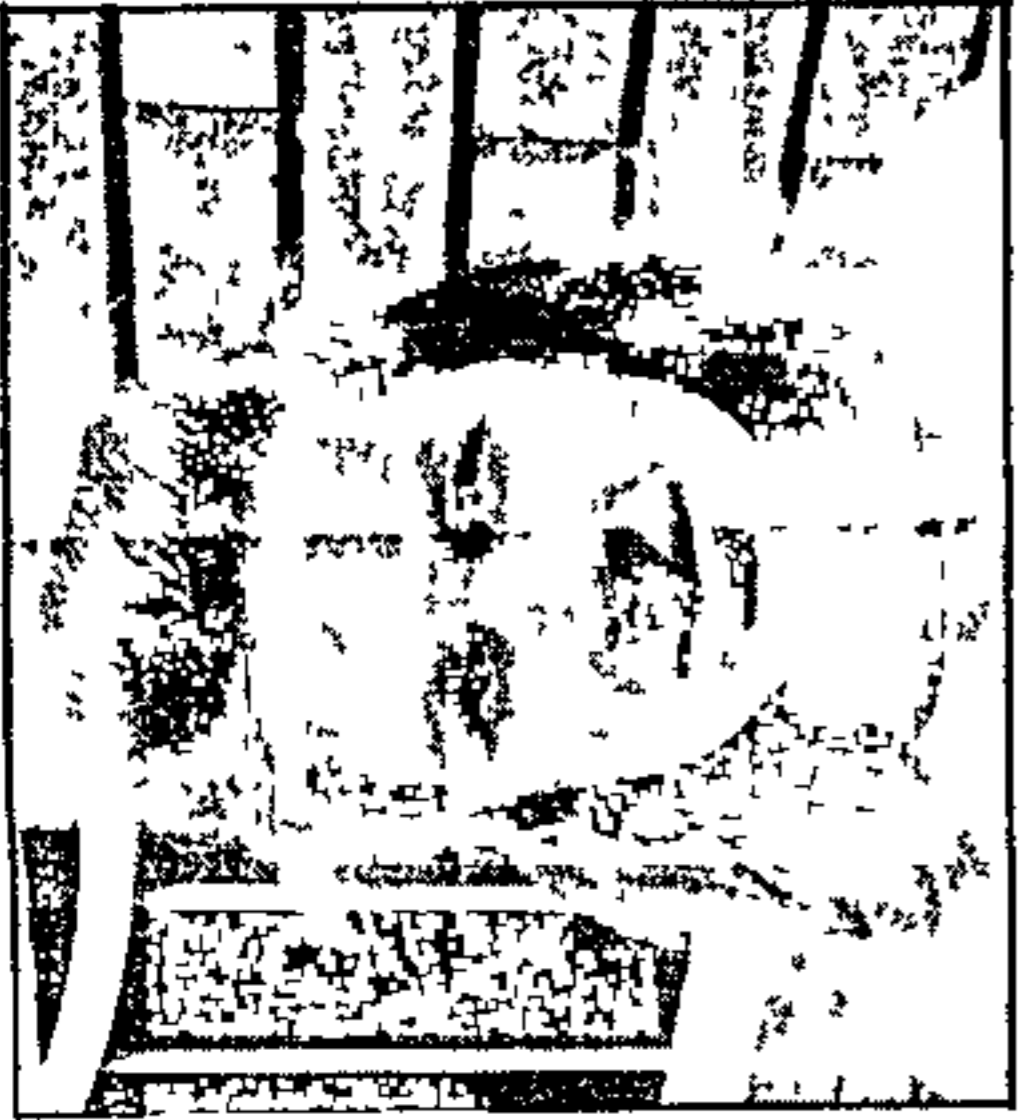
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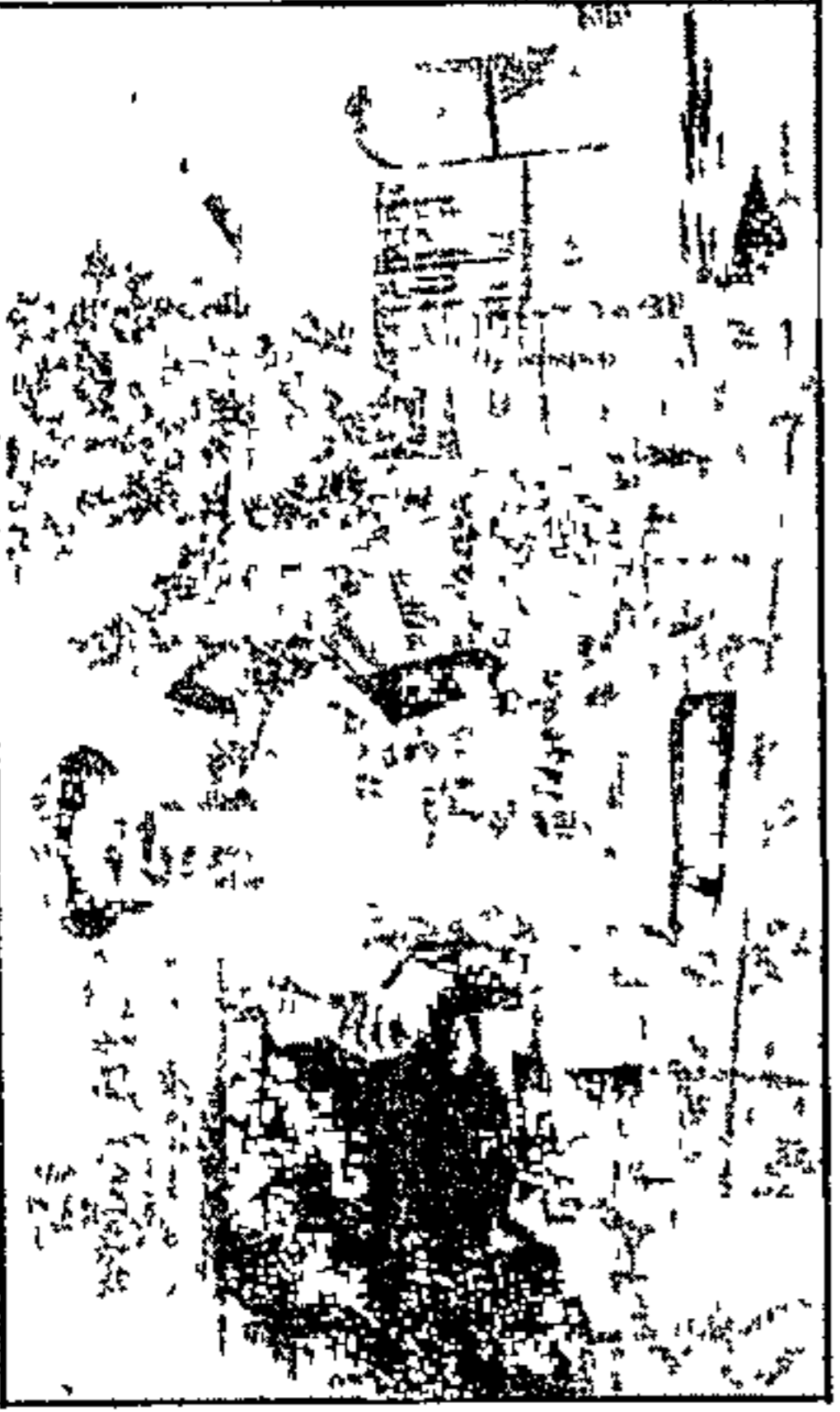
Laid back pensioner Stella Badenhorst



White superiority Schalk van Dyk (left) and Tjaart Willemse



Why the fuss? model Yvette Smith (19)



Treading carefully ice-cream pedlar Abel Pienaar

They're trickling back to Triomf

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History is repeating itself, with a bit of a stutter, in Triomf, Johannesburg, as blacks move in tentatively PETER WELLMAN reports

SLOWLY, and often reluctantly, the whites of Triomf are adding a little piece to South Africa's jigsaw history. They are rejecting their inheritance, a racially exclusive suburb, courtesy of the guns of Hendrik Verwoerd in the mid-1950s.

He ejected blacks at gunpoint, moved whites in, and changed the name from Sophiatown to Triomf. Almost 40 years later, the suburb is moving the other way again.

If most whites do not see it as actually desirable, they will not object as long as the blacks trickling in are 'respectable'. In a Star survey of the suburb, that word came up often.

Without any feeling of triumph, a few black families are living there so quietly — and respectably — that people in the same street often do not know about it.

never did that." Middle-aged pattern maker Jannie Maritz and wife Annetje, a receptionist did not complain, as long as there was 'no overcrowding'. Neither did SABC technician Joggie Viljoen newly arrived from Bioermfontein and living in a cluster complex.

Several people mentioned that there was no point in complaining because the Government had 'opened everything up'. The younger generation took it even easier.

Jackie Pienaar, who works in a restaurant, was positively welcoming. And for model Yvette Smith (19) it was not an issue at all.

A male pensioner — who would not give his name — unshaven in mid-afternoon, made a fresh point "We have been living among blacks for generations but they have always been in the domestic quarters behind the houses."



Time for change new owner Felicity Adam (right) gets the keys from Genna Goncalves Mrs Goncalves says she is happy about the sale, and will not leave the area

er Y-fronts Mr Mbatha (31) has a BSc degree and a certificate in packaging technology from Wits Technikon. His wife Lan galethu is a nursing sister at the Mpark Hospital.

He chose Triomf not to make a point but because it is conveniently close to the hospital his Braamfontein office and the private school two daughters attend.

(aged 14 and 6) attend Their youngest, also a daughter is three.

When they moved in Mr Mbatha introduced himself to the neighbours, something they said they appreciated. He said "The people I have met have been open and spontaneous but there are some of the other element around."

fierce but with changing attitudes the area is changing too. There is one automatic teller (office hours only) no coffee shop or hardware store. Yet the nearest hardware stores in New lands and Westdene say Triomf's younger newcomers are doing the place up and it shows.

In Mr Mbatha's street smart patios and wooden window frames are in precast concrete walls out, among its 106 houses with half a dozen double-storied.

It is a quiet street — only one dog barked at us — and security is surprisingly casual at many homes.

An open gate near the Mbatha home led to an open sliding door where a topless housewife was taking a soft

drink from a refrigerator. She wasn't worried about upmarket blacks in the same street.

And ice-cream pedlar Abel Pienaar who has worked the suburb since New Year's Day says only one white man has troubled him so far.

But he is concerned that the area has an AWB reputation among blacks.

Among about 30 whites approached at random, only two Triomf residents said they were AWB members, although the organisation canvasses regularly at the only shopping centre and claimed 80 new members in a recent one-day recruiting session.

Some whites driving past hoot and give thumbs-up to the AWB but queues waiting to sign up are not to be seen, according to residents.

The two who announced their membership were abattoir worker Schalk van Dyk and security officer Tjaart Willemse.

His AWB colleagues might not like it but, after sounding off against blacks generally, Mr Willemse said he would not object if a black man moved in next door and was respectable.

But the few blacks and Indians who have moved into Triomf are wary of the white Right, and none would pose for photographs.

Eskom lawyer Mohamed Adam (29) has bought in Triomf from Genna Goncalves, but has not moved in yet.

His wife Felicity (31) collected the keys, and smiled. Mohamed will get a shock, he says, never done any gardening before — we've only ever had window-boxes."

Upmarket welcome Jackie Pienaar (24) has no problems with the changes taking place in Triomf.

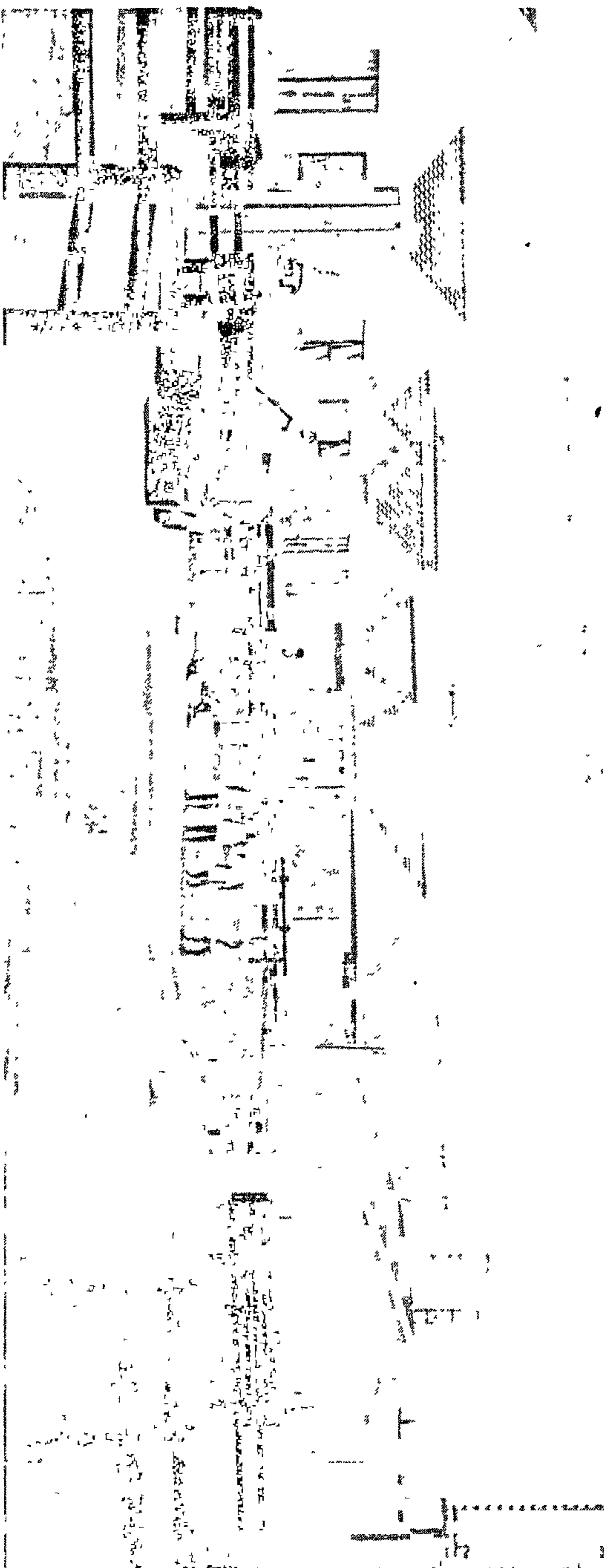
Mrs Goncalves (31) said she was happy about the sale and would not leave the area.

Close by is Mr Adam's young sister Ayesha (24), a computer analyst and part-time housewife. She too was reticent but said neighbours greeted her in the street.

Estate agent Lex van Enter spoke of a black Anglo American employee who was too afraid to move in.

But another agent Hans Brits made the point that political changes and a mosque in Newlands, less than 2 km away would probably mean more Muslims moving into Triomf.

The conservatives there need not worry too much it's never going to be a flood.



Civemach is developing a township like the one above in Orange Farm near Evaton for potential home buyers in the lower income bracket. Other developments have been earmarked for East Rand townships

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

CIVEMECH is to be involved in the construction of about 750 low-cost housing units at Orange Farm near Evaton.

Managing director Mr James said the company, in its capacity as construction management agent providing management services for the development, had completed about 300 affordable homes at Palm Springs, also north of Evaton. He said further develop-

Low-cost houses for Orange Farm

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ments would take place in the East Rand townships of Duduza and Tsakane, but no finality had been reached on providing affordable homes there. The South African

Housing Trust is financing the project with the aim of making affordable housing available to lower income groups. The company is training black builders to enable

them to take on the role of contractors and thus create employment opportunities. James said they were prepared to uplift the standards of small builders in these projects as well as

develop their skills. At a time when many developers are turning down contracts in black townships because of unrest and vandalism, the company is involved with

the construction of more than 1 000 low-cost houses for the SAHT. James said the housing problem was coupled with high unemployment, which was reaching alarming pro-

portions in the country and added "Low wages also contribute to this problem."

Added to these problems was the fact that the bond rate was increasing and many blacks could not afford to repay loans granted by financial institutions, he said.

Many homeowners are failing to pay their bonds and financial institutions have threatened to repossess their homes.

Major financial houses which threaten to repossess homes are the SA Perm and First National Bank.



Welcome in Boksburg . . .
Chris Hani

Hani happy in right-wing town

By Esther Waugh
Political Reporter

CAPE TOWN — South African Communist Party chief Chris Hani has moved into the right-wing town of Boksburg — and is getting on famously with his neighbours

Mr Hani confirmed he had bought a three-bedroomed house "with a small swimming pool" last month.

He said he had encountered no hostility and received a welcome card from a neighbour this week

"My youngest daughter,

Lindiwe, plays with other children in the street," he said

Lindiwe attends a private school in Johannesburg while Nomakheezi (13) is completing her schooling in Lesotho. His eldest daughter, Neo, is a student at the University of Cape Town

Mr Hani said his purchase was a sign of hope for the future of the county.

"It is my contribution to reconciliation. I have never accepted that all Afrikaners are right wing," he said.

Randburg seeks housing sites

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Randburg plans to appoint consultants to investigate sites for the establishment of informal settlements and low-cost housing schemes inside or outside the town's borders, according to management committee chairman Andre Jacobs

Commenting on the Zevenfontein squatter issue, Mr Jacobs said "Since we are not yet ready to talk to the TPA about these people, we believe they must be moved to Diepsloot on two conditions

"One is that all local

authorities in the region must urgently investigate how they can contribute to the solution

"The other is that the TPA must put together a committee consisting of all town and local area committees in the area to draw up an overall housing strategy for low-cost settlements in the region," he said

Cosmo City had been earmarked as a likely low-cost housing area for Randburg. Maroaladai east of Kya Sand, was another possibility. Sandton management

committee chairman Bruce Stewart said only about 1 000 artisans were employed in the town, half of them housed in a hostel in Alexandra

Within Sandton's borders, the largely undeveloped Frankenwald area had been identified as suitable for affordable housing, and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group had already identified Linbro Park as being suitable for high-density housing. No final decisions had been taken on the issue, Mr Stewart stressed

MP warns of flare-up over squatter row

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By Shirley Woodgate

North Rand MP. Louis de Waal has appealed for calm in the face of threats by the Chartwell North Action Group to call in the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging to remove the 650 "squatter" families living illegally in Zevenfontein

He warned yesterday "Any hasty action will have far-reaching implications which could spark an incident that would make the Ventersdorp clash between police and the AWB look like a picnic

"A flare-up in that region could also seriously damage the Codesa talks"

In a reference to the possible development of an east/west arc of 13 low-cost villages between Johannesburg and Pretoria, he said "All parties involved in the squatter row in the north-western PWV must accept the principle that low-cost housing must be provided for people who work and live in the area"

He said the only solution to the problem was a compromise. It was now necessary to put the strongest possible pressure on Randburg and Sandton — neither of which had townships where workers employed in the two towns could live — to take responsibility for developing housing schemes in areas accessible to their industrial regions, he said

They would have to act in co-operation with the Government, as the agent for land which fell outside the jurisdiction of local authorities

Mr de Waal said the TPA should be given every opportunity with Randburg and Sandton, together with interested pressure groups and political parties, to establish a workable short-term solution to the Zevenfontein issue

This group was not typical of all "squatters" since for the past 10 to 20 years about 500 of the people had illegally paid rent of R30 a head to an individual to live on the land

"The Red Cross estimated that between 65 and 80 percent of the people were employed in nearby Randburg and

Sandton. It was a viable community until it was evicted," he said

After their eviction three months ago, the Zevenfontein "squatters" have been allowed to live on land belonging to a local farmer, but the deadline to move is at the end of this month and the TPA has promised a decision by today on a move to Diepsloot

Mr de Waal warned that if the TPA dragged its heels over a long-term strategy for informal housing, the north-western PWV could be over-run by an Orange Farm-type situation

He suggested the TPA contribution to a future settlement could be by way of changing the title deeds of owners, after expropriation for informal settlements had taken place and surrounding land values had been detrimentally affected

"They could allow rezoning of the agricultural holdings to allow industrial developments to offset the losses incurred by landowners"

It was vital that an acceptable solution be found by keeping all avenues of debate open, he added.

Phalaborwa showdown looms

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GAVIN DU VENAGE

A SHOWDOWN is looming between right-wingers and the ANC in Phalaborwa, following Tuesday's confrontation between heavily-armed AWB members and local residents

Bloodshed was narrowly averted when police and business leaders stepped in to mediate between 2 500 residents and about 20 AWB Wenkommando members with rifles, dogs and knives. The confrontation occurred at a taxi rank that the CP-controlled council had previously closed.

Residents, who voted at the weekend to end a four-month consumer boycott, have refused to make use of a new council taxi rank they say is inferior.

ANC northern Transvaal deputy secretary Norman Mashabane said yesterday residents would stage a "defiance march" tomorrow to force the council to meet their representatives and discuss their demands

Mashabane said residents voted last Sunday to end the boycott because "we are willing to talk to the council." But, following Tuesday's events, he said the boycott would be "considered seriously" again.

He said if residents opted for a renewed boycott it would be used selectively and target only CP-owned businesses. But Mashabane admitted that few such businesses depended heavily on blacks for custom.

He said residents were demanding the opening of all amenities, including schools and libraries, to all races and "the right to free political expression." He said the council had always acted harshly against any black political activity.

Mashabane also said residents wanted a "Koevoet" military unit and a "Renamo training camp" removed from the area. He

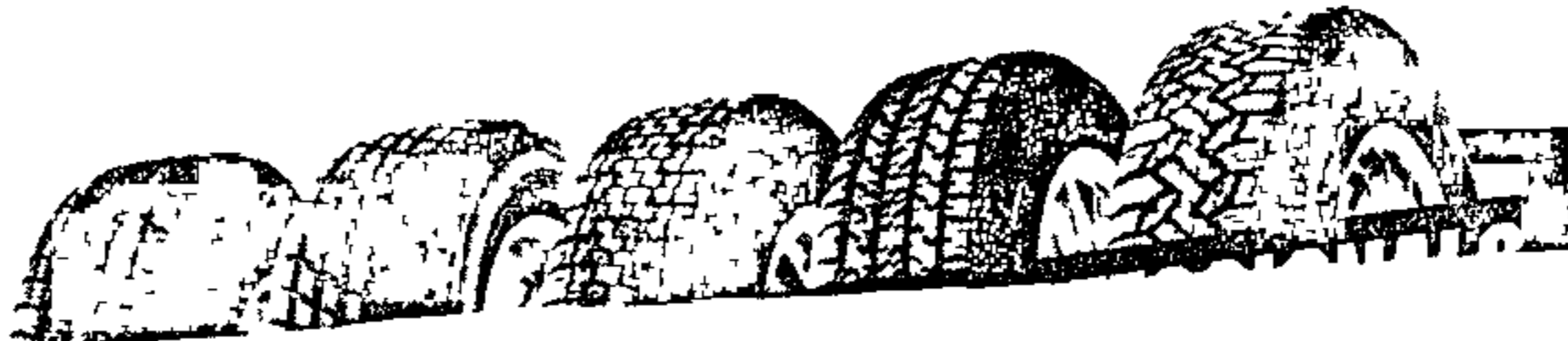
accused "Koevoet bandits" of having killed seven residents since 1985.

Chamber of Business president Manie Kriel said he hoped the ANC would not march in the town as it would lead to unnecessary confrontation.

Kriel accused the town council of calling in the AWB on Tuesday when it became apparent that demonstrating residents would not leave the taxi rank.

He said he hoped the situation could be resolved peacefully, as a joint forum consisting of business people, the ANC and the NP had been established to discuss common problems. He added that the ANC had assured him the boycott would not be reinstated.

Local AWB leader Fritz Meyer refused to comment on Tuesday's events, but described news reports of Tuesday's confrontation as "slanderous and insulting".



New united civic body

By GRACE
RAPHOLO

A NEW Civic organisation representing 11 East Rand townships was launched this week

The East Rand Civic Association has resolved to formulate a common approach to Government negotiations, campaign for the dismantling of Black Local Authorities and establish single and non-racial democratic cities

The civic's spokesman, Mr Abie Nyalunga, said as far as curbing violence in the townships was concerned, they intended working with liberation movements

Expose

They would also expose perpetrators of violence and defend communities in line with Cast's idea of defence units. Nyalunga said they would also lobby for international support to pressure the State to stop the violence

He said they would also strive to upgrade existing informal settlements and fight for more land for low-cost housing

The 'nice people' next door to the Petzers in Boksburg are the communist party boss and his wife

Report
PETA MOST
Pictures
JURAN KOUS

THE most unlikely person to be asking his Boksburg neighbour for help in connecting up his children's TV video games is South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

But his Afrikaans neighbour, Mrs Gerda Petzer, 34, wasn't upset at this request for her husband's help. In fact, she was impressed when she eventually found out she had a "celebrity" living next door.

Mrs Lamplu Hani said this weekend they moved into their new Boksburg house — their first family home in South Africa — because the price was right and "we fell in love with it — especially the kitchen".

Mrs Hani, a former secretary to the Swedish ambassador in Lesotho, arrived in SA two days before Christmas last year to make a home for her family.

"We didn't move here because it was in Boksburg. We looked around and this was the house we chose. The Hans started negotiating for the stylish but unpretentious home with a



HOME Frans Valentine, who is employed to service the garden and pool, gets down to work

swimming pool a year ago, according to Anchor Estates.

There was mixed reaction from neighbours in the suburb of Dawn Park when the chief of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, moved into Boksburg, a Conservative Party stronghold which fought to retain its apartheid ways. But Mr Hani was not the



HAPPY Gerda Petzer, who says race is irrelevant

first black or member of a liberation movement to tackle this bastion of white supremacy.

There are at least three other black families living in the same street. Tokyo Sevwale, the ANC's project director and a top-ranking Umkhonto we Sizwe official, live a few blocks away. Former Boksburg mayor



UPSET Charlie and Betty Amos, daughter Ariene and grandsons Wesley, 4, and Shane, 7

and staunch CP supporter Mr Beyers de Klerk said, "He's welcome. We're tired of fighting against liberals — let them get what they pens to the suburbs."

"The only reason these boykes' are moving into Boksburg is because they know their investments are safe here because this is an orderly, flourishing town."

Mrs Petzer, who hails from an Afrikaans family in Pretoria, said of the Hani's "They're nice people to have as neighbours. They don't interfere in our lives."

"It's irrelevant that they are black or that he is the leader of the communist party because I'm not political and don't vote."

Mrs Petzer is one of four white residents in the street who claim they have no problems with blacks living in their neighbourhood. She said "Their standard of living is generally higher than ours."

Another neighbour a former Zimbabwean who asked not to be named for fear of right-wing harassment, sent a welcome card to the Hani's when they moved in.

She said, "I didn't know who they were and it really doesn't matter. I would have sent it to any new neighbour."

Mrs Petzer's daughter, Sanya, 9, and Lindkwe Hani are two of 10 neighbourhood children, black and white, who play happily together.

Mrs Noxolo Groenboom, 31, a young black mother who lives in the street, said, "I believe that white Boksburg is the worst apartheid place, it will be the best in the future."

But just up the road, the Amos family would do anything to rid "their" area of blacks.

Mr Charlie Amos, 72, who only found out his neighbour was Chris Hani when "the Sunday Times told him, said "That ***** Hani I'd shoot him if I could."

The family, which has been in the house for nine years, was considering moving out of Dawn Park because, said Mr Amos, "we don't want to be the last whites here."

"At the moment it's quiet but not for long," he insisted.

"I know blacks — they move in, then they move dozens of families into their houses and cause trouble."

Hani is just trying to be white and live like us in a smart house in a new area. However, the Amos grandsons, Wesley, 4, doesn't see the difference when he plays with the neighbourhood children.

**It's power to
the people
- at last!** (127)

By **MONWABISI**
NOMADOLO

ELECTRICITY is coming at last to "Nyayadu", officially known as Extension One, in KwaThema, Springs, on the East Rand

The area was supposed to have been electrified when the houses were built in 1987

The housing project became the centre of controversy between KwaThema Council and residents when electricity was not supplied

Council spokesman Ronnie Nkabinde has assured residents that about 700 homes would soon have electricity supplied to their boundaries

Zevenfontein: conflict looms

By MARTIN C/Prens
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A TIME-BOMB is ticking away at Zevenfontein between squatters and landowners

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

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

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

condoned by the government

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

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

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

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

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

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

Residents' patrols in for criticism

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Staff Reporter

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South African Neighbourhood Watch has drawn a firm line between itself and various block watch systems which undertake armed patrols.

Throughout the six years of its existence, SA Neighbourhood Watch has been "vehemently opposed to any form of residents' patrolling", said president Gaye Neille.

"We are in existence purely to promote peace and harmony between the peoples of South Africa and to reduce crime in a peace-loving, law-abiding manner," she said.

She added that the organisation enjoyed the co-operation and support of the police.

Mrs Neille condemned members of block watches who took the law into their own hands and urged that such action should be firmly checked by the police.

She expressed particular distress about the fatal assault on 60-year-old Lawaai Lebeta after an altercation about a dog involving some members of a "watch" group at Elandsfontein, south of Johannesburg, about a month ago.

Several members of the Elandsfontein group have also distanced themselves from the fatal confrontation.

Mrs Neille says she and her associates have "an ongoing battle to keep the neighbourhood watches and the block watch separate entities in the public perception".

● SA Neighbourhood Watch will hold its annual general meeting at St John's College, Houghton on the afternoon of Saturday February 29. Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel will be the featured speaker and is expected to express his views on block watches, vigilante groups and private armies.

Township service payments still poor

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

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Although service payment boycotts have been lifted in most black townships in the Transvaal, monthly water and electricity payment in scores of townships remains unacceptably poor

According to the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the situation is constantly in flux, in October last year, only two townships were paying below 80 percent in service tariffs. Yet, in November, 72 townships were paying less than 80 percent. Negotiations are continuing daily between townships and white local authorities over service grievances, but

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few concrete resolutions have emerged. According to Dan Mofokeng of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal, a number of townships are still boycotting service payments. These included the East Rand townships of Kaledong, Tembisa, Etwatwa near Davyton and KwaThema in Springs. There was also some boy-

cotting townships in the Western Transvaal.

Negotiations were focused on getting electricity supplied directly from Eskom to the townships — "so that white town councils do not exploit electricity tariffs", Mr Mofokeng said.

An Eskom spokesman said large Johannesburg townships like Soweto and Alexandra got electricity directly

from Eskom — but that there were many still receiving it through white town councils.

Mr Mofokeng said white councils were using switchoffs as a "dangling carrot" to force township communities to pay "astronomical rates".

The other, more important issue, was that of non-racial local authorities — which had not been properly addressed

because the National Party was dealing only with unrepresentative black town councillors.

"Ultimately, we want the supply of services to be administered jointly by non-racial town councils. The problem of local government should be addressed on a national level, by something like a Codes working group," he added.

Violence feared over Hani's new home

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Municipal Reporter

Boksburg town councillors say they fear violence after SA Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani moved into the Conservative Party-controlled town

Mr Hani bought a three-bedroom house in Dawn Park, a suburb of the town which gained notoriety worldwide for reintroducing petty apartheid

Mr Hani told The Star earlier that his neighbours had made him very welcome

CP chief whip in the town council, Andries du Toit, said that, as far as he was concerned, Mr Hani was the leader of a terrorist organisation

Mr du Toit, who is councillor for Dawn Park, said Mr Hani was not welcome in the suburb and Mr du Toit was worried that his move could lead to violence

"We are asking him to get out. Tensions are rising here. Many people have telephoned me. I don't want violence in my ward.

"There might be something drastically done to show him (Mr Hani) that we don't want him here."

The HNP acting chairman of Boksburg Town Council management committee, Stephanie Greyling, said she was not against Mr Hani wanting a nice house, but I think he should find one in his own community."

Eskom lights up rural towns

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ESKOM has taken over the electrification of two towns previously under the jurisdiction of the Transvaal Provincial Administration

The electrification of Esizameleli near Wakkerstroom started on January 15 while the Ezamakuhle (near Amersfoort) project is scheduled to start on April 15

Eskom spokesman Mr Robin Larsen said, "Most of the consumers will receive

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electricity in terms of S1 tariff, which requires no deposit," he said

While a minimum connection fee is charged there are no reconnection fees and customers will not pay fixed monthly charges. The S1 tariff provides electricity in the home by using a dispensing unit for R30. Customers can convert to the new system at no extra cost - *Sowetan Reporter*

Zevenfontein residents confused and angry

By Zidzisa Mkhuma



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

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

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

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

Others expressed a wish to be relocated at Diepsloot. Tension between the squat-

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

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

The residents said CNAG members were preventing a TPA water truck from making deliveries, and stopping residents from bringing in food. A mother of five, Nolasti

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

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

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

'No secret merger plan' with Alex

By Jacqueline Myburgh

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Sandton and Randburg

In an attempt to quell concern among some Sandton residents that councillors were negotiating a secret merger with Alexandra township, the town's management committee chairman, Bruce Stewart, last night announced the formation of an investigation committee into constitutional matters to advise the management committee.

Mr Stewart announced the formation of the committee prior to responding to questions from Councillor Jo Marais concerning rumours of a secret merger between Alexandra,

man Andre Jacobs, it had been agreed to issue a statement. The statement proposes

Mr Stewart said no meetings to discuss a merger had taken place, adding that the council, public and officials of Sandton would be involved in discussions regarding a future local government dispensation in the region.

He said Sandton and Randburg had discussed the idea of a joint administration and the majority of members agreed the matter should be examined. A forum had therefore been created in which new systems of local government could be debated.

In discussions with Randburg management committee chair-

man Andre Jacobs, it had been agreed to issue a statement

The statement proposes

- Informal discussions between Randburg, Sandton and Marlboro Gardens with regard to a joint administration should take place and the benefits be noted
- Urgent investigation be made by the three management committees into the joint administration of the three towns
- The management committee be mandated to report back to council on the principle of interim joint administration
- A consultant be appointed to facilitate the investigation



Confrontation . . . police open fire with rubber bullets and teargas on Ennerdale were cut earlier this month in response to a payment boycott by some residents

water and electricity cuts yesterday Service ad Picture: AFF

Irate Ennerdale residents threaten power workers

By Thabo Leshilo and Monica Oosterbroek

Workmen repairing an underground electricity cable in Ennerdale last night were forced to call for police protection after a group of residents threatened them

This followed a day of turmoil in the township when more than 30 people were injured after police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a large crowd gathered at the local stadium to attend a meeting on rent and service tariffs

Ennerdale has been hit by power and water cut-offs for more than a week because of a boycott of rent and services payments by some residents who allege they are being overcharged

A spokesman for the Ennerdale Local Development Corporation said today the main power cable had been a source of problems in two areas of the township since early last month

Tensions remain high in Ennerdale after yesterday's clashes

One of the victims of yesterday's shooting, 62-year-old Barnard Beukes, suffered a heart attack after being taken into the Ennerdale police station. Paramedics were called and he was taken to hospital, wearing an oxygen mask

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander and 10 others appeared in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court after the clashes. They were not charged and were released after paying R50 bail each. Charges against another person were dropped

Warning

Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said Mr Alexander was arrested for "interfering with the equipment and/or uniform of a member of the SAP" after trying to disarm policemen

Police said they had opened fire with rubber bullets and tearsmoke after residents had failed to heed a warning to disperse an illegal gathering

A nine-year-old boy was

allegedly shot by police when they chased a crowd into the nearby Odine Primary School. Schoolchildren ran out of the classrooms, gasping for air, when police teargassed sections of the school

A parent, Nolan Borman, said the policemen responsible for the incident were travelling in a white minibus, registration BHK613B

Other residents, including an 86-year-old man, were shot after they had gathered outside the police station demanding that the arrested people be released

According to Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association official Roger McCulloch, permission for the meeting was granted by the Ennerdale Local Development Corporation

However, Captain Opperman said permission to use the local stadium had been refused by the development corporation on Friday and that police were asked to maintain law and order

ANC leader Ronnie Kas-

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Ennerdale power-line workers threatened

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Ennerdale residents told the crowd gathered outside the police station that the conduct of the policemen would be brought before the National Peace Secretariat

He urged residents to lay charges against the SAP in accordance with the National Peace Accord

Yesterday, hundreds of residents stayed away from work to attend a meeting to discuss the rent and services problem

Angry residents then put up road blocks and tried to frighten commuters away by hurling stones and abuse as the cars passed by

Ennerdale residents told The Star they did not understand why the police had become involved in a dispute between the community and the Local Development Corporation

Ellen Daniels, who pays a fifth of her salary every month for lights and water, accused the police of interfering in community affairs and turning a peaceful protest into a violent confrontation

Henrick Petrus has battled to pay his R250 light and water bill every month from his small trademan's wage, but said he hadn't fallen into arrears. While at the meeting, in solidarity with the community, he was wounded in the head when police fired rubber bullets into the crowd

"I tried to run away but so many people were panicking and getting in my way. Next thing, I felt a mighty blow on the back of my head. Then everything went black," Mr Petrus said

Rosmund Motise and Martha Modikoe were hit by birdshot when they couldn't get out of the firing line fast enough

'Pay us first or go to blazes'

Fire brigade fiddles while house goes up in smoke

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FRANTIC plot-dwellers outside Krugersdorp were horrified on Sunday when the town's fire department refused to save a burning house because no one could pay them R1 000 first.

The house and its contents were completely destroyed because the owners were on holiday and no one could raise the money which the firemen were demanding.

But Fire Chief Boet Hamman insisted when approached by the Saturday Star that his men had acted correctly — the Northvale holdings fell outside his municipal area and, although residents had no other fire station they could turn to, his men did not have to respond to calls there, he said.

Asked what would have happened if a child had been trapped inside the building, he said "I hear what you are saying. But the child would have died anyway because it would have taken us about 25 minutes to get there."

Now residents are demanding that something be done to protect them from similar incidents in the future. Mr Hamman said the exten-

BRENDAN TEMPLETON

sion of fire services to residents in outlying areas was being investigated by the regional services council, but he could not comment as the matter was still under discussion.

His unit would respond to calls in peri-urban areas, but only if someone agreed to pay R1 000 and if the fire was accessible and near water.

But a resident in the area who raised the alarm when the fire broke out, Shirley Hanwith-Horden, said this was unacceptable.

Deaf ears

She was stunned when the fire brigade told her they would not come out until someone first agreed to pay R1 000.

Her pleas that the owners of the house were away fell on deaf ears and she and other residents could only look on helplessly as fire engulfed the building.

A family member was eventually contacted and the fire brigade was summoned, but it

was too late by then to save the house.

And when they did arrive, about two hours after the alarm was raised, the firemen could not get their water pump to start.

The fire was eventually put out by rain which began to fall in the area.

Now the owners, Nick van Rensburg and his wife Suzette, are still trying to come to terms with their loss.

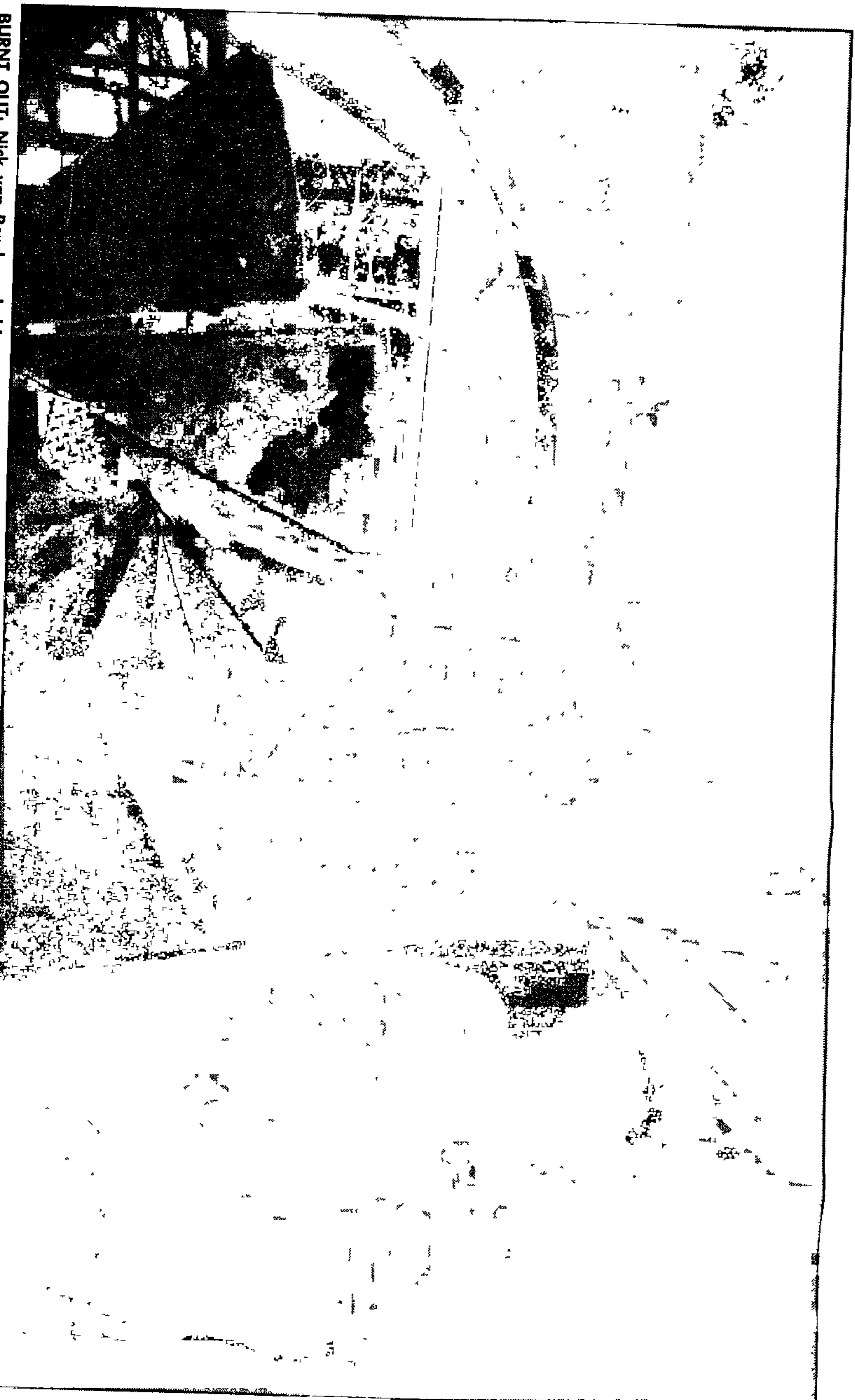
Possessions which they had built up over 35 years were wiped out in the blaze.

Although Mr van Rensburg made light of his losses, neighbours say he was visibly upset earlier in the week.

Mrs van Rensburg was still fighting back tears over the incident on Thursday.

Although the blaze cost him thousands of rands, Mr van Rensburg said the possessions he would miss most were his wedding album and home movies of his children taken many years ago.

Asked whether he would pay R1 000 if the fire brigade asked for it, he smiled grimly and promised. "If they do, there will be an argument. That is for sure."



BURNT OUT: Nick van Rensburg holds a piece of glass melted by the flames that destroyed his home. He and his wife, Suzette, lost everything in the blaze which the Krugersdorp fire department refused to extinguish.

● Photograph: BRENDAN TEMPLETON

Threat of action over proposal on forums

By Michael Sparks

Civic associations yesterday called for a meeting with President de Klerk to discuss the Government's proposal to suspend national negotiating forums.

The Government proposed the suspension of the negotiating forums last week in the belief that they should come under the auspices of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (CAST) resolved at the weekend to consider mass action to convince the Government to reopen the negotiating forums.

At a press conference in Johannesburg, CAST said it was opposed to the forums being linked to Codesa, where they would have no representation.

A Government spokesman asked for "a full picture of the press conference" in order to give an appropriate response.

CAST general-secretary Dan Mofokeng said that if Codesa would have to deal with issues such as water and electricity — some of the most crucial aspects handled by civics — services could be further delayed.

"If we have to wait for sufficient consensus on these issues, they will have to wait a long time for services. This is holding people to ransom."

CAST chairman Moses Mayekiso said "Codesa will not negotiate economic issues; the bread and butter issues."

He added that CAST had instructed affiliated organisations to consider whether to take mass action and, if so, what form it should take.

Cast rejects the scrapping of talks

THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal yesterday rejected the Government's scrapping of all national negotiation forums in preference to the Convention for a Democratic South Africa

Addressing a news conference in Johannesburg, Cast president Mr Moses Mayekiso said they were opposed to housing, health, education, electricity and socio-economic negotiations being made a sub-committee of Codesa. This was because civic organisations, trade unions and other social organisations were not represented at Codesa.

"Codesa has nothing to do with socio-economic issues and must only focus on constitutional negotiations."

Mayekiso said Cast's general council over the weekend had resolved to embark on a mass action campaign to force the Government to reverse its decision on national negotiation forums.

A document which Cast claimed was circulated at a National Housing Forum meeting stated. "In terms of preference, the Government will first put its proposal on transitional government before the

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Codesa working committee dealing with transitional measures and in the light of this, the Government does not see fit to negotiate forums at this stage."

"The Government's standpoint is that Codesa is the negotiating structure in South Africa for the new constitution and transitional arrangements."

The document proposed that the working committee of the National Housing Forum suspend its work, until Codesa took a decision on transitional government.

"It should be stressed though that this approach in no way affects the Government's participation regarding the hostel initiative," the document states.

The document also referred to an apparent statement by the Minister of Local Government, National Housing and Public Works, Mr Leon Wessels, in November 1991, to the effect that the Government would not allow an interim government by stealth.

Chris Hani now a Boksburger

LOUISE BURGERS

Weekend Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Tensions are rising in Boksburg and town councillors fear violence after SA Communist Party general-secretary Mr Chris Hani moved into the Conservative Party-controlled town.

Mr Hani recently bought a three-bedroomed house in Dawn Park, a suburb of the town which gained notoriety worldwide for reintroducing petty apartheid.

Mr Hani told Weekend Argus sister newspaper, The Star, that his neighbours had made him very welcome.

CP chief whip in the town council, Mr Andries du Toit, said that as far

as he was concerned, Mr Hani was the leader of a terrorist organisation.

Mr Du Toit, who is councillor for Dawn Park, said Mr Hani was not welcome in the suburb and he was worried that his move could lead to violence.

"We are asking him to get out. Tensions are rising here. Many people have telephoned me. I don't want violence in my ward."

"The whole attitude of the right-wing will change this year from waiting for elections, to a much more aggressive attitude."

"There might be something drastically done to show him (Mr Hani) we don't want him here," warned Mr Du Toit.

The Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) acting chairman of the Boksburg Town Council management committee, Mrs Stephanie Greyling, said she was not against Mr Hani wanting a nice house, "but I think he should find one in his own community."

Mrs Greyling is afraid of violence in the suburb and of the communists taking over. "I hope the government will come to its senses before something breaks down," she said.

Former controversial CP Mayor of Boksburg, Mr Beyers de Klerk, said Mr Hani obviously had realised a house in Boksburg was a safe investment as it was conservative and safe,

not "in chabs" like Hillbrow and Johannesburg.

Councillor "Klein-Koos" van der Merwe said he was too busy preparing for the revolution to worry about Mr Hani's "childish" actions.

"We are preparing for a revolution to take back everything and we are only concerned about getting our own white homeland."

"(Mr) Hani is a puppet on a string of the ANC and the Communist Party." He's just another terrorist and if it makes him happy to stay there and he can pay the bills, let him Dawn Park is almost black anyway. I just feel sorry for the whites living there.

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He said all the men were prepared to report to court, or the police could have called on them at their offices,

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

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Squatters move to go ahead

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DARIUS SANAI

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

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

Residents near Diepsloot said they would resort to violence even if the 4 000 squatters were moved there temporarily 29/11/92

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

A TPA spokesman confirmed yesterday that the

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

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

Sandton Council spokes-

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

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

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

Ladysmith tension defused

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

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Police and community leaders in Ladysmith held a crisis meeting yesterday to try to defuse the tension that has gripped the town since last Monday's massacre in which nine people died and 19 were injured.

The tension and hostility were aggravated last Friday by an axe attack on two white boys, believed to have been in retaliation for the massacre.

Town Clerk Pieter Hurter described the meeting as a success.

He said delegates — who included police and

unionists as well as religious and political leaders — had cleared up their misunderstandings about the two attacks and about the alleged VIP treatment given to mass killer Kallie Delpport (34) while in police custody.

"The police told the meeting that Mr Delpport had eaten the same food as the other prisoners, that he was held under an armed guard and that he had showered at the only shower, which is in the single quarters," Mr Hurter explained.

He said the belief that the weekend axe attack was in retaliation for the

massacre on Monday had also been dispelled.

"The police assured the meeting that, according to their investigations, there was no connection between the two events," he said.

Once the misunderstandings had been cleared up, he said, the tense atmosphere had visibly cleared.

Cosatu and political organisations are due to hold meetings today.

Mayor Ruston Muller said delegates had appealed to the community to refrain from any action which could aggravate the situation.

Uneasy calm as Emerdale discusses boycott

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By Zingisa Mkhuma

An uneasy calm hung over Emerdale after Monday's clashes which left 30 people injured

when police fired tear gas on residents in a station discussing rent and service tariffs

Most residents who had stayed away from work to attend the meeting went back to work yesterday.

Angry residents, some with bruises, gathered to discuss ways of ending the rent and tariffs boycotts in the area

Residents who were arrested and released on bail, will appear in court next month

● Last night Emerdale Ext 1 was plunged into darkness when the electricity supply to the area was cut

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Ennerdale is tense but calm

ENNERDALE was tense but calm yesterday after bitter confrontation between police and residents on Monday which left many people injured

More than 30 people were injured, six of them seriously, after police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse about 3 000

Surefan 29/1/92
By ISAAC MOLEDI

residents who were protesting against electricity and water cuts

Police allegedly blocked residents from entering Ennerdale Stadium to hold a protest meeting despite having been granted permis-

sion to do so last December

The meeting was organised by the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association

The area has been experiencing electricity and water cuts since last week because a joint technical committee (negotiating forum) consisting of a development committee,

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priests and Esca could not agree on tariffs

Esca chairman Mr Clifford Smith accused the development corporation of charging residents high rental and tariffs even though meters in some areas were tested and found to be faulty

New march planned on Phalaborwa

By MATHATHA TSEDU

TENSION has eased in Phalaborwa following the Saturday incidents in which 109 people were arrested for attempting a march on the town

And with the old taxi rank that had unusable toilets still barred, local black leaders said yesterday a march was being planned for next week Saturday after which a decision on renewing the boycott will be taken.

One of the boycott committee members, Mr Eric Ngobeni, said a meeting at Lulekani township on Sunday had decided that the leadership look at ways of forcing the "conservative boers in the town to toe the line"

Barbed wire

Matters came to a head last week when the town council unilaterally closed a taxi rank and told people to use a new one that had no toilets. This angered the residents, who decided on a march in the town and the forceful use of the closed rank which was surrounded by barbed wire.

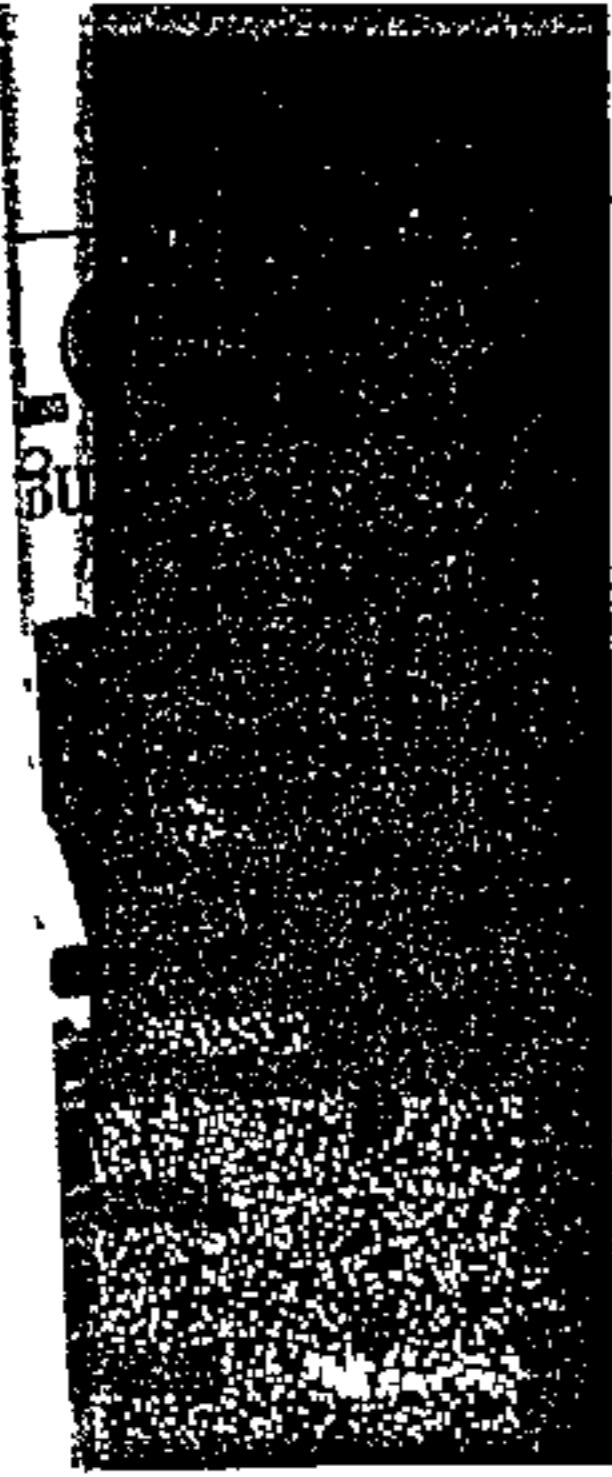
It was during the attempted march that police rounded up 109 people - 25 of them under age - and charged them with disturbing the peace. They were fined R30 each.

Ngobeni said options open to the community included a stayaway and renewing the boycott which was lifted last week after running for four months. Ngobeni however disputed reports in a newspaper yesterday saying the boycott had been reimposed.

"We have applied for a permit to march in the town to protest against several things. The outcome of the march and whether it takes place at all, will determine the next course of action. But for now, we are waiting for the magistrate to indicate whether the permit is granted," Ngobeni said.

The town is controlled by the Conservative Party and the local AWB members have been infuriated not only by the boycott, but also by the move into formerly white areas of several blacks employed by the Phalaborwa Mining Company.

Two of the people who have moved into town have been attacked and their properties damaged.



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Peace talks (12)

TWO western Cape taxi organisations, the Lagunya taxi association and the Western Cape Black Taxi Association, yesterday began negotiations to end an 18-month feud (12)

Crisis meeting

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REPORTS Sapa (12)



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"It is clear Government intends to proceed unilaterally with its major restructuring of the economy and to refer all consultation on socio-economic issues to an interim government in the future — when it has already done irreparable damage to the economy with its Thatcherite remedies."

Civic leaders and students stage sit-in

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EIGHTEEN civic and student leaders began an indefinite sit-in at the Bekkersdal Town Council offices in the West Rand yesterday morning

Bekkersdal Civic Association publicity officer Mr Motlogelwa Letlhake said the sit-in would continue until the council decided to meet them to discuss several local grievances

At midday police armed with shotguns and teargas cannisters were negotiating with the protesters to leave the offices

Letlhake accused the council of dragging its feet for over a year on the issue of repairs to several council houses which were damaged during political violence last year

"Presently, there are nearly 90 people who do not have homes to live in," he said

Letlhake said the council's planned meeting on February 11 to discuss bursaries for 82 tertiary students was too late as many institutions would have opened by then

Bekkersdal residents were also angry at the council's decision to sell the lo-

cal hostel to businesses

Letlhake said no residents were consulted and only a short verbal notice was given for occupants to leave the hostel

Administrative staff at the council offices said most of the officials left when the sit-in began, adding that the protest was peaceful and had not disrupted the functioning of the office.

The assistant town clerk refused to comment on the sit-in and referred inquiries to the town clerk, Mr Dirk Vermeulen, who could not be reached for comment

Police comment was also not immediately available
- Sapa

Eybers is the new boss of Tembisa

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

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

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

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

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

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

istrator for the township

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

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

Violence in Emmerdale not just flash in the pan

Star 31/1/98

THIS week's clash between the police and Emmerdale residents — which left 30 people injured — is a culmination of a drawn-out dispute between the residents, the Johannesburg City Council and the Emmerdale Local Development Committee over rentals and tariffs.

The dispute with the council centres on the residents' refusal to pay rent, demanding that the council fix the houses, most of which are said to be in a state of disrepair. In turn, the council has offered to sell off the houses at reduced prices, an offer rejected by residents.

One of those involved in the feud with the council is Najam Mohamed of Emmerdale Extension 5. The walls of the council house he has lived in for more than three years have developed numerous cracks.

On May 6 last year, Mr Mohamed's family was evicted for non-payment of rent and was allowed back only after resuming payments. They are still in arrears and the council has instituted a court action against them and other defaulters.

The violent clash between Emmerdale protesters and the police, which saw the police firing tear-gas and rubber bullets into an unarmed crowd, has a long history, reports ZINGISA MKHUMA

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Esca spokesman Clifford Smith said studies undertaken by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) recommended some houses be demolished and rebuilt.

The management committee chairman of the Johannesburg City Council, Ian Davidson, has admitted that the CSIR found some houses defective, but said tests by the council showed defects were not as widespread as the CSIR reported.

Esca has also accused the Emmerdale Local Development Committee (ELDC) of not being 'answerable or amenable' to the people by refusing to talk to residents about the halting of electricity to certain areas, which resulted in a services boycott.

Residents say they stopped paying the council rates after 15 electrically meters tested in the

area were found to be faulty

The ELDC reacted by cutting down electricity supplies to several houses in the area, a move which met with resistance, and police had to be called in several times

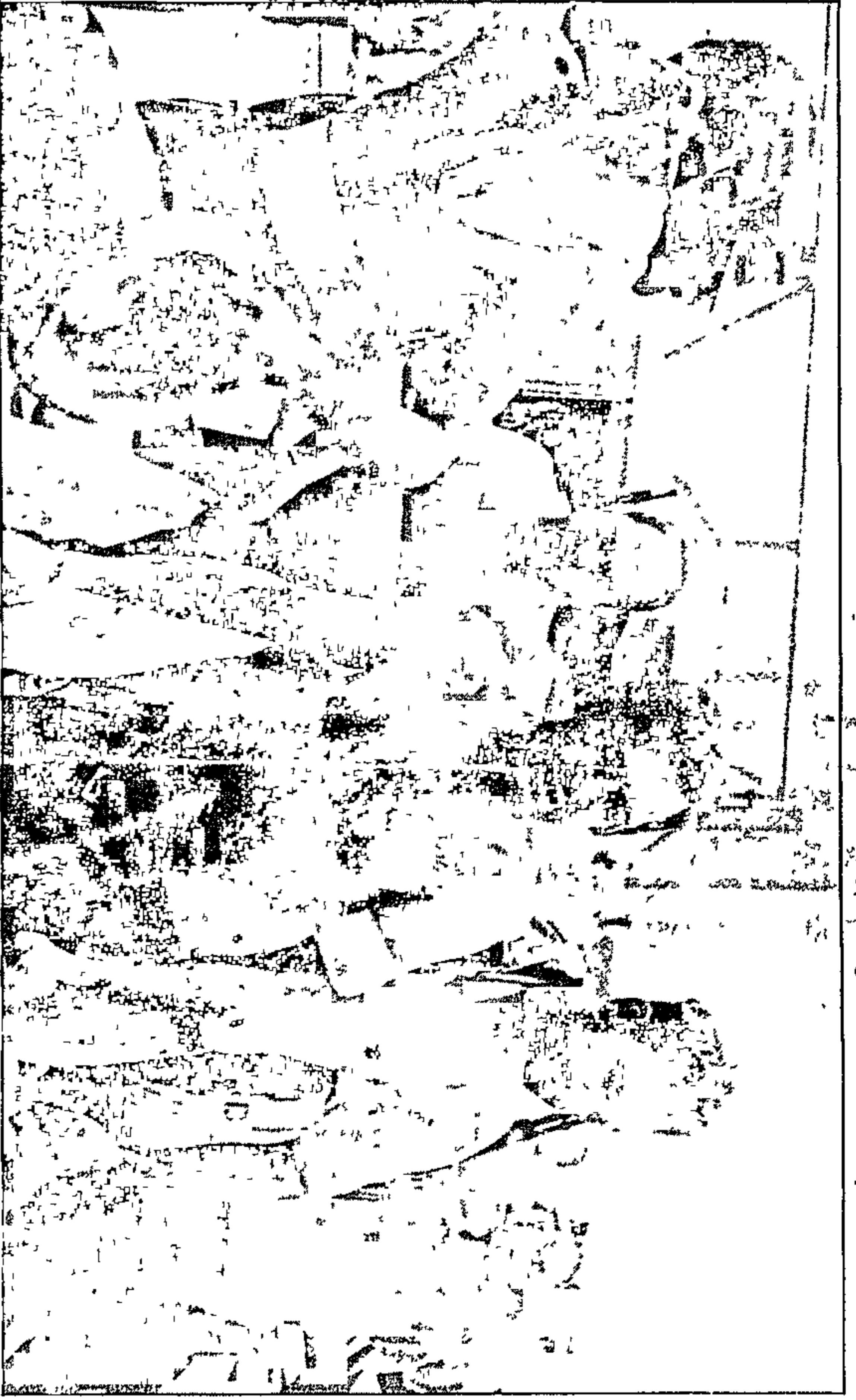
Esca said the residents were willing to negotiate a flat rate with the committee and expected all the arrears to be scrapped, but after several attempts to meet the ELDC failed residents decided to continue the boycott.

ELDC spokesman James Oliver denied that the body had ignored requests to meet the residents. He said a joint working group was formed between the ELDC members and Esca last year.

The working group drew up a document which some Esca members refused to endorse. Those Esca members who wanted to sign the document resigned from the organisation, Mr Oliver said.

"Now new members sent us a letter requesting a meeting and we asked them to give us an agenda, but they have failed to do so," he said.

The residents hailed this week's demonstration as a victory for their cause. They felt that they had at last managed to capture the attention of the authorities — and the world □



Aftermath

some of the Emmerdale residents who were injured in a confrontation with the police on Monday

Picture Sean Woods

Ennerdale will fight for affordable rates

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By Brian Soku (127)

Ennerdale residents — victims of Monday's police shooting — last night vowed to continue the struggle for affordable water and electricity rates.

Police kept a low profile as people packed the Ennerdale Civic Centre to hear civic leaders report-back on a meeting with the Ennerdale Local Development Committee, the Ennerdale Management Committee, the Transvaal

Provincial Administration, the Regional Services Council and police representatives

Divided on Codesa participation, ANC and PAC national leaders, also present at the meeting, pledged solidarity with the residents, who suffered yet another blow yesterday when the Ennerdale Development Committee cut water to the area from 11 am

In his address, Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association chairman, Clifford Smith, said

local government officials had agreed not to suspend electricity because of non-payment

Mr Smith, however, reminded the cheering crowd: "The struggle continues, not all our demands have been met"

Included in the demands was a call for the resignation of the township's management committee members, he said

"We also told them we want to pay a flat rate for water and electricity, and we want cables fixed"

Task group seeks out sites for homeless

Pretoria Bureau ^{STAR} 31/1/92

An urbanisation task group has been appointed to identify sites where thousands of homeless people can be settled in Midrand, Verwoerdburg and north of Randburg and Sandton, Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough said yesterday

The urbanisation strategy for the whole PWV region would

also be taken into account

Permanent, suitable sites would have to be identified for low-cost housing directed at the huge influx of homeless people

The task group consists of 15 members, including representatives from Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton, Verwoerdburg and Midrand town councils, the West Rand and Witwatersrand

Central regional services councils, the Metropolitan Chamber for the Central Witwatersrand, the Greenbelt Action Group, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless and the local area committees of Chartwell, Muldersdrift and Rantesig

Mr Hough said similar task groups would be appointed to evaluate other PWV sites

New rent accord for Soweto

By DANIEL MAINE (124)

THE Soweto rent boycott has finally come to an end following the signing of a new accord which came into effect on January 1 1992, a Soweto Council official said yesterday. *Soweto 31/1/92.*

Council spokesman Mr Mōjalefa Moseki said residents will pay R55 every month for service charges in Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepkloof.

Moseki said the interim charges are part of the Greater Soweto Accord signed by the Soweto Civic Association, Soweto People's Delegation, the three councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepkloof, and the Transvaal Provincial Administration on September 24 1990.

He said the service charges will increase to R65 at the end of March 31 1992 up to June 30 when they will be further increased to R75 until September.

At the end of September they will go up to R85. He said "The service charges do not include electricity tariffs, which will be administered by the Regional Services Council. These tariffs are still being negotiated by parties which signed the accord."

The three councils undertook to improve administration, upgrade electricity and water supplies and ensure proper sewerage maintenance and timeous refuse removal in order to keep the townships clean.

Tembisa meeting on rent boycott

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A MEETING to resolve the six-year-old rent boycott in Tembisa will be held in the township tomorrow a week after the dissolution of the local town council.

Tembisa Residents Association has set the meeting for 9am at Mahlareng Stadium to map out new ways of "totally phasing out" the rent boycott.

TRA president Mr Ali Tleane said following the dissolution of the TCC last week, there were new hopes that TPA would soften up and thereby pave the way for serious negotiations to take place.

The TCC was last week Tuesday dissolved for the second time by the TPA because of mismanagement and failure to comply with financial obligations.

A new administrator was appointed by the TPA executive committee and would

By ISAAC MOLEDI

be introduced to TRA on February 6.

Tleane pointed out that, after the dissolution of the council, residents were optimistic that the TPA will soften up and serious negotiations to resolve the rent issue will take place.

He said "When the initial round of talks broke down last year, a declaration of intent was already drawn up. And all that was left for the negotiating parties was to agree on flat rate figures and time-frame for the execution of both short-term and long term commitments as indicated in the declaration of intent."

New row brews over Randburg squatter plan

DARIUS SANAI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

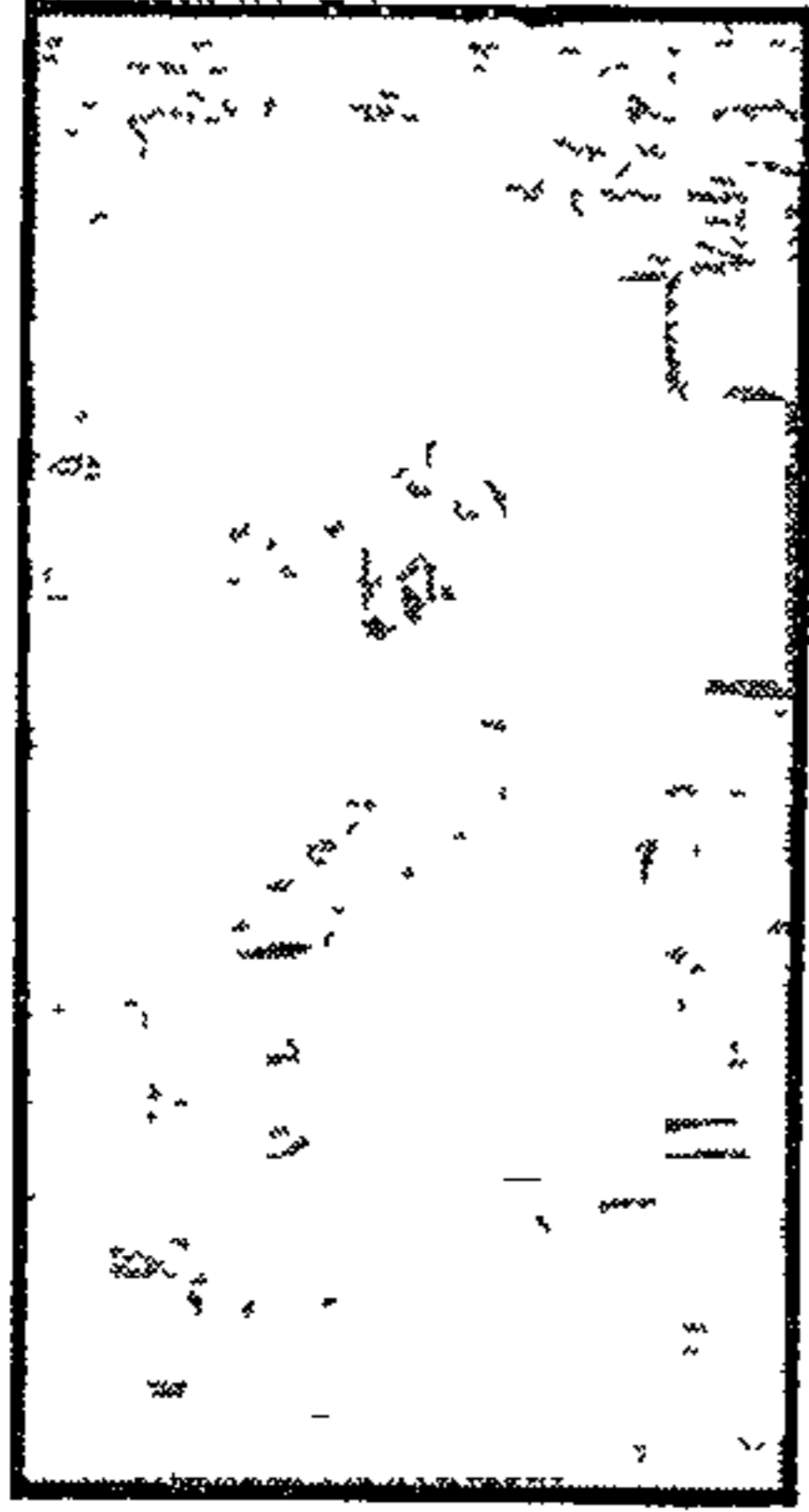
This is the end of our lifestyle, plot owner complains

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CAROLINE HURRY

IT IS far too soon for the residents of Diepsloot — or anyone else living in the northern "greenbelt" — to heave a sigh of relief over the announcement that the squatters of Zevenfontein are to be moved to Bloubostrand.

Earlier this week Angus MacBride and Willie Harris were living under the threat of having their land expropriated by the TPA in terms of section 6 of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act (Act 52 of 1951).

In terms of section 6, a local authority may expropriate land for use as a temporary transit camp for squatters. The plots of Mr MacBride and Mr Harris were two of the plots earmarked for expropriation to relocate



WILLIE HARRIS: Will not give up his land without a fight. ● Photograph: CAROLINE HURRY

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Mr Harris heard his plot had also been earmarked for relocation.

"I've had this plot for 35 years. We run a big ceiling company from here. If we had to move now, we'd go bankrupt. Our family graveyard is here. I won't give up my land without a fight."

Philip Sithole is a businessman who bought property in Diepsloot last year to escape the squatter situation in Soweto.

"I'm a black man, but this situation has nothing to do with colour. The fact is I ran away from Soweto, where I had built a house for over R300 000,

because a squatter camp was being set up 500 metres down the road.

"Living out in the country is the kind of lifestyle I always wanted. I thought my dreams had come true when I found a plot here in May Less than a year has passed and I find myself in exactly the same situation," said Mr Sithole.

TPA deputy director-general for community development Len Dekker said it was quite possible the TPA might still have to expropriate land in the Diepsloot area.

"I doubt it will happen in the short term. But in the medium and long term, there will again be pressure in the Diepsloot area for urbanisation."

Squatters: residents dig in

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MALCOLM FOTHERGILL
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SHOW OF FORCE Above — A placard held by the child of an angry Bloubastrand householder bluntly states the community's position. Right — Residents at an emotional meeting yesterday are told of a TPA pledge not to allow illegal squatting for two weeks. The TPA later demed putting off the relocation of squatters. ● Photographs ALF KUMALO



Jo'burg
gets new
unit
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to curb
crime

POLICE would implement a 24-hour anti-mugging force and a special crime prevention unit immediately in Johannesburg's central business district. Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriel said yesterday.

A joint statement with Johannesburg city councillors and businessmen who met him in Cape Town on the unacceptable crime rate in the city was issued after their meeting.

Commissioner of Police General Johan van der Merwe confirmed that police would use recently-acquired advanced technical equipment to combat crime. The anti-mugging unit would operate in the CBD particularly in



GENERAL JOHAN VAN DER MERWE tourist areas and near hotels. The special crime prevention unit would incorporate a bobby-on-the-beat system and would use vehicle patrols.

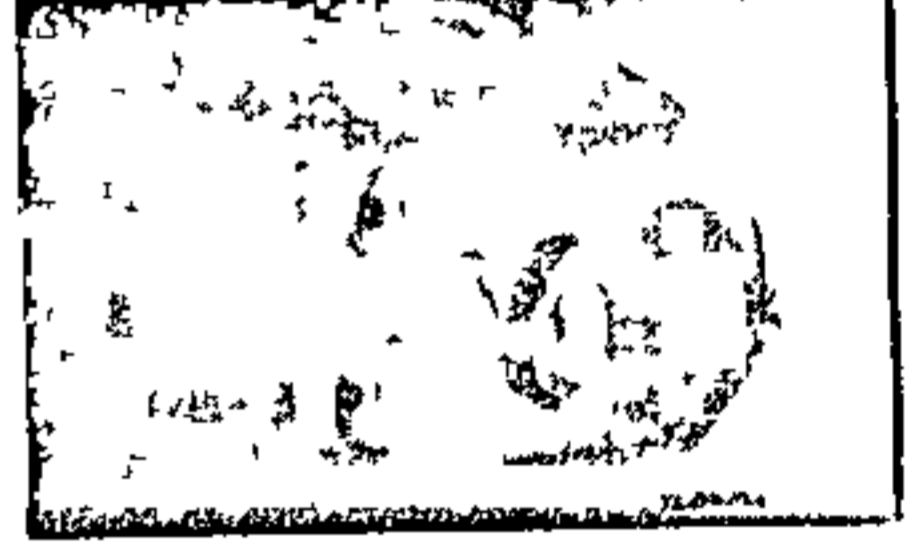
Chaos as violence, boycotts hit black schools on Reef

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Sensation as 'House of Hendrickse' is toppled

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MICHAEL MORRIS and SHAUN JOHNSON

CAPE TOWN — The eight year reign of the House of Hendrickse as the Labour Party's control of the House of Representatives came to be known — ended dramatically last night. After more than three hours of bitter and some-

move a thorn from the Government's side. The LP has become strident in its attacks on the Government and has blocked legislation most recently 'The Referendum Bill'.

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Said Mr Jacobs. "We were faced with a sticky situation on Tuesday evening when (Transvaal Administrator) Danie Hough called us over to his house in Pretoria, where the proposal was put to us."

"There was no way I could have first consulted the residents, but called an urgent council meeting the following morning to lay down the conditions the TPA had agreed to."

"The situation blew up when the residents got to hear of it and I was called on the telephone to come and speak to hundreds of angry people. I would have spoken to them, but my wife threatened to walk out on me if I did. Instead I sent a message asking the people to please calm down."

"I did manage to buy time with the TPA — 14 days to prepare the site — although I'm not sure if that

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will be long enough.

"We may be the first town council to deal with this situation, but I want to stress this problem is going to affect many other areas in the future."

After a day of urgent, high-level meetings yesterday, Bloubostrand residents bitterly opposed to the resettlement of the squatters still firmly believed they had been granted a reprieve.

An emotional meeting in the suburb last night heard Peter Bantock, chairman of the Bloubostrand Action Committee, report that the TPA had promised that no squatters would move to the suburb for two weeks.

"We were given the assurance that the South African Police would maintain a 24-hour presence there and would not allow any illegal squatting," he said.

Monday, said Mr Bantock, would be the "crux day, when we get down to the nitty-gritty" at a meeting with officials from central and local government, architects, town planners and others.

The aim of the meeting would be "to secure an alternative to this area" for the squatters.

Yesterday morning, while Bloubostrand residents manned impromptu barricades guarding the entrances to their suburb, the action committee met senior officials from the

TPA, including Mr Hough, and members of the police.

Many of the furious Bloubostrand residents stayed off work yesterday, after staying up all night on Thursday night to man the barricades.

In a matter of hours they had organised themselves into watches, so that the entrances to the suburb could be guarded 24 hours a day.

They said that although they wanted to avoid violence, they would take whatever action was necessary to protect the value of their homes.

Some even spoke of refusing to pay their rates and taxes, or of abandoning their homes for the finance houses to worry about.

Bloubostrand houses about 400 families, most of them young, white and first-time home owners.

"We're not racists," said former Zimbabwean John Peebles. "We have Indian and coloured families living here, and they have been made welcome."

"But this is something different. What's proposed here is that 6 000-odd squatters should be settled over the road from us."

Added Mr Bantock. "I don't think any organisation should be able to rob you of your capital in one fell swoop."

An account is to be opened at the Allied Bank in Northgate today for residents and their supporters to deposit money for an anti-squatter fund.



EXPLOITED ... Some of the 63 people who share a seven-room house in Bertrams, paying between R200 and R800 a month. The landlord is alleged to be making a cool R6 335 a month.

■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

By SOPHIE TEMA

63 squash into house in suburban slum scam

LANDLORDS in some Johannesburg suburbs are exploiting black families in desperate need of housing, often raking in outrageous rent payments

A typical example is 24 Ascot Road, Bertrams, where 63 people share a seven-roomed house, paying rentals of between R200 and R800 each month

A spokesman for Act-

stop said families in Bertrams and other adjacent suburbs are grossly overcharged by private homeowners and are deprived of all privacy and proper facilities like electricity

Those who cannot be accommodated inside the house live in makeshift rooms in the backyard. The rooms have no windows

A cellar on the property has also been converted into a room and is occupied by a family whose rental is R240 a month.

Muriel Stengel, a herbalist, is one of the occupants of the house. She shares a room with her sister and they each pay R360 a month.

When City Press vis-

ited the house this week we noticed that every one of the seven inside rooms has been subdivided and is shared by two or three families

The electrical plugs in the walls have been removed to prevent the residents from using any electrical appliances.

The families have been provided with four toilets on the premises - one inside the house and three in the backyard. Two of these are blocked and cannot be used.

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Residents seek court order on squatters

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By Guy Jepson

Bloubostrand residents will seek an urgent Supreme Court interdict against Transvaal Administrator Dame Hough to halt the relocation of squatters from Zevenfontein to an area next to their Randburg suburb.

The announcement, made at a meeting yesterday, called by the Bloubostrand Action Committee (BAC), was the latest salvo in the uproar over the TPA's planned resettlement of the squatters.

On Friday, residents armed with clubs set up barricades at the suburb's entrances.

The BAC — which claims to represent 500 home-owners and 150 plot-owners — sprang up overnight following Thursday night's "bombshell" announcement by Mr Hough on the fate of the Zevenfontein squatter community.

At the meeting, attended by about 150 people, BAC chairman Peter Bantock also called for the immediate resignation of the entire Randburg Town Council and the holding of an immediate informal referendum on the controversy.

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Picture Karen Fletcher

Manning the barricade police riot squad members keep an eye on Bloubostrand residents standing guard at a roadblock yesterday

Residents up in arms

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He announced that Mr Hough and the Randburg management committee would be held "personally responsible" for all legal costs.

Should Mr Hough reject the demands of the committee, Randburg would be "subjected to mass citizen protests".

The BAC, Mr Bantock said, was concerned that it would "lose control of the crowds" manning barricades.

He said the numerous "squatter controversies" countrywide resulted from "inefficient and bad" planning and "cruel social engineering" by the Government.

The BAC demanded the immediate formation of a planning commission — comprising responsible town planners, financiers and concerned citizens — which would operate under the direction of Codesa.

Charles Humphris, councillor for Randburg's ward 13, which includes Bloubostrand, said the problem of landlessness was "something we all have to think about very calmly".

● Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said yesterday the issue would be addressed at high-level talks today to pave the way for a joint working committee meeting tomorrow.

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**Talks to end
rent boycott** (127)

The Tembisa Residents' Association has resolved to negotiate with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the township's new administrator to end a six-year-old rent boycott. TRA publicity secretary George Bila said in a statement yesterday that about 10 000 residents met at Meraleng Stadium on Saturday to find the shortest route to a settlement in Tembisa. It was decided to mandate the TRA to negotiate with the TPA.

Most of the Ennerdale (127) victims shot in back - MP

By Esther Waugh 3/2/92
Political Reporter

CAPE TOWN — Virtually all 41 people injured by the police at Ennerdale were shot in the back while dispersing and running away, according to Democratic Party MP Jan van Eck

On Friday in Parliament he gave details of police action following clashes with Ennerdale residents last week.

Speaking in the no-confidence debate, Mr van Eck called for an inquiry into the shootings. He said the demonstrators from the Ennerdale Civic Association were prevented by police from using the stadium because they had not obtained permission. A delegation was then sent to the local authority to obtain permission with the full knowledge of the police.

"The police, contrary to this agreement, told the 500 peaceful people, waiting for their delegation to return, to disperse and then started shooting"

Before discussing the Ennerdale incident, Mr van Eck placed on record a slow but noticeable improvement in the way police operated. The shootings were, however, reminiscent of the P W Botha era.

Bloubostrand residents dig in while agents fume

Staff Reporter

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4/29/2

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

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

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

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

The action committee intends resisting the proposal with all

legal means at its disposal

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

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

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

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

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

One agent is reeling after sales totalling about R400 000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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New sites for townships

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

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

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

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

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

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



DANIE HOUGH

Come clean on squatter plans, residents demand

By Shirley Woodgate STAK 5/2/92

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

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

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

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

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

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

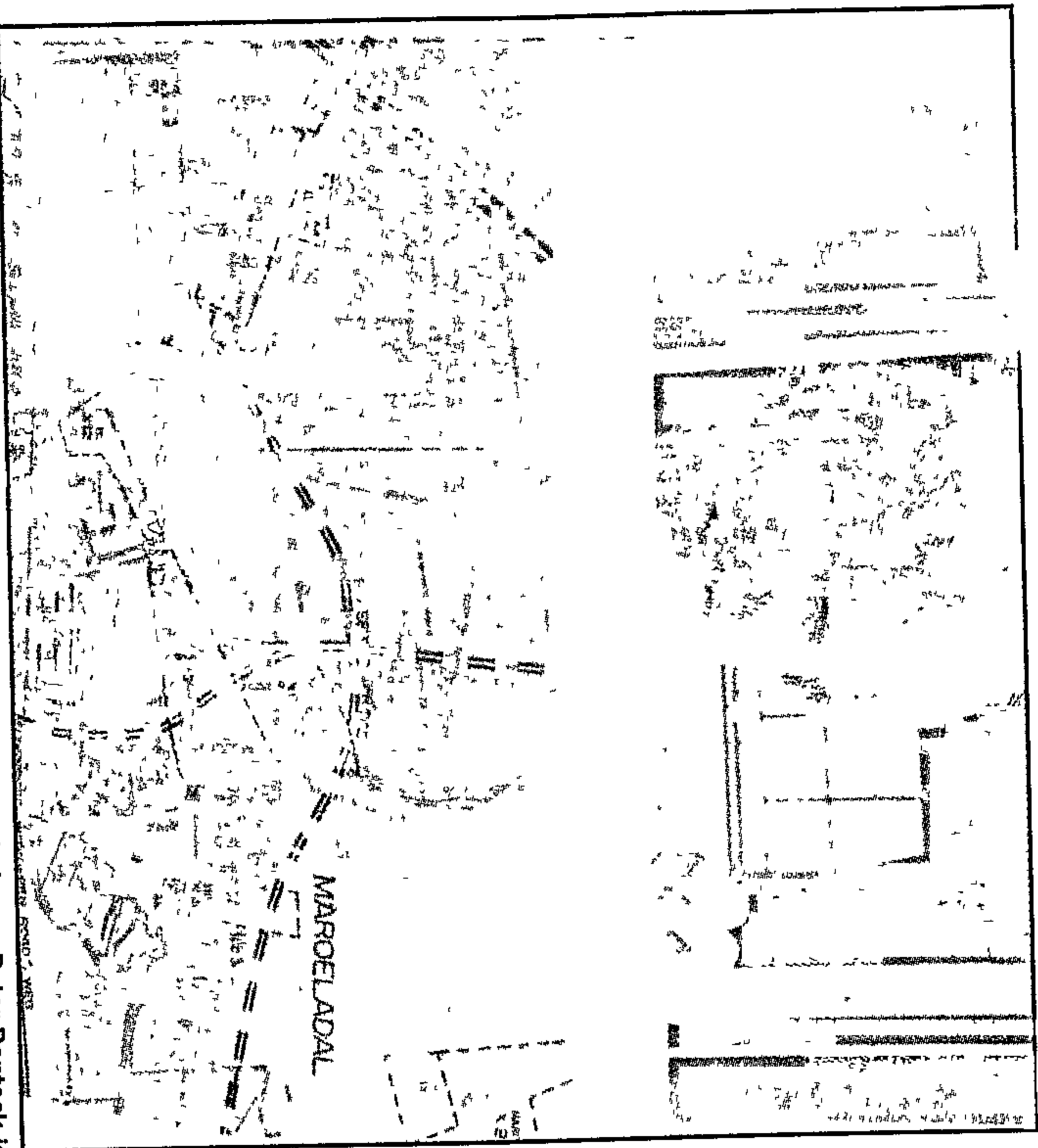
"Then deputy director-general for community development Len Dekker said on television that Randburg had approached the TPA. We now demand that they clear up the contradictions and come clean."

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

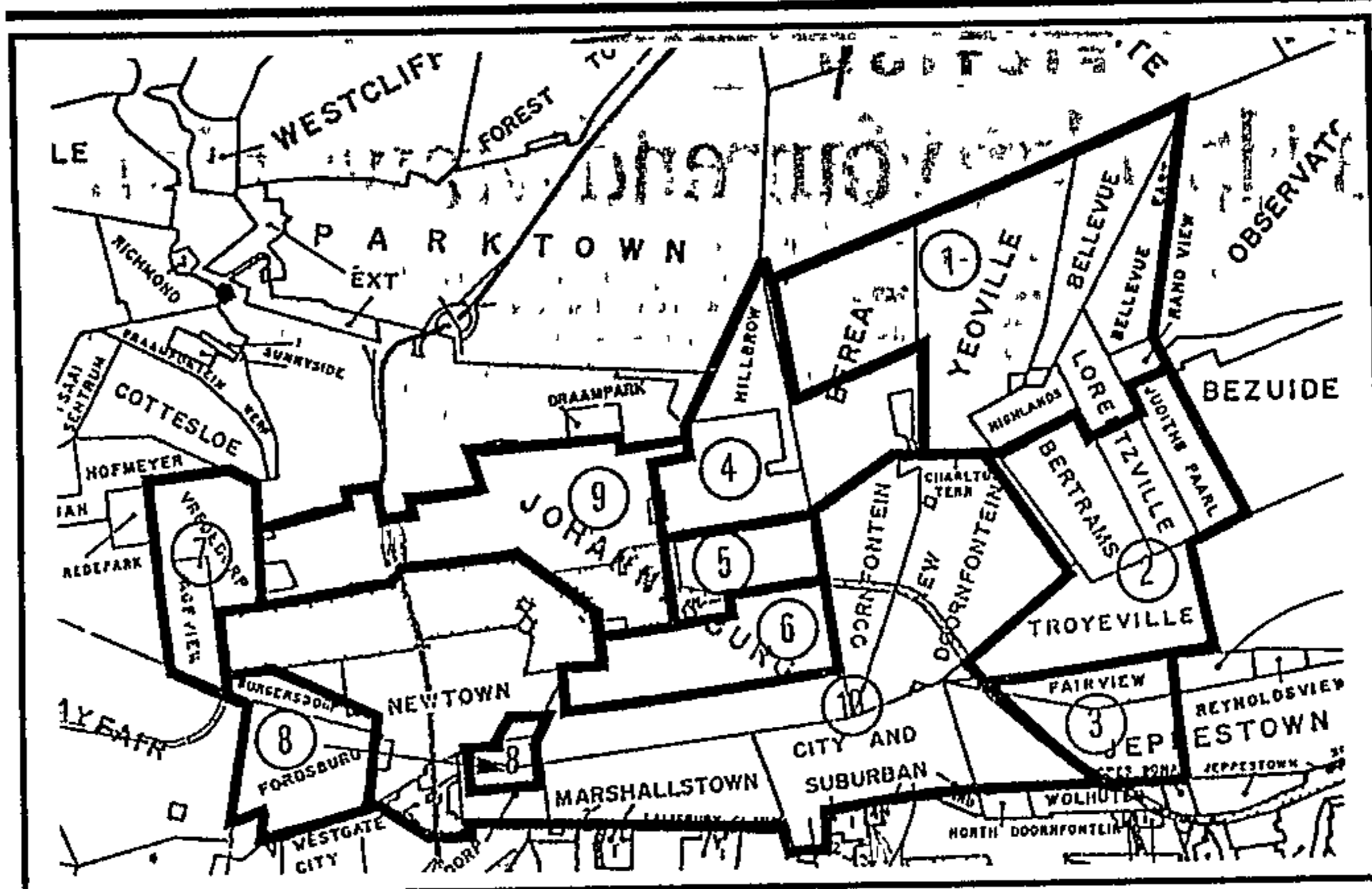
A second row is brewing over the number of squatters the TPA plans to move from Zevenfontein. The TPA claims 750 families are affected, but residents of Bloubostrand maintain the TPA has never taken a proper census and that the authorities have no idea of the true figure. They say 2 200 families is a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

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

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



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



The survey area ... from the overcrowded flatlands to trendy Yeoville

THE Johannesburg inner city is ugly, crowded, crime-infested and filthy. Not surprisingly, most of the people who live there cling to the belief that they're just passing through.

Results of an inner city survey released today by the Johannesburg City Council describe a classic inner city: populated by the elderly or the young, mostly singles, with very few school-aged children running up and down the stairs in the high-rise flat blocks. But although inner cities in other countries attract people who think they're there to stay, in Johannesburg residents of the central business district, Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park want to move onward and upward.

"It's an area where people come to settle into the urban environment, orientate themselves to the city, find a job, decide where they'd like to stay before bringing their families," says Bonnie Rosen, spokesman for the city Planning Department's Urban Strategies Division, which commissioned the study from the Human Sciences Research Council's Group for Human Resources.

The past decade has wrought stunning changes to the area. "Hillbrow used to be an entertainment centre for adults," says Rosen. In that, "it was more characteristic of inner city areas than it is at the moment".

Ten years ago, most residents of the inner city flatland, including Hillbrow, were white. Today the proportion of black residents is about 80 percent, 46 percent African, according to the HSRC study, 21 percent coloured, 14 percent Indian.

Sixty percent of the population is under the age of 30. Most residents — white or black — are new arrivals, one-third of the households moved into their present flats last year, although nearly all residents previously lived in urban areas. People moved on, said the study, because they wanted a place of their own, or their job changed. Almost every household has at least one person earning.

Blacks and whites work as clerks or sales people, but there are also a great many blacks employed in "fairly secure but unskilled and low-paid jobs" — messengers, cleaners, porters. There are waiters, chefs, petrol pump attendants, drivers, hawkers.

Residents of high-rise districts complained to the researchers of overcrowding, which points to an anomaly: the survey shows a reasonable density of two or three people a flat. Researchers tell horror stories — one flat housed 36 people, a researcher was chased out of another by 20 men wielding traditional weapons — and they admit it is "difficult to get 100 percent accurate information" as people "will tend to under-represent". Still, they stuck to their figures, as an average.

More than 92 percent of the residents rent, mostly bachelor or one-bedroom flats.

Flatland constituted only a small part of the

The inner city people who hope they're just passing through

by BARBARA LUDMAN

lots and incomplete buildings occupied by the homeless — "these factors all contribute to the impression of an area in decline", the study notes. The population is relatively poor and not highly educated, equal in education, employment and income, the races show a high degree of social mixing.

There are very few Indian households left in Pageview — although numbers are increasing as people from Lenasia return to the neighbourhood from which they were removed. It's grouped in the study with the white working class area of Vrededorp. The white population of this area is "relatively poor and less educated", the study notes, while the Indians and coloureds are better-off and follow occupations requiring more education.

The old buildings in Burgersdorp were never renovated because their Indian residents lived under the threat of removal, thus the area looks shabbier than it should. It is a stable district, more than half the Indian residents were born there or moved in years ago.

Braamfontein, on the other hand, attracts a highly mobile population. Wits University students (42 percent) and office workers. Residents are mostly young, mostly single and moved to their present flats within the past six years. Moreover, "it is quite striking that the racial characteristics of Braamfontein residents are not a useful measure of class differences in the population", the study notes.

The purpose of the Johannesburg Inner City Survey was to find out how the city council could improve the inner city. Presumably stung by the outrage that greeted alleged beautification projects like the civic spine and the Yeoville upgrading scheme, they briefed researchers to gather — along with statistics — complaints and suggestions from a range of people and organisations, from landlords, tenants, Actstop and estate agents to street children, shop owners and hawkers.

"We understand," says Rosen, "that the underlying causes of environmental degradation and urban decay are symptomatic of underlying socio-economic problems and that physical upgrading on its own is not going to solve these underlying problems. We had to get an understanding of what the underlying problems were to formulate effective policy."

The temporarily homeless were desperate for a security net before their situation became permanent. City centre shopkeepers complained about hawkers. Police came in for a great deal of flak — it was a subject that managed to unite Actstop, Inkatha and the Pan Africanist Congress.

Now the council is planning to set up an inner city forum consisting of "key representatives of the community" plus council representatives as a platform for negotiation, discussion and debate.

Johannesburg Inner City Survey, which also included areas on the periphery — Yeoville/Bellevue/Highlands, for example, Troyeville/Judiths Paarl/Bertrams, Vrededorp and Braamfontein.

Not surprisingly, results differed spectacularly as one moved away from the city centre. Bertrams/Troyeville, an area with "some low-rise apartment buildings but a majority of family houses", is awash with children — 42 percent of the households have dependent children and there are many cases of young couples living with parents. "This is not an area where top managers live," the study notes, "the whites tending to be in middle-range positions such as clerks, semi-professionals, artisans and semi-skilled operatives" and blacks in unskilled positions or employed as artisans or clerks. One has the impression of an area that is poor but friendly and outgoing; among residents "there appears to be a considerable degree of social mixing between people of different races".

Yeoville/Bellevue/Highlands is described as "a largely residential suburb of tree-shaded residential streets attracting young, middle class professionals", 82 percent of the population is white and only 12 percent African, most blacks having moved to the area last year from Hillbrow or other parts of the city. Although 91 percent of the residents believe they are living in uncrowded conditions, the remainder, mostly blacks in low-paying jobs, say their living space is indeed overcrowded, largely because they must take in lodgers to help pay the rent or they stay in servants' quarters.

Fairview/Jeppesstown is pocked with vacant

Squatter row leads to freeze in new bonds

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KATHRYN STRACHAN

FINANCIAL institutions were refusing to grant new bonds for properties in Bloubostrand in Randburg since the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) moves to relocate squatters to the area, estate agents said yesterday

United Bank GM Kevin Gibb said until the situation in the area became clearer, "we will not be appointing any new bonds". The proposed squatter settlement could have a major impact on house values.

Other banks were reluctant to comment on their policies and said they would consider each application on merit.

But estate agents operating in Bloubostrand said they had contacted a range of banks and had been told categorically that no further bonds would be granted until the situation was resolved. The agents said some institutions had withdrawn financing that had been previously approved.

The TPA's plans permanently to relocate 750 squatter families from nearby Zevenfontein to 44ha of Bloubostrand Extension 1 have been put on hold for a week while the provincial authorities consider a scheme to change the status of the site from a shack settlement to that of a formal low-cost housing development.

The TPA says it wants to consult all parties involved following the furore in the wake of its announcement that it was expropriating the land to house the squatters.

Residents in the area, who believe their properties would be devalued and crime would increase, have threatened to take legal action against the TPA and to refuse to pay rates. They have demanded the resignation of the Randburg Town Council which agreed to the move.

Angry home-owners are maintaining 24-hour vigils and manning barricades to prevent squatters moving into the area.

The squatters' move to Bloubostrand followed mounting opposition to their temporary removal to Diepsloot.

United Bank's Gibb said the situation was very unusual. United would be assessing the low-cost housing proposal and effects on nearby homes.

He said a person who had bought a house in the area with United financing had already dumped the house keys on his desk and abandoned the property in disgust. Other home-owners had threatened to do the same, he said.

Mike Schefermann of Realty Estates said three of his sales had collapsed since Thursday and he had told aspirant sellers there was no sense in trying to market their houses in the current climate. He said financial institutions believed that if the upgrading of the disputed area from squatter settlement to low-cost housing was allowed to proceed, the value of Bloubostrand properties would still be substantially reduced.

Another estate agent in the area, Dee Monteith, said business had been good before the Transvaal administrator's announcement, but not one potential buyer had arrived for a house showday on Sunday. In the past four days she had had four deals worth R400 000 cancelled after banks rejected bond applications.

She said banks were holding back until they had heard the TPA's final decision, which is expected on Monday.

Bloubostrand Action Committee chair-

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Bond freeze

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man Peter Bantock said a meeting between residents and squatter representatives planned for last night at the Randburg Town Council had been cancelled by the council with no explanation.

Meanwhile, industries in the Kya Sands area, adjacent to the proposed relocation site, have added their voice to the protest.

Bloubostrand Action Committee business liaison officer Gary Noble said yesterday it had received about 50 letters from industries saying they intended to boycott rates and taxes in a protest against the move.

At a meeting with the committee yesterday, industry representatives said they

were unable to provide employment for people already living in the area, and could not absorb more people.

Sapa reports that Louis de Waal (DP North Rand) said compromise was the only way forward in the highly emotive Zevenfontein squatter issue.

"That means acceptance that North Rand will have low-cost housing but that time has to be bought, at all costs, to plan and implement this sensibly," he said.

De Waal said the impact on property owners' investments could not be ignored. "If that's to be done, the state has to budget, at central government level, to make good the losses."

Rates and taxes boycott launched in Bloubostrand

STAR 6/2/92

(127)

By Shirley Woodgate

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

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

Irresponsible

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Compensated

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

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

The offer was made to the

TPA on condition that certain stringent conditions were met

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

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

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

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

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

Water curbs loom in sweltering Jo'burg

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3 200 million litres — in the 17 000 sq km area of supply. The situation, exacerbated by the heat-wave and lack of rain, was very serious, said Mr Papendorf.

The city had requested more water from the Rand Water Board and had diverted water from its other reservoirs to fill

up Eagles Nest.

Mr Pakendorf said the city council had been caught unawares by the high demand for water this week

"This terrible heat has led to everyone using hoses to water their gardens and fill up pools. So we have not been able to maintain the levels in our reservoirs"

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One furious Meredale resident, James Patterson, who had no water yesterday morning, said it was shocking that the council had allowed such a situation to develop

"In all my years in Johannesburg, in the last

drought and even during the war, we never had water run out like this. How could the council let it happen?" STAR 7/2/92

Rand Water Board spokesman Louise Fourie said it appeared as if central Johannesburg and Walkerville had been the worst affected because there had been little rain

Jo'burg STAR 7/2/92 may face water curbs

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

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Johannesburg could face water restrictions if the crippling heatwave continues and summer rains stay away.

Residents of two southern suburbs, without water for more than a day because a reservoir has run dry, have begun collecting water in buckets from emergency water points.

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday said residents of the higher-lying parts of Meredale, and Naturena, could collect water from two points — one a fire hydrant and the other a tap — until the Eagles Nest reservoir had been filled.

These are at Meredale Primary School, corner Maureen and Murray streets; and in Naturena at the intersection of Jan de Necker and Malta streets.

Further south, residents in Walkerville, Orange Farm and Ennerdale are also without water. Extra pumps have been brought into operation to increase the supply.

Reservoirs in Linksfield, Parktown, Hurst Hill and Brixton were on the danger list, the council warned. It urged residents to save water. "If the public do not respond to our appeal, we will have to consider water restrictions," said Johannesburg acting director of water, Wally Papendorf.

On Wednesday, the Rand Water Board recorded its highest demand for water —

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 396

7 Februarie 1992

MUNISIPALITEIT VAN ORKNEY

**VERORDENINGE BETREFFENDE
VASTE AFVAL EN SANITEIT**

Die Stadsklerk van Orkney publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No. 17 van 1939), die Verordeninge hierna uiteengesit.

HOOFSTUK I

Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie Verordeninge, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“**aanstootlike afval**” afval wat toksies, gevaarlik, nadelig of skadelik is of wat die omgewing kan besoedel of wat ontstaan as gevolg van 'n vervaardigingsproses of die voorafbehandeling vir wegdoendoeleindes van myn- of bedryfsvloeiaval, wat ingevolge die Raad se Rioleringsverordeninge nie in 'n perseel of straatrool gestort mag word nie;

“**besigheidsafval**” afval wat op enige perseel ontstaan wat met gemak en sonder beskadiging van die houer daarin verwyder kan word, met inbegrip van tuinafval maar uitgesonderd bouersafval, lywige afval, huisafval of aanstootlike afval,

“**bouersafval**” afval wat slegs weens slopings-, uitgrawings- of boubedrywighede op 'n perseel ontstaan,

“**eienaar**” 'n eienaar soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939. Met dien verstande dat die “eienaar” van 'n perseel wat gehou word ingevolge die Deeltitelregister wat ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet op Deeltitels, 1971, geopen is, die regs persoon is wat by die Wet omskryf word;

“**gelde**” die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad, by spesiale besluit, ingevolge artikel 80B van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, vasgestel,

“**houer**” 'n vullishouer soos deur die Raad bepaal en goedgekeur en wat deur die Raad gratis of teen 'n vasgestelde tarief of teen heersende pryse of 'n huurtarief, voorsien kan word,

“**huisafval**” afval wat normaalweg op die persele van private woonhuise wat uitsluitlik vir woondoelindes gebruik word, ontstaan en wat met gemak en sonder die beskadiging van die houer, daarin verwyder kan word, en wat tuinafval insluit;

respect a contravention of the provisions of this section, and the person who displayed any such advertisement or caused, permitted or suffered it to be displayed shall be liable to refund to the Council the cost to be assessed and deducted by the council from the deposit made, of the said removal and destruction, and in addition shall be guilty of an offence.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 396

7 February 1992

MUNICIPALITY OF ORKNEY

**BY-LAWS RELATING TO SOLID
WASTE AND SANITARY**

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

CHAPTER I

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"openbare plek" 'n publieke plek soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939,

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

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

HOOFSTUK II

VERWYDERING VAN AFVAL

Die Raad se diens

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

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

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

Kennisgewing aan die Raad

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

(a) dat die perseel geokkupeer word,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"public place" has the same meaning as defined in the Local Government Ordinance, 1939

CHAPTER II

REMOVAL OF REFUSE

The Council's service

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

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

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

Notice to the Council

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

(a) that the premises are being occupied,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Verskaffing van houers

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

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

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

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

Plasing van houers

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The owner or occupier of premises on which refuse is generated shall, in a manner as determined by the Council, furnish the Council with all the particulars required by the Council in regard to the composition of the refuse. ~~216~~ 127

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

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

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

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

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

Provision of containers

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

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

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

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

Placing of containers

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) Ondanks enige andersluidende bepaling kan die Raad—

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

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

Gebruik en versorging van houters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Use and care of containers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wegdoening van bouersafval

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Disposal of builders refuse

9. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), all builders refuse shall be deposited at the sites as pointed out by the Council

(2) For the purpose of reclamation of land, builders refuse may with the written consent of the Council be deposited at a place other than the Council's refuse disposal sites.

(3) Any consent given in terms of subsection (2) shall be subject to such conditions as the Council may deem necessary. Provided that in giving or refusing its consent or in laying down conditions, the Council shall have regard to the following.

- (a) Public safety.
- (b) The environment of the proposed disposal site
- (c) The suitability of the area including the drainage thereof
- (d) The expected manner and time of depositing of refuse at the site.
- (e) The levelling of the site
- (f) Dust control
- (g) Other relevant factors.

CHAPTER V**OBJECTIONAL REFUSE*****Notification of generation of objectionable refuse***

10. (1) The owner or occupier of premises on which objectionable refuse is generated, shall inform the Council of the composition thereof, the quantity generated, how it is stored and how and when it will be removed

(2) If so required by the Council, the notification referred to in subsection (1) shall be substantiated by an analyses certified by a duly qualified industrial chemist or a person nominated by the Council

(3) Die Raad of iemand wat deur die Raad behoorlik daartoe gemagtig is, kan onderworpe aan die bepalinge van artikel 72 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, 'n perseel te enige redelike tyd betree ten einde vas te stel of aanstootlike afval op so 'n perseel ontstaan, om monsters te neem en om afval wat op die perseel gevind word te toets om vas te stel waaruit dit bestaan

(4) Die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel waarop aanstootlike afval ontstaan moet die Raad verwittig van enige verandering in die samestelling en die hoeveelheid afval wat daarna mag ontstaan

Opberging van aanstootlike afval

11. (1) Die persoon waarna daar in artikel 10 (1) verwys word, moet sorg dat die aanstootlike afval wat op die perseel ontstaan, ingevolge subartikel (2) op die perseel gehou en opgeberg word totdat dit ingevolge artikel 12 van die perseel af verwyder word.

(2) Aanstootlike afval wat op 'n perseel opgeberg word, moet op so 'n wyse opgeberg word dat dit nie 'n oorlas veroorsaak of die omgewing besoedel nie.

(3) Indien aanstootlike afval nie ingevolge subartikel (2) op die perseel waarop dit ontstaan opgeberg word nie, kan die Raad die eienaar of okkupant van die perseel gelas om sodanige afval binne 'n redelike tydperk te verwyder en indien die afval nie binne die tydperk verwyder is nie, kan die Raad dit self of deur middel van 'n kontrakteur op koste van die eienaar of okkupant verwyder.

Verwydering van aanstootlike afval

12. (1) Niemand mag, sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad of op 'n wyse anders as deur die Raad bepaal, aanstootlike afval van die perseel waarop dit ontstaan het, verwyder of wegdoen nie.

(2) Die Raad kan ingevolge subartikel (1) toestemming verleen onderworpe aan voorwaardes wat hy nodig mag ag: Met dien verstande dat wanneer die Raad voorwaardes stel, die volgende in ag geneem moet word:

(a) Die samestelling van die aanstootlike afval.

(b) Die geskiktheid van die voertuig en die houer wat gebruik sal word.

(c) Die plek waar die afval gestort gaan word.

(d) Bewys aan die Raad van sodanige storting

(3) Tensy die Raad daarvan oortuig is dat die persoon wat om toestemming aansoek doen, bevoeg is om die aanstootlike afval te verwyder, oor die uitrusting wat vir die verwydering van die aanstootlike afval nodig is, beskik, en aan die voorwaardes van die Raad kan voldoen, verleen die Raad nie toestemming ingevolge subartikel (1) nie.

(4) Die persoon waarna in artikel 10 (1) verwys word, moet die Raad so dikwels as wat die Raad mag bepaal, met inagneming van die inligting wat ingevolge artikel 10 (1) aan die Raad verstrek moet word, inlig in verband met die verwydering van aanstootlike afval, die identiteit van die verwyderaar, die verwyderingsdatum, die hoeveelheid en die samestelling van die aanstootlike afval wat verwyder word.

(5) Enige persoon wat die bepalinge van hierdie artikel oortree is skuldig aan 'n misdryf in terme van artikel 24.

(3) Subject to the provisions of section 72 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, the Council or any person duly authorized by the Council may enter premises at any reasonable time to ascertain whether objectionable refuse is generated on such premises and may take samples and test any refuse found on the premises to ascertain its composition

(4) The owner or occupier of premises on which objectionable refuse is generated, shall notify the Council of any changes in the composition and quantity of the objectionable refuse occurring thereafter

Storing of objectionable refuse

11. (1) The person referred to in section 10 (1) shall ensure that the objectionable refuse generated on the premises shall be kept and stored thereon in terms of subsection (2) until it is removed from the premises in terms of section 12.

(2) Objectionable refuse stored on premises shall be stored in such manner that it does not cause a nuisance or pollute the environment

(3) If objectionable refuse is not stored in terms of subsection (2) on the premises on which it is generated, the Council may order the owner or occupier of the premises to remove such refuse within a reasonable time and, if thereafter the refuse is not removed within such time, the Council may by itself or through a contractor remove it at the expense of the owner or occupier.

Removal of objectionable refuse

12. (1) No person shall remove or dispose of objectionable refuse from the premises on which it was generated without or otherwise than in terms of the written consent of the Council.

(2) The council may give its consent in terms of subsection (1) subject to such conditions as it may deem fit: Provided that in laying down conditions the council shall have regard to the following:

(a) The composition of the objectionable refuse.

(b) The suitability of the vehicle and container to be used.

(c) The place where the refuse shall be deposited

(d) Proof to the Council of such depositing.

(3) Unless it is satisfied that the person applying for consent is competent and has the equipment to remove the objectionable refuse and to comply with the conditions laid down by the Council, the Council shall not give its consent in terms of subsection (1)

(4) The person referred to in section 10 (1) shall inform the Council, at such intervals as the Council may determine, having regard to the information to be given to the Council in terms of section 10 (1) of the removal of objectionable refuse, the identity of the remover the date of such removal, the quantity and the composition of the objectionable refuse removed

(5) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section is guilty of an offence in terms of section 24.

HOOFSTUK VI STORTTERREINE

Procedure by stortterreine

13. (1) Iemand wat 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, met die doel om afval te stort, betree, moet—

(a) die stortterrein slegs by die gemagtigde ingangsplek binnegaan;

(b) al die besonderhede wat die Raad betreffende die samestelling van die afval vereis, verstrek;

(c) alle opdragte van die Raad in verband met toegang tot die werklike stortplek, die plek waar en die manier waarop die afval gestort moet word, nakom.

(2) Niemand mag bedwelmende drank na 'n stortterrein wat onder toesig van die Raad staan, bring nie

(3) Niemand mag 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, binnegaan nie, behalwe met die doel om afval ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge te stort en dan slegs op die tye wat die Raad van tyd tot tyd bepaal.

(4) Niemand wat aanstootlike afval, besigheidsafval, bouersafval, huisafval, lywige afval of tuinafval vir enige gewin vervoer of vir gewin 'n diens vir die verwydering van sodanige afval lewer mag sodanige afval op 'n stortterrein wat deur die Raad beheer word, stort sonder die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad nie.

(5) Niemand mag enige afval, anders as afval soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad bepaal, op 'n stortterrein waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, stort nie.

Eiendomsreg op afval

14. (1) Alle afval en plastiese voerings wat die Raad verwyder en alle afval op afvalstortterreine waaroor die Raad beheer uitoefen, is die eiendom van die Raad en niemand wat nie behoorlik deur die Raad daartoe gemagtig is nie, mag dit verwyder of hom daarmee bemoei nie

(2) Slegs afval afkomstig van persele wat binne die regsgebied van die Raad gelee is, mag op die Raad se stortterreine gestort word

HOOFSTUK VII

ROMMELSTROOIERY, STORTING EN VERWANTE AANGELEENTHEDE

Rommelstrooiery

15. (1) Niemand mag—

(a) afval in of op 'n openbare plek, lee standplaas, lee erf, stroom of waterloop gooi, laat val, stort of mors nie,

(b) afval in 'n straatvoor op 'n openbare plek invee nie;

(c) iemand oor wie hy beheer uitoefen, toelaat om enigiets waarna daar in paragrawe (a) en (b) verwys word, te doen nie

(2) Vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel word dit geag dat iemand die daad waarna daar in subartikel (1) verwys word, deur diegene waaroor hy beheer uitoefen, toegelaat het, tensy die teendeel bewys word.

Storting

16. (1) Behoudens enige andersluidende bepalings van hierdie Verordeninge mag niemand enigiets op 'n plek laat, of toelaat dat enigiets waaroor hy beheer voer, gelaat word op 'n plek waarheen dit gebring is met die doel om dit daar te laat nie

CHAPTER VI DISPOSAL SITES

Procedure at disposal sites

13. (1) Any person who, for the purpose of disposing of refuse, enters a refuse disposal site controlled by the Council, shall—

(a) enter the disposal site at an authorised access point only;

(b) give the Council all the particulars required in regard to the refuse;

(c) follow all instructions given to him by the Council with regard to access to the actual disposal point, the place where and the manner in which the refuse should be deposited

(2) No person shall bring any intoxicating liquor onto a disposal site controlled by the Council.

(3) No person shall enter a disposal site controlled by the Council for any purpose other than the depositing of refuse in terms of these By-laws and then only at such times as the Council may determine from time to time.

(4) No person transporting for gain or rendering a service for the removal of builders refuse, bulky refuse, business refuse, domestic refuse, garden refuse or objectionable refuse or gain shall dispose of such refuse on any refuse disposal site controlled by the Council without the written permission of the Council

(5) No person shall dispose of any refuse other than refuse as required by the Council from time to time on a refuse disposal site controlled by the Council.

Ownership of refuse

14. (1) All refuse and containers removed by the Council and all refuse on disposal sites controlled by the Council shall be the property of the Council and no person who is not duly authorized by the Council to do so, shall remove or interfere therewith.

(2) Only refuse generated on premises situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Council, may be deposited on the Council's disposal sites.

CHAPTER VII

LITTERING, DUMPING AND ANCILLARY MATTERS

Littering

15. (1) No person shall—

(a) throw, let fall, deposit or spill any refuse into or onto any public place, vacant stand, vacant erf, street or watercourse,

(b) sweep any refuse into a gutter on a public place;

(c) allow any person under his control to do any of the acts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b),

(2) for the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to have allowed the acts referred to in subsection (1) of persons under his control, unless the contrary is proved

Dumping

16. (1) Subject to any provisions to the contrary contained in these By-laws, no person shall abandon anything or allow anything under his control to be abandoned at a place to which it has been brought with the intention of abandoning it there.

(2) As daar bewys is dat so iemand iets gelaat het, of toegelaat het dat dit gelaat word op 'n plek waarvan hy nie die eienaar of okkupant is nie, word dit geag dat hy die bepalings van subartikel (1) oortree het, tensy en totdat die teendeel bewys is

Goed wat laat vaar is

17. Enigiets, behalwe 'n voertuig wat ingevolge artikel 131 van die Ordonnansie op Padverkeer, 1966, as laat vaar beskou word, wat met inagneming van faktore soos die plek waar dit gevind is, die tydperk wat dit op so 'n plek gelaat is en die aard en toestand daarvan, redelikerwys deur die Raad as laat vaar beskou word, kan na goeë dunde van die Raad verwyder en weggedoen word.

Aanspreeklikheid van verantwoordelike persoon

18. (1) As die Raad enigiets ingevolge artikel 17 verwyder en weggedoen het, is die verantwoordelike persoon teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van gelde ten opsigte van sodanige verwydering en wegdoening.

(2) Vir die toepassing van subartikel (1) is die verantwoordelike persoon—

(a) die eienaar van die goed en dit sluit iemand in wat daarop geregtig is om dit kragtens 'n huurkoop-ooreenkoms of 'n huurkontrak in sy besit te hê toe dit laat vaar is of op die plek geplaas is waarvandaan dit verwyder is, tensy hy kan bewys dat hy nie geweet het dat dit laat vaar of daar geplaas is nie;

(b) iemand wat dit op die plek waarvan dit verwyder is, gelaat het, of

(c) iemand wat wetend toegelaat het dat dit op die plek waarvan dit verwyder is, gelaat is

HOOFSTUK VIII

ALGEMENE BEPALINGS

Toegang tot 'n perseel

19. (1) Waar die Raad 'n afvalverwyderingsdiens lewer, moet die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel aan die Raad toegang verleen en sorg dat niks die Raad in die lewering van sodanige diens dwarsboom, fruik of hinder nie.

(2) Waar na die mening van die Raad, die lewering van 'n afvalverwyderingsdiens aan 'n perseel skade aan enige eiendom of besering aan enige persoon kan veroorsaak, kan die Raad as 'n voorwaarde vir die lewering van sodanige diens, vereis dat die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel die Raad skriftelik vrywaar ten opsigte van sodanige skade of besering of enige eis wat daaruit mag voortspruit

Hoe dikwels verwydering geskied en aard van afval

20. Ondanks enige andersluidende bepaling, bepaal die Raad hoe dikwels verwydering moet geskied en wat die aard van enige afval is

Ophoping van afval

21. Waar enige afval op 'n perseel ophoop, sodat dit, na die mening van die Raad, verwyder moet word, kan die Raad sodanige afval verwyder en is die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir sodanige verwydering en wegdoening.

(2) Once it has been proved that such person left a thing or allowed a thing to be left at a place of which he is not the owner or occupier, he shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of subsection (1), unless and until the contrary is proved

Abandoned things

17. Anything other than a vehicle deemed to have been abandoned in terms of section 131 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1966, which is, having regard to such factors as the place where it is found, the period it has been left at such place and nature and condition thereof, reasonably regarded by the Council as having been abandoned, may be removed and disposed of by the Council as it may deem fit

Liability of responsible person

18. (1) Where anything has been removed and disposed of by the Council in terms of section 17, the responsible person shall be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge in respect of such removal and disposal

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the responsible person shall be—

(a) the owner of the thing and shall include any person who is entitled to be in possession thereof by virtue of a hire purchase agreement or an agreement of lease at the time when it was abandoned or left in the place from which it was removed unless he can prove that he was not concerned in and did not know of it being abandoned or left in such place,

(b) any person by whom it was left in place from which it was removed; or

(c) any person who knowingly permitted that the thing be left in the place from which it was removed

CHAPTER VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Access to premises

19. (1) Where the Council provides a refuse removal service, the owner or occupier of premises shall grant the Council access to the premises and shall ensure that nothing obstructs, frustrates or hinders the Council in the rendering of such service

(2) Where in the opinion of the Council the rendering of a refuse collection service to a premises may cause damage to any property or injury to any person, the Council, may as a condition of rendering such service require the owner or occupier of such premises to indemnify the Council in writing in respect of any such damage or injury or any claim which may arise in respect thereof

Frequency of removal and nature of refuse

20. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary the Council shall determine the frequency of the removal and the nature of any refuse

Accumulation of refuse

21. Where any refuse accumulates on any premises so that, in the opinion of the Council, it must be removed, the Council may remove such refuse and the owner or occupier of such premises shall be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge for such removal and disposal

Aansoek om die staking van 'n diens

22. (1) 'n Aansoek om die staking van 'n diens wat ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge gelewer word, moet deur die eienaar of okkupant van 'n perseel of hul gevolmagtigde skriftelik of op enige ander wyse soos deur die Raad bepaal, gedoen word.

(2) Ondanks die bepalings van subartikel (1) word 'n diens ten opsigte van die verwydering van huis- of besigheidsafval nie gestaak nie, alvorens 'n skriftelike kennisgewing van die eienaar van 'n perseel deur die Raad ontvang is dat sodanige afval nie meer op die perseel ontstaan nie, of indien dit vir die Raad blyk dat sodanige afval nie meer op die perseel ontstaan nie.

Gelde

23. (1) Die persoon aan wie die Raad 'n diens ingevolge hierdie verordeninge gelewer het, is behoudens andersluidende bepalings van hierdie Verordeninge, teenoor die Raad aanspreeklik vir die betaling van die gelde vir sodanige diens

(2) Die maandelikse gelde is betaalbaar totdat die Raad die kennisgewing wat in artikel 22 genoem word, ontvang of dit vir die Raad duidelik blyk dat daar nie meer huis- of besigheidsafval op die perseel ontstaan nie

(3) Vir die doeleindes van die berekening van die maandelikse gelde betaalbaar ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge, beteken "maand" 'n kalendermaand. Met dien verstande dat 'n gedeelte van 'n maand as 'n volle maand beskou word

(4) Die Raad het te eniger tyd die reg om gelde ten opsigte van 'n diens wat ingevolge hierdie Verordeninge aan enige perseel gelewer word, te hef, alhoewel daar geen aansoek vir die eienaar of okkupant van sodanige perseel vir die lewering van die diens, deur die Raad ontvang is nie

(5) Iemand wat die gelde wat gehef is ten opsigte van dienste deur die Raad gelewer, later as die datum soos op die Raad se amptelike rekening aangedui, betaal, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf

Strafbepaling

24. (1) Enige persoon wat enige bepaling van hierdie Verordeninge oortree of versuim om daaraan te voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R300 of gevangenisstraf vir 'n tydperk van hoogstens ses maande of met beide sodanige boete en sodanige gevangenisstraf

(2) Enige persoon wat voortgaan om 'n bepaling van hierdie Verordeninge te oortree of te versuim om daaraan te voldoen, begaan ten aansien van elke tydperk van 24 uur of gedeelte daarvan, wat die oortreding voortduur, 'n afsonderlike misdryf, strafbaar soos omskryf in subartikel (1) ten opsigte van elke sodanige oortreding

Herroeping van Verordeninge

25. Die Verordeninge betreffende Vaste Afval en Saniteit van die Munisipaliteit van Orkney, afgekondig by Administrateurskennisgewing No 1407 van 20 September 1978, soos gewysig, word hierby herroep

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Application for the discontinuing of a service

22. (1) An application for the discontinuing of a service rendered in terms of these By-laws shall be made in writing or in any other manner as determined by the Council, by the owner or occupier or their authorized agent

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), a service for the removal of domestic or business refuse shall not be discontinued unless the Council has received a written notification from the owner of a premises that no such refuse is generated on the premises or unless it is obvious to the Council that no such refuse is generated on the premises.

Charges

23. (1) The person to whom a service mentioned in these By-laws has been rendered by the Council shall, save where otherwise provided in these By-laws be liable to the Council for the payment of the tariff charge in respect of such service.

(2) The monthly tariff charges shall be payable until receipt by the Council of the notice mentioned in section 22 or when it has become obvious to the Council that the generation of domestic or business refuse on the premises has ceased.

(3) For the purpose of calculating the monthly tariff charges payable in terms of these By-laws, "month" means a calendar month. Provided that a portion of a month shall be regarded as a full month

(4) The Council shall have the right at any time to levy tariff charges in respect of a service rendered to any premises in terms of these By-laws, although the Council has not received an application to render such service from the owner or occupier of such premises

(5) Any person who pays the charges levied in respect of services rendered by the Council later than the date reflected on the Council's official account, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty clause

24. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these By-laws shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding R300 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(2) Any person continuing to contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these By-laws, shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offence for every 24 hours or part of such period during which the offence continues and shall be liable as set out in subsection (1) in respect of each such separate offence

Repeal of By-laws

25. The By-laws relating to Solid Waste and Sanitary of the Orkney Municipality, promulgated under Administrator's Notice No 1407 dated 20 September 1978, as amended, are hereby repealed

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DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE

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MUNISIPALITEIT VAN KOSMOS

REGULASIES BETREFFENDE SLUMS

Die Stadsklerk van Kosmos publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), die Regulasies hierna uiteengesit

Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie Regulasies, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, het 'n woord of uitdrukking waaraan 'n betekenis in die Slumswet, No 76 van 1979, geheg is, daardie betekenis en beteken—

“**bewoner**” in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon,
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon, of
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**gesin**” 'n volwasse man of vrou wat alleen of saam as man en vrou woon, saam met of sonder enige afhanklike kinders of saam met die ouers van enigeen van hulle,

“**Nasionale Bouregulasies**” die regulasies afgekondig in die *Staatskoerant* 9613 gedateer 1 Maart 1985, soos gewysig,

“**Raad**” die Dorpsraad van Kosmos,

“**verblyfsonderneming**” 'n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting met een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word

Verhuring en bewoning van perseel

2. Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestande voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

(1) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 11,3 m³ vryelugruimte en 3,7 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 5,7 m³ vryelugruimte en 1,9 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon jonger as 10 jaar toelaat nie, en

(2) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trapportaal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motorhuis, stal, tent, pak-kamer, afdak, skuur, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte en ooreenkomstig regulasie A25 (1) van die Nasionale Bouregulasies goedgekeur is.

3. Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

(1) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaap-akkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teenoorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10

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MUNICIPALITY OF KOSMOS

REGULATIONS RELATING TO SLUMS

The Town Clerk of Kosmos hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes the Regulations set forth hereinafter

Definitions

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned by the Slums Act, No 76 of 1979, shall have that meaning and—

“**accommodation establishment**” means, premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons;

“**Council**” means, the Village Council of Kosmos;

“**family**” means, an adult male or female living either alone or together as man and wife, with or without any dependant children or the parents of either of them;

“**National Building Regulations**” means the regulations promulgated in the *Government Gazette* 9613 dated 1 March 1985, as amended,

“**occupier**” in relation to any premises means—

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises; or,
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises; or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown.

Letting and occupation of premises

2. No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

(1) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons than will allow 11,3 m³ of free air space and 3,7 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 5,7 m³ of free air space and 1,9 m² of floor space for each person less than 10 years of age; and

(2) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, storeroom, shed, cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its use for that purpose has been approved by the Medical Officer of Health and in accordance with regulation A25 (1) of the National Building Regulations

3. No person shall let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

(1) No premises or part thereof shall be occupied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of the opposite

jaar, met uitsondering van persone wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertrekke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteenmure of afskortings geskei word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte stewig en toereikend is nie

(2) Alle persele moet voorsien word van akkommodasie vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertrekke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike akkommodasie ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte dit vereis.

Ablusiegeriewe

4. (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stortbaddens, elk geskik gelee in 'n afsonderlike kompartement wat geredelik toeganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies, in sodanige getalle wat ingevolge regulasie P2 (1) (a) van die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word. Met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

(2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike en voldoende voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar is vir die bewoners daarvan.

Basiese lewensvereistes

5. Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

(1) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van ligte en ventilasie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies,

(2) versuim om toe te laat dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang inbreuk maak nie, soos vereis deur hierdie Regulasies of die Nasionale Bouregulasies,

(3) versuim om toe te sien dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie. Met dien verstande egter dat vir die toepassing van hierdie regulasies—

(a) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of

(b) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon as een persoon beskou word,

(4) versuim om toe te sien dat in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg in stand gehou word nie, soos wat ingevolge regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word

sex over 10 years of age other than person living together as husband and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, separated from one another by brick walls or partitions, the construction of which are substantial and adequate in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health. (127) ~~127~~

(2) All premises shall be provided with accommodation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately. Provided that separate accommodation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Medical Officer of Health.

Ablution facilities

4. (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower baths, each suitable placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with waste pipes in accordance with the National Building Regulations, in such numbers as are required by regulation P2 (1) (a) of the National Building Regulations: Provided that a bath fitted with a waste pipe in accordance with the National Building Regulations, may be substituted for each shower.

(2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof.

Basic living requirements

5. No owner of any premises shall—

(1) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided separately with any other room, with light and ventilation in accordance with the National Building Regulations,

(2) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, build-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these Regulations or the National Building Regulations,

(3) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food. Provided however, that for the purposes of these regulations—

(a) two children of 10 years or under, or

(b) two persons living together as man and wife, shall be deemed to be one person,

(4) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained as is required by regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations.

6. (1) Wanneer die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte ook al van mening is dat enige grond of perseel of gedeelte daarvan ongesond, onhygienies of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is, of nie in 'n skoon toestand is of nie goed in stand gehou word nie of dat dit waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees, mag die mediese gesondheidsbeampte 'n kennisgewing op die eienaar of bewoner van sodanige grond of perseel beteken waarnaar daar van hom vereis word om binne 'n tydperk wat in sodanige kennisgewing gespesifiseer word—

(a) die gebruik van sodanige grond of perseel vir menslike bewoning te staak; en/of

(b) sodanige stappe te doen as wat die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte in die kennisgewing spesifiseer.

(2) Enige persoon wat versuim om aan die bepalings van 'n kennisgewing ingevolge subregulasie (1) (a) te voldoen, begaan 'n misdryf.

(3) Wanneer die eienaar of bewoner tot voldoening van die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte die stappe gedoen het wat in subregulasie (1) (b) gespesifiseer word, moet die Mediese Gesondheidsbeampte 'n sertifikaat uitreik waarby sodanige kennisgewing herroep en die gebruik van sodanige grond of perseel toegelaat word.

Verblyfondernemings

7. (1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming oor afsonderlike ablu-siegeriewe vir elke geslag beskik en moet toegerus wees met—

(a) een bad of stort; en

(b) een handwasbak,

ooreenkomstig regulasie P2 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies: Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word.

(2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor dit bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees.

Algemene vereistes

8. Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

(1) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlike werkende toestand hou,

(2) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou,

(3) doeltreffende maatreels tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiers, vlieë of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou;

(4) toesien dat elke muur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanige geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word.

9. (1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

(a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektrisiteitstoever vir verligting en krag het, en

6. (1) Whenever the Medical Officer of Health is of the opinion that any land or premises or part thereof is unhealthy, unhygienic, unfit for human habitation not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the person occupying it, the Medical Officer of Health may serve a notice on the owner or occupier of such land or premises requiring him to—

(a) cease to use such land or premises for human habitation; and/or 127 ~~127~~

(b) take such measures as the Medical Officer of Health may specify in the notice within a time specified in such notice.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with the terms of a notice in terms of subregulation (1) (a) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) When the owner or occupier has taken the measures specified in subregulation (1) (b) to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health, the Medical Officer of Health shall issue a certificate rescinding such notice and permitting the use of such land or premises.

Accommodation establishment

7. (1) The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—

(a) one bath or shower; and

(b) one wash hand basin,

in accordance with regulation P2 of the National Building Regulations: Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex

(2) Every bathroom, shower compartment and water closet shall be clearly designated for the sex for which it is intended: Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments, or water closets have been installed on the premises the entrance to each series shall bear such designation.

General requirements

8. The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

(1) keep all sanitary fittings, boilers, lighting and fire extinguish equipment at all times in proper working order;

(2) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter;

(3) take adequate measures to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin;

(4) ensure that every wall, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the painted area remains clean and in a good state of repair.

9. (1) Where an electrical connection is available to a premises, then no person may occupy such premises unless—

(a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity of lighting and power, and

(b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word.

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

(a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan; en

(b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker, ooreenkomstig regulasie A15 van die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

Strawwe

10. (1) Enige persoon wat enige bepalings van hierdie Regulasies oortree of versuim om daaraan te voldoen of wat in verstek is wat die voldoening daaraan betref is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R200.

(2) Indien 'n persoon skuldig is aan 'n misdryf ingevolge subregulasie (1) maak enige voortsetting van die oortreding na sodanige skuldigbevinding 'n nuwe misdryf uit.

Bestek van Regulasies

11. Die bepalings van hierdie Regulasies is van toepassing in die hele sone van die munisipale gebied van Kosmos.

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Stadsklerk.

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KOSMOS
0261

(b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting.

(2) Where a lift has been installed on the premises, the owner shall ensure—

(a) its continuous safe functioning; and

(b) its availability to occupiers of the premises, in accordance with regulation A15 of the National Building Regulations.

Penalties

10. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these Regulations or who is in default complying therewith shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding R200.

(2) Whenever any person has been convicted of an offence under subregulation (1), any continuation of the contravention after such conviction shall constitute a new offence.

Scope of Regulations

11. The provisions of these Regulations are applicable in the whole of the zone comprising the municipal area of Kosmos.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN FINANSIES

No. R. 372

7 Februarie 1992

DOEANE- EN AKSYNSWET, 1964

WYSIGING VAN BYLAE No. 1 (No. 1/1/437)

Kragtens artikel 48 van die Doeane- en Aksynswet, 1964, word Deel 1 van Bylae No. 1 by genoemde Wet hiermee gewysig in die mate in die Bylae hiervan aangetoon.

J. A. VAN WYK,
Adjunkminister van Finansies.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

No. R. 372

7 February 1992

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ACT, 1964

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE No. 1 (No. 1/1/437)

Under section 48 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 to the said Act is hereby amended to the extent set out in the Schedule hereto.

J. A. VAN WYK,
Deputy Minister of Finance.

BYLAE

Pos	Subpos	T S	Artikel Beskrywing	Statistiese Eenheid	Skaal van Reg	Annotasies
85 04	"8504 40	8	Deur subpos No 8504 40 deur die volgende te vervang: Stadiese konvertors	getal	vry"	
85 32	"8532 2		Deur subposte Nos 8532 2, 8532 30 en 8532 90 deur die volgende te vervang Ander vaste kapasitors			
	8532 21	6	Tantaal	getal	vry	
	8532 22	2	Aluminium elektrolities	getal	vry	
	8532 23	9	Keramiekdielektries, enkellaag	getal	vry	
	8532 24	5	Keramiekdielektries, veellaag	getal	vry	
	8532 25	9	Diëlektries van papier of plastieke	getal	vry	
	8532 29	7	Ander	getal	vry	
	8532 30	4	Reëlbare of verstelbare (voorafgestelde) kapasitors	getal	vry	
	8532 90	1	Onderdele		vry"	
85 33 en 85 34			Deur poste Nos 85 33 en 8534 deur die volgende te vervang			

ononderbroke vir langer as ses maande vertoon word nie "

P. G. PRETORIUS,

Stadsklerk.

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 394

7 Februarie 1992

STADSRAAD VAN HARTBEESPOORT

**AANNAME VAN STANDAARDVERORDENINGE
BETREFFENDE OPENBARE GERIEWE**

Die Stadsklerk van Hartbeespoort publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), dat die Stadsraad van Hartbeespoort die Standaardverordeninge betreffende Openbare Geriewe afgekondig by Offisiele Kennisgewing No 60 gedateer 14 September 1990, ingevolge artikel 96*bis* (2) van genoemde Ordonnansie, sonder wysiging aangeneem het as Verordeninge wat deur genoemde Stadsraad opgestel is.

J. A. SCHEEPERS,

Waarnemende Stadsklerk.

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**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 395

7 Februarie 1992

STADSRAAD VAN ORKNEY

**AANNAME VAN VERORDENINGE
BETREFFENDE PLAKKATE**

Die Stadsklerk van Orkney publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No 17 van 1939), die Verordeninge hierna uiteengesit

Woordomsrywings

1. In hierdie Verordeninge, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“gelde” die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad by spesiale besluit, ingevolge artikel 80B van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, bepaal,

“plakkaat” enige kennisgewing, advertensie, aankondiging, toestel of ander materiaal of voorwerp waarop skrif, letters, syfers of illustrasies aangebring is met die doel om direk of indirek reklame te maak vir, inligting te verskaf oor of die publiek aan te lok na enige plek, openbare vertoning, vergadering of ander gebeurtenis wat op 'n bepaalde tyd en plek sal plaasvind, en sluit 'n banier in,

these signs shall not be displayed for longer than six months at a time ”.

P. G. PRETORIUS,

Town Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 394

7 February 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF HARTBEESPOORT

**ADOPTION OF STANDARD PUBLIC
AMENITIES BY-LAWS**

The Town Clerk of Hartbeespoort hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes that the Town Council of Hartbeespoort has adopted without amendment in terms of section 96*bis* (2) of the said Ordinance the Standard Public Amenities By-laws, promulgated under Official Notice No 60 dated 14 September 1990, as By-laws made by the said Town Council

J. A. SCHEEPERS,

Acting Town Clerk.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

No. R. 395

7 February 1992

TOWN COUNCIL OF ORKNEY

**ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS
RELATING TO POSTERS**

The Town Clerk of Orkney hereby, in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939 (Ordinance No 17 of 1939), publishes the By-laws set forth hereinafter

Definitions

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

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

“Council” means, the Town Council of Orkney this Council's management Committee acting under the powers delegated to it in terms of section 58 of the Local Government Ordinance (Administration and Elections), 1960 (Ordinance 40 of 1960), and any officer of the Council to whom the Committee has been empowered by the Council in terms of subsection (3) of the said section to delegate, and has in fact delegated the powers, functions and duties vested in the Council in relation to these by-laws,

"Raad" die Stadsraad van Orkney die Raad se Bestuurskomitee wat handel kragtens die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge die bepalinge van artikel 58 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Administrasie en Verkiesings), 1960 (Ordonnansie No. 40 van 1960), aan hom gedelegeer is, en enige beampte aan wie die Komitee ingevolge die bepalinge van subartikel (3) van genoemde artikel, op gesag van die Raad, die bevoegdhede, funksies en pligte wat ten opsigte van hierdie verordeninge by die Raad berus, kan deleger, en dit inderdaad gedelegeer het,

"straat" enige openbare straat, laan, sygaardjie, publieke oop ruimte of park binne die Munisipaliteit van Orkney

2. Niemand mag in of in sig van 'n straat of ander openbare plek binne die gebied wat deur die Raad van tyd tot tyd omskryf word, 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie (die uitdrukking omvat in hierdie artikel enige advertensie-toestel) vertoon, laat vertoon, toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word nie met die doel om 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid vir sport-, opvoedkundige, liefdadigheds-, politieke of ander doeleindes, of om iemand se kandidaatskap of nominasie vir of ander belang by, 'n Parlements-, Transvaalse Provinsiale Raads- of 'n Raadsverkiesing te adverteer nie

3. Niemand mag in of in sig van 'n straat of 'n ander openbare plek buite die gebied soos deur die Raad van tyd tot tyd omskryf word en binne die munisipaliteit 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie, soos dit in artikel 2 beskryf word, vertoon of laat vertoon, toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word nie, tensy hy eers die skriftelike toestemming van die Raad, wat deur die ingenieur onderteken moet word, verkry het. Met dien verstande dat geen toestemming verleen word om 'n plakkaat of ander soortgelyke advertensie te vertoon wat betrekking het op 'n handelonderneming of -bedrywigheid of op enige bedrywigheid wat na die mening van die ingenieur allereers of hoofsaaklik van 'n kommersieele aard is nie

4. Enige persoon wat uit hoofde van 'n toestemming wat ingevolge artikel 3 verleen is, in 'n straat of ander openbare plek 'n plakkaat of 'n ander advertensie vertoon, laat vertoon of duld dat dit vertoon word, moet aan die volgende vereistes voldoen of sorg dat dit nagekom word:

(a) Die plakkaat of ander advertensie moet, op so 'n wyse aan 'n netjiese en sterk bord van hout of 'n ander geskikte materiaal wat deur die ingenieur goedgekeur moet word, bevestig word, dat dit nie vanwee wind of reen heeltemal of gedeelteklik los sal raak nie, en nóg die bord of ander materiaal, nóg die plakkaat of advertensie self mag groter as 900 mm by 600 mm wees

(b) 'n Bord of materiaal soos ingevolge subartikel (a) voorgeskryf, mag nie geplaas word op of teen of bevestig word aan, of andersins gestut word deur, enige transformator, geleier of telegraafpaal, verkeerslig of -teken of ander bouwerk of voorwerp wat deur die Raad, die Provinsiale Raad of die Regering van die Republiek opgerig is nie of, tensy dit met 'n tou of 'n sterk lyn geskied, aan 'n boom wat in 'n straat, park of ander openbare plek staan, bevestig word nie

(c) Behoudens enige bepaling wat in subartikel (b) vervat is, moet 'n bord of materiaal soos voorgeskryf ingevolge subartikel (a), met draad van uiters 4 mm en ten minste 3 mm in deursnee styf aan 'n sterk en stewige stut vasgeheg word

"poster" means, any notice, advertisement, announcement, device or other material or object on which writing, print, figures of illustrations have been affixed with the purpose to promote directly or to give information to the public or to attract or invite the public to any place, public display, meeting or other event which will take place on a certain date, place and time and includes a banner,

"street" means any public street, lane, sidewalk, public open space or park within the Municipality of Orkney.

2. No person shall in or in view of any street or other public place within the area defined by the Council from time to time, display or cause, permit or suffer to be displayed any poster or other advertisement (which expression in this section includes any advertising device) with a view to advertise any meeting, function or event of a sporting, educational, charitable, political or any other character or the candidature or nomination of any person for, or other interest of any person in, an election to Parliament, the Transvaal Provincial Council or the Council

3. No person shall in or in view of any street or other public place outside the area as defined by the Council from time to time and within the municipality, display or cause, permit or suffer to be displayed any poster or other advertisement as described in section 2 unless he has first obtained the permission of the Council, to be given in writing under the hand of the engineer. Provided that no permission shall be given for the display of any poster or other similar advertisement having reference to any commercial undertaking or activity or to any activity which in the opinion of the engineer is primarily or mainly of a commercial character

4. Any person who, in the exercise of a permission granted in terms of section 3, displays or causes or suffers to be displayed in a street or other public place a poster or other advertisement, shall comply with or cause to be complied with the following requirements

(a) The poster or other advertisement shall be attached, in such a manner that it will not become wholly or partially dislodged by wind or rain, to a neat and strong board made of wood or other suitable material which must be approved by the engineer, and neither such board or such material nor the poster or the advertisement itself shall measure more than 900 mm by 600 mm

(b) A board or material as prescribed in terms of subsection (a) shall not be placed on or against or attached to or otherwise supported by any transformer box, electricity or telegraph pole, traffic light or sign or other structure or object erected by the Council, the Provincial Council of the Government of the Republic or, save by means of cord or strong string, be attached to any tree growing in a street, park or other public place

(c) Without prejudice to any provision contained in subsection (b), a board or material as prescribed in terms of subsection (a), shall be firmly fastened to a strong and stable support by means of wire not exceeding 4 mm and not less than 3 mm in diameter

(d) Geen bord of materiaal, mag op so 'n plek geplaas of op so 'n wyse gevestig word dat dit na die Raad se mening moontlik 'n gevaar vir voertuigverkeer of voetgangers in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek, inhou ne.

(e) Geen plakkaat of ander advertensie met betrekking tot 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid, uitgesonderd 'n verkiesing, mag langer as 14 dae voor die dag waarop dit 'n aanvang neem en langer as drie dae ná die dag waarop dit geëindig het, vertoon word nie.

(f) Enige persoon wat enige plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon, laat vertoon of toelaat of duld dat dit vertoon word, moet eers 'n skriftelike verklaring aan die Raad verstrek waarin hy meld in watter straat of in sig van watter straat en watter straatkruising, naaste aan die plek is, waar elke sodanige plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon sal word.

5. (a) Daar moet aan die vereistes wat in die volgende subartikels van hierdie artikel voorgeskryf word, voldoen word, ten opsigte van plakkate of ander advertensies wat op 'n Parlements-, Provinsiale Raads- of munisipale verkiesing betrekking het. Met dien verstande dat niks wat in hierdie artikel vervat is, betrekking het op 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie betreffende sodanige verkiesing nie, wat—

(i) heeltemal binne 'n vaste perseel aangebring is, dit wil sê wat op 'n ander plek op so 'n perseel aangebring is as op 'n buitemuur of aan die buitekant van 'n heining wat kennelik die grens van die perseel uitmaak;

(ii) vertoon word in of op 'n private motorvoertuig wat in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek geparkeer is of bestuur word in die loop van die normale gebruik van sodanige voertuig;

(iii) vertoon word by 'n verkiesingskandidaat se komiteekamers wat duidelik as sodanige aangedui moet wees, of

(iv) bevestig is aan 'n skutting wat vir die vertoon van advertensies gelisensieer is.

(b) Ten opsigte van elke kandidaat mag daar uiters 100 plakkate of ander advertensies op enige enkele tydperk in enige munisipale wyk, en uiters 200 in enige parlementêre kiesafdeling, vertoon word.



(c) Geen plakkaat of ander advertensie mag langer as 'n tydperk wat strek van die begin van die nominasiedag tot die einde van die vierde dag na middernag van die verkiesingsdag vertoon word nie.

(d) Advertensies kan in die vorm van baniere wat uiters 1 m by 4 m groot is, vertoon word en daar kan uiters drie sodanige baniere in elke munisipale wyk en vyf in elke parlementêre kiesafdeling wees.

6. Hoogstens 40 plakkate of ander advertensies mag met betrekking tot enige vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid, uitgesonderd 'n verkiesing, op dieselfde tyd vertoon word.

7. Tensy daar ingevolge artikel 3 vergunning daartoe verleen is al dan nie, mag geen plakkaat of ander advertensie in 'n straat of op 'n ander openbare plek geplaas word nie, tensy die toepaslike bedrag wat in Bylae 2 hierby voorgeskryf is, by wyse van 'n deposito aan die Raad betaal is.

(d) No board or material shall be placed on such a place or in such a manner as is likely, in the opinion of the Council, to constitute a danger to vehicular traffic or pedestrians in any street or other public place.

(e) No poster or other advertisement relating to a meeting, function or event, other than an election, shall be displayed for longer than 14 days before the day on which it begins and longer than three days after the day on which it ends.  (127) 

(f) Any person who displays or causes, permits or suffers to be displayed any poster or other advertisement, shall first furnish the Council with a statement, in writing, mentioning the street in or in view of which and the intersection nearest to which every such poster or other advertisement will be displayed.

5. (a) The requirements as prescribed in the succeeding subsections of this section shall be complied with in respect of posters or other advertisements relating to a Parliamentary, Provincial or municipal election. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply to a poster or other advertisement relating to such an election which—

(i) is located entirely inside fixed premises, that is to say, is displayed elsewhere on such premises than on an exterior wall or on the outside of any fence forming the apparent boundary of the premises;

(ii) is displayed in or on a private motor vehicle parked or being driven in a street or other public place in the course of the normal use of such vehicle;

(iii) is displayed at the committee rooms, clearly marked as such, of a candidate in an election; or

(iv) is affixed to a hoarding licensed for the display of advertisements.

(b) In respect of each candidate not more than 100 posters or other advertisements shall be exhibited at any one time in any municipal ward and not more than 200 shall be exhibited in any parliamentary constituency.

(c) No poster or other advertisement shall be displayed for longer than the period extending from the beginning of the day of nomination to the end of the fourth day after midnight of the day of the election.

(d) Advertisements may be displayed in the form of banners not exceeding 1 m by 4 m on size or three in number of such banners in each municipal ward and five in each parliamentary constituency.

6. Not more than 40 posters or other advertisements shall be displayed at any one time in relation to any meeting, function or event, other than an election.

7. Except, whether or not by virtue of permission given in terms of section 3, no poster or other advertisement shall be placed in a street or other public place, unless the appropriate sum as prescribed in Schedule 2 hereto has been paid to the Council by way of deposit.

8. Elke deposito wat ingevolge artikel 7 betaal is, word, behoudens die bepalings van artikel 9, terugbetaal wanneer al die plakkaate of ander advertensies waarop die deposito betrekking het, tot bevrediging van die Raad verwyder is, en nie voor dié tyd nie.

9. Enige persoon wat, nadat hy 'n advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon het, versuim om dit te verwyder of te laat verwyder binne die tydperke wat ingevolge artikel 4 (e) of artikel 5 (c) voorgeskryf is, begaan 'n misdryf en benewens enige boete wat hy ingevolge artikel 10 (a) moet betaal, verbeur hy ook die deposito met betrekking tot die advertensies wat ingevolge artikel 7 betaal is of 'n deel van dié deposito wat die Raad in verhouding tot die getal plakkaate of advertensies wat nie verwyder is nie, kan bepaal.

10. (a) Enige persoon wat in of in sig van 'n straat of 'n ander openbare plek 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon of duld dat dit vertoon word sonder dat hy ingevolge artikel 3 vergunning daartoe verkry het, en iemand wat, nadat hy die betrokke vergunning verkry het, ten opsigte van 'n plakkaat of advertensie versuim om te voldoen aan die bepalings van hierdie artikel of wat andersins enige bepaling daarvan oortree, begaan 'n misdryf en is by skuldigebevinding strafbaar met 'n boete van hoogstens R100

(b) Indien iemand ingevolge hierdie artikel aangekla word van 'n misdryf met betrekking tot 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie, rus die bewyslys op hom en moet hy bewys dat hy nie die plakkaat of advertensie vertoon of laat vertoon of toegelaat of geduld het dat dit vertoon word nie.

(c) Enige persoon wat 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie in of in sig van 'n straat of ander openbare plek vertoon, laat vertoon of toelaat of duld dat dit daar vertoon word en enigiemand anders, uitgesonderd 'n polisiebeampte of enige ander persoon wie se plig dit is om hierdie verordeninge toe te pas, wat deur die persoon wat vir die vertoning van die plakkaat of ander advertensie verantwoordelik is, gemagtig is om dit te verwyder, word as die vertoner daarvan beskou terwyl dit soos hierbo uiteengesit, vertoon word.

(d) Enige persoon wat, hetsy alleen of saam met iemand anders verantwoordelik is vir die reeling van, of wat in beheer staan van, 'n vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid waarop 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie betrekking het, word tot tyd en wyl die teendeel bewys is, beskou as die persoon wat elke plakkaat wat vertoon word en wat op daardie vergadering, byeenkoms of geleentheid betrekking het, vertoon het of laat vertoon, of toegelaat of geduld het dat dit vertoon word.

(e) Dit word geag dat die eienaar en die okkupant van die grond of 'n perseel waarop 'n plakkaat of ander advertensie strydig met hierdie artikel vertoon word, 'n misdryf begaan het tensy hy in enigeen van dié gevalle bewys dat hy nie van die vertoning van die plakkaat of ander advertensie geweet het nie, of dat hy nie deur 'n redelike mate van waaksaamheid aan die dag te lê, daarvan kon geweet het of dit kon verhinder het nie.

(f) Die Raad kan, sonder om enigiemand daarvan kennis te gee, self enige advertensie verwyder en vernietig wat sonder sy vergunning ingevolge artikel 3 of wat in stryd met enige bepaling van hierdie artikel vertoon word, of wat nie verwyder is binne die tydperk wat ingevolge artikel 4 (e) of artikel 5 (c) voorgeskryf is nie, of wat in enige opsig strydig is met die bepalings van

8. Every deposit paid in terms of section 7 shall, subject to the provisions of section 9, refunded when and not before all the posters or other advertisements to which the deposit relates, have been removed to the satisfaction of the Council. (27)

9. Any person who, having displayed or caused to be displayed any advertisement, fails to remove it or cause it to be removed within the periods prescribed in terms of section 4 (e) or section 5 (c) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, in addition to any penalty imposed upon him in terms of section 10 (a), forfeit the deposit relating to it made in terms of section 7 or such proportionate part of that deposit as that the Council shall assess having regard to the number of posters or advertisements not removed.

10. (a) Any person who displays or causes or suffers to be displayed any poster or other advertisement in or in view of any street or other public place without having obtained permission to do so in terms of section 3 and any person who, having obtained permission as aforesaid, fails in respect of a poster or advertisement to comply with any provision of this section or who otherwise contravenes any provision thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding R100.

(b) If any person is charged with an offence under this section relating to any poster or advertisement, the onus shall rest on him of proving that he neither displayed the poster or other advertisement nor caused, permitted or suffered it to be displayed.

(c) Any person who displays or causes, permits or suffers to be displayed in or in view of any street or other public place any poster or other advertisement and any person other than a police officer or other person charged with the enforcement of these by-laws, who is authorized by the person responsible for the display of the poster or other advertisement to remove it, shall be deemed to be the displayer thereof so long as it is displayed as aforesaid

(d) Any person who is either alone or jointly with any other person responsible for organizing, or in control of, any meeting, function or event to which a poster or other advertisement relates shall, until the contrary be proved, be deemed to have displayed or to have caused, permitted or suffered to be displayed every poster which is displayed relating to that meeting, function or event

(e) The owner and the occupier of land or premises on which any poster or other advertisement is displayed in contravention of this section, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence unless in either case he proves that he did not know of or could not by the exercise of reasonable diligence have known of or prevented such display

(f) The Council shall be entitled without giving notice to anyone, itself to remove and destroy any advertisement displayed without its permission having been obtained in terms of section 3 or in contravention of any provision of this section or which has not been removed within the period specified in terms of section 4 (e) or section 5 (c), or which constitutes in any

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P. J. SMITH,
Stadsklerk.

Burgersentrum
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ORKNEY
2620.

**DEPARTEMENT VAN PLAASLIKE BESTUUR,
BEHUISING EN WERKE**

No. R. 396

7 Februarie 1992

MUNISIPALITEIT VAN ORKNEY

**VERORDENINGE BETREFFENDE
VASTE AFVAL EN SANITEIT**

Die Stadsklerk van Orkney publiseer hierby, ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939 (Ordonnansie No. 17 van 1939), die Verordeninge hierna uiteengesit.

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Woordomskrywings

1. In hierdie Verordeninge, tensy uit die samehang anders blyk, beteken—

“**aanstootlike afval**” afval wat toksies, gevaarlik, nadelig of skadelik is of wat die omgewing kan besoedel of wat ontstaan as gevolg van 'n vervaardigingsproses of die voorafbehandeling vir wegdoendoeleindes van myn- of bedryfsvloeiaval, wat ingevolge die Raad se Rioleringsverordeninge nie in 'n perseel of straatrool gestort mag word nie;

“**besigheidsafval**” afval wat op enige perseel ontstaan wat met gemak en sonder beskadiging van die houer daarin verwyder kan word, met inbegrip van tuinafval maar uitgesonderd bouersafval, lywige afval, huisafval of aanstootlike afval,

“**bouersafval**” afval wat slegs weens slopings-, uitgrawings- of boubedryghede op 'n perseel ontstaan;

“**eienaar**” 'n eienaar soos omskryf in die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939: Met dien verstande dat die “eienaar” van 'n perseel wat gehou word ingevolge die Deeltitelregister wat ingevolge artikel 5 van die Wet op Deeltitels, 1971, geopen is, die regs persoon is wat by die Wet omskryf word;

“**gelde**” die tarief van gelde soos van tyd tot tyd deur die Raad, by spesiale besluit, ingevolge artikel 80B van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, vasgestel;

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**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
HOUSING AND WORKS**

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**BY-LAWS RELATING TO SOLID
WASTE AND SANITARY**

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

CHAPTER I

Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two sides of the squatter story

Bloubostrand

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Bloubostrand group plans protest march

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By Michael Sparks and Shirley Woodgate

The Bloubostrand Action Committee yesterday called on Randburg and Sandton residents to join a mass march this afternoon to the Randburg Town Council where they would demand the resignation of the councillors.

The demand stems from dissatisfaction with the manner in which the relocation of the Zevenfontein squatters to Extension 1 has been dealt with by the Randburg council, who recently admitted to knowing of the relocation plans two years ago.

Chairman of the Bloubostrand Action Committee Peter Bantock addressing yesterday's open-air meeting called on people not to pay municipal rates, but said they should continue to pay for utilities which he described as consumables.

"In our area we pay assessment rates. In the past week our property has been devalued

to about zero. Since there is no longer any value to our property, there is no longer any reason to pay rates," Mr Bantock said to cheers from the crowd.

Many of the about 450-strong crowd signed the petition calling for the resignation of the councillors.

Mr Bantock emphasised that the BAC was not fighting the squatter's relocation socio-economic not racist reasons.

"People should be able to gravitate towards an area of their own socio-economic standing, they should not force people of vastly different classes together. Otherwise it is a catalyst for conflict," he said.

Mr Bantock said the BAC had received permission for the protest march which will start at 3 pm today from the Pick 'n Pay parking area behind Randburg's Sanlam Centre.

Mr Bantock pointed out that BAC had agreed that money collected from residents that was left over once the situation had been resolved would be donated to the upgrading of the Zevenfontein community.

Yesterday Randburg Town Council management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said it had been made clear that the council was developing low-cost housing at Bloubostrand and that only squatters who could afford to pay for it would be accepted.

At that stage, the squatters had indicated that 20 percent were unable to pay as they were unemployed.

At a separate press conference, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Ohmle) said the condition of payment was unacceptable.

Outlining proposed house models costing as little as R7 300, Ohmle national organiser Eric Ngeleza claimed that 90 percent of the 1 005 families living in Zevenfontein were employed and eligible to be transferred to Bloubostrand.

"The Independent Development Trust offers a subsidy for first-time home buyers, which means everyone can be permanently housed in that area."

"But," he added, "It will not be acceptable if Randburg accepts only those who can pay."

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Bloubostrand residents to march on council

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ANGRY Bloubostrand residents are to hold a mass march to the Randburg Civic Centre today, following the Randburg Town Council's announcement yesterday that it would stand by its agreement to allow the Zevenfontein squatters to move to a 44ha site at Bloubostrand

Bloubostrand Action Committee spokesman Paul Burrows said yesterday he believed about 4 000 people would be demonstrating their opposition to the move. He believed many Randburg residents would attend as the whole community would be affected by the relocations.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough is considering a proposal to develop a low-cost housing site at Bloubostrand to accommodate the Zevenfontein squatters and is expected to make a decision on the matter before Monday.

At a news conference yesterday, Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs accused the Bloubostrand homeowners of reacting irresponsibly and said the council still believed it had identified the most suitable site for relocation.

He said the council was proposing this site — sandwiched between an affluent area and a middle-class area — because it was not prepared to develop apartheid-style "locations" far removed from the

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town and its employment opportunities and facilities.

Sapa reports he said the development would be only for people who could afford houses in the area, and would not accommodate informal settlements.

Jacobs said initial indications showed that about 20% of the present Zevenfontein squatter community would not be able to afford houses in the development.

The Federation of Ratepayers Associations, which was consulted, supported the council, Jacobs said.

Residents who say their properties will be severely devalued and crime will escalate have stopped paying their rates and have called for the council's resignation.

The Zevenfontein squatters stated yesterday that "no amount of coercion nor intimidation will stop us from settling and living in harmony at Bloubostrand".

Operation Masakhane for the Homeless national organiser Eric Ngeleza told a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday the squatters were eager to pay rent and service charges and wanted to improve their living standards.

He said about 90% of the homeless people were employed.

Robber killed in Morningside shootout



ZEVENFONTEIN squatters near Randburg have become pawns in a nonsensical power struggle involving provincial authorities and property owners.

"Residents have completely lost hope," said Zevenfontein Executive Committee chairman, Daniel Sindane, this week as the squatters awaited final confirmation of the Randburg City Council's proposed low-cost housing scheme in Bloubostrand Ext 1, eight kilometres away.

Residents of the middle-class suburb of Bloubostrand, just metres away from the proposed low-cost housing site, have emphatically stated they will not accept the council's proposal. That stand, they say, "is non-negotiable".

Officials of the parties concerned have been locked in discussions the whole week in an attempt to solve the situation — which several of the parties involved say is mainly due to the incompetence of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The next meeting is on Monday.

Chartwell residents and the Rietvallei farmer on whose land the squatters are temporarily being accommodated are still insisting the squatters be removed.

For the squatters, the situation has become intolerable. There are no facilities — no water piped in, no sewage removal. There is no school for the children. And there is continual harassment, they complain, by Chartwell residents. Sindane said cars were not being allowed through over the weekend and they had to take a pregnant woman by wheelbarrow to the roadblock to drive her to hospital.

Asked where they would be moving to, a group of squatters on Tuesday said they had been told by the TPA they would be moving to Bloubostrand Ext 1. And told the Bloubostrand homeowners didn't want them there, they shrugged and said they would have to wait and see.

Since news of the squatters being moved to Ext 1 first came out last Thursday, Bloubostrand residents have been manning roadblocks — or "checkpoints" — around the clock at six strategic places in and around the residential area.

Residents said they set up the checkpoints because while the TPA and other parties had undertaken not to move the squatters, the TPA could not be trusted to keep its end of the bargain.

The city's management committee chairman, Andre Jacobs, said "It is not legal for them to set up roadblocks on public roads but we have decided to turn a blind eye because the situation is an emotive one at the moment. Just as long as they don't totally barricade the roads, it's fine."

Police were present at the roadblocks this week but deputy district commissioner for Randburg police, Colonel Banie Boucher, said they were just "doing their normal policing".

The Bloubostrand residents are first-time home buyers who have expressed fears about losing their homes because of the drop in property values that has occurred since the controversy started.

"It's not a racial issue — it's a question of economics," they stressed, pointing out that a growing number of blacks, coloureds and Indians were buying plots and houses in the area and they were always wel-

come.

"It's not that we don't want them here," said Adam Kirsten, an accountant in Johannesburg. "If only they could give them proper housing. I bought my place in October and the decision I took is going to affect the rest of my life."

Kirsten said he had bought a house worth R150 000. Paying R2 000 a month off his bond, he said the value of his house had already dropped by 40-50 percent.

"My wife and I are planning on having children — but how can you plan on something that isn't going to have any future?"

**Deadlock
as squatter
power
struggle
continues**
*Bureaucratic bungling
and lack of planning
has left the Zevenfontein
squatters with no homes
and no hope.*

By LINDA RULASHE

**Bloubostrand
Action
Committee** chairman, Peter Bantock, said one of the reasons for not accepting the Randburg City Council's proposal "from an empirical point of view" was that there was no room for expanding the 44 hectares designated by the council.

"A larger area should be considered as the one being suggested is hemmed in by an industrial site, small private holdings and the

residential housing presently being occupied by the Bloubostrand residents," he said.

Bantock also said land values had decreased rapidly and building societies had stopped granting bonds. Insecurity presently existed in the property market. "This," he said, "will curtail future prospects and will subsequently squash the market."

An estate agent commissioned by the Bloubostrand community, Mike Schefermann, said economic and sub-economic areas had to be properly planned by developers and these plans adhered to. The housing of the underprivileged had to be properly addressed.

"Are we going to continue perpetuating slums? Or are we going to maximise benefits to would-be homeowners by acquiring land at the best price and enhancing the quality of living?"

Schefermann said private developers would no longer be willing to commit themselves to the enormous capital outlays required to develop areas for home ownership if they were uncertain whether they would be able to sell as planned. People would be unwilling to buy into new areas and financial institutions would be unwilling to lend.

A 15-member task group appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, on January 23, is investigating other possible settlement sites. Its members will evaluate the existing urbanisation strategy for the area lying to the west of Midrand and Verwoerdburg, and to the north of Randburg and Sandton. Bloubostrand is in the jurisdiction of Randburg, but Zevenfontein falls under TPA authority.

The task group will have to identify suitable sites in the areas mentioned where permanent, orderly urbanisation may take place, including the development of low-cost housing and report back by the end of March.

Anni Bernstein, of the Urban Foundation's Urbanisation and Housing Policy Unit, said the present housing guidelines presented by government were totally inadequate. "It has been based on racist assumptions. Everything will need to be coherently planned and people will have to be involved in the process."

Mock funeral to mark end of local authority

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Total boycott in tariffs fight

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Residents of Vosloorus, near Boksburg, will end a total rent boycott until a dispute over electricity tariffs with the Vosloorus council has been solved, the Vosloorus Civic

A mass meeting of residents will be held on Sunday to endorse the decision, which has heightened within the community over the past few months, a Press conference was told

- VCA spokesman Mr Keith Montsisi claimed the council had broken an agreement signed by it on March 7 1991 by failing to negotiate acceptable new tariffs for metered and service charges after May last year, as stipulated

While more than 80 percent of residents had continued to pay monthly fees of R60 - agreed on as payments for April and May 1991 only - the council had from mid-November last year started selective cut-offs to individual households

Complainants were told to pay half of the amounts on their current consumption statements and to sign documents promising to pay the balance in instalments

Amounts of R600 were then added to their accounts for the reconnection of power, Montsisi claimed

In addition, Vosloorus residents were currently paying an average of 5,5c more per kilowatt unit of electricity than their neighbours in Boksburg

A possible joint-venture company between Eskom and residents, proposed by the company, enjoyed wide support from the community as a solution to the current crisis, he said

Closest alternative

Power supply would go directly to residents, instead of through the council as at present Eskom would decide on the tariffs which residents would pay directly to the company

Montsisi said the company would give residents a direct say in their own rent affairs

It would be the closest alternative to an amalgamated Vosloorus/Boksburg town council, which due to the conservative nature of the white council, was a much desired, but far-off ideal, he added - Sapa

Marching in the northern suburbs streets

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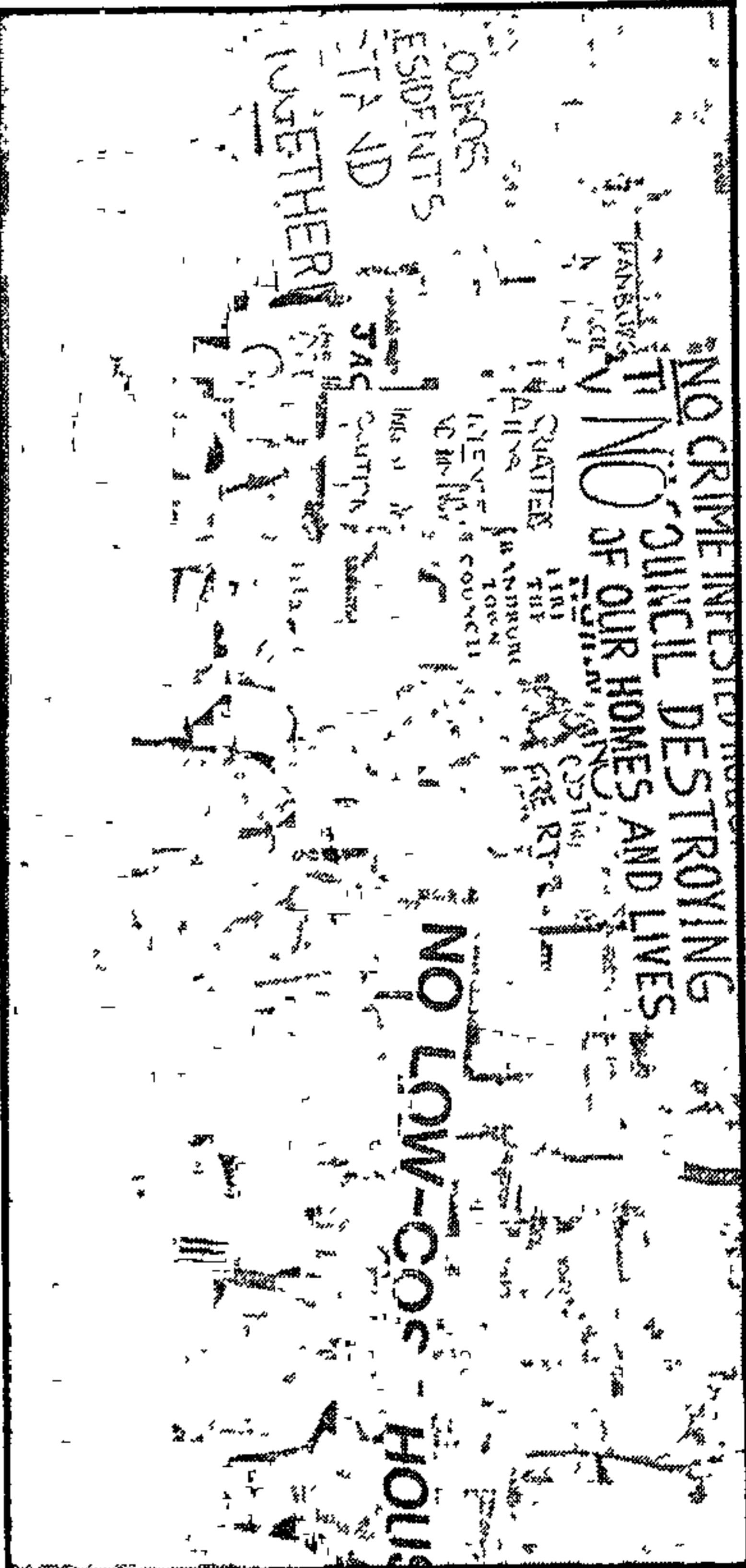
HAD IT NOT been for the placards, one could have been forgiven for mistaking them for a crowd rushing off to a department store sale

Instead, it was the unusual spectacle of a protest march in the northern suburbs as angry Bloubostrand residents converged on their town council offices yesterday

The source of their outrage was a two-year-old decision by the Randburg Town Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to allocate — without consulting residents — land bordering their suburb for low-income housing

Recently disclosed details of a plan to move about 750 Zevenfontein squatter families in next door sent property prices plunging and residents' hearts fluttering

So about 350 residents marched on the civic centre calling for the resignation of the council and management committee. Most of them were young newlyweds and first-time homeowners



ANTI—SQUATTER PROTEST: Angry Bloubostrand residents march on their town council offices yesterday calling for the resignation of the council and management committee.

Sweating under a scorching sun, they kept up a steady stream of chants demanding the council's resignation

One young resident expressed amazement that they were actually marching "It's really weird

"It's just weird that people are protesting. I've never been involved in anything like this

"I think it's a good thing we were a very athletic bunch to start with," he said

He and his fiancée were to marry in May. They bought their Bloubostrand house in November for R140 000

They would not have bought had they known about the TPA/council plans, he added. They would not move

out if the low-income housing project went ahead

"Our transfer is not yet through, but we have decided to remain even if things don't work out. We bought it to stay there for five or six years

"Probably by then everyone will have the same problems as us." Those interviewed

hoped the situation would not become overshadowed by racial overtones

Bloubostrand Action Committee chairman Peter Bantock insisted that the committee's actions were purely economic and apolitical

He denied that committee members were attempting to entrench apartheid

However, sudden, forced integration would lead to polarisation of communities, he said. Bemused black bystanders were reluctant to comment

One said it was "good" that the protesters were putting pressure on their council

"It is their community I think there will be much more of this," he predicted

Not all the protesters were white. Pauline van Wyngaard from the coloured suburb of West Rand was there to protect her future

She said the TPA wanted to set up low-income housing near the Noord gesicht, Riverlea and West Rand communities

Resident Les Smith said the TPA had probably earmarked his suburb because it had not expected the huge outcry

"I think they were horribly surprised when the people of the northern suburbs stood up

"They did not realise when they made the decision that there would be an outcry like this," he said

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Councillor may resign over threats, outcry

DISILLUSIONED Bloubostrand councillor Charles Humphris is considering resigning over the outcry against Zevenfontein families being settled in his constituency

And it has emerged that a spate of death threats from the lunatic fringe in the community has prompted the Randburg Town Council to post guards outside his house as well as the homes of mayor Mark Manley and management committee chairman Andre Jacobs

Mr Humphris said poor communication was to blame for the outcry over the controversial decision to relocate about 750 Zevenfontein squatter families to a low-income housing scheme next to his suburb

"People must realise that they at least have a choice between squatters or low-



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income housing, which they can make now

"In three years' time, do you think people will have a choice when squatters suddenly move in next door?" he asked

He was angry about calls for his resignation and said he would decide whether he would resign after he had learnt the outcome of a meeting between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Randburg council yesterday afternoon

"I don't need this in my life. People seem to think councillors just sit around all month doing nothing. Well, I can resign and they (Bloubostrand residents) can do

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without a councillor for the next four months"

"This whole thing has been a mess from start to finish. It's bad public relations which is to blame — and the media have not been too helpful either," he added

Emotions had reached a peak and he had heard stories of men armed to the teeth roaring around the suburb in bakkies late at night

One of them, known only as "Titch", was rumoured to be a former Selous Scout and walked around with "all sorts of weapons" dangling from his belt

The armed guards were called in last Friday after Mr Humphris had received anonymous death threats. No incidents have so far been reported

**Identify
land for
housing,
says ANC**

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MINING land and land being held for speculative purposes should be used for low-cost housing, the ANC said in a statement yesterday.

Urging the creation of a forum to establish a housing policy and to identify suitable land, the ANC said these steps were vital to prevent conflicts such as that involving the Zevenfontein Squatters

The ANC, the statement said, believed that planning should be a public process enabling parties such as civics, local authorities, ratepayers, the private sector and the general public to take part in decisions that affected them

"All this should be underpinned by the principle that the needs of the urban homeless must be affordably met"

The State, it said, was obliged to seek out land suitable for residential sites and encourage the use of vacant land being held for speculative purposes

"Furthermore, the assumption that mining land is untouchable should be challenged, as such vacant land is often well suited for residential purposes" — Sapa

Bloubosrand's brothers in arms

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MIDDLECLASS sensibilities flew out of the window in Bloubosrand this week.

Within a week the outlying Randburg suburb was transformed into a battleground for territorial rights.

Young married men from 500-odd homes loaded the guns they kept hidden in their sock and handkerchief drawers. Some, like Stuart Smith, sent their toddlers to relatives "just in case".

They took leave from work, mounted a control centre, hired a batch of two-way radios and are keeping an eagle eye on the 44ha open patch earmarked for Zevenfontein's squatters — land that is only metres away from their pristine new houses.

Neighbours who were strangers are suddenly brothers and buddies in arms in an around-the-clock military-style operation aimed at defending their castles.

Bridge

They communicate vigorously by two-way radio. They urgently summon, not John, Joe or Bert, but Echo One, Two or Three.

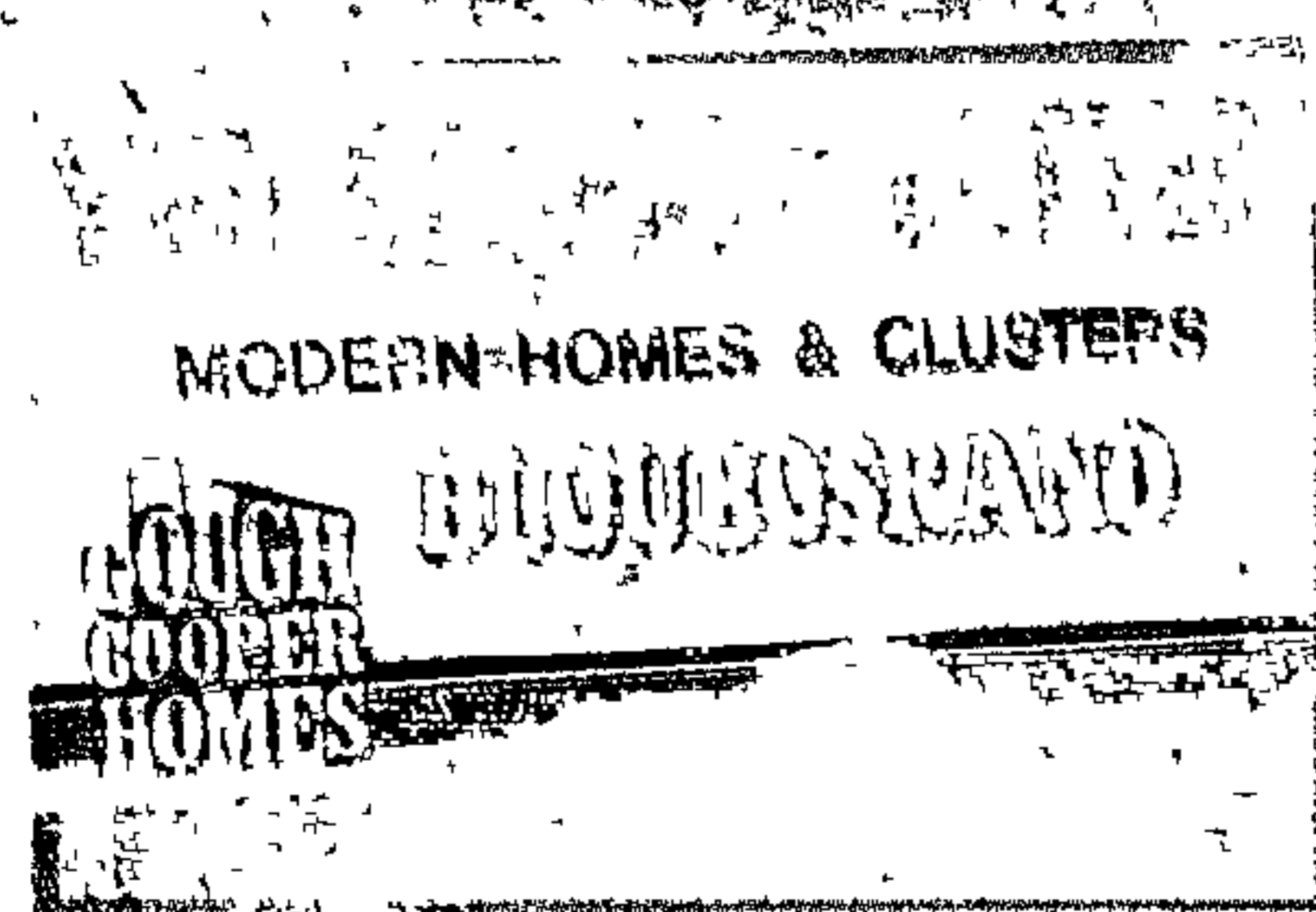
They have dug trenches across the roads, and it is rumoured, mined a low-level bridge leading into the suburb.

The women, including the wives of black Bloubosrand homeowners, rotate in shifts preparing food for the men on patrol.

Yuppie accountants with clipped English accents and Paul Simon T-shirts have thrown up roadblocks to keep out squatters who



SHATTERED DREAMS . . . Bloubosrand's Ewoud and Carole Vogel with their three children
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN



YES YOU CAN . . . a sign that doesn't reflect the times

might creep in at night with corrugated iron and cardboard.

Any night of the week Carole Vogel's husband Ewoud, 34, can be found taking his turn manning one of the eight roadblocks blockading the suburb.

If the truth be told, Mr Vogel, a high school teach-

er and father of three, is somewhat bemused by the events of the last 10 days — by the council decision to ram thousands of squatters into a narrow strip of land literally around his corner and also by the transformation within his suburb.

"Look we don't have a Ventersdorp-type mental-

ity here, but we have a lot of young chaps who have done military service who are putting their training into practice," he said.

"We discourage people from displaying weapons. The AWB offered 300 men and we declined."

"But if the authorities bring the squatters in, there is no telling what residents will do. One little mistake could turn this thing into a bloodbath."

Said Mrs Vogel, 26: "When we came here three years ago, it was for good. We built our dream house and made what we thought was a good investment."

"My parents bought the plot next door to build their retirement house. We were not thinking about Australia or Canada. We sunk everything into this house."

"Before this happened the house was worth about

R140 000. Now I doubt we could get enough to cover the bond."

"I feel sorry for the squatters, but I am 25 times sorer for myself — I have much more to lose."

Mr Vogel added: "We're trapped. We'll have to upgrade our security and change our lifestyle. Our other option is to leave the house to the bank."

The thought is not far from the minds of many residents — the majority of whom are first-time home owners.

"If those squatters come we'll leave. Then the bank can have the house. I will not stay in hell," snorted an irate black resident of Bloubosrand who wished to remain anonymous.

"I came here from the townships, I know about gangs and crime and noise. I worked hard to get out and came here for the quiet. People welcomed me even though I am black. My husband and I don't want squatters on our doorstep," she said.

Cancelled

Said Bloubosrand Action Committee spokesman Peter Hancock: "Two weeks ago property values were rising faster than most places in South Africa. Last Sunday not a single person turned up to see our show homes. The banks won't give loans for this area, newcomers have cancelled their contracts."

"Our houses were worth between R130 000 and R170 000 on average. Now they're not worth 10c."

"We are not insensitive to the fact that squatters are people with emotions, but we will not negotiate sub-economic houses for this area. We don't want health problems or a speculated increase in crime. We don't want a crippled property market."

'Funeral' held to protest high rates

By Michael Sparks (127)

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with similar enthusiasm to slogans shouted for the two organisations.

Residents of Ennerdale yesterday conducted a mock funeral march to the offices of the development committee where they performed a "cremation" to protest against what they believe to be high rates for water and electricity after recent increases.

The procession of approximately 500 grew to about 800 as they marched about 7 km through the streets of the township to the Ennerdale local development committee, known by its Afrikaans acronym EPOK.

Two police vehicles monitored the procession. The marchers sang and toy-toyed past the police station, but without incident.

A coffin, symbolising residents' belief that EPOK is defunct, and a grieving widow and father — sat atop a bakkie representing a hearse.

Cries of "Viva!" changed to "Water!" as the procession wound its way through the streets in the searing heat.

Any political differences between the ANC and the PAC seemed academic as the same people responded

On reaching the EPOK offices residents listened to a "dominee". "Today we come to bury EPOK, not to praise him. Because EPOK was not an honourable organisation," he said to laughs.

Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association chairman Clifford Smith called on residents to pay no more than R50 for electricity and water and not the R100 flat rate proposed by the committee at a recent meeting.

That money was only to be paid when the civic executive gave residents the go-ahead, he added.

Calls for petrol brought forward a canister which was liberally thrown over the "coffin" before being set alight.

Residents expressed satisfaction that police had not become involved.

Resident Stanley Louw echoed the feelings of many. "When the police come, then things get blown out of context. But if they are not here then it is peaceful.

"Nothing else will happen," he said as residents turned to leave for home.

Vosloorus embarks on boycott

Vosloorus residents yesterday decided on an immediate rent and services payment boycott to force an end to a two-year-old dispute with their council (127)

A large crowd, estimated at 46 000 by the Vosloorus Civic Association, filled the Vosloorus Stadium near Boksburg on the East Rand yesterday and agreed unanimously to suspend payments STAR 10/2/92 Association secretary Keith Montsisi said after

the meeting the council's "dilly-dallying" had brought the dispute to a head

He said the Vosloorus Civic Association would in future deal directly with the TPA He claimed that the council had shown itself to be powerless.

He said the dispute began in 1990 when Vosloorus's 110 000 residents embarked on a rents and services payments "go-slow" because of charges they believed were excessive. — Sapa

Water supply normal again

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Most of the areas south of Johannesburg which experienced a water shortage towards the end of last week, appeared to have received a normal water supply over the weekend according to a spokesman for the Rand Water Board.

The man, who did not

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want to be identified, said he thought the Ennerdale, Walkerville and Orange Farm water supplies were back to normal, but Mondeor — which is supplied by the Johannesburg City Council's Eagle Nest reservoir — had experienced some problems. — Staff Reporter.

Forum to ease Alberton-Tokoza relations

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

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A negotiating forum to "normalise" relations between the Alberton municipality and Tokoza residents has been proposed by the Alberton Town Council following Tokoza's payment of an outstanding electricity bill of R2,2 million

Relations between the neighbouring municipalities have been strained because of regular electricity cuts as a result of a protracted rent boycott

The Alberton Council has announced that it will now assist Tokoza with administration and the provision of services following the settling of the outstanding payment

Alberton management committee chairman Johan van der Merwe said his council was prepared to help with the administration of Tokoza by providing services and functions to the township "on an urgency basis"

He said the Alberton Council was still awaiting the Tokoza community's reaction to the forum proposal

Huge housing windfall likely for Sowetans

(27) ADRIAN HADLAND

NEARLY 60 000 houses in Soweto are likely to be handed over free of charge to the occupants. *Blom 10/2/92*

The Cabinet is expected to make a final decision soon on the transfer of the homes, which are owned by the local authorities in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

The proposal was submitted to Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels in December last year after consideration by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The proposal suggests the immediate free transfer of the ownership of houses built before 1962 in the Greater Soweto area.

"We are anticipating and preparing for the decision," said Metro Chamber CEO Vic Milne at the weekend.

"The people occupying these old houses in Soweto can expect ownership regardless of outstanding loans and irrespective of tenure," Milne said.

Outstanding loans owed to the Soweto Council on pre-1962 houses amount to R2m. The deficit will be covered by the current programme of rate increases as well as through the elimination of maintenance costs.

The free transfer proposal could have significant implications for national housing policy if it is deemed to be successful.

The idea was a result of the Greater Soweto Accord signed by local civic and government authorities in September 1990.

The proposal was passed on by the Metro Chamber to the TPA and then to Wessels and the Cabinet.

"The proposal will most definitely have repercussions and implications for the whole country," said Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl. "The Cabinet will have to decide whether to make the free transfers applicable only in Soweto or in the rest of SA too."

Plans for the remaining 58 000 houses on the Metro Chamber's agenda, all either built after 1962 or subject to investigations concerning non-local authority loans and funding, were being discussed, he said.



A woman walks past police vehicles in Soweto on her way to work yesterday. Fighting in the area left nine dead at the weekend Picture AP

Hostel dwellers wanted in peace talks

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ADRIAN HADLAND (127)
THE ANC has called for the active involvement of hostel residents in regional peace initiatives in the wake of violence at Soweto's Meadowlands township at the weekend

Speaking at the inauguration of the Witwatersrand-Vaal regional peace committee on Friday, ANC representative Floyd Mashele said "Most inci-

dents of violence have been planned or orchestrated from hostels. Something has to be done"

One of the new committee's main objectives should be to investigate restructuring of the hostel system, he said

Violent clashes in Meadowlands over the week-

end, allegedly between hostel dwellers and residents, left nine dead and 21 injured. It was reported that handgrenades and AK-47 rifles were used. Police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn said yesterday violence had abated

A statement issued by the National Peace Committee said the regional committee was established to "co-ordinate efforts to combat violence, establish local dispute resolution committees in the area and develop, with the National Peace Committee and local peace committees, strategies for socio-economic reconstruction"

Mashele said it was most important that hosteldwellers as well as political parties, regional services councils and civic organisations were involved in the peace process

Sapa reports a top-level meeting aimed at speeding up implementation of the peace accord in Natal townships and to address violence there has been called in Durban tomorrow.

Deputy Minister of Justice Danie Schutte is expected to attend.

In Umlazi, scene of a week of fighting — with at least eight deaths — between Unit 17 hostel dwellers and residents of the Ekuthuleni shack settlement, violence and tension continued yesterday.

At least three buildings were petrol bombed and 30 others damaged in an attack on Unit 17 early yesterday with police intervening to prevent retaliatory attacks by hostel dwellers later

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers, on foot and in armoured vehicles, patrolled the volatile area

Vosloorus warned of services suspension

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Vosloorus residents, who on Sunday embarked on a rent and services boycott, were warned yesterday that their services would be suspended

The township's town clerk, George Prinsloo, said the council's policy was that people who paid rent and services would receive services.

Claims

Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) secretary Keith Montsitsi said the council's "dilly-dallying" had brought a two-year-old dispute to a head.

But Mr Prinsloo labelled as untrue claims by the VCA that the council was charging residents 5,5c more than their Boksburg neighbours for electricity

He said the tariffs in Boksburg were 13,5c a unit compared to Vosloorus's 11,26c

Mr Prinsloo said the council's tariffs were below cost, adding that the council had not increased electricity tariffs for the past three years despite increases by Eskom.

He said the VCA's approach was negative and the council was not aware of any dispute with the VCA, because it was a civic body which had pulled out of negotiations in July

Resolved

Mr Prinsloo said the council's doors were open and the VCA could resume negotiations

Vosloorus mayor Morris Sinukela said the rent dispute had been resolved in the Vosloorus agreement signed in Germiston in March last year

He said that VCA president Ali Maziya had signed the agreement

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TPA drops plan to move squatters

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) announced yesterday it had dropped plans to relocate the Zevenfontein squatters at Bloubostrand in Randburg.

Bloubostrand Action Group chairman Peter Bantock hailed the TPA's decision as a victory for the group and for Randburg residents who had opposed the move.

The TPA said 10 days ago that the more than 750 squatter families at Zevenfontein, north of Fourways, would be moved to Bloubostrand 10km away after an agreement was reached with Randburg Town Council.

The squatters have been at the centre of controversy since the TPA announced last year it was to move them to Diepsloot, provoking anger from local residents and the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG).

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Zevenfontein landowners, represented by the Chartwell North Action Group, threatened to evict the squatters, leading to the TPA's decision to move them to Bloubostrand.

The TPA said yesterday the squatters would be allowed to stay at Zevenfontein, where rudimentary services would be provided until July. A decision would then be made about where to house them. The decision to allow them to stay was made with the approval of the Chartwell group.

Transvaal administrator Danie Hough did not deny yesterday that the TPA had made an about-turn on the issue, but did deny that the change of heart was a result

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Squatters

of pressure from the Bloubostrand residents

At a joint news conference after consultations between the TPA, Randburg Town Council and the Bloubostrand Action Group, it was also announced that the Bloubostrand site originally earmarked for the squatters would be developed into "affordable housing", with the addition of full service facilities, tarred roads, primary and secondary education facilities and a police station.

Neither Bantock nor Randburg council

management committee chairman André Jacobs would define what "affordable housing" meant, nor were they able to give an estimated price for housing units, but they confirmed that "affordable housing" was more expensive than the "low-cost housing" option mooted by the council for the area last week.

The Zevenfontein squatters would be able to buy houses in Bloubostrand if they could afford them, although they would not get first priority in the selection process, Hough said.

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... by including rural areas Inkatha could come up with about 15% of the vote.

... help," De Beer said.

Opposition to housing for immigrants in Irene

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On the other hand, he believed the immigrants would be businessmen who would bring capital and skills into the country — Sapa

Privatisation 'has not stalled'

PRETORIA — Government's privatisation programme, as part of an overall economic restructuring plan, had not stalled.

It would be promoted "in no uncertain terms" at the proposed multiparty economic forum, a Privatisation Commission spokesman said yesterday.

Earlier yesterday Parliament passed legislation providing for the incorporation of the Tweefontein Timber Company and the Alexander Bay Development Corporation into public companies.

The Tweefontein Timber Company Act said the conversion would enable the company "to be managed in modern, independent manner".

In terms of the Alexcor Act, the Public Enterprises Minister may sell up to 25% of its shares to employees. Alexcor will have a share capital of R50m.

The Privatisation Commission spokesman said yesterday there was a general expectation

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after Iscor and Sasol were privatised that many more public utilities would follow suit. However, these two were among a few enterprises which had business records and results sound enough to enable them to be prepared easily for privatisation.

Preparatory work was necessary to give government and future shareholders a clear picture of business records and performances.

The privatisation of the Abattoir Corporation would also come before Parliament this session.

However, DP trade and industry spokesman Brian Goodall said if the programme had not stalled it was crawling along at a snail's pace.

Privatisation should be placed on the Codesa agenda as a matter of great urgency. Expanding the privatisation process was seen as vital by the IMF and the World Bank, he added.



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Little change in rentals

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THERE has been little change in rental or land values since the previous Russell Marriott and Boyd Trust (RMBT) Industrial Review was published in November.

VAT has had little influence on the market as most tenants and landlords are registered vendors, says RMBT industrial manager Simon Noyes-Lewis in the February review. *3/Day 12/2/92*

"Demand for new space is relatively low, and the stock levels in most industrial townships remain similar to those of last year," he says.

RMBT is nevertheless working on several large industrial developments. Although there is a lot of industrial space on the market, it often happens that a site is not suitable for a particular client. While the cost of a new building may be higher, it may well offer "the only solution".

Savings may also be made by having a more efficient layout, and more control over goods. A property which is closer to a source of labour, or to a market, may also have advantages.

Noyes-Lewis says locations such as Eastgate, Kyalami, Midrand, Crown Mines and Isando are all seeing new developments for owner-occupiers or tenants.

Financial packages can be structured to suit the client's cash flow needs, with interest rates as low as 15% being offered, says Noyes-Lewis.

Call to use water sparingly as record amount used up

By Shirley Woodgate

The Rand Water Board sold a record amount of water last Thursday, following 10 days of peak demand during the hottest period in 30 years in the PWV region

General manager of operation James Gardiner appealed to consumers to use water sparingly so that levels could be restored in reservoirs

"The board supplied 3 236 Ml of water on Thursday, the highest volume on a single day since the inception of the RWB in 1903, said Mr Gardiner

"Although the demand remains exceptionally high, the RWB is in a good position to maintain supplies to all consumers," he said

"We supply water to about

8,2 million people and 60 per cent of SA's industrial concerns fall within our region

"This extends from Bethal in the east to Carletonville in the west and from Sasolburg in the south to Rustenburg in the northern region"

He said the RWB had the capacity to purify and pump 4 170 Ml a day, and was at the moment using up to 74 per cent of this capacity

Last week hundreds of southern suburbs residents were left without water when some reservoirs ran dry

"Recent increased demand would naturally deplete the capacity of the reservoirs, but it was uneconomical to design infrastructure to cater for peak demands of short duration"

The elephant in the living room

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The prospect of black neighbours has turned the white liberals of Bloubostrand into

Rambos. But no one dares admit to this old-fashioned racism, argues PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

HERE is a syndrome known as "the elephant in the living room" everyone knows it's there — how can you miss it? — but would rather not talk about it.

The syndrome became real for me last week in the rather plump form of a dark-haired woman working a 6am-10pm shift at the Bloubostrand roadblock.

It was the middle of the heatwave and quite gruelling out there for the local residents who had taken over a public road to ensure that no homeless people got into their suburb. It was hard work making braas, drinking beer and searching trucks to ensure that they were not sneaking in squatters.

The dark-haired woman was in radio contact with "headquarters" a show house nearby from where the Bloubostrand Action Committee was operating. "Our concern is not the people, it's the drop in property values," she said. "We are not opposed to the blacks, we've even got a few coloureds and Indians living among us. We don't oppose other races if they're on the same cultural level as us."

But the biggest concern is our safety and our security. The land that has been set aside for them is just opposite us. There are no fences. What is going to keep them out?"

When asked why she considered the blacks to be a threat, the woman appeared surprised by the question. "You don't know them — that's all I can say. You don't know them. They don't work, all they do is steal. If you're not wide awake, they'd steal the bed from under you."

A few years ago, apartheid in the form of the Group Areas Act, influx control and discriminatory town-planning would have protected the residents of Bloubostrand by ensuring that no blacks could possibly be dumped on their doorstep. Now the competi-



From pillar to post... Unaware of their uncertain fate, Zevenfontein's children continue their games. Photo GUY ADAMS

tion for land between the spreading northern suburbs of Johannesburg and the homeless and poor pouring into the urban areas from all over is turning into an ugly scrap.

What is fascinating is how quickly the prospect of cheek-by-jowl living transformed a largely English-speaking community in liberal Randburg into a band of middle-class Ramboes.

The rather frank conversation I had with the dark-haired woman, I discovered was not the official line — that I got from the PR department at the show house down the road.

A notice on the board contained the minutes of a meeting where white residents were informed of what the official line would be. "Our banners must change NOW. No more squatters. From now on it's low-cost housing. We have to be seen to be grasping the situation."

One can't avoid having some sympathy for these people. They are not the very rich, just middle-class people who have sunk a lot of money into their homes and happened to buy at a time of transition. But I feel more sorry for the people out at Zevenfontein, who have been

shifted from pillar to post, had their shacks demolished by white vigilantes armed with cricket and baseball bats, and then were treated like vermin who had to be barricaded by a roadblock.

They live in grinding poverty in corrugated iron shacks and tents on the Zevenfontein farm. Many have lived there for 10 years and longer. Mathilde Shabangu, holding a tattered umbrella to shield her from the dusty Transvaal sun, told me she had been on the farm for 40 years and pointed across the valley to where she grew up.

For a while, food and water supplies were prevented from being taken in and Zevenfontein residents were forced to leave their vehicles at the roadblock and walk to the farm, about four kilometres away. "When my children were sick, I had to carry them in wheelbarrows to the roadblock," said one resident.

August Ndlovu, a local witchdoctor, talks with animation and anger. "Our problem is that much has been said, but little has been done. What we want is a place that we can call home. Let FW de Klerk and Nelson Mandela come here and tell us that this is what

they have in mind for the 'new' South Africa."

The fundamental problem is, of course, a lack of planning. The government hasn't had a clear policy on urbanisation since the pass laws were scrapped in 1986 and the Transvaal Provincial Administration screwed things up by not consulting before they bulldozed ahead with the Bloubostrand plan. Hopefully, a lesson has been learnt.

But the problem of homelessness has been escalating for years — why does it take an incident where whites feel aggrieved to sting the authorities and everyone else into action?

Unfortunately, this is where the "elephant in the living room" scenario comes in. We are being told repeatedly that the issue has nothing to do with racism. The local press played down the racial overtones, there was even a sneaking admiration for the plucky middle-class folks defending what matters most to them — the value of their homes — and a bit of a "ta ra" for white mass action.

Instead, the local press has blamed the two old bogymen of the National Party outside agitators and the foreign

press. The Sunday Times reduced the whole saga to the hoariest of scare stories, implying that it was orchestrated by mysterious elements. Business Day heaped scorn on the overseas media. "Interpreting the squatter-resident conflict in racial terms is tempting, particularly for the foreign media, which has seized on the issue with fervour."

And the Urban Foundation's Anne Bernstein said: "The problem between the Bloubostrand residents and the Zevenfontein squatters is not a racial one. It is a class problem that occurs throughout the world."

Fair enough. It's just that 95 percent of the poor people who are being victimised happen to be black, and the rich and the middle class happen to be white.

Spending time at the roadblock left me with no illusions as to what motivates the people on the ground. A white man drove past, asking "are you winning?" and a guard at the barricade nodded and grinned. A white jogger went by, flashing a thumbs-up sign. In contrast, the faces of blacks driving through the roadblock were studiously expressionless.

The Bloubostrand Action Committee's careful euphemism for the roadblock — "controlled access" — was undermined by the dark-haired woman, who explained what they did when they found squatters, as they had the previous Friday. "We turn them around, put one car in front and one car behind, and make sure they go."

Of course, the real problem was that the authorities permitted a group of vigilantes to take over a public road and did nothing to stop them. That was the real breakdown of law and order.

Those arguing that it was nothing more than a planning dispute involving different socio-economic groups should try to explain why the Irene Vigilance Association opposes a development project designed to house 550 Chinese families from Hong Kong at Verwoerdburg, near Pretoria. The project will consist of large single stands and luxury townhouses, but again "town planning" arguments are being used to try to block it.

Lurking beneath the carefully couched explanations is a completely different truth. It is a rather ugly one, one that we need to confront frankly and stop egg-dancing around. The "new" South Africa cannot be built on convenient denials of racism.

Planners divided on how to house 3-m

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"CONSULTATION" may be the buzzword on the lips of urban planners in the Johannesburg area, but when it comes down to brass tacks it is clear they are still talking past each other

Last week's furore over Bloubastrand highlighted the pressing need to identify suitable land for low-income housing to accommodate the PWV's 3 million homeless

The criterion for this — whether it should be market-related or based on need — is becoming a source of conflict between authorities and other bodies.

And no one is willing to say which land has been earmarked for future housing development

Each has his own idea of how the chronic housing shortage should best be addressed, but finding common ground is a problem

Workable solution

While the Transvaal Provincial Administration is looking at the outskirts of Johannesburg for land, civic associations are increasingly turning their eyes inwards, particularly to prime mining land just south of the city

The Bloubastrand furore also illustrated the need for established residents, as well as the homeless, to have their say if a workable solution is to be found.

After the announcement that the low-income housing project planned for the area would not go ahead, suggestions for a solution flew thick and fast

The Urban Foundation claimed that land identification could no longer be trusted to officials and called for a task group of all interested parties to identify suitable land

This was followed by a Metropolitan Chamber — the "Codesa of the central Rand" — announcement that such a task group had already been established

A chamber spokesman told Saturday Star the Urban Foundation's announcement was "naive, ill-considered and an attempt to capture the limelight"

Despite all criticism, the TPA believes it is doing a great job addressing the huge housing shortage

It had been talking to everybody and would be providing about 43 000 new sites south of Johannesburg this year, liaison officer Magda du Toit said this week

Around the Johannesburg area, the TPA had settled 90 000 people in the last book year and made almost 100 000 stands available in recent years, she said

But detractors say this is not fast enough and that, although the TPA may be talking to everyone, it is not necessarily listening to everybody

Major partners in the Metropolitan Chamber, the Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ), believe land identification should not be based on the market value of the land, but rather on

the suitability and need for housing

The TPA is buying up land for housing in areas which lie outside Johannesburg's 20 km radius because it is cheaper

But, according to CAJ general-secretary Cas Coovadia, this will prove more expensive in the long run in terms of transport costs

He believes the starting point for any planning should be based on people's need for housing His movement believes that any land identified as suitable should be used and that legislation needs to be enacted to make this possible

If the mining companies are not willing to make their land — which is largely unused — available for housing, then some way should be found to force them to do so

"Either the mining houses put their social responsibility priorities higher up, or we bring in agents to ensure it becomes affordable for the people," Mr Coovadia said

One way would be to drastically raise the rates on unused land, he added

Another chamber member, Mark Swilling, said present legislation did not make it possible for creative alternatives Of particular hindrance were municipal by-laws

"We are talking about economic survival here Johannesburg is the goose that lays the golden egg If we do not get our planning for the future right now, we could be messing up the development of the whole subcontinent's economy

"I don't think the market should be allowed to stand in the way of economic growth Over-regulation is preventing the city from breathing and moving where it wants to go"

Holistic

Mr Swilling said he believed the TPA was trying to do its job within constraints "and those are formidable"

But, he said, the framework provided by the Metropolitan Chamber would be the solution to the TPA's headache

Ann Bernstein, executive director of the Urban Foundation, said the TPA's approach was still working on an ad hoc basis — housing needed to be looked at holistically if the problem were to be solved

"What we are saying is that you cannot, in a situation of rapid urbanisation where you have a large demand for land and an enormous backlog, survive without an overall plan

"What we are facing is the failure of past policies and the failure of present policies too," Ms Bernstein said

Mr Coovadia said it was still too early to say if the TPA-chamber task-group would be successful or not

"Its terms of reference have still not been worked out, but we definitely do not want to become a rubber stamp for the TPA," he added

Struggles for common ground

R21 000 bill — for water! (127)

By THEMBA KHUMALO C/Pren 16/2/92

RESIDENTS of eMzinoni in Bethal are up in arms after receiving outrageous electricity, rent and water bills last month.

Local PAC activist Sputnik van der Merwe said he was "shocked pale" when eMzinoni Town Council billed him R21 912,66 for water.

He said some residents who did not have electricity received bills of up to R600 a household. Several of them paid this month after the town council threatened them with court action.

In a stormy meeting between the town's administrator, his staff, an attorney and the United Community Committee (UCC), the authorities conceded that some of the bills were wrong and would be nullified.

When the meeting reached deadlock on several contentious issues, UCC recommended that both parties appoint members to conduct a joint investigation into:

- Reducing sewerage charges from R13,75 to R5;
- Reducing electricity charges from 22c to 10c a unit;
- Reducing water fees from R1,91 a kilolitre to a flat rate of R11 a month; and
- Cutting the municipality levy from R12,50 to R10 monthly.

Van der Merwe added that Bethal was not an industrial town, and the average resident earned less than R300 a month.

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Revenge might be motive for arson

By DAN DHLAMINI

STILFONTEIN'S Khuma Council offices were gutted this week in what is suspected to be an act of retaliation.

The blaze, which engulfed the treasury section of the municipal offices, follows the water and electricity cuts in the trouble-torn township.

Damage estimated at R300 000 was caused at the office block, which is covered with a high security fence and is about 50 metres from the local police station. The offices contained valuable records and equipment.

Police said the arsonists apparently cut a hole in the security fence and may have doused the office with a flammable liquid.

A Western Transvaal police spokesman said police were investigating arson. No arrest has been made.

Khuma administrator Dennis Archer told City Press various electricity

cuts and water rationing had been in force for some time now as a result of huge arrears. He declined to say how much was owed to his council.

Khuma People's Delegation spokesman, France Masike, said he suspected that the burning down of the office could be the work of the agents of the "sytem" in retaliation against the residents' successful boycotts.

Masike said the sole aim of the gutting of the council office was to discredit the rent and consumer boycott organisers in the eyes of outsiders.

He said the boycotts would continue until the demands of residents were met.

Masike said the real trouble in this poor gold mining dorp started when Archer displayed arrogance and disregarded his previous agreements with residents that a flat rate should be paid while negotiations for a solution continued.

Scam sites won't be grabbed

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not confiscate any of the unoccupied sites at its Doornkop site-and-service scheme which belong to victims of the Laduma Construction scam.

City Press reported last month that Laduma Construction has gone bankrupt, leaving dozens of

people at Doornkop and other housing schemes without the homes they had paid for.

Since then, several readers have complained they are receiving letters from the TPA's Doornkop administration demanding that they occupy the sites they have been allocated. *CP 16/2/92*

City Press contacted the TPA, which agreed not to take any action against people who could not occupy sites because they had been defrauded by contractors.

"How can we occupy our sites when we have no

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more money to build?" asked Idah Mbatha, who paid a R1 300 deposit to Laduma manager Gerrie van der Merwe

Mbatha said she and several friends had believed Laduma was a reputable contractor because

it was allowed by the TPA to market homes from TPA sites.

"How can the TPA give us land, then allow criminals to steal the money we struggled to save for our houses?" she asked.

Several months ago, when Laduma and other contractors with similar schemes were still operating from Doornkop, City Press put the same question to the TPA, pointing out that the schemes Laduma and other contractors were marketing were unworkable.

A TPA spokesman said at the time that the free market system must be allowed to operate and that the TPA was not vetting the contractors who were given show sites to build on.

The TPA said it was up to individuals to decide whether to do business with any particular contractor.

Maria Mofokeng put down R1 000 in the hope of providing a decent home for her severely disabled and retarded daughter.

"I hoped that having a new house would be the start of a better life for us," Maria told City Press.

"Now Van Der Merwe has stolen the R1 000 I worked so hard to save for a house. I don't know how I will be able to save that money again," she said.

Grandmother Ruth Melato put down R2 400 and now has no home and has lost her money.

■ If you have paid money to Laduma or any other contractor and have not got a house, come to City Press Hotline Mondays or Tuesdays on telephone (011) 402-1632 and we will try to help you.

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Land for 5 000

low-cost homes

CAPE TOWN — Five projects, for the development of an estimated 5 000 low-income house stands, have been approved for the Reef and Vaal area, according to the Independent Development Trust. STAR 17/2/72

The stands would be developed in terms of the IDT's capital subsidy scheme. This provides R7 500 towards the cost of each stand for people earning less than R1 000 a month.

The approved projects are in Katlehong, KwaThema, Tamboekiesfontein and Tsakane on the East Rand and in Zamdela near Sasolburg.

In KwaThema near Springs, 157 of the planned 940 stands have been completed and are ready for allocation to qualifying families. — Sapa

Township

a no-no

Sowetan 18/2/92

THE town council of Louis Trichardt has objected to the re-establishment of Tshikota township

In a resolution taken on January 28 the council said Tshikota would be an informal town which would affect the standards of the neighbouring suburb ~~of~~

Tshikota, less than 1km from the town's suburbs, was demolished more than 10 years ago (127)

This angered the residents who vowed to return

Campaigns were started two years ago to re-establish the township, and following a massive boycott of the town in 1990, the Administrator of the Transvaal agreed to upgrade the area for reoccupation

Townhouses set to appeal

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Business Day Reporter

WITH the completion of the Village Walk shopping and office complex and the upgrading of the Balalaika Hotel, Sandton, has shown a dramatic increase in property values *6/day*.

This, combined with a rise in the number of office complexes, has created a demand for affordable yet upmarket housing.

Now Callegari Construction is set to launch a townhouse development in Linden Road, Strathavon, on Saturday, February 29.

Developer Costantino Callegari's recently completed development in Rivonia, La Piazza, quickly sold out. *19/2/92*

"If developers are not careful, townhouse developments can be dull. Our secret is the architectural design. People must be excited by the concept, and immediately want to live there," he says.

La Scala is situated in a wooded area and will comprise eight single-bedroom townhouses and 20 with two bedrooms. Prices will start at R169 000.

The architect is Pieter Swart, who worked on the Sun City project. He has aimed for a development that is visually exciting, comfortable and secure, and calls the style Cape Caribbean Terraces.

RESIDENTS of Palm Springs, near Evaton in the Vaal Triangle, would not pay service charges until schools were built for the 4 400 children and its infrastructure upgraded, the Palm Springs Civic Association said yesterday.

In a statement released ahead of a February 27 meeting with the Transvaal Provincial Administration, association chairman Mr Mlungisi Hlongwane said residents were ready to step up their boycott and were unmoved by TPA threats to cut services.

He said residents were expected to pay a flat rate of R60 a month for services, excluding electricity and water.

"Palm Springs is re-

Palm Springs people dig in

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garded as a low-cost area, yet monthly bond repayments are about R400, electricity and water about R190 and the service charge R60 for a total of R650 a month.

"The area does not have a single school but there are more than 4 400 children of school-going age.

"There are no health fa-

cilities except for a private doctor who is available for two hours a day mid-week, no recreational facilities, no post office or telephones and the standard of the infrastructure is so low there are blockages in the sewerage system every day.

"On top of it all, the TPA is planning to incorporate Palm Springs into Evaton, whose councillors have been rejected by their own people," said Hlongwane.

The decision to boycott service charges was made when the TPA failed to react to the association's demands in June last year, he said, and discussions since then had achieved nothing.

"The next meeting is on February 27," he said.

Swanieville owner to be compensated

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ADRIAN HADLAND

SWANIEVILLE landowner Sarel Swanepoel would receive compensation for some of the land expropriated by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, TPA chief director of physical planning and development P P van den Hoven said yesterday

rently known as Swanieville 2 (127) (127) (127) The TPA averted a potential crisis yesterday with the announcement that it would expropriate 362ha, Swanieville 2, outside Krugersdorp and would declare another 13ha, Swanieville 1, a temporary transit area. Swanepoel had threat-

ened this week to have the AWB remove 25 000 squatters who had been staging a rent boycott since December 1990

The four Swanieville residents who were arrested on Wednesday and charged with assault and abduction appeared in the Krugersdorp magistrate's court yesterday They were remanded pending legal representation

A refund would be provided by the TPA, subject to appraisals, for the land to be developed as a permanent urban settlement, cur-

RELATIONS between Stilfontein and the neighbouring Khuma township have always been unhealthy. But a notice circulated last week by the Conservative Party-controlled council in this western Transvaal town pushed the temperature past boiling point.

The notice warned whites that "your domestic servant/employee who resides in Khuma has no water for sanitary services available. You could therefore be contaminated with the following by them — cholera, dysentery, diarrhoea, etc." It warned householders "to ensure that the domestic worker does not prepare foodstuffs or handle utensils unless she has washed herself properly."

What the notice did not say was who had cut the water, and why. Services have been stopped by the Western Transvaal Water Board and the town council. The water board acted in retaliation for a services boycott and the town council because of a consumer boycott.

Khuma has embarked on numerous boycotts since 1985 to force Stilfontein to resolve various rent crises. The recent services and consumer boycotts of township residents against the Stilfontein town council only worsened the malaise.

In 1990, after widespread allegations of systematic overcharging, the community decided through its civic association to pay only a flat rate of R30 a month per household to cover all rents and services.

The community believed that the black township was being overcharged on services to subsidise the smaller white town. Stilfontein's white population numbers around 13 000 and Khuma's between 30 000 and 40 000.

A call for a commission of inquiry and an appeal for independent auditors to have access to the township's bookkeeping records revealed chaos — a situation which seems to persist.

Meanwhile the civic association that had recommended the flat R30 services payment was ousted and replaced by a new one. What followed, said residents, was a series of inconclusive meetings, always hindered by one white official — Khuma township administrator Dennis Atcher — whose removal the community demanded. Residents believe Atcher merely carried out decisions made in Stilfontein, and the township was being run by remote control.

Therefore the consumer boycott was instituted on February 3. White businesses suffered so badly that on Monday last week, the council retaliated — in concert with the water board — and cut all the services.

The day after the notice appeared last week, domestic workers reporting

A town where the taps ran dry

Residents of Khuma township began a rent and services boycott to protest maladministration. The nearby white town promptly cut water and electricity supplies By RAY NXUMALO and PAT SIDLEY



Difficult start This baby was born at Takalani clinic while water supplies were cut off to Khuma township. The infant became ill because of the water cuts. Photograph GUY ADAMS

for work in Stilfontein were surprised to find new plastic basins to wash their hands in — outside the house before they could enter. They were certainly not offered the baths, showers or basins inside the houses. Neither could they fix breakfast for "Kleinbaas" without having washed their hands thoroughly.

When asked about the consequences of this action, Stilfontein town clerk Nokkie van Vuuren said "We only cut the electricity. It's the board which cut the water."

Asked if he believed his action — given that it could cause disease and death — was fair and just, he said "Yes. They (Khuma residents) did it on their own for boycotting and not paying their service charges."

He was asked whether he knew that a clinic and two doctors' consulting rooms would be affected if they had to function without water or electricity. "Babies are born all the time in Khuma," he said.

Takalani clinic did deliver a baby on Monday, but because of the water

shortage the new mother had to be discharged. She was scheduled to come for ante-natal care the following day.

"We were surprised to see her on Wednesday, and she looked finished," said the sister at the clinic.

Still suffering the strain of labour, she had had to walk 10km for water.

Another new mother had to destroy her nappies because they were heavily soiled, according to the sister.

By Friday, when the services were restored, five babies had been delivered at Takalani — without running water, no electricity and no sister removal. The little water that the sister managed to get was kept in drums.

Residents and new mothers struggling to fetch water in containers from far away were greeted at the entrance to the township by roadblocks and their precious cargoes slashed open, letting the water spill to the ground.

Several people told *The Weekly Mail* that the roadblocks were manned by white men in SAP uniforms. But Captain Jan Vorster of the Stilfontein police said there were no roadblocks in Khuma when water was cut there.

However, his men arrested 10 township residents who tried to get water from a burst pipe at a farm outside Khuma on Thursday morning. They were found guilty of trespassing and fined R60 each, said Vorster.

That babies were born at a clinic without running water did not seem to bother the water board's Gert Willemse. He confirmed that "it was my decision to cut the water supply."

He said if people did not pay their accounts, services had to be cut.

When asked if it mattered to him that his action might have resulted in disease — and even death, he said that was not for him to worry about. "I don't know why you look at us for blame — go to the instigators who tell people not to pay."

Dr Clive Mhlongo is one of two doctors with rooms in Khuma. He said there had been a 20 percent increase in gastro-enteritis during the cut-off period. He said he had witnessed the residents' water containers slashed at roadblocks.

Mhlongo had to refer several cases to Tshepong hospital, near Klerksdorp, for intravenous rehydration.

Even schools in the area suffered many children were severely dehydrated and some fainted.

By Friday, everyone had had enough. The township was dying of thirst and the town was hungry for black buying power. When the consumer boycott was called off, the town agreed to remove Atcher and the water was restored.

Meanwhile, Khuma has a trickling of water and a flicker of lights, but an agreement has yet to be reached on payment of rents and services.

WOMEN IN POOR YOU R TO

By THEMBA KHUMALO

NOORDGESIG residents near Soweto have started an indefinite rent and electricity boycott this week until the authorities have reduced their electricity bills to R10 a month

A spokesman for Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) and local PAC branch chairman Basil Douglas said trouble started last month when the Johannesburg City Council sent residents electricity and rent bills of up to R600 a month

"No one pays less than R300 for rent and electricity in our township. It's outrageous," Douglas said

Thousands of residents staged a dramatic but peaceful demonstration outside the rent offices on Friday to demand the release of six men who were

Noordgesig sees red over R600 electricity bills

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held by the police during a march in Noordgesig

After almost three hours of negotiations between the police and members of the civic association, all six were released. This was after the marchers threatened to hand themselves over for arrest if the six were not freed immediately

Subsequently three of them - Given Leo, David Oliver and Leon Smith - were released from the rent offices while Irwin Smith, Johnny Smith and an unknown man walked free at Orlando Police

Station

Although they were not charged, Colonel Trieme Halgryn, spokesman for the Soweto police who was at the scene, said his men were investigating charges of malicious damage to property and attending an illegal gathering

"We took down the names of the six men and we told them they might be charged. Their demonstration was not legal and the windscreen of a police vehicle was damaged during stoning by the marchers," Halgryn said

Stella Theunis of the NCA said the decision to boycott was taken on Thursday at a mass meeting addressed by PAC general secretary Benny Alexander

Theunis said residents decided not to pay rent because they had been doing so since they moved in during the early 1940s. They felt the authorities should treat them the same way they did Sowetans, who would soon own their rented houses

Local resident Maria Gordons said pensioners in the area paid about R50 monthly rent while ordinary residents paid up to R91. This was too much for them because they were underpaid, Gordons said

Douglas said the PAC had arranged free legal defence for the residents who had been summoned to appear in court for failing to pay electricity bills



RELEASED... Johnny Smith, 32, shows the wound he sustained during a scuffle when he was arrested at the march. Pic ANDRIES MCINEKA

Ikageng votes to boycott rent

IKAGENG residents near Potchefstroom this week embarked on a rent boycott to protest rent and services increases of up to 200 percent

Residents made the decision after negotiations between the administrator Johan Oosthuizen and the Ikageng Civic Association ended in deadlock.

Oosthuizen said Ikageng paid lower rent and services than any other township. (127)

■ Meanwhile Stilfontein's Khuma township's month-old white business boycott ended on Friday after the administrator, Dennis Atcher, resigned.

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Row over Jo'burg tariffs for Ennerdale residents

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By Brian Sokutu

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The Ennerdale Local Development Committee (ELDC), in its response to protest actions by residents over the past three weeks, has indicated its preparedness to introduce Johannesburg City Council tariffs in Ennerdale.

But the move has been rejected by the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association (Esca)

In its newsletter, the local development committee, claiming to have been "requested by some members of the community" to introduce Johannesburg tariffs for rates and taxes in Ennerdale, however, warned residents of "considerably higher Johannesburg tariffs than those of Ennerdale"

"The Local Development

Committee would have no objection if the Commission of Inquiry finds that Ennerdale residents prefer to adopt the tariff structure of Johannesburg or any other town. The implications of higher tariffs for rates and taxes would then have to be explained to residents carefully," according to the newsletter

Esca, which last week reaffirmed its call for the dissolution of ELDC, and for Ennerdale to be incorporated into Johannesburg, said the introduction of Johannesburg tariffs in Ennerdale was "contrary" to residents' demands

"It is correct that we want to be part of Johannesburg, but we want to pay affordable rates. We reject the ELDC's offer to introduce Johannesburg tariffs in Ennerdale," said Esca chairman Farouk Jardine

Survey of Jo'burg's inner city completed

~~22/11/72~~ ADRIAN HADLAND ~~2/12/72~~ (127)

A MAJOR survey of the inner city areas of Johannesburg, with significant implications for the framing of urban policy, was completed by the Human Sciences Research Council this week.

The findings of the survey, in which 1 400 respondents were questioned on household income, family size and residents' opinions about high-density living conditions, will be passed on to the Johannesburg City Council's committee on urbanisation for consideration next week. *Monday 24/12/72*

All council directorates concerned with housing and urbanisation would be using the results of the survey to set short-, medium- and long-term priorities, said a statement issued by the council's urban strategies division.

The areas covered by the survey include Yeoville, Berea, Newtown, Bellevue, Bertrams and nine other sectors of Johannesburg's inner city region.

"The inner city areas of any major metropolitan area are renowned for displaying a wide range of physical, social and economic problems," said the statement.

However, the same areas "also offer the greatest potential in terms of access to jobs, affordable housing, social and welfare amenities", it said.

Urban strategies division spokesman Bonnie Rosen said the information on community organisations gathered in the survey would be used to set up forums for discussion and negotiation.

The involvement of the community in the planning process, from the identification of problems to the formulation of policy proposals, was considered fundamental to decision making, she said.

Plans to upgrade parts of Joubert Park, subject to council approval, were announced by the inner city working group this week.

The plans cover provision of extra parking for businesses and residents, play areas and equipment for children, as well as a road and pavement resurfacing programme.

Police shoot at rent protesters

POLICE used teargas on Saturday morning to disperse a crowd of people who had gathered at the Noordgesig municipal offices to protest against rent payments, a police spokesman said.

A Noordgesig resident claimed several people were injured in the shooting in which he said police used rubber bullets, teargas and birdshot.

One man was arrested after police fired a round of teargas to disperse a crowd of about 150 placard-carrying demonstrators outside the offices, police liaison officer Captain G Mariemuthoo said

According to him initial indications were that

no-one was injured in the incident.

The arrested man would be charged with public violence

The crowd had gathered at the offices to protest the payment of rent accounts and tried to prevent people from paying their accounts, Mariemuthoo said

The police gave the crowd a warning to disperse which was ignored, he said

Chairman of the Noordgesig Civic Association, Mr Ivan Arends, claimed several people were injured in the shooting

"Four people, including a child hit by a rubber bullet, were taken to hospital by ambulance

Some elderly people were also injured when a teargas canister was fired into a house," he said.

"Police just started shooting without warning and people were lying all over the place," he said in a telephone interview.

The arrested man had tried to plead with policemen not to shoot, Arends said.

Mariemuthoo said the crowd had regrouped in a park in the area after the incident and police were monitoring them

A more detailed report of the incident would be issued as soon as he had received it, he said - Sapa

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Pay up, Emeraldale residents urged

By Michael Sparks

The Johannesburg City Council yesterday appealed to residents of Emeraldale Extension 5, who are R6-million in arrears for houses they purchased in 1986, to resume payments

Health and housing committee chairman Marietta Marx said the money could go a long way to providing low-cost housing for the homeless

The houses, ranging between R26 000 and R35 000, were sold by deed of sale in 1986

The following year residents complained of bad workmanship and sub-standard materials.

A subsequent CSIR investigation found no structural defects but ruled that some houses were not built to specification. Mrs Marx said the council offered to repair defects at the

contractor's cost.

"Many people took up this offer which was carried out by the contractor, while others would not let officials or the contractor into their homes," she said

Mrs Marx said an agreement between the council and the Emeraldale and Surrounding Civic Association led independent assessors to estimate the value of the defects, which would be deducted from the purchase price. However, some people had not kept up with payments, as required by the agreement

Mrs Marx said the transactions of some 260 purchasers had not been finalised, and 39 residents alone owed R1 million. Those transfers that were not completed had been referred to the council's attorneys for action

Mrs Marx said the council did not wish to evict the residents. If residents signed a declaration of intent or made a suitable ar-

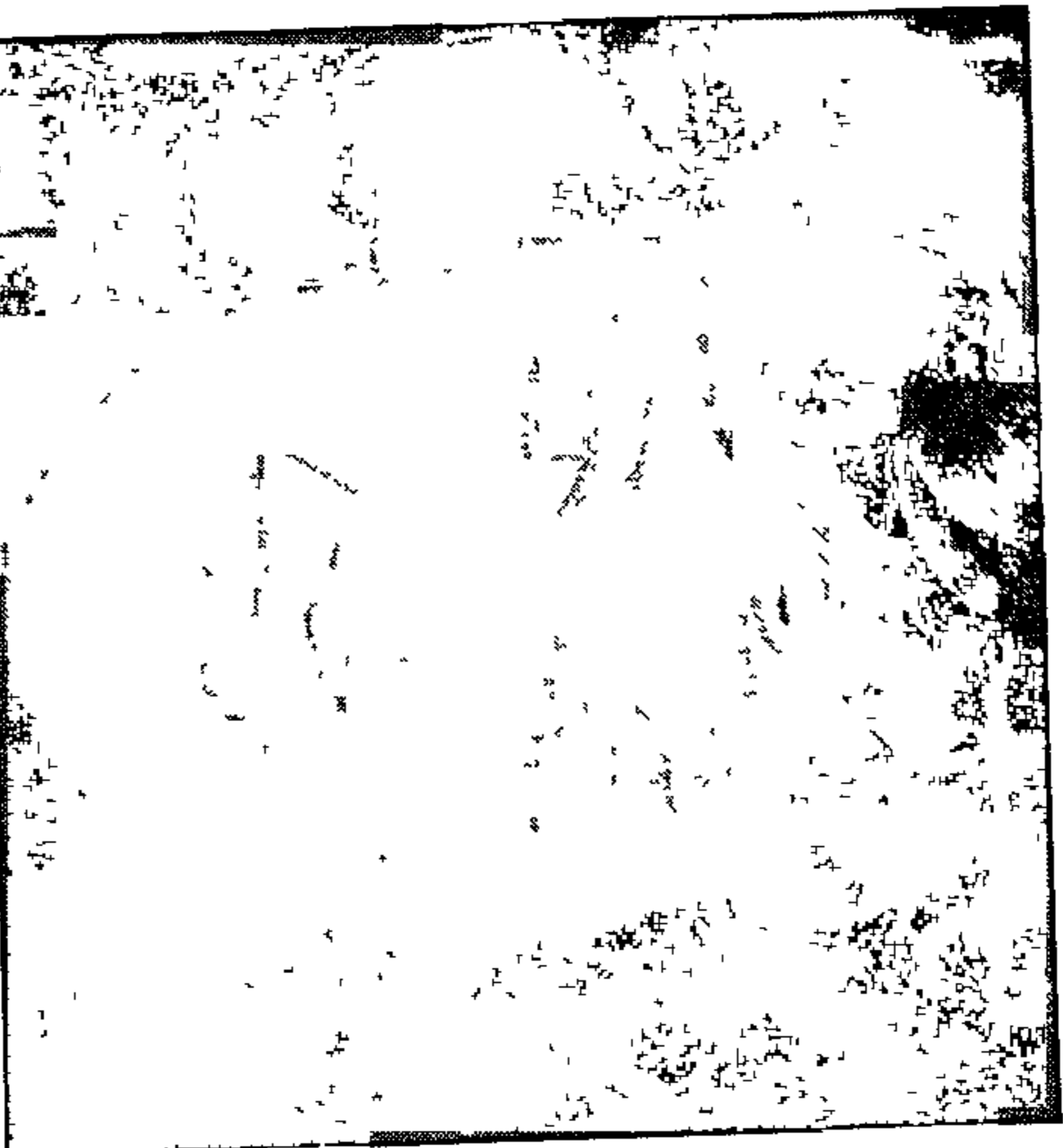
angement with the council to resume payment for the houses, such action would not be necessary.

"Nobody is trying to force reluctant purchasers to buy homes they don't want, but they can't have them for nothing. These houses were built with ratepayers' money," Mrs Marx said

Emerdale civic executive member Andre Geen said residents believed the value of defects would be taken off only for first-time buyers who had taken transfer. This was seen as a council attempt to "divide" residents.

This meant some people who had taken transfer, including some who were renting their houses out, were not eligible for refunds.

Mr Geen denied there was any agreement between the civic association and the council, saying no terms had been discussed with residents



Marietta Marx . . . money would help the homeless

Boycott continues, say angry residents

Staff Reporter

STAR
25/4/92

Noordgesig residents, who are protesting against rent payments, have reacted angrily to police action on Saturday and vowed to continue their boycott.

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse about 150 people outside the rent offices and arrested a man who is expected to be charged with public violence.

According to civic executive member Inez Solomons, he was freed on R800 bail yesterday.

Mrs Solomons said she had delivered a letter on Friday to Ian Davidson, Johannesburg's management committee chairman, requesting a meeting, and was awaiting a reply.

Residents of the township south of Johannesburg began a boycott last week, protesting against alleged high rents, a shortage of housing and the poor quality of existing housing.

Clifford Smith of the Noordgesig Civic Association said some residents had lived in badly built houses for more than 50 years and still had to pay rent.

"You knock a nail into the wall and a brick falls out the other side," Mr Smith said.

The city council's housing director Ian Taitz said the council had received a request to talk some time ago.

"We were told they would get back to us with a date and an agenda, but we have not heard from them since," Mr Taitz said.

Spruitview is a slum - residents

By JOE MDHLELA

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THE Spruitview Ratepayers Association this week accused the Katlehong Council of collecting rates but "not providing efficient services"

SRA chairman Mr Jabu Njomane accused the council of merely collecting the rates to "inflate" their coffers, in order to pay salaries.

He said the upmarket suburb was degenerating into a slum *Sowetan 26/2/92*

He also said the association was opposed to the election of a councillor to represent the area at council meetings.

Katlehong town clerk Mr Fanie Mare said an agreement had been reached with the SRA more than a year ago that, if 80 percent of Spruitview residents paid their rates, full municipality services would be provided.

Big future planned for power meters

ELECTRONICS company Spescom was poised to market overseas its "encoded number" system of metering electricity payments, spokesman Ian Alport said yesterday.

Alport said a number of municipalities in SA had already shown interest in the pre-paid electricity meters, or Cash Power. 2 000.

About 14 000 prepaid meters had already been installed in several townships *Bloubaas 27/2/92*

Alport said Zambia, Angola, Zim-

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babwe and Brazil had also shown interest *(127)*

Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) spokesman Richard Mdakane said many township residents were confused about how the meters worked. He said since Eskom had already installed 4 000 metres in the township and was installing 7 000 more, the ACO would soon embark on an education campaign *(2/2)*

Blueprint to lift inner city

(127) B/D Day 28/2/92
ADRIAN HADLAND

A WIDE range of measures aimed at reinvigorating Johannesburg's CBD were recommended by the Human Sciences Research Council this week following the release of its substantive survey into inner city areas

The results of the survey, which was based on 1 400 questionnaires taken from 14 inner city regions, are likely to guide the Johannesburg City Council's future urban policies

Among the recommendations are the creation of a non profit-making housing trust aimed at lending money to areas spurned by financial institutions, the establishment of a municipal police force controlled by the community and increased fines for landlords who overcharge rents and let their buildings deteriorate

Greater powers of inspection for the council and higher fines were suggested to combat overcrowding, exorbitant rents and unfair evictions

It was reported that residents in regions such as Hillbrow, Joubert Park, the CBD, Doornfontein and Berea were having great difficulty securing mortgages and loans from lending institutions. The report recommended a first-time buyer's housing subsidy as well as the possible provision of loan collateral to encourage "the return of normal financial institutions to the area"

Further recommendations included the provision of shelters for homeless adults, street children and abused women and the provision of legitimacy and support to organisations catering to the needs of gay people and street children

All council directorates concerned with housing and urbanisation would be using the results of the survey to set short, medium and long-term priorities, the council's urban strategies division said in a statement this week

Meat industry plan 'ineffective'

B/D Day 28/2/92

THE Meat Board's announcement this week that it plans to deregulate the red meat industry has drawn sharp reaction from the Organisation of Livestock Producers (OLP)

Speaking at a news conference yesterday OLP chairman Nils Dittmer said the board's announcement was a smokescreen as it did not address the cause of the meat industry's main problem

The concern was the heavily controlled meat scheme, he said, which controlled the flow of meat to the market and resulted in a lower income for producers, raised consumer prices and reduced consumption

The board announced on Tuesday that a new meat scheme would soon be introduced — which meant in practice that the distinction between controlled and uncontrolled areas would fall away and that the SA Abattoir Corporation would be privatised

Dittmer said producers objected to being legally forced into the meat scheme and said the cost of intervention had been great

Farmers also opposed the board's practice of raising compulsory levies on each animal slaughtered in order to fund services which did not necessarily benefit producers or consumers. Coupled with this, the Board was not accountable to those it was meant to serve and the producers had not been able to get access to the board's audited financial statement for the past three years, he said

Dittmer said the deregulation should be supported by farmers having the option to choose to operate

KATHRYN STRACHAN

within the meat scheme or to function independently according to market forces

The OLP believed farmers should have the choice of opting out of the scheme if they wished and negotiating their own prices, but that the scheme should still be there for those who needed the comfort of the minimum price protection. The compulsory levies payable by the producers to the board would then become fees payable for services provided

Dittmer said true deregulation meant that meat traders and butchers would be able to buy livestock directly from farmers, have the animals slaughtered at abattoirs of their choice and be able to sell their produce on consumer-based demand rather than according to centralised regulations

Fundamental restructuring of the current meat scheme was the only way to stop consumers paying three times more for meat than what the producers received and allow farmers to negotiate their own prices according to market forces, he said. Red meat prices rose 38% during 1991

The OLP has taken two years to research the estimated 1 000 regulations governing the industry and concluded the restrictions constrained efficient production and distribution of red meat. As a result, consumers paid far more for meat than necessary while producers' profit margins shrank, he said

The OLP has presented its recommendations to the Meat Board and to the Department of Agriculture

Council acts

On these figures, there is a possibility of a decline by about three percentage points in the next few months

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KEEPING GREEN IN SANDTON

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The greater Johannesburg residential property market may be depressed — there were 1 400 deals in December, half of the number in December 1990 — but demand for townhouses, sectional title and cluster homes remains strong, especially if they are secure and in Sandton.

Downsizing, though not necessarily related to price, appears to be of secondary concern. Thus, there has reportedly been exceptional response to the launch of a 45-unit development this month in Morningside Hills by Time Property Developments and Seeff-Slot Projects.

Priced at R180 000-R240 000 for two- and three-bedroom units covering 95 m² to 115 m², La Camargue appears to have hit the right spot with buyers wanting more than simply a Sandton address, says Seeff-Slot Projects MD Mark Slot. Within days of the launch 10 units were sold.

Agents in the area say the units are small — 135 m² or larger is comfortable — but, in this price range, depending on security and design, response should be good.

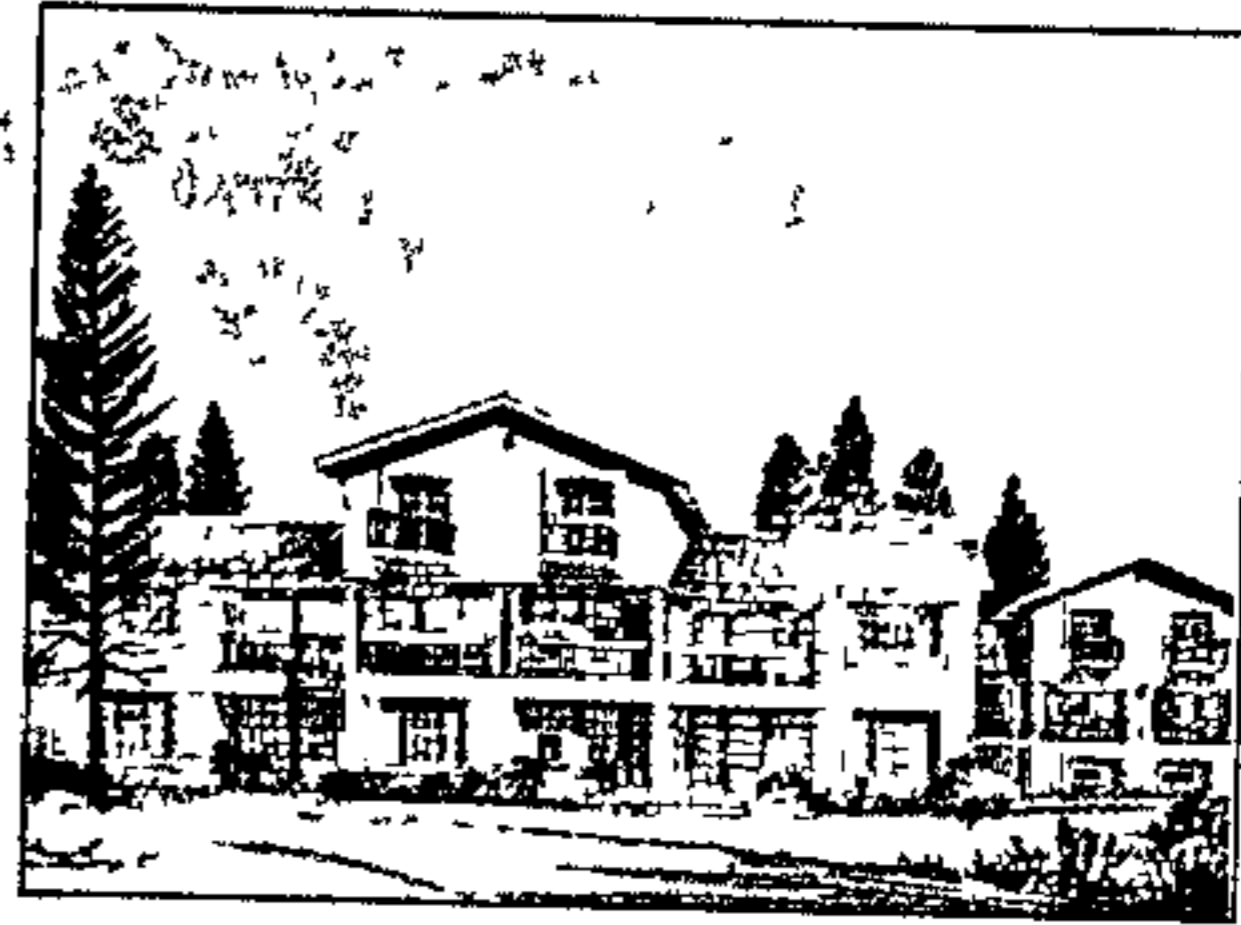
Slot believes his development stands out in Sandton's townhouse belt for a number of reasons, including distinctive architecture, a well-wooded site, good security, above-average quality finishes and an attractive bond package. This includes a three-month repayment holiday and a loan through Allied at rates between 0,5% and 1% below the current interest rate for people who qualify

"The units are bigger on average than

others on offer in a similar price range in the area — which is important to buyers who increasingly want better value for money in residential property," Slot says. "Sandton is a high-demand area. There was a time when there was virtually no affordable housing around here. Small units priced at around R140 000 eventually started coming on to the market — but they weren't quite what people wanted. We believe we've found the right niche."

Time's Andrew Cairns says there has been strong interest from investors because of the location and high quality of units. Capital appreciation on townhouses in the same area has been 30% plus over the past year or two. He adds that rentals for the two-bedroom units at La Camargue should be R1 600-R1 900 a month while the larger units should fetch R2 200-R2 500.

La Camargue is marketed by Seeff Residential Properties.



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retailers include a J D Group furniture store
and some local Vereeniging traders ■

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Guidelines governing the use of undermined
land are under review by a government-
appointed committee Recommendations, to
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be published soon, could result in restrictions
on developing such land being eased consid-
erably. In this way, more land could be made
available for building and development on
the Witwatersrand

The owners of the land — set above min-
ing activities of the past or present — include
Rand Mines Properties, Sage Properties, Jo-
hannesburg and other councils as well as
private individuals

Over the past 15 years, Steffen, Robertson
& Kirsten Consulting Engineers (SRK) has
been involved in more than 70 undermining
projects. The firm worked on the Standard
Bank head office in Simmonds Street, Jo-
hannesburg — the first major development
to take place across mine workings

SRK says, judging from its experience and
from an analysis of the behaviour of under-
mined land, relaxing the guidelines restrict-
ing development is justified if a thorough,
responsible approach is adopted.

SRK partner Dick Stacey says. "Relax-
ation could help to ease the severe shortage
of land for development close to the CBDs of
Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Roodepoort,
Germiston, Springs and other centres."

He adds. "The land in question lies over
the main gold-bearing reefs of the Wit-
watersrand, which traverse the full length of
the area in an east-west direction. Mining
began in the late 19th Century and has
resulted in extensive areas of undermined
land from Randfontein to Springs

"Because of the possibility of ground
movements from mining operations, the
erection of buildings on this ground is strictly
controlled by the Government Mining Engi-
neer. For example, no buildings, roads, rail-
ways or any structure whatever may be built
without written permission when the depth
of the mine workings is less than 90 m"

When SRK investigated the Standard
Bank site — which lies over the Main Reef
Leader and South Reef — it designed reme-
dial measures to allow development. These
centred on constructing in-stope concrete pil-
lars to create a rigid "arch" near the surface
to safeguard against collapse or instability in
the mine workings at greater depth. At other
sites only nominal, low-cost stabilising mea-
sures have been necessary.

Stacey believes some of the land could be
used for formal and informal housing but
"property owners and developers may not be
keen on informal housing as it may not be as
lucrative to develop as industrial and com-
mercial property. However, balanced devel-
opment is desirable."

SRK believes "where the requirement for
stabilising measures is negligible, and the
cost would be correspondingly small" ■

TrialS and tribulations of a township landlord

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By CHARLENE SMITH

THREE years ago, when Ethel MoloI bought the township house in which she has lived for 39 years, she inherited five tenants whom she cannot evict

One tenant has not paid rent for months and once attempted to break down a wall around Mrs MoloI's house, claiming it obstructed her access to facilities

The matter recently went to court and the tenant won

The incident is only one in a growing tussle between the rights of landowners and the demands of tenants in the overcrowded Johannesburg township of Alexandra, where the lack of a clear housing policy exacerbates tensions

Mrs MoloI's parents built her house in the 20s but it was expropriated in terms of apartheid laws in the 70s. When she bought it back, she acquired the five tenants who live in the outbuildings her parents had erected on the property. Some, like Sophie Mahlowakana, have lived there for more than 20 years

Neat

When Mrs MoloI bought the house, she signed an agreement with the council undertaking not to evict any inherited tenants for five years

Mrs MoloI had no qualms about the agreement and set about renovating and enlarging the run-down outbuildings the council failed to maintain

But the agreement held the seeds of a conflict she did not foresee

In many instances, similar council agreements can also signal difficulties for tenants. Some tenants allege that property owners do not allow them access to water or sewage facilities, the Alexandra Civic Organisation claims

The situation is bedeviling negotiations for property rights and new land in the overcrowded township, which has an estimated 100 000 people living in shacks or rooms

But Mrs MoloI is an exemplary landlord. The large property she bought from the council for R9 000 is flanked by shops she runs with her brother. The shops were also owned by their mother and they bought them back for R16 000

Amid the chaos and filth that typifies much of Alexandra, her property is neat and clean. Washing lines are strung down the sides of homes with neat flush toilets for tenants in the backyard.

Mrs MoloI and her late husband demolished her parent's old house and built

UNHAPPY:
Alexandra landowner Ethel MoloI is unable to evict a troublesome tenant who refuses to pay her rent. Picture: ROB HADLEY

a smart, larger dwelling on the property

Mrs MoloI charges her tenants R25 a month for a room in the outbuildings

In February, 1990 a tenant who had lived on the property since 1986, Mrs Hilda Khunou, stopped paying rent, claiming the Alexandra Civic Organisa-

tion "said the property did not belong to us"

The ACO fudges the issue. The organisation's Richard Mdakhane says there should be consensus among all residents on a specific property on who buys it. But he says, "we are not against the legitimate claims of former

property owners". He adds that it is his "personal view that the sale of properties should be stopped in old Alexandra until we have all sat down and worked out ways of getting property back to the original owners"

Mr Mdakhane says he cannot comment on the

Khunou/MoloI issue without personal knowledge of all details

But the dispute involves more than non-payment of rent

Mrs MoloI explains "Last year my husband was shot dead when his taxi was hijacked. I feared for my safety and that of my four children and built a wall around my yard and that of my tenants"

She said Mrs Mahlowakana and the other tenants claimed they were pleased with the safety and privacy the wall afforded them

However, Mrs Khunou began breaking down part of the wall, saying she wanted her own gate to the street. The case went to court. Mrs Khunou said the wall blocked her access to washing lines and the toilet and made it difficult to clean her back windows

In fact, there is a washing line outside Mrs Khunou's front door and the outside toilets flank her small house. Nevertheless, the court discharged her

Slow

Mrs MoloI says she wants Mrs Khunou to leave but her hands are tied by the council agreement

Mrs Khunou was not available for comment when the Sunday Times visited the premises

Alternative housing developments are proceeding slowly in the township

It has taken 18 months to develop the Far East Bank of Alexandra (on the opposite side of the Jukskei river from old Alexandra) which will accommodate 6 000 site and service plots for low income residents — families earning less than R1 000 a month

Work will begin on the first 1 750 sites in March and they will be ready for habitation in July

The Joint Negotiating Forum will run a support programme which will provide access to site plans, loans and a building materials yard. It is also considering a lottery for the allocation of sites

No pay, so council sheds 3

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THREE Soweto councillors have been disqualified from serving on the council for failing to pay their service charges for a period exceeding three months.

The three councillors owed a total of about R5 000.

The disqualification of former Soweto mayor Sam Mkwazi, councillor Simon Tsatsi and Isaac Galela came into effect from February 19 127

This week the three councillors did not attend the council's monthly meeting after having held a meeting with Witwatersrand Chief Director of the TPA, J van der Walt.

The three councillors were among several others who were served with 14 days' notice to pay the full amount owing on February 4, 1992.

The three councillors failed to comply with the notice and were therefore automatically disqualified.

The Soweto City Council is presently discussing procedures for collecting service-charge arrears with the Soweto Civic Association and members of the Metropolitan Chamber.

Bold 'Brow housing boost

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An innovative co-operative housing venture, designed to save tenants from the rental roundabout and help stem the decline of Jo burg's flatland, is ready to swing into action, reports JO-ANNE COLLINGE

TENANTS in seven blocks of flats in Hillbrow are forming an organisation equipped to buy and manage the buildings in which they live — and to give almost 300 families the assurance of secure, affordable homes.

Negotiations on the purchase will begin within weeks. Johannesburg's highrise flatland, which set the pace for desegregating South African cities, is about to become the scene of the first project to provide social housing for black people in an inner-city area.

Planners suggest that the scheme, known as the Seven Buildings Project, has the potential to rise above the ashes of the Group Areas Act and shake off the legacy of physical decay, overcrowding, ever-rising rents, and running battles between landlord and tenant.

The project has a clear aim to provide residents with affordable housing, with security of tenure and the opportunity of self-management of the buildings they occupy.

What we're talking about is social housing in the inner-city area. And we want to keep it social, not a scheme for the gentrification of Hillbrow," says Monty Narsoo of Co-operative Planning and Education (COPE).

Although it will not be a public housing scheme, it will be stripped of the profit motive present in many privately owned multi-residential properties. This means:

- Rents/repayments will not rise out of proportion to costs.
- The element of profiteering from land and property speculation will be eliminated and the aim of housing families with modest incomes will remain paramount.
- Security of tenure will be the cornerstone of all contracts between the housing organisation



After the teargas settles, negotiations begin police form a barrier outside Argyle Court, Hillbrow, in July 1990 following a mass eviction of tenants

Picture Ken Oosterbroek

and individual residents/ members of the scheme. Successful housing associations and housing co-operatives in various Western cities have served as a guide.

But the local financial and legal framework bears little relation to those abroad. "We're working largely in a legal vacuum," said Mr Narsoo.

For this reason, the precise nature of the organisation is still being debated by tenants and their advisers. The property-holding body may crystallise as a trust or as

a non-profit "section 21" company. It may lease flats to individual tenants or may facilitate their ownership by sectional title or share blocks.

The deadline is looming for tenants and their advisers to settle the first stage — the formation of a legally recognised organisation to purchase the properties.

All seven buildings are owned by David Gorrill, who is eyeing his losses and anxious to sell. At first he intended evicting the tenants. But when they showed a desire to buy, Mr Gorrill gave

them until March 31 to get their offer into shape. Legal Resources Centre (LRC) attorney Trevor Bailey, who acts for the 488 families of the Seven Buildings Project, is confident his clients will be equipped to meet this deadline.

The project, which is managed by the LRC, has the assistance of various lawyers, COPE, Planact and Actstop. They provide a unique pool of expertise to tackle legal, organisational and financial problems. The feasibility of the project is being studied from every angle and the options fully canvassed with

residents, who are represented on a working group which meets weekly.

Intensive educational work has been done to ensure tenants understand the options and that they are committed to find a stable solution to their longstanding housing problems.

In the past, bitter conflicts raged between landlord and tenants and rent boycotts took place in most of the buildings. Now, according to Mr Gorrill, "the bulk of the people are sticking to an agreement" to pay their rents and an additional

monthly levy of between R100 and R130 a unit.

Mr Gorrill says the asking price for the seven buildings and an additional block is just more than R9 million, dropping to R6.5 million if ground-floor shops are excluded.

Although the buildings have become a drain on Mr Gorrill, he reckons that tenants could own and run them without paying much more than they do now. "I get about R200 000 a month in rentals on these buildings and about R110 000 of this goes to the city council," he

says. The reason is that most of the buildings are categorised as commercial for service charges. If the tenants could persuade the council to grant them rates rebates and residential service tariffs, they would be home and dry, Mr Gorrill says. "The council's decision will make or break the scheme."

There are high hopes that the project will be adopted by the Central Johannesburg Partnership, an alliance sealed late last year by the city of Johannesburg, its business community and residents, to revive the declining inner-city area. □

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Randburg, Sandton get praise for Alex upgrade

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Constitutional negotiations between the members of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum — comprising Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra — should start by the end of this month, Sandton management committee deputy chairman Willem Hefer said on Friday

At a press conference on the progress of the forum, Mr Hefer said the constitution of the NJNF had not yet been approved by all parties

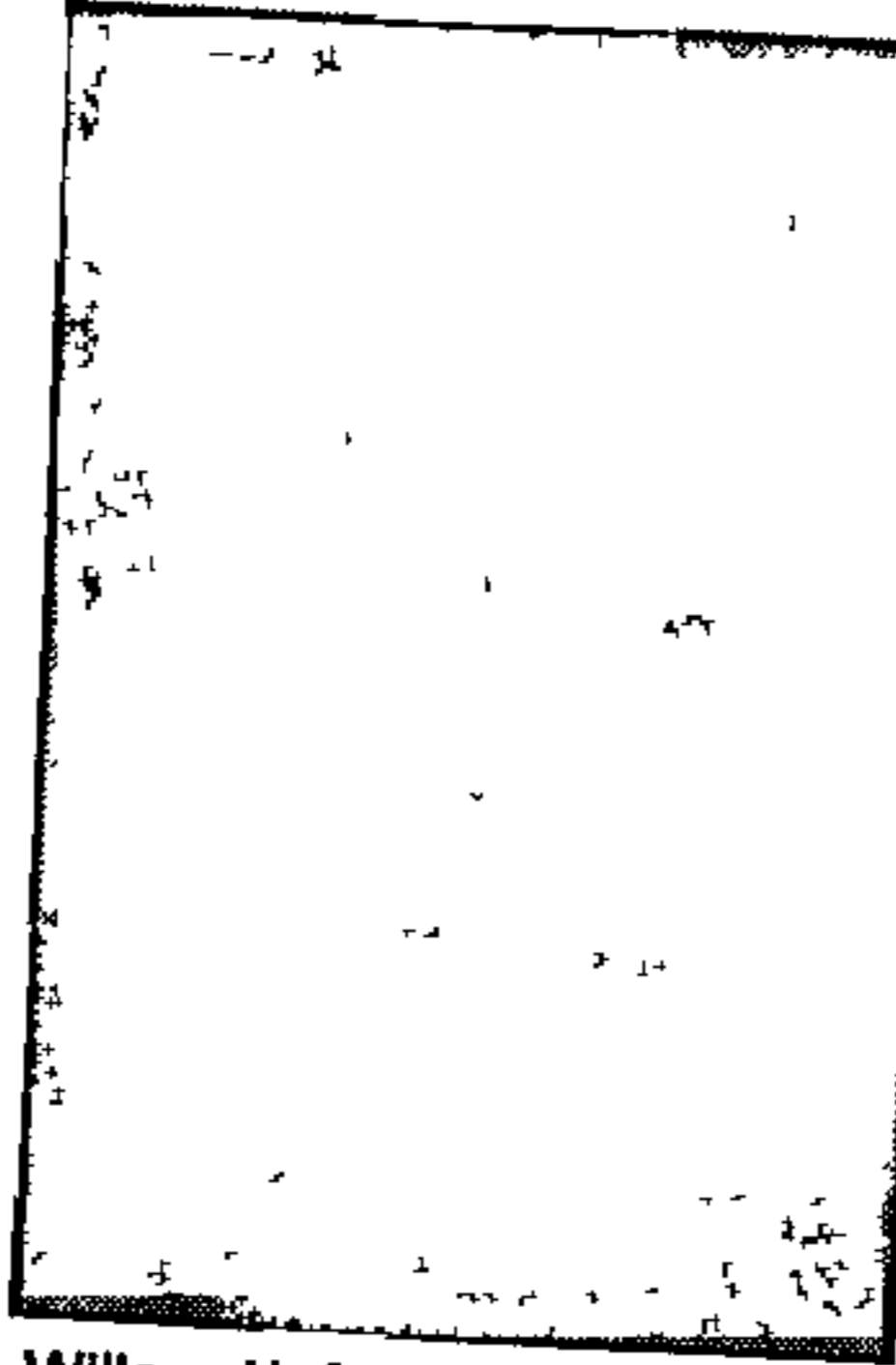
Alexandra Civic Organisation chairman Moses Mayekiso said Alexandra was proud that Sandton and Randburg had "accepted the challenge" to help the township and he hoped the three municipalities would merge

"Today when you get to Alex it is a different place — it is not like the Alex of 1986 or the early 1990s. This is the Alex of 1992 because of the work of this forum," Mr Mayekiso said

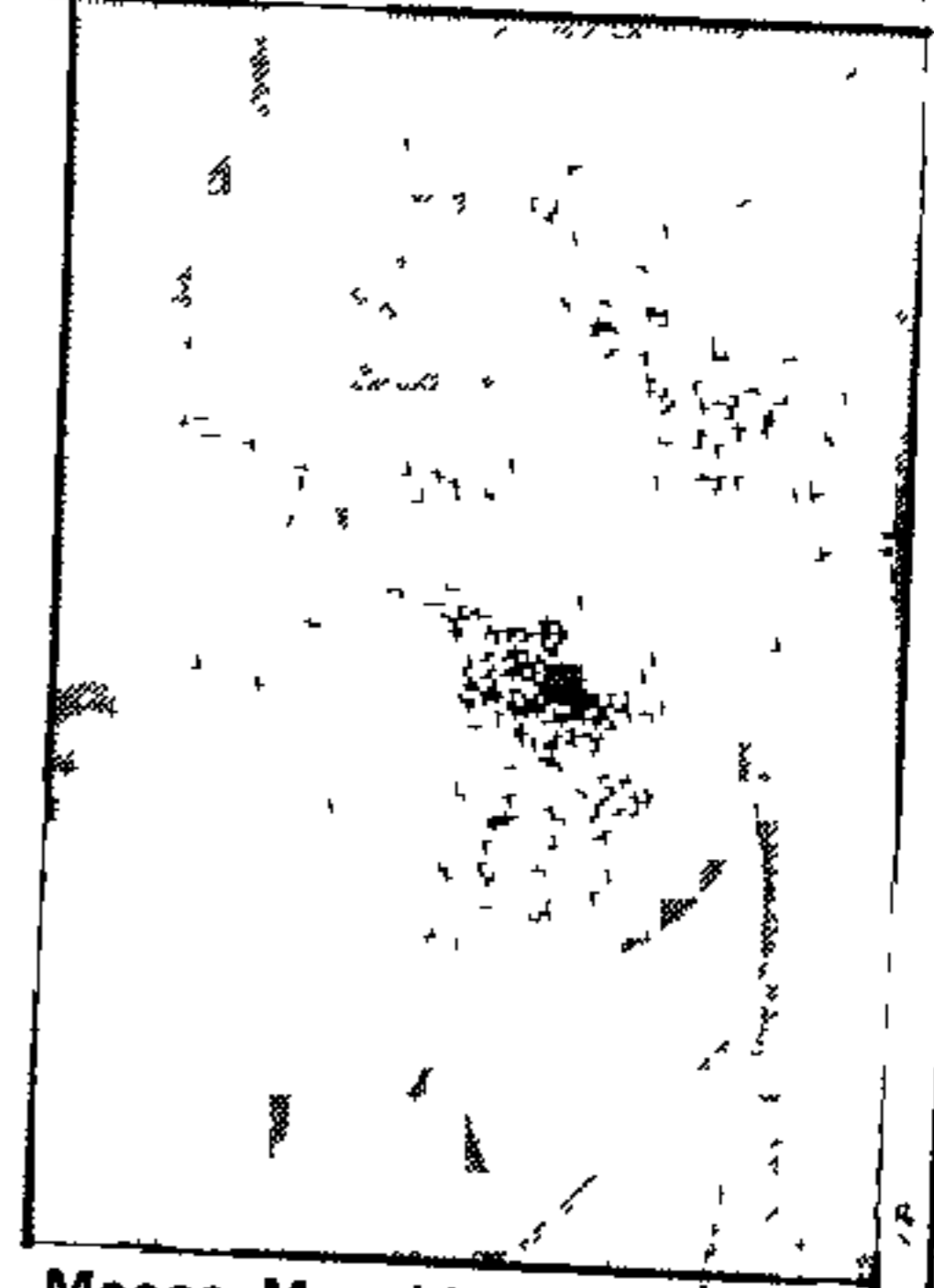
Steve Burger of the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced that development of the far east bank of Alexandra would start in mid-March at a cost of R17,5 million

The development involves installing civil and electrical services for 1 700 stands

NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner said no constitutional negotiations had taken place between the three towns and that



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Moses Mayekiso . . . proud that Sandton has accepted the challenge.

the function of the NJNF had been to assist the township to normalise community life

Mr Gardiner said achievements of the NJNF included

- A dramatic increase in payment levels for services which were expected, by June this year, to reach 80 percent of the amount due
- By the end of last year, electricity payments had improved to 55 percent of the total due
- Nearly 100 pre-paid electricity meters were installed by Eskom each day.
- Upgrading and improvements to hostels at a cost of R900 000 to the TPA would be completed by the end of March
- The construction of a new

clinic on the east bank would start this month.

- Health services were being rationalised and the possibility of re-establishing the Edenvale Hospital as a community hospital was being investigated
- The rendering of services such as refuse removal, and the repair and maintenance of water and sewerage systems and roads, had improved with the assistance of Randburg and Sandton
- New sewer lines were currently being installed
- Shack areas had been improved, with relocation in some instances and the introduction of temporary facilities such as water connections and toilets

Councils to pay more for water

By Michael Sparks

The Rand Water Board yesterday announced a 9,5 percent increase in the cost of the water it supplies in bulk to municipalities effective from April 1.

However, municipalities will not be passing the increased rate on to the consumer immediately.

In the case of Johannesburg, a spokesman said the water tariff was considered along with the budget in June, so there would be no increase before then.

Sandton treasurer Ken Roelofs said the municipality had just received notification of the increase and could not comment on it. However, he said, for the past three years the municipality had absorbed such increases until July. Relevant in-

formation and recommendations would go to the management committee and the council by the last week in April, when a decision would be made.

The same was true in Krugersdorp, Randvaal and Verwoerdburg.

A spokesman for the Rustenburg municipality said the previous budget would be studied and, if more money came in from the sale of water than budgeted, then the increase would not be passed on to the consumer. But, he added, there was normally an increase, although he did not know when it would be.

While the tariff increase affecting households would depend on individual municipalities, if only the water board increase was passed on, an aver-

age household using 30 kilolitres a month would pay an additional R2.

Last year the tariff increase for water supplied by the board was 11,5 percent.

From April 1, bulk consumers will pay 78,1c/kl, up from the present 71,31c.

A levy of 10c/kl to help finance the construction of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project is included in the increase.

For small consumers outside of municipal areas, water will increase from 118,32c to 129,56c/kl.

Water board chief Vincent Bath said that since the increase in the cost of raw water and electricity had been moderate, the board was able to keep the increase six points below the inflation rate.

Water tariffs go up 9,5%

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WATER tariffs in the Witwatersrand, Vaal Triangle and southeastern Transvaal would increase by 9,5% from the beginning of April, the Rand Water Board announced yesterday.

The increase was lower than last year's 11,5% hike and was below the 16,2% rate of inflation, the board said.

Bulk consumers will pay 78,10c a kilolitre, representing a 6,79c increase. To the average household using 30kl a month, the tariff translates to about an extra R2 a month.

Tariffs for small consumers outside municipal areas will increase by 11,24c/kl. This will raise their tariffs to 129,56c/kl.

Rand Water Board CE Vincent Bath said the increase was below the inflation rate because hikes in the costs of raw water and electricity had been moderate this year at 5% and 9,5% respectively. Loan charges to finance capital expenditure had increased by less than 3%.

Greater efficiency had also contributed to keeping the costs low, he said.

However, costs for coal, chemicals, transport and other sundry items were higher and in line with overall inflation.

The drought would result in a 4% increase in water sales, which was higher than expected. There was sufficient water in the Vaal and Sterkfontein dams — the major storage dams — for at least another two to three years.

In February the Vaal and Sterkfontein dams were 48,9% and 97,7% full respectively. The Bloemhof dam was 39% full and the Woodstock dam 84,2% full. Total rainfall for February was 68mm, more than 100mm less than February 1991.

Bath warned that water restrictions could be introduced if the drought continued into the next rain season. These would be implemented to conserve supplies until water from the Lesotho Highlands scheme was received in 1997.

Since 1988 a 10c/kl levy had been imposed by the state to finance a portion of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, for which SA was responsible. This will be increased on October 1 of each year until 1996.

A further 1,43c/kl Water Research Fund levy was implemented on January 1.

Alex thrashes out vital issues Sunday

THE Alexandra Civic Organisation will host a mass meeting on Sunday to obtain a fresh mandate on negotiations

ACO general secretary Mr Moses Mayekiso said in a statement on Wednesday the Alexandra Accord, transport negotiations, health and education issues, people's justice in Alexandra, culture, sport and violence would be discussed at the meeting in the Alexandra stadium

The meeting was expected to endorse the joint negotiations' forum and the negotiations towards joint administration between Alexandra, Sandton and Rand-

burg

The development of houses in Far East Bank, Old Alex, service charges payment, the transfer of rented houses to the people and other aspects of the Alexandra Accord would also be discussed.

Progress in negotiations between Putco and other authorities to reintroduce buses to Alexandra would be discussed.

Buses in Alexandra could be back during the first half of 1992, Mayekiso said. Progress in the formation of defence units would also be discussed - Sapa.

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Azapo meets in PE

THE Eastern Cape Region of Azapo will have its annual general meeting at the Sisonke Community Centre in Zwijde, Port Elizabeth, tomorrow.

The meeting, which starts at 10am, will be addressed by Azapo national projects co-ordinator Mr Lybon Mabasa and the deputy head of the economic secretariat Mr Mzukisi Madlavu.

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No tax relief on school fees

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Tax relief will not be given to parents for the compulsory fees they pay for their children at the approximately 2 500 House of Assembly schools which become semi-private from next month, Natal Receiver of Revenue Geoff Grant warned yesterday.

Commenting on answers by Education Minister Piet Marais to queries about "Model C" schools, he said fees were considered domestic or private expenses which were "specifically prohibited as a deduction in terms of section 23(b) of the Income Tax Act".

Schools will not be required to collect VAT on fees. *Bl Day 10/3/92*

Another concern of parents and teachers was that Model C schools' earnings and trust funds would be taxed, but Grant said these would exempt.

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Cast slams chamber for planning to meet Codesa

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THE Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was jumping the gun by meeting Codesa, Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Dan Mofokeng said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Reacting to reports that the chamber would meet Codesa this week to discuss a possible basis of contact, Mofokeng said the chamber, being a local forum, should have left that task to national or more regional bodies.

Sapa had quoted chamber CEO Vic Milne as saying "We feel that the Witwatersrand is such an important area strategically and economically that it might be worthwhile for us and Codesa that we both know what the other is doing" *Bl Day 10/3/92*

Mofokeng said "It is incorrect and immature for the chamber to put views to Codesa; it is not fit to represent all the interests of SA on a local level. It should leave that to regional or national bodies."

The national body, which possibly would be called the Civics Association of SA, would meet in Johannesburg this weekend, he said.

Sapa reports the chamber will meet tomorrow to hear reports of all committees, including one on the forthcoming visit of the World Bank reconnaissance mission.

The chamber is seeking a compromise arrangement on the World Bank after certain members demanded they should have direct contact with the mission, Milne said.

Creditors sue Wolnit

THE directors of Wolnit, a liquidated subsidiary of Rentmeester, are being sued in the Pretoria Supreme Court for almost R2m for allegedly recklessly carrying on

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Power in flats cut off

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Eleven families, many with young babies and toddlers, were left in the dark last night after Germiston estate agents Mawer and Delpont ordered their lights cut "on instruction from the owner".

Action committee spokesman Renalda Little said a rent dispute between residents at Gosforth Court, opposite Gosforth Park Racecourse, and the estate agents had been going on since early last month.

She said occupants of all 27 flats signed a petition opposing a 97 per cent increase in rental in the past six months.

Mrs Little said she phoned estate agent Anthony Mawer later yesterday and asked him why the electricity had been cut off when everybody had paid their rent (including the increase) and their electricity bills.

"He laughed and said he was acting on instructions from the owner.

"When I explained to him that some families had young babies, he said he was not interested," said Mrs Little.

Resident David Roets told The Star that he paid his rent and electricity bill in full on March 7 but came home to find that his electricity had been cut off.

"I went to Mawer and Delpont's office but it was closed.

"We are very unhappy about the way they have treated us," said Mr Roets.

A mother of a two-week-old baby was in tears.

Jockey Alan Gordon, who has a two-year-old toddler and whose wife is pregnant, said he is also opposed to the "astronomical rent increase".

Mr Mawer, who was questioned about the rent increase recently, said if people didn't like the price they should go elsewhere.

Noordgesig in stayaway action

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RESIDENTS of Noordgesig near Soweto yesterday staged a stayaway in protest against letters of eviction from the Johannesburg City Council.

According to Noordgesig Civic Association spokesman Mr Mike Fetane, the residents embarked on a rent and electricity boycott two weeks

ago because of inadequate infrastructure, services and electricity in the area which has 1 300 houses.

He said about 800 members of the community delivered a letter to the local councillor, Miss Cathy Seefort, demanding her resignation.

A letter of demand has also been sent to the chairman of the Johannesburg

Management Committee, Mr Ian Davidson.

"The crowd will not disperse until we have had a reply," said Fetane.

Only teachers had been allowed to ignore the stayaway so that schooling would not be affected.

"If Seefort does not resign we will seek a court order. A vote of no confidence was passed at a mass

meeting recently and it was decided she should vacate her post. She has not done so yet."

Fetane said there were many defects in the houses. Services were implemented and infrastructure improved and then the work had been stopped.

People were receiving electricity accounts in excess of R1 000 a month, he

said.

Because of the rent boycott certain residents had been warned they would be evicted yesterday.

Seefort was not available for comment early yesterday but her mother, Mrs Cathy Seefort, confirmed that about 600 people had delivered a letter to her daughter yesterday morning - *Sapa*.



Mayekiso favourite for post

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 WILSON ZWANE

VETERAN trade unionist and Southern Transvaal Civics Association (Cast) president Moses Mayekiso is most likely to head the new national federation of civic organisations to be launched this weekend.

Sources close to the civic movement say 14 regions will nominate the same number of candidates for positions in the executive committee of the new federation, to be called the Civics Association of SA (Casa). However, Mayekiso is high in the popularity stakes and most likely to be elected president of Casa, the sources say.

At a news conference in Johannesburg yesterday, National Interim Civics Committee (NICC) general secretary Sithembiso Radebe said organisations, including the ANC, PAC, SACP, Cosatu and Nactu, had been invited to Casa's launch at Uitenhage, in the Eastern Cape.

"We are also expecting 450 delegates from our regions and invitations to the launch have been issued to homeland leaders," Radebe said.

Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa will deliver the keynote address.

This week Radebe said Casa would throw its weight behind Cosatu's four-

month programme of action Cosatu announced at the weekend that its programme of action, which centred on a variety of political and economic demands, included a "people's referendum" on March 18 — Budget day (127)

On that day, the union federation planned nationwide marches and pickets as well as a march on Parliament. (117)

Radebe said Cosatu's demand for a speedy establishment of an interim government was supported by the civic organisations "But unlike Cosatu, we are not setting a deadline yet, as the matter will be on the agenda at this weekend's launch of the national civics federation," he said.

Also to be discussed at the launch was the role of township civic organisations in Codesa, the independence of civic organisations from political organisations, and the escalation of violence in the townships. "It should be made clear, however, that the focus of the federation will be on bread-and-butter issues, such as development, housing, education and electricity."

Row over Vosloorus rates

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By RUTH BHENGU



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A ROW is brewing between residents of Vosloorus and the local council following the municipality's threat to cut off electricity to the East Rand township.

The residents have accused the council of renegeing on an agreed flat rate of R60 a month.

"We thought this matter was put to rest when the agreement was reached, but the council is going back on its word," said a resident, who would not be named for fear of breaking protocol.

"We were under the impression that a flat rate was all we had to pay. Some people have been turned away from the council offices when they tried to pay the R60."

The town clerk, Mr George Prinsloo, denied the council had gone back on its word or that residents were turned away.

"We do not turn away anybody who wants to pay, even if they have R10. The fact that they are offering something means they are willing to pay," said Prinsloo.

"After the agreement of March 1991, the residents were to pay the flat rate for three months and thereafter pay the normal rates.

"Before we sent out the notices we invited the civic association to a meeting, but they did not turn up."

The Vosloorus Civic Association could not be reached for comment.

Municipal officers shoot 14 in rent, electricity protest

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 14 people were shot and wounded in a confrontation between about 300 Noordgesig residents and municipal security officers outside the Noordgesig municipal offices near Soweto.

Residents protesting against rent and electricity rates claimed municipal security officers had fired at the crowd yesterday for no reason.

Security officers denied this, saying they had fired at the ground when residents threw stones at them and guards on a passing private security company truck had opened fire on the crowd.

Mr Mike Fetane of the Noordgesig Civic Association said residents had stayed away from work and had protested against high rent and municipal rates.

"We had delivered a letter here this morning asking to meet with (Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman) Mr Ian Davidson. They told us to come back for a reply at noon," he said.

"When we came back, their reply was to shoot at us. I know of at least 14 people who were wounded in the gunfire," he said.

A spokesman for the JG Strijdom hospital confirmed "numerous people with gunshot wounds" had been treated in casualty.

At least another three people with gunshot wounds were treated at Coronation Hospital, a spokesman for the hospital's casualty section confirmed.

Soweto police liaison officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said police had arrived at the scene at about noon. "It was pandemonium, the crowd was trying to hijack a passing car and police used teargas to disperse them," he said.

He confirmed reports from the crowd that police had used only teargas on the stone-throwing crowd.

Speaking behind a locked gate, with the crowd shouting and lobbing the occasional stone at them, council security officers said they had fired at the ground and guards on a passing Springbok Security van had shot at the people.

When a man from the crowd showed the officers a green spent rifle cartridge supposedly found in the road, they pointed out that all their ammunition was cased in red plastic.

A Springbok Patrols spokesman said the firm had not patrolled the area yesterday.

Security spokesmen for the Johannesburg City Council could not be reached for comment.

● Sapa reports seven people were killed and another seven injured in separate train attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday.

THE REAL MEANING OF SECURITY

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The launch last week of Sandhurst Estates — a super-luxury cluster development in the heart of Sandton — brings home the fact that security remains a top priority for the SA homebuyer. And at what a cost! The units are priced from R1m apiece, but developer Bakos Brothers has already sold four, all at over the R1,7m mark.

Some doubt has been expressed in recent months about whether there is, in fact, a market for the R1m-plus cluster home. The Waldorf, a similarly-priced development off Rivonia Road in Sandton, has just been rescued from going under. The builder has taken a share in the development and prices have dropped from around R1,6m to about R1,1m. In fact, only one unit has been completed despite the usual PR launch fanfares.

So in reality, the soundness of many of the developers should be of even greater concern to potential luxury-cluster purchasers than physical security.

Sources close to the developer of the Waldorf (Strathbourne) say the bulk of the project has been financed by an NBS bond. By way of contrast, Sandhurst Estates has the backing of the Bakos Brothers Group — a multimillion rand furniture chain that purchased the 5 ha site up-front for R5m.

Bakos has also initiated a "parachute" mechanism which is intended to reduce the overall financial risk to potential buyers. Each unit in the complex is registered independently as a close corporation and is also an independent site within the municipality of Sandton.



Stop watering gardens, city engineer warns

WATER restrictions could soon be in force in parts of Johannesburg as the city's 20 reservoirs were suffering from excessive drain-off, chief water engineer Kurt Rohner said yesterday

The culprits, said Rohner, were people who watered their gardens 24 hours a day, thereby draining off excessive quantities

The city council yesterday "urgently requested" residents of Parktown and surrounding areas not to water their gardens as this "could result in other areas being without water"

The Parktown reservoir is only 20% full,

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while the Hurst Hill reservoir — which supplies Greenside and Triomf — is also running low

A spokesman from the Rand Water Board said the Vaal water system could cope with overall demand at present. But water could not be pumped in fast enough to some of Johannesburg's reservoirs

The size of the pipes leading to the smaller reservoirs and their inability to keep supply up with demand was the cause of the shortage, the spokesman said. This

was quickly depleting reserve storage capacity in reservoirs around the city

"We supply water in bulk to local authorities and it is their responsibility to deal with local demand and the upgrading of the city's water infrastructure"

The Vaal Dam has dropped to about 45% of its capacity, but more than adequate reserves are available from the deeper Sterkfontein Dam should the city's immediate supply drop to less than 36 hours

Water reserves in the Vaal system are estimated to be able to last for up to two years in the event of total drought



Tense moment A resident confronts municipal police as SAP forces prevent an angry crowd from storming the rent offices

Photo GUY ADAMS

A CITY councillor's home was set alight and petrol bombs were hurled at policemen on Wednesday night in the violent culmination of tension between the Johannesburg City Council and residents of Noordgesig, a coloured township west of Johannesburg.

Hours earlier, 14 people had been injured — four of them critically — when municipal police opened fire, allegedly with birdshot, on a 250 to 300-strong crowd protesting outside the local rent offices.

The Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) had called a stayaway on Wednesday in protest against 300 eviction notices served on residents by the city council for unpaid rent and electricity bills.

Last month, as residents were receiving electricity accounts of more than R1 200, the NCA asked the Ennerdale Civic Association to address two mass meetings. The two townships have much in common: both were politically inactive until they became politicised by unrealistically high electricity rates. A similar protest in Ennerdale in February was broken up violently by police.

South African Police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni commented that police had not been involved in the Noordgesig shootings but had been deployed only for crowd control.

Municipal police have been guarding the rent offices in Noordgesig 24-hours a day for the past fortnight. A municipal police spokesman yesterday refused to comment on the shootings, saying the incident was being investigated.

Two ambulances transported the

Electricity bills inflame a once quiet township

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People have been shot, a city councillor's house set alight and petrol bombs hurled at police — all because of accounts that a previously passive community says it can't afford.

BEATHUR BAKER reports

injured to the Baragwanath and JG Strijdom hospitals. They included two senior citizens, one a woman of 65 and the other a man of 70, who were both seriously injured.

Assistant publicity secretary of the NCA Mike Fetane said "This was definitely not only birdshot used for crowd control."

Fetane, who transported NCA co-chairman Kaplan Smith to hospital after he was shot "five times at close range", said live ammunition was used "There was too much blood all over the back seat of my car."

Events built up slowly from early in the morning as crowds barricaded all

exits from the township and marched to the house of a local city councillor, Cathy Seefort, demanding that she resign.

The growing procession of placard-carrying residents then handed a memorandum to David Allie, superintendent of the rent offices.

In his account of the events after this, NCA secretary Keith Blandford, his arm smeared with blood, said "At 8am, three civic association members approached Allie and handed over a copy of our demands, requesting him to send them to the head of the management committee, Ian Davidson, for a reply.

"Allie promised he would present Davidson with the list and give the people a reasonable reply by 1pm."

The crowd waited outside the offices until 1pm, many uncertain whether they would be evicted during the course of the day.

Their memorandum contained the following demands:

- That the city council stop all legal proceedings against residents who have not paid rent or electricity bills until the council has met with the NCA.

- That until this time it also refrains from cutting off residents' electricity.

- That it stops procedures to evict residents, including the 300 people already issued with eviction notices.

Several people in the crowd confirmed that when the delegation returned from Allie's office, they were dismissed and told that there was no response to their demands. They were then "chased off the premises by the municipal security men."

Chaos followed, according to Sergeant Oosthuizen, a policeman in one of the police vans on the scene, and police fired two teargas canisters into the crowd "to maintain order because people started throwing stones." After being given a warning to disperse, he said, the crowd stood firmly on both sides of the road.

That evening, residents held a meeting to discuss the day's events. At about 9pm, an angry crowd gathered around Seefort's house and set it alight. Considerable damage was caused, but no one was injured. Petrol bombs were also thrown at policemen still patrolling the area.

Householders risk water cuts

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Failure to upgrade Johannesburg's water reticulation system after the 1982 to 1987 drought has landed the city on the brink of another water crisis.

Rainfall on the Witwatersrand this year is down to 406 mm — less than the 410 mm recorded in the 1982/3 drought year — and unless it rains on the Reef this month, water tankers may have to be rushed in to supply emergency rations to householders and hospitals in the Houghton area.

Only 2 mm of rain has been recorded over the Witwatersrand this month. The long-term average for March is 96 mm.

Officials on the West and East Rand and in Vaal Triangle towns are satisfied with the water situation in their areas and do not foresee restrictions.

But the Johannesburg crisis means there is an increasing threat of curbs, with high-lying houses in the north-eastern suburbs temporarily

without supplies if the council is forced to take emergency action when reservoirs run dry.

Suburbs in the danger zone are those served by the Parktown/Linksfield reservoirs on the north-eastern side of Johannesburg, including Houghton, Orange Grove, Waverley, Highlands North, Saxonwold, Sandringham, Craighall, Dunkeld, Melrose and Sydenham, said council director George Keay.

Threatened

Problems are also being experienced in the Fairland and Brixton areas.

First hit if the reservoirs dry up would be houses on city ridges, Mr Keay said.

Hospitals that could be threatened by the looming water crisis included the Johannesburg and Kenridge hospitals and the Park Lane Clinic, which would have to be fed directly from the Parktown reservoir. Less critical supplies to consumers would be cut off.

Consumers have been urged to stop watering their gardens, and businesses to relieve pressure on the reservoirs.

There has been no rainfall in the Vaal Triangle since the beginning of March but on the West and East Rand, and in Vaal Triangle towns, council officials said they did not expect water rationing this winter. They would, however, abide with any decision from the Rand Water Board (RWB).

The RWB blames the city council for the current crisis in Johannesburg.

"We are well-stocked with water, despite the 47 percent level of the Vaal Dam, the Vaal River system is 67 percent full and the Sterkfontein feeder dam, which can supply the Vaal when it drops to about 20 percent, is bulging on the 98 percent full mark," said a board spokesman.

Mr Keay said demand for water, which had decreased dramatically after the drought years, had now returned to pre-1982 levels.

Though it was uneconomical to plan for once-in-40-year droughts, he said the system had not been upgraded to handle demand once it returned to normal after the five-year drop.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

- (1) No
(a), (b) and (c) Fall away
(2) Yes

Mrs Nair, the former principal of St Anthony's Primary School retired on 1991/12/31

On the recommendation of the Board controlling St Anthony's School the Department appointed Mr A B Augustine as nominated principal of the school. He took up his post on 16 January 1992

According to Mr Augustine, Mrs Nair on her own initiative spent a few days at the school, assisting with the organization and also finalising the handing over to her successor

Investigation of sale of Havenside shopping complex

*3 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether a committee has been appointed to investigate the sale of the Havenside shopping complex, if so,
(2) whether this committee has made any recommendations, if not, when is it expected to do so, if so, what are these recommendations,
(3) whether his Department has implemented any of these recommendations, if not, why not, if so, which recommendations?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) A Committee, which was appointed during August 1991, furnished its final report on 27 September 1991

(2) That Committee recommended that

- (i) The Minister of Housing should formulate a fixed policy regarding the sale of shopping complexes that are owned by the Housing Development Board and that in the formulation of such a policy due consideration be given to the policy adopted by the former Department of Community

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Development in the determination of sales prices

- (ii) The Minister should, once such a policy has been formulated, make it public by informing all interested parties
(iii) In future sales of complexes, the period of the option granted to tenants should be a reasonable one given the circumstances of the particular sale
(iv) The Department of Housing should inform all tenants of their rights before any sale is concluded
(v) The Department of Housing should keep all interested parties fully informed of all developments regarding the sale of any shopping complex
(vi) Insofar as the sale of the Havenside shopping complex is concerned, the Department of Housing should investigate urgently the question of affordability on the part of the flat tenants, and should it deem it necessary, the Department in amelioration of the situation, should consider the following possibilities

- (a) The first time home owners subsidy
(b) The once-off payment of R7 500
(c) The provision of suitable alternate accommodation for tenants after proper consultation with them

(vii) The Department of Housing must take the necessary steps to ensure that no person who has already been accommodated by the Department must in any way benefit from and/or participate in any other allocation by the Department

- (3) Recommendations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) have been implemented whilst recommendation (vii) is still under consideration

Repossession of houses obtained fraudulently

*4 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Housing

(1) Whether his Department has repossessed or is in the process of repossessing any houses that are alleged to have been obtained fraudulently, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details,
(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) Yes

It has come to the notice of the Department that in the Lotus Gardens project in Pretoria certain individuals have been allocated houses based on false information supplied by these applicants and that certain individuals to whom houses were allocated are subletting without the Housing Development Board's permission. The Department is in a process of taking steps against these individuals in terms of the agreement signed by them

(2) Yes Where applicants choose not to mention the fact that they are property owners on their applications for housing and are then allocated housing on the strength of such incorrect information, it is not easy to trace and establish beyond any doubt their ownership of property. The Department is however investigating ways and means whereby this essential screening process can be simplified and expedited

Question standing over from Wednesday, 11 March 1992

Admission age of pupils: Indian schools

*1 Mr K PANDAY asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether the admission age of pupils to Indian schools is the same as is the case in other education departments in the Republic, if not,
(a) why not and (b) how does it differ from the others?

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, as in the case of schools under the control of the House of Assembly

(a) Falls away

(b) My Department has relaxed the minimum age requirement for admission into class one, bringing it in line with the policy obtaining at schools under the control of the House of Assembly. The relevant regulations governing the admission age of pupils of the other race groups obtains from the Minister's reply, I should like to know the cost implication this dispensation holds for the Department

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE Mr Chairman, I do not have the specific figures I shall have to get them from my Department. If the hon member puts his question in writing, I shall answer him

If we take the extra children using the date of 30 September 1992, we shall be taking 3 955 extra students. If the date was 31 July, it would have been 1 336. We are therefore taking 2 619 extra students for 1992 [Interjections]

New questions

Overcrowding. Unit 3B, Westcliffe

*1 Mr K CHETTY asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether any overcrowding is being experienced in respect of the flats in Unit 3B, Westcliffe, if so, to what extent,
(2) whether any steps are being taken to alleviate this problem, if not, why not, if so, what steps,
(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING

(1) This is a local authority project. Although it can be accepted that overcrowding may exist due to the natural growth in family sizes over the years, the Durban City Council is not aware of any large scale overcrowding

(2) Thus far, representations in this regard by individual lessees have been considered by the relative City Council

(3) Yes. The Minister has asked his Administration to investigate two areas in Chatsworth, with a view to identifying suitable land for the construction of low cost

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Pretoria threatens to cut electricity

THE Atteridgeville Council this week started installing pre-paid electricity meters to interested householders amid threats of bulk electricity supply cuts in the township soon

And in another development, Atteridgeville town clerk Mr Daan Mouton confirmed that he had resigned

By MONK NKOMO

from his post and would start at his new job - which he did not disclose - on April 1

The Pretoria City Council said in a statement yesterday it may terminate electricity supplies because of arrears by the

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Atteridgeville Council

The Pretoria council said without these meters, it was not possible to collect accurate rent payments

And this would result in the council receiving too little money to settle Atteridgeville's electricity account which was already heavily in arrears

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"The Pretoria City Council is seriously considering cutting the bulk electricity supply to Atteridgeville. A final decision will be taken soon," the statement said

General secretary of the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation Mr John Ramatsui yesterday

said individual householders should decide on whether they wanted the meters

"We believe that the issue should be determined by individual residents," said Ramatsui

About 700 meters have already been installed — free of charge

Bid to ⁽¹²⁷⁾ ~~288~~ end rent deadlock

THE Tembisa Civic Association says it has organised a mass meeting for

Sunday to try to break the East Rand township's long standing deadlock on rents. TCA chairman Mr Goba Ndhlovu in a statement said Tembisa was "almost in ruins" and the quality of life was at an "all time low". *Sowetan 19/3/92*
The aim of the meeting

was to settle the rent issue and residents would be welcome to put forward suggestions and questions.

Ndhlovu said the township had no roads to speak of and "heaps upon heaps of refuse have rendered Tembisa a health hazard".

He believed the local community was "strong and powerful enough to stop the rot".

The meeting is due to start at 9am at the Jan Lubbe Stadium on Sunday.

The civic can be contacted on (011) 920-3208 - *Sapa*

Hostel of harmony

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By NOMVULA KHALO

MZIMHLOPHE Women's Hostel in Soweto is different from other single-sex dwellings in the area - it is the only huge hostel complex that has not been affected by the township violence

While scores of residents are being killed in the nearby men's hostel, the only women's complex in Soweto remains an oasis of relative tranquility for its inhabitants

Built 24 years ago for women who came from the rural areas to work as domestic workers in Johannesburg, the hostel is now bustling with scores of women - both young and old

Initially tenants were not allowed to bring in their spouses and children. But now the restrictions have been relaxed and children are allowed to stay with their mothers.

However, to avoid unnecessary squabbles, the tenants have decided not to allow any men to sleep at the hostel

One resident, Nonhlanhla Nene, said "I have been here since 1982 and I like the place"

Her only complaint was hostel overcrowding

"Sometimes you want to take a bath and your colleague wants to use the toilet, then you encounter problems."

While they are not caught in the violence that is sweeping other hostels, they experience minor fights over washing dishes, cleaning the kitchen and bathroom

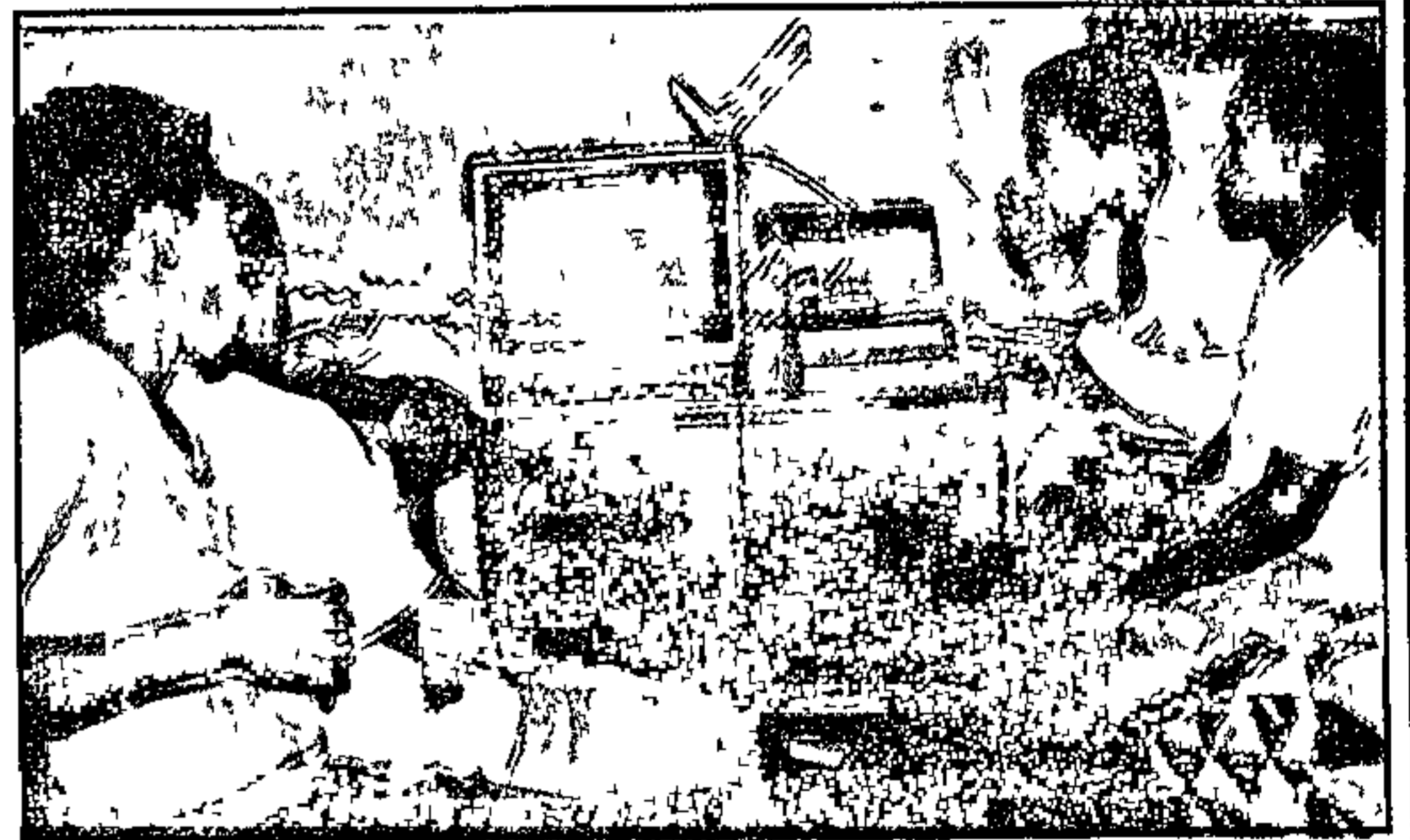
Before the 1976 riots the complex used to be surrounded by a high fence and had a 24-hour security patrol



CLOSE QUARTERS . . . A woman (above) in one of the jam-packed rooms in Soweto's only hostel for women. Now children (left) are allowed to live in the complex. ■ PICS: TLADI KHUELE



TOO MANY COOKS . . . Hostel dwellers await their turn in the kitchen.



Place of peace where men aren't allowed to sleep

Entry to the hostel by men was restricted to a lounge area situated near a hall in the middle of the hostel

Today there is no fence around the hostel and the stern-faced "blackjack" who used to man the entrance is now a thing of the past

However, there are problems. The place is

crowded. Each of the four-roomed houses - which house six women - has three bedrooms, a bathroom and a communal kitchen

Once a woman has been accepted as a resident, she brings her bed, pots and blankets. If she does not have a bed, the Soweto City Council provides a sleeping bag

The women pay R12 rent a month, do their own cleaning and paint the walls of the rooms. Their post arrives at the matron's office

What is it like to live in a hostel?

Most residents interviewed agreed that the hostel was no longer a safe place to live in

Getrude Mthombeni, who has been a resident at the hostel since 1972, said "Now that everybody is free to enter the premises we are afraid of opening a door in the evening, because you never know if the caller is a thief or not"

Mthombeni said "I like staying here, it's not like staying in the yard of

somebody who can tell you to leave at anytime" For the past 20 years Mzimhlophe hostel residents have urged authorities to incorporate the hostel into the township or turn it into family units

For the moment, the women all have one complaint - the need for privacy

Communities' development

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CIVICS organisation Cast will establish community development trusts to foster a community-driven development process in townships, it said last week.

Cast said the challenge was to empower local communities to make them the central force in contractual partnerships with the state, parastatals, banks and housing developers.

The trusts would be flexible legal entities established for the holding and management of assets. Substructures could be created, such as land trusts, development corporations and utility companies.

Personnel to handle development would come from the communities.

'No excuse to drop tradition'

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THE dominant feeling among blacks who have moved to former whites-only suburbs is that living there should not be an excuse for abandoning traditional practices such as slaughtering for ancestors, hosting weddings or any other festivities which are a norm in the townships. Although some feel it is necessary to alter the practices to suit the surroundings, most will stick to traditions.

During funerals in townships, the usual proceedings involve a week of visitors pouring in to console the bereaved, slaughtering of a cow and a night vigil before the funeral.

After the deceased has been buried, mourners proceed to his/her home where meals are served. Mr Dan Hlahatsi, who works for the Kallahong Town Council, lives in a Germiston suburb.

He says from his great-grandparents to his father, slaughtering for any festivity has been a norm.

"Why then change attitudes because of a different environment?"

"If I have a funeral, buckets of water will be put at the gate for people to wash their hands, especially those who were involved in spade work at the cemetery."

"That will be accompanied by all the proceedings which are done in the township," he says.

Mr Zwem Nkosi, who also lives in a formerly white suburb, says his family have no rituals. For the few funerals they have had, there was no slaughtering.

"For those who have family rituals, it is about time they uphold their values without being apologetic to the neighbours."

"It was never an inconvenience in the townships, why should it be in town? Whites should get used to our traditional practices," he added. Mr Tso Modise says his area is predominantly Jewish.

"Jews have their own celebrations which include slaughtering. They therefore do the same as us. I have slaughtered twice for my ancestors since I got to my new home."

"My neighbours, of course, will be informed if there is a wedding or funeral, only as a matter of decency," explains Modise.

There are, however, people such as Mr Ike Makgothi who feel neighbours should not be inconvenienced unnecessarily.

"If I were to have a funeral I would leave out a night vigil because it is noisy. There are few people even in the townships who still hold vigils."

"The long queues for food outside the yard, as done in the townships, will be altered to a suitable arrangement," he says. He would not go out of his way to upset the

neighbours as he is still new in the area. There are council by-laws which prohibit slaughtering in the suburbs.

The Sandton legal advisory department, however, says the by-laws do not prohibit slaughtering as such, but there are steps to follow for permission to be granted.

For instance the health department first has to assess things such as cleanliness of the premises and its size.

A number of blacks who live in suburbs have vowed that no law will deter them from practising their cultures.

On the other hand, their white neighbours would hear nothing of street weddings, funerals and vigils.

This is the general opinion found in Boksburg and Rodeport.

Although most of them refused to comment on the issue, Mrs Anna Polgreter of Rodeport said those were the reasons why they refused to stay with blacks.

"We differ a great deal with those people and we can't allow them to ruin our peaceful surroundings," she said.

Most whites from Johannesburg's northern suburbs, who have black neighbours, told *Sowetan* they would not object, but they should be told in time.

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Sowetans ¹²⁷ refuse to pay

new tariffs STAR 23/3/92 for services

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The latest Soweto agreement providing for improved services and higher service tariffs has run aground within three months of the start of the year-long upgrading plan.

Effectively, this means residents are refusing to pay any more for services than they did during 1991 when the Soweto Council's income levels were so low that essential services teetered on the brink of collapse.

Speaking at a meeting of the newly launched Phomelong branch of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) yesterday, civic president Isaac Mogase said his organisation had made it clear to other parties that it would not agree to service tariffs rising to R65 a month from next month.

The authorities had not fulfilled the conditions for this increase, he said.

The SCA is being criticised by residents throughout Soweto for having agreed to the phased increase in service tariffs.

The queries and complaints raised by Phomelong residents were cropping up at branch after branch, civic officials confirmed.

In terms of the pact signed by the SCA with the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow councils and the Transvaal Provincial Administration last year, residents were to have paid R55 for water, refuse removal and sewerage services from January.

In April, this was due to rise again to R65, in July to R75; and in October to R85.

Each increase was conditional upon local authorities meeting specific standards of service.

Inspection

Services delivery and administration were to be jointly monitored by all parties.

"What people are saying to us is that they are being asked to pay before the authorities deliver. And after three months they are saying it is not worth it. There has been no improvement this year," said SCA secretary Pat Lephunya.

He added that a joint inspection of Soweto by all the relevant parties would take place today.

The service agreement was part of a package of reforms for the central Witwatersrand metropolitan region, announced in the Metropolitan Chamber.

Other components were

- An agreement to move towards a joint nonracial interim administration, with an eye to improving services and infrastructure in the townships and giving residents a share of the tax revenue realised by the central business district.

- An appeal to the Government to approve a plan for the transfer of the bulk of Soweto's rented and leased housing stock to tenants/lessees.

In the case of older houses, this would be free of charge. In newer homes, the price would be reduced to cost.

- The transfer of Soweto's electricity supply from the Soweto Council to Eskom.

Tensions run high in Ennerdale

TENSIONS ran high in Ennerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and intermittently stoned local authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity.

Up to six police vans with local police and riot police from Vereeniging were on hand to protect the Ennerdale and Local Development Committee workers as they went about their job.

The vice chairman of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, Mr Roger McCullouch, said he could not understand why electricity supply was being cut.

"We had a meeting with Epok on Thursday last week which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April," McCullouch

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South 24/3/92



WILLEM Hefer, the newly elected chairman of Sandton's management committee, believes the future of up-market Sandton is inextricably tied to that of Alexandra township.

If only due to the proximity of the two areas, together with the inevitable restructuring and rezoning of local government into two non-racial tiers, Alexandra and Sandton are destined to face the challenges of the new SA hand in hand.

"My own impression is that most of the councillors and people of this town understand that there will be an involvement, in one way or another, with Alexandra," said Hefer. "What remains for the town to decide is how much involvement there will be."

The process of deciding on the appropriate level of involvement with its neighbouring local authorities has been a difficult one for Sandton.

Rivalry within the council, allegations of secret negotiations, walk-out protests by councillors and a general sense of bitterness and conflict are unrivalled in the town's history.

"For the first time in Sandton there is a measure of acrimony and personal attack which is simply unnecessary and unpleasant," said Hefer, who has been a resident of Sandton since 1956 and first became

Sandton and Alex face future together

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a councillor in 1983

The resolution of the conflict between a loosely defined "ruling group" consisting of ex-Sandtoman and DP-aligned councillors on the one hand and the dissenters, made up of ratepayers' representatives, on the other, is seen as an important concern for the new management committee. "Attempts must be made to resolve the crisis. It is in nobody's interest and I intend to discuss the matter with the new mayor and deputy mayor and with every member of the management committee."

As SA makes its way towards a new dispensation and interim government, the issues and concerns with which Sandton is trying to come to terms are typical of numerous white local authorities nationwide.

The questions of ensuring local autonomy and limiting financial responsibility for poorer neighbouring areas loom large in the minds of both councillors and residents.

Hefer insists the council's constituency has been and will continue to be consulted at each new turn of events "Sandton ratepayers and the

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tional pillars of apartheid. "It is absolutely unacceptable that we go on with a system whereby someone in Pretoria has got the final say about regional micro-planning matters".

As the structures of local government in SA are thrown into the melting pot, Hefer believes it is vital that local authorities participate fully in the relevant negotiation forums, such as the metropolitan chamber, which will have a critical effect on Sandton's ratepayers and residents.

"In this whole game of the new SA and negotiations, the time comes when people must deal with certain things. You have to be equipped and ready to move otherwise other guys are going to make all the decisions," he said.

Among the immediate objectives of Sandton's management committee are the extension of public parks and open spaces, the anti-crime drive and the cleaning up of the town's streets.

Education and primary health care are two other areas which will become increasingly dependent upon local authorities as central govern-



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ment devolves responsibility to a regional level.

"The management committee wants the Sandton council to be so close to grassroots that a resident's phone call will result in any problem being dealt with immediately," he said.

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Township wants to join Pretoria

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Soshanguve residents have called for immediate incorporation into Pretoria after the Government's decision to abolish the Department of Development Aid at the end of the month. Soshanguve Residents Association (Sorea) chairman Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa said

yesterday residents wanted the township to be administered as part of Pretoria City Council. Residents did not want to fall under either the Department of Local Government and Housing or the Transvaal Provincial Administration, as suggested in a letter

About a year ago the township successfully protested against a Government decision to transfer control of the township to the TPA. "Nothing less than full incorporation into Pretoria will be acceptable to the people of Soshanguve," Mr Mkhathshwa said — Pretoria Bureau.

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Tyres burnt, stones hurled as power cut

By Michael Sparks

Tensions ran high in Ennerdale yesterday as residents erected barricades and stoned local-authority vehicles involved in cutting cables supplying houses with electricity

Up to six police vans with local and riot police from Vereeniging were on hand to protect the Ennerdale and Local Development Committee workers (known by the Afrikaans acronym Epok) as they went about their job

Epok worker Mark Arendse said cables were being cut to 18 houses where electricity supplies had been illegally reconnected after being cut off because of non-payment

Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association vice-chairman Roger McCullough said he could not understand why electricity supplies were being cut off

"We had a meeting with Epok on Thursday last week, which was chaired by the National Peace Committee, where it was agreed that no further action would be taken before the next meeting in early April"

At the next meeting the civic association was to decide how to implement its offer of a flat rate of R50 a month for electricity which would end the three-year electricity boycott

Angry residents lit petrol-soaked tyres in the roads and threw stones when vehicles belonging to Epok approached

Mr McCullough said the civic had tried, without success, to get hold of the Peace Secretariat to mediate in the dispute

"We depended on the Peace Secretariat to play a strong mediating role, but it does not look like the negotiations are working. Epok is going around the back of the negotiating table."

No one at Epok was available for comment.

Interference is making task difficult, says SAP

B1 Day 24/3/92
CAPE TOWN — The SAP's task in combating the taxi war had been made difficult by the interference of the Joint Forum on Policing, the Matlind Stability Unit's Lt-Col Philipus Nel told the Goldstone Commission yesterday

The commission is investigating the nature and causes of, and possible solutions for, the violence stemming from the taxi war. The parties to the conflict — the taxi associations Webta and Lagunya — committed themselves to a peaceful settlement at the weekend

The forum was established by a range of organisations including the DP, Black Sash, Unrest Monitoring Group and the ANC to monitor the role of the security forces in violence in the Cape.

Nel claimed the forum had openly sided with one of the groups involved in the conflict. "Members of this organisation, who in all probability have not undergone any training in the prevention and combating of unrest violence, prescribe to members on the scene how they should behave. If the members do not behave to their full satisfaction, the members are even threatened that their actions would be brought to the attention of the Goldstone Commission"

But forum spokesman Rachel Brown yesterday denied these allegations as "absolute nonsense". She said the forum had been responsible for the SAP appointing a special team to

investigate allegations made against the police and had worked closely with this team at one stage.

Nel said the deployment of the Stability Unit to search taxis for weapons from mid-November 1991 had been enormously successful and violence had waned. The unit was withdrawn from December and no further violence occurred until February when it was again redeployed in Nyanga and Khayelitsha.

He said the taxi conflict had led to many deaths, widespread damage to taxis and other property and the use of unlicensed and stolen firearms by the warring groups

He attributed the conflict to the inflow of taxis from the Transkei and Ciskei which had led to stiff competition. This was exacerbated by a lack of proper facilities at taxi ranks, unwillingness of members of the different organisations to reach agreement, or when agreement was reached to get it endorsed at ground level and the permit system

Nel said proper facilities should be established in each local authority area, a uniform permit system must be applied, the two taxi associations should amalgamate and there should be stronger law enforcement by local authorities. There was a lack of co-operation from the two associations which were not prepared to negotiate with the SAP at scenes of violence or potential violence

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Electricity cuts set off stonings

B1 Day 24/3/92
ADRIAN HADLAND (27)

BURNING barricades were erected and vehicles stoned in troubled Ennerdale township south of Johannesburg yesterday as council workers, protected by police, cut residents' electricity cables

A local development committee spokesman said three committee vehicles were stoned by angry residents while "illegal electricity supply wires" were being severed

He said the committee, which is part of the House of Delegates' Development Board, would begin disconnecting the supplies of residents who had outstanding account arrears within the next few days

Civic association chairman Farouk Jardine said a meeting last week between his association and the committee had resolved to take no action until further talks

The committee had agreed to write off electricity arrears and were in the process of seeking funding for the proposal, Jardine said

The arrears total about R10m

Jardine said the association had suggested an interim flat rate be paid while problems were sorted out, but this had been rejected by the committee. "There is widespread dissatisfaction because the people are not happy with why the rates are so high for the services provided," he said

Meanwhile, the Johannesburg City Council will meet the Noordgesig Civic Association today in an attempt to resolve the recent rent and service payments crisis

... the company has an estimated 10% share

Township residents ignore service bills

ONLY about 30% of Greater Soweto residents are paying their monthly municipal bills, and two of the three city councils have indicated they will not introduce increases due in April.

Spokesmen for the councils said poor payments could be blamed in part on the fact that new procedures to act against defaulters had not been fully implemented.

Soweto Civic Association president Isaac Mogase said many residents felt services were not up to standard and it was difficult to persuade them to pay the new tariff of R55 a month.

He emphasised his association would adhere to the agreement negotiated in the Central Witwatersrand

Metropolitan Chamber last year to normalise services in Greater Soweto.

In terms of the agreement, tariffs would be increased by R10 every three months until October 1. Each increase would depend upon the satisfactory performance by the relevant parties and would be monitored by the Metropolitan Chamber.

Our political staff reports Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said yesterday black local authorities were owed R1,463bn in arrear housing rentals and service charges.

Most of this debt, R1,252bn, was owed to local authorities in the

Transvaal, he said in reply to a question tabled in Parliament by Peter Soal (DP Johannesburg North).

A further R7,3m was owed in Natal, R68,6m in the Free State and R134,4m in the Cape.

Eighteen townships in the Transvaal owed more than R10m, including Soweto (R471,7m), Diepmeadow (R110,1m), Sebokeng in Vanderbijlpark (R98,4m), Katlehong in Germiston (R71,6m), Tembisa in Kempton Park (R61,3m), Vosloorus in Boksburg (R35,9m), Mamelodi in Pretoria (R36,3m), Sharpeville (R38,8m), Daveyton in Benoni (R37,4m) and Thokoza in Alberton (R37,8m).

Soweto residents not paying rates

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Funds approved for Alex housing, services

STAR 25/3/92

By Shirley Woodgate

A massive injection of funds for the development of strife-torn Alexandra's 238 ha far East Bank has been approved by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC)

Last night the CWRSC voted R3 million for the provision of bulk and link services, assisted by an additional loan of R5,8 million from the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Bridging finance amounting to R7,5 million has already been approved and a further R5 million will be advanced free of interest to the Transvaal Provincial Administration to assist with the development of the area, according to a report tabled at the monthly meeting.

A recent survey of squatter shacks and informal housing units in the township adjoining Sandton found there were about 19 000 family units in Alexandra

It is necessary to provide about 7 000 stands

for low-income people on the far East Bank to relieve the over-crowding, the report said.

The first phase of the upgrading project will comprise 1 714 stands and Phase 2, involving the development of 2 139 stands at an estimated cost of R33 million, will get off the ground early next month with the help of the Independent Development Trust, the report stated

Budget

● The CWRSC voted R50 000 to assist the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils to probe issues involved in the transfer of rented houses to the lessees

Two single quarter hostels in Davidsonville are to be upgraded and converted into 50 sq m and 64 sq m two and three-bedroomed family flats with the help of the CWRSC

● Melody McDougall of The Star's Vereeniging Bureau reports that the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council (VRSC) last night approved a budget of just over R28,6 million, excluding

bulk services, for the coming year

The 1992/1993 budget — the VRSC's sixth annual budget — is slightly less than last year.

In his budget speech, VRSC chairman Gustav du Toit said the current economic situation had also had its effect on the income of the Regional Services Council

He said this was reflected in the fact that the council was budgeting for about the same amount as last year

He added that of the estimated revenue of R28 619 282 for the 1992/1993 year, the sum of R26 million was in respect of levy income

Almost no increase in revenue from levies was expected during the coming year, he said

An increase in levy income of only R739 000, or 2,9 percent, was being budgeted for

This was due to a decline in the number of levy payers, the decrease in the leviable amount from Eskom and the decline in the economy

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Noordgesig set for major clash

By Shirley Woodgate

Noordgesig Civic Association is heading for outright confrontation with the Johannesburg City Council, despite assurances by management committee chairman Ian Davidson at a meeting yesterday that residents' grievances would be investigated

Two conflicting versions of the meeting have

emerged.

NCA secretary Keith Blandford claimed Mr Davidson acted aggressively, intimidated the delegation and walked out of the 1½ hour meeting, telling the NCA to deal with their own councillor, Cathy Seefort

The NCA wanted to negotiate over a hand-over of council houses to long-term tenants, the fact that certain owners

could not alter their houses because the area had not been proclaimed, and alleged soaring electricity accounts which had led to evictions

But Mr Davidson denied he had walked out, denied blocking debate and said discussions had been "frank and open"

"We will bend over backwards to help these people, but we need an equivalent act of good faith from them"

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Massive funds to improve Alex

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Overcrowding in Alex

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Eskom plans to light up 700 000 homes

By Derek Tommey

Eskom has set its sights on providing electricity to 700 000 households in the next five years and will encourage local authorities to provide electricity to a further 2,3 million

This was announced last night by Eskom managing director Dr Ian McRae who also reported a marked improvement in the payment of electricity bills by the residents of Alexandra

He said that between January and September last year, sufficient

revenue had been received to cover only 6 percent of the bulk electricity bill. But in the five months ended February this year, 77 percent of the bulk bill had been paid.

Dr McRae said this followed an agreement between Eskom and the regional services council in September which provided for one-third of the bulk bill being paid by the RSC and two-thirds coming from pre-paid meters, with Eskom receiving a 14 percent agency fee.

Until pre-paid meters were installed, users would pay a flat rate of R50 a month.

Dr McRae said non-payment of electricity bills by certain local authorities remained a problem.

He said Eskom was working on 280 electrification projects. It had provided 38 051 households with electricity in 1990 but had a target of 164 000 households this year.

Eskom chairman John Maree said the demand for electrical appliances arising from the electrification programme could create work for more than a million people.

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Ennerdale residents freed

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The five Ennerdale residents arrested during Monday's protest against cutting of electricity in the area were yesterday released without charge, according to the chairman of the local civic association, Farouk Jardine

Clifford Smith, Brian Williams, Dean van

Rheeder, Colin Kaasbert and Joyce Booysen — were detained under unrest regulations, Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said

The crisis stems from a three-year electricity and water boycott —
Staff Reporter

RSC may scrap projects to pay for switch-off

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By Mckee Kotlolo
Pretoria Bureau



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The Pretoria Regional Services Council has threatened to cancel all its projects in Atteridgeville, and instead to use the money to finance the switching off of electricity in the township, unless the township's residents allow contractors to install the budget energy control (BEC) meters

The RSC said in a statement yesterday that it was considering cancelling not only the total electricity upgrading project

(costing R32 million) but all other RSC projects in the township

It would then use the money to keep the local municipal administration going

A spokesman for the RSC said only about 58 percent of residents paid their monthly service charges and the Atteridgeville City Council did not have the manpower to cut electricity supplies to individual households of defaulters

She said that, to avoid the bulk electricity switch-off by

the Pretoria City Council, the money from the RSC could assist the council to contract an outside company to switch off power to non-payers

At the same time it would protect those who were up to date with their payments as well as those residents with BEC meters

Contractors are expected to install 50 meters a day, but far fewer meters were installed as a result of the obstruction by the majority of residents

The spokesman said that

most of the residents did not know the advantages of having the meters installed and, in some cases, contractors were allegedly intimidated by the residents

A spokesman for the local civic body, the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro), said that it had encouraged residents to have the BEC meters installed because it was to their advantage

Earlier reports said eight of the nine committee members of Asro had had the meters installed in their own homes

Callers give civic leaders flak

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CIVIC associations came under fire during the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talkback Show last night.

Several callers denounced leaders of associations as autocratic and political "hopefuls" who used civics as a springboard to further their political ambitions.

Other callers defended the civics and praised their efforts to tackle problems and deal with town councils.

Dave from Katlehong said in his township resi-

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dents elected leaders and then sat back and not give them the necessary support.

Alex from Sebokeng said civics did not serve the interests of the people.

"They have given dismal performances and they do not consult," he said.

Johnny of Ratanda said most civic leaders were courageous people who had opposed the authorities when everyone was afraid of state repression.

"They happen to come from a certain political organisation which has always been active and that is how they are elected to these positions," he said.

Kate from Kagiso said civics had no concept of democracy, did not consult and many of their leaders appointed themselves to positions.

Frans from Mamelodi said "When you elect people to be your leaders you entrust them to make decisions on issues.

"You can't expect them to run to the residents on each and every issue. They are doing a great job and have resolved many matters amicably."

Tshepo from Orlando said civics were in the wrong by not consulting residents after they had already reached agreement with the authorities.

Atteridgeville defaulters to have electricity cut off

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This drastic step comes in the wake of resistance by township residents to the installation of Budget Energy Control (BEC) meters.

In a statement yesterday, Nigel Mandy, the chairman of the current discussions between authorities and the Atteridgeville/Saulsville

Residents Organisation on solving the electricity payment boycott, said the council would also have to reconsider its position as a bulk supplier of electricity to the township if Atteridgeville council failed to pay its account in full each month.

Mr Mandy said the RSC was abandoning the

installation of BEC meters because persistent delays were "wasting millions of rands of levy revenue".

He added that the RSC had decided that its R1 million guarantee for payment of Atteridgeville's bulk electricity accounts would also be withdrawn.

He further said that from today the local council would "start disconnecting the electricity supply of individual defaulters".

According to Mr Mandy, the BEC meters were selected as part of the upgrading project because it allowed people to control their own electricity bills.

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Noordgesig residents refuse to pay rent, power bills

By Montshiwa Muroke

Residents of Noordgesig, near Soweto, resolved on Thursday not to pay rent and electricity bills until their demands had been met, Noordgesig Civic Association (NCA) secretary Keith Blandford said yesterday.

The decision was reached at a meeting on

Thursday night to address an ongoing conflict between the civic association and the Johannesburg management committee (JMC).

The meeting was a report-back on a meeting on Tuesday between the NCA and the JMC.

Two conflicting versions of Tuesday's meeting emerged afterwards.

Mr Blandford claimed JMC chairman Ian Davidson had acted aggressively, intimidated the NCA delegation and walked out of the meeting, telling the NCA to deal with their own councillor, Cathy Seefort.

Mr Davidson denied he had walked out, denied blocking debate and said discussions had been

frank and open.

Mr Blandford said residents had agreed unanimously on Thursday to withhold their rent until the transfer of ownership of houses to their occupiers had been effected.

Residents would resume electricity payments after all the previously high electricity accounts had been scrapped and court orders against defaulters withdrawn.

During a stayaway on March 11 about 15 people were wounded in a confrontation between residents and municipal security officers outside the Noordgesig municipal offices.

Mr Davidson declined to comment last night.

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Govt probes councils' debts

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GOVERNMENT is investigating the more than R1,15bn black local authorities are owed, the Local Government and National Housing Department has said

A spokesman confirmed yesterday that a task group under the chairmanship of Finance director-general Gerard Croeser, which started investigations in the middle of last year, would advise government on the matter

The spokesman could not say how much local authorities owed, but the latest Race Relations Review said the amount residents owed to black local authorities as a result of rent and service charges boycotts had increased from R746m in 1989 to R1,15bn in 1990

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels said "The debt involves, among others, debt of local residents to black local authorities, debt of local authorities to financial authorities and debt to bulk suppliers"

Wessels said claims that government intended to burden white local authorities with the insolvent estates of black councils were and oversimplification

The task group would advise government, which would — in consultation with

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organised local government and other interested parties — handle the question of debt "in a manner which will promote the establishment of viable local authorities"

Sapa reports that the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday both welcomed and criticised the appointment of the task group

Cast general secretary Dan Mofokeng said although the association welcomed the appointment of the task group, it took "strong exception to the idea that Indian and coloured management committee(s) are immune from the investigation"

Cast also criticised the exclusion from the task group of members of "the disadvantaged communities who have been subjected to mismanagement and his rent and service bills"

"We believe that the perpetrators of financial mismanagement cannot investigate themselves. A neutral body can deal effectively with that investigation," Mofokeng said

"We demand that all black local authorities and Indian/coloured management committees should disband," he said.

Much hinges on tourism White Paper

3/Day 31/3/92
GERALD REILLY
The long-awaited White Paper on tourism would be available for publication in two weeks' time, a spokesman for Administration and Tourism Minister Org Marais said yesterday.

Tourism industry spokesmen said yesterday the future of the industry depended on the recommendations. They would either stimulate the industry of leave it to stagnate

Fedhasa CE Peter Hearfield said "we hope once and for all government will acknowledge the vital importance of the hotel and tourism industry and its vast potential for foreign earnings" Until now government had paid little attention to developing this potential

Hearfield said government needed to enable Satour to fund marketing campaigns properly and competitively in other parts of the world

Hopefully Marais would take note of the recommendations dealing with a more relaxed tourism environment. Controls on trading hours in shops, cinemas theatres and liquor outlets had to be lifted, he said

The industry expected government would at least recognise that the hotel and tourism sector was an export industry

"It is of primary importance that assistance be given through the general export incentive scheme which currently applies only to the manufacturing industry"

Hearfield added that of all SA industries, the hotel and tourism industry had the biggest foreign exchange earning capability, but the conditions under which it operated had to undergo drastic changes



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The offer of bonus shares made to shareholders registered on Friday, 21 February 1992 closed on Friday, 27 March 1992. Elections to take up bonus shares were made in respect of 7 877 700 shares out of a total of 9 447 366. Accordingly, 551 439 new ordinary shares in the company were issued and will be listed on The Johannesburg Stock Exchange with effect from the commencement of business on Wednesday, 1 April 1992

On 29 January 1992, ordinary dividend No 27 of 14 cents per share was declared and is payable on those shares in respect of which no elections were made to receive bonus shares. Share certificates in respect of the new bonus shares and dividend warrants in respect of dividend No 27 will be despatched to shareholders on or about Wednesday, 1 April 1992

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CAST queries debt probe's make-up

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The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal has called for Indian and coloured management committees to be included in a Government investigation probing the debt crisis in black councils.

CAST general-secretary Dan Mofokeng said it welcomed the appointment of a task group to investigate financial irregular-

ities and mismanagement in black local authorities, but took strong exception to the idea that the management committees were "immune" from investigation.

"We also criticise the composition of the task group. The disadvantaged communities who have been subjected to mismanagement and high rent and service bills are not represented

For some time the Govern-

ment has been closing its ears to the cries and complaints of the people," Mr Mofokeng said

He said the perpetrators of financial mismanagement could not investigate themselves, so a neutral body was needed

"We demand that all black local authorities and Indian and coloured management committees should disband," Mr Mofokeng said

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Bid to jack up CBD of Jo'burg

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A company known as the Central Johannesburg Partnership (Pty) Ltd, aimed at promoting the city centre and address its problems, is to be formed by a partnership of the city council, the private sector and the community.

The agreement establishing the company, to be tabled at the council's monthly meeting today, stems from a major central business district conference last year.

The partnership between the council, the community (residents and organisations representing them) and the business sector in the city centre will be organised as a private company.

A board of six members from each group will run the company, supported by a full-time secretariat. Each board member will have one vote. The elected chairman will not have a casting vote.

The company is committed to involving all stakeholders in central Johannesburg in a co-operative effort to rejuvenate the city centre, thereby promoting a sound economy, an attractive, safe and vibrant city, affordable residential accommodation and a focus for the community.

The objectives are to:

- Promote the central area, encouraging people and organisations to support projects for its improvement.
- Establish a forum for discussion and action between the council, the community and the private sector.
- Work through consensus, decision-making and committed action.
- Promote activities and development as well as the competitive marketing of the city centre.
- Formulate a vision and strategy
- Assist as a facilitator and catalyst for development.
- Facilitate finance for specific projects.
- Serve as a forum for conflict resolution
- Minimise red tape, serve as an information and resources centre, and monitor issues affecting the central area.

Cast welcomes probe into BLAs

THE appointment of a task group to investigate financial irregularities and mismanagement in Black Local Authorities has been both welcomed and criticised by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal

Cast general secretary Mr Dan Mofokeng said in

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Hostel inmates to get better homes

Sowetan 1/4/92

A portion of Power Park in Soweto will be developed by the Johannesburg City Council as a pilot project to provide family housing for hostel dwellers

A survey by the Human Sciences Research Council last year revealed that it would be too costly to develop all existing hostels into family units

Between 50 and 65 percent of respondents preferred any other accommodation to living in a hostel. The most important reasons for staying in the hostels were that families stayed elsewhere and that hostels were closer to work.

The council has reserved a portion of

land in Power Park for township purposes. The planning directorate is busy designing a layout to enable family units to be constructed.

It will cost the council R2 million to service the about 130 sites available.

Preliminary studies have been undertaken to determine the feasibility and cost estimates of converting accommodation at the Nancefield Hostel.

The council concluded that it would not be financially viable to convert existing hostels into family units. Only 20 percent of the hostel dwellers could be accommodated in the converted dwellings.

Cluster homes cling to ridge

TEN cluster homes are being developed on the north face of Johannesburg's Linksfield Ridge by Daycor Developments and the Tomazos Group *B/Dew 1/4/92*

While prices are as steep as the mountainside — between R2m and R3m — the developers feel they are justified by the exclusive location, limited number of units and nature of the development. They are also confident the project will not run into the kind of difficulties experienced recently by some upmarket developments.

"While the Sandton market could be oversupplied at the top-end, all the developments there are on flat sites and offer similar facilities. Our Montalla development offers a unique site, panoramic views and limited development," says Costa Tomazos.

Each of the 10 units will be different. Floor areas vary from 600m² to 850m² on between two and five levels, sometimes cantilevered from the hillside.

The concept is to merge high-tech architecture with the ridge's natural features. Marketing begins this month and will target foreign businessmen, retired diplomatic staff and other high earners.

Features such as underfloor heating and a heated pool with waterfall are standard. Terraces include a plunge pool, pizza oven and braai area *(127)*

The project is expected to be complete by the end of 1993 and is situated on 1 017ha. The first unit will be completed this month, with others following in phases.

Security, an important aspect of any development, will include a gatehouse, close-circuit television, intercoms and an infra-red burglar alarm system.

In another development, 16 units grouped together in a "mews" arrangement — eight units on either side of a central street — are to be built in Melrose.

Developed by Meridien Projects and situated on the corner of Tottenham Avenue and Baker Street, Melrose Mews will offer three-bedroomed units of 230m². The units will be priced from R585 000 to R635 000, says Stauch Vorster architect Alfio Torrisi.

"Building rights allowed for a six-storey block, but it was decided to opt for a low-rise, high density design that reflects the local trend towards smaller, more compact and easily maintainable homes."

'Whites' suburbs are still for whites'

STAR 1/4/92

By Montshiwa Moroke

Even though the Group Areas Act had been repealed some time ago, the nature of white suburbs had not changed, the secretary of the Civic Associations of Johannesburg, Cas Coovadia, said last night

Mr Coovadia, who is also a leading member of Acstop, was speaking at the annual meeting of the Emmarentia Residents' Association, which was attended by about 50 people

His subject was "The future of white suburbs in the new South Africa"

Mr Coovadia said with the kinds of changes taking place today the country was faced with massive challenges and its people were sitting with the legacy of apartheid

As these changes were taking place, the country was faced with a crisis in education, housing, massive unemployment and an ailing economy

Figures released in 1989 already showed there was a shortage of 1,26 million houses and 7 million people were living in informal settlements

The Urban Foundation had indicated that 174 000 houses a year were needed between now and 1995 if the backlog were to be addressed

"Zevenfontein and Bloubastrand should not have happened. All of us will have to make sacrifices. We are going to have to grapple with these kinds of situations across the colour line

"The Group Areas Act was changed a while ago, but the nature of the white suburbs has not changed. Not that we should be proud of it, but because of the realities of this country there will continue to be a Soweto and a Lenasia," said Mr Coovadia

He said transition would not be easy and it required a change from within people. There had been a tremendous amount of mistrust but that would have to change

South Africans had been patient all along and now was the time that they should begin to learn to live together

Electricity (127) reprieve for Atteridgeville

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The Pretoria City Council (PCC) has rescinded its decision to cut the bulk electricity supplies to Atteridgeville and urged local residents to pay their service charges.

The local council owes the PCC R12,8 million for bulk services rendered.

Recently, the PCC announced its decision to cut the supplies if residents did not pay their monthly accounts.

As a result, the local council announced that electricity to the individual households of all defaulters would be disconnected as from Monday this week. Sources in the township said yesterday that some houses' supply had been discontinued.

However, the PCC said in a statement yesterday that the threat to cut bulk supply to the township was an attempt to encourage local residents to pay their accounts.

"The PCC (has) decided today not to discontinue the bulk electricity supply to Atteridgeville at this stage," it said.

"The PCC seriously urges residents to pay their accounts," it added — Pretoria Bureau

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er option favoured by the Zeven-
community was Waterval near
Park

soon, but there were no
plans to widen the bridge or
build another crossing

Residents drive back sheriffs of the court

AN ATTEMPT by the Jo-
hannesburg City Council to
evict residents of the En-
nerdale coloured township
for not keeping up with
payments failed yesterday
in the face of forceful
resistance

Conflict has been build-
ing up in the area for
several weeks with inci-
dents of stone-throwing, the
setting up of barricades,
burning of council vehicles
and several arrests. Enner-
dale was declared an emer-
gency area as a result of
the disturbances

Early yesterday, several
sheriffs of the court arrived
at three houses in Enner-
dale with eviction papers,
but were turned away by
residents *Blodan 2/4/92*

Ennerdale and Surround-
ing Areas Civic Association
chairman Farouk Jardine
said "they tried to use force
to enter our houses, so we
used force to push them out.
They broke the door down,
but we prevented them
from coming in"

Jardine alleged officials
started removing furniture
through a window they had
broken at one house. Police
arriving at the scene de-
clined to intervene and sug-
gested further consultation
with the council.

Council health and hous-
ing committee chairman
Marietta Marx said in a
statement yesterday the
council was ready to take
all reasonable steps to re-
solve the problem

She said appeals to buy-
ers of houses in Ennerdale's
Extension 5 to finalise the
transfer of their homes,

ADRIAN HADLAND

now five years behind the
scheduled date, had failed

"We have a moral re-
sponsibility to the hundreds
of families on our waiting
list Purchasers who do not
want to take transfer of the
homes, or pay for them, are
forcing us as a responsible
local authority to resort to
legal remedies," Marx said

At the heart of the con-
flict is a payment boycott
instituted by residents in
1987. The grievances then
were alleged shoddy con-
struction work, sub-stand-
ard materials and struc-
tural defects

The council said it had
"offered to remedy these
defects at the contractors'
cost", but some residents
"would not let officials or
the contractor into their
homes"

Marx indicated that after
several meetings and dis-
cussions involving the En-
nerdale management com-
mittee, the Ennerdale and
Surrounding Civic Associ-
ation and the city council,
an "agreement was
reached, and this was con-
firmed by their legal repre-
sentatives".

Jardine, however, said
the management commit-
tee had not consulted resi-
dents and the civic associ-
ation had not agreed on a
solution to the problem.

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Govt bans fizi

LOOMING environmental problems have
forced government to impose an immedi-
ate though temporary restriction on the
sale of fizi.

Soweto rates move falters

ADRIAN HADLAND

AN INITIATIVE to normalise tariff and rates payments in Soweto faltered yesterday as only some areas adhered to an agreement to increase tariffs this month.

The Soweto City Council will raise the tariffs from R55 to R65 a month, as agreed in November last year by the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) — the three councils

But Dobsonville and Diepmeadow will only institute the increases next month

The phased tariff increases, which are scheduled to take place at four-month intervals until the end of the year, were part of a Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber plan to regulate and normalise tariff and rate payments in the greater Soweto area

In terms of the schedule, tariffs are to be raised to R85 by the end of the year.

A spokesman for Diepmeadow Town

Council said ratepayers and civic associations in the area had rejected tariff increases as improved services — a condition of the increases — had not materialised.

The spokesman said the delay did not jeopardise the agreement

"The second lap of increases planned for July will happen as agreed," he said.

The GSPP will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the "nitty gritty" of improved levels of service and to receive feedback about whether the councils were complying, said TPA chief executive officer Vic Milne.

Milne said progress reports on the implementation of the November agreement had been considered by the GSPP earlier this month, but some details had still to be considered.



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Van Tonder threatens violence over squatters

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BOERESTAAT Party leader Robert van Tonder has threatened violent opposition if the Transvaal Provincial Administration attempts to move the Zevenfontein squatters into his area.

Cosmo City, one of the possible sites being considered by the TPA, is located just a few kilometres from Van Tonder's large property at Northriding, north of Randburg.

Van Tonder, who has lived in the area for 30 years and is chairman of the local residents' action group, said eight vigilante groups had been formed in the area which were ready to meet the squatters with the kind of force that would make Bloubastrand attempts to keep them out look feeble.

There are indications that the Zevenfontein community has reconsidered its initial choice of moving to Cosmo City after hearing where the proposed site was.

Community representative Pinky Mokahena said the squatters had asked the TPA not to make public its final decision on where to move the squatters until the community had had time to consider it.

TPA representative Magda du Toit said the TPA was taking Van Tonder's presence into account in deciding the eventual site.

The TPA may also decide against the area, as it cannot afford another high profile political battle over the fate of the

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Zevenfontein community

Van Tonder said none of the squatters worked in his area and emphasised that municipalities such as Randburg and Sandton should accommodate their workforce within their own boundaries.

He said Cosmo City was an affluent area and the residents would sue the TPA for billions in compensation for the drop in property values if the move took place.

At a residents protest meeting in the area on Tuesday night, the DP, NP and "leftists" had all co-operated with him in discussing plans to keep the squatters out, Van Tonder said.

He said residents in the area had appealed to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough late last year to make the area between Randburg, Midrand and Hartebeespoortdam a separate municipality, called the Garden Triangle. The move was initiated when it became clear that Randburg, Sandton and the TPA were planning to create squatter camps in the area.

Du Toit said a task group would report back this month on the appeal for a separate municipality.

The other option favoured by the Zevenfontein community was Waterval near Megawatt Park.

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Invitation withdrawn

B/day 2/4/92
DARIUS SANAI

FARMERS in Zimbabwe had withdrawn an invitation to SA Agriculture Minister Kraai van Niekerk to visit Harare to address a conference, Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

Van Niekerk was not refused entry by the Zimbabwe government, as suggested in news reports.

A spokesman said the Minister had been invited to address the Zimbabwe Commercial Farmers' Union but the invitation had been withdrawn.

Zimbabwe needs to import around 2-million tons of maize in the next year, and most of it will be delivered from or through SA.

Foreign Affairs also confirmed that there were long queues at Beit Bridge on the Zimbabwe-SA border due to the growing number of trucks taking maize into Zimbabwe.

Customs facilities on the SA side would be upgraded soon, but there were no plans to widen the bridge or build another crossing.

Lethabile unhappy over policing by TPA

Sowetan 2/4/92

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By ALINAH DUBE

LEADERS of Lethabile Civic Association yesterday staged a sit-in at the township manager's office in protest against the Government's decision to place the area under the Transvaal Provincial Administration

The row follows the abolition by the Government of the Department of Development Aid which has been running Lethabile, 20km outside Brits

The publicity secretary of the civic association, the Rev Peter Bardenhorst, said Lethabile residents rejected the TPA and felt their affairs should rather be administered by either the land affairs or public works departments

He said yesterday's protest, which was started at 8am, was also meant to urge township authorities to introduce

affordable tariffs The Rev Bardenhorst said the civic delegation involved in the sit-in refused to discuss the matter with other officials and stated clearly that they would not leave the office until their grievances were met

"We want to discuss this problem with the deputy Minister of Development Aid, Mr Scheepers There is too much work which the department has left incomplete and we will not allow ourselves to be swallowed up by the TPA," he said

Council security men accused of violence

By Peter Davies (127)

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Attempts to evict some Ennerdale Extension 5 residents from their homes in the township south of Johannesburg were unsuccessful early yesterday, amid what residents claim were "violent tactics" by the sheriff of the Supreme Court.

Residents said a heavily armed council security contingent — accompanied by police armoured vehicles — smashed down a door and threw a brick through the window of two of the houses served with eviction notices.

A spokesman for the council said he was aware that a door and a window had been broken during the eviction attempts but was adamant no damage was done by a city council official.

He said council security members did not have police power and that the sheriff of the court — an employee of the

Department of Justice — had conducted the evictions. The sheriff would not comment.

The eviction notices had been served against three individuals after unsuccessful appeals by the council to home-buyers in Extension 5 to finalise transfer of their homes — now five years behind the scheduled transfer date.

Resident Farouk Jardine said Vereeniging's sheriff of the court came to his door just after 6 am with an eviction notice.

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"I told him the council had agreed to reopen discussions on the whole issue. He said he had their instructions to evict me. When I refused them entry, they kicked the door until the lock broke. They came in and put a gun against my mother-in-law's head and threatened my father, who is wheelchair-bound," said Mr Jardine.

Ross McCulloch, a member of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, said he was

awakened by the sight of heavily armed council security men and members of the Vereeniging riot unit "wielding weapons of war".

Mr McCulloch said: "My son Ross (8) was peering through the window when one of these council security guys threw a brick through it. Shards of glass slit his forehead and he had to go to hospital."

Marietta Marx, chairman of the health and housing committee of the Johannesburg City Council, confirmed yesterday that the sheriff had tried to carry out court orders to evict the occupants of three houses in Extension 5.

"We have been informed that the evictions were unsuccessful. We are now urgently awaiting the sheriff's further advice on how he will carry out the court orders."

"The city council does not carry out evictions. The role of the municipal security officials present was purely to safeguard council property."

Comment from the SAP was unavailable.

Ennerdale residents set up camp

By Shirley Woodgate

Ennerdale residents yesterday dug in and erected a "squatter camp" to house four families who were evicted last week by the sheriff of the court for alleged non-payment of rent.

Three of the four evictions were allegedly carried out on members of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Associations (Esca)

Chairman Farouk Jardine claimed that after warnings another 58 follow-up evictions had

been ordered by the Johannesburg City Council today "This is proof that the civic associations are being subjected to victimisation by hitting the leaders first," he said.

"Since 1985, other groups which opposed of-fialdom were paid off, but we will not give in to council harassment and intimidation until our grievances have been addressed."

Watched by council security police in a parked Casspir outside Mr Jardine's deserted house, members of the civic association started erect-

ing a tent on Saturday.

Police dismantled the tent, and later claimed a man was shot when he threw a petrol bomb at the vehicle.

Esca hotly denied the petrol bombing incident, and alleged residents were manhandled by security staff and the feared 32 Battalion

By late evening about 25 members of the four evicted families — the Jardines, the McCullochs, the Somcksons and the Najans — were planning to move into their new makeshift accommodation.

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RAADSKENNISGEWING 59 VAN 1992**STADSRAAD VAN KLERKSDORP****REGULASIES BETREFFENDE BEWONINGS-
OORLASTE**

Die Stadsraad van Klerksdorp publiseer hierby ingevolge artikel 101 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur, 1939, soos gewysig, die Regulasies betreffende Bewoningsoorlaste hierna uiteengesit wat deur die Stadsraad ooreenkomstig artikel 11 van die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, 1985, opgestel is en ingevolge artikel 96 van die genoemde Ordonnansie aanvaar is

1. WOORDOMSKRYWING

In hierdie Regulasies, tensy dit uit die samehang anders blyk, het al die woorde wat in die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising, No 103 van 1985, omskryf word, die betekenis wat aan hulle in daardie Wet toegeken word en in hierdie Regulasies beteken—

“**bewonder**” in verband met enige perseel—

- (a) enige persoon wat die perseel werklik bewoon; of
- (b) enige persoon wat regtens daarop geregtig is om die perseel te bewoon,
- (c) enige persoon onder wie se beheer of bestuur die perseel staan en dit sluit die agent van enige sodanige persoon in wanneer hy uit die Republiek van Suid-Afrika afwesig is of indien dit onbekend is waar hy hom bevind,

“**eienaar**” met betrekking tot 'n gebou of grond—

- (a) die geregisteerde eienaar, of
- (b) die persoon of instansie wat verantwoordelik is vir die betaling van munisipale belastinge of dienste,

“**Hoof: Gesondheidsdienste**” die hoof van die Raad se Departement Gesondheidsdienste of enige beamppte wat gemagtig is om namens hom op te tree.

“**gesin**” 'n man of 'n vrou of albei, met of sonder hulle ouers, en met of sonder die kinders van die een of ander of albei van hulle, wat almal saamwoon

“**Nasionale Bouregulasies**” die regulasies afgekondig by Goewermentskennisgewing R 1081 gedateer 10 Junie 1988, soos gewysig by Goewermentskennisgewing No 1726 van 26 Augustus 1988,

“**perseel**” enige huis, kamer, vertrek, skuur afdak, hut, voertuig, vaartuig of tent of enige ander struktuur of plek waarvan enige gedeelte gebruik word deur enige persoon vir slaapdoeleindes, of waarin enige persoon woon, of wat na die mening van die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste bedoel is om gebruik te word deur enige persoon vir slaap- of woondoeleindes, tesame met die grond waarop die struktuur gelee is en die aangrensende grond wat in verband daarmee gebruik word,

“**Raad**” die Stadsraad van Klerksdorp, dié Raad se Bestuurskomitee wat handel kragtens die bevoegdhede wat ingevolge artikel 58 van die Ordonnansie op Plaaslike Bestuur (Administrasie en Verkiegings), 1960, aan hom gedelegeer is, en enige beamppte aan wie die Komitee ingevolge subartikel (3) van genoemde artikel, op gesag van die Raad, die bevoegdhede, funksies en pligte wat ten opsigte van hierdie regulasies by die Raad berus, kan deleger, en dit inderdaag gedelegeer het,

BOARD NOTICE 59 OF 1992**TOWN COUNCIL OF KLERKSDORP****REGULATIONS REGARDING HOUSING
NUISANCES**

The Town Clerk of Klerksdorp hereby in terms of section 101 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, as amended, publishes the Regulations regarding Housing Nuisances set forth hereinafter, which have been compiled by the Council in accordance with section 11 of the Development and Housing Act, 1985, and adopted in terms of section 96 of the said Ordinance.—

1. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations, unless inconsistent with the context, all the words defined in the Development and Housing Act, No. 103 of 1985, will have the meaning assigned to them in that Act and in these regulation—

“**accommodation establishment**” means premises on which accommodation or accommodation and one or more meals per person per day is provided for payment to more than four persons,

“**Act**” means the Development and Housing Act, No 103 of 1985,

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

“**family**” means a male or female or both with or without their parents, and with or without the children of one or the other or of both, living together,

“**Head Health Services**” means the Head of the Health Services Department of the Council or his assignee,

“**occupier**” in relation to any premises means

- (a) any person in actual occupation of those premises, or
- (b) any person legally entitled to occupy those premises, or
- (c) any person having the charge or management of those premises and includes the agent of any such person when he is absent from the Republic of South Africa or his whereabouts are unknown,

“**National Building Regulations**” means the regulations promulgated under Government Notice R 1081 dated 10 June 1988, as amended by Government Notice No 1726 of 26 August 1988

“**owner**” in respect of a building or land means—

- (a) the registered owner;
- (b) the person or body responsible for the payment of municipal assessment rates or services

"verblyfonderneming" 'n perseel waar huisvesting of huisvesting en een of meer maaltye per persoon per dag teen betaling aan meer as vier persone voorsien word,

"Wet" die Wet op Ontwikkeling en Behuising No 103 van 1985,

2. VERHURING EN BEWONING VAN PERSEEL

Niemand mag enige perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan verhuur of help om dit te verhuur of toelaat dat dit bewoon of geokkupeer word wat toestande tot gevolg het of toelaat dat toestand voortduur wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

- (a) Geen vertrek wat ten volle of gedeeltelik deur persone gebruik word om in te slaap mag bewoon word deur meer persone as wat 12 kubieke meter vryelugruimte en 4 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon van 10 jaar oud of ouer en 6 kubieke meter vryelugruimte en 2 m² vloerruimte vir elke persoon jonger as 10 jaar toelaat nie. Met dien verstande dat geen woonvertrek kleiner as 6 m² mag wees nie, en
- (b) niemand mag 'n toilet, gang, trap, trapportaal, badkamer, kas, buitegebou, motorhuis, stal, tent, pakkamer, afdak, skuur, kelder of solder gebruik om in te slaap of veroorsaak of toelaat dat dit so gebruik word nie, tensy die gebruik vir daardie doel deur die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste en ooreenkomstig die Nasionale Bouregulasies goedgekeur is

3. SLAAPAKKOMMODASIE, VOORBEREIDING EN GAARMAAK VAN VOEDSEL

Niemand mag enige perseel verhuur of toelaat dat enige perseel deur meer as een gesin bewoon word wat toestande tot gevolg het wat 'n oortreding van die volgende uitmaak nie

- (a) Geen perseel of 'n gedeelte daarvan mag deur sodanige getal persone bewoon word dat die slaapakkommodasie onvoldoende is om toe te laat dat persone van die teenoorgestelde geslag van ouer as 10 jaar, met uitsondering van 'n paar wat as man en vrou saamleef, in afsonderlike vertreke geakkommodeer word wat deur baksteenmure of afskorting geskei word en waarvan die konstruksie na die mening van die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste stewig en toereikend is nie
- (b) Alle persele moet voorsien word van fasiliteite vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel wat voldoende is vir die gebruik van en geredelik toeganklik is vir 'n bewoner wat enige vertrek of vertreke daarin afsonderlik bewoon. Met dien verstande dat afsonderlike fasiliteite ten opsigte van elke bewoner voorsien moet word vir die voorbereiding en gaarmaak van voedsel indien die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste dit vereis

4. ABLUSIEGERIEWE

- (1) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel voorsien is van een of meer stort(e) en een spoelkloset of alternatiewe goedgekeurde geriewe, elk geskik gelee in 'n afsonderlike kompartement wat geredelik toeganklik vir alle bewoners van die perseel is en wat toe-

"premises" means any house, room, shed, hut, vehicle, vessel or tent or any other structure or place, any portion whereof is used by any person for sleeping in, or in which any person dwells, or which in the opinion of the Head Health Services is intended to be used by any person for sleeping or dwelling in, together with the land on which the structure is situated and the adjoining land used in connection therewith

2. LETTING AND OCCUPATION OF PREMISES

No person shall let or assist in letting or allow to be occupied any premises or part thereof so as to bring into existence or permit to continue conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

- (a) No room wholly or partly used by persons for sleeping in shall be occupied by a greater number of persons that will allow less than 12 m³ of free air space and 4 m² of floor space for each person aged 10 years or more and 6 m³ of free air space and 2 m² of floor space for each person less than 10 years of age. Provided that no living room shall be smaller than 6 m², and
- (b) no person shall use a latrine, passage, staircase, landing, bathroom, cupboard, outbuilding, garage, stable, tent, store-room, lean-to, shed, cellar or loft for sleeping in or cause or allow it to be so used unless its use for that purpose has been approved by the Head Health Services and in accordance with the National Building Regulations

3 SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION, PREPARATION AND COOKING OF FOOD

No person shall so let any premises or allow any premises to be so occupied by more than one family as to bring into existence conditions which will constitute a contravention of the following

- (a) No premises or part thereof shall be occupied by such a number of persons that the sleeping accommodation is insufficient to allow for persons of opposite sexes over 10 years of age, other than a couple living together as husband and wife, being accommodated in separate rooms, separated from one another by brick walls or partitions, the construction of which is substantial and adequate in the opinion of the Head Health Services.
- (b) All premises shall be provided with accommodation for the preparation and cooking of food, adequate for the use of and readily accessible to an occupier by whom any room or rooms therein is or are occupied separately. Provided that separate accommodation shall in respect of each occupier be provided for the preparation and cooking of food if required by the Head Health Services

4. ABLUTION FACILITIES

- (1) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall be provided with one or more shower(s) and one water-closet or alternative approved facilities, each suitably placed in a separate compartment readily accessible to all occupiers of the premises and fitted with

gerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies. Met dien verstande dat elke stort vervang kan word deur 'n bad wat toegerus is met goedgekeurde vuilwaterpype in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

- (2) Die eienaar van enige perseel moet toesien dat sodanige perseel oor 'n behoorlike voorraad warm en koue water beskik wat geredelik beskikbaar vir die bewoners daarvan is.

5. BASIESE LEWENSVEREISTES

Geen eienaar van 'n perseel mag—

- (a) toelaat dat twee aanliggende vertrekke met tussenverbindingsopeninge soos deure, vensters of boligte deur meer as een gesin bewoon word nie, tensy elke vertrek onafhanklik van enige ander vertrek voorsien is van verligting en ventilasie in ooreenstemming met die Nasionale Bouregulasies;
- (b) te eniger tyd versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat openinge soos deure, vensters of boligte nie met planke toegeslaan, toegebou of op enige wyse versper word sodat dit op die verligting, kruisventilasie of toegang soos vereis in hierdie Regulasies, inbreuk maak nie,
- (c) versuim om toe te sien of toe te laat dat wanneer enige vertrek deur meer as twee persone vir slaapdoeleindes bewoon word, sodanige vertrek nie vir die opberging, voorbereiding of gaarmaak van voedsel gebruik word nie. Met dien verstande egter dat, vir die toepassing van hierdie artikel—
- (i) twee kinders van 10 jaar oud of jonger, of
- (ii) twee persone wat as man en vrou saamwoon as een persoon beskou word,
- (d) versuim om toe te sien dat, in alle geboue waar meganiese ventilasie voorsien word, die doeltreffende en konstante funksionering van die aanleg behoorlik in stand gehou word nie, soos wat deur die Nasionale Bouregulasies vereis word.

6. HIGIENIESE VEREISTES

Geen eienaar van enige perseel mag toelaat dat sodanige perseel of gedeelte daarvan in 'n ongesonde of onhigieniese toestand of ongeskik vir menslike bewoning is nie, of nie skoon of goed in stand gehou word nie, of waarskynlik nadelig vir die gesondheid van die persone wat dit bewoon sal wees nie.

7. VERBLYFONDERNEMINGS

(1) Die eienaar van 'n verblyfonderneming moet toesien dat so 'n onderneming afsonderlike ablusie-geriewe vir elke geslag het en toegerus is met—

- (a) een bad of stort,
- (b) een handewasbak, en
- (c) een spoelkloset,

ooreenkomstig die vereistes van die Nasionale Bouregulasies. Met dien verstande dat minstens een bad vir die gebruik van elke geslag voorsien moet word.

(2) Elke badkamer, stortkompartement of spoelkloset moet duidelik aangedui word vir die geslag waarvoor die bedoel is. Met dien verstande dat waar 'n reeks van twee of meer badkamers, stortkompartemente of spoelklosette op die perseel geïnstalleer is, sodanige aanduiding by die ingange na elke reeks aangebring moet wees.

approved waste pipes in accordance with the National Building Regulations. Provided that a bath fitted with an approved waste pipe in accordance with the National Building Regulations, may be substituted for each shower.

- (2) The owner of any premises shall ensure that such premises shall have a proper and sufficient hot and cold water supply reasonably available for the occupiers thereof.

5. BASIC LIVING REQUIREMENTS

No owner of any premises shall—

- (a) permit two adjoining rooms with intercommunicating openings such as doors, windows or fanlights, to be occupied by more than one family, unless each room is provided independently of any other room, with light and ventilation in accordance with the National Building Regulations,
- (b) fail to ensure that at all times openings such as doors, windows or fanlights shall not be boarded-up, built-up or obstructed in any way so as to interfere with the lighting, cross ventilation or access, as required by these regulations or the National Building Regulations;
- (c) fail to ensure that when any room is occupied by more than two persons for sleeping purposes, such room shall not be used for the storage, preparation or cooking of food. Provided, however, that for the purpose of this section—
- (i) two children of 10 years or under; or
- (ii) two persons living together as man and wife shall be deemed to be one person,
- (d) fail to ensure that in all buildings where mechanical ventilation has been provided the efficient and constant functioning of the plant is maintained as is required by the National Building Regulations.

6. HYGIENIC REQUIREMENTS

No owner of any premises shall permit such premises or part thereof to be in an unhealthy or unhygienic state, unfit for human habitation or not in a clean state or in good repair, or likely to be injurious to the health of the persons occupying the premises.

7. ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENT

(1) The owner of any accommodation establishment shall ensure that such establishment shall have ablution facilities separate for each sex and equipped with—

- (a) one bath or shower;
- (b) one wash hand basin; and
- (c) one water-closet,

in accordance with the National Building Regulations. Provided that at least one bath shall be provided for the use of each sex.

(2) Every bathroom, shower compartment and water-closet shall be clearly designated for the sex for which it is intended. Provided that where a series of two or more bathrooms, shower compartments, or water closets have been installed on the premises, the entrances to each series shall bear such designation.

8. ALGEMENE VEREISTES

Die eienaar van enige perseel of die bewoner ten opsigte van daardie deel van die perseel wat onder sy beheer is, moet—

- (a) alle sanitasietoebehore, ketels, ligte en brandblustoerusting te alle tye in 'n behoorlik werkende toestand hou,
- (b) sodanige perseel vry van afval, puin en rommel hou,
- (c) doeltreffende maatreels tref om te voorkom dat knaagdiere, vliee of insekte daar uitbroei of skuilhou,
- (d) toesien dat elke muur, deur, oppervlak en plafon, tensy dit van materiaal gebou is wat nie bedoel is om geverf te word nie, met sodanige tussenposes geverf word wat sal verseker dat sodanig geverfde gebied skoon bly en goed in stand gehou word
- (e) Vensters wat bedoel is om te kan oopmaak moet te alle tye behoorlik funksioneer. Gebreekte en gekraakte glas moet vervang word en voor alle vensters wat sigbaar is vanaf die straat of vanaf aangrensende persele moet privaatheid verleen word aan inwoners by wyse van gordyne, blinders of enige ander erkende of aanvaarbare metode, maar mag nie toegeverf word nie

9. ELEKTRIESE VERBINDINGS EN HYSBAKKE

(1) Waar enige elektriese verbinding aan enige perseel beskikbaar is, mag niemand sodanige perseel bewoon nie, tensy—

- (a) elke kamer 'n werkende elektrisiteitstoevoer vir verligting en krag het, en
- (b) elke gang, ingang, trap en hysbak voldoende verlig word

(2) Waar 'n hysbak op die perseel geïnstalleer is, moet die eienaar—

- (a) die voortdurende veilige werking daarvan, en
- (b) die beskikbaarheid daarvan aan bewoners van die perseel verseker ooreenkomstig die Nasionale Bouregulasies.

10. VRYSTELLINGS

Die Hoof Gesondheidsdienste of sy gemagtigde kan enige persoon vrystel van die nakoming van al of enige van hierdie regulasies waar sodanige nie-nakoming nie prakties uitvoerbaar of 'n gesondheidsgevaarlike toestand of oorlas skep of sal skep nie

11. STRAFBEPALING

Die eienaar van enige perseel wat enige van die bepalings van hierdie Regulasies oortree, welke oortreding na die mening van die Raad 'n oorlas ingevolge artikel 11B van die Wet uitmaak en wat versuim om aan 'n kennisgewing ingevolge artikel 11B (2) (a) van die Wet om sodanige oorlas reg te stel voldoen, is skuldig aan 'n misdryf en by skuldigbevinding strafbaar met die straf soos voorgeskryf in artikel 11B van die Wet

J. L. MULLER,
Stadsklerk

Burgersentrum
KLERKSDORP
17 Maart 1992
(Kennisgewing No 22/92)

8. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The owner of any premises or the occupier in respect of that part of the premises under his control, shall—

- (a) keep all sanitary fittings, boilers, lighting and fire extinguishing equipment in proper working order at all times,
- (b) keep such premises free from refuse, rubble and litter,
- (c) take adequate measures to prevent the breeding or harbouring of rodents, flies or vermin,
- (d) ensure that every wall, door, surface and ceiling, unless constructed of materials not intended to be painted, shall be kept painted at such intervals as will ensure that the area painted remains clean and in a good state of repair.
- (e) windows which can be opened must function at all times. Broken and cracked glass must be replaced and windows which are visible from the street or adjacent erven, must render privacy to residents by means of curtains, blinds or any other approved or acceptable method, but may not be painted

9. ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS AND LIFTS

(1) Where an electrical connection is available to any premises, the owner shall not permit any person to occupy such premises unless—

- (a) each room has a functioning supply of electricity for lighting and power, and
- (b) every passageway, entrance, stairway and lift has adequate lighting.

(2) Where a lift has been installed in premises, the owner shall ensure—

- (a) it's continuous safe functioning, and
- (b) its availability to occupiers of the premises, in accordance with the National Building Regulations

10. EXEMPTIONS

The Head Health Services or his assignee can exempt any person from all or any of these Regulations where such non-compliance is not practically feasible or shall not create or cause to create a health hazard or nuisance

11. PENALTIES

The owner of any premises who has contravened any of the provisions of these regulations, which contravention has been found by the Council to constitute a nuisance in terms of section 11B of the Act and who fails to comply with a notice in terms of section 11b (2) (a) of the Act, to rectify such nuisance, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction be liable to the penalties provided in section 11B of the Act

J. L. MULLER,
Town Clerk

Civic Centre
KLERKSDORP
17 March 1992.
(Notice No. 22/92)

Noordgesig's move welcome

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By TSIDI THINANE
THE Johannesburg City Council has welcomed an undertaking by the

Noordgesig Civic Association to hold a meeting of residents to discuss calling off the rent boycott.

The Management Committee of the City Council said the NCA also forwarded a number of demands which included the scrapping of rents, the writing off of electricity arrears and the repair of houses.

In response to the demands, a senior official, Mr Rudi Bosman, said the committee could not consider undertaking a survey on repairs as long as the rent boycott continued.

"Those residents who are in electricity arrears are asked to discuss with the City Treasurer a way of paying to avoid legal action, the Treasurer will accommodate residents' problems," he added.

The council plans to set up an office in Noordgesig to deal with residents' complaints.

Most white schools opt for Model C

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A MASSIVE 96 percent of former whites-only schools in South Africa have opted to become Model C - or semi-private schools. Only 88 out of the total 2 191 former whites-only schools voted by the re-

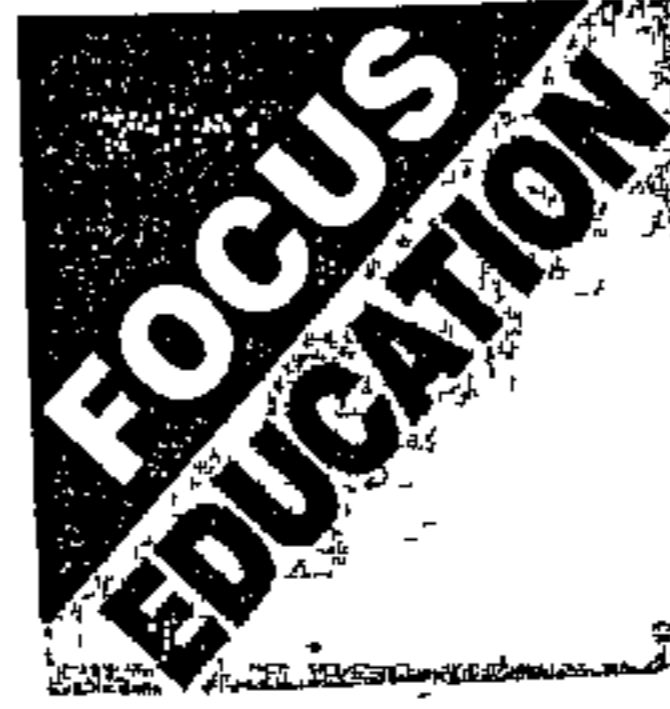
quired two-thirds majority to remain State schools, according to figures supplied yesterday.

As a result, fewer teachers are now expected to lose their jobs.

State schools are defined as the whites-only status quo schools, and the Model B schools where parents decide on the admissions policy.

"The more schools that opt for Model C the fewer jobs lost," the executive director of the Transvaal Teachers Association, Hugo Ackermann, said yesterday.

"We are encouraged by the figures, but we stand by our previous position that we believe there was undue haste in the process (of announcing teacher retrench-



ments).

"It is not good to make any teacher redundant. If the economy is going to improve we will need more teachers, but the problem is it takes a long time to get a teacher back into the system."

The Government announced in February that it expected 4 000 teachers would be retrenched when new staffing provision scales for schools came into effect on August 1.

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Dismantle the hostels - SCA

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THE Soweto Civic Association last night called for the hostels to be completely dismantled rather than converted into family units.

This change of attitude was voiced by SCA executive member Mr Kgabiso Mosunkutu at a Press conference in Johannesburg where the resumption of the Soweto rent boycott was announced.

Mosunkutu said it was clear that hostels "are the centre of violence" in both Alexandra and Soweto.

Their role had been discussed at the recent general council meeting of the SCA and "we are convinced that in order for violence to cease, the hostels must be emptied".

The SCA had abandoned the position that they should be transformed and felt that inmates should be settled in ordinary township housing.

Hostel structures lent themselves to being "turned into barracks which are housing vigilantes who are directed to maim, kill, rob and - indeed - rape", he said.

Boycott call threatens talks

THE future of local government negotiations across the country was plunged into crisis yesterday, after the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) called for the resumption of the national rent boycott.

The SCA's general council resolved on Wednesday night to call for the resumption of the boycott in Soweto — and elsewhere.

Representatives of the ANC, SACP, Cosatu and the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal attended the meeting and supported the decision.

After walking out of a Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) meeting last night, the SCA said the boycott, which was suspended in September 1990, would be lifted only if all black councillors in Greater Soweto were removed, the Johannes-

ADRIAN HADLAND

burg City Council took over the financial administration of the region and township violence was ended.

The GSPP was formed in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord of 1990 and includes the three Greater Soweto town councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville as well as the SCA and the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The GSPP aimed to resolve the councils' financial crisis.

The walkout signals the end of the GSPP and threatens both the Greater Soweto Accord and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's plans for negoti-

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Boycott

ating a new metropolitan structure for the Greater Johannesburg

In a statement yesterday, the SCA said the TPA's failure to improve service levels in the Soweto townships — as provided for in the Metropolitan Chamber's November 1991 agreement — and continued allegations of black local authority corruption and mismanagement had forced the resumption of the boycott.

The 1991 agreement, signed by the TPA, the SCA and representatives of the Soweto councils, set out phased increases in services charges in an attempt to regulate and normalise payments in Soweto.

TPA chief negotiator on local government issues Olaus van Zyl said the TPA was not solely to blame for the situation. While the agreement to improve services had not been fully met, the payment of rates in Soweto had dropped from 60% in December to less than 30%.

Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said the situation had become

"a very serious crisis, not only for the Chamber but also for the whole of the metropolitan area"

SCA executive committee member Kgabiso Mosunkutu said he expected the boycott to be supported by the SA National Civics Organisation, which would expand the boycott to a national level.

The SCA "rejected with contempt" Local Government Minister Leon Wessels' announcement last week fixing January next year as the deadline for the formation of joint local administrations.

"Minister Wessels' approach to the crisis of local government is completely unacceptable in that it undermines local initiatives and is authoritarian," an SCA statement said.

The SCA also called for the abandonment of workers' hostels. "We are convinced that in order for the violence to end, the hostels must be emptied and the occupants reintegrated into the community."

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Security men evict 80 (127) from house

More than 80 people have been evicted from a Bertrams, Johannesburg, house, the owner of Trust Security confirmed yesterday *STAR 3/4/92*

Peet van Loggerenberg said his security officials had been called in on Wednesday to evict the tenants who had been given one month's notice

Actstop claimed security officials had beaten tenants

Mr van Loggerenberg said there had only been one incident. He had been threatened by a big man with an iron bar, so "he got hammered"

Actstop said the tenants had approached the landlord about high rentals and poor standards. There was no electricity, no baths or toilets

The landlord then served the notices.

However, Mr Loggerenberg said the tenants had wrecked facilities. He said notices had been served after a council health inspector had declared the house uninhabitable — Sapa

Cluster houses for R3m each

STIMOTRAUS

A LINKSFIELD Ridge property development in Johannesburg could attract foreign buyers

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The R25-million Montalla cluster housing project will be paraded at the London Daily Mail Ideal Home Show from March 26 to 29

The project comprises 10 units below the Linksfield Ridge nature reserve. They will cost between R2-million and R3-million each and will be the most expensive cluster homes in SA outside Cape Town.

The luxury project represents not only an architectural triumph but an engineering feat. Engineering makes a large contribution to total costs.

The houses cling to the side of the ridge and overlie decomposed granite. About 40 60-ton capacity concrete piles were driven 8m into the ground under each unit to provide secure foundations. Horizontal forces were contained through retaining walls and earth anchors.

The size of the units varies between 600m² and 850m² and they have two to five levels.

Luxury features include underfloor heating, heated pools integrated into water-

By IAN ROBINSON

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fall features, hi-fi sound systems piped to all rooms, room-to-room intercoms with connections to all security points and closed-circuit monitors.

The situation and design of the units give a spectacular view to the north — even from the kitchen on the south side of each one

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Squires

The project is a joint Daycor Construction-Tomazos Group-Carol Frangos development.

The Tomazos group is headed by Costa Tomazos who established the Squires Loft chain of restaurants in the 1970s.

Daycor Construction was founded by David Day in 1982 and has an annual turnover of about R10-million.

The site was bought for R16-million and work began in January 1991. The first unit has been completed. Marketing will start in May

The entire project is due for completion by the end of 1993.

Protea protest march planned

By MONWABISI NOMADLO

DISGRUNTLED residents of Protea South will march to the offices of the Soweto Council on Thursday to present a memorandum containing demands and grievances about housing in the area.

Permission for the march has been granted by the Soweto Council and a Johannesburg magistrate.

The march has been organised by the Old Protea Residents Association (Opra).

Opra secretary-general Thami Ndala told City Press the following demands would be presented:

- That old houses in Protea South be handed over to the occupants;
- That all people living in the shacks in Protea South be decently housed;
- That all vacant sites be made available for the erection of affordable houses;
- That infrastructure in the area be developed;
- That Opra be recognised.

Refugees take over offices ⁽¹²⁷⁾

By JOE MDHLELA

DISPLACED residents have literally ejected Alexandra Council administrative workers, including the town clerk, from their offices *Sowetan 7/4/92*

The action by the residents who fled attacks from hostel dwellers during the past three weeks has resulted in administration at the council offices coming to a standstill

Chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum the Rev Busam Ngubane yesterday confirmed that service at the council had come to a stop

Ngubane said the displaced people were also using the council offices to protest against the hostel dwellers who are occupying their houses near Madala Hostel

"The authorities have so far failed to stop the illegal squatting by hostel dwellers of houses belonging to residents

The town clerk was not available for comment yesterday

When paying isn't a habit

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WHEN the Soweto Civic Association announced that the rent and service tariff boycott was back on, it was reacting to virtually irresistible pressure from below.

Before the organisation took the plunge and broke off further negotiations with the councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville and with the TPA on services and payment, residents had already turned the cash flow down to a trickle less than 30 percent of the billed amount was being realised.

In effect, ordinary residents had trampled into the dirt two key agreements to which the SCA had been party the Soweto Accord of August 1990, and the pact on revised tariffs and better services, signed late last year.

The Soweto Accord, signed by the three councils, the TPA and the SCA (the Greater Soweto Principal Parties or GSPP) brought an end and laid the foundation for the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, a broader negotiating forum working towards

non-racial interim government at metropolitan level.

It also set various low-level tariffs to wean people off the boycott and created mechanisms to address the housing and service problems.

Last year's agreement among the GSPP revised the tariffs, but tied higher payments tightly to the achievement of certain minimum standards in the delivery of services.

In addition, this drive to get Soweto's residents to pay for services was coupled with moves toward the free transfer of the bulk of the township's housing to the occupants and plans for the institution of non-racial interim administration.

Both agreements were hailed as "historic". But by now the capacity of the people of Soweto to defeat the makers of "history" is clearly established. Two explanations are put forward — usually by different parties — as alternative explanations for this dogged refusal by the people to honour the products of any negotiating

forum. The first runs that a "culture" of non-payment has set in — that people fully expect because of their disadvantaged position to consume public goods for which they have not paid. They will continue to do so in the absence of serious sanctions for non-payment.

The second argues that people are eminently reasonable — they would pay if they got the goods for which they were being charged. But the capacity of the three Soweto councils to deliver is just not there.

There is a third factor, which almost all acknowledge.

If the spirit were willing to pay for services, how would the pocket stand up?

The high unemployment figures and the low rates of income in the service and informal sectors leave little doubt that a substantial number of township households would be unable to pay for services under any circumstances.

This was acknowledged to some degree in the 1991 negotiations

The tariff restructuring assumed no more than 80 percent of residents could pay, the TPA's Nigel Mandy points out. But the question of the majority who can pay, but refuse to, remains.

Are they free riders who have become addicted to the fruits of ungovernability; or are they responsible consumers who are being repeatedly failed by the institutions responsible for delivering public goods?

The fact that non-payment arose in Soweto from a politically driven boycott cannot be ignored. The culture of non-payment was fed on conflict and violence. Not only were councillors attacked as the tools of apartheid, but undisciplined municipal policemen inflicted more than a few casualties during the emergency years, evictions, court summonses and service cuts were recurrent, and the threat of evictions gave rise to such scarring events as the White City Massacre of 1986.

The agreements concluded in 1990 and the end of last year have not yielded the kind of returns

that would cut through this heavy mood. The three councils remain in place. Diepmeadow has been rocked by fresh corruption allegations, Soweto is chaotic as a result of squabbling in the ruling Sofasonke Party.

While Soweto Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki insists that service improvements have been made, residents clearly discount this and the change is not apparent to the outsider, who is still struck by water running down streets and mounds of smelly refuse on the pavements.

Secondly, the move to non-racial metropolitan administration and to giving Soweto a share of the tax revenue of Johannesburg and Roodepoort is agonisingly slow. Months after the tabling of the blueprint in the Met Chamber, ratification by one of the four white municipalities was still outstanding.

Thirdly, the promise of free transfer of thousands of rented and leased homes to full ownership has been long delayed. The Cabinet has sat on the matter for

more than three months and there is still no decision in sight.

In 1990 the SCA was roundly criticised by other civic bodies for striking a deal with the councillors instead of sticking by the demand for their political demise. The SCA shrugged this off, believing that the processes of the Met Chamber would render the councils bit players.

Whether, with the renewed demand for an end to the township council system, the SCA has identified the right fuse to ignite in the people of Soweto a spirit of change and renewal is open to debate. But surely it has hit upon a truth in arguing that without some highly visible and abrupt break with the past, without some immediate concession to people's demands, the mass of the people of Soweto are not going to pay up hard-earned money in return for promises and "progress" which moves at an imperceptible pace — and then only within the confines of wood-panelled negotiating chambers. □



Battle line . . . Diepsloot residents demonstrate their opposition to the Transvaal Provincial Administration's plan to resettle 1 500 squatter families from Zevenfontein in their area

Picture Stephen Davimes

More protest over moving Zevenfontein squatters

By Zingisa Mkhuma

About 1 500 residents of Diepsloot, north-west of Johannesburg, held a roadside protest on Sunday against the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA)'s proposed resettlement of Zevenfontein squatters in the area.

The TPA initially wanted to resettle the squatters in Bloemfontein, but the plan was abandoned after resistance from the residents and reservations on the part of the squatters.

The Diepsloot residents formed a 1,5 km-long line next to the road hoisting placards and asking people to sign a petition. Some of the placards read "No to filth", "Hands off Diepsloot" and "Transferring Problems Again".

Anthony Duigan, of the Greenbelt Action Group, echoed the feelings of most residents when he said that the squatters needed to be housed closer to where they worked.

"The problem is that once you talk shacks, then people see squalor and filth. Also, we are not talking small families, we are talking about 1 400 to 1 500 families — families that will change the whole shape of this area," Mr Duigan said.

"Everybody that works in this area is accommodated here and there are many other people that live with them. There is also no municipality in Diepsloot to provide the infrastructure for squatters," he added.

The chairman of the Diepsloot Residents and Landowners Association (DRLA), Stuart Aitchison, said the protest was to make the public aware how people felt about the issue.

"Here in Diepsloot we provide housing for the people that we employ. The problem of the Zevenfontein squatters belongs to the Randburg and Sandton town councils, because those people work in those areas."

"Why does the TPA want to dump the squatters on a barren piece of land? What is the difference between Zevenfontein and here?" he asked.

Soweto council urges rethink of new national rent boycott

8/12/92

THE Soweto City Council has urged the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) to reconsider its call for the resumption of a national rent boycott

Calling on the SCA to return to the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP) forum from which it walked out last week, council PRO Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday the call for a boycott had confused residents who had earlier this year received pamphlets telling them to pay.

And a Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber source said the boycott call and the walkout would come up for discussion at the chamber's meeting today

The SCA walked out of a GSPP meeting last week saying it was calling for the resumption of the boycott — suspended in 1990 — because the Transvaal Provincial Administration had failed to improve service levels in Soweto townships as provided for in the November agreement

The agreement, signed by the TPA, the SCA and representatives of the Soweto councils, set out phased increases in service charges in an attempt to regulate and normalise pay-

THEO RAWANA

ments in Soweto

The GSPP — which was formed in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord which ended a five-year rent boycott and wrote off R516m in rent and service charges arrears — was aimed at resolving the financial crisis that gripped Greater Soweto.

The GSPP comprised the three Greater Soweto councils of Soweto, Diepsloot and Dobsonville as well as the SCA and the TPA

The SCA said continued allegations of black local authority corruption and mismanagement had brought about the resumption of the boycott

It would not be lifted until black councillors were removed, the Johannesburg City Council took over the financial administration and township violence ended

Sources said the boycott issue, which could have far-reaching implications for both the Metropolitan Chamber and the Greater Soweto Accord which brought the chamber into being, would come up for discussion at today's meeting

ANC people may sit on police board

8/12/92 DIRK HARTFORD

THE civilian representatives to the police board which must be set up in terms of the national peace accord signed in September last year include ANC members and supporters

ANC leaders Mathews Phosa, Pius Langa and Janine Rauch are among the 11 civilian nominees to the board

Law and Order spokesman Major Gen Leon Mellet confirmed the list, but said it was not final

The members were nominated by parties to the peace accord

Other nominees are Clifford Shearing, Nic Hayson, P F Coetzee, Louis Visser, I N Steyn, Don Brunette, Peter Gastrow and Alrena van der Spuy

The board will investigate allegations against the police and aspects of the SAP with a view to restructuring

Meanwhile, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers has criticised aspects of the board. It says the Minister should not have powers to appoint anyone, that police in self-governing territories should not have the option of refusing jurisdiction and that board decisions should have greater status than mere recommendations

Workshop tries to defuse violence

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By PEARL MAJOLA

REGULAR visits to the hostels with an aim to create harmony and interaction between township and hostel residents could be the answer to the violence that is sweeping the Reef townships

This is the conviction of a group that attended the two-day *Sowetan/Pick 'n Pay* Parenting Workshop held in Soweto at the weekend

Participants agreed that part of the problem between hostel and township residents was caused by a gap that existed between the two groups

It was resolved that cultural and sports events should be organised in order to make peace with hostel "residents", as they resolved to call them

Former *Sowetan* Woman of the Year Ms Fikile Mlotshwa explained that in 1990 she and other women under the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League had visited the Merafe Hostel when fighting was at its height in that area. She said there was no hostility from the hostel residents and they

listened to what the women had to say "I think we can do this successfully even now," Mlotshwa said

Another participant, Ms Philippine Lekalakala, suggested that referring to people who live in hostels as "hostel dwellers" and those who live in the townships as "residents" was discriminatory and could be another contributing factor to the tension. She recommended they be called hostel "residents"

Other issues discussed during the workshop were education, including the effects of teenage pregnancy, career guidance, parental involvement in children's lives and co-ordination of services, projects and programmes in Soweto

The Soweto workshop was the first of a series that will be held in Bloemfontein, Pietersburg, Daveyton, Pretoria, Carletonville and the Vaal Triangle

Green stance 'a facade for racism'

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) yesterday accused residents in areas north of Johannesburg, who have opposed plans to settle the controversial Zevenfontein squatters in their areas, of using environmental issues to hide their racism

Monday 9/4/92
TPA deputy director-general Len Dekker said environmentalism had become "a blatant facade for keeping blacks out. As the blacks come nearer, so they become greener."

He said the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) had appealed to people's emotions and misled them, as the area south of the R28 to Krugersdorp was just "open veld"

He said there was a misconception among residents that if they made enough noise about the squatters being moved to their area, the move would not go ahead

The TPA had taken environmental issues into account in identifying areas for future development, and it had found very

little "green" area left south of the R28

In the light of this it had been decided that this area would be earmarked for settlement. The natural areas north of the road would be preserved, however.

Although urbanisation would take place there, Dekker warned it would not be the only area to face changes

The TPA needed another 50 000ha to settle a further 3-million people in the next decade, and many other areas would have to "come to terms with the hard realities of the new SA"

He urged residents to stop being emotional about the problem of squatters. All local authorities would have to make provision for low cost housing, as it was "not possible to hide these people behind bushes," he said

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Eskom to deal directly with Soweto residents

By TSIDI THINANE

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ESKOM is to supply electricity to individual customers in Soweto with immediate effect, following an agreement with the Soweto City Council.

Eskom's Sales and Customer Services Manager for West Rand, Mr Paul Mare said: "This agreement is a result of arbitration between Eskom and the City Council concerning Soweto's nonpayment of their bulk electricity account to Eskom."

For the first few months domestic customers will be charged a flat rate of R33,80 per month. During this period,

Eskom will start testing and replacing defective meters and improving the overall electricity supply in Soweto.

Eskom intends issuing its first electricity accounts for residents by mid-April. Independent customer service centres will be erected to receive payments.

Negotiations with Dobsonville and Diepmeadow are at

an advanced stage for Eskom to supply the two towns as well.

Eskom said it was pleased that the Soweto Civic Association had decided to exclude electricity from their reinstated boycott in Greater Soweto.

"We believe this results from the fact that electricity is now the responsibility of Eskom and no longer under the control of any of the principal parties to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber," Mare said.

Green concern just a camouflage - TPA

STAR 9/4/92

By Shirley Woodgate

Smallholders in the north-western PWV area who "cry green and become progressively greener as black urbanisation approaches" received a tongue-lashing from Transvaal Provincial Administration chief Len Dekker yesterday

Addressing a media briefing in Pretoria, the Deputy Director-General for Community Development warned that urbanisation was unstoppable, and called for a halt to "emotional outbursts"

whenever black settlements were hunted at

The TPA was sensitive to conservation, but investigation had proved that only land north of the Pretoria/Krugersdorp highway (R-28) towards the Magaliesberg was worth preserving as a green belt

While the Kareeboomstrand conservancy and rivers and ridges were respected by the TPA, most of the land between Randburg and the R-28 could only be considered green in the eyes of a person wearing a green belt,

he said

Within the next nine years an additional 50 000 ha was needed to house an additional 3 million people. This meant the development of another area the size of Johannesburg or seven times the size of Soweto

However, what was envisaged was not a single large area, but small settlements of people who worked in Randburg and Sandton

Now that the focus had fallen on the north-west, he appealed to residents not to use conservation as a moral

excuse to block black settlement

Mr Dekker told Diepsloot protesters that the TPA executive committee had not taken a final decision on task force recommendations for a permanent home for the Zeventfontein squatters who had until July to move from their present location

At this stage it was impossible to determine the cost of acquiring necessary land for low-cost housing

Contrary to common belief, many smallholders had already offered to sell their

properties to the TPA

Task force chairman Paul Wanders said there was respect for the Diepsloot Nature Reserve.

Approached for comment, Greenbelt Action Group spokesman Helen Dugan denied that GAG was trying to opt out of urbanisation "We are definitely part of the process, offering properly planned recreation areas for the entire region"

Smallholders within the green belt were already housing thousands of workers employed on the plots

Process begins to resolve Metropolitan Chamber row

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THE process of bringing feuding parties in the Central Witwaterstrand Metropolitan Chamber together had begun after Wednesday's suspension of activities. Chamber CE Vic Milne said last night the secretariat had spoken to the people involved — the TPA and the three Greater Soweto councils on the one hand and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) on the other.

The SCA called for the resumption of a national rent boycott last week after claiming the TPA was doing nothing to improve services in Greater Soweto.

Complaining of continuing corruption among Soweto councillors, the SCA said it would not return to the Greater Soweto Principal Parties forum until all councillors had been removed, the Johannesburg City Council was involved in providing services and violence had been brought to an end in Soweto.

Suspending all meetings on Wednesday until the issues raised by the SCA had been resolved, chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said he and his secretariat would try to get the parties to start negotiating again.

Meanwhile Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkuthu said yesterday the zones of the organisation had looked at resuming a boycott and were monitoring events.

At Wednesday's chamber meeting Mosunkuthu, as executive member of the SCA, suggested the hostels should be evacuated to stop the violence.

He said the hostel dwellers were under the influence of warlords and that the SCA would have to look at housing schemes to reincorporate them into the community.

Diepsloot residents call for officials' resignation

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THE Diepsloot Residents Association has requested President F W de Klerk to demand the immediate resignation of two TPA senior officials "as they are obviously unable to fulfill the functions of their positions".

TPA deputy director-general of community development Len Dekker accused smallholders in the northwestern PWV earlier this week of using environmental arguments to hide their racism.

Diepsloot and Cosmo City were recommended by the TPA task group as potential sites for the relocation of the controversial Zevenfontein squatters.

Association chairman Stuart Aitchison said residents were angered by the TPA officials' "emotional outbursts".

Dekker accused residents of resorting to "green" issues to disguise their racism and MEC John Mavuso described them as bigots.

The Diepsloot Residents' Association has demanded a public apology from Dekker and Mavuso.

"It is obvious that the TPA is having to use this sort of bluster and lies, and is

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having to fall back on the old cry of racism in order to cover their own bungling ineptitude," he said.

Aitchison stressed that any attempt to move squatters into Diepsloot and the surrounding areas could lead to civil riots.

People in the area were "not prepared to sit idly by and watch their livelihood and life investments being sacrificed on the altar of the TPA's ineptitude and authoritarianism".

He said Diepsloot was one of the first areas to request full free settlement development for an entire area in 1989.

He accused the TPA of giving no consideration to the existing character and development of the immediate surrounding stands.

Dekker said the TPA expected to meet opposition from local residents wherever they decided to resettle the squatters.

But they had to be housed somewhere, and there was no simple solution to the problem.



Landowners deny racist claims by TPA officials

Sowetan Correspondent

THE Greenbelt Action Group is demanding a public apology from two Transvaal administration officials following allegations of racism against landowners who oppose squatter settlements in the north-western PWV.

GAG secretary Ms Jill Wileman says she will report the matter to State President Mr FW de Klerk if both MEC Mr John Mavuso and deputy director of Community Development Mr Len Dekker do not apologise.

Wileman said allegations by Mavuso and Dekker that plot owners were using conservation to camouflage racist fears were a smokescreen for the TPA's mismanagement regarding urbanisation. *Sowetan 10/4/92*

She said black landowners in the region attended GAG meetings while thousands of black workers were already housed on plots where they worked.

There were two multiracial schools at Diepsloot, one of the areas considered as a permanent home for the Zevenfontein squatters, she said.

Dismissing Dekker's claims that land between the Pretoria/Krugersdorp highway was veld and could not be considered a green belt worth preserving, Wileman asked:

"What about Helderfontein Conference Centre, River Sands Farm, multimillion rand chicken farms, film studios, peach farms and established trout farms?"

Claiming the TPA had bungled the Zevenfontein squatter issue, Wileman said none of the reports costing the taxpayer thousands of rands had been properly used.

Planning was still abysmal, solutions were totally absent and neither housing or work opportunities were being offered to the squatters some six years after GAG started its costly campaign against Norweto, she said.

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5 000 Evaton homes to get power

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By JOSHUA
RABOROKO

ABOUT 5 000 houses in Evaton are to be electrified at a cost of R10 million before the end of the year. Construction work on phases five and six will start this month.

A contractor has been appointed and will move onto site before the end of next week, according to Mr Paul O'Conner, Eskom's manager of sales and customer services in South Vaal.

Substation

O'Conner said a new substation was being constructed on the northern boundary of the township.

He said the substation would start supplying power within the next two to three months.

Residents would enjoy the benefits of electricity dispensers which would allow them to plan and budget for their consumption, he added.

An Eskom service centre has also been established in the township.

The main objective of the centre will be to provide residents with advice on all electricity-related matters.

War of words as tension rises over Diepsloot issue

By Shirley Woodgate

Tension mounted yesterday after top officials levelled allegations of racism at landowners opposing black settlement north-west of Johannesburg

Residents have demanded the immediate resignation of Administrator Danie Hough, MEC John Mavuso and deputy director for Community Development Len Dekker.

In referring to the landowners, Mr Mavuso spoke of bigotry and Mr Dekker said they were using conservation to camouflage racist fears

The row centres on the pending Transvaal Provincial Administration decision on sites for housing the Zevenfontein squatters, as well as millions of homeless people in the region

The resignation call by Diepsloot Residents and Landowners' Association chairman, Stuart Aitchison, on grounds of sheer incompetence, is being backed by a groundswell of smallholders

Mr Aitchison warned of the possibility of civil

riots in Diepsloot if the TPA tried to move the Zevenfontein squatters there.

"The people are not prepared to sit idly and watch their livelihood and life investments being sacrificed on the altar of the TPA's ineptitude and authoritarianism," he said.

He stressed that Diepsloot applied in 1989 to become a fully fledged free settlement area.

Mismanagement

Greenbelt Action Group secretary Jill Wileman said the allegations of racism were a smokescreen for TPA mismanagement of urbanisation

Boerestaat Party and Garden Triangle Action Group leader Robert van Tonder, whose property borders Cosmo City, which is high on the list of areas earmarked for informal settlement, denied Mr Dekker's claim that all residents had been consulted

He threatened court action unless his application for the establish-

ment of a new municipality had been settled by Mr Hough before land was identified for squatters

Peter Hewitt, spokesman for the Jukskei-Crocodile River Catchment Area Property Owners, rejected the racist label, claiming blacks already outnumbered whites in his area by about 30-to-one

"Unlike the real racists who moved blacks up to 35 km away from their work, to Soweto and Lenasia, we have always housed our own workers," he said

"The Zevenfontein squatters are a domestic Randburg and Sandton issue, since that is where they work

"It is time the TPA started scientific planning, proper administration and detailed plans for compensation where expropriation takes place before people are resettled. It must look at proper employment for the homeless and stop resorting to name-calling if it wants to halt resistance"

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FHA says "Our brief is to increase the housing stock, and, as these buildings are predominantly unlettable because of the surplus in the A- and B- grade categories, we think there is an opportunity to be explored. The amount of such C-grade space is in fact accelerating, particularly in the inner urban areas, as the pull factor towards the suburbs makes itself felt."

FHA CEO John Weaver says a professional team has been assembled to evaluate the viability of converting such buildings into flats. It comprises architects, town planners, civil and mechanical engineers, quantity surveyors and attorneys.

By the end of the month its initial findings will be known on the Trump Centre (owned by Conrad Penny), in Trump Street, Village Main, Johannesburg, and 51 Juta Street in Braamfontein (managed by Fountain Head Properties).

The company has been given a list of buildings managed by JHI but must still look at these.

Weaver adds: "Should the projects prove feasible and FHA succeed in gaining the necessary rezoning approvals from the relevant local authorities, we would acquire the buildings and refurbish them."

"We are also identifying infill (vacant and dormant) sites in suburban areas that owners might want to dispose of. We are trying to bring products to the market below the R100 000 mark as a total package. The added spin-off of this kind of development is that existing social structures such as schools and creches will be better used. In other words,

we would make affordable homes available to lower-income earners, closer to job opportunities."

Since its inception in 1983, FHA has developed just over 20 000 serviced stands and around 6 000 housing units in the R30 000-R50 000 range (also total packages).

If infill and refurbishing prove practicable, the FHA says it will raise the money piecemeal and tackle projects as joint ventures with other private-sector developers. ■

RECYCLING OFFICE BUILDINGS Adding to the stock

FHA Homes is looking at several C-grade office buildings in Reef CBDs with a view to converting them into affordable, high-density housing. FHA, set up by the Urban Foundation, is now an independent company and the Transvaal operating arm of The New Housing Co.

Areas under scrutiny are Johannesburg, including Braamfontein, Germiston and its industrial area of Wadeville.

Resident to fast over authorities' slackness

ONE Alexandra resident who is fed up with official intransigence on action to resolve the problem of displaced people in the township has decided to stage a hunger strike until something is done

Jeanette Mesatywa (26) says that as a Christian and a pacifist she does not believe in violence as a way of resolving problems. But she feels "sick at heart and angry" at seeing sickly people, senior citizens and children being bulled out of their homes and then neglected by the authorities.

"I have decided to protest by fasting outside the Presbyterian Church from next week until the local authorities respond to

the plight of the displaced residents," says Mesatywa, a Wits graduate who is currently doing volunteer work for the Alexandra Peace Group.

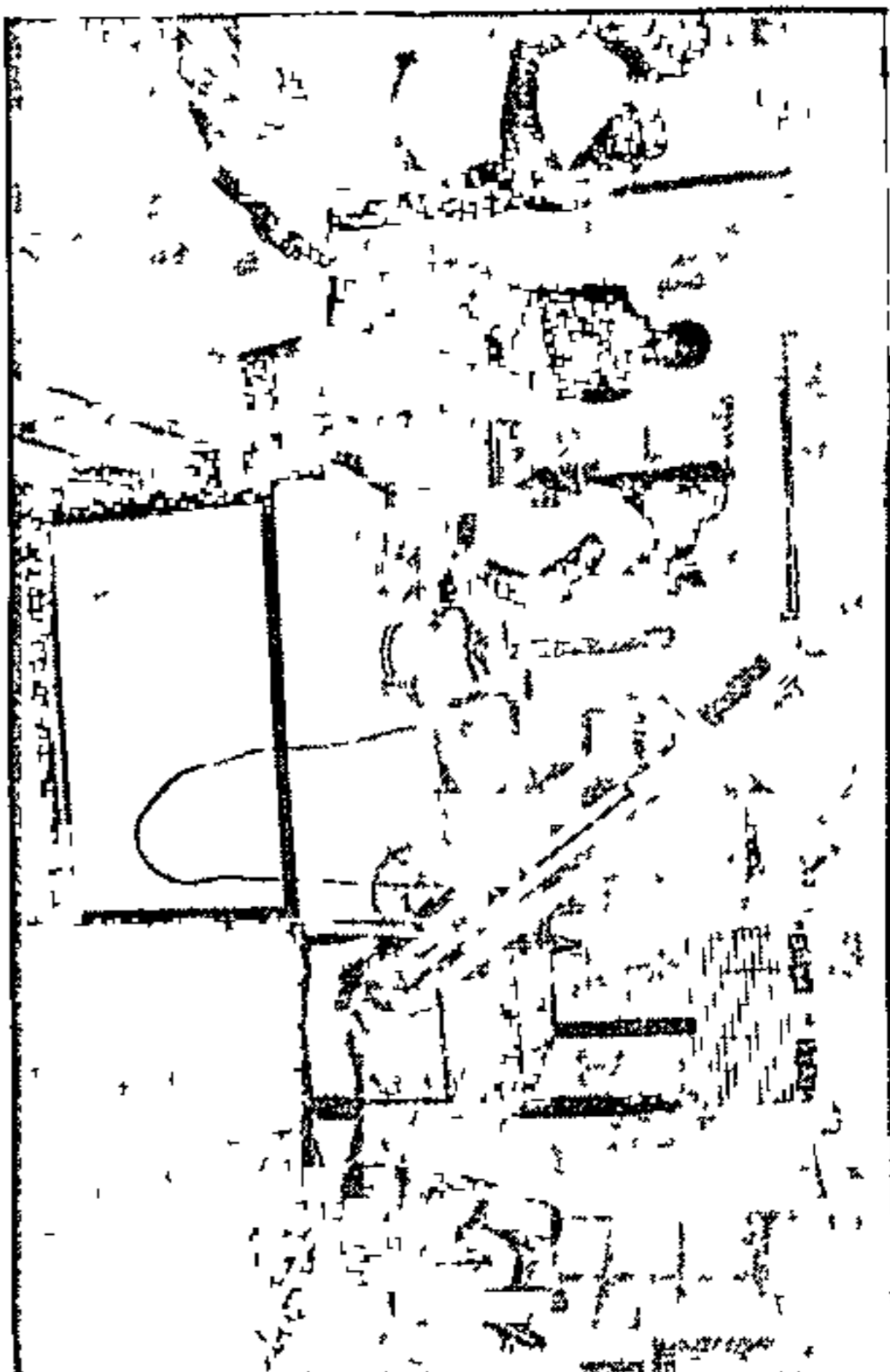
"I was born and grew up in Alex," she says, "and I was horrified to see on stayaway day police firing teargas into the flats, regardless of the fact that there might have been children and old people in those flats who would be seriously affected by the gas."

Mesatywa said that while she could intellectually understand the reasons for violence, her convictions, based on Gandhian principles of non-violence, could not condone violence as a solution to problems.

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TIME FOR RATIONS Bread, beans and mealie meal (donations channelled through churches) are handed out to Alex refugee families



NEW OCCUPANTS Young boys and their sister occupy the council's map room while pots rest on a machine worth hundreds of thousands of rands

'Forgotten people' of Alex want to go home

JOE LOUW

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Victims of fighting now live in church halls, council offices and school rooms

THE violence that has terrorised Alexandra residents for the past few weeks is winding down

This week a semblance of normality returned to troubled streets that only a few days ago were littered with barricades and burning tyres

But the tragedy, heartache and confusion caused by the violence is far from over for hundreds of families displaced from homes near the notorious Madala single men's hostel — from which, residents say, they

have been terrorised, shot at, murdered and robbed.

It is now almost four weeks since the first families fled from the beleaguered blocks to be housed, under police guard, in backyards, church halls and empty rooms once used for schooling

Most of these people had been living in those homes since they were born and had never lived elsewhere. At least 85 percent of them are women and children, the old and the

sickly

Many are today still living in makeshift shelters, worried about the possessions they had to leave behind and uncertain about the future

Almost all the people I spoke to this week believe that nobody cares about them

Church, where 16 families have been lodged since the middle of last month

of our life savings and the things we bought for ourselves with our many years of hard work are just getting spilt and stolen

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PLACE OF REFUGE This is the scene in the nave of the Presbyterian Church on Tenth Avenue, where 16 families are living

Photographs JOE LOUW



OFFICES AND 100 ROOMS

Many are today still living in makeshift shelters, worried about the possessions they had leave behind and uncertain about the future. Almost all the people I spoke to this week believe that nobody cares about them. Martha Ramansa, mother of three schoolgoing children, had tears in her eyes when she asked about her in the name of the Rev Busani Ngubane's 10th Avenue Presbyterian

Church, where 16 families have been lodged since the middle of last month. "My child," she said, "in all the 27 years I lived in my own home in Second Avenue, I have never slept in another bed. Now I have to share this small space with three other families. Our children all sleep together and we have to share sleeping space with the older children, and you know this is not our way. Many of us have lost most

stolen. "Some of my furniture is just sitting in the yard of my home which I had to abandon. It's now rotting in the rain. We really feel forgotten."

There is some help in the form of food rations coming from good Samaritans through the churches and distributed from the local community centre — beans, bread, mealie meal and other foodstuffs. "I feel like a refugee," said Ivy Debeshe.

"We have never lived on handouts and we are five in my family. We never seem to have enough now, and as for myself, I'm really fed up living with strangers and having to cook together with others. All we want is to go back to our home."

Stones

And why can't they be helped? I put that question to John Griffiths, administrator with the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council. The answer was tortuously circular. This is what it boiled down to:

"How can anything be done for those people when they keep on throwing stones at the police and occupying the town council offices? They must first calm down and let the police establish peace."

The Rev Busani Ngubane, chairman of the local Peace Group, sees the matter differently. "These people talk about peace without wanting to deliver justice. And without justice there will never be peace."

"Unless and until the cause of trouble — Madala hostel — is removed or transformed, there will be no peace and this is what the authorities have to address," he said.

The authorities are equally adamant about the removal of the hostel.

A recent proposal at a town council meeting was that all parties concerned, including the hostel dwellers, must submit proposals as to what should be done with the hostel and its inmates — a process that could take many years to resolve.

While the misery and tragedy of the township's residents continue, committees attend meeting after meeting.

"At the end of the day," a bitter resident commented, "these guys in these meetings just jump into their cars and go off to their comfortable homes while we have to go and sleep on other people's verandas."



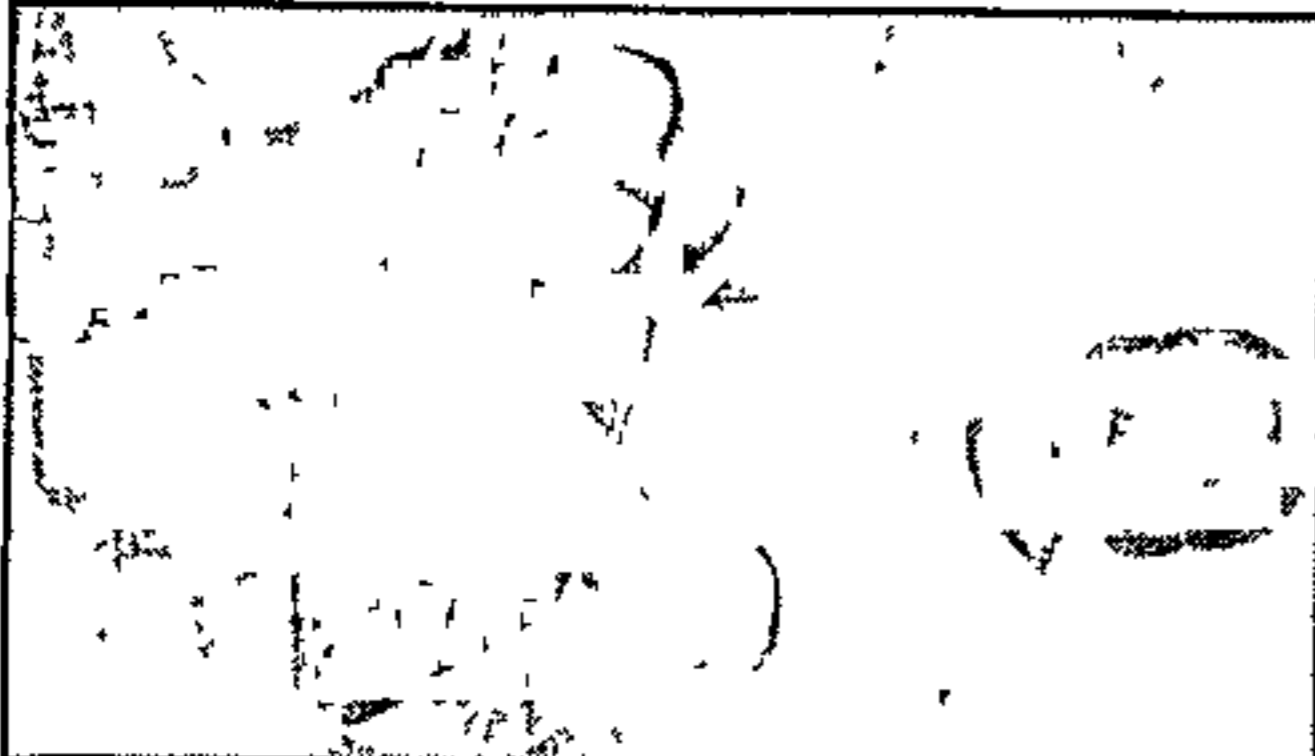
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This is the scene in the name of the Presbyterian Church on Tenth Avenue, where 16 families are living.

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RIGHT The scene at the "occupied" Alexandra Town Council boardroom. Lydia Mokgadi and a friend from Fourth Avenue talk about the good days in their homes, so near but out of reach.



PROTESTER Jeannette Mesitywa is fed up with the plight of displaced residents.

Civic accused of hiding behind boycott

By CHARIS PERKINS

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has accused the Soweto Civic Association of calling a new rent and services boycott to conceal its inability to get people to pay their bills.

Only 30 percent of the people of Soweto are paying for water and rubbish removal — despite an agreement last November when the Soweto Civic Association undertook to try to secure payment by 80 percent of residents.

In exchange, the Soweto Council promised to improve the services.

The civic association declared its boycott on April 2, at a meeting which was to decide if the November agreement was working.

Shambles

"It seems that the civic association has little influence with the residents of Soweto," said the provincial administration's negotiator, Mr Olaus van Zyl.

"It may well discourage payments, but it cannot persuade people to resume paying. Knowing that, one may draw one's own conclusions about its sudden decision to reinstate the boycott."

The association, however, denied it had lost control over Soweto residents.

"Our people are very disciplined," said executive member Kgabisi Mosunkutu. "But there has been no improvement in the service, and people are not prepared to pay for a shambles."

With so few people paying service charges and rent, the boycott will make little difference to revenue.

Blow

However, the civic association's withdrawal is seen as a shattering blow to 18 delicate months of negotiation.

In September 1990, the historic Soweto Accord wrote off R516-million in unpaid rent and ended a boycott which began in 1986.

The Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, set up after the accord as a forum to tackle local government issues, suspended all activities this week in the face of the civic association's action.

Touted as the forerunner of non-racial local government systems across the country, its suspension leaves other metropolitan authorities without a model.

"The rent and services boycott is a grave crisis which must be resolved before any of the other matters in the Metropolitan Chamber can receive attention," said Mr van Zyl.

Deadlock

Chamber chairman Frederick van Zyl Slabbert and his secretariat will try to resolve the deadlock before the chamber sits again next month.

Unpaid services charges and rents have been costing the province and the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council up to R7,5-million a month.

Another R3-million a month will be lost if the 30 percent who pay their bills now join the boycott.

The province's deputy director of local government finance, Mr Louis Johnson, said the authorities could not afford to foot the bill.



Let's work together Johannesburg management committee health and housing chairman Marietta Marx was applauded by residents of when she called on them to assist the council in improving conditions in the area

FIFTY years ago Fred Malgas (79) was forcibly removed from Vrededorp and dumped in a field outside Johannesburg — thereby becoming a founder member of the township of Noordgesig

For the first time since then Mr Malgas is hopeful that his poverty-stricken community will finally receive the help they need to improve their living conditions

Last week civic leaders declared that the unrest in Noordgesig in recent months was over, after Johannesburg City Council officials and management committee members visited the area at the invitation of the civic association

Despite warnings from council security that the area was not safe to enter, the Johannesburg management committee's Marietta Marx, responsible for health and housing, and transport and utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson as well as officials from almost every council department spent a morning with residents, inspecting homes, the environment and facilities

Toyi-toying residents, prepar-

ing for confrontation, were told by civic leaders to quieten down and a carnival atmosphere prevailed as the officials were led by a crowd of residents from house to house and to "problem" areas

Housing director Ian Taitz explained that a Government loan was used to finance the construction of the homes in Noordgesig and that all the rentals from those homes were being used to repay the loan

He said it was unfair of residents to put all blame on the council "We are working within a law called the Housing Act."

Mrs Marx called for a clean slate "Let's see what we can do for the people of Noordgesig now" She asked for all alleged faulty accounts to be sent to her to be sorted out

Council officials were shown homes with holes in the roofs, large cracks in the walls, the

public swimming pool with a hole in it and the football field constructed three years ago, but never opened to residents

Mr Asherson promised that residents would have a pool by next summer

One resident said that when it rained, she sat inside her house with an umbrella "And when you put a nail in the wall, it falls down," another said

Mrs Marx was clapped loudly by residents at the end of the visit

"We saw people who were worried by how they live We can't solve the problems by ourselves, but with you, we can do it," she told the crowd

She said there was R80 000 available from the regional services council to upgrade the clinic facilities in Noordgesig

Noordgesig Civic Association general secretary Lockey Moodley said there was a new spirit in

Violence has flared in Johannesburg's scoured townships, Noordgesig and Ennerdale months Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGER

Noordgesig following the visit

"They heard our problems and saw the houses If the council keeps its promises to help us, this will be the end of the unrest"

The rent boycott which started four months ago will, however, remain in place until the city council "delivers", Mr Moodley said

Mr Malgas said he was happy to meet the "new team" of councillors and officials, and hoped that from now, residents would be able to communicate with the council

After the visit, Mrs Marx said she would report back to her management committee tomorrow

row to decide on action for Noordgesig

"Some of the most disgusting work will have to be done there" She said she was pressed about the area because it was not being cared for

Problems in the area, however, could take a long time to solve after the rent boycotts a week ago

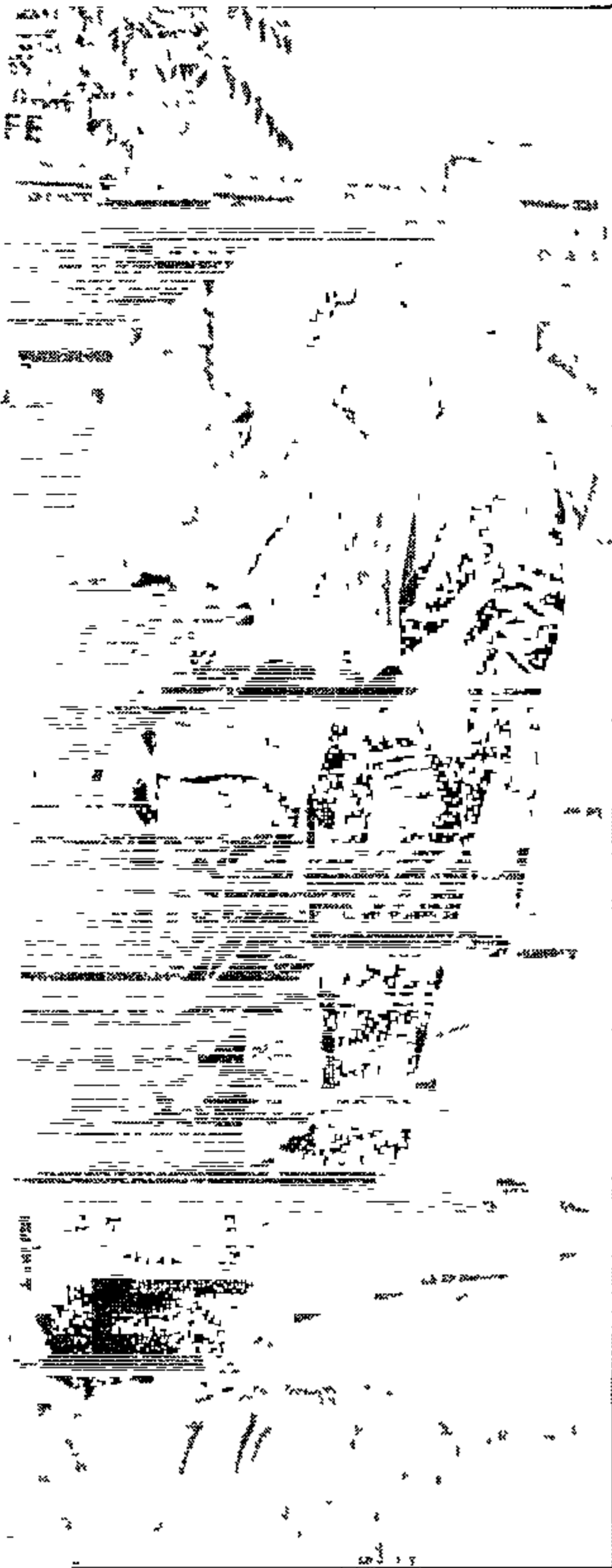
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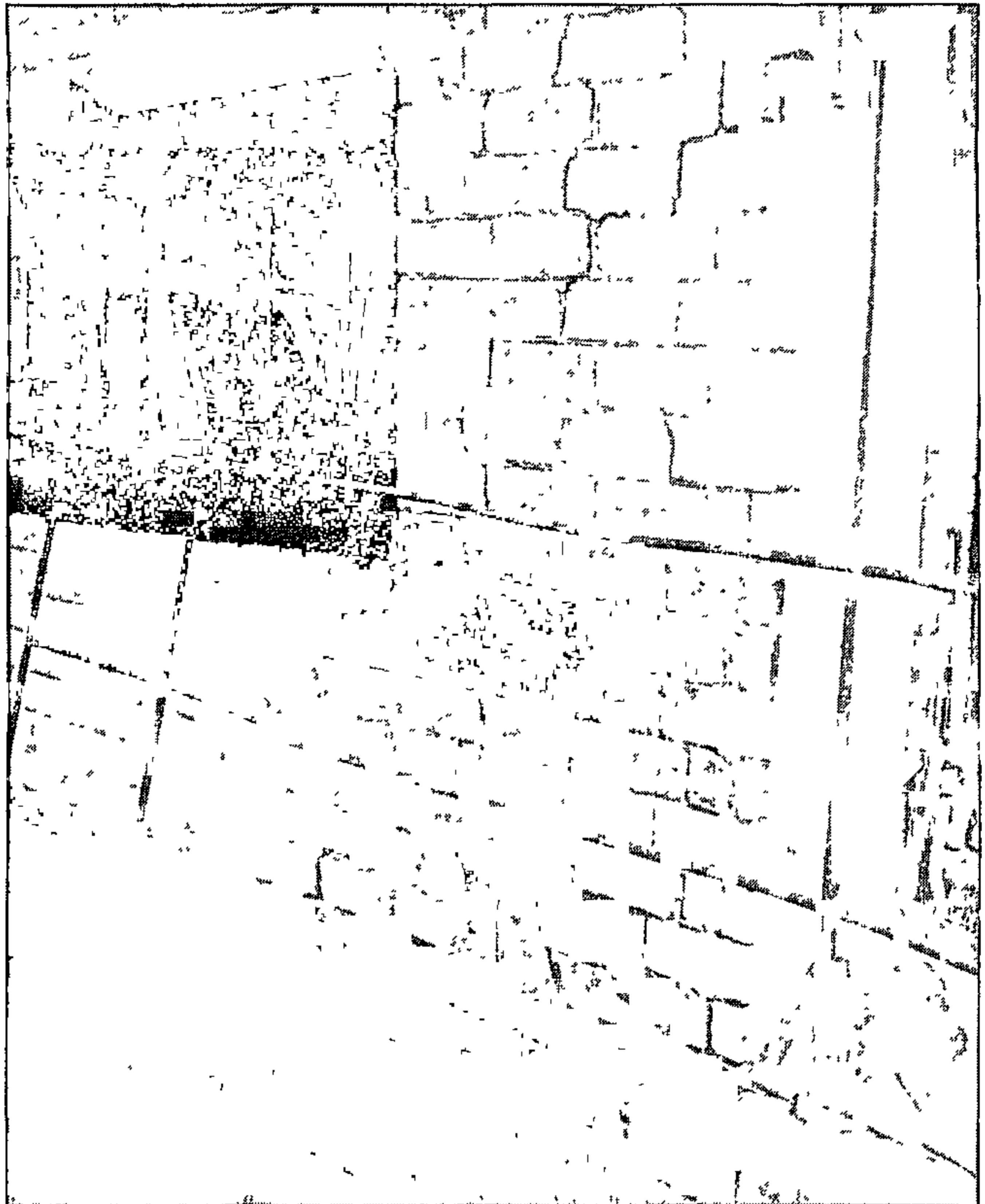
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Cracking up . in one of the worst cases, the wall of this Noordgesig house is in danger of collapsing Pictures Jacob Rycliff

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Problems in Ennerdale, how-
ever, could take a lot longer to
solve after resistance to evic-
tions a week ago
The council got court orders
against rent defaulters more
than a month ago, but attempts
by the sheriff of the court to
evict them were unsuccessful
The council developed a hous-
ing scheme in Ennerdale Exten-

sion 5, and to date more than
R6 million is owed to the coun-
cil in rent arrears
"We are still willing to talk to
people to come to some arrange-
ment," Mrs Marx said
"But with waiting lists runing
to the thousands, we can't af-
ford to keep people in houses
who owe us thousands of rands"
The dispute in Ennerdale cen-
tres around the condition of the
houses
"We have gone to great
lengths to resolve the problems
of purchasers, and have reached
agreement with their represen-
tatives to either rectify defects
or reduce the purchase prices
by independently assessed
values," Mrs Marx said
"Some residents, however,
want the houses for free or at a
very low cost"
The houses, ranging in price
from R26 000 to R35 000, were
sold on deed of sale in 1986

Today they have a market price
of between R60 000 and R70 000
The council claims it made no
profit on the land or buildings,
and purchasers were required to
take transfer by December 31
1986, six months after proclama-
tion of the township

An agreement was reached
between the Johannesburg City
Council, the Ennerdale Civic As-
sociation and Ennerdale Man-
agement Committee that the
findings and determination of the
assessor regarding the value of
the property would be final and
binding, and that the deed of sale
would be amended to reflect the
new purchase price, that the
original purchaser take transfer
of the property within six
months, and that the civic asso-
ciation persuade affected resi-
dents to start repaying monthly
rentals
"The agreement was con-
firmed in writing by the civic's

legal advisors, the Legal Re-
sources Centre, but the face of
the civic changed and they now
claim there was no agreement,"
Mrs Marx said

Ennerdale civic leaders em-
phatically state that there was
no agreement with residents and
say they have problems with the
council's offer

They have accused the coun-
cil of violence in the area, a
claim which has been categori-
cally denied by management
committee chairman Ian David-
son

He explained that the council
had been forced to take Cas-
spirs into Noordgesig and Enner-
dale after council security per-
sonnel were stoned and threa-
tened with necklacing, but said
the council men were under
strict instructions not to use
force against residents, and
added that he had videotapes of
the recent evictions to prove it
was residents who had threa-
tened the sheriff and council per-
sonnel in Ennerdale

Mrs Marx said where there
was genuine hardship and ten-
ants could not afford to pay rent
or electricity, the council had a
general relief fund from which
they could possibly be assisted □

Inner city dwellers list problems

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By Montshiwa Moroke

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High rentals, violent crime, inferior living conditions, sexual harassment of women and racism are the problems facing black residents in the inner city and some surrounding suburbs, the Johannesburg Action Committee said last week

A door-to-door survey by the committee among flat dwellers revealed that residents were unhappy with their living conditions, and felt they were being exploited by landlords

A recent phenomenon, the committee said, was the sale of flats by sectional title. This was seen as a ploy to push the working class out of the city

Acstop member Cas Coovadia said some landlords were still enforcing the abolished Group Areas Act by using fly-by-night security companies to extort and terrorise residents. There had been incidents of women being harassed and some allegedly being raped.

The existence of escort agencies and prostitution had also been raised by residents who felt these were having negative effects in the area, especially on children

HSRC plans to survey Sandton (127)

By Anna Cox STAR 13/4/92

Interviewers for the Human Sciences Research Council will be visiting 1 200 Sandton households during April to conduct interviews for a survey commissioned by the town council.

The survey will gather information to guide planners and urban managers in future projects in the area.

Residents will be asked basic demographic questions about themselves, members of their households, the standards of council's services, public participation, traffic and roads, council budget priorities, the future of local government, security, the environment and public facilities and amenities.

Residents will remain anonymous but the results of the survey will be made available.

The council has appealed to residents to answer questions honestly as the information will affect future policies.

Soweto hostels 'to stay'

THE Soweto City Council would not close down hostels under its jurisdiction as that would cause more social strife, spokesman Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday.

Moseki was replying to a call by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) for the closure of all hostels. SCA official Kgabisi Mosunkutu recently told a meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber that hostels should be emptied as violence emanated from them.

Moseki said while it was acknowledged that single sex hostels were "an anomaly" in the present political situation, Soweto hostels would not be emptied as such a move could spark more violence.

He said the council intended converting the hostels into family units and all interested parties were welcome to come forward with suggestions. Women and children already made up about 30% of the hostel population on the Reef, he said.

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However, many hostel dwellers were not in favour of changing the buildings (127) ~~127~~.

West Rand Hostel Residents' Association vice-chairman Joseph Kubheka said yesterday he had not as yet come across hostel residents who were in favour of conversion.

East Rand Hostel Residents' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said the civic organisations should not interfere with the affairs of the hostels. *BIPay 14/4/92*

"We are opposed to the conversion of our hostels into family units. Most of the hostel residents' families have homes in the rural areas, which they are not prepared to leave," he said.

Meanwhile, the Alexandra Civic Organisation said yesterday it supported demands for the closure of the township's Madala Hostel — an Inkatha stronghold and an unrest flash-point.

... flights for Easter weekend

Council plans to evict 5 over rent

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A JOHANNESBURG City Council source confirmed that five evictions were planned for Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, yesterday after residents reported seeing council security officials in the morning.

The council move follows an abortive attempt some weeks ago by the Sheriff of the Court to evict three residents.

The Johannesburg security officials would not carry out the evictions but would protect council property, a council spokesman said some weeks ago.

The evictions, according to a council statement, were because of arrears on house payments.

However, Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association chairman Mr. Farouk Jardine said house payments were not made because the council had not fulfilled an agreement reached with Ennerdale residents on the houses, which were below standard. The houses were built in 1986.

The council had claimed in its statement that the agreement reached was to send an assessor to judge the value of the houses' defects individually, and to deduct that amount from the original price of the house.

But according to Jardine, that was not the agreement reached by the residents and the council.

He said the agreement had been that an arbitrator would examine two reports on the houses - one saying there were superficial defects, the other that there were structural defects - and make a decision on the two.

The council's statement only mentioned the arbitration agreement by name. It also only mentioned the first report on the superficial defects.

There was no mention of the second report in its statement. - Sapa

Pta council to take over Atteridgeville

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THE Pretoria City Council's Management Committee is temporarily to take over the administration of Atteridgeville following the resignation of three senior officials there.

Announcing this at a Press conference yesterday, management committee chairman Dr Pieter Smith also disclosed that the Transvaal Provincial Administration had paid debts totalling R30,6-million owed by both the Atteridgeville and Mamelodi councils.

The three Atteridgeville council officials who have resigned are town clerk Mr Daan Mouton, administrator Mr Maartens Nel and treasurer Mr Jorrie Jordaan.

The new temporary measures are expected to be discussed with the relevant civic associations, Smith said.

He added: "In view of the steps that the City Council of Pretoria has taken now with regard to Atteridgeville towards creating efficient administration, the TPA has decided to make a special inter-authority

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By MONK NKOMO

grant to settle the debts of Atteridgeville and Mamelodi."

Smith said Atteridgeville owed R6,5-million for electricity and R3,9-million for water and sewerage. Mamelodi owed R14-million for electricity and R6-million for water and sewerage.

Deputy chairman of the management committee Mr Cor Uys also announced that his council would no longer cut bulk electricity supplies to Atteridgeville.

"We will take drastic action against individual rent defaulters by cutting their power supplies. We appeal to all Atteridgeville residents to pay their rent," Uys said.

Smith said the management committee would recommend to the council on April 28 that town clerk Mr Hannes Redelinghuys be appointed town clerk of Atteridgeville.

"These measures are temporary as joint

Families evicted for non-payment of rent

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By Michael Sparks (127)

Mohammed Najam looked dazed. He said little as he watched the sheriff of the court — protected by an estimated 70 policemen and 15 police and riot control vehicles — load up his belongings.

His was one of four families in Ennerdale who were evicted yesterday for non-payment of rent. Mr Najam claimed he had been paying rent for the five years he lived in the house, but had not paid the arrears of the previous tenants.

"Whether you pay your rent or not, it makes no difference. They evict you anyway. You can see for yourself the house is not worth the money they want for it," Mr Najam said as he watched his furniture being removed.

The sheriff packed everything — even books, potted plants, linen, the telephone, a tent, a child's bicycle.

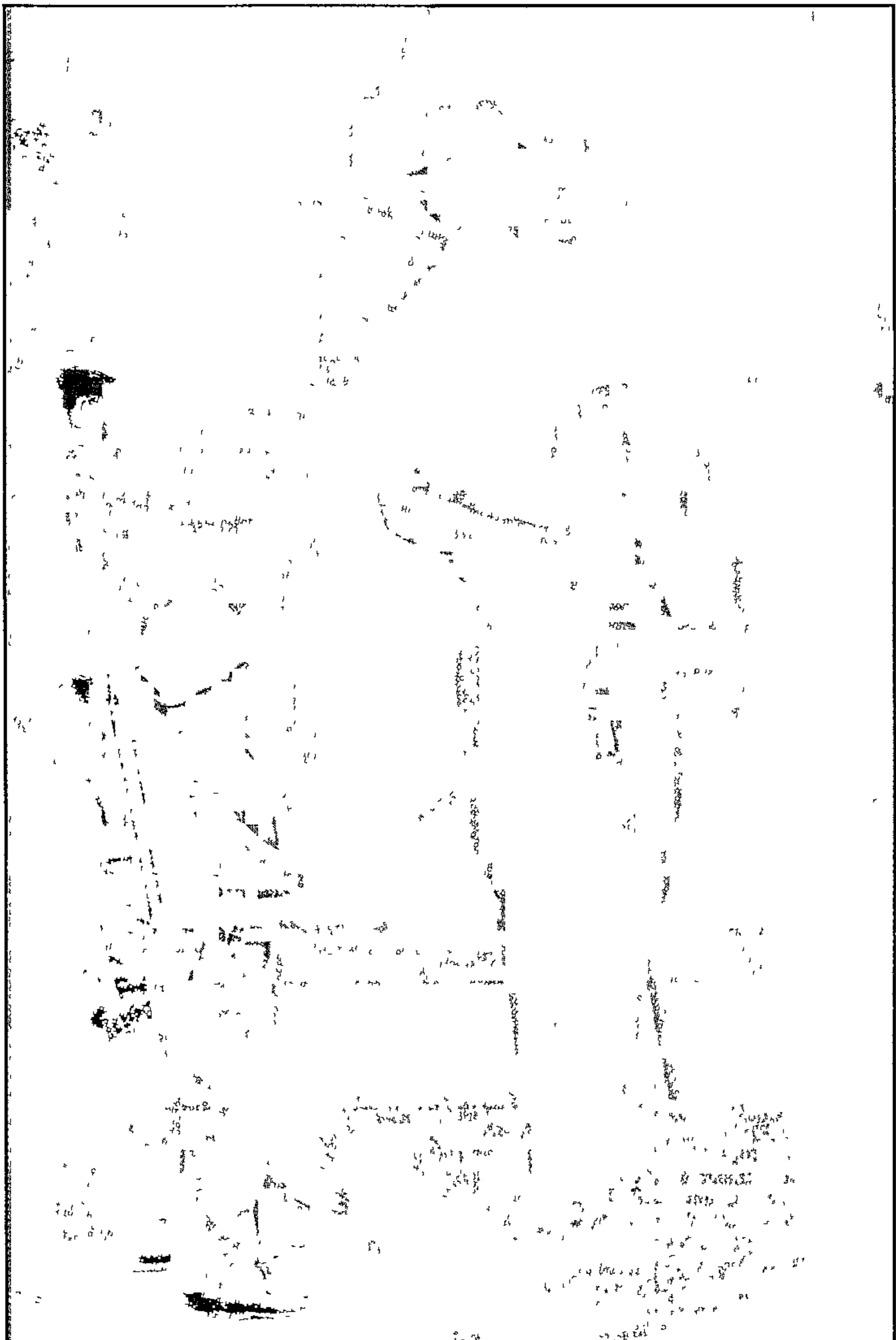
When the sheriff left, almost all that remained was the white municipal riot control vehicle on duty at each house to ensure those who had been evicted did not return to their homes.

Farouk Jardine, chairman of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, was also evicted.

The city council had tried on a number of previous occasions to evict residents, but they had carried their belongings back into their houses, said civic member Vanessa Scheepers. "That is why they brought the police this time."

The city council was not prepared to comment.

Sheriff NCH Bouwman also refused to comment, saying "I am not interested in speaking to the press."



Big ambitions . . . an Ennerdale boy plays policeman while residents are evicted yesterday. Picture Joao Silva

Hartbeesfontein stays in SA

By Jo Anne Collinge

on the farm Hartbeesfontein will no longer be transferred to or included into Bophuthatswana

The western Transvaal community of Hartbeesfontein has been assured by the Deputy Minister for Land Affairs Johan Scheepers that the town will not be incorporated into Bophuthatswana

Mr Scheepers has written to Hartbeesfontein Civic Association secretary Solly Phetoe, stating: "I can now confirm officially that the residential area developed

According to Mr Scheepers, it had been agreed in talks with the Bophuthatswana authorities that the town and sufficient land "for future extentions" be retained by South Africa.

The letter does not make clear the size of the total area to be retained by South Africa

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Car hire industry cuts down on new vehicles

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EDWARD WEST

THE big three companies dominating SA's car hire industry will buy between 10 000 and 13 000 new vehicles this year, about 30% less than last year, Budget MD Tony Langley said yesterday.

Describing trading conditions as tough this year, he said the number of rental days sold by the industry in February at an average 72% capacity utilisation amounted to 2,6-million, 17,5% lower than the 3-million days recorded in the same month last year, which in turn was 12,5% lower than the 3,5-million days in February 1990.

Imperial Car Hire MD Carol Scott said Imperial would buy about 6 500 new cars this year, 300 of which would be from BMW's new 3-Series range. These would be used mainly for businessmen and foreign tourists — of which there had been an upsurge since October last year, she said.

Scott said the company planned to keep a lid on rates following the 1% decline in interest rates earlier this year. Trading conditions in February and March had

been boosted 16% over the same two months in the previous year by rentals from foreign tourists.

Avis will also take advantage of the models launched this year and has spent more than R7m on 80 new BMW 3-Series and more than R4m on 50 Audi 500 SELs, a company statement said. Avis planned to buy about 5 000 vehicles this year.

Budget's Langley said car hire companies were involved to some extent in the launch of new vehicles. Businessmen hired new models to test them, either for individual or company fleet purchases.

Avis and Imperial said business in the industry — which traditionally led an upturn in the economy — had improved rapidly in the first months of this year. Rental volumes dropped 20% in 1991 compared to the previous year. Last year the companies forecast a total fleet of 15 000 vehicles for 1992.

Final sequestration order against Du Plessis

DESPERATE attempts by the children of former Cabinet Minister Pietie du Plessis to save him from bankruptcy failed yesterday when a final sequestration order was granted against him in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The order, by Judge H J Preiss, concluded months of litigation, during which Du Plessis stalled his final liquidation on

several occasions.

Investec Merchant Bank Ltd obtained provisional sequestration orders last month against Du Plessis and his son Johan, who owed the bank nearly R1,4m after signing surety for the debts of an investment company they formed to develop the platteland town of Steelpoort.

The venture failed, and Steelpoort was sold at a loss of more than R1m — Sapa

More power for Soweto

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WILSON ZWANE
and ADRIAN HADLAND

ESKOM has begun a multi-million-rand project to upgrade Soweto's electricity supply network.

Eskom CE Ian McRae said in a statement yesterday the project was launched after it took over electricity supply to the township from the Soweto City Council last month.

Eskom was committed to bringing the level of service in the township to the same level as that of "other domestic customers in SA".

"We have started addressing the most pressing issues, such as the replacement of broken meters and updating the customer database," he said.

Eskom had agreed to implement the tariffs negotiated by parties to the Soweto Accord, a spokesman said.

"A new tariff based on actual costs will be introduced after negotiations have taken place," McRae said.

The Soweto Civic Association recently called for a rent boycott but said the R33,80 tariff for electricity, now controlled by Eskom, should be paid.

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SOWETAN DESIGNS

Building the Nation

Evaton is soon to be electrified

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By Joshua Raboroko

ABOUT 5 000 houses in Evaton are to be electrified before the end of the year.

This follows an announcement by Eskom that construction work on Evaton electricity network in phases five and six will start this month.

A contractor has been appointed and will move onto site before the end of next week, according to Eskom's manager of sales and customer services (South Vaal), Mr Paul O'Conner, this week.

The plan, to cost the company about R10-million, is to connect 5 000 houses by the end of the year.

To enable it to provide electricity to Evaton, a new substation, Jelta, was being constructed.

Construction of the substation, on the northern boundary of the town, was progressing well and electricity supply for this substation should be available within two to three months.

Residents would enjoy the benefits of electricity dispensers which would allow them to plan and budget for their consumption, he added.

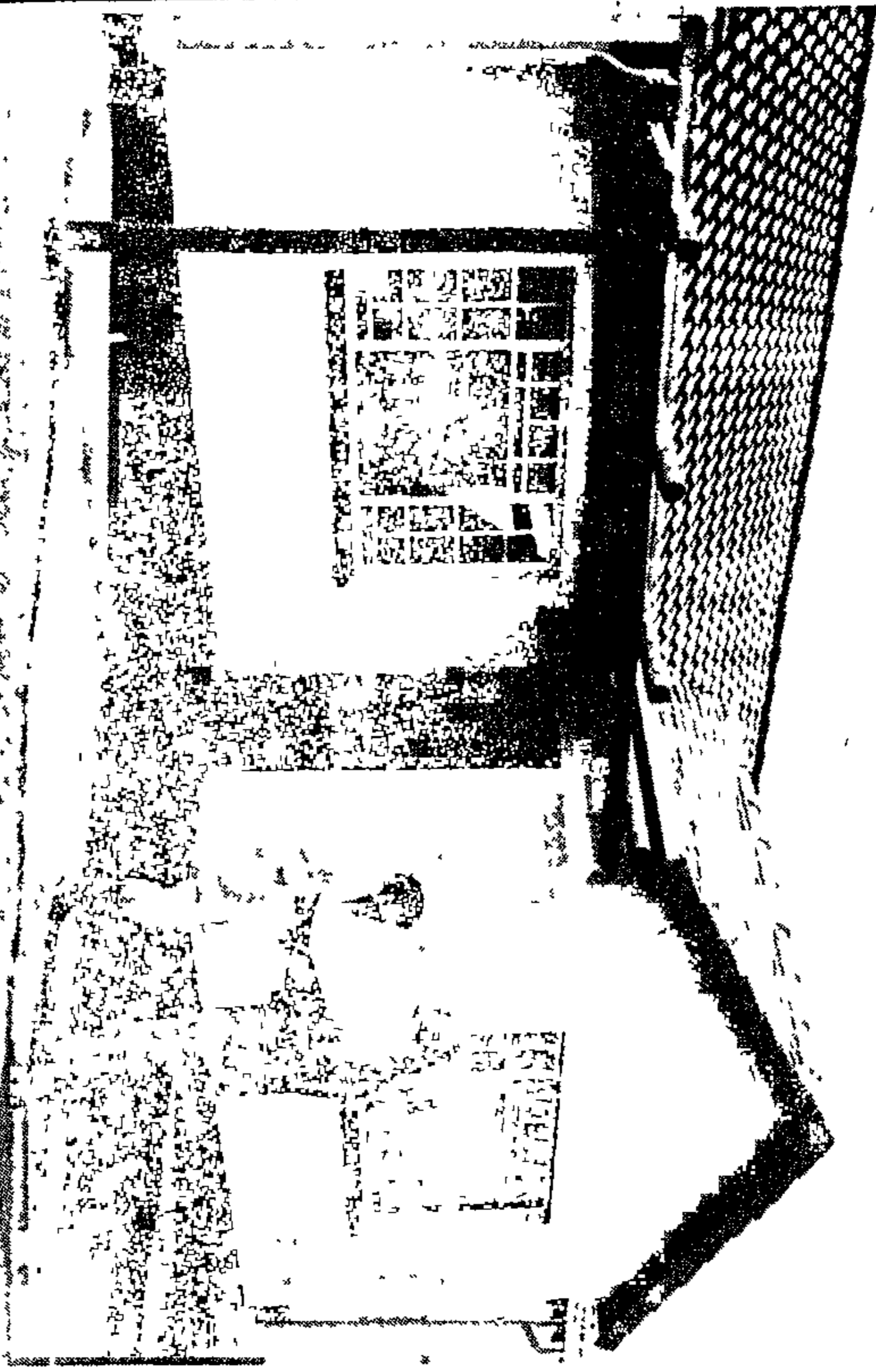
An Eskom service centre has been established in the township. It is adjacent to the city council offices and the post office.

The main objective of the centre will be to provide residents with advice on all electricity related aspects.

Although residents are encouraged to visit the centre, electricity advisers will also visit residents at their homes prior to connections.

The centre will be taken into service soon and customers will be able to apply for electricity from May.

O'Conner said, "Residents have long waited for electricity. It is now within their grasp and there is no doubt that many lives are going to be made easier."



Low-cost housing has been given a big boost by the announcement that pension funds are to be utilised to help alleviate the housing crisis.



20 arrested during rent march in Lethabile

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By ALINAH DUBE
TWENTY people, including officials of the Lethabile Civic Association, were arrested after police stopped a march to the local township manager's office yesterday. Most residents stayed away from work to protest against the cutting off of electricity and water supply in the township, near Brits. They had intended marching from the local community hall.

Northern Transvaal police spokesman Colonel Willie Vlotman confirmed the arrests.

He said 20 people were arrested after a stone-throwing incident and for displaying banners. Residents were ordered to leave the hall after the township manager had reported to the police that they had not obtained permission to use the hall.

Residents of Block A and B are without water and electricity following a clampdown on rent defaulters last week.

The secretary of the civic association, Mr Mike Molefe, said most people could not reach the hall as police blocked entrances from other parts of the area.

A small group of people led by the Rev Peter Bardenhorst danced the toyi-toyi along the street as police vehicles escorted them to the hall. They were joined by others as they approached the hall singing freedom songs.

Bardenhorst said the civic association could not obtain permission for the march. He said residents were told about this and asked to disperse.

He said a delegation from the civic association would meet the township manager, Mr Henne Stopforth, to discuss the issue of discontinued services.



Lethabile residents hit the streets in protest.

Pic: JONAS MANKGA

4 houses burnt in eviction protest

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ENNERDALE residents yesterday burnt down three houses, causing more than R100 000 damage, in protest against the eviction of four families on Tuesday for non-payment of rent.

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said trouble started shortly before 9am yesterday when a group of about 100 residents petrol-bombed three empty houses in Caprite and Brexia streets in Ennerdale.

"They were the houses from which people were evicted yesterday. Damage is estimated at between R30 000 and R40 000 a house. One house was also stoned, causing R500 damage."

Van Deventer said there had been no police action, no arrests and no reports of any one being injured in the unrest.

He said he understood that the council would continue to guard the houses. Police would continue to patrol.

In a statement, the city council's Health and Housing Committee chairman, Mrs Mariette Marx said the situation was confusing but that four houses had been burnt down. She said the four tenants evicted yesterday were in arrears

by a total of R106 000.

Marx said that during the morning, the council received more than 100 calls from residents wishing to make arrangements to pay off their arrears and take transfer of the houses. Yesterday residents barricaded the roads into the township and prevented firemen from reaching the burning houses.

On Tuesday the Sheriff of the Court at Vereeniging, assisted by a large contingent of police, evicted those residents the Johannesburg City Council had obtained court orders against for rent arrears.

Ennerdale Civic Association member Mr Andre Geen said the situation was very tense.

"Some houses have been burnt down. There were clashes throughout the night with the city council security at the houses. Green claimed that council security men fired into the air with live ammunition and at residents. "But no one was injured," he said - *Sowetan Correspondent*

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TOO much haste on the part of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) may have laid waste to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

Early this month, the civic association walked out of a meeting of a subcommittee of the chamber dealing with tariffs and services for Soweto and called for a resumption of the Soweto rent boycott.

But the walk-out occurred before the committee had a chance to review a pre-prepared report on progress in implementing a crucial service agreement. The report, obtained this week by *The Weekly Mail*, shows many of the SCA's demands were being addressed.

While the report did not deal with central issues like water and sewage, it indicated an improvement in refuse removal and the reading of electricity meters — two council services that had drawn many complaints.

Last week, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) warned that reinstatement of the rent boycott by the SCA could "aggravate the critical financial situation to the point where the provision of services could collapse entirely".

In response, an SCA representative pointed out Sowetans were not totally dependent on the councils for services. The SCA said electricity to the townships was controlled by Eskom and it had called on its supporters to continue paying Eskom. He was confident the councils would not cut the water to the township for "moral reasons". He also indicated residents would take responsibility for rubbish removals through clean-up campaigns.

The metropolitan chamber was established in the wake of the Soweto Accord, under which civic associations agreed to pay for services in exchange for a forum to negotiate a non-racial, democratic system of local government and improved services for Greater Soweto. The chamber was viewed as a model for non-racial local government.

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert believed the forum was important for national and local negotiations. He said the chamber began to involve white and black local communities in addressing common problems which vitally

affected them, helped to transcend apparently irreconcilable positions between rival political bodies and highlighted the need to develop civil society as a basis for successful democratisation.

"If the metropolitan chamber succeeds, it would have stabilised democratically the most important wealth generating region in South Africa and created a powerful bulwark for supporting democratic transition at a national level," he writes in a forthcoming book, *The Quest for Democracy*.

Outlining the basis of the crises which seemed to drive the forum, Slabbert said: "The civics were prepared to persuade communities to pay for services if services were improved; those who provided the services were prepared to provide them if the communities paid."

At a meeting of Greater Soweto Principal Parties early this month, the cycle collapsed. The SCA announced its withdrawal from the sub-committee and called for the resumption of the Soweto rent boycott.

SCA may have been premature in quitting chamber

Wim van Zyl 16/4 - 23/4/92
The Soweto Civic Association' walkout may mean the end of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber — but it appears their grievances were being addressed after all.
 By **PAUL STOBER**

In a statement read to the meeting, the SCA gave as its chief reason for withdrawing from the forum, "the failure of the three Soweto city councils to deliver improved levels of services in terms of the agreements on tariffs". The statement went on to call for the removal of all councillors, the full involvement of Johannesburg in the provision of services for Soweto and the resolution of the violence in the area.

The TPA and the Soweto councils retaliated by calling for the suspension of all activities of the metropolitan chamber. "We cannot continue with negotiations while the entire administration and provision of services to the people are collapsing," said the TPA in a statement last week.

Because the chamber operates on the basis of consensus, its activities were effectively torpedoed.

In a detailed response to the SCA statement, the TPA revealed a surprising amount of agreement with the SCA — even as it pulled the plug on the chamber.

The administration said improvements had occurred in all levels of services over the past year but conceded, "all conditions relating to the levels of services have not yet been fulfilled".

The TPA believed the main reason for this was that the councils did not have the ability to provide these standards of services. "This can only be achieved if the Johannesburg City Council assists and accepts co-responsibility for administration and services."

The TPA accused the SCA of being unable to persuade the residents of Soweto to pay the rent and service charges.

In an agreement reached in November, all members of the sub-committee committed themselves to achieving payment levels of at least 80 percent.

The SCA admits payments by residents have fallen from about 50 percent to 30 percent over the past three months, but argued that "it is difficult to convince residents to pay when they don't see any improvement in the services".

The report, which suggests there is plenty of common ground between the parties, was never discussed. After the SCA delegation read its statement at the start of the meeting, the agenda and the report was shelved.

Asked why they had left the meeting before the joint assessment of the agreement had been discussed, a SCA spokesman said: "Delegates were given a mandate to read the statement and withdraw from the committee. This is what they did."

Despite the suspension of negotiations, there is substantial scope for the chamber to get back on track. The SCA and other civic associations in the region wanted the other activities of the chamber to continue. "GSPP is only a sub-committee of the chamber," said an SCA spokesman.

Slabbert has been mandated by the chamber to try to break the deadlock before its next meeting, when the suspension will be reviewed.

According to Slabbert, who has expressed determination to get the chamber moving again, "even if the chamber collapses there are extremely important insights to be gained for national and other negotiations".

Just a stroke from a cancer's pen...

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Banks can sometimes hold the key to the upgrading or rapid deterioration of a suburb.

PATRICK BOND
looks at how US activists have countered the 'redlining' phenomenon

WHETHER you're a homeowner in Bloubsstrand or a tenant in Hillbrow, you have a common problem — banks can switch off access to credit — the economic blood supply of your environment — at a moment's notice. And then, as the American slogan has it, "There goes the neighbourhood".

The catalyst might be the sudden introduction of a Zevfontein to the veld across the highway. Or a critical mass of residential "greying". Or rising crime statistics.

Whatever the cause, the bankers will explain their behaviour in rational terms. "The value of the housing stock in your area is declining, and with it the collateral on your bond. If you default, we the bankers lose, and then so do our shareholders and depositors. We're just protecting their interests by refusing you loans."

Hence the phenomenon of "redlining". The term originates from 1930s United States Federal Housing Administration lenders whose maps were encircled with red lines showing where to lend and where not to on the basis of (white) ethnicity.

The problem is redlining becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Without a hefty savings balance, you can forget major home improvements, and even sales are often transacted in cold cash. As a result, limited access to credit virtually guarantees a decline in the value of housing stock.

Hit by redlining, some outraged



Down and out Without bank support, areas like Hillbrow have no hope of improvement. Photo GUY ADAMS

Bloubsstrand residents reportedly dumped their bonds on the bankers' desks, and walked away from their homes (prior to TPA concessions). Hillbrow flat dwellers are equally vulnerable to the bankers' whim, with only the prospect of collective action — such as the Seven Buildings Project spearheaded by Actstop — capable of turning the situation around.

In the US, banks have long been recognised as possibly the single key player in neighbourhood change. The film *Boyz n the Hood* includes a scene in which an Africanist financier explains how disinvestment by white bankers is followed by gentrification.

Gentrification generally refers to the upgrading of residential areas by virtue of a yuppie "pioneer" class returning to "civilise" the inner-city "jungle". This cycle of change is common to every major city. As any visitor to the US knows, redlining leaves entire urban districts in a dilapidated state for years, and contributes to general economic deprivation. The subsequent gentrification of key precincts becomes a market-led form of forced removal.

In the early 1970s, a community civic movement emerged from Chicago to fight redlining. Inspired by the legendary organiser Saul Alinsky, National People's Action mobilised

enough inner-city pressure groups across the US to force the congress to pass the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975.

For the first time, urban savers could track the progress of their deposits. They saw, through the eyes of their bankers, that inner-city areas were now the geographical equivalent of lumpen-proletarian loan applicants. Loans were denied on a blanket basis, even where creditworthy individuals attempted to buy a house or start a small business.

The next step was a year-long fight for legislation prohibiting such discrimination: the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977. The law holds

that "financial institutions have continuing and affirmative obligation to help meet the credit needs of the local communities in which they are chartered".

While penalties are not specified, citizens' groups across the US used that mandate to poke through bank disclosure statements with renewed zeal. Upon determining which local banks were redlining their neighbourhoods, the groups made formal pleas to the US Federal Reserve and other regulators, asking them to deny bank expansion plans until full investigations on lending policies were undertaken.

Welding technical clout and ready for mass action protests against the bank, the community groups forced a series of negotiations. Hundreds of banks, hit by bad publicity and costly delays, began to give in. Redlining policies were dropped. Huge commitments — often in excess of \$100-million — were made for below-market rate loans and other assistance in ghettos once shunned.

During the 1980s, more than \$5-billion was committed to formerly redlined urban areas by banks. Community organisations which feared extinction due to Reaganomics could now turn to the banks for support. As ghetto organisers targeted reverse capital flows as a primary barrier to development, thousands of co-operative housing projects, land trusts, people's banks and non-profit housing corporations expanded.

South Africa may need similar creative strategies to forge community-led public-private partnerships which can withstand the scourge of bank redlining.

● Patrick Bond, an economic geographer, works at Planact and lives in Hillbrow.

Evictions to continue in Emmerdale

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter (127)

The Johannesburg City Council will continue to seek court orders to evict Emmerdale residents who are in arrears with their rent, despite violent opposition

A mob set fire to three vacant houses and stoned another in Emmerdale yesterday causing more than R100 000 damage

This follows the eviction of four families on Tuesday by the sheriff of the Vereeniging court

It came after the Johannesburg City Council obtained court orders against them and 39 other families

The four families who were evicted owe the council a total of R106 000.

More than R6 million is owed in total rent arrears to the city council by Emmerdale

Proceed

Unless residents take up a council offer to negotiate a settlement, evictions will proceed against the 39 others, according to Johannesburg health and housing committee chairman Marretta Marx

And the council will continue to seek court orders against remaining rent boycotters, said Mrs Marx.

"We are still prepared to re-ify the positions of those at

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fault and work out an arrangement," she said

Following yesterday's unrest, Emmerdale and Surroundings Civic Association executive member Andre Geen said they would try to arrange another meeting with the city council

"But it doesn't look hopeful," he said

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Deventer said police had not taken any action in Emmerdale yesterday and there had been no arrests

Mrs Marx said she understood that only one of the houses belonging to the council had been set alight

The others were vacant houses whose owners had been evicted by a bank

She said council security would continue to guard its property.

Captain van Deventer said police would maintain patrols in the area

Mrs Marx said that during the morning, the council received more than 100 calls from residents wishing to make arrangements to pay off their arrears and take transfer of the houses

Mr Geen said the situation was very tense

"Some houses have been burnt down There were clashes throughout Tuesday night with the city council security at the houses Some families got scared of being evicted, so they moved out"



Charred room one of the houses gutted yesterday when Emmerdale residents went on the rampage after the occupants were evicted
Picture Joao Silva

Eskom promises new deal as it takes over Soweto power supply

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Soweto residents will soon see the first results of the takeover of the electricity supply to the township by Eskom

Eskom chief executive Ian McRae announced yesterday that the process of upgrading and improving the electricity network had already begun.

"We believe we are ideally placed in terms of the technical, administrative and managerial resources to provide a good service to Soweto," said Mr McRae. "We know that this process is not going to be instantaneous or easy. However, we have commenced addressing the most pressing issues first, such as the replacement of broken meters and the updating of the customer database."

Although the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) announced two weeks ago that the rent and service boycott was back on,

electricity payments were the exception. The reason is that the SCA's main demand in negotiations concerning the electricity supply has been met by the Eskom takeover.

In terms of negotiations, residents are liable to pay a flat rate tariff of R33,80 a month for an initial period of four months — until metering problems have been sorted out.

Letitia van Staden, one of the managers of Eskom's Soweto project, stressed that all accounts, queries and payments would be handled by Eskom from now on. Residents will shortly see the following developments:

- The hand delivery of separate electricity bills in the next few days. Services other than electricity will be charged on a separate account, sent out by the Soweto Council.

- The construction of 11 Eskom customer service centres in

Soweto, located near rent offices but operating totally independently of them. Queries, complaints and payments for electricity will be handled at these offices. They would be open Monday to Friday between 7 30 am and 3 30 pm and on Saturday until noon.

"It's also important to note that residents can pay at any other Eskom service office in town or near their place of work," Ms van Staden stressed.

She confirmed that the takeover meant that as far as Eskom was concerned people started with a clean slate. They may have owed the Soweto Council for arrears electricity payments, but this did not concern Eskom.

The flat rate would apply until June, she said.

Ms van Staden said Eskom had taken on more than 100 workers formerly employed by the Soweto Council and was re-training them.

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Jabu Mabuza ... "Only in the '80s did black taxi owners start going to the banks to seek finance."

The political settlement being worked out at Codesa will remain meaningless until it is underpinned by a sound and stable economy in which all population groups will take part

This is the view of Future Bank chairman Jabu Mabuza who also observes that white South Africans are somewhat reluctant to talk about black economic empowerment although many are beginning to accept the inevitability of a dilution of their political power.

Mr Mabuza notes that black empowerment has three legs — political, social and economic.

"It is disappointing to see that the process to empower blacks politically is being overtaken

Economic reform ^{STAR 23/4/92} needed - Mabuza

by the efforts towards economic empowerment"

When talking about black economic empowerment, Mr Mabuza stresses that he is not just talking hot-dog vendors and spaza shops. "We want to enter into the mainstream of the economy.

"We also want to create our own economic giants, our own Sanlams and Old Mutuals," he says

"To do this we need help from white South African corporations in the same way that First

National helped us to set up our bank."

"More joint ventures like this one will be needed to underpin any political settlement"

Mr Mabuza says black communities need such role models. "Until this happens, the majority to whom a future government will be answerable, may not support leaders who advocate free-market economics."

"While we appreciate charity by the way of hospitals schools and so on, the business sector must make more investments in developing black businesses."

Power rates to be set

By SOPHIE TEMA

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A NEW tariff based on actual electricity costs will be introduced by Eskom after agreement has been reached between the parties that were involved in the Soweto Accord of September 1990.

After the accord was signed Eskom agreed to implement tariffs negotiated by the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville city councils, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation until such time as certain minimum standards in the supply of electricity were met.

Eskom has begun upgrading and improving the electricity supply network in Soweto following its takeover of the system from the Soweto City Council.

Eskom chief executive Dr Ian McRae announced in Johannesburg this week the takeover was the result of an agreement between itself and the council.

McRae said the agreement followed lengthy negotiations with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, the TPA, The Regional Services Council and the Soweto Civic Association.

High level

He said: "I believe this agreement is in the best interests of all parties concerned, particularly the electricity consumers of Soweto."

"Eskom is committed to building up the level of services in Soweto to be on a par with that of other domestic consumers in SA. Eskom is conscious of the need to provide a consistently high level of service to all electricity users."

"We believe we are ideally placed in terms of technical, administrative and managerial resources to provide a good service to Soweto."

"In this regard the secondment of Soweto electricity staff will be an important factor contributing to the success of normalising electricity supply."

"We know that this process is not going to be instantaneous or easy. However, we have commenced addressing the most pressing issues first, such as the replacement of broken meters and the upgrading of the customer base," said McRae.

Alex civic affairs halted by violence

BID 22/4/92
CIVIC affairs in Alexandra township have been brought to a virtual standstill by the ongoing feud between Inkatha and ANC supporters

Alexandra town clerk Willie Khumalo said yesterday most of the town council's offices had been taken over by families displaced by the violence in the township

Hundreds of families fled their homes last month after fighting between Alexandra residents and Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers. They sought refuge at the council's offices and the local civic centre

Khumalo said the situation was inconveniencing council staff and was being "taken advantage of by some employees"

He said it was difficult to keep thorough checks on staff attendance in such a situation, and a number of workers had not been reporting for work since

But the council would not chase the families away as the violence which forced them out of their homes had not been addressed, Khumalo said

Meanwhile, the Goldstone standing commission of inquiry into public violence and intimidation will question Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) leaders about allegations that the organisation planned to attack four of Inkatha's Transvaal strongholds

Judge Richard Goldstone said in a statement yesterday a policeman told a Wit-Vaal regional dispute resolution committee on March 26 that police had received information that MK had held a meeting the previous day. The policeman said it was decided at the meeting to attack the Inkatha hostels

"After inquiry by an ANC member, the ANC informed the regional dispute resolution committee that no such decision had

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WILSON ZWANE
been taken. The matter was then referred to the commission, which was informed by police that the information had come from two informants who had been at the MK meeting

"The informants felt their lives were in jeopardy and on no account would they be prepared to meet, even in camera, with the commission. At the request of the commission, police have furnished it with written statements from both informants without disclosing their identities," Goldstone said

He said having regarded the seriousness of the allegations, the commission had decided to put the allegations to MK leaders "who are alleged to have been at the meeting in question on Thursday"

Meanwhile Sapa reports three people were reported killed in Natal yesterday, bringing the day's national death toll as a result of political violence to nine

Earlier, two people were killed and 11 injured when a bus was ambushed in the Table Mountain area, east of Maritzburg

In the same area three people were shot dead at a bus stop and three were wounded — including a three-month-old baby

Near Empangeni on the north coast, a member of the KwaZulu Police was shot dead by unidentified men

In another development, police yesterday held an identification parade in Thokoza, on the East Rand, in connection with alleged misconduct of 32 Battalion soldiers in Phola Park squatter camp on April 8

Witwatersrand police spokesman Col Frans Malherbe refused to say whether any of the soldiers had been identified as culprits

Key leaders will attend church talks

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LEADERS of key black political organisations will meet church leaders today in an attempt to boost the peace process

It is expected that the summit — convened under the auspices of the SA Council of Churches (SACC) — will set the stage for a meeting between church leaders and government

Sapa reports that ANC president Nelson Mandela, PAC leader Clarence Makwetu and SACP chairman Joe Slovo will attend

In a statement, the SACC said representatives from 19 black political organisations would attend. These included Inkatha, Azapo, the TBVC states, Cast, Cosatu, Nactu, Nafcoc, the United People's Front, Ximoko Progressive Party, Dikwankwetla Party, Intando Yesizwe Party and Inyandza National Movement

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's private secretary, Amos Ngema, said yesterday the Inkatha leader would not attend the summit as he had "other commitments in (KwaZulu capital) Ulundi"

SACC general secretary Frank Chikane had said today's "emergency summit on violence" was in response to alarming levels of political violence

in the community, with the Administration House of Delegates merely acting as the funding authority

However, because the Local Authority in this instance, failed to take the necessary remedial action, the House of Delegates out of concern for the plight of those low-income families who desperately need to be assisted, decided to departmentally execute a housing project as indicated above

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that, firstly, there was no request from the House of Delegates to take over these sites for low-cost housing, and secondly, a city councillor by the name of Mr Peter Corbett is adopting an obstructive attitude, is playing cheap party politics and refuses to accede to the reasonable request of the LAC? In view of this, is the hon the Minister now prepared to wield the big stick and to use his powers in terms of the Housing Development Act (House of Delegates)?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, the Department of Housing is fully aware of the situation in Durban, and particularly in Chatsworth, and I want to tell the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that a meeting is scheduled for this Friday to discuss two projects in Chatsworth. If the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition has any special matter to raise, he can write to us and we shall look into the matter and furnish him with an answer

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, and in view of the fact that when he was an ordinary member of Parliament he condemned the fact that a meeting of the Housing Advisory Committee was not called, is he now prepared to call a meeting to discuss this matter within 24 hours?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, although the question is not relevant to the issue under discussion [Interjections]

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

THE MINISTER I want to assure hon members that only this morning the hon the Deputy Minister and I discussed this issue and hon members will be notified of that meeting in due course

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Mr M MOHANLALL Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he aware that community halls are provided from what one calls community facility funds. These are collected over and above the sale price of the houses and over and above the rentals that are paid. Why can that money not be used to build such a hall? [Interjections]

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I ask the hon member for Clare Estate to pose that question to the local authority concerned

Sandfields Primary School: representations

*4 **Mr M ABRAHAM** asked the Minister of Local Government and Agriculture
Whether representations made by the Sandfields Primary School in Tongaat for land under the control of his Department to be used as school grounds have been referred to him, if so, (a)(i) by which Department of the Administration House of Delegates, (ii) why and (iii) when were they so referred and (b) what was his Department's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE D107E

No

- (a) (i) Falls away
(ii) Falls away
(iii) Falls away

(b) The land which the Sandfields Primary School wishes to use as a sportsfield is presently zoned for special residential purposes. As soon as it has been rezoned for educational purposes the matter will be referred to me for final approval

I also wish to point out that the Principal of the School has been informed that the Department has no objection to the school using the property as a sportsfield in the meantime

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he please tell this House when the principal was informed of that decision?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I do not have the answer readily available, but I shall certainly

find out and inform the hon member of the facts he requires

Mr M ABRAHAM Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, he has just mentioned that he did not receive any representations from a school. How, then, did he respond to the principal? [Interjections]

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, it is very obvious that I assumed the position of Minister of this portfolio only very recently. I got this information from the Department and I think it is understandable that I do not have all the information at my disposal. I ask for hon members' understanding in this regard

Mr M ABRAHAM Mr Chairman, I fully understand the hon the Minister's position. I shall take this matter further with him later

Sale of Stand 6876 Portions 3 and 7, Lenasia

*5 **Mr M RAJAB** asked the Minister of Housing

- (1) Whether Stand 6876 Portion 3 and Stand 6876 Portion 7 in Lenasia Township were sold by tender by his Department, if not, (a) why not and (b) how were they sold, if so, when,

(2) whether these stands were repossessed at any stage, if so,

(3) whether they were repossessed owing to the failure of the awardees to pay the tender price, if not, why were they repossessed, if so, what is the present status of these stands?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE D108E

(1) No

(a) Both of these properties were sold by the former Community Development Board

(b) It is not clear from the records inherited from the former Department of Community Development whether the properties were sold by public tender. Portion 3 was sold on 23 April 1982 and Portion 7 was sold on 21 May 1982

(2) Yes

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(3) Both properties were repossessed because in each case the purchasers failed to comply with the two year building clause and the accounts were both in arrears (127)

On 13 December 1991 the Housing Development Board approved the re-instatement of the original purchasers of each property subject to certain conditions. However, it was subsequently reported that both companies which were the original purchasers have been deregistered. The legal issues are being investigated at present by the Department and the properties are consequently not available for re-sale until these issues have been clarified.

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he have any knowledge of who the purchaser was?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, if the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition is seriously interested in the answer, I shall find out and let him know.

MR RAJAB Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, in which he said that some time in December 1991 the Housing Development Board decided to reallocate these two sites, could he tell this House on what basis that decision was taken?

THE MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am not aware of the basis on which this was done, but I can find out from the legal advisers.

MR RAJAB Mr Chairman, in view of those circumstances, will the hon the Minister please communicate to me the full series of events relating to this matter?

THE MINISTER Yes, I shall do that.

MR PADAYCHEE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, does he know that, although the companies were deregistered, permission has now been given for Mr Thambi to purchase that site? Is the hon the Minister aware of that?

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is he prepared to submit the first Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates to a judicial commission of inquiry?

Representations re private loan: Greylands housing project

*7 Mr M ABRAHAM asked the Minister of Housing

Whether he has received any written representations from the Tongaat Town Board concerning a private loan for the financing of the Greylands housing project, if so, (a) when and (b) what was his Department's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Yes. D114E

(a) 10 December 1991

(b) The Department responded on 22 January 1992 by indicating that it would only be prepared to consider the request of the Town Council when a detailed revised development strategy, its

financial implications and other relative information has been placed at its disposal. As a result of subsequent correspondence and meetings between officials of the Department and the Mayor of the relative Town Council and his officials, it has been decided to divide the proposed project into two phases for the sake of expediency. The first phase will comprise the acquisition of land and servicing of sites whilst the second phase, in the event of it being found viable, will involve the construction of houses.

The local authority's application will now be submitted for consideration by the Housing Development Board but on the basis that the local authority will procure the required private funding and be subject to the proviso that the required Housing Development Funds are available to underwrite the expected subsidy to the end user.

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE

(1) No

On 23 August 1991 the Housing Development Board approved the sale of the property to Mr Y Govender. However, the Board's decision was not conveyed to Mr Govender because the Regional Representative of the Johannesburg office of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture reported to the Chairman of Board that Mr Govender had produced a Deed of Sale in respect of the property which was suspected to be fraudulent. The Chairman requested that the Board's decision be held in abeyance.

Mrs S Govender, the mother of Mr Y Govender, subsequently submitted representations to purchase the property and was interviewed by the Housing Development Board at its meeting on 20 March 1992. The Board decided on that day that the property inter alia be leased to Mrs S Govender at a monthly rental of R500,00.

(2) Falls away

Business interrupted in accordance with Rule 180C(3) of the Standing Rules of Parliament

Novel plan for low-cost city housing

By FERIAL HAFFAJEE

AN ambitious social housing plan could be just the ingredient the Johannesburg inner city needs to shake off the decay and the grime that large scale urbanisation has brought in its wake

But the plan all depends on "creative financing" policies. And by this the project planners mean low interest rates from banks and subsidies from the government and parastatals involved in housing.

Residents' association Actstop last year offered to buy seven buildings in Joubert Park and the city centre from landlord David Gorfill

Gorfill has had his fill of rent struggles, of commercial instead of residential rates and taxes and excessive water and electricity bills — he wanted to sell quickly, even to his tenants

"I get about R200 000 a month in rentals on these buildings and about R110 000 of this goes to the city council," says Gorfill.

In the first plan of its kind in the country, residents hope to buy the seven buildings as a social housing scheme and run them co-operatively. An elected management committee drawn from the

Making a home . . . A building soon to be administered by residents

Photo: GUY ADAMS

tenants will administer the buildings. They will set the internal by-laws, determining everything from how many pets a family may have to making plans for people to move from bigger to smaller flats as family size dictates.

Social housing usually refers to affordable housing in the inner city which will provide security of tenure for the flat-dwellers. Its co-operative feature is that the residents will own and manage the

buildings

The buildings will be removed from the marketplace and be maintained as a stock of low-cost housing to prevent gentrification or slummification of the inner city.

During an interim phase which will last between three and five years, the residents will be armed with the "management and organisational skills that they will need to take over control of the building".

A development organisation involved in this type of work, the Co-operative Planning and Education (Cope), will work with the tenants in weekly workshops teaching the necessary skills. Already they have begun work organising residents into campaigns to entrust them with responsibilities and teach tenants organising skills.

A Section 21 company (not for gain) will initially own the building and lease to the tenants as a tenant-friendly lessor. After this period, "tenants will assume full control and ownership of the buildings", says Odette Gildenhuys of the Legal Resources Centre, which spearheads the project.

The path to full tenant control will be a rocky one. loan assistance in South Africa is guaranteed to help individual property owners not lessees or co-owners

Bankers are interested in the idea but are wary of the co-operative form of ownership. And they are still considering the suggestion that tenants be given a loan at a preferential interest rate of 11,5 percent rather than the market 19,5 percent.

The asking price of the buildings is another problem: while Gorfill's pricetag of R8-million for seven buildings may not seem a lot, tenants are not prepared to pay more than R5-million.

Gorfill this week told *The Weekly Mail* he had a buyer waiting in the wings willing to pay his price.

Tenants say the buildings are in a sorry state and the most basic infrastructure has gone to ruin: lifts do not work, the plumbing needs to be completely overhauled, all the buildings need to be rewired and most of the foyers and garages rebuilt.

These renovations will cost millions, says Patrick Bond of Planact, the development agency which is handling the financial side of the project.

Where possible the renovations will be undertaken by skilled people in the community

Suspended chamber set to reconvene

~~THE~~ ^{B/Day 24/4/92} Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, suspended two weeks ago after the collapse of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties (GSPP), is likely to reconvene on May 13

All parties involved in the first round of negotiations on Wednesday night — the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), Soweto City Council, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and chamber officials — expressed optimism yesterday that a solution to the crisis could be found in time to get the chamber functioning

ADRIAN HADLAND

before the next scheduled meeting (127)

SCA general secretary Pat Lephunya, whose organisation walked out of the GSPP forcing the suspension of the chamber, said the civic association was "optimistic things will be resolved"

Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said while there remained some "quite fundamental shifts" of opinion to be taken by participants, they all exhibited a willingness to explore the options

Company allegedly sold sites in Diepkloof allocated for parks

Land-trouble zone

PENTAX'S Civil and Engineering Contractors, the company at the centre of an investigation into allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the Diepmeadow Council, allegedly sold sites in Diepkloof Zone 4 which it did not have the right to sell.

According to the council, the sites could not be sold because they were zoned for parks.

The estate agency who found buyers for the 13 sites, Property Express of Florida, is suing Pentax's for the thousands of rands it lost in commission when its buyers could not get transfer of the sites.

Property Express entered into an agreement with Pentax's in January last year to sell sites in Diepkloof Zone 4.

Pentax's Piet Smit signed agreements with 13 Property Express buyers between January and June last year, selling the sites for between R12 500 and R15 000 each.

Property Express claims that at the time Pentax's sold the sites, the council had not legally allocated these stands to Pentax's. No Land Availability Agreements had been entered into between Pentax's and the council.

When Property Express made direct enquiries to the Diepmeadow council as to why its clients could not get Annexure C documents for the sites they had bought, they were told the sites were zoned for parks, and could not be sold as residential stands.

City Press has a copy of correspondence from the council to Pentax's dated April, which says the allocation of park sites made to them for housing development by the councillor of the ward is "invalid... and cancelled with immediate effect".

CB Estates of Johan-

nesburg, the estate agency which was then marketing Pentax's properties, and which had arranged the deal with Property Express, was told Pentax's had taken up the Annexure C matter with the chairman of the council's executive committee, who had undertaken to "investigate and solve any problems which may arise".

The chairman at that time was Councillor Fred Phiri, who was unseated from the council this week. Phiri was removed from the chairmanship of the executive last month after the council heard allegations of his involvement in bribery and corruption.

In July, Piet Smit warned CB Estates that "your agents should not have interfered directly. This office specifically instructed all parties concerned that no direct contact must take place with any authorities of the council whatsoever".

Smit said he and his partner Tony Baxter had met the chairman of the council's executive committee and "in no uncertain terms were heavily rapped over the knuckles for outside interference, just as the problems were being solved".

Smit warned CB Estates that "stricter control (must) be exercised on your agents, otherwise we

DEFECTIVE WORKMANSHIP ... All 97 houses on Group Housing's Zone 9 development have been shoddily built. Residents are suing the company for damages.

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will have no option but to suggest you erase them from your team and cancel all existing deals pending."

Smit wrote to CB Estates on a letterhead from Group Housing Corporation (Pty) Ltd, the company he owned with Baxter, and which closed

down last June, facing claims for defective workmanship on 97 houses it built in Meadowlands.

This warning was followed by a letter dated August 2 from the Diepmeadow Council's Director of Housing, Jooste Mothapo, rezoning the sites residential and allocating them to Pentax's for development. The letter says an agreement must be entered into between Pentax's and the council.

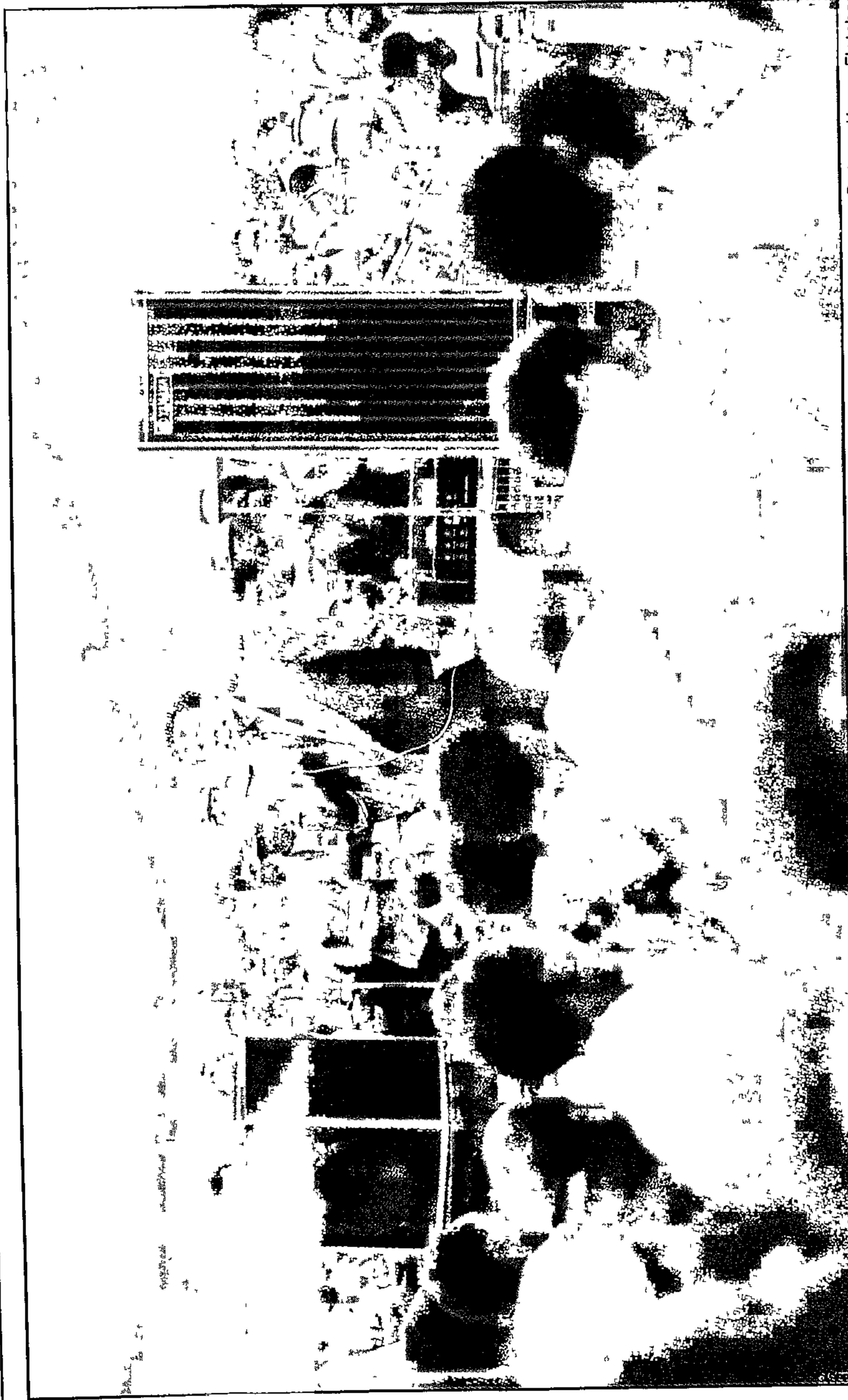
By this time, Pentax's had sold the sites. City Press confirmed the Transvaal Provincial Administration that no agreements between Diepmeadow

Council and Pentax's had been approved by the TPA.

According to the Black Community Development's Act 4 of 1984, all Land Availability Agreements must be submitted to the provincial administrator for approval.

Property Express has taken from several of the ~~referrals that concerned~~ Pentax's a summons for its forfeited commission.

City Press asked the new chairman of the council executive committee and councillor for Diepkloof Zone 4, Godfrey Mokgoatjana, to investigate the allocations, but his findings were not available at the time of going to press.



Triumph . . . the ANC's Rocky Malebana-Metsing salutes Oukasie for its fighting spirit yesterday

Picture Karen Fletcher

Oukasie development body 'sign of reconciliation'

By Jo-Anne Collinge ^{STAR} 2/3/92

The Oukasie Development Trust (ODT), launched yesterday in festive-fighting spirit in this western Transvaal township near Brits, has been hailed as a sign of reconciliation between forces pitted against each other by the apartheid policy of forced removals.

The ODT, comprising a majority of community members plus representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Brits business community and various advisers to the Oukasie community, will oversee the upgrading of 1 600

sites in the 65-year-old township, which stood condemned until just a year ago.

"Together we have a country to rebuild — a country savaged by war and experimental policies, the likes of which were never implemented anywhere else in the world," said Rocky Malebana-Metsing of the ANC.

In a speech which bounced as lightly as the marimba music which preceded it, Mr Malebana-Metsing repeatedly drew laughter from the crowd, still lively despite an hour-long parade through the streets.

But he added the sober reminder that the ANC was not

prepared to allow anything to interfere with the pursuit of a political settlement.

Condemning the forthcoming racial referendum, he conceded that the ANC had no choice but to encourage people "to defend the gains of change" and the negotiating process "as initiated by the ANC and now supported at least by Mr F W de Klerk".

He added "To build a nation we need to accommodate other people, to tolerate others' views and political aspirations. And this we are prepared to do".

The practice of tolerance should be pursued not only at Codesa but at grassroots level

— and the ODT could provide a focus for such interaction in Brits

ODT chairman Levy Mambolo stressed that the trust would be fully accountable to the people "and open to community scrutiny". It would not replace the Oukasie Civic Association or the Oukasie People's Delegation, which had played a vital role in fighting removal and winning the right to redevelop Oukasie.

The upgrading involves providing tapped water and sewerage to existing homes, laying out new sites, and improving roads and drainage.

The bulk of the cost will be covered by the capital subsidy scheme of R7 500 per household administered by the Independent Development Trust.

Mr Mambolo announced that the process of transferring the land from the Government to occupants was well under way and "the people will soon be armed with their title deeds". In addition, the TPA — which is acting as the development agent — would start with physical work today.

Staffers from the Legal Resources Centre, the Land Investment Trust and the Urban Foundation will continue to advise residents of Oukasie



Pent-up anger in the strife-torn Alexandra is thick, even though the violence has subsided.

Turn hostels into homes

THE demand by the people of Alexandra is that the hostels, from which most of the violence emanates, should be demolished and converted into family units - and there should be no compromise on this, chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Reverend Busani Ngubane said.

Ngubane recounted incidents in which dead bodies had been found alongside the Madala Hostel.

"This is happening all the time, even though there appears to be some quiet in the area," he said

He said these killings had reduced the residents near the hostels into a bundle of nerves

Coupled with the killings, most of the residents staying around Beirut area, which is regarded as a "no-go" area, have been displaced

Their houses are now occupied by hostel inmates. The ANC representative in the area, Mr Obed Bapela, said Beirut was becoming an eyesore

"The area is becoming a health hazard as filth accumulates," Bapela said

Bapela also disclosed that the ANC would be meeting the Minister of Law and Order with a view to having it declared a disaster area

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday

Part of the solution to the problem lay in the willingness of business people to donate funds towards the housing development project

The other lay in the lap of the police

"They should stop chickening out and start flushing out the criminal element," said Ngubane

This element, argued Ngubane, has made the hostels their launching pad from which to attack the residents

Ngubane said his organisation was convinced that the police were not doing enough to catch criminals that are living in the hos-

Staff writer JOE MDHLELA spoke to the chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Reverend Busani Ngubane.

tels

He also suggested that the hostels, especially the Madala Hostel, was used to store a wide range of ammunition

Even the theory that the hostel inmates were armed by white people, had some semblance of truth, he said

"Most of the inmates are not sophisticated people. Which brings us to the question:

"Who could be supplying them with arms?" Ngubane asked

"We have information that there is a large stockpile of arms in the hostels

We have provided this information to the police and nothing has happened

"If the police are serious about peace being restored in Alexandra, they will need to stop dragging their feet and do something constructive to disarm hostel inmates," Ngubane said

The excuse the police often made that they were short-staffed was not good enough.

"We reject this argument as invalid. When they raid our people they are not short-staffed, but when they have to police the hostels they make these lud-

crous excuse," charged Ngubane

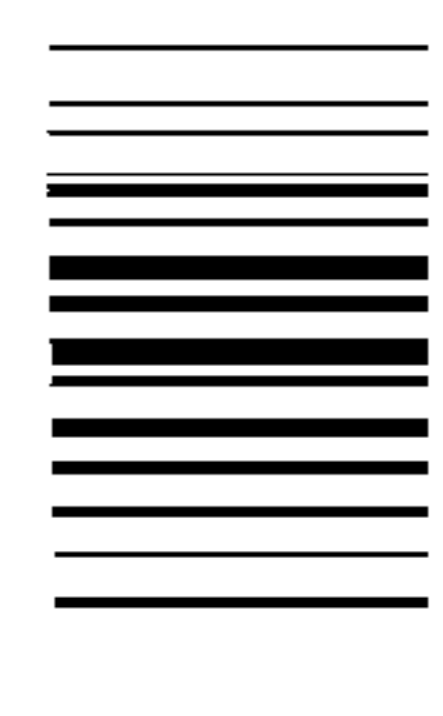
FACTFILE Number of people killed since outbreak of violence on March 7, 580.

Houses destroyed through fire: 30

Number of people displaced: 685

60 families at East Bank Hall; 110 families at Alexandra Council chambers; 20 families at Bovet Primary School; 15 families at Ikage Primary School; 30 families at Presbyterian Church; Ten families at Lombardy East Methodist Church; and many other families staying with relations in the Alexandra, E Rand, Soweto and Pretoria.

THE REVEREND BUSANI NGUBANE



Hillbrow — one of the first 'grey' areas in the Group Areas Act era — is now known for battles between tough landlords and tenants

Mbulelo Mdedle of Work in Progress magazine probes the tension

WAR between Hillbrow landlords and tenants rages on. Much of Hillbrow's flatland — one of the first areas to become 'grey' during the era of the notorious Group Areas Act — has now become a slum under the rule of tough landlords.

This flatland, once a hive of social activity, is now a battlefield as tension mounts between landlords and tenants.

Lately, the municipality and financial houses have joined the war in pursuit of monies owed to them by landlords. Tenants have their own civic organisation, Actstop, to protect them against exploitation and unfair practices.

As a counter to Actstop, landlords have grouped themselves under the umbrella of the Organisation for the Protection of Property Owners of South Africa (Oppossa). Tenants complain of dilapidated buildings, squalid conditions and curfews.

Landlords complain their properties are being destroyed by overcrowding, shebeens operating from the flats, drug dealing, crime and a failure to pay rent.

They also complain about the 'revolutionary spirit' of Actstop.

Some landlords, however, have a particularly hostile relationship with their tenants — as in the case of Waldorf Heights.

Rent war reduces social hive to slum battlefield



NOWHERE TO LIVE: Black tenants in Hillbrow face constant battles with landlords

Photo: Eric Miller

At Waldorf Heights, the bone of contention is the appalling conditions, and a father-and-son team allegedly hired for their strong-arm approach to 'solving' issues.

Elevators in this block have not worked for two years. Every corri-

dor of the 12-storey building has the stench of uncollected garbage. There are leaks and dampness.

Electricity was cut off in 1990, while the gas supply was disconnected in July last year. Tenants resolved in August last year to with-

hold payments to Data Investments, the company owning the flat.

According to Mr Matthew Chaskalson, an attorney who has been handling the block's cases, the conflict is the product of the Group Areas Act.

As black tenants were 'illegal', they had no say and had to contend with whatever landlords were offering.

The father-and-son duet, Messrs Peet van Loggerenberg snr and Peet van Loggerenberg jnr, have been served with interdicts from the Rand Supreme Court restraining them from harassing tenants.

A tenant has also laid a rape charge against Van Loggerenberg jnr. After a supreme court case brought against the Loggerenbergs by Ms Elizabeth Xosa and Mr Ivy Nkomo an interdict was served on the two men restraining them from denying the applicants or their invited guests access to the block.

The case arose from an incident on the evening of October 2, 1991. Armed security guards prevented Nkomo, who earns her living as a hawker, from shifting her vegetables to her flat.

Van Loggerenberg jnr refused to let Nkomo leave the building, saying he was sick and tired of her going in and out. He also refused to let her mother into the building as he 'did not like her face'. Nkomo's mother, who came from northern Natal, was forced to sleep in bus shelters until the interdict was served.

One of the most serious charges facing Van Loggerenberg jnr is that of rape, which police say they are still investigating.

According to the alleged rape victim, the rape occurred while she was waiting for her fiancé who was being held at the foyer by the security guards.

In a replying affidavit, Van Loggerenberg snr confirmed his son had been identified by the alleged victim as the rapist, and he and his son were arrested and spent the night at Hillbrow police station.



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specialising in education and health programmes and
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Tenants fight Nico Basson

CRESTHILL, A 14-storey block in Pieterse Street, is co-owned by former military intelligence officer Mr Nico Basson, who caused a stir last year when he revealed President F W de Klerk's destabilisation agenda.

He has been accused of evicting tenants, and forming a management committee which was not affiliated to Actstop.

After winning a number of tenants to his side, Basson at first barred Actstop from holding meetings in the block. But even Mr John Nkhata, chairman of the management committee, says most of the grievances are legitimate. He claims tenants were not allowed to nominate candidates.

Basson also offered to improve security. But one of the results of the 'improved security' was that each tenant had to carry an identity document to prove that he or she was a bona fide resident. He also brought in a number of foreign security guards.

These people, according to Actstop assistant general secretary Mr Vivian Klaas, were used by Basson as bodyguards and to intimidate rent defaulters.

A curfew on tenants, imposed by Basson, has also infuriated tenants.

Another complaint was that Basson charged rent per individual, not according to a flat's size. On 7 March, there was a demonstration after Cresthill tenants were told rents would be increased from R320 for a bachelor flat to R400. One-bedroomed flats went up from R420 to R520. Tenants marched to Basson's office to demand an explanation, but he called the police.

Tenants allege that Basson claimed to be an ANC member. Basson denies he claimed to be an ANC member. He says he is an ANC supporter, and has been advised not to seek membership at the moment.

Basson claims Cresthill has a R2,5-million overdraft caused by rent boycotts. He says rents will have to be increased to cover arrears, claiming that he owes the municipality R300 000 for electricity.

Despite the deep mistrust between Actstop and Basson, the two sides are negotiating.

On March 18, the Actstop executive and Crestview committee members met Basson and agreed that the tenants should consider buying the block. Basson feels the Anglo-American Corporation might finance such a venture.

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WHAT DOES a self-respecting research institute do when its subject matter is wiped off the face of the earth? This is the problem facing the Unit for Soviet Studies at Stellenbosch University. With the word "Soviet" already sounding as dated as "total onslaught", what's left for the unit to do?

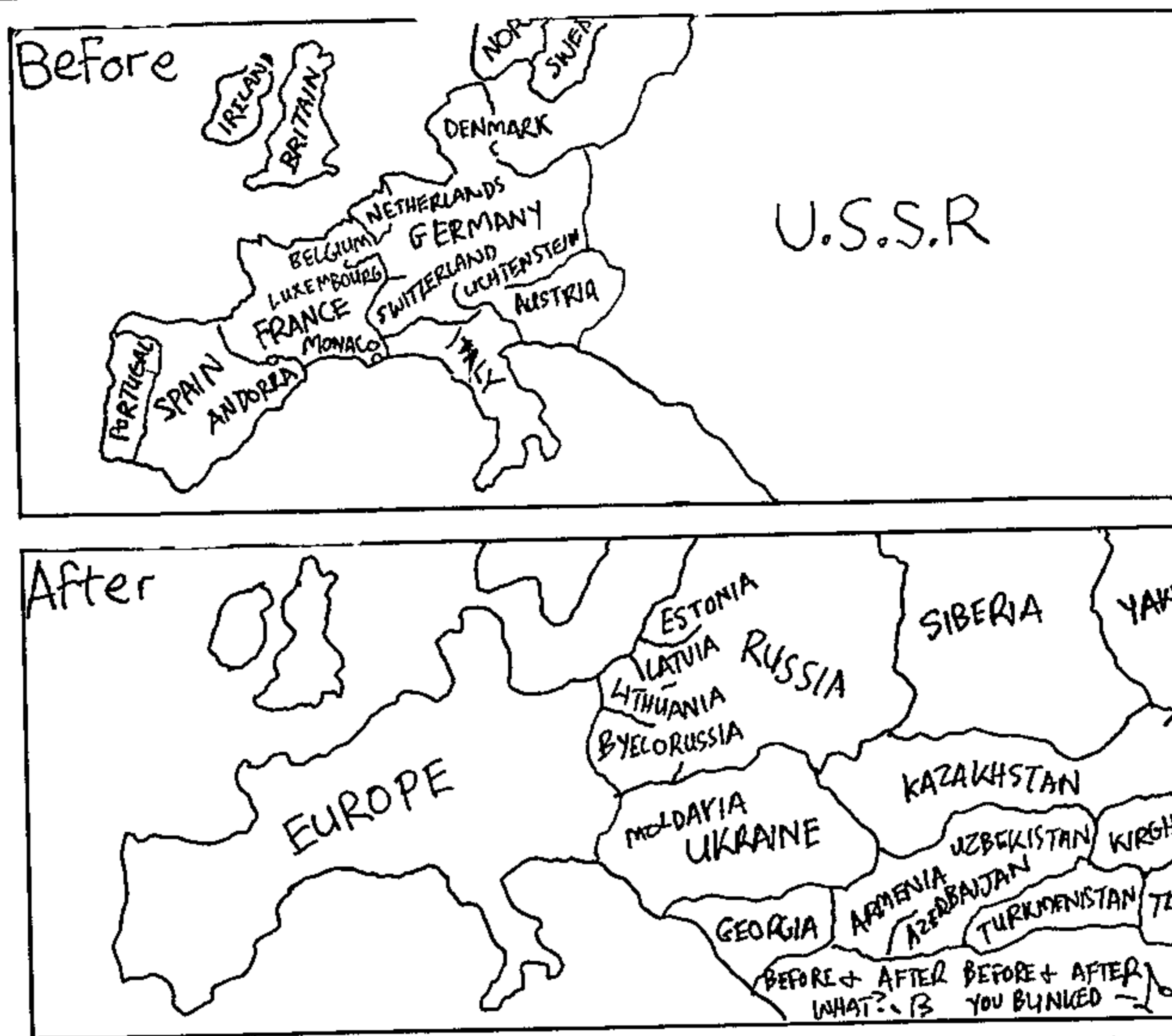
But " 'n prof maak 'n plan" and the unit, which has operated independently since the revelation in 1989 that it was supplying information to South African Military Intelligence, has found ample room for study in the reawakening of political relations between South Africa and the former communist states of Europe.

Professor Philip Nel, who heads the unit, said the focus of attention had always been on Soviet policy towards South Africa.

"Our policy was that with so

Ground for Soviet studies still rich but not as red

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many excellent journalists working in the Soviet Union and academics working in Europe, it would be spurious to duplicate their work," Nel said.

Among the significant developments between South Africa and the Soviet Union before its dissolution, Nel singled out Mikhail Gorbachev's invitation to

President FW de Klerk to visit Moscow (though events led him to cancel his visit at short notice). A similar invitation was made to ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela.

"In general the South African and Russian governments are moving towards diplomatic relations," Nel said. The establishment of diplo-

matic relations between the two countries would not happen immediately, but it was likely that South Africa and Russia would establish such ties within a year, he predicted.

"I would not be surprised if we also had a Ukrainian and a Kazakh consulate or embassy in South Africa," Nel said.

Events in the former

Soviet Union had had an indirect impact on political discourse in South Africa.

"We now see Andries Treurnicht using the word commonwealth, and Buthelezi has referred to significant developments in the former Soviet Union. Inkatha may go for the secession of Natal on the model of Yugoslavia and the USSR."

The growth in relations between South Africa and the former communist countries — for the most part suspended after the United Nations called for sanctions in 1963, — is the major concern of the unit's quarterly journal, "Soviet Review".

As well as academic articles, the journal reprints extracts from the eastern European press.

AN ARTICLE from "Moscow News", dated February 1991 is entitled "South Africa ends apartheid". One published the following May declares "Apartheid still an obstacle to Soviet-South African relations".

A piece from the Russian newspaper "Izvestiya" includes an anecdote reflecting the misinformed curiosity many Russians hold regarding South Africa.

One potential visitor was keen to seek work in South Africa because he had heard that "white people were needed" in this country.

In short, the ground for study remains rich even if no longer red. The only anachronism is the unit's name.

"As the Unit for Soviet Studies in the Department of Political Science, our approach will continue to be comparative," said Nel.

"What we will call ourselves remains to be seen."

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QUESTIONS

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For oral reply

General Affairs

Umzinto Prison

*1 Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Correctional Services

- (1) Whether the Umzinto Prison has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed, if so, (1) when was it completed and (ii) what is the cost of the project,
- (2) whether this prison has been inaugurated, if not, why not, if so, when,
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

- (1) No
- (a) Due to limited capital funds the erection of the prison at Umzinto has not yet commenced. However, civil engineering works has been completed
- (b) According to present planning the tender date is set for February 1993 and it is expected that the project will be completed by 1996, provided that sufficient funds are available
- (1) and (ii) Fall away
- (2) Falls away
- (3) I do not envisage making a statement on the matter at this stage

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, would the hon the Minister tell us whether the number of inmates that will be accommodated at this particular institution is in line with what had been arranged previously, or whether this number has been reduced?

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- (2) No, I am not prepared to make a statement

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware of the fact that the mayor of Durban made attempts to establish forums in terms of the legislation, and that extra-parliamentary forces do not want to work within the ambit of this particular legislation, because they are opposed to co-option? In the light of that, is the hon the Deputy Minister's department prepared to create informal forums so that such structures can be established?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am standing in for the hon the Minister at the moment and I have not been informed on that point. Consequently I shall not be able to answer the question

INTERPELLATION

The sign * indicates a translation. The sign †, used subsequently in the same interpellation, indicates the original language

Own Affairs

Land/housing in Lenasia: irregularities

1 THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION to ask the Minister of Housing and Agriculture

- (1) Whether he will appoint an independent committee of inquiry to investigate allegations of irregularities relating to land and housing matters in Lenasia, if not, why not, if so, what are the details,
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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The MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, the answer to the first part of the question is no and the answer to the second part is yes

As the administration already has a senior regional magistrate seconded to it at present, and because this person is currently investigating a series of alleged irregularities, both past and present, regarding land and housing matters throughout the administration's area of jurisdiction, including Lenasia, it is not considered

necessary at this stage to appoint any further committees of inquiry

Should hon members have information about any specific cases of alleged irregularity, they should submit it to the Director-General or to me for referral to this investigating officer. It must be stated clearly, however, that such submissions should be supported by substantial evidence of irregularities to enable the investigating officer to proceed with his investigation

The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I was under the impression that the hon members of the Ministers' Council attach tremendous importance to values. We are not referring to an official of another department who was seconded to screen applications. That is the task of the magistrate, Mr Reed, and not of a committee of inquiry. As a magistrate, he investigates individual cases

As far as substantiated allegations are concerned, many questions have been tabled in this House by many hon members. What prompted me to put this question was the official answer given to a question in this House last week, which pointed a finger not at the administration, but at one or two hon members of the Ministers' Council. It is very clear that the hon the Minister does not want a departmental investigation. If a Minister took part in an act of corruption, would a departmental investigation reveal that? There is a need, because the House of Delegates is stinking as far as Lenasia is concerned

There is no doubt about the fact that the political arm is heavily involved in going against officials I believe in one case an official had to intervene because a Minister was going against the Housing Development Board. They are manipulating the board. They are deciding. I believe one hon member of this House was called by a Minister who said they wanted to give somebody a plot and asked whether he had any objections. This type of evidence can only be produced at an independent committee of inquiry

I want to appeal to the hon the Minister, seeing that he has taken over, please to get hold of those files. I believe the handwriting of his predecessors should be made available before these files disappear, because when the James Commission of Inquiry was announced, some valuable files which I could have used disappeared from the departmental records

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Lenasia stinks, and as long as Lenasia stinks, the Ministers' Council and the hon Ministers will stink. One member of the Ministers' Council, who is not the Minister of Housing now, had a meeting at the Blue Waters Hotel in 1986 as a result of which there was manipulation with regard to the price of a building which was allocated by the former Department of Community Development.

The answer the hon the Minister gave about Lenasia last week is sufficient reason for us to have an independent committee of inquiry. What is happening? In the case of some hon Ministers, when there is a no-confidence debate and the Ministers' Council is being threatened, one can get anything done. There are crossed lines, and one finds that people have read them [Time expired]

Mr D K PADIACHEY Mr Chairman, I came into this debate because it concerns an area that I represent in Parliament. Lenasia has had a lot of problems in the past, and recently I have been getting a lot of faxes and documentation with regard to the corruption that is taking place there.

When the hon the Minister was only an MP he was aware of the things that were taking place in Lenasia. Now he is a Minister and I am surprised that he said today that he would not appoint an independent committee of inquiry. This is a blot on the name of the Ministers' Council and also of hon members of Parliament, because people look upon all of us as being part and parcel of the corruption that is going on in Lenasia.

Recently land was apparently allocated by the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council without the approval of the regional director. This accusation was made yesterday by the hon member Mr Padaychee when the hon the Deputy Minister visited Lenasia. These issues are coming up here. According to Mr Padaychee, the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council made that allocation in order to get the hon member for Lenasia East to join Solidarity.

These are allegations which must come to the fore. If an independent committee of inquiry is not appointed, all of this will be swept under the carpet. I plead with the hon the Minister, in order to allow us as hon MPs to walk the streets in peace, to appoint this committee. Let this

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thing come to the fore once and for all. If there is corruption, let it come to the fore. If hon Ministers are involved, let it come out. If hon MPs are involved, let it come out. [Time expired]

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I have listened to the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition and the hon member for Central Rand. All I want to say at this stage is that I have taken note of the appeal of the hon member for Central Rand. I want to make mention of the fact that I did not say that I did not want to appoint a committee of investigation. I qualified it by saying that I did not want to appoint a committee of investigation at this stage.

However, if there is substantial evidence as was alleged by both hon members this afternoon, I want to give hon members the assurance that, after I have taken the necessary procedural steps required to investigate this matter in the Ministers' Council, I will not waste a minute in seeing that the necessary steps are taken to establish a commission of enquiry.

Mr M RAJAB Mr Chairman, the hon the Minister referred to the Reed Committee of Inquiry. I want to remind him that this is an internal committee that does not function in the open, which reports behind closed doors to the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council. It is important to have made that point, because an allegation has been made this afternoon that the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council, the previous Minister of Housing, was involved in an alleged irregularity.

I am aware that the hon the Minister has been threatened with legal action by several attorneys, in all cases involving so-called alleged irregular allocations. I would like to take the opportunity to tell the hon the Minister that we are aware that he only recently took on the position of Minister of Housing, but that he should ensure that he is not tainted with any irregularities that occurred before his appointment.

I also want to take the opportunity of telling the hon the Minister that subsequent to his reply to my question in this Chamber last week, I received a pile of documents on my desk from I know not where. [Time expired]

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION Mr Chairman, I am very pleased with the

*Answered**Answered*

response of the hon the Minister of Housing and Agriculture. Of course, in terms of legislation regarding the Ombudsman, we must explore all our avenues.

However, I understand the hon the Deputy Minister of Housing visited Lenasia yesterday. This kind of action is taken whenever the Ministers' Council is threatened. Since 1989 whatever land the Ministers' Council wanted for family members or friends, they have got it. I believe instructions are going out from an hon member of the Ministers' Council to officials about how and what to allocate. I understand such an allegation was made openly yesterday when the hon the Deputy Minister visited Lenasia. Corruption is at its height. [Interjections] I am sure that if a motion of no confidence was moved by the hon member for Central Rand, the hon the Minister would not start allocating land.

It is known, however, as far as the present Ministers' Council is concerned, that in January of every year one can get anything done in Lenasia just in order to get votes to enable one to sit on that side. Of course, whenever they are threatened, hon members of the Ministers' Council survive allegations regarding corruption.

I believe the hon the Chairman of the Ministers' Council surrendered his duty in order for him to have time available to be here to perform national duties. I want to suggest that the hon the Minister of Housing and Agriculture instruct his officials not to obey any instruction from any member of the political arm as far as the allocation of plots is concerned. [Interjections]

Mr T L GOUDENEN You failed for you wanted to form an alliance with them and now accuse them of corruption!

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION No, that was a political alliance with some of them. [Interjections] That is a different matter.

We are here to perform a duty, and I am sure every hon member of this House will be ashamed of this matter. In the official answer I was told that only in respect of Lenasia were the Housing Development Board and reports to the board manipulated. [Interjections] If the hon the Minister is worried about losing positions, we will not move a motion of no confidence, pro-

vided these values are treasured and upheld. [Interjections] [Time expired]

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE Mr Chairman, I want to assure the hon the Leader of the Official Opposition that they are surely fulfilling their duty as the Official Opposition. If they were doing anything less, they would be failing their duty. I want to assure them that whether it concerns Lenasia, Tumbuku or Vladivostok, if there is a genuine case that has to be considered, it will be investigated.

It is alleged that Ministers may make recommendations regarding the allocation of sites. It is left to the Housing Development Board to consider such recommendations and to make its own decision. That is why we have a Housing Development Board.

Reference was made to stands, particularly stand No 223 in Extension 11A. The board must still decide on this issue. No allocation has been made yet.

I also want to add for the information of hon members that while we await further development in this direction, the office of the Advocate-General will be investigating alleged irregularities. Therefore hon members should refer irregularities to the Advocate-general for the time being.

THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION You will spend the rest of your life replying to questions!

THE MINISTER Hon members who are in possession of information which merits investigation, should do this. Moreover, I want to repeat that this should be done for the sake of clean administration. I am sure both sides agree on this. I believe it was the hon member for Springfield who mentioned that this was our duty to our constituents and therefore it must be done properly.

Rev C PILLAY Mr Chairman, on a point of order I should like to know whether the Ministers' Council has resigned.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I see one of the hon Ministers here. He will know what the position is.

Debate concluded

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Residents to slug it out with TPA

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HARTEBEEFONTEIN residents near Rustenburg, fighting against incorporation into Bophuthatswana, plan to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration over the issue

They were this week told by the Western Transvaal regional representative of the Department of Land Affairs, Mr Henry Stopforth, that the department was no longer handling the matter

Stopforth told the Hartbeesfontein Civic Association that the TPA had on April 1 been appointed the authoritative body

All the residents' grievances should now be directed to a Mr Pelser, who is the TPA's director in the region

Co-ordinator of the Hartbeesfontein Civic Association Mr Nathaniel Mmusa has requested Stopforth to set up a meeting

with Pelser

Mmusa said yesterday that the association had not been informed of the takeover

He said they had handed a memorandum of their grievances to the local administration office last year

Senior police officers in the Rustenburg district attended this week's meeting with the residents

Diepkloof

a hostel of good vibes

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By SOPHIE TEMA

DIEPKLOOF Hostel near Baragwanath in Soweto looks like any other hostel

Most of the windows are broken, the walls are cracked, and the ceilings are pocked with holes

But it is different from other Reef hostels because the inmates and residents in the neighbouring houses have a good relationship.

So chummy are they that the residents turn to the hostel dwellers for protection when they need it.

City Press spoke to a group of women chatting near the hostel who were full of praise for the hostel dwellers, saying they lived in harmony with them

"We regard them as our brothers," said one woman.

"When their wives and children come to visit we take them into our homes," said another.

The hostel dwellers once stepped in to help residents who were being threatened by other hostel dwellers

"It was amazing because we know most of them are IFP supporters," the woman said.

IFP youth leader, Themba Khoza, said this was normal.

"People should live in harmony," said Khoza.

"Diepkloof hostel is an example of how residents and hostel dwellers can live together without bloodshed."

Sit-in to be held at council's offices

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THE executive committee of the Mamelodi Civic Association is to stage a sit-in at the local municipal offices from tomorrow in order to pressurise councillors to resign

This was announced yesterday after an urgent meeting of the MCA

The meeting resolved to seek a court order suspending local councillors and also for the institution of a Commission of Inquiry into the finances of the town council

By MONK NKOMO

Mr Pasty Malefo, publicity secretary of the MCA, accused the council of being insensitive in cutting electricity supplies to rent defaulters. He also criticised councillors for having increased rent by 40 percent early this year without consulting residents

He said the MCA had already written a letter to the Transvaal Provincial Administration seeking an

urgent meeting with the officials to determine affordable rent in the township

"The 12 executive members of the MCA are going to occupy the council offices from tomorrow to protest against the high rents and to call on councillors to resign because they do not serve the interests of the residents," said Malefo

Residents who attended yesterday's meeting at Moretele Park also approved a suggestion that the

Pretoria City Council should take over the administration of the township

Another executive member of the MCA, Mr Toenka Matile, said they had briefed lawyers on the intention to force the town council to produce audited financial statements dating back from 1984

"The council cannot increase rent when councillors are unable to produce financial statements to motivate reasons for the increment," Matile said

He added that the MCA had already held talks with officials of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) over their grievances

"We are planning to launch a massive campaign such as consumer boycotts and stayaways to pressurise Mamelodi Town councillors to resign and also for the authorities to agree to our request for the introduction of affordable rent," said Matile

Vosloorus set to march

Saveku 28/4/92

VOSLOORUS residents, many of whom are on a rent boycott in protest against "exorbitant electricity tariffs", will march on the local municipality offices next month

Vosloorus Civic Association (VCA) spokesman Mthuthuzeli Sibozu said the decision to stage a march was taken at a meeting called by the organisation at the weekend

**By VENILLA
YOGANATHA**

Vosloorus residents decided on mass action "in an attempt to get the local council to lower tariffs", the VCA official said

He said current negotiations between the VCA and the council over the matter had reached a deadlock.

The council cut electric-

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ity to the area when residents went on a rent boycott in February this year in protest against what they termed high electricity tariffs

At the time, Sibozu claimed that the council was charging residents 5,5c more than what their neighbours paid for electricity in Boksburg

Vosloorus town clerk Mr George Prinsloo dismissed

the claims as "untrue"

However, residents have since illegally switched on their electricity supply by using a circuit breaker

The dispute arose when the council allegedly reneged on an agreement between it and the VCA

The two parties apparently agreed on a flat rate of R60 a month at the beginning of the year

CAST call for *STAR 28/4/92* end to violence

Staff Reporter *(127)*

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has called on its communities to unite against ongoing township violence.

Speaking after a weekend meeting at a Johannesburg hotel, CAST publicity secretary Sandy Lebesé said the violence was "disturbing the fabric of society"

Mr Lebesé called for the immediate removal of all SADF units, including 32 Battalion, from the townships and "the end of raids and harassment on communities by security forces"

President de Klerk's call for the disbanding of private armies was not acceptable, he said.

"We cannot allow the

Government to dictate to us to disband 'people's structures'. The liberation armies should remain until the new government is elected."

Referring to the recent announcement by the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Leon Wessels, that there would be non-racial local government elections in two years' time, Mr Lebesé said the communities should also take two years before rent and service charges were paid.

● The Vaal Civic Association will hold a march on May 9 to protest against the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Telkom and Post Office, and the SAP and SADF.

Declare Alex disaster area, Kriel urged

STAR 28/4/92

By Mckeed Kotlo
Pretoria Bureau

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Alexandra community leaders yesterday met Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel in Pretoria and asked him to declare their violence-racked township a disaster area.

The 12-person delegation comprised members of the local branches of the ANC, ANC Youth League, Congress of South African Students, South African Democratic Teachers Union and the SACP.

Delegation spokesman Paul Mashatile said the main purpose of the meeting with Mr Kriel was to discuss the ongoing violence in Alexandra and to

have "Beirut" — the area between First and Sixth avenues which has been worst hit by protracted violence — declared a disaster area.

He said 60 people had died since March 7, with 585 injured and about 10 000 displaced.

Mr Mashatile said certain measures would be taken once Alexandra had been declared a disaster area.

These steps included financial assistance to families to rebuild their houses.

"But the matter would have to be discussed with the State President first," he said.

Mr Mashatile, who is also secretary for the local SACP branch, said the group wanted

to meet President de Klerk.

However, Mr Kriel had told them Mr de Klerk had delegated him to hold the discussions.

Mr Kriel was assisted by a representative of Mr de Klerk's office.

Mr Mashatile said the talks were frank and open and Mr Kriel had listened very carefully to the community leaders.

Mr Kriel had assured them that he would submit a report on the meeting to Mr de Klerk.

Further talks would be held with Mr Kriel, who had also promised to visit Alexandra in the near future.

A Law and Order spokesman declined to comment on the meeting.

Storm brews over Alex refugees

By Anna Cox

Confrontation is looming between about 140 Sandton council workers and the town council about the workers' refusal to vacate council premises in Sandton which they have been occupying since last year to escape violence in neighbouring Alexandra

The council, which threatened to evict the workers last year but held off pending negotiations with the workers, said yesterday that the employees would have to be housed elsewhere "as a matter of urgency"

But the workers, interviewed by The Star yesterday, maintained they would not move.

The matter was due to be discussed at a town council meeting last night.

Sandton management com-

mittee chairman Willem Hefer said yesterday about 570 employees had occupied the Zandfontein and other council depots in March last year after an outbreak of violence in Alexandra

The council later gave the workers permission to stay there temporarily

After numerous requests for them to find alternative accommodation, 430 employees had vacated the council premises — several with the assistance from the council's housing scheme, Mr Hefer said

The other employees remained in the depot, although the council had explained to them that they could not continue to live there

"Since that date the council has been actively seeking ways of assisting these employees to find alternative accommoda-

tion," Mr Hefer said

However, some difficulties had arisen such as the scarcity of land and affordable housing in the PWV area and the reluctance of financial institutions to invest in black townships

The occupants yesterday said they had been sleeping in the depot's toilets, changeroom area and unwallied eating area

Nyaniswani Mramba said it was too dangerous to return to the township

"I have tried to find other accommodation but have been unable to," he said

Hilmot Msani added "Although we are sleeping in the toilet area here at the depot, it is better than getting killed in the township"

Jospeh Dweku said he too had tried in vain to find alternative housing

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Workers row with council

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CONFRONTATION is looming between about 140 Sandton town council workers and the town council

The workers refuse to vacate council premises in Sandton which they have been occupying since last year to escape violence in neighbouring Alexandra

The council, which threatened to evict the workers last year but held off pending negotiations with the workers, said on Monday the employees would have to be housed elsewhere "as a matter of urgency".

But the workers main-

**Sowetan
Correspondent**

tained they would not move

Democratic Party councillor Mr Rick Ehlers raised the issue at a town council meeting on Monday night but management committee chairman Mr Willem Hefer declined to answer questions and referred Ehlers to a Press statement released earlier

In the statement, Hefer said some 570 employees had occupied the Zandfontein and other council depots in March

last year after an outbreak of violence in Alexandra

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The remaining employees stayed on in the depot, although the council had explained to them that they could not continue to live there

Workers claim they cannot find housing

Sudden power cut-offs opposed

STAR 29/4/72

A decision by the Johannesburg City Council management committee to cut off electricity without warning to consumers who failed to pay accounts in time drew fire from councillors at the council's monthly meeting last night.

"It is a crude way to cut electricity without warning when a person doesn't pay because he is

hard up," Conservative Party council leader Jacques Theron said.

By acting in this way, attempts by the council to establish good relationships with the public would be pointless, Mr Theron said.

Councillor Clive Gilbert said it was unacceptable that no warning be given.

National Party council

chief whip Ernie Fabel said it was expensive for the council to send out warnings and lawyers' letters to electricity consumers who did not pay their accounts on time.

He suggested that an attempt be made by council officials to telephone consumers instead of cutting power immediately — Municipal Reporter

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400 low-cost houses for Evaton township

The South African Housing Trust is financing the project with the aim of making affordable housing available to lower income groups. Civemech, in its capacity as construction management agent, is providing management services for the development.

The construction management agent concept used by SAHT and Civemech develops local builders rather than supervising them.

Civemech is enhancing the abilities of the black builders, enabling them to take on the role

CIVEMECH, a specialist engineering and project management company, is currently involved with the construction of 400 low-cost houses at Palm Springs, near Evaton.

of contractors, thereby creating employment opportunities.

Mr Jonathan Masindi, a Civemech builder, received the Small Builder of the Year award from the SAHT.

At a time when many

developers are declining work in black townships because of unrest and vandalism, Civemech is involved with the construction of more than 1 000 low-cost houses for the SAHT, as well as providing management services for two projects for the African Self Help Association.

These projects are a crèche in Protea North, funded by the Douglas Murray Trust, and a crèche in Dlamini, partly funded by a bequest. The houses in Palm Springs are due to be completed later this year or early next year.

THE ousted publicity secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association, Mr Pasty Malefo, yesterday called for the disbandment of the executive committee amid allegations of misappropriation of funds

Addressing reporters during a Press briefing held in Mamelodi, Malefo accused Mr Lazarus Mzwayini, chairman of the MCA, of owing the community an explanation as the money that has disappeared was for the Advice Office and not for the civic association

He said Mzwayini and "his clique" approached a sponsor and obtained R17 000 without the approval of the central executive committee

"They opened a secret account. They did not appoint a board of trustees and appointed themselves as signatories. They used about R8 000 to pay the rent (for the advice office) which was in arrears and about R6 000 is not accounted for," Malefo stated

He added that none of the people serving on the ex-

Row over MCA's funds

By ALINAH DUBE

ecutive committee was employed by the advice office and therefore the money could not have been used for the payment of salaries

A source close to the committee which was involved in negotiations with a private sponsor told reporters that the money was supposed to be paid out to the civic body once someone professional had been employed to run an office

"But to our surprise, Mzwayini and his people went to the institution and got money without following the right procedure

These people seem to be in a hurry to finish off the community's money before the annual general meeting on September 28," he said

Mzwayini refused to discuss the matter yesterday. He said the executive committee would release a statement after a meeting which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday

"One thing I can say is that I am not prepared to be drawn into this mud-slinging campaign by Malefo. There must be someone in the executive who is feeding him with distorted information," Mzwayini said

Playing a role in cultural urbanisation

In addition to mutual assistance and welfare services, stokvels also play a major role in advancing cultural urbanisation and in the transition from rural to an urban identity

Stokvel parties in the 1920s and 1930s provided a setting where musi-

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cians provided aspiring urbanites with a means of self-expression and a new working class culture

This helped the people's values and motivations of the rural society to meld more easily into the urban spectre

On Sunday afternoons stokvel members marched to the party in uniform, singing Tswana regimental and initiation songs, popular urban songs and Christian hymns

● Source: David Coplan's "In Township Tonight"

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Lights-out warning for Soweto

The Greater Soweto area was yesterday threatened by the Transvaal Provincial Administration with the termination of electricity and other services unless new tariffs were agreed upon.

In a statement from Pretoria, Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl accused the Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association of "shifting the goalposts" during negotiations.

The Soweto Accord, signed last September, allowed for interim charges to be levied which would be reviewed when the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was introduced.

However, when the

chamber was set up in April, the SPD and SCA objected to increased tariffs without first restructuring the local government of Soweto.

The administration of Soweto's electricity was then passed to the regional services council.

"The SPD/SCA then made further demands. Consequently, the goalposts were moved despite the fact that consensus was reached between all parties who signed the 1990 Soweto Accord on service charge increases."

At the current charges, only 20 percent of Soweto's electricity bill was covered. Mr van Zyl said only half of Soweto's residents were paying

their bills.

"The money owed to Eskom — and this came about since the Soweto Accord — amounts to more than R120 million already."

Mr van Zyl said the TPA backed a "new non-racial system of local authority", but until this was negotiated, the current system had to remain.

He appealed to Soweto residents to pay their accounts or face action.

He said individuals would initially have their electricity turned off, but if this did not have the desired effect, "the services of larger blocks, and later even the whole of Soweto, would be discontinued" — Sapa

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A manless existence

UNLIKE other hostels in black townships, where violence and faction fights are the order of the day, there is something enigmatic about the Mzimhlophe women's hostel in Soweto.

By ALI MPHAKI

Maybe it is the four-roomed brick houses, which are in sharp contrast to the masmata of loaf-shaped, red-roofed apartheid philosophy, initial residents came from the Helping Hand Women's Hostel, which security patrol and a

Or maybe it is the simple fact that here women lead a manless existence.

Founded in 1968, in line with the Verwoerdian apartheid philosophy, initial residents came from the Helping Hand Women's Hostel, which security patrol and a

was situated in Jeppe near Johannesburg.

Others came from a women's hostel which was near the George Goch male hostel.

Time was when the hostel used to have a high fence all round, a 24-hour security patrol and a

"blackjack" policeman at the single-gate entrance.

Entry to the hostel by males was restricted to a lounge area, situated near a hall in the middle of the hostel.

The woman resident would be alerted of her visitor and would join him in the lounge area.

As a man, dare you be found "out of bounds", serious repercussions awaited you. Serious repercussions would also follow for a woman resident if found with a male in her room.

Whereas the lounge is one of the few things that still remain intact in the hostel, it is noticeably no longer a hive of activity.

Today there is no fence around the hostel and that stern-faced "blackjack" who used to man the entrance, is now a thing of the past.

But whether male visitors do sleep in the rooms or not is purely a matter of conjecture.

Children are also barred from living with their mothers, but are allowed to visit and stay with their parents during school holidays.

Each of the four-roomed houses has three bedrooms, a bathroom and a common kitchen

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In the kitchen there is a coal stove, one table, chest of lockers and a sink, all supplied by the council.

Six women share the three bedrooms

Once a woman has been accepted as a resident, she brings her bed, mattress, pots, blankets etc.

If she does not have a mattress, the Soweto Council provides a sleeping bag

The women do their own cleaning and sometimes paint the walls of the rooms

Their mail arrives at the matron's office and is distributed to the various addressees.

But what is it like to live in this hostel?

Victimised

Most residents interviewed agreed that the hostel is no longer a safe place to live in

Surprisingly, none of them would give their names

One resident said, "You know brother, wherever women are in a group, they seldom understand each other"

"If I talk, I may be victimised"

But she went on: "While we have not been

caught in the spiral of violence sweeping other hostels, the fights we experience here are for minor things like the washing of pots, making a fire, washing dishes etc. You know the kind of things women fight over."

"What it means is that a woman should have her own house, if peace of mind is what you are looking for."

The hostel residents pay R6 a month

For over the years, Mzimhlophe residents have urged that the hostel be incorporated into the township or be turned into family units.

These sentiments are echoed by Soweto council public relations officer, Mr Mojalefa Moseki, who says "This place has lost all pretence of being a hostel."

"The basic objective for which it was established - to provide accommodation for single women - has grown obsolete with the changes within the Soweto community

"There is a dire need to accommodate families. Bachelors and spinsters should be housed at the right places, like flats etc," he said.

Land sought for council housing

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THE Johannesburg City Council is looking for land to house thousands of low-income people queueing up to register for council-owned houses.

The council's executive director for health and housing, Dr Nicky Padayachee, said yesterday the municipality was looking to the Independent Development Trust (IDT), the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), government and even the World Bank to fund the low-income housing scheme.

Thousands of blacks seeking to apply for council-owned houses in Johannesburg are queueing daily outside the council's housing division offices. Padayachee said that since last week numbers had grown from 300 a day to 2 700 a day.

The total number of applicants up to yesterday was about 10 000.

"The scheme is open to people who earn less than R1 200. Council houses are for disadvantaged people; people who cannot afford to buy houses.

"Previously houses were allocated on the basis of race, but now they are given on the basis of need," Padayachee said.

The council had written to government and the own affairs housing departments informing them of the

scheme and asking whether it was allowed to accept applications from all population groups for council-assisted housing. He said a reply was expected soon.

"At the moment we are looking at all available land for low-cost houses. We feel that poor people should be housed as near as possible to the inner Johannesburg area, and not placed 60km away where they have to spend a lot of money on transport.

"Local authorities have no tax base, so we will apply pressure on the IDT, the DBSA and the central government to finance the scheme. We will go as far as the World Bank to get those funds," he said.

The council has a housing stock of about 30 000 units. These are in white, coloured and Indian areas. Only these race groups qualified for housing until the council's decision to open its accommodation to all races.

At present there are no empty houses. Blacks would be able to occupy council housing as current occupants bought their own homes and moved out, Padayachee said.

He said the council was consulting with experts on how to draw up the fairest possible waiting list.

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Rent accord in balance

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The accord stated that none of the five principal parties could act unilaterally

But since then the townships have fallen into arrears yet again, and the TPA and the three councils seek to increase the tariffs while the SPD demands that the running of services should be handed over to the Central Witwatersrand RSC or the city councils of Roodepoort and Johannesburg

The SPD has complained that the coun-

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cils have failed to run the services efficiently and have failed to meet provisions of the accord. It has also maintained that the four other signatories could not reach agreement without its input

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"to ensure the continuation of services to residents, the three Soweto councils have no other choice than to continue their urgent examination of the possibility of increasing the interim service charges, and to consider the implementation of higher tariffs once the inquiry is completed — preferably with the co-operation of all parties, but if this is not possible, on their own," Van Zyl said

Meanwhile, a Johannesburg City Council source said yesterday that an announcement would be made at today's Metro Chamber meeting regarding an agreement on financing between Johannesburg and the Soweto councils

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Township power to be cut again

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 KRUGERSDORP would cut power to neighbouring Munsieville today because the township had failed to pay its account, Munsieville administrator J L Nieuwoudt said yesterday. Nieuwoudt said residents had paid only R41 000 on an account of R127 000 built up from July 4, when power was restored after a five-month switch-off.

Electricity was reconnected after the West Rand RSC paid in R30 000 on the strength of assurances by the local civic association that consumers would pay an interim monthly flat rate of R30.

A Munsieville council source said only 50% of the township's 1 006 households

had paid and the civic association had failed to attend a meeting of the joint Munsieville Forum to discuss the issue of payments.

Nieuwoudt said in a statement the flat rate was to be adjusted upwards if it proved to be too low.

"Large amounts are also owing to Krugersdorp for water, health and sewage services," he said.

Row over game lodge name

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 A LEADER of a tribe forcibly removed from its land in the western Transvaal claims that a new luxury game lodge is using the tribe's name without permission.

Arthur Monnakgotla, a leader of the Bakubung tribe which was relocated to Ledig in Bophuthatswana in 1966, said yesterday the new 250-bed Bakubung Lodge in the Pilanesberg National Park was profiting from using the tribe's name without having consulted leaders beforehand.

But Bophuthatswana Parks Board director Roger Collinson said yesterday the developers of the lodge, who also own the Kwa Maritane game lodge, had received the approval of the chief of the Bakubung and had worked in close co-operation with the tribe in developing the lodge.

Monnakgotla said yesterday that Stocks and Stocks and the Bophuthatswana Parks Board, which jointly developed Bakubung, had been irresponsible in using the name without consulting the whole tribe.

He said the lodge, 10km from Sun City,

had been developed above the heads of the local community, with the approval of Bophuthatswana's President Lucas Mangope, and that as a tribal community leader he had refused to sign an agreement consenting to its construction.

However, Bakubung operations director Gert Brumme said yesterday that the conflict arose partly from a disagreement within the tribe about who its leaders were.

Collinson said the lodge was built with the full support of the Bakubung's Chief Monnakgotla, who appeared to be in conflict with his cousin of the same name.

Stocks and Stocks spokesman Bart Dorrestein claimed at last weekend's launch that the local community was an integral part of the new development and said the local economy would be stimulated by the jobs created.

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Hoping for a home . . . more than a thousand people wait to put their names on the list for council-owned houses in formerly white areas. The Johannesburg City Council is still waiting for permission to allocate the homes
Picture: Karen Fletcher

Blacks join line for city's 30 000 council houses

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Thousands of blacks are queuing up for council-owned housing in white areas in Johannesburg after steps by the city council to set up a single waiting list for its properties

Johannesburg acting housing director Ken Cunningham-Scott said the council had recently written to the Government to find out whether it was allowed to accept applications from all population groups for council-assisted housing in all areas in the city

"We are still awaiting a reply, but we are accepting applications from all and sundry so that when we do ultimately get the green light, we will be in a position to allocate housing," Mr Cunningham-Scott said

"This is a pro-active step We need to get our house in order and cannot be seen to be tardy"

Before the Group Areas Act and other land Acts had been scrapped, the council had three waiting lists for its approximately 30 000 houses in white, coloured and Indian areas

Wildfire

Two weeks ago officials decided to compile one list

Mr Cunningham-Scott said the word had spread "like wildfire" that blacks were now eligible for council houses, and queues began forming outside the housing department offices Extra staff had had to be brought in to cope.

"There is such a great shortage of housing We have had more than 1 000 applications a day, predominantly from black people"

He said the unexpected numbers that had descended on council offices would provide valuable information for the council's new urbanisation department, helping it assess the need for housing and facilitate the provision of land

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Katlehong residents angry over wrong bills

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RESIDENTS of the East Rand township of Katlehong are angry after receiving exorbitant electricity bills because of faulty meters

And they claim that town councillors personally severed power cables to homes when township youths illegally switched electricity back on in the wake of punitive power cuts

People in the township's upmarket satellite suburb of Spruitview held a march in the area last Friday to present a memorandum to the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and President F W de Klerk complaining of the local council's incorrect billing

They said June and July's electricity accounts ranged between R400 and R1 000 for each month and amounts that had already been paid were not credited

Katlehong Mayor MacDonald Mhlana admitted on Friday that the meters were faulty, and said the council had now decided that the 500 000 residents should pay an interim monthly rate of R86,91 a month while the council's technical department tried to fix the meters

The Spruitview Ratepayers Association said in the memorandum that it had

offered the services of two chartered accountants to assist the council's treasurer, but the council had failed to take advantage of this.

"As a result of the glaring inefficiency and unmitigated incompetence of the Katlehong Town Council, the residents of Spruitview have no option but to cast a vote of no-confidence against it"

It said the residents had resolved to ignore the council's accounts and pay a flat monthly rate of R100

But Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) president Paul Sehloho said the residents he represented had resolved to continue with a total rent and services boycott, pending the resumption of talks with the TPA and the Germiston City Council

He said negotiations on services had broken down earlier this year when money paid to the council for electricity had failed to reach the supplier, Eskom

Sehloho said his executive was working on a date to resume talks with the TPA.

He also alleged that councillors had cut cables to households which had not been paying the bills

Union declares disputes at Mama's Pies

THE Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) has declared a dispute at three Mama's Pies factories in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban

Spokesman Ernest Theron said yesterday the union had, in the course of negotiations, dropped its wage demand from a 35% across-the-board increase to 15,9% in an effort to

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reach an early settlement.

Negotiations, which started in June, affected about 800 workers

He said Mama's Pies had offered 8% during the second round of talks, but then told Fawu it planned to withdraw and remove the 8% offer

After the union lobbied all Premier Food Indus-

tries divisions, the company agreed to continue wage talks and reinstated the offer, Theron said

However, the parties failed to reach agreement

A spokesman for Premier Food Industries said yesterday it was premature to comment on the dispute as a meeting between the parties had been scheduled in Cape Town for today

Gorbachev hanging onto his job SACCP

SOVIET President Mikhail Gorbachev seems to be more concerned with hanging on to his job "at whatever price" than with rescuing socialism, the SA Communist Party has said in a detailed reaction to last month's failed coup

With the break-up of the union of 15 republics under way, the SACCP warns against the domination of smaller republics by the "great Russian chauvinism which (Boris) Yeltsin is already fanning"

The analysis, by the internal leadership group of the SACCP, appears in the September edition of Umsebenzi, the party's official organ, which will be published on Thursday

Despite the seriousness of the crisis facing communism, there is no need for a "dramatic U-turn" by the SACCP, says the article

The free market system Yeltsin and others are promising will not benefit the majority.

The problem with Gorbachev's perestroika reform process is it has been a revolution from above instead of from below

The once all-powerful Soviet Communist Party was criticised by its SA counterpart

"It said and did nothing — either against the coup, or even in favour of the coup. It was absent as a political force in the crucial hours after the crumbling of the coup as well. It is clear that the CPSU was internally divided and paralysed"

However, "having noted the massive failure

of the CPSU, at the same time we condemn absolutely the anti-democratic banning of the party in many republics, and its unconstitutional and summary suspension by Gorbachev

"As general secretary, Gorbachev had no power to unilaterally suspend the party. That right belongs to the party congress alone"

Gorbachev's reforms have lacked an overall coherence "While restructuring was essential, the process has been one of zig-zags"

This has also been evident in the Soviet leader's stand since the coup failed

"In the early hours after his return to Moscow, he spoke of a socialist renewal. But since then, very little has been heard of the word socialism"

"Gorbachev has seemed to be far more concerned with preserving his presidency, at whatever price, than with rescuing the socialist project," the SACCP charges

Its criticisms, however, in no way underrate the enormous difficulties facing Gorbachev, nor are they a justification for the illegal coup which has derailed the process of socialist reconstruction even more, says the analysis

The essential cause of the crisis was still "the separation of socialism and democracy"

The analysis concludes "Sooner or later, we are confident that socialist forces and working people will regroup to defend what is left of their revolution, to learn from errors, and to advance once more" — Sapa

City council threat to rate defaulters

TANIA LEVY

JOHANNESBURG ratepayers thinking of refusing to pay sharply higher rates bills should think again

They could have their property sold by the city council at a public auction

Johannesburg deputy city treasurer Lucas Opperman said last week that the council was legally entitled to sell property in execution to get the money for unpaid assessment rates

He said the council would issue a summons before proceeding along this route

Opperman said the council had seldom had to take action against people refusing to pay rates. And it did not expect a boycott of payments following the recent increases in rates

Many ratepayers were outraged by the substantial increase in assessment rates reflected in the July accounts.

But Opperman said there had been fewer complaints after ratepayers received their August accounts, which also reflected the 10% decrease in electricity charges

The rates hikes came after a municipal revaluation of all Johannesburg properties

The value of many properties has been increased substantially and assessment rates have gone up by as much as 200% in some cases

Opperman said ratepayers now had no avenues to appeal against increases. He pointed out that they could have attended public hearings on the valuation roll earlier this year, before the roll was approved

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Tokoza faces cuts yet again

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TOKOZA residents are set to face yet another blackout tomorrow if payments made over the weekend are not enough to cover power supply expenses

Administrator Mr Gert Muller said the township consumed electricity worth R15 000 daily and, unless residents paid, power supply would be switched off on Tuesday

"The council has held talks with the civic committees and the civic association to discuss the situation."

By DON SEOKANE

On Friday, Muller appealed to residents to pay their electricity accounts and offices were due to open over the weekend to enable residents to pay

Tokoza had been in the dark for six months - since December last year - before an agreement was signed in June which effectively ended the rent boycott.

Boycott could thwart housing plans, banks warn

THEO RAWANA

A BOYCOTT of bond payments could thwart building societies' plans to introduce innovative housing schemes in townships, Nedperm Bank director Hugh MacLachlan said on Friday

MacLachlan was reacting to Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) president Moses Mayekiso's threat of a national bond boycott if community organisations did not get co-operation from financial institutions

Mayekiso said in a recent TV debate that the boycott was being considered because township residents were having difficulty repaying loans and were unhappy about the attitude of banks and building societies

MacLachlan said Nedperm had noted with regret that Cast had suggested a boycott in the face of the massive housing crisis.

"What is now required is not talk of bond boycotts but a discussion, between all parties concerned, of ways in which additional adequate housing can be made available in the shortest possible time," he said. *B/000 9/9/91*

"There can be no doubt that there is an urgent need for a massive programme to be launched by the private and public sectors to provide housing for the hundreds of thousands of people who have poured into our metropolitan areas in the past months

"Such a programme needs to involve not just one banking unit, such as Nedperm, but other banking institutions as well as government and major industrial and commercial firms

FNB assistant GM on banking, Pat Lamont, said a bond payment boycott would have a negative effect on the bank's risk assessment

Every application is assessed by the bank and the threat of a boycott would have a negative effect on the granting of loans, he said

FHA Homes CE John Weaver said a bond payment boycott would bring about a conflict situation in which building societies would refuse to give bonds

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popular Radio Good Hope deejay Amoré is
not taking part — she will be the compère.

Mixed race housing line still to cross

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PHALABORWA. — Black employ-
ees at the Palaborwa mining com-
pany scheduled to move into white
areas in the town this week seem to
be waiting for the storm of protest
raised by rightwing elements to
blow over.

By Thursday, the house in Knop-
piesdoorn Street to be occupied by
the Ngobeni family, was still emp-
ty, although neighbours said they
had no objections.

A senior mine official who lives
in the suburb said he had met the
new family and thought they would
fit into the neighbourhood well.

"Mr Ngobeni is a senior official
and actually earns more than my
husband," his wife confided.

She described threats by right-
wing elements to evict the Ngobeni
family as "trivial" and "a lot of hot
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Meanwhile, rumours that a col-
oured family was to move into a

whites-only block of flats this week
appeared to be premature. They
were evidently "not ready yet" for
the move, said a sympathetic flat
dweller.

The complex, owned by the min-
ing company, is occupied mainly by
its employees, so any new family
moving in would probably know the
existing tenants.

Rightwing objectors are not di-
rectly affected in either suburb, as
none of them live near the accom-
modation allocated to the non-white
families.

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Phalaborwa blacks wary of moving in

By Dirk Nel
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PHALABORWA — Black employees of the Palabora Mining Company who have been allocated housing in white areas in the town appear to be waiting for right-wing protests to blow over.

Yesterday, a house in Knopiesdoorn Street, due to be occupied by the Ngobeni family, was still empty. Neighbours said they had no objections to the proposed move.

A senior mine official who lives in the suburb

said he had met the new family and thought they would fit in.

"Mr Ngobeni is a senior official, and actually earns a higher salary than my husband," his wife said. Threats by rightwingers to evict the family were "trivial, a lot of hot air".

Speculation that a coloured family was to move into a "whites only" block of flats this week appeared to be premature. They were evidently "not ready yet" for the move, a sympathetic neighbour said. In both suburbs, right-

wing protesters are not directly affected as none of them lives near the accommodation allocated to the black families.

"The mine has done its homework well — it will not move people into a neighbourhood where they are likely to be beaten up," a shirtless miner said.

A colleague said: "We will not take any nonsense or noise around here from khaki-clad vigilantes who have no right to hang around. All of us work shifts, and therefore need to get our sleep."

The mining company has refused to supply details about the families at the centre of the housing storm, or say when they will move in.

In a press statement last week, the management deployed a referendum held on the issue by the CP-controlled town council, and pointed out that the company was the largest ratepayer, and property owner in the town.

"The mine holds all the aces, and could bring down this shortsighted town council quite easily," said a Nationalist.

Pioneers who shun rightwing madness

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MARCH of this year was a particularly important month for businessman Mr Madala Mukhondo.

Mukhondo made history on the 23rd of that fateful month by becoming the first black person to open a shop in the Conservative Party-controlled town of Louis Trichardt.

Owner of a fleet of taxis which run between Johannesburg and Louis Trichardt and between that town and Messina, he has been undaunted by threats of a rightwing backlash.

Mukhondo, who made it the hard way in life, went on to also open a hair salon in the town last month.

Travelling daily to Tshikwaram in Ha Kutama after the day's work was done, the trip soon became a problem for Mukhondo and his wife Gladys.

House

It wasn't long before they were toying with the idea of buying a house in the town. If the right price came up, they would buy, they decided.

When they heard that 58 Kruger Street was for sale, they immediately concluded a deal. The house is an old building with a large yard. Trees are growing and look very lush.

For the Mukhondos, the move to No 58 was to alleviate the burden of daily travel to Ha Kutama. But it was not to be.

Since moving into the old-style house on October 8, rightwingers have been throwing stones on to the roof every night at about midnight.

Two weeks ago a brick was thrown through a window, but the very worst was still to come. White resistance to blacks moving into the town was still to show itself in even more serious ways.



By
MATHATHA TSEDU

That came last Wednesday when, from a white Toyota Corolla cruising past the house at about 9pm, nine rifle shots were fired into the house, narrowly missing Mukhondo.

The bullets, from an R-1 rifle, pierced iron window frames and smashed through walls.

The Mukhondos have joined the trend of black people moving into hitherto white areas since the repeal of the Group Areas Act.

While the move to suburbia has gone off smoothly in major metropolitan areas such as Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, the ride for plattelanders has been pretty rough.

Besides the Mukhondos, Phalaborwa Mining Company assistant shift supervisor Mr Mackson Ngobeni moved into the town amid calls for his blood by rightwingers.

His house was later stoned, leading to a 24-hour guard by company security.

Burnt

Another PMC employee, Mr Tennyson Pilusa, had his expensive German car burnt to a cinder in another rightwing attack three weeks ago.

In Pietersburg, a few black lecturers have moved into university-owned houses, but no incidents have been reported.

This was in direct contrast to the uproar that greeted the move into the

town's suburbs several years ago by Venda consulate staff.

The Mukhondos are adamant they will not move out. "This is our house. We bought it and we are not going to move out."

"If they want, they can come in and kill us. That is the only way we will move out of here," Gladys Mukhondo told *Sowetan* this week.

Ngobeni was more philosophical. "These people are not used to having black neighbours as their equals. They only want us as their maids and servants."

"But that era is now over and we are moving in to stay."

On the danger of violent attacks by rightwingers, Ngobeni said he saw himself as an ambassador. "I am a pathfinder and an ambassador."

"Whites think we are just noisy people and I am out to prove them wrong."

Bullets

It is this do-or-die attitude that drives people like Mr David Mureri - an insurance consultant from Venda - to move into what others have described as the lion's den.

After buying a R100 000 house at 85 Kameel Street in Louis Trichardt, Mureri is set to move in next week.

I was with him when he inspected the bullet damage to the Mukhondos' house.

He said "These people think they can scare us away with these things, but they are too late. They cannot change or turn the tide." He shook his head and muttered "They really wanted to kill Mukhondo!"

Mureri (34), a father of one, and his nurse wife Mulatwa, say their immediate neighbours have accepted them and they expect no problems after moving in.

They have not, however, made arrangements for their son's schooling and expect him to travel daily to Makhado township in Venda, about 50km away.

But not all those who have bought houses in the town want to be heroes. Businessman Mr Joseph Baloyi also bought a house in Louis Trichardt but since paying for it in August, he has not moved.

He said "These guys are cruel and I am scared of moving in. They can kill me, you know."

Resistance to blacks moving into these areas is not restricted to houses.

Recently, when former Venda Development Corporation chief executive Mr Wilson Muvhulawa bought a farm outside Louis Trichardt, he was threatened with the poisoning of his water supply.

Today, Muvhulawa carries his drinking water from his rural home at Murungwa, about 35km away.

Muvhulawa has turned his hill-top house into a fortress, with expensive security lighting and high fences.

Near Pietersburg, the Motmele brothers bought a farm near Boyne, but had the only access road to their farm blocked by their white neighbour.

Road

Previous white owners of the farm had used the road past the neighbouring farm without any problem. The matter is still pending in the Supreme Court, where the Motmeles have sought relief.

These self-styled ambassadors face a few social problems too. Who do they mix with?

Coming from the carefree life of townships and suddenly becoming an isolated minority in the self-centred cultural zones of whites, is going to take some adjusting.

Row brews over Soweto freehold area

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Staff Reporter

A row is brewing in Soweto between developers, the council and the Protea South Homeowners' Association over the township's one and only freehold title area.

The Homeowners' Association claims it has been given a raw deal by developers Gough Cooper and the Soweto City Council who, it alleges, have failed to fully develop the area.

Association spokesman Mike Baloyi has accused the developers and the council of overpricing the land and not building the suburb according to specifications.

He said the supposedly elite suburb was surrounded by a squatter camp and dilapidated houses which had led to a decline of property values.

Homeowners were afraid of increased crime and health hazards.

Other grievances included the incomplete tarring of streets and roads, inadequate street lighting, too few telephones, a poor postal

service and fluctuating land prices.

Mr Baloyi said his association's meetings with both parties were in vain. Even an appeal to financial institutions to intervene drew a blank.

"Now the only avenue available to us is to seek redress through the courts of law.

"We maintain Gough Cooper and the council should keep their promise of making the suburb attractive and of high value otherwise we will take the matter to court," Mr Baloyi said.

Unjustified

Dermond Gloster, group public relations manager for Gough Cooper, said the complaints have been directed for the most part at the wrong quarter.

"For instance we are concerned about the presence of squatters, but have no authority to interfere directly in this matter. We have protested repeatedly to the Soweto City Council about it because they are occupying land scheduled for development by ourselves. So far the council has taken no action

"The state of the old Protea houses in the area is also a matter for the council, rather than ourselves. Nor are we responsible for street lighting, postal or telephone services."

Complaints of buildings not being completed according to specifications were unjustified, he said.

Each house is thoroughly checked by inspectors from the building society providing the finance, before any payment is made to the company, he added.

He said "Roads remain untarred in some sections where no development has yet taken place. No Gough Cooper houses are on sale in those areas as we only develop in phases that have been seen and approved by the council.

"As to the alleged inconsistency in the pricing of land, the price varies according to the size and position of the plot and also over a period of time, according to market conditions."

The council failed to respond to allegations in spite of receiving a fax from The Star two weeks ago.

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Boycott ends in Messina 127

By Abel Mushi (100)

The Messina Civic Association (Meca) yesterday called off the two-week-old consumer boycott of white businesses in the northern Transvaal town after some of their demands were met.

Meca chairman Abram Lurui said the organisation had reached agreement with the Messina Town Council on issues including the dissolution of the Nancefield Local Authority Committee, removal of a dumping site from the township and withdrawal of charges against residents who took part in marches in the town.

"Remaining demands include the resignation of Johan Kok as the chief executive officer of Nancefield," he said.

Residents have agreed to apply for permission to stage marches if their applications are not be unjustly rejected.

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a year-on-year average price rise of 14% for medium-sized homes (140 m² to 220 m²) to about R120 000. However, those of 220 m² to 350 m² increased by an average 13%.

Absa says this means a 1,5% drop in real terms of medium-sized properties when inflation is factored into the equation. So house prices have been falling in real terms since the end of 1983 by an average of 7,5% (annualised) every quarter.

Absa's Christo Luus believes that, despite the recession, residential property has shown remarkable resilience. What is more, he says, the tide could soon turn for the better. His optimism is based on an expected economic upturn beginning in the second half of next year.

Furthermore, though inflation remains high, the relatively stable rand, a strong decline in credit demand and a healthier foreign exchange reserve position could motivate a lowering of interest rates in the first half of 1992. Provided inflation is kept in check, the bank rate could drop by two percentage points and mortgage rates could fall to 18% within a year.

"This is encouraging for the housing market," Luus comments.

But, while Absa is optimistic, Pam Golding's Ronald Ennik says a huge oversupply of houses at the top end of the market is causing some desperate sellers to drop prices radically.

"This situation is exacerbated by about five or six cluster complexes which have just come on to the market with units priced at more than R1m. I doubt some of the developers involved have first-hand experience of the top end of the market and some certainly did no research before proceeding with their schemes," he claims.

He adds the situation is just as depressing in middle-income housing where properties around Johannesburg are being sold for less than was paid for them a year ago. "Only smaller houses are showing any signs of buoyancy," he maintains.

This view is endorsed by the Aida group which says property price increases in greater Johannesburg have not kept pace with the official inflation rate for two years. However, chairman Aida Geffen says this follows a 30% rise in 1989.

"Prices rose by 9% last year and 11% to October this year. There are, however, some areas which have performed well. These have generally been areas where houses are priced up to R300 000. Examples are Kensington (Johannesburg) and Germiston where the increases have been 24% and 30% respectively this year."

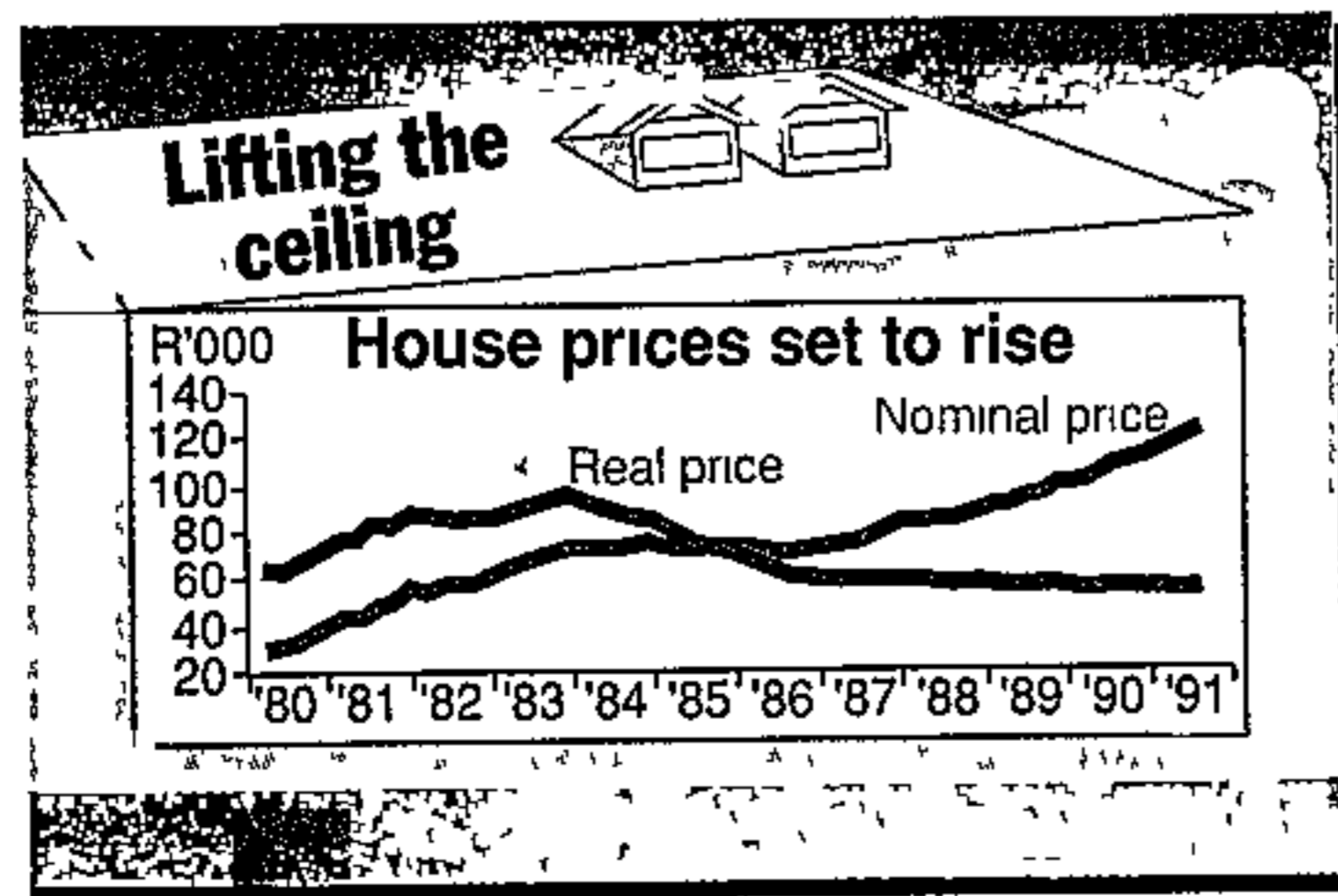
RESIDENTIAL FM 29/11/91 Hope eternal (127)

After years of biting the bullet and facing up to real value depreciations, homeowners could be in for a change of fortune over the next 12 months.

That is the optimistic message which emerges from Absa's *Quarterly Housing Review*, a research publication (formerly the *UBS Housing Review*) which tracks residential property buying trends and mortgage fluctuations.

Even if there is light at the end of the tunnel estate agents say, however, the market is as tough as ever.

The review says the third quarter showed



involved in about eight other assassinations as a member of a hit squad. He was granted a stay of execution and subsequently gave evidence to the Harms commission of inquiry into certain alleged murders. In his

long, and on so many occasions, that little if any credence can be attached to his most recent version of what happened on the day of the murder. There is nothing in the record or in any subsequent document to support

Curran said

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said "We have called for a moratorium on executions. That a person who has exposed hit squads should hang is a poor reflection of what is happening in the country."

Allied sued

VERA VON LIERE

AN Industrial Court case brought against Allied Group Ltd/Absa by a former senior employee was yesterday postponed to January 14 in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Former senior manager (investment) PJS Ronan alleges Allied Group Ltd/Absa contravened sections of the Basic Conditions of Employment Act of 1983.

Ronan claims the company breached its agreement with him by terminating his employment contract without written notice and not paying him a minimum of 12 months' wages. *8/Jan 29/11/91*

Pretoria goes to township's rescue

8/Jan 29/11/91
THEO RAWANA

THE cash-strapped township of Atteridgeville, plagued by problems in supplying and maintaining services to its 11 500 households, is to get wide-ranging assistance from the Pretoria City Council.

Atteridgeville administrator Martiens Nel, whose council owes Pretoria about R9m for electricity and other services, said yesterday the assistance was not financial, but involved supply and maintenance of services.

Nel had asked the council for urgent discussions on co-operation with Atteridgeville. He had said its prob-

lems were compounded by inability to perform administrative, technical and financial functions.

Pretoria decided this week that its transport department, which had evaluated Atteridgeville's refuse trucks, would help repair essential vehicles, consider hiring vehicles to the township and provide driver training to five officials.

Stationery and cleaning equipment will also be provided. The sports and recreation department will advise on maintenance and management of sports and recreation areas and pro-

vide training for workers. Pretoria will run the local electrical sub-station and train electricity personnel. *(265) (127)*

Pretoria town clerk R N Redelinguijs had recommended to his council that a working group be set up to investigate how to help, starting with the possibility of doing administrative and accounting duties on an agency basis.

Nel said yesterday about 25% of the township's households were defaulting on payments. "By Wednesday morning we had cut off electricity supply to about 300 of these households."

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Proud tenants itching to own

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Everyone's a winner

as owner sells building

AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

AT NAVERONE Court in Hillbrow the rules are pretty clear: don't make a noise in the passages, don't walk like an elephant, don't litter on the stairs and don't drink in the passages.

Otherwise you could end up being chucked out on to the Esselen Street pavement.

The rules are made by the Naverone tenants who know that in the near future Naverone Court is going to be their property.

Three weeks ago the Saturday Star broke the news of the initiative by Naverone tenants to buy the building from the landlord. The decision came after a lot of tension and a final attempt by the landlord to get tenants evicted from his badly neglected building.

An agreement was reached. Tenants would administer the building, pay the landlord a commission and later buy the building. The sale is now reaching its final stages but tenants are already regarding Naverone Court as their own, as David Batyawa, one of the future directors of Naverone Court, is eager to explain their achievements and improvements to visitors.

Enthusiasm has continued growing ever since we decided to buy this block. This was clearly demonstrated by our 32 tenants when a new water tank was required. No one hesitated to contribute financially.

According to residents, much has been achieved in the past few months. What used to be a haven for shebeens and criminals is now a peaceful block of flats.

The passages are shiny and some walls freshly painted. There is no sign of broken windows and in the courtyard is a row of neatly arranged refuse containers.

Mr Batyawa explained that the cleaning of the building was done by tenants and a caretaker employed by them. The caretaker's salary is provided by the tenants, who each contribute R5 a month.

During weekdays we don't do cleaning. But the ruling is that on Sundays, for about three hours, all tenants take part in cleaning. Visitors will not be allowed to enter if the communal cleaning has not been completed.

The same applies for our security. At this stage we cannot afford a full-time security guard, so we have to do it ourselves. Visitors are allowed to stay until 10 pm. After that we take turns in guarding the entrance to ensure there is no vandalism.

Initially we thought tenants would be reluctant to perform this duty, but the response was very positive. Now patrolling takes place on a voluntary basis," Mr Batyawa said.

He said there were "great plans" for the building. "A lot still needs to be done. Our biggest priority is to fix the leaking roof.

Fortunately one of the tenants is a roofing specialist. We've already asked for quotes for material. The plan is to get the material and then the residents, under the supervision of the specialist, will fix the roof themselves.

"This type of co-operation is working very well. We had plumbing and electrical prob-



CLEAN SWEEP: Nicholas and Adeline Sithebe in their flat, which they improved shortly after it was decided the tenants would buy the block. ● Photographs: ANDREW BANNISTER

lems in some units, but we fixed them ourselves with the help of tenants who have plumbing and electrical experience.

Efforts like these will not only help us to improve Naverone but we'll also improve our skills," Mr Batyawa said.

But the residents have not only been repairing their units but improving them as well. Newlyweds Nicholas and Adeline Sithebe occupy a small but neat bachelor's apartment on

the third floor. Before the building was taken over by the tenants, this apartment was in a state of virtual ruin.

Windows were broken, taps were missing and paint was peeling off the wall. The news that they would soon be joint owners of Naverone Court brought new enthusiasm to them.

"We immediately started to work on our flat: fixed the windows, replaced everything that was missing and repaired our

bathroom. We will continue to improve our flat any way we can," Mr Sithebe said.

Paul Matabata occupies a flat on the first floor. The walls in his apartment are freshly painted and he has replaced his dilapidated door with a new one.

"Before, I could hardly manage to pay my rent, and to maintain my flat was virtually impossible. Now I'm able to work on my flat. It gives me a sense of pride," he said.



TANK UP: Paul Matabata, Moses Moshoeshe and David Batyawa at the new water tank installed at Naverone Court.

TPA identifies massive tracts for housing

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SHIRLEY WOODGATE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is believed to be on the verge of identifying about five vast tracts of land in the northern PWV region to be developed as site-and-service projects to meet massive urbanisation.

This follows the controversial establishment of Ivory Park on the eastern boundary of President Park, Midrand, where about 85 000 homeless people have been settled within less than two years on 711 ha demarcated for informal settlement

Sources have indicated that the first of the sites

could be available from as early as March

According to reliable sources, the bulk of these settlements will accommodate Johannesburg's northern neighbours, specifically Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg. The following developments are expected to be announced soon

● It is speculated that the so-called "Norweto" or Diepsloot area is being considered to accommodate Sandton workers from Zevenfontein where squatter shacks were recently demolished

● Cosmo City on the

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Housing

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Broederstroom/Lan-seria Road just beyond the Jacaranda Tea Garden is being envisaged for housing Randburg workers attracted to Kya Sand Industrial area

● Parts of Modderfontein/Linbro Park/Mia Trust land east of the Pretoria/Johannesburg freeway are being investigated to provide relief for Alexandra.

● Agricultural land east of Jan Smuts Road near Olifantsfontein is being considered as the logical extension of Tembisa

● Land near Irene is earmarked as housing for workers of the burgeoning industrial sector in Verwoerdburg.

When asked for comment TPA director of physical planning Jan Breytenbach would not

say if discussions about the future of these areas had taken place

But he said that no official announcement had yet been made and if such an announcement was made, it would not be without the knowledge of the residents or councils in the areas.

Recently the Greenbelt Action Group which halted the Norweto development of peri urban land west of Midrand, applied for the area including Diepsloot to become a Local Area Committee (LAC) and for the major portion of it to be recognised as a conservancy.

The Council for Local Government Affairs (the successor to the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri Urban Areas) indicated at that time that Sandton, Randburg and Krugersdorp were seeking to expand their boundaries to the north.

Messina boycott ends as 3 quit

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE last three councillors of Nancefield township in Messina have finally bowed to pressure from residents and local bodies and resigned from the local authority, forcing it to collapse.

They are mayor Jimmy Chauke, deputy mayor I Singo and councillor Mashaba Thakga.

The council was ac-

cused of incompetence, maladministration and of doing nothing for the people of Nancefield

The Transvaal Provincial Administration will now appoint an administrator in the township, a move which was hailed by residents, the ANC and the Messina Civic Association (Meca)

The resignation of the councillors also led to the

ending of a two-week-old consumer boycott

Meca spokesman Albert Luruli said the decision to call off the boycott was taken at a mass meeting on Monday after the TPA and the Messina Town Council met four of the six boycott demands

These were the resignation of black councillors, the removal of a dumping ground in the township,

withdrawal of charges against demonstrators and the reversal of plans to close a graveyard

"The other two demands, namely the resignation of a white chief executive officer in the local council and the repeal of all restrictive by-laws, will be discussed with the TPA and the town council as soon as possible," Luruli said

Police, army hand out greetings (127)

By Gien Elsas *Star*
West Rand Bureau *2/12/91*

The Roodepoort Traffic Department joined with the police and the Defence Force to hand out hundreds of Christmas greetings cards to residents on Friday night.

The project was arranged by the Roodepoort Co-ordinating

Committee and was the first project of its kind to be launched on the Witwatersrand

The cards contained hints on safety at home, in the street, in a vehicle and when on holiday

Representatives of the traffic department, the army and police spent hours delivering the cards house to house.

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TPA accused of appropriating greenbelt

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAC) at the weekend accused the Transvaal Provincial Administration of imminent plans to establish informal settlements in the greenbelt northwest of Johannesburg without consulting residents

GAC chairman Anthony Dugan said in a statement the TPA plans were a "crisis" response to the housing shortage. The GAC rejected the plans and

threatened a "wave of protests" if they were implemented. (243)

"We have been aware of the TPA's plans for some time and know that they are trying to do this before December 10 without consultation with residents. We also know that the TPA officials were hoping that GAC would not get wind of this. (127)

"We have tried unsuccessfully for the past two weeks to get interviews with Olaus van Zyl

or the MEC in charge of housing, John Mavuso"

He said the Saturday meeting gave a mandate to GAC to use every effective tactic available, including extra-parliamentary means, to secure the green lung for the PWV

GAC held a special meeting on Saturday in response to a report in the Saturday Star of TPA plans to move the Zevenfontein squatters into the Diepsloot area — Staff Reporter

Townships face gloomy Christmas

By Helen Grange
Pretoria Bureau

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There will be little Christmas cheer this year for the residents of at least five Transvaal townships which have had their power cut off because of debt.

Two townships are struggling without water and one has neither water or electricity.

The townships affected include Silobela, Carolina (electricity cut October 1990), Siyathuthuka, Belfast (electricity cut May 1991), Munsieville, Krugersdorp (electricity cut last month), Ipelegeng, Schweizer-Reineke (electricity and water cut September 1991), Reagile, Koster (electricity cut September 1991); Siyathemba, Balfour (water cut last month); and Ratanda, Heidelberg (water cut last month).

Negotiations are under way between white and black local authorities. However, a Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) spokesman said white councils frequently violated agreements by putting up tariffs.

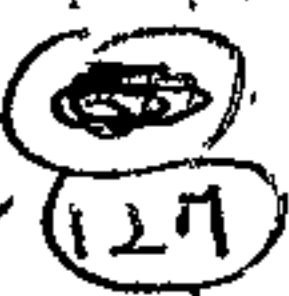
Negotiations with the authorities are also under way to solve the rent boycott in 70 Transvaal townships.

At least five townships in the province now fall under the wing of white councils, which are rendering services on an agency basis to the townships.

In Atteridgeville, the Pretoria City Council decided to take over the township administration and seek funds from the regional services council to subsidise township services.

These moves have been condemned by CAST as an attempt by the Government to undermine their main demands for nonracial local authorities and legitimising non-representative black councillors.

CAST opts for partial consumer boycott



By Paula Fray *STAR* 3/12/91

The Civic Association of Southern Transvaal yesterday backed down on calls for a Black Christmas and instead announced a "partial consumer boycott" to force the Government to take decisive steps to end the violence

The partial boycott was also to raise the level of vigilance and awareness of protracted violence during the festive sea-

son, which CAST president Moses Mayekiso described as a "Christmas of mourning"

Last week two of the country's largest trade union federations said they had not been formally consulted about the initial proposed call for a Black Christmas

"This council felt there would be no reason for our communities to behave as if this had been a normal year. It is known that hundreds of our people

have been killed, maimed and their property destroyed," said a CAST statement read by general-secretary Dan Mofokeng

CAST members felt that

● People supported cutting down on excessive spending. This did not imply that people could not buy their basic foodstuffs and medicines from white-owned shops

● People would refrain from big parties

● In the tense atmosphere that

existed today, firecrackers were bound to heighten tension and confusion. CAST had appealed to businessmen to act responsibly by not selling firecrackers during this period

● People should be wary of picnics and excessive drinking

CAST official Oupa Thibile said it was hoped the boycott would force the Government to take action which was viewed by the community as action to stop the violence — such as the arrest of the perpetrators

PWV green belt - 'black option' threat

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By Shirley Woodgate

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) yesterday warned it would resort to "the black option" if all legal means failed to convince the authorities of the need to preserve the group's 100 sq km Kareebosrand conservancy area as a recreational "green lung" for the PWV.

The threat to apply the pressure tactics of the civic associations was in reaction to well-founded speculation that at least five legal squatter camps north of Johannesburg are about to be announced by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

One is in Diepsloot, which is part of the 1986 "Norweto plan", originally intended to house 150 000 people but shelved after massive opposition from affected residents.

Other site-and-service developments are allegedly planned for Cosmo City, adjoin-

ing the farm of Boerestaat Party leader Robert van Tonder west of Randburg, an area near to Irene, land north of Tembisa and a belt from the Islamic Trust east of the Ben Schoeman highway through Modderfontein to Linbro Park.

Mr van Tonder reportedly told Sapa that the TPA had told him the rumours concerning the area in the vicinity of his farm were unfounded.

"My farm has instead been earmarked for incorporation by the city of Randburg. There seem to be no plans afoot to turn this vicinity into any overnight squatter camp for the TPA," he said.

Late yesterday, Transvaal MEC, John Mavuso announced that the need for low-cost housing in Muldersdrif, Chartwell and Rantesig would be met by "smaller concentrations spread over more areas".

But GAG chairman Anthony Dugan said "Ivory Park, where 90 000 people have been accommodated in less than two years adjoining Rabie Ridge and President Park in Midrand,

has showed that once squatter development is allowed, it knows no boundaries".

An area bounded by the Skurweberg south of Hartbeespoort Dam, Lanseria Airport, Vlakplaats and the Johannesburg City Council-owned Diepsloot nature reserve had been declared the Transvaal's first conservancy three years ago.

About 150 000 smallholders, including several "black" kraals, now occupy the area.

The region included the "last great urban greenbelt" in the entire PWV and should be preserved for posterity, Mr Dugan said.

The action by the TPA was labelled "ill-conceived" and typical of the crisis response employed by the authorities to the pressures of urbanisation.

GAG recently applied to become a local area committee with control over its future.

Randburg has previously applied to incorporate land up to the Krugersdorp highway, and it is believed Sandton and Krugersdorp are eyeing land beyond their northern boundaries.

Jo'burg seeks court order on unpaid rent

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The housing feud between the Johannesburg City Council and the Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association (Esca) came to a head yesterday when the city council brought an urgent Supreme Court application against the residents.

Esca spokesman Roger McCulloch said matters had reached this stage because the council demanded that residents, who had bought their houses under a deed of sale, now take transfer of the properties and pay arrear rentals or face eviction.

"But the council is asking between R27 000 and R35 000 for houses in Ennerdale Extension 5 that have been valued at no more than R15 000."

Major financial institutions had pulled out of the scheme, said Mr McCulloch, and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had condemned most of the houses, recommending that some be demolished to window level and rebuilt.

"We are an established community, and we are prepared to pay the rental and take transfer of the houses," said Mr McCulloch.

"All we want is for the city council to discuss our grievances with us and value the houses more realistically — something they have consistently refused to do for the past six years."

City council management committee chairman Ian Davidson described "as absolute nonsense" claims that bonds could not be raised because of the poor quality of the houses.

"Of the 800 houses in the original development scheme, some 400 have been sold already."

On the allegation that the CSIR had found 90 percent of the houses defective, Mr Davidson admitted that CSIR tests had found certain defects.

However, later tests by the city council showed that defects were not as widespread as reported by the CSIR.

After negotiations with the Ennerdale management com-

mittee and Esca, Mr Davidson said, it was agreed that an arbitrator would decide the value of each house, and assess the cost of repairing any defects.

The cost of repairs would be deducted from the purchase price.

It was also agreed to waive the rental backlog, amounting to R4 million, if residents paid the current rent. Residents would then go through the process of applying for bonds.

If bonds were not available, residents could remain in their houses as long as rent was being paid.

"There was never any ultimatum to residents to either take transfer or be evicted. There is no way we will evict anyone who is paying his rent."

"What actually happened was that we struck a deal, and Esca reneged on the deal. There appears to be a hard core among the residents who seem to want the houses given to them."

The court hearing was postponed until January — Sapa.

Nankan targets black property buyers

THERE is potentially a large group of middle to up-market black property buyers who are remaining in the townships because they are uncomfortable about buying property through white estate agents, says Nankan Real Estate director Vino Nankan

"The black buyer often has to face a sceptical agent who questions whether he can afford the property, and does not attempt to provide the best service possible," she claims

Nankan Real Estate, which is already operating but will be launched officially early next year, will cater for the black property buyer

"The black buyer does not want to be made to feel

inferior and many prospective buyers have been waiting for an agency that they can be comfortable with," Nankan says

Nankan is also MD of Venrich Housing, a construction company that employs about 300 people — 30 office staff, 200 site workers and 60 sales people

While Venrich has been active in the low-cost market for the past six years, it is shifting its focus to include the upper end of the market. A cluster home development in Khyber Rock is under way and will come on-stream in the first quarter of 1992

"The units are primarily directed at the black yuppie, but prospective white buyers are welcome. The

units will cost about R700 000," she says

This year Venrich has sold about 700 township units, ranging in price from R35 000 to R150 000. The company is active in Mamelodi, Tembisa, Spruitview, Dobsonville, Protea Glen and Diepkloof

More and more developers are moving out of the low-cost property market as problems there are increasing. Developers are continuously taking greater risks, not just financially, but also with the loss of life, and in some cases the financial institutions are refusing to grant bonds.

"These institutions have an obligation to take some risk as well. In addition, the township civic associations

have to be consulted about possible developments," she says

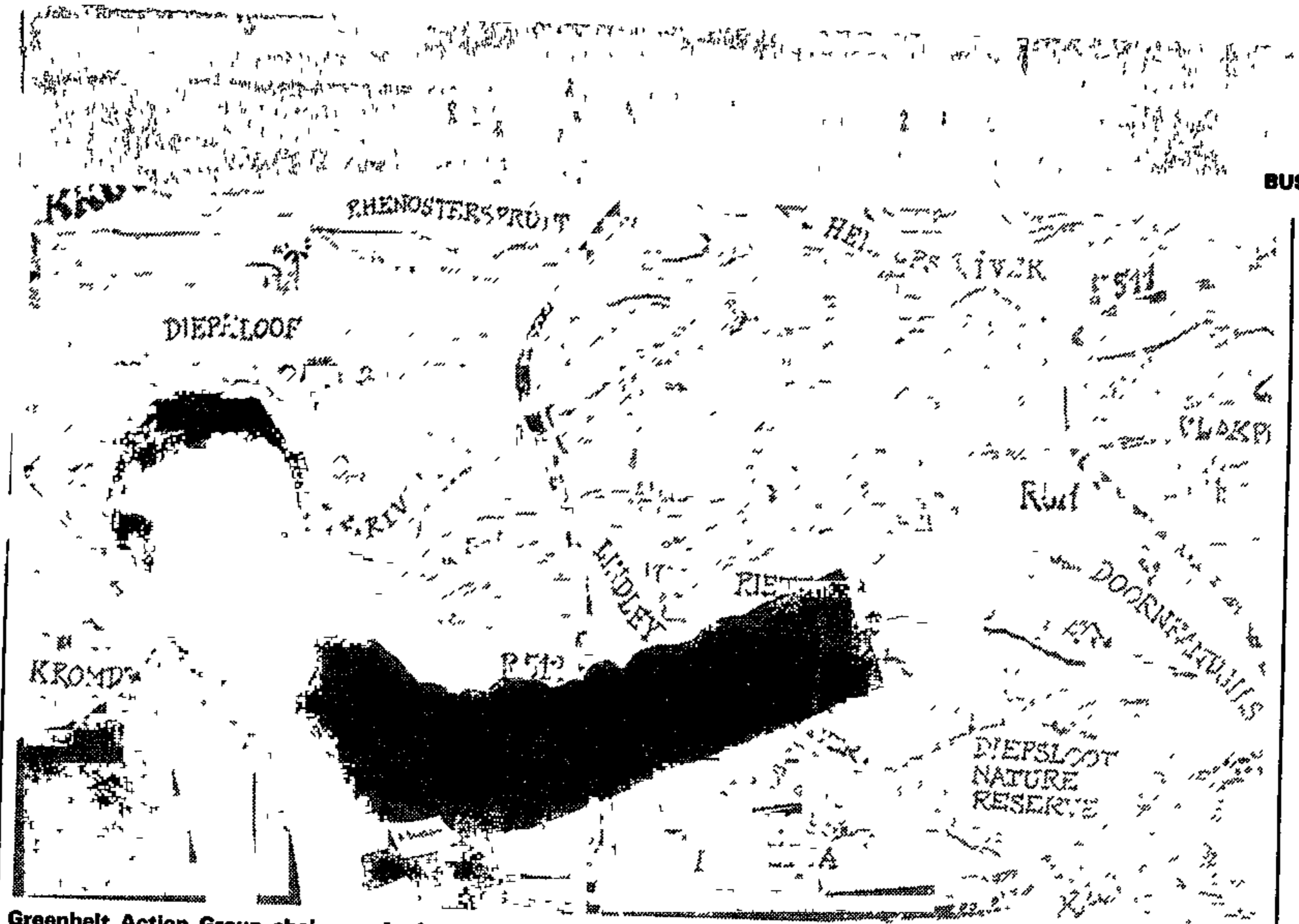
Government is also "passing the buck" and serviced land in new, less violent areas needs to be provided, where development can take place and loss is minimal, Nankan says

"There is a good future for the black townships as there will always be a middle- to lower-income group that needs to be housed, and people of the same culture tend to want to live together"

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Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan addresses a news conference yesterday. His group believes the Transvaal Provincial Administration plans to settle large squatter camps north of Johannesburg Picture ROBERT BOTHA

'Greenbelt' residents to fight on squatter issue

RESIDENTS of the plush "greenbelt" northwest of Johannesburg are squaring up for a fight with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) over the proposed development of the area which they fear will include large-scale squatting

The Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) yesterday announced it would form a civic association to prevent the TPA from developing low-cost housing and relocating squatters in the area, which lies between the Sandton/Randburg boundaries and the Hartebeespoort Dam.

TPA MEC for Planning John Mavuso announced plans yesterday for several small low-cost housing sites in the "greenbelt", saying there was a "need of land for the settlement of low-income communities north of Randburg and Sandton".

GAG, which represents conservation-minded residents, said the area should be preserved as a "green lung" to be used for limited development and recreation.

GAG chairman Anthony Dugan said yesterday the development was "ill conceived", and accused the TPA of lacking a development strategy and practising ad hoc "crisis management".

He said timeshare apartments and small industries were also threatening the area

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Asked why he thought the "greenbelt" should be spared the development of the rest of the PWV area, he said the "green lung" was essential for the PWV

He said he was sympathetic to the plight of squatters, who are increasingly moving into the "greenbelt", but said it was the function of the TPA, not GAG, to properly house victims of bad policy.

He added that Randburg and Sandton councils had shown a willingness to relocate squatters currently living in the "greenbelt". Moving homeless people in small numbers to the area would not work, he said, because small squatter settlements inevitably grew into big ones.

Mavuso said yesterday the TPA would consult ratepayers' associations and "other interest groups" in the region over its plans, and added that the TPA executive committee had not yet taken any decision on the development of the area

But he said discussions with local authorities in the area had concluded that a recommendation be made to the TPA executive committee that small concentrations of low-cost housing should be developed in the area

Shortage of upmarket housing to be tackled

THE shortage of upmarket residential land is among the criticisms lodged most frequently against Germiston, but the city council is taking steps to overcome the problem.

Town secretary Tomie Heyneke says. "We have a good supply of housing in the middle-market range, but there is a demand for executive quality housing which has not been met."

He says this need will largely be met by the proposed amalgamation with Bedfordview, established as a prestigious residential address.

At the same time, a proposal for the development of apartment blocks aimed at the young executive on the banks of Germiston Lake is under consideration

Management committee chairman Leon Louw says "People have the wrong impression of Germiston as a place to stay

"The tendency is to think of it as an industrial city, but it offers a high quality of lifestyle, with all the conveniences of a major centre."

Congestion in the CBD is minimal, while parking is usually readily available

The city is bisected by an unparalleled "sports and recreation belt", meeting the needs of a range of people and ensuring a green lung is maintained at its centre.

It also boasts a major regional shopping centre and an adequate supply of convenience shops.

"Yet despite the advantages of the city, residen-

tial properties are considerably cheaper than those of its neighbours, although this advantage will not be maintained indefinitely," Louw says

As far as residential property development is concerned, Heyneke says the development of upmarket housing can be left to the free market.

Focus

The council's philosophy, on the other hand, is to focus on the need for low-cost housing

"We cannot lose sight of the hundreds of thousands of people to the south of Germiston who live in squalid conditions

"Their needs have to take priority," he says

The low-cost housing issue is one of many to be sorted out if Germiston's proposed amalgamation with Katlehong becomes a reality

"All the parties involved agree housing will probably be the priority of the future," says Heyneke

"Intimately linked with this is the need to provide and manage services at an adequate level of quality."

The biggest informal settlement in the area has developed on serviced industrial land, so he says at this stage the provision of base-line services is less of an issue than administration and management

"But we have agreed that both water and waterborne sewage must be supplied to any new housing development," he says.

Amalgamation of town councils bodes well for the future

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A PROPOSED amalgamation with Katlehong, Palm Ridge and Bedfordview will make Germiston the first city in SA to combine the established residential areas of all population groups. In the process, it is expected to give the city a lead in establishing the new SA, drawing in overseas investors and creating an environment for industrial peace and prosperity.

At the same time, the city expects to make the transition to a changed national political structure more smoothly.

Town clerk Tomie Heyneke says "We decided to join forces with Katlehong for practical reasons.

"When your neighbour is drowning, you have two choices. You can pull him out, or you can let him drag you down with him.

"Our survival is linked with that of Katlehong, and it makes sense to centralise the administration of the two areas to improve efficiency and quality."

Inevitable

He says it is inevitable that the future will see the borders of cities and regions being altered to address the inequalities in viability between black and white areas.

"Why wait until we are forced to join hands?"

"By reaching an amicable agreement now, we can develop a system, forge links and train people to be ready to meet the changes.

"Indications are that cities will be able to choose from a variety of models in determining how they will be run, and we will be better able to choose what is best if we are already friends."

Heyneke says inefficient administration and poor services are a major cause of distress and resentment within black townships.

"Someone who receives an electricity bill of R3 000

because of an administrative error isn't going to attempt to deal with it.

"The administration of Katlehong is inefficient because it lacks the money and equipment to be anything else.

"By making our facilities available and helping to train staff, we can make a substantial difference to the residents of the town."

This move has met with widespread approval from industry, which sees it as a positive step towards stability and security.

"Most industrialists want to see their workforce enjoying an improved quality of life, if only because this makes them more reliable and productive," he says.

If the amalgamation comes off, the city plans to consolidate political and administrative control in Germiston, with regional offices operating in Katlehong and Bedfordview.

The proposed political body will comprise 57 councillors, made up of the existing seats in Bedfordview, Germiston, Palm Ridge and Katlehong. This body will govern the whole of the greater Germiston area.

Another resolution, however, indicates that spending will not be spread evenly across the board.

Monies collected will be spent on the areas where they have been collected, apart from a nominal initial 5% which will be fed to Katlehong.

Before its success can be assured, however, various challenges must be met.

"A potential pitfall is the

need to end the rent and service boycott in Katlehong," says Heyneke.

"Arrears amount to millions, it owes Eskom R26m.

"We're working as much as possible with the civic associations and the suppliers to reach some agreement over payment.

"At the same time, we need to persuade the residents to pay at least some of the money owing to Katlehong Town Council to enable it to settle its debts."

Priority

If negotiations do not come unstuck over this issue, a priority will be to improve the quality of services in Katlehong.

"Having won the residents' co-operation over paying for what they get, we will aim to bring about improvements as rapidly as possible. Linked with this, we aim to heed the cry for a balanced tax base.

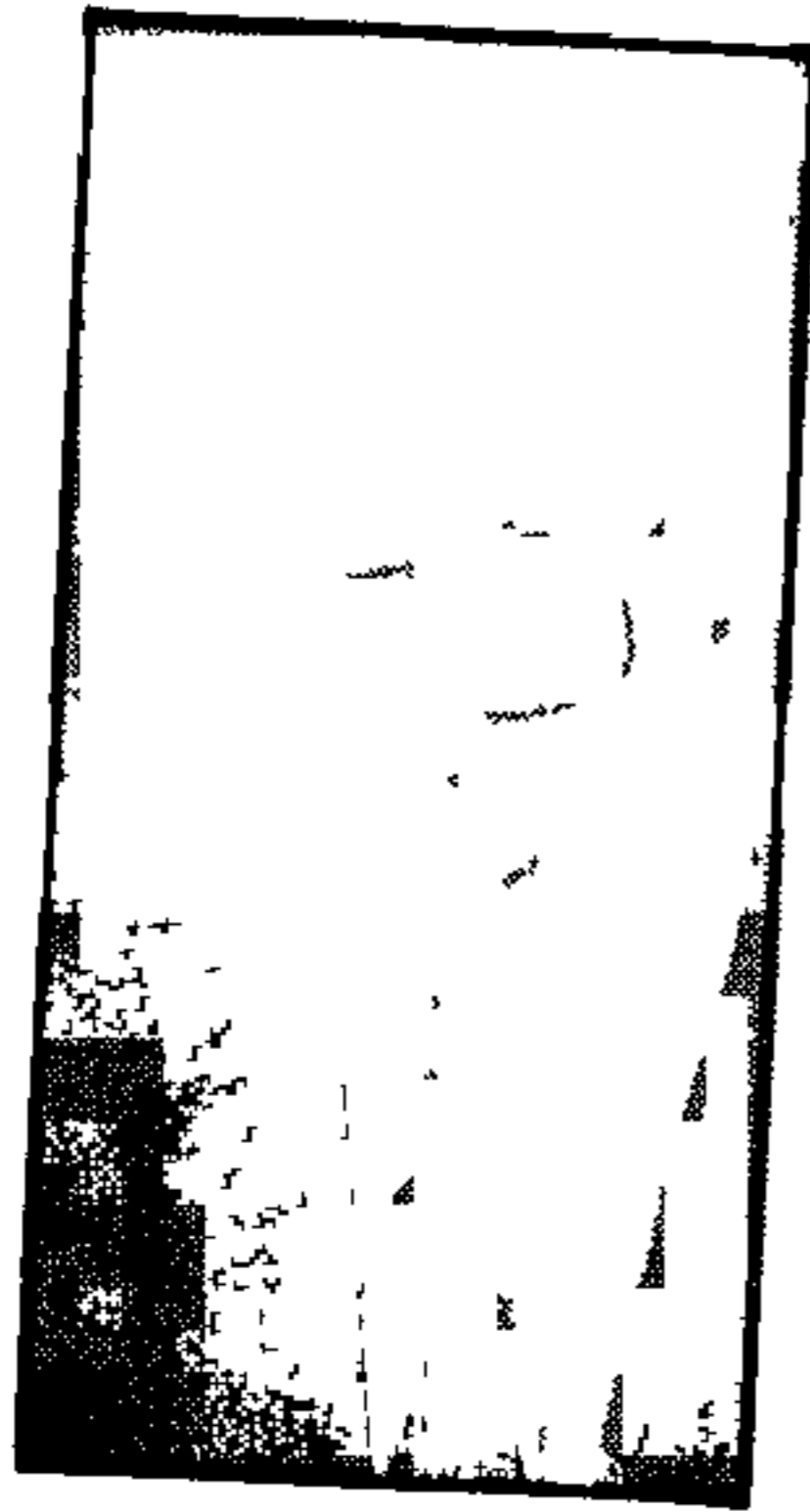
"But Germiston cannot take on the load for uplifting Katlehong unaided."

Response to the proposed merger has been mixed.

Some Bedfordview ratepayers are bitterly opposed on the grounds that the merger will rob their town of its exclusive identity and cost them money.

CP councillors in Germiston have little objection to amalgamating with Bedfordview — but are resisting suggestions that Germiston link hands with Katlehong.

No response was received from community and council representatives in Katlehong.



LEON LOUW

City council in feud with Ennerdale folks

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THE housing feud between the Johannesburg City Council and the Ennerdale and Surrounding Areas Civic Association came to a head on Tuesday when an urgent Supreme Court application was brought against the residents.

Esca spokesman Mr Roger McCulloch said matters had reached this stage because of the city council demand that residents, who bought the houses under a deed of sale, now take transfer of the properties and pay arrear rentals or face eviction

"But the council is asking between R27 000 and R35 000 for houses in Ennerdale Extension 5 that have been valued at no

more than R15 000 "

In addition, major financial institutions have pulled out of the housing scheme, which he says has been poorly constructed

The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research had condemned the majority of the houses, recommending that some be broken down to window level and rebuilt

"All we want is for the city council to discuss our grievances with us and value the houses more realistically - something they have consistently refused to do for the past six years "

Apparently previous resident committees also tried without success to elicit a response from the council, which McCulloch says is only prepared to discuss the matter on its own terms

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Chairman of the Johannesburg City Council Management Committee Mr Ian Davidson described "as absolute nonsense" the charge that bonds were not available because of the poor quality of the houses

"Of the 800 houses in the original development scheme, 400 have been sold already "

Davidson admitted that tests carried out by the CSIR found certain defects

Davidson said it was agreed that an independent arbitrator would decide the value of individual houses, and assess the cost of repairing defects

It was agreed to waive the rental backlog for the time being if residents paid the current rental. The residents would then apply for bonds - SA Press Association

TPA plans new black townships

RECOMMENDATIONS have been made to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for the establishment of low-cost communities north of Randburg and Sandton.

Representatives of the TPA have had talks with all the relevant local authorities in the area, including the Local Government Affairs Council, in connection with the proposed development.

TPA MEC Mr John

By **JOSHUA RABOROKO**

Mavuso said it had been agreed that the need for low-cost housing in that region should not be met through concentrations on one two large sites, but rather through smaller concentrations spread over more areas.

It was also decided that the different local authorities should consult

with the ratepayers' associations and other interest groups in their area.

The TPA has, however, not yet taken any decision on the development.

The critical housing shortage has created problems in South Africa and many private enterprises and property institutions have made efforts to alleviate the crisis

Shelter

Over the past four and half years, a total of 29 000 families have obtained housing through developers and contractors working with the SA Housing Trust, providing shelter for an estimated 190 000 people.

The building of these houses was underpinned by the provision of some 40 000 serviced stands in close co-operation with local community representatives.

However, financial institutions have been reluctant to enter the low-income market in any meaningful way.



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TPA looks set to extend house ownership

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THE decision by the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber to transfer about 118 000 houses to residents has resulted in pressure to extend full ownership to all Transvaal blacks

There are already strong indications that the Transvaal Provincial Administration has accepted this principle

The chamber this week approved a Soweto Civic Association recommendation that 118 499 rented or leasehold houses in Greater Soweto be transferred to residents. The older houses — about 104 000 — would be handed over free of charge, while others would go at reduced cost. Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl told the

chamber's meeting on Wednesday night that he would take the decision to the Cabinet for approval

The chamber's decision, he said, would have "tremendous" implications countrywide. If approved by government, the move would be a major step towards granting property rights to blacks

Civics association Cast yesterday called on the TPA to extend full ownership of all 333 000 state-owned houses in the Transvaal

Cast deputy president Kgaps Mosunkuthu said it would make no sense for the

TPA, and indeed central government, to refuse to grant the same agreement to all other township residents

Mosunkuthu said the decision was a victory for people who had struggled for many years for what was rightly theirs

The transfer of the housing stock had been one of Soweto residents' demands during the five-year rent boycott, and it grew louder after the September 1990 signing of the Greater Soweto Accord which wrote off R516m in arrears

"As such we also appreciate the TPA finally acknowledging the right of every individual to own a home — to purchase a house if they so wish," Mosunkuthu said

Electricity may be cut to 4 Vaal townships next week

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ELECTRICITY supplies to four Vaal Triangle townships could be cut next week and a meeting to discuss the fate of three of the areas had been scheduled for Tuesday, officials said.

Nigel Mandy, secretary of a negotiating forum formed by civic leaders and authorities, said he had unconfirmed information that power to Bophelong could be cut off on Monday by its supplier, the Vanderbijlpark Town Council.

The talks would involve members of a subcommittee of the forum to discuss the situation in Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong townships, Mandy said.

Town treasurer for the four townships G P Roets said Sharpeville was "in real danger" of losing electricity.

Mandy said "I have notified the attorneys of the civics that the matter is to be discussed." The meeting will be held in Sebokeng at 10am.

Mandy said only townships where less than 65% of residents had paid for

their accounts were likely to lose electricity.

The Vaal Civic Association said the threatened action was "unjustified".

Administrators of the four townships have rejected complaints about non-delivery of accounts.

The agreement signed on August 20 between the concerned parties provides for a township council to consult the negotiating forum before cutting off power supplies.

Meanwhile, the Vaal Civic Association charged yesterday that residents of Sharpeville were "being subjected to terror" on a daily basis.

"Reports reaching us indicate a certain political party has been conducting a recruitment drive among our youth and methods being used are intimidation," VCA spokesman Paul Sithole said. He did not identify the group.

Sithole said the association had called a meeting of residents on Sunday to discuss the issue — Sapa

POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY

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To everything its season

Calls for a Black Christmas are not making much headway. The idea emanates mainly from the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) — the body which has sought to replace “government” township authorities with itself in conditions of violence and uncertainty for which it must bear some responsibility.

A Black Christmas is one in which blacks neither buy anything nor celebrate on the basis that there is nothing to celebrate. In fact, of course, this would mean a consumer boycott over the holidays, enforced, one must assume, by a variety of means. It must be expected that in certain areas Christmas gifts will have to be taken home in brown paper parcels disguised as essential medicines and foodstuffs which are exempt from the boycott.

Retailers are gloomily anticipating a Black Christmas in any case. Consumer spending is depressed and likely to remain so for some months. What most people want for 1992 is a job. To compel entire communities to forgo any enjoyment that the coming season might bring is to compound misery with discomfort. Perhaps that is the point.

What Cast and Azapo both appear to need is reassurance that nothing whatsoever is getting better — not the political situation, not the daily lot of average people, not even a sense that someday violence will abate and normality return.

Cast's demand that government should take decisive steps to end township violence is either meaningless or disingenuous; a Christmas consumer boycott would bring with it fear and recrimination in the affected communities.

What such calls and demands have in common is that they monotonously insist upon seeing blacks as perpetual victims. They are the sackcloth to go with the ashes of destitution. By implication, blacks can never improve their political or economic lot except through the negative force of boycott.

As last weekend's preparatory meeting on constitutional negotiations demonstrated, blacks are perfectly capable of sitting down to make significant deals on a common future. The presence of the ANC, for example, suggests that the main liberation movement now sees its best advantage in smoke-filled chambers of debate rather than in the streets — a major shift in emphasis from its stance earlier this year when it suspended negotiations because of violence.

The big question for next year is not who can appear most revolutionary in terms of street theatre. It will be whether the sharing of power will also mean, as it should, the sharing of responsibility. It is one thing to rant about taxes and the redistribution of wealth — quite another for an interim government to take a cold look at the national accounts and decide what is best for all. ■

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was provided with offices in Fordsburg, an dence from Bhamjee himself

MP wants blacks out of white Virginia

NEWLY elected CP MP for Virginia Kobus Beyers yesterday promised "drastic action" to remove black mine employees from white residential areas, but mine groups Genmin and Anglo refuse to budge on their integrated housing policies

"The mines are asking for big trouble and they are going to get it," Beyers said "They are going absolutely against the wishes of their white employees"

Genmin spokesman Laing Geldenhuys said Genmin would not accept discrimination against any of its employees

"Our employees are our assets, and we have to look

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after them If somebody qualifies for a company house, he gets it While we try to avoid confrontation where possible, we refuse to accept discrimination"

Anglo spokesman James Duncan said integration had always been group policy

Beyers said he had a mandate to speak on behalf of white mineworkers because they made up 80% of the constituency which elected him in a landslide victory last week

The white workers were concerned because there had been a "dismal collapse" of standards in areas

where black families had moved in

"Our strategies will start early in January Strike action could be part of it If the mines don't listen, they will have to feel The reality is if white mineworkers strike they will know all about it because they are much more dependent on white mineworkers than the others," he said

Similar controversy resulted in a crippling consumer boycott in Phalaborwa last month Black consumers boycotted white businesses in retaliation for right-wing action against a black mine employee who moved into a company house in a white area

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Eskom 'left much to be desired'

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THERE are probably legitimate reasons why people fail to pay their electricity bills, Eskom official Mr Johan du Plessis said during the Sowetan/Radio Metro Talk Show yesterday.

Du Plessis said it was the quality and management of supply that needed to be put right

He said meter readers were often not sufficiently trained and motivated to execute their duties

"Local authorities will need to train personnel to be able to provide quality service that will be without blemish"

The fact that meters were often out of order did not augur well for generating confidence among consumers

Du Plessis said the management of supply was an issue that left much to be desired in some of the black



local authorities. Eskom insisted on quality customer services and good relationships with the consumers

"Unfortunately that cannot be said of the black local authorities," he added.

He said Eskom could not always intervene when consumers encounter problems with municipalities

"They have the right of supply, and we leave it to them to administer the supply as they see fit," he said

Mr Peter Kgame said Eskom operated a power line service which tries to attend to queries made by the consumers

Soweto scheme to give 48 000⁽¹²¹⁾ houses for free

SOME of the 103 000 Soweto householders will next year be able to either own their houses for free or buy them at reduced prices, a Soweto Council spokesman said yesterday

The council's public relations officer Mr Mojalefa Moseki said he wanted to clarify reports that all 103 000 houses would be transferred freely to people who had been staying in them

"That is not so," he said

He said the scheme, devised to rescue Soweto services from collapsing, divided householders into three categories

People who have been renting their houses since 1962, who would automatically be given them free of charge;

People who rented their houses between 1962 and 1981 and do not owe money in terms of loans to the council, who would also get their houses free of charge; and

People who have been renting their houses since 1981, who would be allowed to purchase them at reduced prices. Negotiations will take place between interested parties

Pensioner won't pay high rates

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A 61-year-old pensioner from the southern suburbs of Johannesburg has refused to pay the increase in her rates account in protest against the new valuation roll

Patricia Hoffman of Lindberg Park has R100 outstanding on her account from July and refuses to pay until she can talk to someone at the council and get a fair hearing

"It may not sound such a lot of money, but when one is a pensioner and has to pay higher rates with all other expenses, every rand counts"

Mrs Hoffman has cancelled her car insurance and given up her phone to cut costs

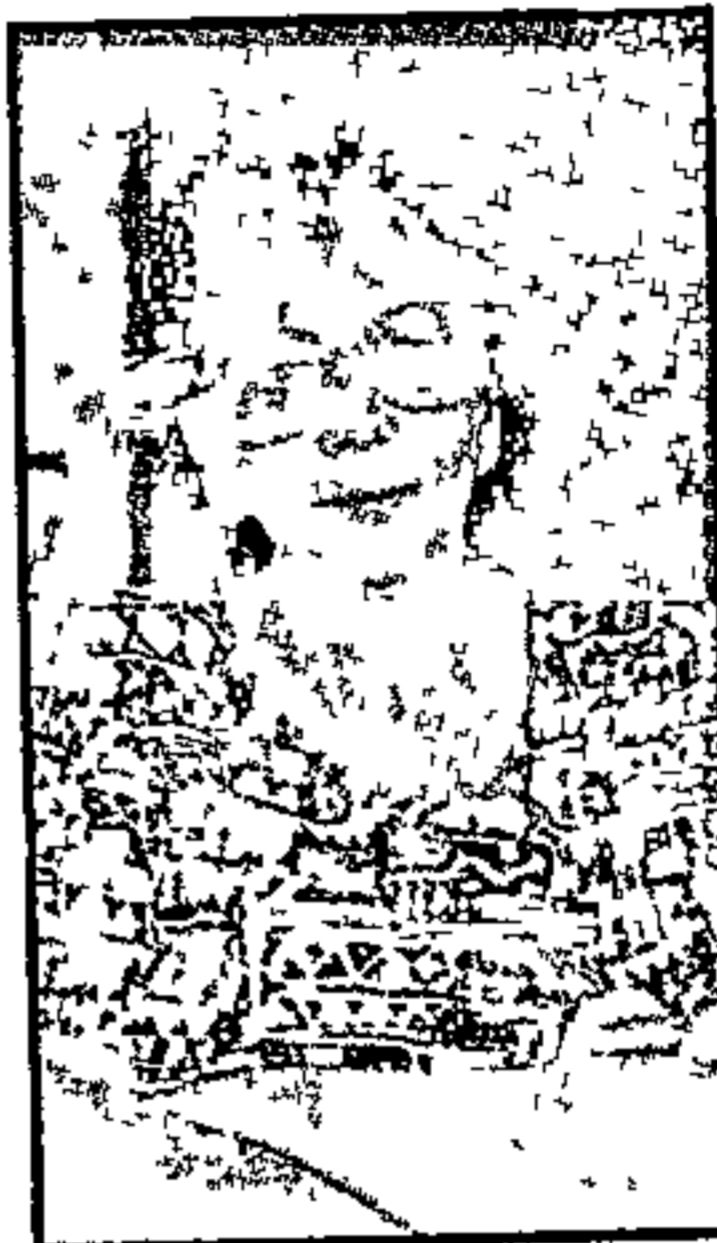
"How can they charge us such high rates when they don't even fix up the streets?" she asked

"A few days ago I tripped on a piece of uneven curbing and fell and hurt myself I have complained to the council but nothing has been done

"I hate being ignored No one seems to have any backbone in standing up to the council I am making a personal stand and others should join in," she said

According to a council treasury official, homeowners who do not pay their rates could face legal action

At last month's Johannesburg City Council



Taking a stand . . . pensioner Patricia Hoffman
Picture: Steven Davimes

meeting, independent councillor Sam Moss read out a letter from various ratepayers' associations threatening action if the council did not do something about the high rates increases

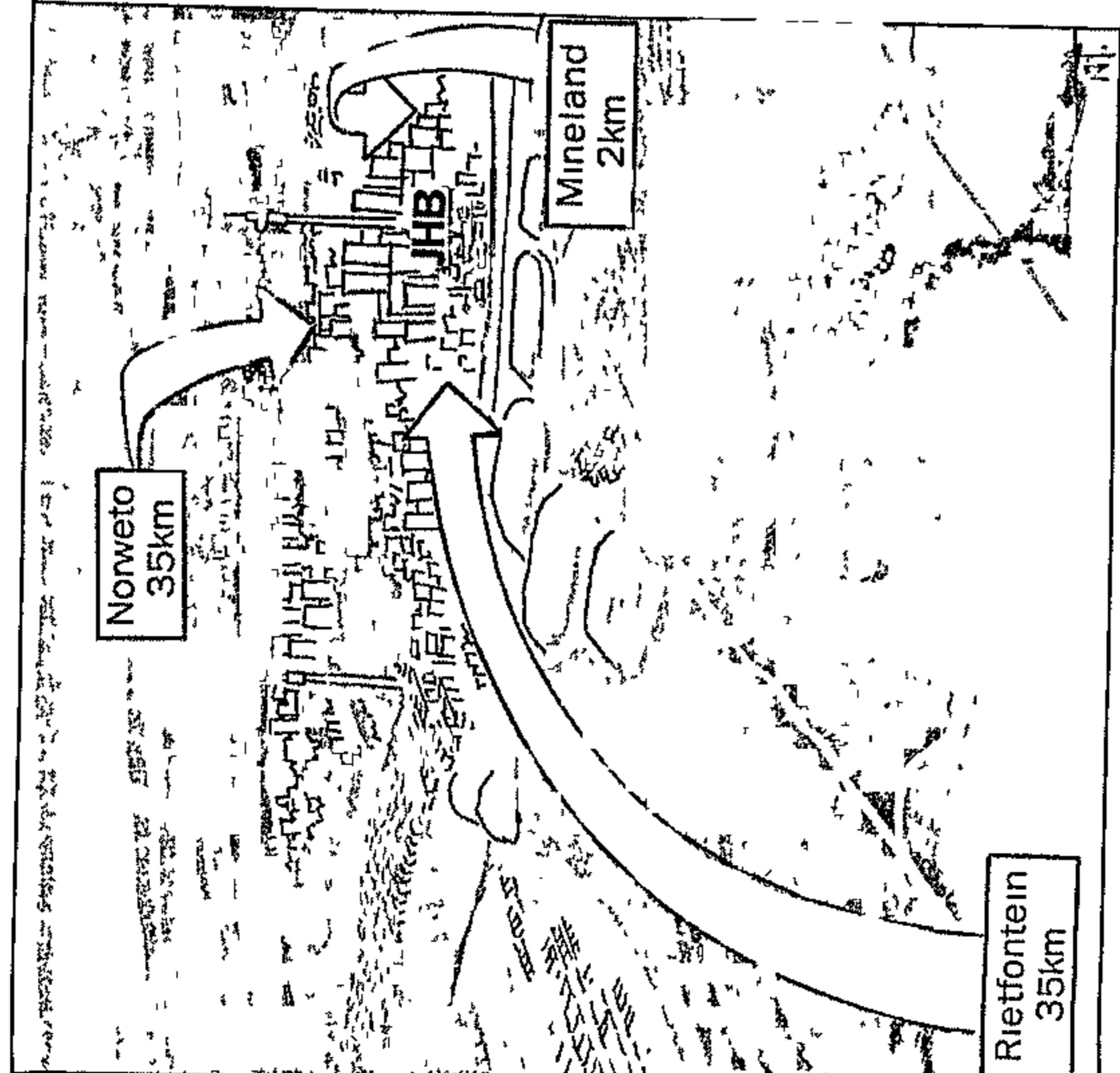
Mr Moss said he had been inundated with calls and letters from ratepayers all over Johannesburg who want to get involved in the rates revolt

Ratepayers demand that the existing valuation roll be replaced by a new roll by July 1993, residential rates be based on those of the previous financial year plus 10 percent from February 1 next year, profit generated by electricity be confined to 10 percent, and that costs be strictly controlled

Ratepayers have urged that the council respond to their demands by January 31 or resign



Johannesburg's inner-city housing option



PLANNING authorities seem set on accommodating millions of homeless people out in the green belts to the north and south of Johannesburg where only the more privileged live. There are no jobs out there and transport to where there are jobs will be expensive.

Meanwhile there are thousands of hectares of land near Johannesburg's central area where job opportunities exist — living derelict and with no announced plans for their future use.

According to the Johannesburg City Council there are 14 000 ha of mainly derelict land suitable for housing and industry — well over double Soweto's 6 000 ha.

In fact, the mines own about 50 sq km or 12 percent of municipal Johannesburg but precise figures are hard to come by.

The mining companies pay no rates or taxes on most of it because it is designated agricultural — and they appear to be under no pressure to put it to good use.

Much mine land is probably permanently unsuitable for development. Some parts might be needed again by the mines if the gold price rises. But tens of thousands of hectares some still under mine dumps can be used for housing — if only a viable way could be found.

Civil engineer Cliff McMillan of the Planning Professions Forum believes market forces on their own will not alter the

situation in the near future and says a pro-active approach is needed. He warns it is 'pie in the sky to believe this can be done painlessly and that creative solutions will have to be devised if land in the inner areas is to be made available to house hundreds of thousands of workers.

Meanwhile the planning authorities — mainly the TPA — are behaving as if the inner-city options (such as using mine land) did not exist. The TPA has suggested allocating land on the farm Rietfontein — 35 km south of Johannesburg — and 20 km north of Vanderbijlpark — for a new city. It says it could accommodate 32 million people soon after the turn of the century. The city would have to be built from scratch at a cost of many billions of rands in an area where there is no economic growth. It would be founded on a site-and-service basis — the homeless being offered serviced stands on which to build shacks.

One of the problems with out-of-town site-and-service is that they are pay later schemes. Costs for instance R1 000-R1 300 a year to bring each worker into the metropolis. Mr McMillan points out that that is the equivalent of repayments on a R6 000 bond.

South Africans because apartheid forced black workers out of town already pay billions of rands a year in transportation costs between townships and workplaces. That's just for

JAMES CLARKE argues that unused mine land could be used to solve Johannesburg's housing problems

One must also add the costs of highways (R4 million a kilometre for a four-lane) and rail links.

Ian Davidson, chairman of the Johannesburg council's management committee said in an interview that the council firmly believed that the current situation, in which the poor lived a long way out of town and the rich lived near town was the reverse of what should be.

We need to redevelop and redevelop the city, he said. 'Some mine land is undoubtedly useful for high-density residential accommodation and for industry. There is also the eastern part of the city which is run down and which should be redeveloped for residential purposes.

Site-and-service schemes on the periphery as a short term expedient have their advantages but in the long term are extremely costly.

The council is discussing the issue with various interested parties and the subject was broached at last week's two-day brainstorming workshop on the future of central Johannesburg. A think-tank agency of all interested parties — including the communities involved — is

been established to resolve such issues.

The President's Council report on the management of the South African natural and built environment specifically recommended that urban expansion must not be at the expense of farmland and said cities may have to resort to vertical development to avoid stretching lines of communication to economic breaking-points.

In the previous Johannesburg council debate on the issue of using mine land for cheap housing (1987), Dr Selma Browde claimed that when the West Rand Administration Board wanted mine land for housing they were quoted as saying: 'The mines. Yet much of the land will never be used by the mines even if the price of gold doubles.'

Economist Godfrey Dunkley suggested at the time that the mines should pay rates no matter how worthless their land and that this would force them to recognise the value of their land to society.

Cliff McMillan, the new chairman of Ove Arup Inc and a member of the Planning Professions Forum said in an interview that mine-owned land was potentially part of the answer for siting high-density housing — but we are talking of housing people with jobs not the jobless who cannot afford it.

If the land is to be bought it must be at market prices and it must be viable to all concerned.

He rejected subsidised housing in the city saying that, although the Independent Development Trust was subsidising shack dwellers at R7 500 each this was pretty useless in urban circumstances where the cheapest residential unit would cost R35 000 (a small flat in a three-storey block).

The subsidy was useful, Mr McMillan said, only in the context of cheap land such as one finds out of town at places such as Orange Farm.

He said there were no discernible forces currently acting to stimulate inner-city development on a large scale. But he felt those with jobs 'must surely be the target together with their employers.

But it will not happen quickly if left to the market alone. Creative financing schemes involving local authorities, employers, developers and the institutions need to be found to enable major mixed-use developments to be undertaken in the inner areas.

Otherwise valuable land close to the city centre will remain under-utilised until it is suitable for commercially viable development or until it is expropriated by a future administration with different priorities.

This still leaves the question of housing the jobless. They would feel the hardship of living in new cities even more than would the employed. □

Pretoria Council wants new tariffs

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents have been given until noon today to either pay new tariffs proposed by the Pretoria City Council or submit economically viable solutions to the township's rent problem.

The Pretoria City Council, in a statement released yesterday, said they had recommended that Atteridgeville residents pay tariffs similar to those paid by whites in the city and Indians and coloureds in Laudium and Eersterust, respectively.

The proposed tariffs are refuse (R13 a month), electricity (12,32 cents a unit), water (78 cents a kilolitre),

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sewerage (R14,70 and R7,35) during the first and second points respectively)

The council said these proposals had already been discussed with the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' organisation, the Interim Committee and Ministers Fraternal

Asked by *Sowetan* if they had taken into account the fact that the infrastructure, including roads and other facilities in Atteridgeville were far below par than in the city, Laudium and Eersterust, a spokesman for the council said these tariffs were the lowest as compared with those in Verwoerdburg

"The council did take that into account. But these are just our proposals. Residents representatives have been asked to submit tariffs they want to pay. We are also going to meet with the representatives on Monday," a council spokesman said.

The organisations indicated to the council that they needed more time to discuss these proposals with residents and asked that they be given until next Thursday to respond. This request was turned down.

The council has indicated that if no proposals came forth from the residents by noon today, their (council) proposed tariffs would be implemented next Monday.

A spokesman for the council yesterday said in terms of the agreement between the three organisations and Atteridgeville's administrator, Mr Maartiens Nel, residents had to pay a monthly flat rate of R75 during October and November and then determine an acceptable fixed rate payable from December 1.

"Residents' organisations failed to submit these proposals. That is why the Pretoria council recommended their own tariffs. Atteridgeville residents now have until 12 noon today to either accept these tariffs or come up with their suggested figures," a council spokesman said.

Blackout in Vaal Triangle

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By GRACE RAPHOLO

FOUR Vaal townships can brace themselves for a Christmas without water and lights following an announcement that electricity and water cuts will be implemented in the area from Monday.

The townships to be affected by the power cuts are Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong.

Residents have only up to today to pay their accounts or face a black-out, Sebokeng administrator

Mr HC Immelman said

Administrators of the townships said payment for monthly services had declined steadily. In cases where less than 65 percent of residents paid their accounts, the township would be blacked out completely. In areas where payment was reasonable, only individual defaulters would be penalised.

Immelman said last week the town council had

issued notices warning residents that non-payment would lead to electricity and water supplies cuts.

He said money was needed for payment of personnel salaries, provision of water, provision of electricity and maintenance of underground cables, substations and the network.

Sebokeng town clerk Mr NP Louw said the council was not making any profit on electricity supplied to residents.

The VCA chairman, Mr Malik Madise said they

were embarrassed by the administrators' intentions to cut off water and electricity supplies.

He said the intention amounted to contravention of the agreement that was signed.

He accused the administrators of trying to foment violence since Christmas was the worst time to switch off the lights.

He said the matter would be referred to a forum jointly established by the VCA, TPA and the municipalities.

Free homes plan

CP Correspondent

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SOWETO tenants who have been rent-payers for years - some families have been paying for three generations - are excited at the news that they might soon enjoy full and free ownership of their matchbox houses.

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This week, the Transvaal Provincial Administration met the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber and the TPA, agreed to a recommendation that ownership of rented houses be given over to tenants free. The Civic Associations of the Transvaal has long been campaigning for this.

Discounted

The takeover scheme applies to houses built before 1962. Those built after the beginning of 1962 would be sold at a discounted rate. This is the suggestion the chamber and the TPA would put to the government.

But, says the TPA, in the end it is only the government that could make the transfer of rented houses to tenants a reality. The TPA, which accepted the transfer of houses in principle, still had to submit its report on the matter to the Cabinet for its consideration and approval.

A pamphlet explaining the housing agreement will be distributed to every household in greater Soweto.

Saving the dying

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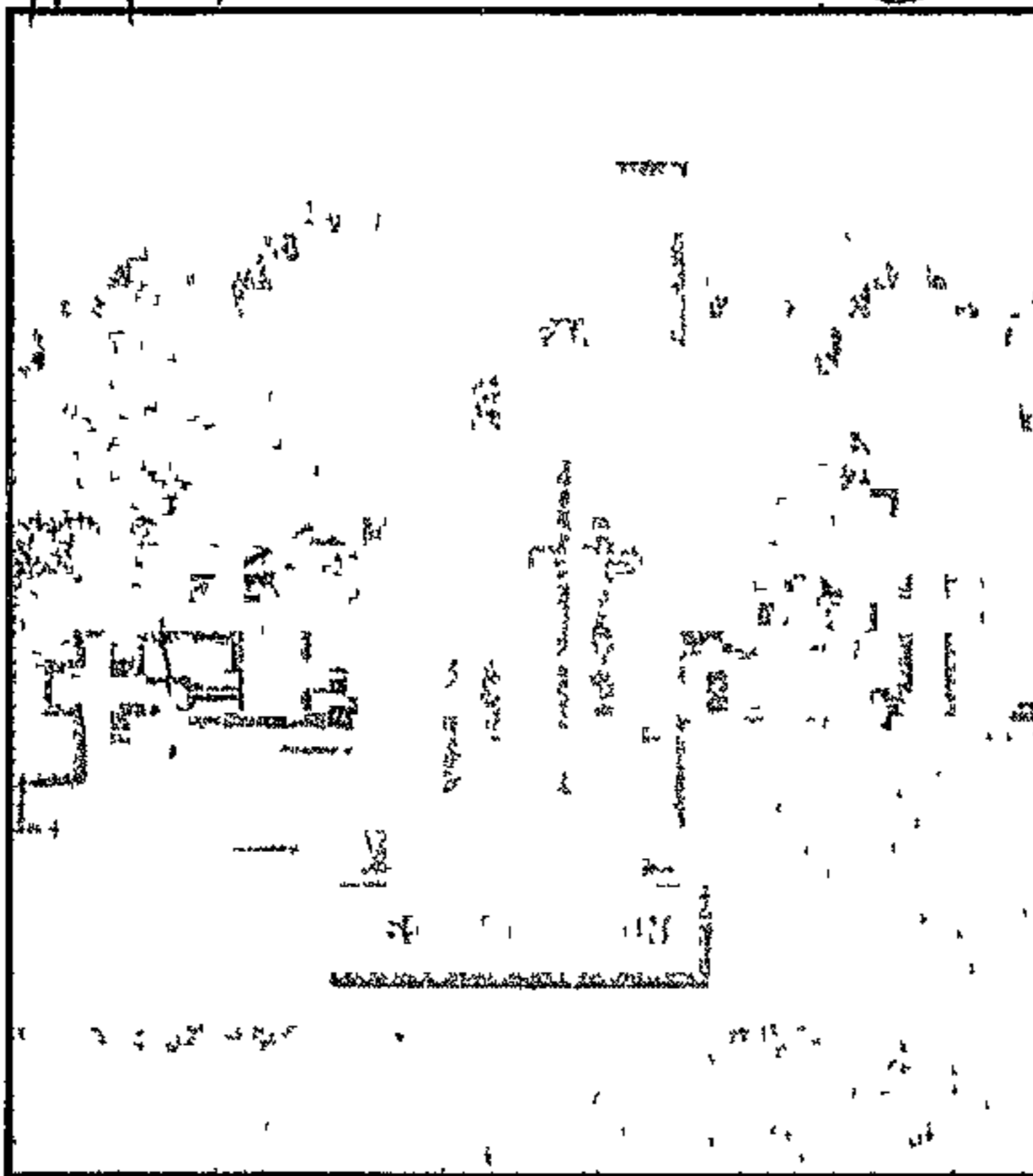
THE complexion of rightwing towns in the eastern Transvaal is quietly changing, and conservative whites in these areas do not seem to be putting up much resistance

More and more blacks are moving into these economically depressed towns, which rely heavily on the buying power of blacks for survival

Whites in these hardcore rightwing areas do not appear to be opposing the move. In fact, they are making way for blacks to move in

The once flourishing dorps and towns are dying a slow death. Some have already been ruined and those that still show signs of life are being maintained by the buying power of blacks

While these rightwingers chant racist



GRAVE MATTER ... Blacks can buy homes in CP areas, but cannot be buried there.

slogans at political meetings, they turn a blind eye to their new black neighbours when they return to their homes

This is happening in Akasia, Bethal, Breyten,

Carolina, Ermelo and Standerton - towns which are as rightwing as Ventersdorp

Blacks say they are attracted to these towns because they "walk freely"

in the streets, there is no noise, drunkenness and most importantly, the houses are cheaper than those in the township

Blacks have found homes in these CP-controlled towns in the eastern Transvaal, particularly in Standerton, where hundreds of houses are standing empty

A modern four-bedroomed house with a huge yard sells for between R40 000 to R65 000 in town, while a small house with little garden space sells for much more in the township

The people moving in are not tycoons, and many are not even affluent. They are the Mr and Mrs Average who work in department stores, or as cops, miners, teachers and nurses

Their only problem is that bigotry prevents them from using local amenities. Whites want to keep kindergartens, recreation facilities, schools, churches, hotels and restaurants reserved for themselves.

But the new residents are coping with little difficulty and feel the inconvenience is worth it.

The rightwingers and the CP say they are forced by the "sellout" government of President FW de Klerk to allow blacks to buy in their towns and to live "tussen ons"

The CP says as soon as it comes to power, all blacks will be kicked out of white areas.

Newly elected MP for Virginia, Kobus Beyers, said the overwhelming CP majority in Virginia showed a complete rejection of government policies, particularly the effect of "forced integration" through the scrapping of the Group Areas Act

He said hundreds of blacks had moved into "white" towns and mine houses

"As soon as the CP takes over the government all blacks will be kicked out," he said

Estate agents disagree, and say blacks are in these areas to stay

Just economics

Several estate agents canvassed by City Press said the pressure to sell houses to blacks was based on economics, not on "forced integration".

They pointed out that in most cases, blacks were moving into "redundant" mining towns because



GREAT MATES ... Standerton six-year-olds Hugo Naude and Sabelo Ndlovu defy prejudice

As whites walk, money talks - and the Right turns blind to colour

hundreds of houses previously occupied by whites were standing empty

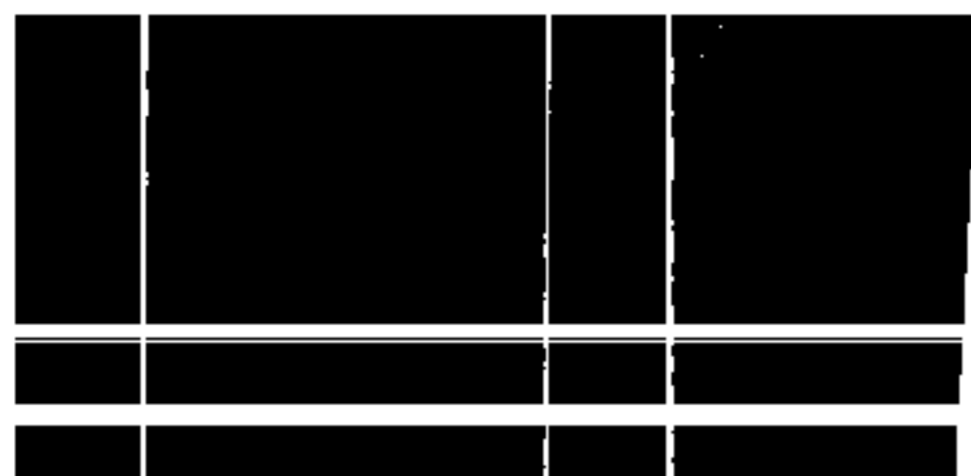
Whites were moving out because the towns were in economic decline. This forced a drop in house prices because there was no demand.

"Selling to blacks is revitalising the market and giving the towns the economic lift urgently needed," said Manuel de Sousa, of De Sousa Estate Agents in Standerton

"They also realise that a town is made up of a collective community and not by an exclusive section of the population," De Sousa said

Another estate agent said very few whites were actually complaining about blacks in their areas, as they realised their prejudices were unfounded and their new neighbours kept to themselves

"People are giving Christian charity, a chance. In essence, people are saying 'Do unto others as you would do unto yourself'," he said.



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BAR-FACED CHEEK . . . Thabo Tsotetsi outside the "all white" Standerton hotel that kicked him out for being black.



GONE FOR A SONG . . . Anna Mdebele and her children stand in front of their new house, which the family bought in a CP stronghold for next to nothing.

Bid to resolve non-payment

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau (127)

The Bedfordview Town Council, which is a member of Greater Germiston, has recommended that an independent mediator be urgently appointed to help address and resolve the non-payment of municipal accounts. *Star 9/12/91*

Greater Germiston consists of the amalgamation of Germiston, Bedfordview, Katlehong and Palm Ridge.

The Bedfordview council said the mediator must be acceptable to all the participating local authorities.

The mediator would convey and obtain support for the principle of

one tax base and to ensure continued involvement of all interested groups by means of agreement to the amalgamation process.

The council said that, in the event of the rent and services boycott not being permanently discontinued, provision should be made for the withdrawal from the agreement by any of the participating local authorities.

The council recommended that for final full amalgamation to take place, municipal services, including the provision of water, would be rendered only to those consumers and rate-payers who made the required financial contribution

Rightwingers call off attack

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A BLACK family that moved into the conservative Northern Transvaal town of Louis Trichardt has had peaceful nights lately as stones that have been raining on their roof have stopped

Mr Ducksy Mukhondo, who moved into a white Louis Trichardt suburb in October, said the attacks stopped last week after a report in the *Sowetan* highlighting his plight. His family had been a victim of rightwing attackers who

● Threw stones on his roof every night without fail since October 4,

● Fired nine rounds of high-calibre rifle shots at the house, missing Mukhondo by inches, and

● Invaded his yard and

By MATHATHA
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when confronted, told him they owned the town and could walk anywhere they wanted

The *Sowetan* reported that after the last incident Mukhondo was allegedly expelled from the police station where he reported the matter. Police allegedly told him that the white prowler had the right of movement in the town and if Mukhondo did not like that, he could go back to his village.

Mukhondo yesterday said he met the station commander to complain

"The station commander appeared very upset by the matter and said it was still being investi-

gated. He however told me that the white man's wife and children had made statements that the man had been outside my yard and not inside

"I told Captain Pretorius, the station commander, that I knew my yard and its boundaries well enough. The man was inside my yard. He said he would see to it that I am safe here and since that day we have had peaceful sleep

"We now wonder what it is that was done by the police that could not have been done when we were complaining about the stones since October," Mukhondo said

Police comment could not be obtained at the weekend

Blackout in 4 Vaal townships

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FOUR Vaal townships will have their water and lights cut today because residents' payments have been too low to cover the cost of the services.

The townships are Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong and Sharpeville

The ANC has condemned the move, saying "service tariffs were beyond the reach of most residents, and municipal services were inadequate in any event".

"Rent crises cannot be solved by threats of power and water cuts.

"Instead, township administrators and the

Transvaal Provincial Administration authorities should negotiate with the Vaal Civic Association to decide how much residents can afford to pay and how to make townships economically viable - plus tariffs affordable."

A memorandum of agreement had been signed by the VCA and the TPA, in terms of which residents were to make stipulated monthly payments for municipal services provided by the council.

Sebokeng administrator Mr HC Immelman said they were bound by the agreement, which was signed by the VCA, TPA and administrators, to cut supplies if fewer than 65

percent of township residents failed to pay for services rendered by the municipality.

The VCA has accused the administrators of violating the agreement by cutting supplies.

VCA chairman Mr Malik Madise said the matter would be referred to the Negotiating Forum, which was established to deal with parties that transgressed clauses of the agreement.

The ANC also rejected attempts by the Pretoria City Council to charge Ateridgeville and Saulsville residents tariffs similar to those paid by whites in the city and by Indians and coloureds in Laudium and Eersterus.

Threat to cut Atteridgeville power (127)

Pretoria Bureau

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The Pretoria City Council yesterday said it might be forced to switch off electricity supplies to Atteridgeville if the township's leadership failed to submit an economic tariff by Thursday

Pretoria Regional Services Council vice chairman and council member, Councillor Cor Uys, said the council would be forced to take action if people did not pay for services

Representatives of the At-

teridgeville residents were told of the council's decision to consider adopting tariffs applicable in the Pretoria areas, including coloured and Indian townships

Mr Uys said the tariffs paid in the Pretoria areas were justifiable even if they might not be enough to cover the budget of the township

He said the RSC had voted on R87 million for the upgrading of Atteridgeville

The council's threat to suspend electricity follows a breach of an October 1

agreement between the authorities and leaders of the Atteridgeville Saulsville Residents Organisation and Saulsville Atteridgeville Interim Committee

The Pretoria RSC had made available as surity an amount totalling R1 million for the period from the agreement date up to November 30.

Chairman of the RSC, Dr Piet Delpport, said representatives had breached the October 1 contract by not coming up with the tariffs

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Last-minute reprieve on blackout

Vereeniging Bureau (127)

Residents of four Vaal townships, who were facing an electricity blackout yesterday due to non-payment of accounts, have again been granted a last-minute reprieve

The deadline for defaulters in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Boipatong has been extended to December 17, after which power will definitely be cut off, Harry Immelman, one of the administrators for the area, confirmed yesterday

The threatened blackout follows a steady decline in monthly payments for services since the last mass power cuts in the area earlier this year

According to Mr Immelman, administrator of Sebokeng and Bophelong, residents were bound by a memorandum of agreement — signed by the Vaal Civic Associations, TPA and local township administrators — to cut the power supply if fewer than the stipulated 65 percent of residents failed to pay for services

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Prepaid meters for townships

By Abel Mabelane
East Rand Bureau

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Town councils in East Rand black townships are negotiating with Eskom for the installation of prepaid electricity meters.

In the interim, councils are warning rent boycotting residents to pay up or face electricity switch offs over Christmas.

The administrator of Duduza, Willie Robinson, said only 27 percent of residents were paying rent. The council had received R280 000 from the Regional Services Council for the installation of prepaid meters, which, he believed, would restore trust in the black townships accounting system which had already lost credibility.

Tsakane's administrator, Jim Vining, whose council owed Eskom R4 million, said the council was also negotiating with Eskom for the installation of prepaid meters.

The mayor of Vosloorus, Morris Sinukela, said at least 67 percent of residents were paying rent. Residents who did not had their power cut off, as was happening in individual houses in Tembisa at Hospital View and Moriteng Section.

One week's grace for Vaal

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Sowetan Reporter

10/12/91

FOUR Vaal townships which nearly had their water and lights cut off yesterday have been given until next Tuesday to pay their bills

The townships are Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong and Sharpeville

Sebokeng administrator Mr Herman Immelman said they did not want residents to have a dark Christmas and urged them to pay their water and lights bills this week

Payment

He said in certain areas, sewage would also be cut off unless sufficient payment was made

Commenting on the administrators' change of heart about the cut off, Vaal Civic Association chairman Mr Malik Madise said the move made a slight difference on their side

He said the administrators had actually noted it was illegal for them to cut off supplies without the Negotiating Forum's permission

The forum was established after the signing of an agreement between the town councils, administrators and the VCA

Madise said he had personally observed a greater number of residents flocking to the council's offices to pay their water and lights accounts

He stressed that no one had the right to cut off supplies unless the forum gave permission to do so

Bid to avert Vaal blackout (12/19)

THOUSANDS of residents in Vaal townships have started paying their water and electricity accounts following an announcement that essential services would be discontinued unless 65 percent of the residents paid *Sowetan* 11/2/91.

Mr Moses Manamela, a spokesman for the Vaal Civic Association, said he had

been monitoring the payments since the announcement was made.

He said, however, that there was a lot of misunderstanding concerning the amount the residents had to pay.

He said more than R144 000 had been paid since last Friday. More residents were expected to pay during the week.



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**Urge to end
rent boycott**

By Abel Mabelane (127)
East Rand Bureau

Tembisa residents have called upon their local civic association to negotiate for the end of the rent boycott for fear of spending Christmas without electricity

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Residents said that although they supported the Tembisa Residents Association in the rent boycott, the TRA had not done enough to help resolve the rent issue.

TRA president Albert Tleane said but the council had refused to meet them on the matter

Threats won't help rent crisis says ANC

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THE rent crisis in black townships will not be solved by threats of power and water cuts, the ANC warned yesterday.

"The current rent crisis is largely due to the economic non-viability of the township infrastructures. The inhuman system of black local authorities, and not the rent boycott, resulted in the current fiscal crises in black townships throughout the country," said ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa.

He was reacting to threats by authorities that electricity and water supplies would be cut in four Vaal townships on Tuesday unless residents settled their rent accounts.

The Pretoria City Council has also given Atteridgeville residents until tomorrow to submit economically viable rent proposals

By MONK NKOMO

or face the same fate. The council has recommended that residents pay the same tariffs as whites in the city.

"It is unjust to expect Atteridgeville residents to pay similar tariffs with whites before the creation of a single tax base for all the people of Pretoria," Mamoepa said.

Residents, Mamoepa said, did not even receive adequate municipal services for what they paid.

He added "The TPA and respective city councils must enter into negotiations with the civic organisations not only to discuss how much residents can afford to pay but the fundamental issues which make townships economically non-viable and tariffs unaffordable."

Local authorities look to private firms to fight crime

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As crime increases daily on the Reef, several security companies have proposed that they be contracted to patrol suburban streets at a small charge to the ratepayer

The glossy presentations from the companies are at present being investigated by municipalities such as Johannesburg and Randburg — desperate to do something to curb serious crime

Paramed is one such company which recently put forward a proposal to the Johannesburg City Council's newly formed

anti-crime committee which is investigating various suggestions to police the city's streets

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council was also investigating using private security companies to patrol the streets

Paramed proposes to control the crime rate in the suburbs at a cost of R15 per home by establishing a new company, to be called the Johannesburg Crime Prevention Service (JCPS)

Paramed says it would be able to put 1 000 men

on the streets within 10 months in armed response units. The units would act as a back-up to police and all men would be required to become police reservists.

However, some ratepayers organisations are not waiting for their local authorities to come up with solutions and are approaching private security companies for discount security schemes

Paramed managing director Mark Flemmer said his company had received many inquiries from ratepayers associations

His company has entered into an agreement with the Killarney Ratepayers Association to provide security for the entire suburb

"We are busy signing up all the body corporates, which will collect the fees for us

"But to get everyone signed up for R15 a month is usually difficult. It is easy to do it in Killarney with 3 000 residents in a high density area"

Mr Flemmer said there was a need for private security on a far wider scale

Anger greets TPA squatter settlement plan

By Shirley Woodgate

Yesterday's report in The Star that the Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering about 13 areas for site-and-service developments for squatters in the north-western PWV has unleashed a flood of anger.

The ANC, the Greenbelt Action Group, developers and affected individuals have waded into the authorities for embarking on far-reaching housing plans without consultation.

The ANC called for a moratorium on the initiative. The organisation said the closed-door planning was taking place at a time when both the ANC and the Government formed part of a National Housing Forum.

The forum was established on November 1 and involves all the

key players who will address housing through negotiation.

"Indications that the TPA is considering a network of squatter locations undermines the forum and raises questions about the Government's commitment to negotiate housing," the ANC claimed.

The TPA's plans for solving urbanisation problems on the Reef include the establishment of a string of "village" settlements north of Krugersdorp, Randburg and Sandton to create balanced neighbourhoods as opposed to massive ghettos.

The ANC said "African people will continue to be dumped in dormitory townships, away from the city centres, to serve the needs of the white towns

"Residential segregation will be extended and nothing mean-

ingful will be done to move towards the democratic vision of integrated cities.

"The location of these proposed camps will continue to deny African people access to the urban economy."

"The squatter camps, projected in romantic terms as residential villages, will remain slums. The prescriptions about stand size, services and location builds on the Independent Development Trust capital subsidy model, which is problematic."

Greenbelt Action Group chairman Anthony Dugan said the plans were totally unacceptable since the affected communities had not been consulted about any proposed network of informal settlements.

"People are totally unaware

of investigations which have been carried out regardless of environmental or residential impact

"A squatter housing strategy must be developed and any far-reaching plans for developments such as these should be negotiated with full representation by residents, squatters, TPA officials, town planners and environmentalists," he said

"Thousands of people are affected and the entire character of the North Rand is being altered. Although it is late, we urge the TPA to call in all interested parties to negotiate this sensitive issue."

Greenbelt representatives are due to meet Administrator of the Transvaal Dame Hough in Pretoria today

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Civics to seek urgent meeting on foreclosures (127)

CIVIC association Cast will seek an urgent meeting with financial institutions to discuss continuing home loan foreclosures despite a joint mechanism between the parties

A conference of Transvaal civic associations and the Association of Mortgage Lenders, held in September to look into the bond crisis gripping black housing, ended with the formation of a working committee to address the issue

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of November to last week Association of Mortgage Lenders chairman Tim Hart said he was not aware of the moratorium

Some financial institutions are unwilling to give details of their exposure to the black home loans market, but recent reports show the Allied has a R1bn investment in black areas

Brian van Dam of Standard Bank said in October his bank's exposure to black areas was R700m, while FNB's Andre le Tray

said his bank, with a total R4,6bn investment in the home loans field, had dropped race classification in granting loans.

The Perm's Denis Creighton said he could not disclose exposure to the black market, but investment in areas "commonly zoned black constitutes 20% of our total home loans investment"

The Nedperm is said to have put up for auction more than 100 houses in Soweto alone in the past two weeks

Mofokeng said it was clear some branch managers were given a "free hand" to act as they pleased on foreclosures.

Air evacuations for policy holders

RENNIES Travel has contracted Medical Rescue International (MRI) to carry out emergency airborne evacuations for holders of a new travel insurance policy who are involved in accidents or who fall ill while travelling in Africa or overseas.

The new policy has been developed in view of the recent sharp increase of business and leisure travel into Africa and the associated health-care risks taken when visiting some of these countries

Rennies Travel Marketing GM Kathy MacWhirter said the policy provided unlimited medical cover in Africa, and cover up to R250 000 inside SA

MRI has undertaken to fly ill or injured policy holders back to SA

"There are no A-grade hospitals in

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southern Africa outside SA and the importance of being able to evacuate people out of some of those countries has been proven time and again," she said

MRI carries out about 40 evacuations from African states every month

Most of the cases handled are vehicle accident casualties, although many snake bite and tropical disease victims have also been evacuated

Its helicopters also carry a supply of safe blood which has been screened for the HIV virus

War risks have also been included in the cover, which pays up to 50% of personal accident costs brought about by war.

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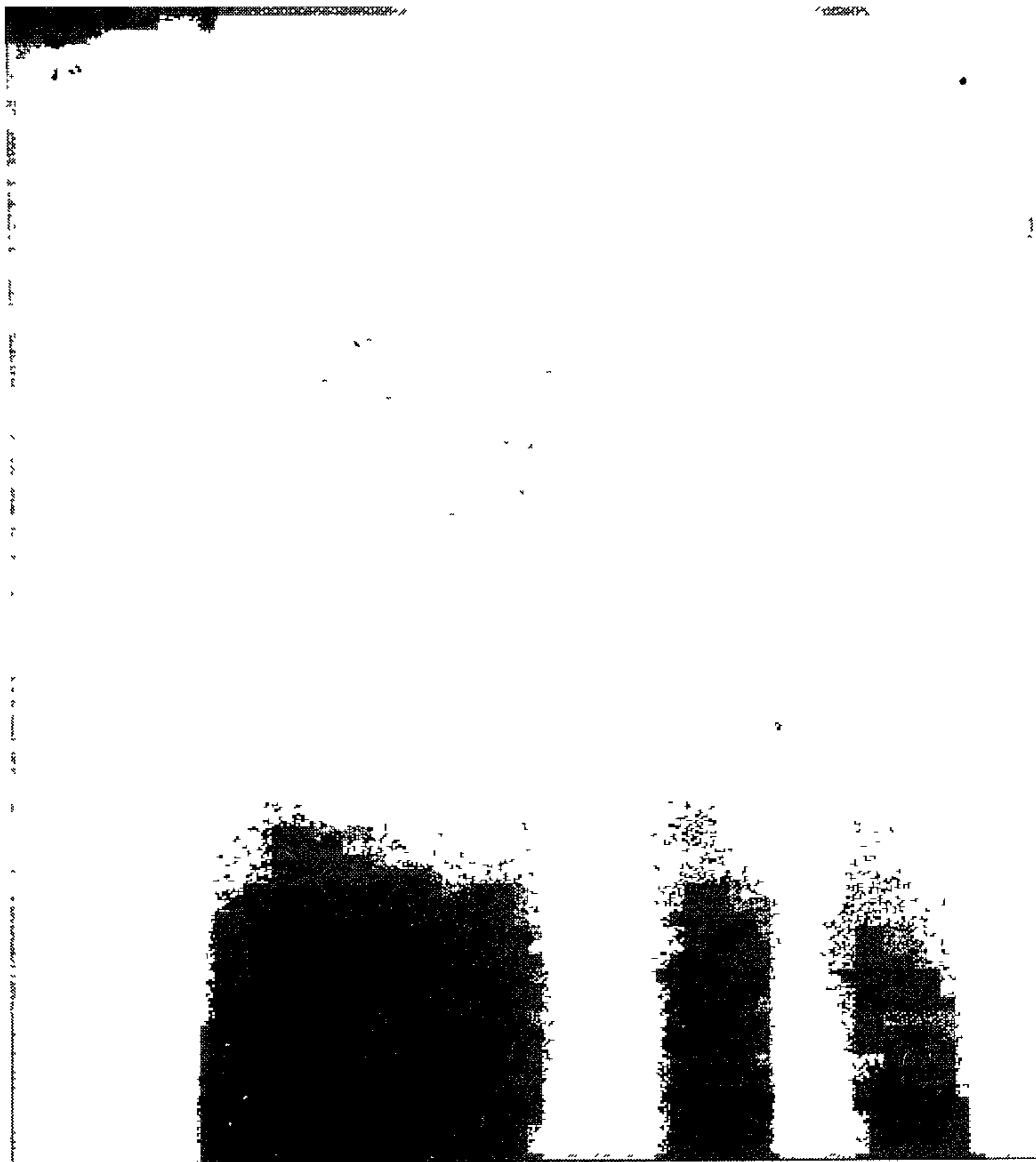
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Mr Jeff Letlape, managing director of Let Property Developers, and Mr Zuzi Buthelezi, market development officer of Corobrick, stand in front of Pick 'n Pay staff houses which are being built on a fully serviced site at Siluma View Extension 1.

New device for E Rand project

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

COROBRIK's new corowall system will be used for a R2,2 million homes contract for the Pick 'n Pay staff housing scheme at Siluma View on the East Rand

The development, by Let Property Developers of Johannesburg, will be the first major project in the Transvaal to use the recently launched corowall system. The 50 houses, with an average 34sqm, will be priced at R29 000. The project is due for completion next April.

The managing director of Let Property Developers, Mr Jeff Letlape, said "Pick 'n Pay approached us and asked us to submit recommendations for staff housing.

"Affordability and quality were the two key criteria. After considering a number of options we decided that Corobrick's new corowall system would be the ideal solution for this project."

Under the umbrella name corowall, the company has assembled an extensive range of products and systems which make traditional burnt-clay masonry and a viable option for low-cost housing.

The systems are based on the concept of single-skin exterior walling and have aroused keen interest among prospective homeowners, financial institutions and development groups.

At its official launch in the Transvaal at the recent The Star Affordable Homes Show, the corowall system met with enthusiastic response and a number of firm orders were received for developments in the Transvaal, the Free

State and QwaQwa

The chain store's houses will be constructed on a fully serviced site with high-mast street lighting, roads, electricity, water and sewerage at Siluma View Extension One, opposite Palm Ridge, and a 15-minute drive from Johannesburg's southern suburbs.

The houses will be built in a variety of elevation, in a panhandle configuration rather than in the more conventional back-to-back layout. They will have two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living area.

The company will advance a R5 000 deposit to staffers who qualify for the housing scheme and provide collateral for mortgages. The show houses were approved by Wendy Ackerman, wife of Raymond Ackerman, chairman of the chainstore.

Letlape said "We are tremendously excited at the potential of the corowall system. It effectively means that genuine clay face brick walls become a viable option in the low-income housing field."

The marketing support manager of Corobrick Transvaal, Mr Crispin Smith, said "Corowall offers a range of workable solutions to housing problems with systems that are appropriate in rural and urban environments."

Property

Black homebuying grows

WHILE home buying among whites has slackened, activity among black home buyers in Soweto is picking up, according to property experts.

They say this is a fair reflection of what is happening politically and economically in South Africa in that the average white consumer is hard hit by inflation, high taxation and poor job prospects.

The managing director of Mepco Home Developers, Mr Jethro Mtshali, said that the shortage of homes was becoming a serious problem facing the country.

South Africa faced a crisis which was largely the result of unsatisfactory living conditions experienced by the vast majority of its people.

The experience during the past year has confirmed the inadequate rate and inappropriate pattern of socio-economic development in South Africa which had to be raised and adjusted to meet the needs of the people.

"This can only take place within the constraints of available resources," he said.

Camdon's managing director, Mr Scott MacRae, said a new market was clearly emerging among middle-class blacks who wanted better housing. Their security problems and desire for a more pleasant environment were identical to those of their white counterparts.

"I believe that when the

country settles down politically and unrest abates, the black market is going to boom to an unprecedented degree," he said.

Both managers agree that the so-called white market could remain relatively static or grow at a slower rate. This was an

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

exact mirror of general trends in the economy, where black consumer buying power was rapidly overtaking that of whites.

They also said that for the moment, the biggest demand from black buyers appeared to be coming from the middle to lower end of the market. These buyers tended to be more in the market for homes in

black areas. "It is therefore relatively easier to market their existing properties which realises cash and releases money for the next house," MacRae said.

As a result prices were hardening in the R50 000 to R100 000 bracket and it was expected that a new breed of black speculator would emerge.

However, at the upper end of the black housing market, prices have slumped. Sellers interested in moving to white areas discover that because demand has fallen it is difficult to market their existing homes.

Mtshali said as a result there were some remarkable bargains in the more affluent areas of Soweto.

where homes were being priced at well below replacement value. Once again the unrest was influencing that situation and there was also the novelty of moving to a white area.

In time that will change. A normal political situation would lead to reduced unrest, eliminating one of the prime motivations



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Tembisa fears a dark Christmas

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Sowetan Correspondent

TEMBISA residents have called on their local civic association to negotiate for the end of the rent boycott for fear of spending Christmas without electricity

Residents said although they supported the Tembisa Residents' Association in the rent boycott, the TRA had not done enough to help resolve the rent boycott issue

In the meantime, the council continues cutting power supplies to residents who have failed to pay rent

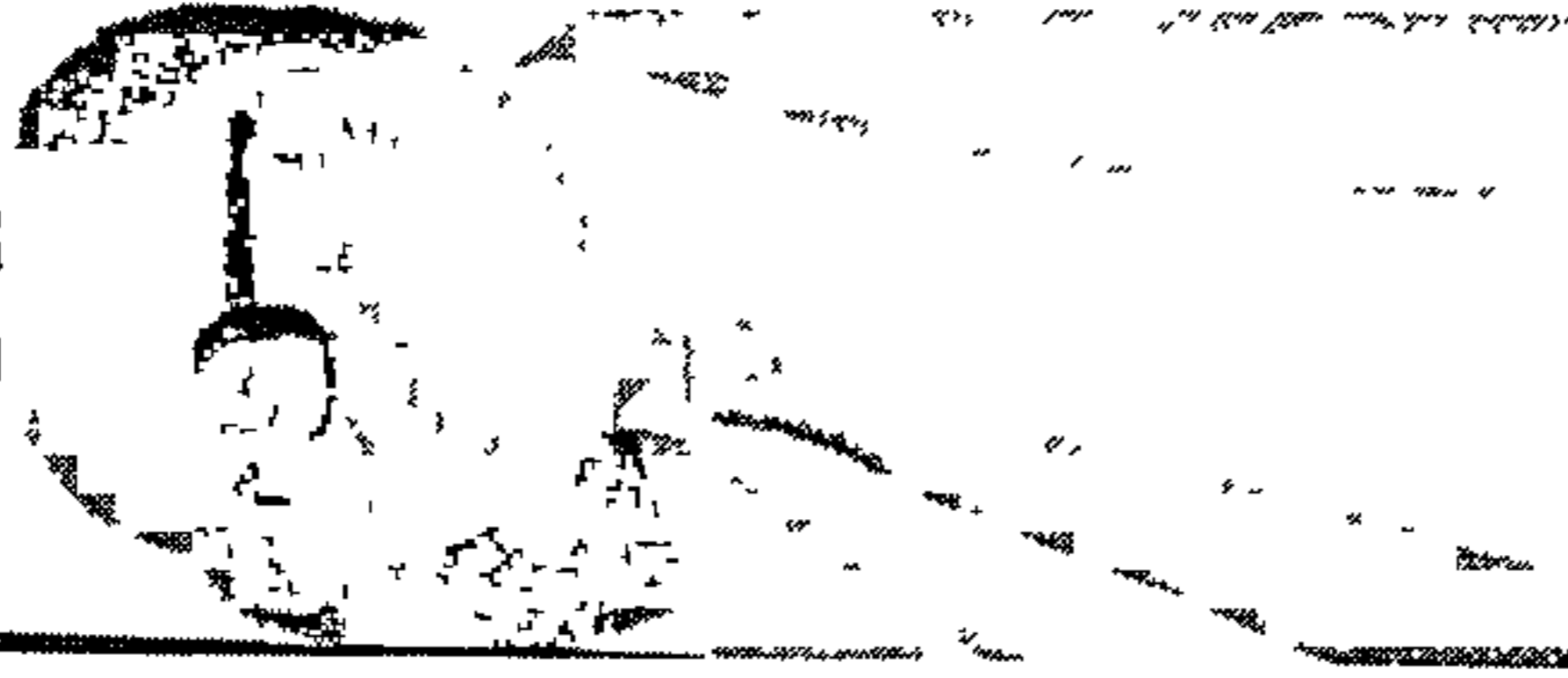
The electricity is reconnected only after the amount owing has been paid

President of the TRA Mr Albert Tleane has denied allegations that his organisation was not doing enough to help resolve the

Tleane said attempts had been made to meet the council on the matter, but the council had refused to meet them

"We also tried to revive negotiations with the TPA on the issue, but they said they could no longer enter into talks with the council because they want it dissolved," Tleane said

The mayor of Tembisa, Mr Solomon More, could not be reached for comment, because the council phones have been disconnected due to the non-payment of services



SOLOMON MORE

STAR 12/12/91
**Prosecutions over
illegal electricity**

About 300 Sebokeng residents who illegally connected electricity to their homes will face prosecution, administrator Herman Immelman has said.

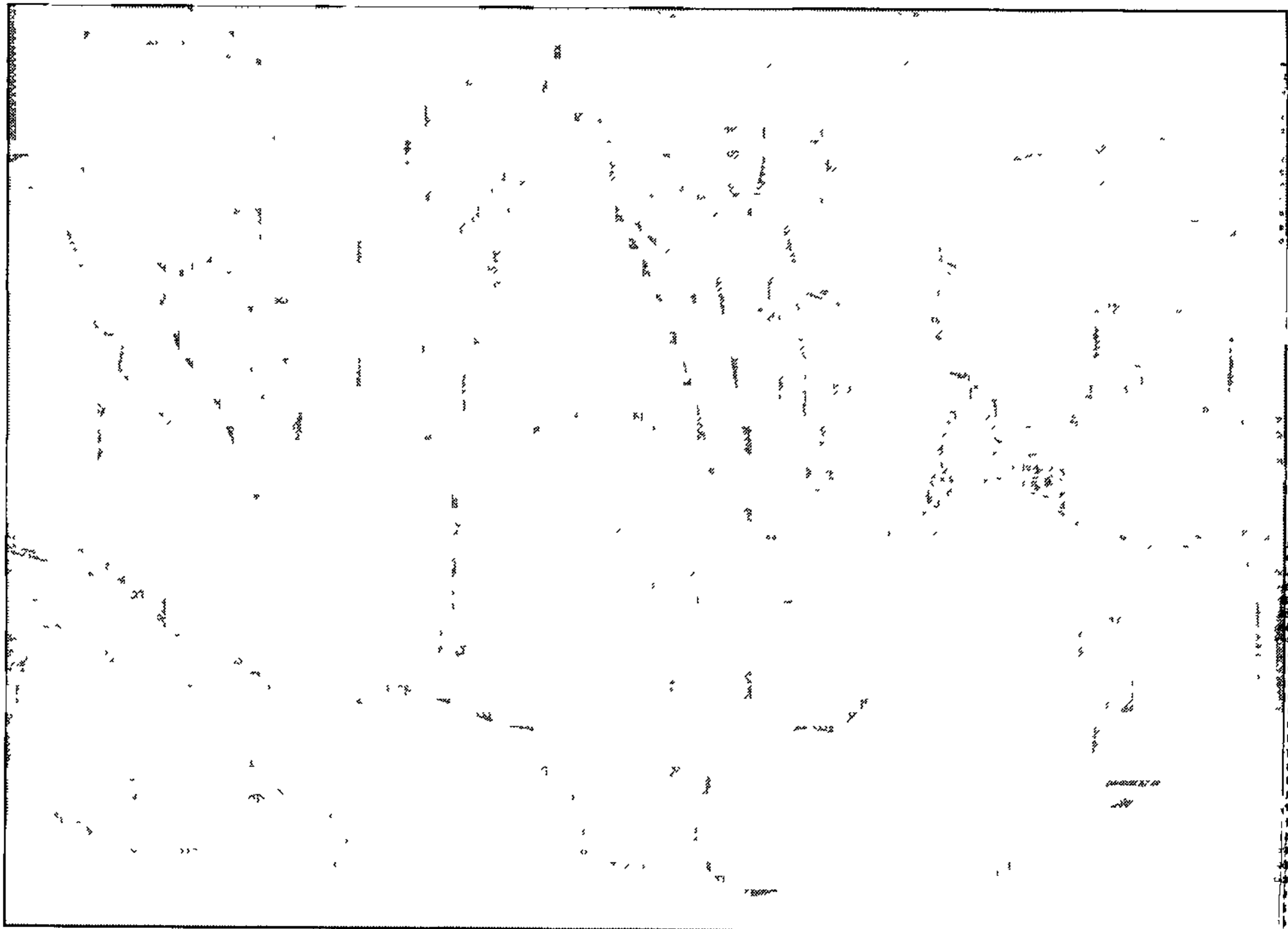
Mr Immelman said the council had warned people whose power supply had been cut off that illegal connections would result in prosecution.

He said at least 20 people would be brought to court soon to face charges.

Mr Immelman said the council had suffered financial loss as a result of damage caused by people illegally connecting electricity. A child is reported to have been killed at an electrical installation which had been tampered with.

In Katlehong this year, eight people are reported to have been electrocuted at meter boxes and sub-stations, while 13 others were injured, some seriously.

In Tembisa, a youth was shocked at Ebuhleni Section last week while fiddling with a transformer. His arm was badly burnt. A power failure resulted in nearby sections. — East Rand Bureau



Seeing for himself Leon Wessels (centre) with Danie Hough (left) and John Mavuso.

Picture Herbert Mabuza

Housing Minister visits Soweto

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By Kaizer Nyatumba
Political Staff

Provincial Affairs and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels yesterday visited Soweto and some East Rand townships to acquaint himself with issues falling under his new portfolio

Mr Wessels, who was a guest of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), told the Soweto Town Council the TPA had taken him to Soweto and the other townships so he could see things for himself and get to know people he would be dealing with.

Transvaal administrator Danie Hough and some of his MECs, including John Mavuso, were in the entourage

Mr Wessels, a former Foreign Affairs Deputy

Minister, told Soweto councillors and council employees he had first visited Soweto 18 years ago as a student and had been to the township a number of times since then

He said the negotiations which South African leaders were engaged in were "timeous", and expressed the hope that the talks would succeed

"The spirit of peace and negotiations augurs well for all of us," he said

"We have to bury the hatchet, leave the past and its baggage behind and live for the future"

Mr Wessels's first stop was Ivory Park outside Tembisa at 9 am, where he spent an hour before proceeding to Soweto

In the afternoon he toured the East Rand

townships of Vosloorus, Spruitview, Katlehong and Pola Park outside Tokoza, where he had tea with a squatters' committee. From there he drove to Johannesburg, where he had talks with the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council

Soweto mayor Alfred Nyathi yesterday commended Mr Wessels for his visit to the township and said his council looked forward to a good relationship with the Minister

Change, Mr Nyathi said, should begin at local level and continue through to national level

He said his council would continue "to strive for the best services possible" for Soweto and to serve all the residents of the township

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PUTTING LIFE BACK IN THE CITY

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Alderman Eddy Magid, long an advocate of housing development in the CBD, believes that since construction in downtown Johannesburg has now reached the unprecedented R1,5bn level — “and this in the middle of a recession” — the time has never been better for the creation of residential enclaves

In October, Magid briefed the *FM* on the idea of a private, nonprofit corporation in Johannesburg to develop a residential zone east of Eloff Street and pockets of residential space in the CBD. In exchange, the city council would consider a rates holiday or phased-in taxes over 10 years

Magid had just returned from the US where such a corporation, Central Atlanta Progress, has been established. Johannesburg planning & development committee, which he chairs, was about to table a report advocating use of the Atlanta model for Johannesburg's revitalisation. A workshop on the plan was to be held at the end of November. It now appears that the two-day workshop — enthusiastically co-sponsored by the city council and private sector — has got the ball rolling.

Titled a “Strategic



Initiative for Central Johannesburg,” the workshop was attended by CEOs of downtown corporations, heavyweight developers, Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront planner David Jack, Durban CBD revitaliser Revel Fox, and representatives of Operation Jumpstart and the Urban Foundation. The idea was to evolve a working plan and set up a partnership structure to implement proposals. Ampros had been instrumental in harnessing interest in the private sector.

It appointed urban planner Diana Mayne as a consultant on an initiative for central Johannesburg in June. She acted as one of the organisers of the workshop, the aim of which, she says, “is to kick-start the revitalisation process.”

Many of the 11 working groups as-

signed to discuss particular aspects of improving central Johannesburg, she reports, spoke of the need for residential development for a range of income groups. Mayne — who is busy compiling the proceedings and recommendations of the workshop — says the formation of a Central Johannesburg Partnership was agreed and a steering committee will be in place by January. It will have 18 members, six each from the community, private sector and city council.

The committee has been charged with the formation of a nonprofit development corporation by April. Its terms of reference, still to be investigated in the next few months, will take in mortgage finance, security and legislation.

The boundaries of the Johannesburg CBD also appear to have been widened for the purpose of the partnership — from the CBD concept to a larger, central area encompassing Hillbrow, Braamfontein, Joubert Park, Jeppeshtown, Crown Mines, Fordsburg and Newtown.

The question of whether the formation of a nonprofit corporation will duplicate the Urban Foundation's efforts is dismissed by Mayne. “The Urban Foundation will have an important role to play. It has no agency looking at downtown Johannesburg.” Mayne and other workshop delegates appear to have reached consensus on the issue of using existing developments to create new residential space.

The problem, according to Ampros, is to find sellers of existing stock.

Power 'thefts' prompt litigation

(127) WILSON ZWANE

HUNDREDS of Sebokeng residents face legal action for "stealing" electricity worth thousands of rands

Herman Immelman, administrator of the Vaal Triangle township, said yesterday about 200 residents had installed electricity in their homes illegally "by connecting wires to underground electrical cables"

Immelman said apart from being a hazard, the illegal connections were costing his town council thousands of rands "We have no option but to prosecute all those residents who steal electricity"

He said apart from the residents who had illegally installed electricity in their homes, there were residents who had reconnected theirs illegally "by bridging the meters" after power supply had been cut off for non-payment of services

Vaal Civic Association chairman Malik Madise said his organisation was "totally opposed" to illegal power connections as they were contrary to the association's commitment to negotiating solutions in the Vaal Triangle *B/DW 13/12/91*

"There is a Vaal Triangle negotiating forum at which problems, including power cuts, are being discussed," Madise said.

Immelman urged residents not to tamper with electrical installations because of the danger "Two children have been electrocuted in the township while fiddling with these installations," he said

The illegal power connections in the Vaal Triangle came a week after a youth's arm was badly burnt when he allegedly interfered with a transformer in Tembisa on the East Rand

Land transfers 'are still possible'

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TIM COHEN

JUST under 70 000ha of land could still be incorporated into the TBVC states, the Development Aid Department said yesterday

In response to inquiries, the department said in a statement there were no plans to incorporate land into the TBVC states "for the time being" However, certain trust land could still be incorporated into the TBVC states in terms of the Borders of Particular States Extension Act.

About 11 000ha could be incorporated into Transkei, about 9 000ha into Bophuthatswana, about 44 000ha into Ciskei and about 5 000ha into Venda

Undertakings

In response to a question about whether the department intended proceeding with the transfer of the land in the light of constitutional negotiations, the department said

"In terms of the government's White Paper on Land Reform and negotiations regarding constitutional development, it is still possible to incorporate certain trust land into the TBVC states, taking into account existing undertakings, agreements and legislation"

Since February last year, only two pieces of land have been transferred to the TBVC states, benefiting Bophuthatswana on both occasions

In April last year, 43 154ha were transferred and in October 32 424ha were handed over

The second transfer was criticised by a wide range of organisations, particularly the ANC.

In a statement issued at the time, the National Land Committee and the Black Sash also challenged government to state whether it was serious about dismantling the system of apartheid

The ANC's Youth League decried the step as "controversial, nonsensical and insensitive" at a time when talks on the future of the country, including the reincorporation of the TBVC states, were about to start

DP MP Peter Soal said the bureaucracy was clearly unaware of policies that were abandoned following President F W de Klerk's February 2 speech almost two years ago

Soal said it was totally unacceptable to reward an administration which had behaved badly with regard to human rights

Regional and Land Affairs Minister Jacob de Villiers was quoted as saying that the Development Trust had bought much of the land as far back as 1975 and the territory had been using it for some time

The transfer of the land was "merely keeping a promise", officials said

Since then, the ANC's first land conference has called for a moratorium on all large-scale land transfers, arguing that a national land dispensation should first be negotiated

Dobsonville hostel sold to private enterprise

By KENOSI MODISANE

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DOBSONVILLE hostel - the scene of countless cold-blooded killings in the past - has been sold to a private company and will be renovated in the new year.

Town clerk Mr Tony Roux yesterday said: "The hostel has been bought by a private company and will be renovated very soon.

"The renovations and other arrangements, which I cannot at this point divulge, will begin in the very first weeks of the new year."

The hostel is the second to be sold in the township since the Drepkloof hostel was sold to a private company for R862 000 late last year.

Earlier this year, leaders from extra-parliamentary organisations, business and the Government set up a steering committee to address the hostel's problems.

Upgrading hostels

The Independent Development Trust and the Development Bank of South Africa had undertaken to give assistance in upgrading hostels.

This came after residents had expressed concern about violence allegedly carried out from hostels.

Some parts of the Dobsonville hostel which include the double-storey flats along Luthuli Street (where Sunday's massacre took place) have already been occupied by families.

It was reported that the attackers, who left 12 people dead had come from the direction of the hostel and also fled there after the ambush.

"These families have moved in without council approval but we appreciate that they are using the facility properly," Roux said.

Pta service debt crisis is now R47-m

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE debt crisis flowing from arrear service fees in Pretoria's black townships has reached alarming proportions, with Mamelodi and Atteridgeville owing the Pretoria City Council and the Pretoria Regional Services Council a total of R47,46-million.

Results are that residents will be asked to pay higher service fees - with expected increases of as much as 35 percent - and that the RSC had "frozen" some projects planned in the two areas, as money budgeted for projects could be held back to repay loans.

A Pretoria City Council spokesman disclosed that Mamelodi owed the council R13,33-million for nine months of electricity supply, R2,92-million for five months of water supply and R3,13-million for nine months of sewerage service.

The spokesman said Atteridgeville owed the council R7,18-million for nine months of electricity supply, R1,73-million for six months of water supply and R1,77-million for 11 months of sewerage service.

In addition, the Pretoria RSC is owed R11-million by Mamelodi and R6,4-million by Atteridgeville for loans that paid arrear service fees to the Pretoria City Council in October last year, saving the two townships from bulk power

cuts at the time.

RSC chairman Mr Piet Delpoort said neither Mamelodi nor Atteridgeville had paid their first repayment instalments of R4,2-million and R2,4-million respectively, which were due on October 31.

Representatives from Atteridgeville have been asked to agree to new "economic" service charges by yesterday. If this did not happen, the RSC said it would "seriously consider" whether to renew a guarantee for the payment of service fees to Pretoria after today

Guarantee

Should the guarantee not be renewed, another cut in the bulk power supply to Atteridgeville could follow.

The RSC - who said the present "flat rate" of R75 a month was insufficient to pay for services - suggested Atteridgeville residents pay the same charges as residents of Pretoria, which would amount to a monthly average of R134,06 per household, if power and water are used sparingly.

A spokesman - who did not indicate what the tariffs would be - said residents had until today to submit objections in this regard.



Calls for drastic action as lenders turn backs on decaying city flatland

JOHANNESBURG'S central flatland of Hillbrow, Joubert Park and most of Berea has deteriorated to the point where lending institutions have "red-lined" the area, refusing to grant new housing bonds because they believe the financial risk is too high.

With the move towards owner-occupation brought sharply to a halt by the banks, who will arrest the decay of Hillbrow? Whose responsibility is inner-city renewal?

The answer, it seems, is "everybody's, eventually, but nobody's right now."

The Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ), however, is demanding on behalf of residents that the city council take a decisive lead in this muddle — right now.

Lending institutions have indicated they will offer mortgages once more in the central flatland only if property values cease to drop or if some third party provides collateral to reduce the risk.

The city council's position, as voiced by councillor Marietta Marx, is that it is vital to promote owner-occupation because "the minute you start paying for your own place, you look after it. It's as simple as that — and it holds true irrespective of colour or creed or whatever."

The other reason is that the effective choice for many low-income families is a R25 000 flat in well-serviced Hillbrow, or a site-and-service scheme surrounded byveld 40 km out of the city.

It is possible that the council

will try to get the banks to look anew at the question of risk Mrs Marx, for instance, says she has no "worst-case scenario" for Hillbrow "I think we've hit the depths already. It's a long, slow process, but we're on the way up."

She refers to a council survey carried out in January 1989 and repeated last month. In the first survey 24 percent of buildings were rated as good, 37 percent as fair and 19 percent as poor. In the recent survey (based on a much larger sample of 411 buildings), 68 percent were regarded as in a good state of repair, 27 percent as fair and 5 percent as poor.

Despite its commitment to enabling owner-occupation the council argues it has a limited income and can't fund housing

What it can do, Mrs Marx says, is enter into a partnership with residents and with the private sector to revive Hillbrow. And the council would have very specific things it could contribute to this partnership.

"We can upgrade the streets, make nice walking areas, plant trees, slow the traffic. We can see to it that maintenance gets done and that people get sued if they don't do it."

She also says the council could press the Government for two things — more-biting laws to get at negligent landlords and more flexible conditions for subsidising low-income homeowners.

At the moment the penalties that the council can bring to bear by prosecuting these landlords are minimal. "The land-lords simply budget for the inconvenience," says Mrs Marx.

She also looks very pointedly to the Government to change its policies on housing subsidies. "We would like to see the State capital subsidy made applicable to flats and existing housing units. At the present time the Independent Development Trust's brief (in administering a special State housing grant) is for the development of virgin land — they write off R7 500 to site and service some-

where out in the bundu, miles from where people work.

"We would like to see that capital subsidy applied with an element of choice. If the individual falls within the required income limit, he should get the subsidy and have the choice where to spend it."

Cas Coovadia, secretary of CAJ, says the council's attitudes are all well and good. And he agrees absolutely that various parties need to contribute to a package for sharing responsibility.

But he adds that CAJ feels that government institutions have been too slow off the mark in Hillbrow. "I am prepared to go on record that the city council has done absolutely nothing to alleviate the accommodation problems of people in the inner city area."

He points out that while the National Party managed the city, it hid for years behind the illegality of black tenants in terms of the Group Areas Act. "So they turned a blind eye to the collapse of infrastructure and to the overcrowding."

And the DP, with fair notice that the Act was going, did little to prepare for speedy remedial action, he says.

Mr Coovadia insists it is not good enough for the council to say laws prohibit it from acting. "This is a transition period. If by-laws need to be changed, they must be changed. If the city, together with the community, needs to lobby central Government, then we have to do it."

Mr Coovadia believes new situations will have to be found-

ed to deal with urban renewal. Various forms of non-profit housing associations, group credit schemes and co-operative ventures need to be thoroughly investigated.

He doubts that the major financial institutions will come back to the area without some means of cushioning the risk. He also points out that buyers are a mixed bag. Many can afford commercial interest rates. But others cannot.

"We're not asking business for grant finance. We will be asking for one or other development agency for grant finance, possibly. But the non-recoverable financial injection must come from the city — and from central Government, which has to take responsibility for what has happened," he says.



Debt toll cost Margaret Motlogela her home.

■ Pic: GIDEON MHLAPO

Lost after a lifetime

SOWETO granny Margaret Motlogela, 74, had her home repossessed last week – two years after getting a bond to build two rooms and a garage on to the small council home she has lived in all her life. *City Press 15/12/91*

When the family built on the extra rooms they had no idea they were burdening themselves with a debt which would cause them to lose their home.

Margaret's only income is her R225 old-age pension and the R300 a month she collects from renting out the two rooms and garage. Her monthly bond repayment is R575 – more than her total income.

At the time she was granted the 20-year bond of R24 000 by the Perm three years ago, her son-in-law was employed and contributing towards the repayments. He has since lost his job and can no longer pay.

When the home was repossessed last week, the arrears were more than R6 000 and the family has no hope of paying it off.

Acting Chief Executive of the Perm, Dave Harrison, told City Press the bank was in a very difficult position.

Harrison said Motlogela was granted a bond in 1988, when interest rates were 14 percent and when the economy was

in much better shape than it is today.

"At that time we granted bonds to pensioners who had extended families living with them and contributing to the bond." *(127)*

"We saw the financing of home extensions as a good investment which encouraged home ownership and increased accommodation. With the deteriorating economy and interest rates of 20 percent, today's picture is very different," he said.

"We have tried to find a solution which allows the family to remain in their home, while stopping the interest on the bond from rising.

"The only way we can achieve this is to buy in the property and allow the owners to remain on the property at a fixed rental. We negotiate a reasonable rental with them and ask them to sign a 30-month lease. Our idea is to renegotiate at the end of this period. If their circumstances have improved and they are able to meet the bond repayments again, we will consider transferring the property back into their name," he said.

"Motlogela signed a lease this week and has agreed to pay Perm the R300 she collects in rent. She hopes she will be able to get her house back in 1994.

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NP when it was in opposition, was used against it when it was hauled over the coals by the opposition for spending close on R1 million on trips overseas in the first few months of the year.

Eddy's Folly, as the controversial Civic Spine was nicknamed, was not finished by March 31 this year and town planning committee chairman Eddy Magid did not leave town as he had promised.

Up until November, the project continued to be a pain in the neck for council officials as war veterans demanded — and received — R100 000 worth of changes to the area surrounding the Cenotaph.

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Vereeniging ignores threat, boycotts talks

By Melody McDougall
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Despite threats of retaliation, Vereeniging Town Council will not attend an urgent meeting of the Vaal Civic Association tomorrow to resolve the water and electricity crisis in local townships, Vereeniging management committee chairman Dr Mario Milani said last week.

Dr Milani was reacting to a statement by the Vaal Civic Association in which threats were levelled against neighbouring white town councils which fail to attend the meeting.

Contract

The meeting concerns the impending blackout in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong and Bopatong due to non-payment of electricity accounts.

Addressing a press conference after the Vereeniging council's monthly meeting last Thursday, Dr Milani said the council was not directly concerned with the electricity issue.

The council has a contract with Eskom which stipulates that Vereeniging supplies Sharpeville with electricity while Eskom pays the account and in turn recovers the money from residents.

The moment Eskom decided to stop paying, the council would disconnect the power supply.

Dr Milani stated that the council was not prepared to fork out one cent of ratepayers' money to keep neighbouring black townships going.

He stressed this was not a racial decision, but that the town council's budget was structured in such a way that it could not allow for an additional average monthly expenditure of R400 000 for Sharpeville's water and lights bill.

Dr Milani also said that the council would not join the newly constituted Vaal Triangle negotiating forum, which is investigating the establishment of one non-racial democratic local government for the area.

"No white town council will contemplate joining the forum and accepting the liability of the chaos that reigns in the black townships today.

"However, as the mother city of the Vaal Triangle, we are prepared to meet and talk with anyone, including the civic associations, and to be a facilitator or to offer help and advice in an attempt to solve some of their problems."

Dr Milani said the council was not cold towards the human suffering and misery that was taking place in the townships. But it could not understand why the black community could not get its house in order and elect the right people to represent them and their desires for a better community.

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However, when it came to publicising the changes, management committee chairman Ian Davidson admitted after the election defeat that the committee had fallen far short.

As a first step to restoring its bona fides, the management committee has set up an anti-crime committee to address the security situation, and various proposals are being investigated.

In an open letter to the council last month, ratepayers declared war, stating that if nothing were done about the rates increases by the end of January, mass action would be taken.

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At an historic meeting in April, the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber was constituted to serve as an interim forum to investigate and formulate nonracial, democratic local government structures for the region.

Two months ago Johannesburg produced its blueprint for a nonracial elected metropolitan authority, leading to the historic decision by the chamber two weeks ago to begin an investigation into the drawing up of a nonracial common voters role for the election of a democratic metropolitan authority by 1993 and joint budgets.

In April the council and ratepayers scored a major victory when the Government agreed to scrap VAT on rates. Unprecedented opposition to the "tax on

a tax" was mounted by municipalities and ratepayers' groups countrywide.

Events which came back to haunt the management committee included John Pearce, overseas trips and a perceived lack of public participation.

In January, public safety director Mr Pearce was found guilty on all counts of misconduct against him in the internal disciplinary inquiry instituted after the findings of the Hiemstra Commission. The town clerk recommended he be fired.

This was, however, not the end of the saga as months later it was revealed that before his period of notice was up, Mr Pearce had opted to take early retirement after coming to an agreement with the management committee. He received benefits in excess of R400 000.

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Burg's image

Racist whites harass tenant

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AN East Rand showbiz personality has been threatened with death for refusing to heed a call by anonymous whites to move out of his new house in Dalpark near Brakpan

Mr Enoch Ndlela, promotions officer of Teal/Trutone Music, a subsidiary of Gallo Music, received the threat barely two weeks after moving in

Dalpark is a white suburb of the Conservative Party-controlled town of Brakpan

"When I moved in I noticed that the house had been broken into. Several fittings, including a sliding door, had been removed

"Then in the morning of December 7, a group of whites were spotted by neighbours waiting in a car

17/12/91
By IKE MOTSAPI

next to my house

"About 4 30am, my wife and I were awakened by the shattering of glass. When I went to investigate, I was greeted by a big stone dipped in blood with 'Get out kaffir, otherwise we will get you', written on it," Ndlela said

He said he reported the matter to the police, who promised to investigate

"I told them that this was not the first time that stones had been thrown into my house

Colonel Dave Bruce, a spokesman for the Witwatersrand police, said the matter was being investigated

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TPA unable to revive shabby Hillbrow areas

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has no authority to reverse the deterioration of residential areas and local residents must exercise the necessary control themselves, says Mr Dame Hough, Administrator of the Transvaal.

Hough was reacting to a question in an interview published in the latest issue of *RSA Policy Review*, an official government publication, whether the TPA intended controlling the deteriorating situation in areas such as Joubert Park and Hillbrow.

"Local governments are autonomous bodies and have the necessary powers to exert control in their own urban areas."

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On the priorities of the latest budget for the Transvaal, Hough said R2,5 billion of the TPA's total budget of R5 billion had been allocated for health services.

"In this way the TPA wants to ensure that health services of an acceptable standard are available to particularly the less privileged people of the Transvaal."

In addition R1,4 billion was allocated for community services for social pensions and grants, intergovernmental grants to black local governments, subsidies to social welfare institutions and for the management of informal towns.

The settlement of squatters countrywide was stretching their resources to the limit, and the land which has already been identified was just enough to satisfy the current demand.

"All we can do is to buy informal town lands as fast as possible in those areas where the most urgent need exists and to establish towns there as soon as possible" - *Sapa*

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Shops, school

for Midrand

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PETER GALLI

IN AN attempt to address the imbalance between commercial property and residential property growth in the Midrand area, a new high school and diverse shopping facilities are planned

"What is lacking in Midrand on the residential side is more than made up on the commercial side and we are working on addressing this imbalance. The lack of schooling facilities and shopping variety should soon be addressed," Midrand mayor Gavin Heughan said recently

A high school was on the cards, construction on which would hopefully begin in 1992. The Midrand Town Council was also trying to find ways of solving the residential shortfall by working with developers, he said

On the commercial/industrial side, construction of Alphen Square, a R24m industrial development in Midrand, will begin in early 1992 by Langley Fox developments

An objective look at mass action

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DISRUPTION resulting from mass mobilisation can result in self-imposed sanctions, deterring foreign investment far into the future. This warning, from a senior academic in strategic studies, comes from the verbatim notes that make up a new book published by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

"Forum on Mass Mobilisation" focuses primarily on the African National Congress and the Mass Democratic Movement (MDM), and specifically the resolution by the MDM at its July 1989 Lusaka meeting, to strengthen mass action in order to control the pace and agenda of the negotiation process.

The tragedy, the book concludes, is that none of the major political players involved — the Government on the one hand and the ANC on the other — is capable of stopping mass action even if it wanted to. The Government, it seems, faults the ANC for continuing with mass action, which it sees as contrary to the Pretoria and Groote Schuur Minute, while the ANC sees this action as a legitimate weapon to pressure the Government and to ensure itself a major role at the negotiating table.

The study is structured around interviews with several political participants, academics, police and journalists. These interviews are based on the same questions, without attempting to define "mass mobilisation", and each of the respondents gives his own interpretation of what it means. The book lists several incidents of "mass action", ranging from rent boycotts to consumer boycotts, disruption of schools and attacks on black councillors.

Using this method of presentation ensures also an objectivity — limited only by the selection of participants — which would otherwise be impossible in an interpretive documentation. It leaves judgment on the various issues raised to the reader, and thereby makes a practical contribution to the debate on the whole issue of mass mobilisation — an issue which will be with us right into the new South Africa, judging from

statements made by some of the interviewees.

Dr Anthea Jeffrey points out that the ANC had decided to make 1991 "the year of mass action for the transfer of power to the people", a resolution taken at the organisation's national congress last year. This action had resulted in local authorities being owed more than R1,6 billion in rent and service charges, while services in 23 townships had been cut off at various times over the year. Consumer boycotts had been called in several towns, for several reasons — but mostly because of the refusal by Conservative Party-controlled towns to grant permission for the holding of marches.

On the education side, there have been class boycotts throughout the year, including the expulsion of teachers — particularly principals — from school premises. Work stayaways have been called over issues such as the demand for a constituent assembly election. The institute points out that the last stayaway on November 4 and 5 (not included in the book itself), where an estimated three million people were absent from work, cost workers in excess of R200 million in lost wages, with the economy suffering substantial losses.

A senior State official is quoted as saying that mass mobilisation "will collapse the economic system. We want to build — not from a state of collapse — but from what we have now. It will also lead to a mass exodus of skills and entrepreneurship from South Africa if it goes too far."

A senior academic in strategic studies warns "Countries which are prone to this kind of atmosphere suffer from almost perpetual sanctions afterwards. This is best summed up in the phrase developed in Argentina, where they talk of 'self-imposed' sanctions: they went through a period of instability with mobs on the street — now nobody wants to spend money or invest there."

A spokesman for the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal

(CAST) says that no single organisation is responsible for mass action throughout the country. The contradiction becomes clear when the spokesman says "we have suspended the armed struggle", clearly referring to the position of the ANC, and in the next breath says "we will not stop mass mobilisation, even under a new government".

"We will intensify mass mobilisation to get rid of apartheid. We do not trust the Government to get rid of apartheid without the pressure of the people who feel its pinch," he says.

On the question of intimidation and the role this plays in the success of mass mobilisation, the spokesman said. "The Government talks of intimidation. This is propaganda. Organisations do not initiate intimidation." And then, again in contradiction "It does happen however — some individuals who are not instructed by their organisations do this."

CAST's campaign to force the resignation of black councillors has led to the bombing of homes and killings. But the CAST spokesman says: "This is not encouraged or authorised by CAST. But the council police use violence against the people and then the people resort to violence against them. We understand why people are using violence. We do not sanction it. But we also do not condemn it."

A spokesman for Cosatu says that "the whole history of South Africa in the last 20 years is one firstly of brutal repression of any attempts to engage in any peaceful protest and demonstration."

"What the South African state has done is to criminalise all opposition by the disenfranchised majority. So that various forms of action — now described as mass mobilisation — which sprang from concrete grievances which people were experiencing in schools, communities and factories, all these forms of mass mobilisation came to be seen as legitimate targets for State brutality, detentions, shootings, bannings, etc."

The ANC is, for its part, aware of the dangers of mass mobilisation

detracting investment. A university researcher and member of the ANC said "The fact that the mass mobilisation will put off foreign capital is something which is inherent and well understood. We do not want capital to come into South Africa. This is well understood by the leadership and is part of the equation."

A senior police spokesman provides some revealing perceptions at that level, the most striking being the perception that "it is part of black tradition to settle disputes by violence", and "the Zulus are aggressive and war-like. We must take account of their history and tradition."

Another senior police officer believes that mass mobilisation is part of the armed struggle, and sees this in the context of a "people's war". "This is a war in which a liberation army becomes rooted among the people who participate in the armed struggle politically and militarily, including the possibility of engaging in general insurrection."

He argues that intimidation has to be viewed in the light of events since 1984. "Then there were widespread people's courts, necklaces, etc. This instilled a lot of fear. If someone now tells residents to march, they will be there. They fear what will otherwise happen to them, even if there are no necklaces. Murders are actually happening. It is not even necessary to make specific threats. The climate of fear has been created."

The book has responses on this, and other issues, from police, from Raymond Suttner, head of the ANC's department of political education, a spokesman from Inkatha, academics (two of whom are ANC members), the Government, CAST and Cosatu, and provides interesting — often conflicting — views on issues such as mobilisation, intimidation, the efficacy of boycotts and whether these organisations still have any control over events. □

● Forum on Mass Mobilisation, edited by Anthea Jeffrey, is available from the SA Institute of Race Relations at R26.20

Power cut-offs averted

WILSON ZWANE (124)

NEGOTIATIONS this week averted a blanket cut-off of power to four Vaal Triangle townships

A Vaal Civic Association (VCA) spokesman said bulk suppliers — the Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging councils — had made it clear this week at a meeting of the Vaal Negotiating Forum (VNF) that they were not prepared to continue supplying to neighbouring townships unless an electricity debt of R350 000 was settled

The forum had raised some money which, together with residents' payments, would be used to settle part of the bulk suppliers' debts, the spokesman said

He would not disclose the source of money nor the amount, saying such a disclosure "might encourage residents not to step up the payment of service charges"

"The money we have raised will only avert a blanket switch-off in the townships. Concerted efforts will be made to encourage residents of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bopatong and Bophelong to step up their payments for services," the spokesman said

He said the non-payment of service charges would result in individual power cuts

The town councils last week threatened to pull the plug on 28 000 households on Tuesday this week unless at least 65% of the residents paid their November accounts.

Top team fights economic crime

JONATHAN REES (1912)

THE Office for Serious Economic Offences would be established early next year with powers wider than those of the SAP to investigate white-collar and other economic crimes, a Justice Department source said yesterday

The department is awaiting the appointment of a director, probably from the attorney-general's office, but possibly from the business world

The Justice Department is examining candidates with expertise in financial matters, strong legal backgrounds and experience in auditing and criminal law

The office will be able to act swiftly against economic crimes with wide outside co-operation and without the hindrance of red tape

The director and his officials are empowered, in terms of the Investigation of Serious Economic Offences Act passed this year, to inspect and

search premises without notice

They may seize property on the premises and make copies or take extracts from books or documents

The source said this would give officials direct access to a company's financial audits and other documents

Persons obstructing the director or his staff in their duties, or refusing to disclose information, can be found guilty of an offence and be liable for a fine of up to R8 000, two years' imprisonment, or both.

The Act and establishment of the Office for Serious Economic Offences are a response by government to an unprecedented increase in the incidence of white-collar crime, and enormous sums of money leaving SA illegally

The office would also be empowered to investigate other offences

with financial implications, like arson and unrest, the source said

Investigating officials will draw on the expertise of corporate, academic and other experts and will work closely with the SAP and the Reserve Bank "High IQ crimes will be combated with high IQ personnel," the source said

The office aimed quickly to establish a credible reputation abroad and to receive and give international co-operation in investigations

Police, in the normal course of investigations, are required to obtain search warrants and show that probable cause exists in order to obtain permission to enter premises

Various functions of the office are already being performed, before its establishment, by Justice Department officials

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Houses 'snapped up' in former ⁽¹²⁷⁾ mining town

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Staff Reporter

House sales in the former mining town of Grootvlei south-east of Johannesburg are way over target, a director of the private consortium that bought the town earlier this year said yesterday.

A group of businessmen bought the town for R4,5 million when the Springfield Colliery closed down. The ANC had also wanted to buy the town, which is 90 km from Johannesburg, to house returning exiles.

The director of the consortium, G C Viljoen, has rejected a report that Grootvlei is becoming a ghost town. More than 80 of the 158 homes in the town had been sold but many were not yet occupied while the mine rehabilitated the area, he said.

Grootvlei Extension 1, which was previously the black housing area, has been completely sold out, he said.

Estate agent Donald Herman, who took over property sales in the town in August, said the houses were "selling like hot cakes".

The prices of three and four-bedroom houses range from R30 000 to R59 000 and had been sold mainly to Johannesburg buyers who commuted to town each day.

"More than 70 percent of the property has been sold, rented or is under development — it's certainly not a ghost town," he said.

Buyers were particularly attracted to the former mine facilities, including a sports club, hall and swimming pool.

The owner of a hotel on the outskirts of Grootvlei, however, is unhappy with the situation, and said the future of the town was very bleak.

"It looks to me as if they have sold very few houses,"

Manie Kriel said.

Although many houses in the town are not yet occupied, business prospects are very good, say local businessmen.

Cecile Willemsse of Grootvlei Dairy said residents were optimistic about the future of the town.

SANDTON'S CROWDED HOUSE

(127)

Sandton's hotel race is on Leading players in talks with property owners near the Sandton Sun (*Property* December 6) are moving away from the pack.

Still in front is Liberty Life Properties which has edged even further ahead with the submission to Sandton Town Council of a draft site development plan for its five-star project. Its new Southern Sun-managed hotel — to be on the corner of Fifth and Maud streets — is an 18-storey tower (pictured below) to be linked by skywalk to the Sandton Sun (opposite)

The Intercontinental Group is prepared to sign a mixed management and lease agreement with JCI for a five-star-plus, 320-room hotel. JCI's property is on

the corner of Katherine Street and Rivonia Road and there is an application for hotel rights lodged with the town council

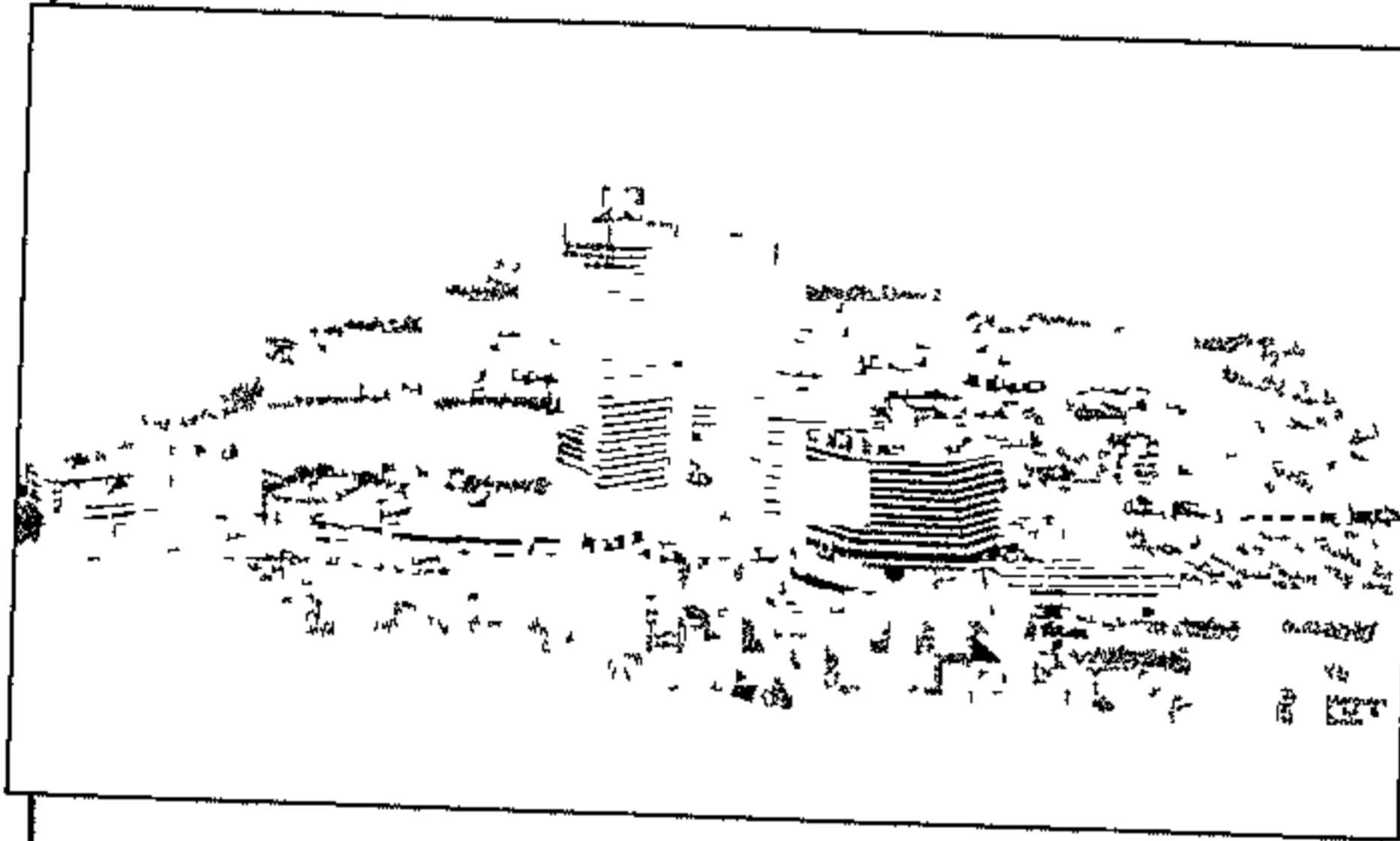
"Our intention is to get something tied up before the year is out or in the early part of the new year," says JCI Properties' senior manager Russel Jackson

He adds that JCI, which owns the Holiday Inns in Milpark and Sandton, will form part of an investment consortium. FM 20/12/91

But how many more hotels can be accommodated in Sandton? Jackson says research by hotel operators shows there is room for two new five-star hotels with 500-600 rooms

The Hilton group has been talking to another runner in the race, Time Developments. The latter's property, with no hotel rights, is opposite Sandton City between Liberty's new hotel site and the proposed Sandton Square.

Sandton Square co-developer, the Stocks Group, declines to name the hotel group it is reported to have in its pocket.



CURRENT AFFAIRS

and aqua-pump toilets

But the area has no infrastructure and is far away from any industrial development. The TPA has agreed to the formation of an action committee that would debate

where development, resettlement and urbanisation should take place

From the TPA announcement it would appear that the green-belt philosophy of the Seventies is being rejected at a time when the

necessity of conserving so-called green lungs around cities is being recognised internationally. The fact that areas of land are open does not mean they should all become squatter camps

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Hearts and lungs

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Transvaal Provincial Administration has postponed a final decision on its plan to establish a number of informal settlements outside Johannesburg. Its executive committee will meet again early next year. Opposition came from local groups as well as the ANC, which slammed the plan as another unilateral government act at a time of transition.

The TPA planned to establish 13 villages north-west of Johannesburg as high-density informal settlements to accommodate about 20 000 squatters. The area stretches in an arc from Blue Hills-Knoppieslaagte in the east to Broederstroom-Rhenosterspruit in the west.

One of the more active parties concerned, Greenbelt Action Group, has hailed as a breakthrough the TPA's decision to include the interest groups in all decisions, consultations and negotiations. The group has been responsible for co-ordinating opposition from residents and property owners in the North Rand green belt to what is seen as poorly planned urban development. Attempts by representatives from 15 green-belt areas to oppose similar TPA plans in the past were unsuccessful. They now believe that a breakthrough has been achieved.

The ANC says the action was being taken "at a time when both the ANC and government form part of a National Housing Forum". The TPA announcement appears to undermine the forum, it says, and raises questions about government's commitment to housing and other crucial socio-economic policies.

The TPA had already identified a site-and-service area in Diepsloot — the main area Greenbelt wants to keep free of squatters. There is no local authority in the area to control the influx of squatters or to provide elementary services.

In 1986 plans were under way to develop Norweto in the Diepsloot area as an upmarket black township north of Sandton. This was halted soon after the Group Areas Act was repealed. Now the TPA intends creating villages, each consisting of about 1 500 stands of about 250 m² each, serviced by dirt roads, with one water tanker for 20 houses.

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Land near CBD could help solve housing crisis

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BRENDAN TEMPLETON

NEW avenues for town planners to explore will present themselves in the new year when thousands of hectares of low-priced inner-suburban land becomes available for low-income housing.

do not have to pay rates or taxes on it. This allows them to let it lie idle without cost to themselves.

The land stretches along the southern fringe of Johannesburg and lies next to major transport routes, industrial areas and the CBD.

The new Minerals Act will effectively remove the "holy ground" status enjoyed by the mines by scrapping the differentiation between proclaimed and unproclaimed land.

Costs cut

Instead of creating sprawling shanty townships up to 35 km away from central areas, it may be possible to develop many smaller residential areas closer to cities.

If the land is used for township development, it could improve the quality of life for thousands of homeless families and slash the cost of urbanisation.

Costs could be greatly cut because the extent of new infrastructure — sewerage, shops, roads and electricity — would not be as great as when a township was developed from scratch.

Until now, a myriad laws and regulations have made township development on this land a three-cornered nightmare for developers.

The land is owned largely by mining corporations — which say legislation has prevented them from releasing it for housing.

They have had to contend with the owner of the land and the Government when applying for development rights. Now the Government has been effectively removed from the relationship, leaving it up to the developer and the landowner to strike up a deal.

Presently the land is zoned as "agricultural" land, meaning the mines

Huge rent hikes for Ikageng

By DAN DHLAMINI (127)

IKAGENG residents kick off 1992 on a sour note as they face rent increases of between 100 and 200 percent.

Township administrator Johan Oosthuizen, also mayor of Potchefstroom, issued pamphlets to residents last week notifying them that the increases would be implemented on January 1.

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Confrontation

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Newly elected Ikageng Civic Association chairman George Gaduka said Oosthuizen was plainly seeking confrontation by drastically increasing rent and service charges, despite objections by the People's Delegation in various meetings with him and Transvaal Provincial Administration representatives.

Gaduka said the People's Delegation and the administrator had reached an impasse over the issue of increasing tariffs, but now Oosthuizen has forged ahead with the increases.

Although Gaduka did not say what action the ICA would take, he said a serious confrontation was looming in the new year.

Dark start to festive season

(12M)

By Monica Oosterbroek

It has been cheerless festive season for the residents of Gaelic Mansions in central Johannesburg since the landlord switched off the electricity because tenants were in arrears

The electricity was switched off on December 6.

Resident Terrence Alexander said people had lost mounds of food bought for Christmas when the fridges and freezers defrosted. Lifts did not work and elderly people were forced to walk up four flights of stairs

Mr Alexander said he was afraid to arrive home after dark as it was dangerous walking down the dark passages to his door.

"I haven't been able to watch television, have a cup of tea or relax in a hot bath for two weeks," he said

"Imagine the difficulties facing mothers with children," he said.

The landlord, Igbal Joosub, said the electricity had been

cut off because tenants were in arrears with payments on rent, water and electricity. He said tenants owed more than R41 000 on electricity alone.

Mr Joosub said that only four of his 32 tenants were up-to-date with payments

Outlining the difficulties facing landlords, he said some tenants had not paid rent or electricity bills for two years, and he did not have the money to pay the outstanding bill himself

"They beg for accommodation but then don't want to pay. If they do, it's seldom the whole amount. When the electricity is cut off, I get the blame," he said.

However, Mr Joosub said he was not a heartless man and said he hoped to have the electricity turned on by Christmas Day.

Mr Joosub said he was going to "beg or borrow" money to get the electricity turned on until the end of the year. After Christmas, he said he would start procedures to evict tenants who were seriously in arrears with payments

Cast in train fares talks

THEO RAWANA (127)

A DELEGATION led by the Civics Association of Southern Transvaal is to meet Transport Minister Piet Weigemoed in Cape Town on Friday to discuss the 15% increase in rail fares.

The SA Rail Commuter Corporation announced the 15% increase last month and set January 1 as its implementation date.

Cast, together with Co-satu, Azapo, the Soweto Daily Passengers Committee and the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) met SARCC officials in Johannesburg last Friday to discuss the fare increases.

Cast transport chief Dumisani Daniels said yesterday.

The delegation wants the increase to be suspended.

Daniels said SARCC GM (Metro Services) J F Meyer informed him yesterday that Weigemoed had invited a delegation to meet him in Cape Town on Friday to discuss the issue.

"The restructuring of the transport policy should go along with the overall economic policy — this has not been followed," he said.

Coal mines support green efforts

THEO RAWANA

THE SA coal mining industry has supported efforts to counter the danger of global warming.

But it says that concerns about the greenhouse effect are based on incomplete and inconclusive scientific knowledge.

A declaration in support of "environmentally beneficial initiatives", published in the latest issue of the Chamber of Mines Newsletter, forms the industry's response to the proposed international implementation of an anti-global warming campaign, known as the Toronto Target.

The target calls for a 20% worldwide reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2005 (using 1988 levels as a base).

Carbon dioxide is one of a number of "greenhouse" gases, which include CFCs and methane.

The chamber said coal mining companies could be affected by universal support for the Toronto Target, as it could prompt major coal consumers, such as thermal generating utilities, to consider other energy sources which create less carbon dioxide.

"Although the full impact of the envisaged global emission controls may only take effect in 14 years' time, the industry is already examining what economically sound responses may be possible in the interim to protect the environment while minimising disruption to industry."

The industry considered it necessary to work with government on a framework of incentives and disciplines to encourage initiatives which would be environmentally beneficial and economically justifiable.

These would include improved efficiency of energy utilisation and encouraging increased electrification, possibly within the framework of a national energy policy.

The newsletter also details an environmental planning and management procedure the chamber has devised to help member mines ensure their activities comply with imminent environmental legislation.

The document would guide mines controlled or rehabilitated

War toys

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Stokvels at Bank workshop

WILSON ZWANE

THE SA Reserve Bank will convene a workshop on the regulation of informal savings institutions next month to which all interested parties, including the National Stokvels Association of SA (Nasasa), have been invited.

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Two killed in Christmas unrest

DAVE LOURENS

TWO people died in unrest-related incidents over Christmas, but there was little serious crime, particularly on the Witwatersrand and in Soweto. Police said the body of a man was found at Khayelitsha, Cape Town, after a mob attack in which several houses were gutted. (S) 27/12/71

At Murchison on the Natal South Coast a man was shot dead by unidentified attackers. Other incidents were reported at Nyanga, Cape Town, where a woman was injured when a crowd stoned a bus, and at Table Mountain near Maritzburg when a man was shot in the leg.

In Pretoria an 18-year-old man was stabbed to death at about 3am on Christmas morning.

Two men, armed with a gun and a knife, held up the Hennopsrivier Cafe and stole food and the owner's car. Two suicides were recorded in Pretoria on Christmas Day. A man killed himself by drinking ant poison on Christmas morning and a woman shot herself shortly before midnight.

Sapa reported that Soweto police had recovered 217 stolen vehicles in the past week and seized 34 uncensored firearms.

Col Tienie Haigryn said 19 people had been arrested in connection with the stolen vehicles and another 19 in connection with the stolen weapons.

Plea on shebeen hours

WILSON ZWANE

THE Vaal Civic Association (VCA) yesterday urged shebeens and taverners in Vaal Triangle townships to close early to ensure the safety of patrons during the rest of the festive season. (127)

VCA chairman Malik Madise said this had been decided when his organisation held an urgent meeting with representatives of the ANC Evaton branch to seek a meeting with the police to discuss violence.

The two organisations also resolved to work with the police to discuss violence. In another development, developer Vanderbijlpark Estate Company and the VCA had agreed that the project would be involved in a housing project in Thsepiso, an area between Sharpeville and Boipatong.

Madise said the agreement stipulates that the briefing on Tuesday "The agreement stipulates that the community should not be left out of the project should be involved." He could not give the size of the project nor the date on which it would start.

Towns...

UP OF PARLIAM...

Bid fails to prevent train fare rise

Bid RAIL fares are set to go up by 15% this week after Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed turned down appeals for the increase to be suspended.

Rail authorities and affected parties had urgent talks on Friday, during which the Minister said if the increase did not go ahead on January 1 the already deteriorating rail service would collapse completely.

One of the participants at the talks, Civics Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu, said yesterday the meeting had produced a "mixed outcome".

The parties agreed to set up a broad-based conference towards the end of January to examine tariffs and other issues including security on trains.

He said his organisation was still hopeful government would put the fare increases on hold until the conference was held.

The conference would look at the restructuring of the entire railway commu-

er transport system.

The broad crisis facing the transport industry would be discussed at a second conference in March.

The SA Railway Commuter Corporation and the Transport and General Workers Union also attended Friday's meeting.

Mosunkutu said Cast opposed the implementation of the increase as the decision to push up rail fares was taken "unilaterally, without consultation with relevant organisations, including the civics and the trade union movement".

He emphasised the process of community consultation was key in ensuring the rail service was rescued.

Sapa reports Cast said while Welgemoed acknowledged the need for consultation with local communities about upgrading rail facilities he did not concede the principle of consultation about fare increases.

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TPA to spend R6m on Thokoza hostels facelift

31/12/91 VERA VON LIERES (127)

WORKERS' hostels in Thokoza are to be upgraded to the tune of R6m by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA). The work would start in January, a TPA spokesman said yesterday.

This move is likely to defuse tensions surrounding the multimillion-rand plan by the Independent Development Trust (IDT) and the TPA to turn the neighbouring Phola Park squatter camp into a "proper town".

Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhela Mlambo had demanded the Phola Park project be shelved as it would cause friction between squatters and the hostel dwellers. He said authorities should upgrade all the hostels in Thokoza before developing Phola Park.

TPA liaison officer Magda du Toit said yesterday the revamp was "with a view to improving the quality of life of residents". Details of the plans still had to be finalised but the project would get under way within weeks.

General upgrading of the infrastructure in other towns, including Soweto and Atteridgeville, was in the pipeline, she added.

Transvaal MEC for Physical Planning and Development John Mavuso said last week Phola Park would become a proper town early next year, following the allocation of R15m by the IDT for the development of 2 000 serviced sites. Development would start with the removal of huge piles of refuse and would be followed by the provision of running water and toilets.

Du Toit said plans to develop the squatter camp arose out of talks between the Phola Park community, the Thokoza town council, civic consultant and development agency Planact, and the TPA.

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Reprieve for Munsieville

By SELLO MOTLHABAKWE

MUNSIEVILLE township near Krugersdorp was yesterday temporarily reprieved from darkness as town council engineers struggled with a technical problem

In a statement released earlier by the Munsieville town administrator, Mr JJ Niewoudt, the council had threatened to cut off electricity by yesterday afternoon

However, the technical problem is only temporary, said Mr Nigel Mandy, consultant for the council.

Solve the problem

"As soon as the engineers solve the problem the supply will be cut off," he said

The cutoff could be effected today

The administrator had earlier said only R41 500 had been paid by residents. The rent and service arrears in the area amount to R127 500.

The statement said negotiations on other tariffs would be continued on the Munsieville Forum.

The council justified the latest cutoff - the second this year - on what it said was the Munsieville civic association's apparent backdown on an agreement to get residents to pay a flat rate which was upwardly adjustable

Township faces power cut

Residents of Munsieville in Krugersdorp face a possible power cut this week.

Krugersdorp town clerk Thys Oosthuizen said the Munsieville Civic Association had,

earlier this year, undertaken to ensure that the township's electricity account would be paid every month. But, he said, at the end of last month hardly any payments had been received

S far 12/9/91 (12M)

Now blacks are fighting roads that plough through residential areas, writes Conrad Berge

Rallying to block the high way of apartheid

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UNTIL now it was middle- to upper-middle class whites who mounted campaigns to stop new highways ploughing through their neighbourhoods. It was assumed, indeed even used in argument, that the people who really needed these roads were the less privileged — "the poor beggars are crying out for access — they won't even notice the noise and fumes".

To such it will come as a shock that the ANC is championing a campaign to stop a major highway ploughing through a black area. The highway is the proposed six-lane "A3" and the area is Vrededorp/Pageview/Mayfair.

Two well-attended meetings have been held, pamphlets have

been distributed and a campaign of resistance planned which includes a rates boycott, disrupting city council meetings, marches and sit-ins.

The highway is perceived as a product of apartheid and intended to serve the interests of fat cats in the northern suburbs.

Mayfair is racially mixed but predominantly Indian. Having been driven from Vrededorp to Lenasia and elsewhere, having returned first under the cover of nominee owners and now legally, these people will be damned if they will allow their rapidly developing neighbourhood to be destroyed by a parting shot of a hideous era.

The proposed A3 highway

threatens to flatten a wide band of precious inner city housing, it side-swipes two mosques and the local park and wrecks Mayfair Convent, one of the first non-racial schools, now running to capacity.

Above all, the proposed highway cleaves a compact community. It cuts off people from their work, shops and friends, children from their schools and congregations from their places of worship. It will be physically impossible to protect closely abutting houses from the incessant roar and stench of traffic.

Unlike white suburbanites who had to purpose-make organisations to take up the struggle,

Mayfair/Vrededorp has only the ANC

First to bear the brunt of its anger is the city council — "the DP has only the interests of the rich at heart". The chairman of Johannesburg's management committee failed to respond to 30 telephone messages and the council's officials tried to quieten the outcry by initiating an environmental study and moratorium while declaring to others that the road would go ahead.

As in Sandton, big business is seen as the hidden villain.

Property developers in Newtown and Crown Mines want the road to attract "decision makers" from the north to upmarket office blocks in the south.

And friends in government are backing them.

In merely declaring that the A3 is unacceptable, the ANC has made it too risky for government to commit capital to it.

A monument already exists to this last gasp of the old South Africa, anyone who cares may go to see it. It is a half-built bridge on the site of the old Panbarger Roadhouse opposite Milpark Hospital on Barry Hertzog Avenue.

It is an eloquent and well-placed monument. It tells not only of the end of an era but also of the determination of communities to preserve their integrity, regardless of race, class or culture. □

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Long wait for a cheap home

By Zingisa Mkhuma

Most low-income black people who form long queues outside the Johannesburg City Council offices daily, hoping to rent council-owned houses, are married with families but have never owned houses before

Since vacant Johannesburg council houses were made available to all race groups three weeks ago, the council has processed more than 10 000 applications at a rate of 2 700 a day, officials have reported

People start lining up as early as 3 am. Some spend the night there, even though council offices only open at 9 am

To qualify for council housing, people have to earn less than R1 200 a month

The council has 30 000 housing units available in white, coloured and Indian areas but none are vacant

Yesterday it was reported that the council was looking for land to house thousands of low-income people who had registered

When The Star visited the area, many people were not aware there were no houses available at present

Xoliswa Matshikiza, a divorced mother of two, said she was among the first to arrive at the council offices

She joined the queue at 3 am and waited six hours before obtaining a form which she had to fill in and bring back

For Soweto mother of six, Esther Ngcobo, the day spent queueing was worth the day's wages she may lose

Eunice Nkwane (28) shares a shack in Meadowlands with her husband and child

"I hope my husband and I will be allocated a house as I am sick of staying in someone else's backyard," she said

Unemployed Vusi Mlambo (31) said "I have been on the Soweto Council's waiting list since 1986 and I know there are thousands on that list

"At least here the list could be shorter and I hope to get a house soon"

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Commission divided over Wage Act for domestics

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VERA VON LIERES

THE National Manpower Commission is divided on whether to recommend inclusion of domestic workers under the Wage Act

Recommendations to extend labour legislation to domestic workers are contained in a 19-page report to be published in the Government Gazette today. The report has been handed to Manpower Minister Eli Louw for consideration.

Main recommendations are that domestic workers be covered immediately by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Labour Relations Act. The Workmen's Compensation Act and the Unemployment Insurance Act should also be extended to domestic workers.

Although it was recommended that domestic workers be included under the main labour laws, specific amendments had to be made to provide for the special circumstances.

Members who felt that domestic workers should not be included under the Wage Act — which determines

minimum wages for employees not covered by negotiated wage agreements — recommended instead that there should be wage guidelines.

These should be non-binding and drafted by the Wage Board or similar institution. Wages could be recommended according to area, worker competence and training and employers' financial ability.

Members who recommended that domestics should be included under the Wage Act, said that the Wage Board was a forum for debate, argument and the presentation of evidence on whether there should be minimum conditions of employment, including a minimum wage.

Inclusion under the Wage Act would allow the Wage Board to investigate wages and other conditions of employment in the domestic sector.

The board would take account of relevant factors and could recommend minimum wages for different areas. Manpower Minister Eli Louw

would, however, retain a discretion as to whether to give effect to the recommendations by making a determination.

The commission was also split on a contract of employment for domestic workers. One group supported the view that provision should be made in the Basic Conditions of Employment Act that no domestic workers may be employed for longer than three months without a written contract. The contract should be signed by both parties, be available for inspection, and both employer and domestic worker should have a copy.

Other commission members felt that no statutory compulsion should exist.

It was recommended that domestic workers be entitled to 12 weeks maternity leave, as provided by the Basic Conditions of Employment Act.

The commission decided to investigate whether female employees in all sectors should be guaranteed their jobs back after pregnancy.

AIDS drive to get R5m

DAVE LOURENS

NATIONAL Health and Welfare Minister Rina Venter announced yesterday the allocation of R5m to a six-month AIDS communication campaign and a further R1,5m to a children's lifestyle training programme.

The allocation of more resources was "essential" because over 300 people a day were becoming HIV-infected.

AIDS Unit head Dr Manda Holmshaw said the campaign would feature an African approach.

'Explosive' township crisis warning

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — An explosive financial crisis was developing in black townships despite spending by regional services councils, Central Witwatersrand RSC chairman John Griffiths said yesterday.

Griffiths told a public administration conference at the Human Sciences Research Council the growing crisis could lead to a total breakdown of services and could contribute to problems with health services.

He warned that SA could enter an era of potentially uncontrollable inflation, a "suspect" balance of payments and an even more bloated public sector if the authorities went for quick-fix solutions to buy political goodwill.

Griffiths said accelerated urbanisation had placed extreme pressure on infrastructure and services. Part of the interim

solutions required the involvement of white local authorities in providing administration and technical assistance for the joint provision of services.

Joint administrations would be even better, he said.

In the PWV area, 40 000 to 50 000 hectares would be needed for housing by the year 2000. About half of this would be needed to meet the current backlog.

It was accepted SA had to provide housing for more than 200 000 families a year between now and the end of the century.

Griffiths said identification of land was being hampered by statutory and inflexible policy and planning documents.

He said the plethora of bodies involved in urbanisation should be rationalised into one department.

DP wants homes to be transferred

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THE transfer of certain housing units to residents in black townships could help to defuse the issue of rent and service charge boycotts, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

DP spokesman on local government Mr Tony Leon was reacting to the National Party's constitutional proposals relating to the granting of additional voting rights to property owners at local government level

He said in a statement issued in Johannesburg the NP's proposals could achieve greater acceptability if certain steps were implemented

These, he said, included the immediate transfer of

existing housing in black townships to "those tenants who have leased their homes from local authorities for a certain period, and thus the conversion of millions of tenants into homeowners"

He pointed out: "This will also help defuse the politically-charged issues on rent and service boycotts, since the providers of utility services will be dealing with home owners with secure title, and the right of resale, instead of local authority tenants who, in many cases, have repaid the value of their property several times over"

Leon said the latter suggestions would test the

Government's sincerity as to whether their proposals were legitimate or simply disguised in racism

The DP further proposed a plan to create low-cost housing through the marshalling of existing programmes and resources, "currently dispersed through four housing departments and hundreds of local authorities"

The latter plan, Leon suggested, could be supplemented by the provision of State-owned land

Another proposal includes the forging of an agreement between civic associations, local authorities, financial institutions on an iron-cast formula for

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the provision of bond financing with the single purpose of affording most South Africans access to home ownership

"This will require a commitment by the 'civics' that any such agreement will be honoured and not discarded when the issue of repayments becomes a tantalising political weapon"

The DP added that while this was a massive challenge to Government and the private sector, "the African National Congress and others need to be less equivocal and ambiguous on the entire question of property rights" - *South African Press Association*

Eskom sues Soweto council

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JOHANNESBURG —
Eskom has started proceedings to sue Soweto City Council, which owes the electricity producer R131 million **CT 13/9/91**

The council, which buys from Eskom and in turn supplies the councils of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, is in the grip of a financial crisis and faces a collapse of essential services

Soweto faces summons over debt

ESKOM has started proceedings to sue the Soweto City Council, which owes the utility R131m.

The council, which buys bulk electricity from Eskom and in turn supplies the other Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow and Dobsonville, is in the grip of a financial crisis and faces a collapse of essential services.

Sources said yesterday the council had been summonsed by Eskom and stood to have its R350m electrical equipment attached if judgment against it was obtained.

Eskom distribution and marketing deputy GM Allan Morgan yesterday confirmed that summons had been served on the council.

He said: "We are hoping for a friendly resolution of the problem. We could find a

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solution in the form of an agreement on an agency basis or an arrangement through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The three councils, with the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), are principals in the Greater Soweto Accord which ended a five-year rent boycott and wrote off its R516m debt last September.

Since then the councils have fallen into arrears as residents failed to pay for services, and the financial crisis that ensued is still a subject of debate at various forums, including the metropolitan chamber.

The councils and the TPA want interim

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tariffs increased, while the SPD demands that, since the supply of services was poor and the billing and metering faulty, the provision of supply should be transferred to the Central Wits RSC or to the municipalities of Johannesburg or Roodepoort.

At a chamber meeting on Wednesday, the Johannesburg City Council proposed establishing an interim metropolitan authority, which would see to the provision and administration of services on a regional level. The proposal was referred to the chamber's constitutional working group for urgent discussion.

Diepmeadow town clerk Jan de Jager

said the three councils had on Wednesday signed an agreement transferring the running of the area's electricity supply to the RSC. But he said even that transfer would not remove the need for higher tariffs.

Dobsonville mayor McFarlane Phenethi said the residents of his township were paying for services and did not want anything to do with calls for rent boycotts.

"But when their electricity gets cut off, they blame my council, even when it could be from a fault in the source of supply, Soweto," he said.

Soweto City Council PRO Mojalefa Moseki could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Shape up, TPA tells Tembisa

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THE TPA has warned Tembisa City Council to put its finances and administration in order or be relieved of its functions.

Transvaal MEC for local government Burger Lategan said in a statement yesterday the Administrator had found the council's finances had "become unsound".

"The Administrator has decided to direct the Tembisa City Council to take the necessary steps to remedy the situation within specified periods.

"If the council fails to take the necessary steps to restore the position within these periods, the Administrator may take further action," Lategan said.

Lategan said the council had not yet submitted estimates for the 1991/92 financial year, although these should have been in by May 18/Day 13/9/91

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The last straw?

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Another nail has been slammed into the coffin of the already moribund black housing market. Hammering it in was the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) — and it barely lifted a finger to do the job. All it took was the hint of a nationwide bond boycott aimed at forcing the mortgage lending institutions to reduce bond rates.

However, first indications are that those who will suffer most are precisely the people such a boycott is designed to assist.

The institutions are jittery about lending into the bottom end of the private black housing market, where their financial backing is desperately needed to fuel housing development. The Cast statement will, if anything, make it harder to get housing finance even if the boycott threats do not materialise. Ironically, this comes just when the institutions are reportedly grappling with ways of stepping up the availability of mortgages to the black housing market.

A bond boycott would be a nightmare come true. As it is, they have had a taste of it and have seen the economic devastation that the Soweto rent boycotts brought about.

So too have the civics, the structural inheritors of the Eighties' campaign promoted by the ANC-in-exile to "make the townships ungovernable". Fueled by the conviction that economic sanctions hurt — hurt whites, that is — they presumably hope that the threat will be sufficient to coerce the institutions into reducing borrowing costs. There is no conception that interest rates are a function of supply and demand in the money market — the issue is entirely politicised.

Cast publicity secretary Sandy Lebesse stresses that the boycott is only a suggestion at this stage. "It would be used as a last resort to pressure the institutions into lobbying government to make home ownership affordable for low-income groups. Ordinary people are being denied home ownership rights. They can only be afforded by middle-class professional and business people."

Those whose need is greatest are denied ownership because of "profiteering" on land and finance, Lebesse adds. "In Mamelodi a patch of land costs about R24 000 and is, therefore, way out of reach to a family with a monthly income of R1 500. We must sit down with the institutions and discuss the matter."

National Association of Home Builders chairman Gavin Hardy believes that the mere suggestion of a boycott could have catastrophic implications. "The institutions are already jittery in the extreme. Some have stopped granting bonds in the black market. Others are, at best, reluctant lenders. So despite the desperate need for houses, we

really have to battle for the finance. This kind of thing will just kill it completely. The institutions will just turn the taps off."

That would mean no loan finance available for middle-income black buyers, an exacerbation of the housing problem and increased polarisation of black and white across the wealth divide. "Ungovernability" would also lead to a deterioration of social services and conditions, whoever was in power.

Reaction from the institutions is perhaps predictable, though more restrained than that of Hardy. They point out just how little control they have in setting interest rates and stress that it will be homeowners who will be the real victims of a boycott.

United Bank's Nallie Bosman points out that all lending is done from funds obtained at market-related rates. "United cannot influence these rates, which are based on the prevailing interest rate pattern supported by the Bank rate."

One of the biggest lenders to blacks is the Perm, part of the Nedperm group, which says that 20% of its bond exposure is to this market. Perm individual director Hugh MacLachlan says the Cast suggestion that a bond boycott could solve SA's massive housing crisis is regrettable. "We hope an organisa-

tion like Cast, with whom Nedperm has good relations, and with whom we consult in the development of various housing schemes, will be able to bring its good offices to bear on those who believe that the crisis can be solved by a boycott.

"There's an urgent need for a massive private and public sector housing initiative to address the growing backlog and provide for the hundreds of thousands of people who've poured into the metropolitan areas. Such a programme needs government participation, the banking community and leading industrial and commercial organisations."

A bond boycott would erode their willingness to participate, MacLachlan says. "What is required is a discussion between all concerned of ways in which additional adequate housing, together with the necessary infrastructure, can be made available as quickly as possible." He adds "There're no quick fixes to this crisis."

First National Bank's Pat Lamont says the Cast suggestions must be seen as negative for everyone including homeowners, developers, depositors and lenders. "It would be irresponsible of us to lend to people knowing that they'd be in court having their homes repossessed in a matter of months."

In the event of a broad-scale boycott, the

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institutions would most likely close ranks and act with the necessary firmness. That would probably involve widespread repossessions and evictions. The cost of that would be resentment and bitterness that would take a long time to erase. Cast should be aware of this.

New residential dawn will turn . . .

Jo'burg into a 'people city'

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FRANK JEANS

AS the city council moves ahead with its grand plan for the revitalisation of Johannesburg, it is now taking a serious look at the main ingredient which will make it all work — people.

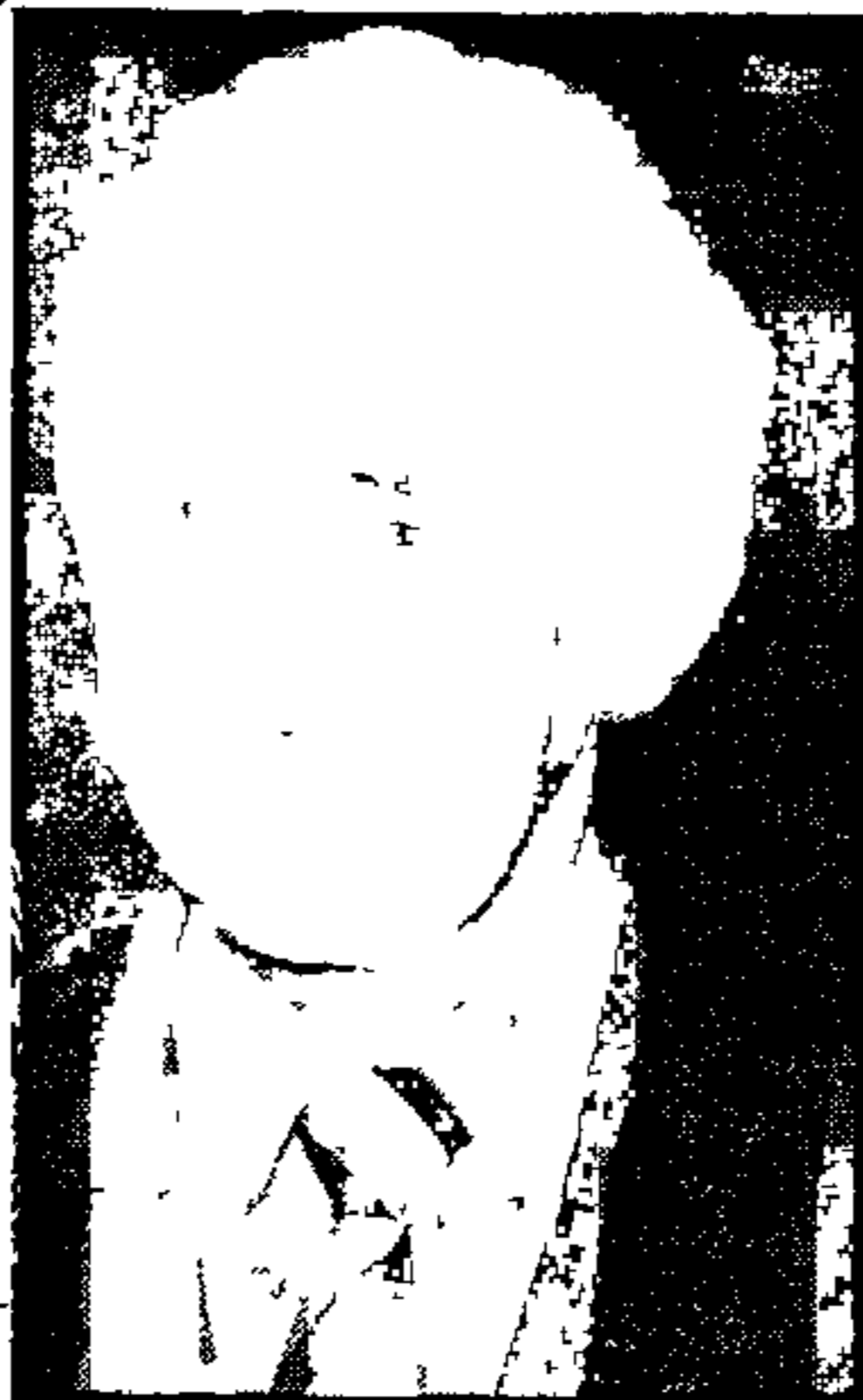
The Eloff, De Villiers and Frederick streets enclave is pinpointed as the scene of a new residential dawn for Johannesburg — the beginning of a massive population build-up to serve the capital-intensive commercial and retail expansion.

'Unprecedented'

In a recent interview, Councillor Eddy Magid, chairman of the City Council's Planning and Development Committee and deputy chairman of the Management Committee, said:

"The whole act is coming together and to see the development work now in progress in Johannesburg, one can only conclude that the CBD has not seen any evidence of a recession. The on-going programme of development is unprecedented."

Emphasising the need to see the residential component as vital to the success of the overall plan, Mr Magid, pointed out the council is considering the establishment of



IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER: City planner Eddy Magid.

blocks of flats soon which will be the "forerunner to similar undertakings in the city"

He also pledges the council to avoiding bureaucratic bogdown so as to get action now for the development of homes. And in line with this attitude has been the streamlining of the council's Planning Department, where plans are now being approved on average in 10,5 working days

Incentives, too, for the property owner and developer must inevita-

ble follow and the entrepreneur "looking for specific advantages from the council" to get residential projects on to site should contact Ian Symon, executive director of Planning and Development.

"The major commercial developments such as Bank City and Turbine Square will create thousands of new job opportunities downtown so that the timing has never been better for new residential development close to the workplace," he added.

Bank City alone will be home to an office army of 6 000 and this number will swell to an estimated 10 000 with the coming on stream of other prime property assembles, Turbine Square and Sage Properties' retail and office venture which straddles Eloff Street and between De Villiers and Pritchard Streets.

Perimeters

The latter goes through council this month and construction is due to begin soon.

Adding to the new look will be the re-emphasis on pedestrianisation, with Kerk and Eloff, Plein and Smal streets all coming into carless areas and buses re-routed around perimeters of the city.

There will be the pedestrian link, too, with the newly-planned Kaserne bus and taxi terminus which, along with its commercial component, will cost R550 million.

The billion rand spread will involve, for the first time, what has long been mooted by property pundits — the "air link" with Braamfontein.

Consistent with the council's policy to deck the rail lines from Queen Elizabeth Bridge to End Street, the council has agreed in principle to the R600 million conference and trade centre to be put together by Rail Commuter Services, Transnet and the Harrison Street Consortium.



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ALEXANDRA has shown that it is possible to put control of electricity in the hands of the people, a civic association representative told delegates to the conference

Eskom's Johan Du Plessis told delegates how negotiations with the Cast-affiliated Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) had resulted in an agreement to remove control of electricity supply from the Alexandra Town Council. From this month control would be placed in the hands of the Regional Services Council.

The Eskom agreement forms part of the Alex Accord, which effectively places control of Alex civic affairs in the hands of the RSC.

Delegates from several civics called for Cast affiliates to follow the Alex example and negotiate with Eskom for the removal of electricity supply from black local authorities. They argued that taking away control of electricity supply from black councillors would hasten their collapse.

Du Plessis said 70 percent of South Africans, a total of 23 million people in three million households, had no electricity



R100 A HOUSE ...
Johan du Plessis.

He said Eskom had the capacity to generate electricity for these people right now, but funding was the obstacle.

Eskom's research shows that black households could cut their previous fuel bills by half if they moved over to electricity. Eskom estimates that if the present rate of electrification is maintained, it will take till the end of the century to electrify one million houses.

If the rate of development is speeded up, one million households could be electrified by 1995, and more than 270 000

jobs would be created. This programme would cost R3-billion, and grants, funding and soft loans needed to be made available.

Du Plessis said Eskom could electrify a house for as little as R100, working on the Readiboard prepaid system, as opposed to about R1 500 to wire a small house for electricity. The Readiboard was in one room of the house and could provide adequate power for plugs and lights. Cards to operate the system were R10 each.

Du Plessis said this system had been installed in about 20 000 houses to date and seemed to be working well.

Du Plessis said the question South Africa had to ask itself was not whether the country could afford to supply electricity all its people, but whether it could afford not to.

A delegate from an informal settlement in Soweto reminded the conference that while electrification was of concern to many delegates, it was irrelevant to others because they were homeless. They had no homes to put electricity into.

Doornkop sites still selling

SITES at Doornkop, the Transvaal Provincial Administration's controversial site-and-services scheme near Dobsonville, are still being sold by Johannesburg developers

This is despite an ongoing investigation by the TPA into the alleged improper allocation of sites by private developers

City Press investigations have also revealed that hundreds of Doornkop sites have been allocated through private developers and large companies for staff housing

The TPA made Doornkop sites available at R5 100 on a 30-year lease for homeless, low-income people. Sites were supposed to be allocated only to families earning less than R600 a month and who had their names on council housing waiting lists in greater Soweto

This week, at least two private developers were still selling houses and

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sites at Doornkop

The developers ignore the TPA regulations and market the houses, despite being told not to by the TPA

City Press reporters, posing as employers looking for low-cost staff housing, were this week offered building contracts, including sites, by Genesis Homes and Micro Homes

According to TPA records, all Doornkop sites have been allocated and no further sites are avail-

able. About 2 000 sites have not been occupied

The TPA is currently conducting an investigation into the allocation of all empty sites at Doornkop. The investigation has already taken about two months and is likely to take several more

Each siteholder has to be contacted either by telephone, letter or personal visit and asked the reasons why he or she has not yet occupied the Doornkop site they have been allocated

The TPA will decide next week what to do with unoccupied sites, or sites which were allocated to people who did not meet its criteria

Meanwhile, the TPA has made an urgent appeal to anyone who has been allocated a site but who has not yet occupied it to contact the Doornkop administration office

Kagiso sub-division row

By SOPHIE TEMA

FAMILIES of an elite area in Kagiso near Krugersdorp have brought legal action against the Transvaal Provincial Administrator and a housing developer to stop them from "overcrowding" the area.

About 11 families - already established in the area - have submitted affidavits to the Rand Supreme Court asking that the administrator and housing developer Saambou Wonings be stopped from sub-dividing the re-

maining sites on sale in the area. The families claim the sub-divisions of the plots was reducing the value of their plots.

In their affidavits the residents said there has been a steady flow of people into the elite area who have built houses that "compare favourably with the sites."

The families have also written a letter to the Kagiso Town Council, requesting its intervention in stopping the developer from sub-dividing the remaining stands.

In a letter written to

the TPA, the Kagiso Town Council indicated that it had no objections to Saambou having part of Kagiso extension 4 sub-divided "to make it more marketable", on condition the minimum residential stand measured 500 cubic metres.

Residents claim the 1 000 square meter sites were originally sold at R26 000 while the 500 cubic metre sites were to be sold at R25 000 a site.

A spokesman for Saambou Wonings told City Press it would contest the action.

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Vaal township without power

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THE vast majority of residents in black townships in the Vaal Triangle are still living without electricity, a month after the signing of an accord to end the six-year-old service charges boycott.

The accord was signed by the TPA and civic associations in the Vaal.

The town clerk for the towns of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong, Mr Klasie Louw, said on Friday that Sharpeville and most sections of Sebokeng remained without electricity, as payments had not reached the agreed target.

He said there was also a danger that power to Bophelong and Boipatong could be terminated if payments were not maintained at 70 percent.

Louw pointed out that residents of Sharpeville faced an additional problem even if their payments reached the 70 percent mark, an additional R1 million had to be paid to the Vereeniging Town Council before electricity could be restored - Sapa

Helping hand offered for money crisis

THE JOHANNESBURG City Council management committee took the bull by the horns in the chandelier-lit arena of the council chamber on Wednesday last week, spelling out its vision of a non-racial interim government for the central Witwatersrand metropolitan region

The loudest applause for management committee chairman Ian Davidson came from Cyril Ramaphosa of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), who saw in it as the first considered answer to repeated demands that an authority be set up with the resources and expertise to run and repair South Africa's biggest township Soweto

That the SCA differed with Johannesburg on details of the plan was of small account, insisted Mr Ramaphosa

They agreed on fundamental principles, and Johannesburg had acted in the firm belief that structural change was the key to resolving the financial crisis in Soweto

He welcomed Mr Davidson's observation that "any step forward requires a holistic approach"

This implies that all issues are linked and a workable, acceptable solution has to address all issues simultaneously

Johannesburg's proposal has three main elements

- The establishment of a metropolitan services corporation or board to provide certain trading services on a metropolitan basis, such as electricity and public transportation
- The involvement of Johannes-



Ian Davidson new vision.

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burg, Randburg, Sandton and Roodepoort in Greater Soweto and Alexandra through these structures

This would give the new body the credibility, power and financial clout of the Regional Services Council, Mr Davidson said Without funds and legislative powers, the chamber remained a talk shop

In practice, it would mean that the proposed interim metropolitan authority would take over all the powers, functions, resources, and obligations of the RSC, while the metropolitan chamber would become the decision-making assembly of the interim body

The decision-making arrangements of the chamber would stay in place The day-to-day RSC tasks could be executed by an interim executive

Mr Davidson said "We cannot allow structural change to wards a new metropolitan and local government system for the region to proceed in a hap-

Drastic but historic steps were taken by Johannesburg last week in a plan to try to resolve the financial crisis in the region, report JO-ANNE COLLINGE and LOUISE BURGERS.

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azard or fragmented fashion It must be a balanced package And we must be prepared to accept the constitutional implications involved

"However, the situation on the ground demands that we take a drastic step Our region is vital to the economy of our country, and we cannot allow, nor afford, the collapse of local government and the services it provides"

Until Wednesday, various parties in the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber were deadlocked on how to overcome Soweto's financial problems

The township councils and the province believed that higher service tariffs and higher levels of payment by residents were an absolute priority and could not wait for structural change

The civics, on the other hand, argued that unless apartheid municipal structures were demolished, it was futile to expect



Cyril Ramaphosa praise

residents to pay up — putting money into the hands of inefficient and bankrupt councils with no hope of seeing any improvement in living conditions

But, said Mr Ramaphosa, the core of the Johannesburg proposal — stable provision and payment for services, better provision of services, streamlined regional decision-making, and restructuring into metropolitan and local bodies — offered the chamber "a beacon that we can all start working towards"

The other civic bodies in the chamber were obviously content to have the SCA speak for them The other white municipalities — Randburg, Roodepoort and Sandton — were sympathetic, but made it clear that they were not about to be hustled into immediate support.

Perry Oertel of Sandton pointed out that they might repent at leisure if they bound themselves to the principles of the plan, then found there were

significant differences of interpretation

Mr Davidson emphasised that his proposal was only an outline and there were many details which had to be studied The plan had, however, been presented to a number of prominent people and organisations across the political spectrum, and reaction had been favourable.

Mr Davidson said communities had to accept equal responsibility for the collection and payment of rates and charges Johannesburg would not subsidise people who were not prepared to pay for services

"Consequently, any step involving structural change is contingent on adequately resolving issues such as the ending of boycotts, the setting of economic tariffs, and the normalisation of payments for services in Greater Soweto and Alexandra"

The second part of Johannesburg's proposal dealt with the creation of a metropolitan services corporation to provide certain services

The corporation could include Eskom and the Rand Water Board

Greater Soweto and Alexandra would then have to request that the developed (white) councils take over their administration on a contract basis

Any interim proposal would also have to address elements such as

- Direct financial assistance by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Government
- The contributions of Eskom and the Rand Water Board

Eskom sues 20 black councils over arrears

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By Louise Burgers

Eskom has obtained judgments against 20 black local authorities for the R285 million it is owed for electricity in the Transvaal and OFS, but will not ask the councils to pay up while negotiations are in progress

On Thursday, Eskom began proceedings to sue Soweto City Council for the R131 million it owes in electricity arrears

For several months, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) and the TPA, have warned that the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville town

councils were on the verge of financial collapse as funds were exhausted because people were not paying

Eskom PWV distributor manager John Bradbury said people had to realise Eskom was in a difficult position.

"We have an obligation to our stakeholders, as a creditor, to secure our position. We have issued summonses and will get a judgment against the Soweto Council"

The CWRSC said the summons against the Soweto council would not affect its bid to take over bulk supply of electricity to Greater Soweto

Call for stayaway on Reef goes unheeded

Stayaway 17/9/91
A TWO-DAY stayaway, called by Cosatu, the ANC PWV region and the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast), was widely ignored by township residents yesterday

ANC PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday the stayaway was intended for East Rand residents only and not for the whole PWV region

However, it would appear the stayaway failed on the East Rand as well as in other areas.

Spoornet and Putco officials said their passenger loads were normal

"There was no noticeable drop in the number of commuters," a Spoornet spokesman said

This comment was echoed by a spokesman for the bus company.

The SA Chamber of Business did not even monitor the action

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Commerce spokesman said it had been a "normal" day in the East Rand town.

Mamoepa said he did not have any information on how many people had stayed at home

"We are still awaiting reports from our zones"

The stayaway was apparently observed by Cosatu officials on the East Rand, as there was no response to repeated attempts to contact the Germiston offices.

Cast officials also appeared not to be in their offices, as ringing telephones were left unanswered

The three organisations had called the stayaway yesterday and today to protest against the flare-up in violence which preceded Saturday's signing of the national peace accord. — Sapa

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Lekoa rent - appeal is thrown out

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THE Appeal Court in Bloemfontein has dismissed an appeal by Mr Solomon Motoli Tsoari of Sharpeville, against the rejection of his application for an order to declare that he was not obliged to pay rent to the Lekoa Town Council

On February 5 1988 Mr Justice MJ Strydom, in the Witwatersrand Local Supreme Court, upheld a point *in limine* by the town council and the Administrator of the Orange Free State (in his capacity as Administrator Development Board for the Oranjevaal area).

The point disputed the *locus standi* of Tsoari and another man to bring the application, as they did not have a reasonable fear of ejection from their homes and did not have a sufficient right or obligation, which required a declaratory order; were, in fact, asking the court for advice, and the issues should not be decided piecemeal - *Sapa*.

Cheap houses show

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LOW-COST housing units in the R5 000 to R10 000 price region will be on view during the Golden Highway Housing Expo starting on September 25.

The Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing and the Transvaal Provincial Administration said in a joint statement a large number of companies and developers will build about 90 houses, using a wide range of building materials.

The show will be on until October 9, and will be open from 9am to 7pm every day. - *Sapa*

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Rumours spark a rush for council housing

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IN THE past two weeks about 30 000 people have applied for accommodation in houses owned by the Johannesburg City Council

Many of the thousands of blacks queueing daily at the housing division mistakenly believe they will get the low-income housing at the expense of coloureds and Indians

People interviewed in the queues said they had been told by "people who know" that coloureds and Indians in such areas as Noordgesig, Newclare and Rosettenville would be evicted to make room for blacks.

However, the council's health and housing committee chairman Marietta Marx rejected the claims as malicious rumours meant to "unsettle" the council's low-cost housing drive

The queues started after the council decided to consolidate its three, racially-based, housing waiting lists into one

The council's health and housing executive director Nicky Padayachee said last week the scheme was open to people of all races who earned less than R1 200 a month.

He said the council had 30 000 units in white, coloured and Indian areas for low-income people, but there were no empty homes at present. Applicants would be able to move in only as previous occupants moved out.

But many of the applicants were under the impression space would be made available for them through evictions.

Joyce Ndlovu, a nurse at Soweto's Lesedi Clinic said: "I heard it from people who were told by their union that we would be moved into houses from which coloureds and Indians had been kicked out

"People are told all sorts of things and the wrong impression is always created," she said.

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Building the Nation

PROPERTY

Top ANC officials buy in luxury belt

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IF property owners had any doubts about their property rights under any ANC government of the future they need to look no farther than the organisation's leadership acquisition of property.

According to Camdon Group's managing director, Mr Scott McRae, the ANC reportedly has international property interests of some R700 million

OLIVER TAMBO... has acquired a property in northern suburb of Sandhurst

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

In South Africa the organisation recently acquired Shell House, Johannesburg, as its headquarters in a multi-million-rand deal, and on the residential front indi-

vidual members have been buyers of up-market properties

McRae says for example, an SACP secretary has acquired a property in Observatory, Johannesburg and former ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo has bought a home

in Sandhurst, Sandton, in the heart of the so-called white "mink and manure belt"

He says "ANC president Nelson Mandela himself lives in a luxury home with his wife, Mrs Mandela, in Soweto". Camdon's had also been approached by the ANC in connection with property deals, he revealed

However, if experience in South Africa's neighbouring states was any guideline, whites had no reason to expect that their property rights would be infringed

Indeed, property rights had been enshrined in the constitutions of Namibia and Zimbabwe and in general values had appreciated

In one instance, for example, a home in Harare sold for R90 000 at the start of independence was now selling for 10 times that amount

The ANC has put to rest any suggestions of property confiscation, forced sales of property and -forced accommodation -for- addressed un-

duction of taxation of what could be described as luxury property "Just how luxury property would be defined is a moot point

"Moreover, any legislation of this nature would undoubtedly have a difficult passage through Parliament and, even if finally approved, would, in my view, be watered down in any event and could well prove to be quite tame," McRae said

He added "I prefer to be an optimist on this issue and to take my cue from what has happened to property in neighbouring Namibia and Zimbabwe, where values have soared under the regime and property ownership is firmly entrenched

"I would in any event hope that the ANC policies will mellow should they come to power

"Property ownership is, after all, one of the basic ways of creating wealth and I would hope that any future ANC-dominated government would wish to encourage such ownership in the interests of the population as whole, rather than simplistically confiscate existing property wealth and so impoverish the country as a whole," he said

deprivileged, he says A senior ANC spokesman had told Camdon's that any suggestion along these lines was "propaganda"

"There is no question of confiscating white property

"It would seem that multiproperty ownership will be entirely the prerogative of the individual, if he can afford it, and again, such ownership would be protected - although this privilege could attract taxation," he said.

Basic need

The ANC's policy is to address a basic need for housing among the million or more South Africans who presently do not have proper housing

"This implies redirecting more of the country's resources into housing

"This policy did not mean dispossessing those who already owned property in any way, whether by force or by coercion.

"What the ANC policy can do is th...

Some want to be alone

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Proposals to eliminate migrant worker hostels as a means of solving internecine black violence are simplistic and will not work, argues Lawrence Schlemmer, director of Wits University's Centre for Policy Studies

A system whereby hundreds of thousands of men live in overcrowded, barrack-like single quarters for months at a time between short trips home to visit their wives and families is indefensible. This system of hostel accommodation, however, is as old as industrialisation in SA. Despite decades of criticism from human rights agencies and welfare groups, until very recently hundreds of public and private hostels have been maintained, and new ones built.

Since the early months of 1991, however, calls for the dismantling of the hostel system have become more strident. The reason, as we know, has been the spate of lethal politically coloured violence that has erupted in the Transvaal, with hostel dwellers associated with the Inkatha Freedom Party and youths from surrounding residential areas as active participants and in many cases as visible aggressors.

Since the beginning of 1991 well over 500 people have died in this type of violence in the Transvaal.

The ANC has called for the urgent termination of the single-sex hostel system and local authorities in some instances have begun demolishing them. The Independent Development Trust has helped to fund the conversion of one hostel in Natal into family accommodation and further plans along these lines exist in the private and local authority sectors. It has become part of current popular wisdom that dismantling these hostels will reduce or eliminate the organised violence, or counterviolence, surrounding the hostel communities.

SA has known many poorly considered and hurried attempted solutions to social problems in the black townships, many of which have done more harm than good. The latest urge to dismantle the hostel system may be yet another. While hostels are manifestly inadequate institutions, they both contain and have created certain social realities that will not go away with the dismantling of the physical structure.

According to Prof Dan Smit, there are at least 380 000 public and private hostel beds in SA and the number of people who make use of these exceeds 1m migrant workers. Hostel inmates are not normally included in the calculations of the urban accommodation

shortage in black communities, if they were, the effective shortage of shelter estimated now would double. This fact alone is a reason for caution.

Other relevant factors exist as well, however. In research conducted by me and other research conducted jointly with Prof Valerie Moller in the mid-Eighties, it became clear that a proportion of hostel dwellers preferred, and would be likely to continue to prefer, temporary single status in the cities in cheap hostel accommodation.

Personal interviews by trained black staff among representative samples of male migrant workers in hostels yielded the following indications:

- Some four out of 10 hostel dwellers considered the life to be the best way for single migrants to live in the city,
- Only about one-quarter of the hostel dwellers perceived themselves as urban or urbanising people,
- Only one to one-and-a-half out of 10 people on average expressed an existing or ideal preference for urban work and living, and
- At least half the migrants did not even feel that they would like their wives or rural female companions to join them in the city, or at least not permanently.

It was clear from the findings that migrant workers who wished to urbanise permanently, or who saw no alternative but to move permanently to the city, were already moving into shacks and private lodgings voluntarily. One might reasonably expect therefore that the perception among people who remain in hostels of their own accord as temporary, economically orientated sojourners in the city, has further crystallised and intensified.

Earlier surveys showed that among the reasons for this was the fact that the hostel migrants valued certain rural resources. Among Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers in the Transvaal, for example, at least six out of 10 had, or expected, access to their own rural land (2 ha-3 ha in most cases) and despite their youthful average age, at least 50% had cattle in rural KwaZulu.

The inevitable conclusion one must draw is that, notwithstanding the constrained, frustrating and unnatural conditions in the hostels, a substantial proportion of the residents prefer this mode of urban existence to making any significant investments in more stable urban accommodation. Their priorities are in the rural areas.

Other more recent results support this broad conclusion. In a March survey among black township residents, which included a special sub-sample of hostel dwellers, a stark polarisation of values and attitudes emerged between hostel migrants and other urban black people (see table).

The hostel dwellers are not merely a category defined in terms of accommodation. They are in a sense social enclaves with a different political culture and different kinds of interests than the surrounding township dwellers. Clearly, simply dismantling the hostel system is not only complex in its implications for the residents, but may not remove the problem perceived to surround the hos-

SEPARATE IDENTITY

Support for:	Hostels (n101) %	Soweto (n330) %
Inkatha Freedom Party	71	10
ANC	12	43
PAC/AZAPO	—	20
National Party	7	17
Satisfied with leadership of Chief Buthelezi	69	12
Feel very close or close to		
— Trade union	20	51
— Church	32	56
— Employer	50	41
— Street committee	8	31
— Current SA government	49	64
— Civic association	10	29
— Cosatu	8	24

teis and their inhabitants.

What should be considered in particular is the fact that the hostel dwellers are so distinct in socio-economic interests and political orientations that they will remain enclaves even if their hostels are closed. Having been employed in townships prior to the programme of hostel construction in the Sixties and Seventies, and mindful of patterns of residential location elsewhere in Africa and the Third World, I would make the confident prediction that migrants will establish themselves in clearly defined and bounded concentrations within squatter camps.

Very recent experience in shack areas of Natal would seem to indicate quite conclusively that violence can erupt as easily between opposing concentrations of shack dwellers as between hostel dwellers and surrounding residential areas. Indeed, the phenomenon referred to as "warlordism" originated in shack areas.

In conclusion, therefore, what must be stated is that the policy dilemma around the future of hostel accommodation is more complex than much facile comment in the media would suggest. Hostels are a particularly unpleasant and artificial form of accommodation, and serious thought and research must be devoted to identifying appropriate options. If the motivation for destroying the hostel system, however, is largely or in part to fragment the militant cohesion of hostel communities, the policy will most certainly backfire.

Talks on services deadlocked

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A MEETING which was to resolve electricity problems in Spruitview ended in a deadlock last Friday and was postponed to October 14.

By ISAAC MOLEDI

Ratepayers Association Senior TPA official Mr Olaus van Zyl recommended the SRA study the implications of the proposed rate on Spruitview's financial situation in light of a report submitted to the meeting by the Spruitview Katlehong town council.

The report indicated that more than R1 million had been spent on providing services.

Van Zyl said for about 1 370 households in Spruitview, the flat rate would not be enough. He suggested that the SRA and Katlehong town council appoint one accountant each who would

work with the city treasurer and Auditor-General to check irregularities in the community's accounts. If irregularities were found, a secret commission of inquiry would be set up to investigate.

However, SRA chairman Mr Jabu Njonane cautioned that, until the problems of irregularities and misappropriation of money by Katlehong town council were solved, Spruitview residents would continue paying R100. He said his association would exempt residents from any liability which might arise from arrears, as a result of the flat rate.

Civics to move on rate hike

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THE Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal will consider a bond rates boycott on September 30 to force banks and building societies to stop increasing interest rates

Mr Moses Mayekiso, the president of Cast, addressed about 500 Kagiso residents before a march to the police station to demand the resignation of the township mayor, Mr Eddie Moeketsi

Grievances

He accused banks of exploiting people

"Banks take people for a ride. They do not listen to grievances. Rates must be decided by the people."

"The council must implement nonracial local governments"

"The Krugersdorp council must run Kagiso while we prepare for the implementation of nonracial local governments because they have money"

"The wealth of the country must develop our township"

At the police station the marchers were met by the head of protective services, Captain Ignatius Senekal who accepted the memo

Council acts against 3 000 rent defaulters

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HUNDREDS of Mamelodi residents have had their properties attached and electricity supplies cut and two were arrested in a major crackdown on rent defaulters by the local council

A police spokesman yesterday confirmed that two people had been arrested in connection with the illegal reconnection of power supplies to their homes on Tuesday night

According to a spokesman for the Mamelodi Council, about 3 000 tenants had been referred to the council's attorneys for failing to pay rent and ignoring several notices to settle their arrears

One of the people arrested is a teacher who admitted he had not paid rent for almost a year

By MONK NKOMO

He also confirmed his electricity supply had been cut by council officials on Tuesday

The police spokesman said they had received complaints from the council that the power to 20 houses had been discontinued on Tuesday but had been illegally reconnected

"We checked the allegations and asked the owners of these houses to switch off. They did

Rent defaulters

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"We then patrolled the area in the evening and found that two of these houses had been illegally reconnected. Both tenants were then arrested," he said

The teacher's wife said they did not know who had reconnected their electricity

A council spokesman said hundreds of rent defaulters have had their properties attached and nearly 3 000 cases have been handed to council lawyers who are seeking default judgments against them

Amid the massive crackdown on rent defaulters, residents resolved at a public meeting organised by the local civic association last Sunday to stop paying rent until their demands, including the resignation of councillors, had been met

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Tokoza gets warning on power cuts

THE East Rand Civic Association has called on Tokoza residents to pay their service bills to avoid a looming electricity switch-off.

The civic's general secretary, Mr Makgabo Moloto, said about half the township had not paid an interim agreement rate of R71 decided on at a meeting between the organisation and Tokoza town council in June this year.

Appeal

"We want to thank those who paid for services. . . we appeal to the community to continue paying and also urge those who haven't to pay to avoid problems, as there is a possibility of a switch-off any time from now"

He said the council had told the civic the amount paid since the agreement was not enough to cover the cost of supplying electricity to the township

The civic had embarked on a door-to-door campaign to encourage residents to pay.

Although some were disgruntled because electricity had not yet been restored to their part of the township, he urged them to pay and to keep their receipts until the issue was finally resolved

"We are meeting the council on Thursday to discuss a possible solution."

The township was without electricity for seven months until the interim agreement on June 14.

Moloto feared there would be resurge in

violence in the township if it was once again plunged into darkness.

"It's relatively quiet at the moment, but I fear the situation will go back to the way it was if the electricity is switched off"

Flashpoint

Tokoza was the flashpoint that rekindled nationwide unrest a week before the National Peace Accord was signed on September 14 by political organisations, trade unions, church groups and business leaders

On September 8 a total of 18 people were killed and 22 were injured when Inkatha Freedom Party supporters marching to a rally in Tokoza were ambushed

By the end of the week more than 100 people had died on the Reef - Sapa

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Low-cost houses to be built in Evaton

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MORE than 8 000 affordable homes are to be built about 5km north of Evaton in an attempt to alleviate the housing shortage in the area.

About 44 developers and construction companies are to take part in the project, which has been hailed as a step in the right direction at a time when black housing

has become a major problem in South Africa. The developers are to hold a special exhibition - the Golden Highway Housing Expo - where several types of homes have already been built for the community to their desperate plight. The show starts today and runs until October 9.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

According to the director of liaison and media services of the Department of Housing, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Mr Alec Weiss, the public would for the first time have a chance to see the types of houses developers can build in the R5 000 and R10 000 price range.

He said the land was made available by the Transvaal Provincial Administration. Several other housing projects would be built elsewhere to provide houses for the homeless.

He estimated that the Government would subsidise the first batch of homeowners by at least 33,3 percent depending on certain factors.

Weiss said other projects envisaged for the

area include schools, a shopping complex and recreational facilities.

People can visit the show from 9am to 7pm daily.

Experts will be on hand to supply information on how to choose and buy one of the houses.

The expo will be officially opened by the Minister of Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Mr Leon Wessels.

Israeli firm to build R40-m development

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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ISRAEL-owned Minray International has announced the development of an up to R40 million housing development in Windmill Park, just south of Boksburg.

The project, which is being marketed exclusively by Aida Boksburg, entails the construction of 500 duet houses ranging from 50m² upwards. Sales started last month.

Two houses will be built adjacent to one another on a 100m² stand. A standard unit which includes two bedrooms, a fully fitted bathroom and kitchen will sell for R64 000. This price includes all ancillary costs including bonds and transfers.

Minray has been operating in South Africa since 1985. It has built over 4 000 houses in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.

Home bond boycott threat

By Abel Mushu

Members of the black community might resort to bond repayment boycotts if financial institutions failed to address land and housing problems, the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal hinted yesterday.

General-secretary Sam Ntuli said institutions needed to consider the needs and nature of their consumers' communities

The present lowest cost for a formal housing unit was between R30 000 and R35 000 and the bond repayment rate was about R341 a month for Government-subsidised houses and R503 for unsubsidised ones.

Members of the black community could not afford these rates, CAST said. It called on financial institutions to educate consumers on housing bonds.

Though it had not yet called a bond boycott, CAST said that if the problems were not addressed, it would "have no option but to go back to our structures with proposals which may not be acceptable to financial institutions"

The unavailability of land and the housing problem were being exacerbated by high unemployment, loss of jobs, low wages and high inflation

CAST said it was arranging a conference to discuss the issues

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Talks to decide on new rent

OFFICIALS of the Department of Development Aid and a residents' delegation from Soshanguve, near Pretoria, will hold another round of talks on Monday to discuss the rent crisis in the township. (127)

Soshanguve residents resolved at a meeting last month to pay an interim monthly flat rate of R50 for August and September.

It was thought that this would have been the period within which the department and the delegation would have come up with a solution as to what tariffs to be paid.

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The money was agreed on to make funds available to pay for services to avoid a cut-off by the bulk supplier until a solution is found.

However, a spokesman for the department said only 22 percent of residents had paid the interim rate by last Monday.

Talks

"But at the moment there was no action planned against rent defaulters by the department as talks are still in progress and a joint working group from the two parties is busy finding a way to end the crisis," the spokesman said.

The two parties have been involved in several rounds of talks over the township's problems, including alleged high tariffs for rent and services said to be charged by the local administration.

The residents embarked on a rent boycott from April 7 until the end of July when they agreed to pay the interim tariffs. - Sapa.

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Slabbert was not available for comment yesterday and police would not respond to requests for comment. The FM reported that the bureau was "similar to those which gave financial underpinning to Inkatha rallies and Uwusa".

dards were applied, then at least 60% of SA's population were of no fixed address and should not be considered for bail.

All three accused had been arrested in their rooms at Nancefield Hostel, so they were obviously traceable there, the defence said.

Mamelodi council attaches rent defaulters' possessions

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THE Mamelodi Town Council has attached the possessions of about 100 households in what is believed to be the first such action against rent defaulters in the current rent crisis in Transvaal townships.

Mayor Simon Mokone said yesterday the council had handed cases of about 3 000 households to lawyers to recover part of the R20m debt built up during a seven-year rent and services boycott.

Transvaal black councils have been hit by rent and services in the past few

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years, but action against residents has been restricted to cutting electricity and water supply.

Mokone said his township had fallen into arrears in its payments to Eskom and the Pretoria City Council since a rent and services boycott was launched to protest against the shooting of 12 local residents in 1984.

He said the procedure followed in taking action against defaulters was to give residents 90 days' notice to pay up, then another 21 days, after which a

seven days' warning to cut electricity was given.

"Then, if they still fail to pay, the residents are warned of legal action. It is only after the council's lawyers have obtained a court order that they attach such possessions as furniture," he said.

Mokone said the council had invited civic association to suggest alternative strategies after the organisation demanded it stop "harassing the people".

"But once legal action has gone through, it is irreversible," he said.

Boycott: councillors' actions under fire

By Melody McDougall
Vereeniging Bureau

Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council (RSC) chairman Gustav du Toit has criticised the actions of three Vanderbijlpark town council representatives after they boycotted the RSC's monthly meeting in Vereeniging this week

Their failure to attend resulted in the lack of a quorum and the meeting had to be postponed

According to Mr du Toit the three councillors — Gerhard Smith, Vanderbijlpark's management committee chairman, Nic Bohme and Eben Potgieter — left the council chamber just as the meeting was about to start and assembled in the foyer

Mr du Toit said that after the meeting was adjourned, two of the councillors, Mr Smith and Mr Potgieter, joined other members of the RSC for refreshments in the mayor's parlour

Condemning their behaviour, he said post-

ponement of the meeting had led to a delay in execution of certain projects

Mr du Toit said it was a pity that certain representatives used "apparent party politics" as a reason to disrupt the RSC's activities

The three concerned are all members of the Vanderbijlpark town council's CP caucus

Commenting on the issue, Mr Smith said he and the two other councillors did not attend the meeting because of dissatisfaction with one of the most important items on the agenda

This was a report on the joint forum of the Vaal Civic Association, in which the principles of one town council with a single tax base was to have been discussed

Mr Smith said that the National Party (Mr du Toit is a member of the NP) and the TPA were, in conjunction with the Vaal Civic Association, laying the foundation for the ANC principle of one town council with a single tax base

Threat of another Tokoza blackout

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ELECTRICITY supply to Tokoza township on the East Rand was about to be cut, township administrator Mr Gert Muller said yesterday

He said only 42 percent

of residents had paid their fees this month

More than half of those who paid had submitted a flat rate of R71, which was not enough to keep the power supply on, Muller said

Residents had been informed that flat-rate payments had been phased out since August

The East Rand Civic Association has appealed to residents for payment.

The association's general secretary, Mr Makgabo Moloto, allegedly said half the township had not paid the R71 interim flat rate decided upon at a meeting between the association and the council in June this year

Muller said the council planned to meet members of the civic association last night to discuss the looming power cut - *Sowetan Correspondent*

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Homeless shelter bursting at seams

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ABBAY MAKOE

PASTOR Koos Nel, the man who started a shelter to house the destitute, can no longer cope with the number of people turning to him for help

The Saturday Star on August 24 published a full report on Mr Nel's shelter. Since then, about 50 homeless people have been turned away at Mr Nel's Refuge in Christ mission near Germiston because there is no space to accommodate them.

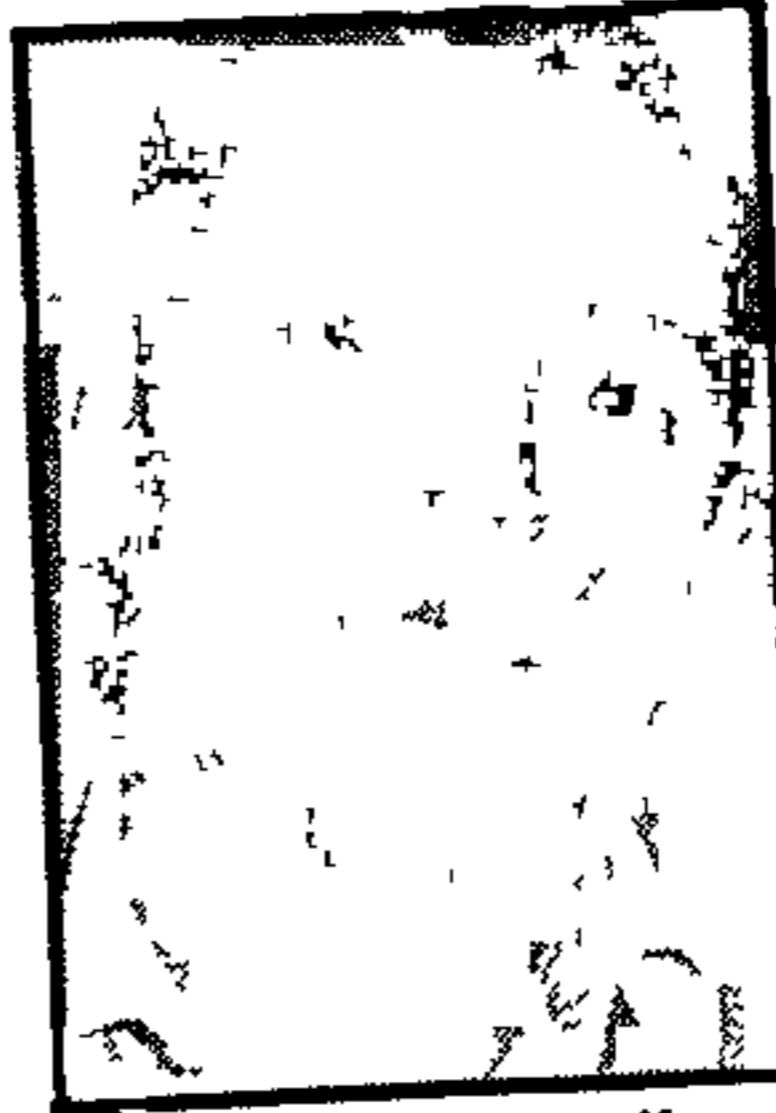
The shelter was built to cope with 100 people.

"At the moment there are 120 families in here. I can't cope with this situation," says Mr Nel.

Mr Nel has appealed for people in need of help to contact their nearest social welfare departments before turning to the shelter. "My heart gets sore every time I have to turn people away here," he said.

Many people at the shelter are already sharing beds meant for single people.

Some people are now sleeping on the floor. As a result the church services, usually held three times a day, have to be held outside.



HEARTSORE. Pastor Koos Nel now has to turn away the destitute

Mr Nel, who depends on the support of donors, said "These people have been retrenched. How on earth can you expect them to pay? They are driven here by hunger."

The aim of the mission is to rehabilitate its residents — some of whom are former prisoners or who used to roam the streets — and return them to normal life.

Mr Nel is appealing to the social welfare departments of various towns to intervene.

He said he hoped caring citizens would help him to build a bigger shelter.

Lost jobs lead to lost homes

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HUNDREDS of retrenched Sasol workers are about to lose their houses in Sebokeng, Evaton and other Vaal townships because they have lost their company housing subsidies along with their jobs.

Most of the workers only moved into their new houses in the past year, after being encouraged by the State-owned oil-from-coal corporation to buy houses through building societies. But Sasol stopped granting 100 per cent subsidies from this month.

Most of the group of 30 who came to City Press for help have lived in their houses for less than a year — some for as little as three months.

They have bonds of about R35 000 with a variety of banks and their monthly repayments are about R600 a month. Most of the workers got Sasol subsidies of between R400 and R500 a month. From this month most of them will not be able to pay their bonds.

More than 700 workers were retrenched at Sasol's Vereeniging plant this month and workers accuse the company of reducing staff to enable it to contract out essential work such as maintenance.

Some of the retrenched workers have apparently been re-employed by the private contractors and are back at Sasol doing their old jobs for lower wages and no benefits.

Retrenched workers this week told City Press of the additional trauma of losing their homes as well as their jobs.

Assistant fitter Josias Koalepe only moved into his Sebokeng house in May. Four months later



HOMES IN DANGER ... Retrenched workers Andrew Masoka, left, and Vuyani Katiya, with Josias Koalepe, front.

Hundreds of Sasol staff will be out on the streets

he was retrenched and has no prospects of another job. His bond repayment is R638 a month and with his R500 Sasol subsidy he managed comfortably to pay R138 for his R35 000 house. Now he stands to lose it.

As a breadwinner with three schoolgoing chil-

dren his meagre retrenchment package will barely keep the family in food and other essentials. There is simply no money to pay the bond.

"Why did Sasol encourage us to buy houses if they knew they would retrench us?"

"Last year, Sasol per-

sonnel officers gave pamphlets to all the workers saying we should buy houses before September 1991. We did as they advised us, only to find that four months after moving into the first proper house I have ever had, I am going to lose it. This is a very bitter pill to swal-

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low," Koalepe told City Press.

Rig assistant Vuyani Katiya has lived in his house for just over a year and also has no hope of keeping it now that he has lost his job.

"My wife is not working because she is just about to have a baby. We have one other child of five years old and we really thought that with a decent house, we could now have another child. We had no idea that Sasol would retrench us. We were shocked on September 17 when we were told to go," he said.

Labourer Andrew Masoka said he took Sasol's invitation to workers to apply for subsidies to mean they were assured of their jobs for the future.

"How can they give us housing subsidies with one hand and take away our jobs with the other?"

Vaal Civic Association chairman Malik Madise says the issue is of great concern to the VCA.

"We are totally against homelessness and this policy of linking houses to jobs is one which creates homelessness. We are contacting the financial institutions for an urgent meeting to discuss the implications for homeowners of these massive retrenchments."

PROPERTY

Timber takes off!

Clarens 29/7/91. (127)

A TIMBER house building project is to be launched in Doornkop, Soweto, to train residents in the building of timber-frame houses and to establish a non-profit supply depot for building materials.

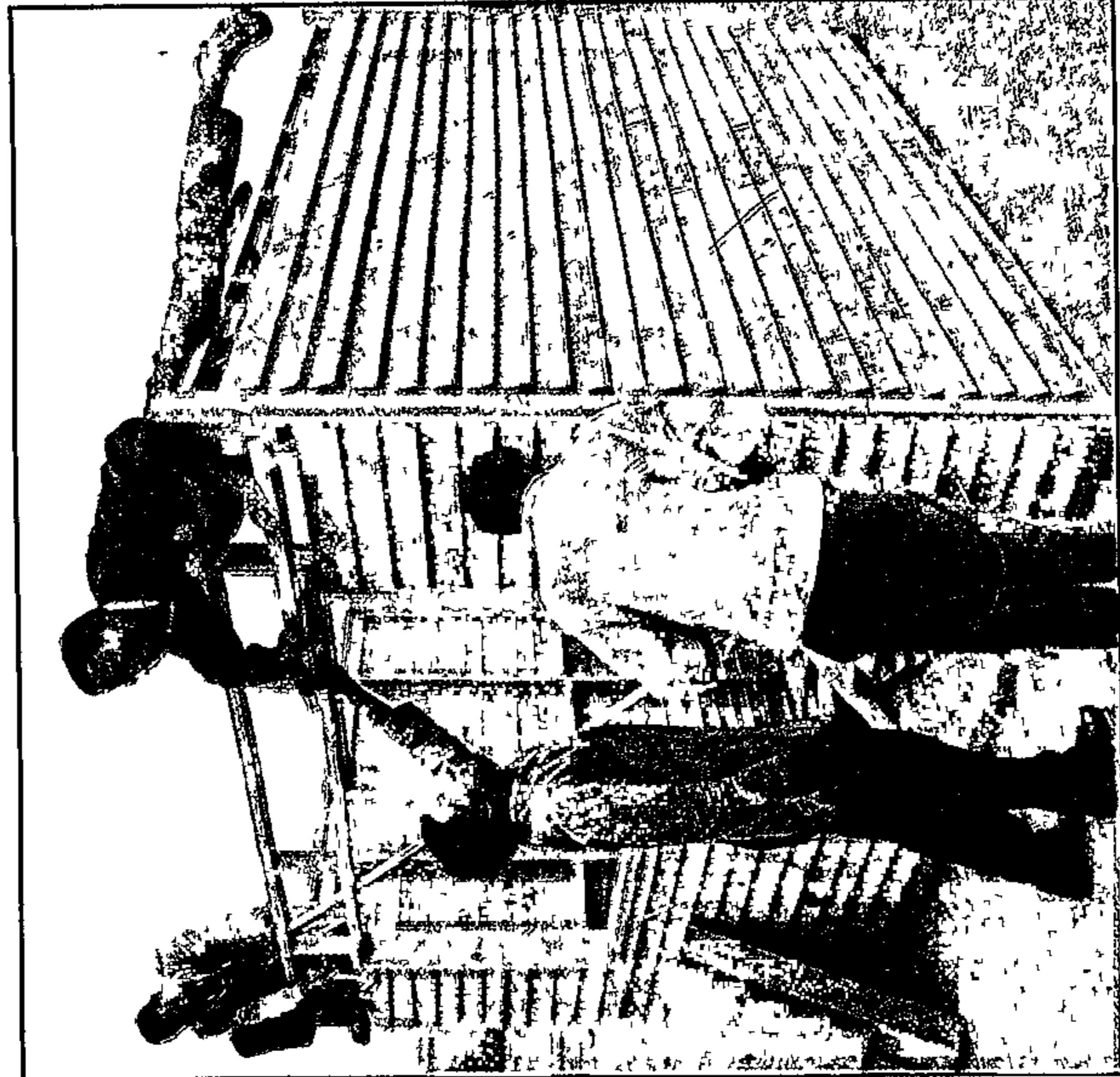
The branch of the South African Lumber Millers' Association (Salma) the project will be run by Salma and the civic associations of Doornkop and Dobsonville.

Sixty community members will be trained over the next few months to build simple timber houses. A 10 metre square one-roomed house will cost about R900 to build, including a tiled roof, window and door.

The Doornkop project is the first to be launched as a result of a conference organised earlier this month by Salma and City Press in conjunction with civic associations and homeless communities.

The first group of 12 trainees has started a three-week training course, which is free to people chosen by civic associations to attend. These trainees must undertake to return to their communities to build houses for homeless people.

Trainees receive a daily allowance from the Department of Manpower for attending the course. The course is approved by Manpower as part of its job-creation programme. Trainees receive a certificate at the end of the course. Manpower also funds



ALMOST THERE... Trainees reach roof level on a R900 timber-frame house. ■ Pic: TLADIKHUELE



A NEW SKILL... Once trained, these men will help house the homeless.

the employment of trainees so long as they are employed on the project. An important part of the project will be to set up a materials depot where community members will be able to buy timber and other building materials at cost. Salma members will supply timber direct from the sawmills to civic associations-run depots at about one quarter of the price people pay at hardware stores and building merchants. Other manufacturers of building materials are also interested in supplying directly through these depots. A condition of this agreement is that depots supply directly to home builders. Trainees were hard at

work when City Press visited the training centre in Isando this week. "We are so excited about this project. We desperately need houses in Doornkop and we feel we will be able to build for people when we finish this course. When we got land at Doornkop we did not know how we could ever afford decent houses because we were all homeless before. Now with this training we are getting skills which will enable us to make Doornkop a decent community," they said.

Cops say join IFP or else claim

Apr 29/9/91
By THEMBA KHUMALO

SEVERAL Dobsonville residents have complained that local policemen told them to join the Inkatha Freedom Party if they did not want to be attacked by hostel dwellers

Residents allege that police told them to join Inkatha when they went to report an imminent attack by hostel inmates on September 14

Later that evening red-headbanded impis attacked houses, breaking windows and doors and assaulting people indiscriminately, the residents claimed

Scores of people were wounded and their houses looted by the mauraders.

Among those who complained about the police was local resident, Medupe Mogole, who said his mother went to the police station to report the threatened attack and a policeman advised her to join the IFP

She refused and the officer allegedly warned her against "bothering the police with reporting Inkatha attacks", and chased her out of his office

She fled to another part of the township and is terrified to return to her house

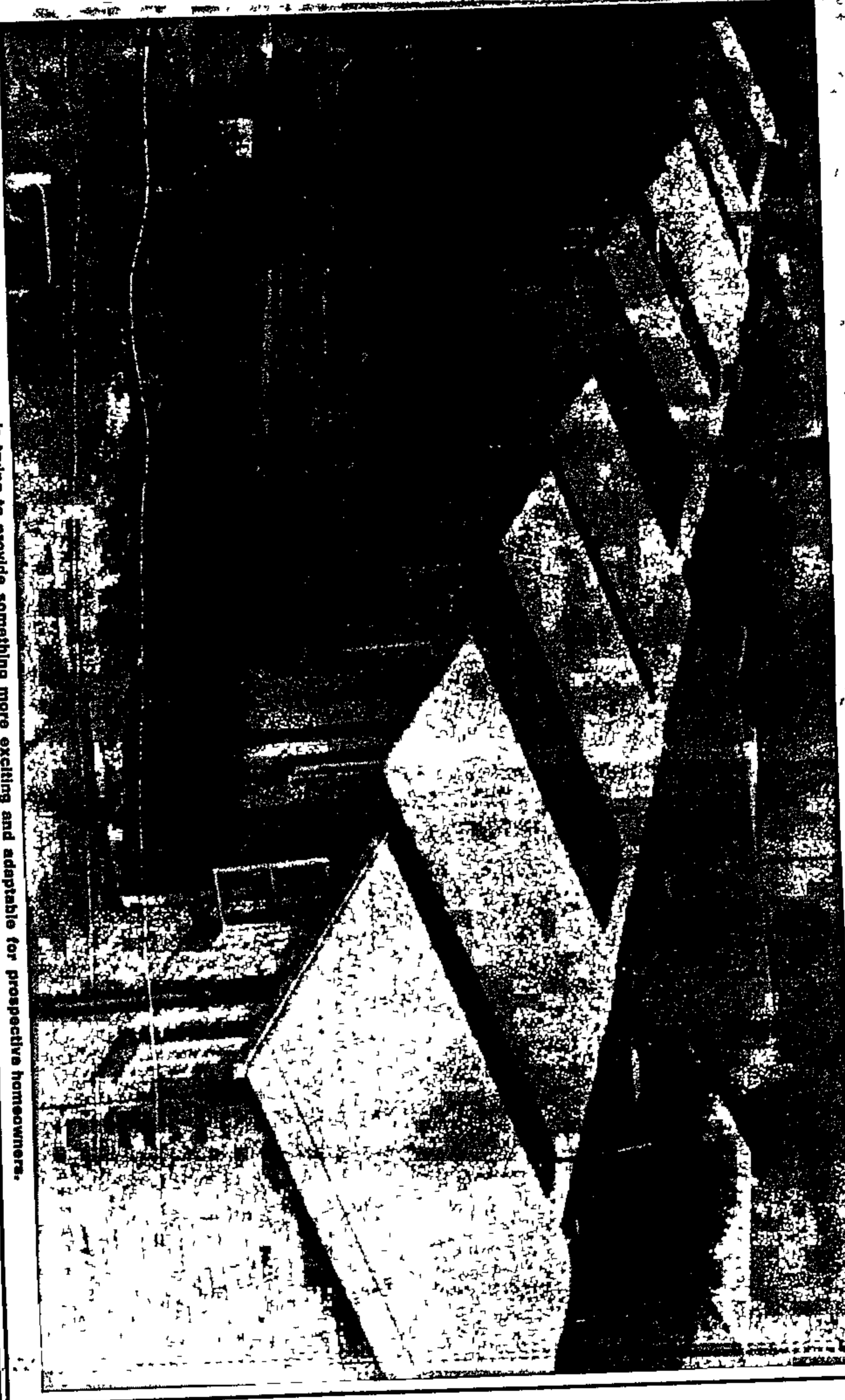
SAP spokesman for Soweto Lt G Marie-moothu denied that the police were recruiting "agents for any political party"

"We are apolitical and we don't allow our members to indulge in politics

"We are an impartial force and any policeman who violates our rules is dealt with"

Executive member of the Dobsonville Civic Association, Zacharia Modupe, said his organisation was investigating Mogole's allegations

Never for rural areas



SOWETO STYLE ... But at least one company is trying to provide something more exciting and adaptable for prospective homeowners.

Aid for housing 'victims'

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A COUNTRY strangled by sanctions is difficult to work in, as many small foreign companies have realised in their attempts to bring foreign aid to victims of apartheid.

One which has succeeded is Creation Development Production (CDP), which is backed by a European development company.

It has taken nearly two years for the investors to bring R3-million into South Africa to develop property in greater Soweto.

CDP area manager Alan Gouvernel said "Fierce competition for the acquisition of land and hard negotiation were encountered before the authorisation to bring foreign investment was given by the Reserve Bank."

Next came the problem of getting approval from the authorities for the village design concept.

But authorisation for the development of 1 600 houses was granted, on which construction work and the sale of 300 units has started. There is a market in Soweto for those wanting to uplift their quality of life but who have found it difficult to get finance.

"The home loan market does not cater for the lower income groups. We are struggling to find a way to help potential owners realise their dreams," said Gouvernel.

The development is west of Soweto, with road and rail access to Johannesburg.

The houses are built to various designs and colours, flexible to each family's needs, in a series of small villages. They sell for about R50 000 to R70 000.



OLD MUTUAL PROPERTIES

SHOPS TO LET

KAGISO MALL

SHOPPING CENTRE

Extension 6, Kagiso

THE "Helen Joseph" Women's Hostel in Alexandra was built in 1972 when the government planned to bulldoze Alex and build eight hostels.

Even before that time many families were forcibly removed to Soweto and Thembisa, but residents resisted. Today there are two men's hostels and one women's hostel in the township - a stone's throw away from the opulence of Sandton.

The approximately 2 800 women at "Helen Joseph" come

from one of the poorest areas in the country. They are not allowed to stay in the township.

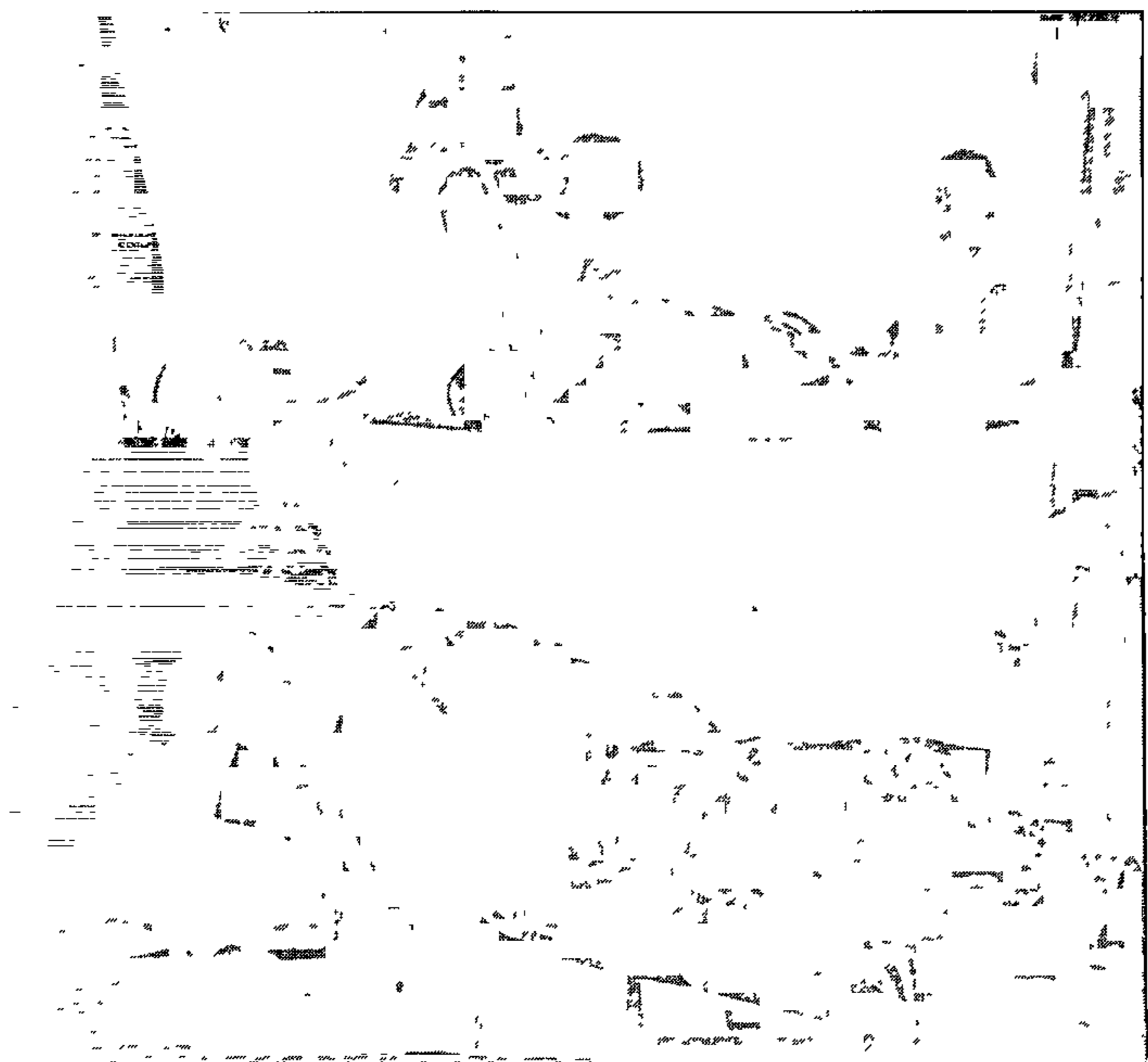
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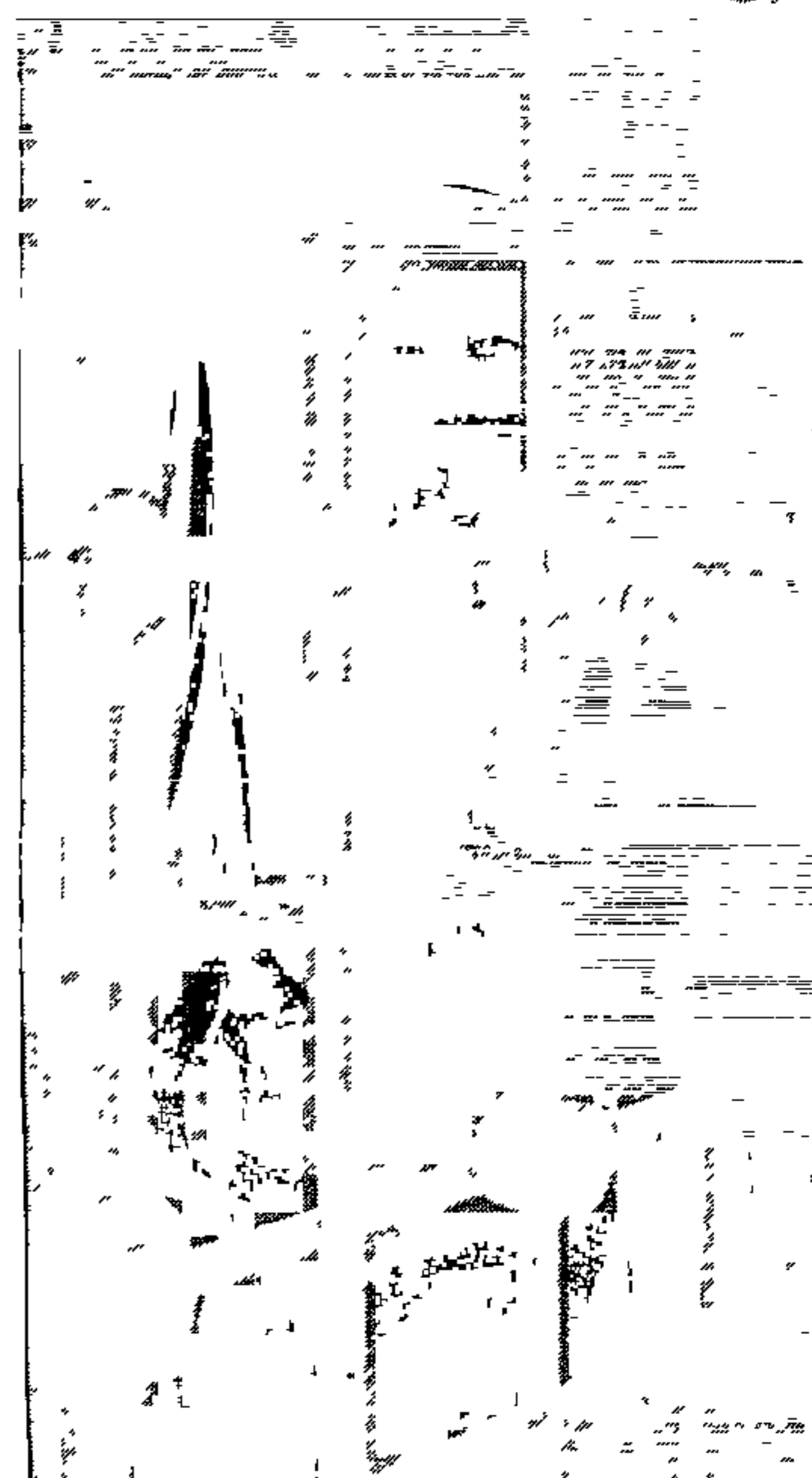
WOMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE... A resident scrubs a passage floor in the hostel.

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BEDROOM SCENE... A peek at Zodwa Mahlangu and her family who live in the hostel.



CAUGHT IN THE ACT... A woman resists the government's plan to bulldoze the township.

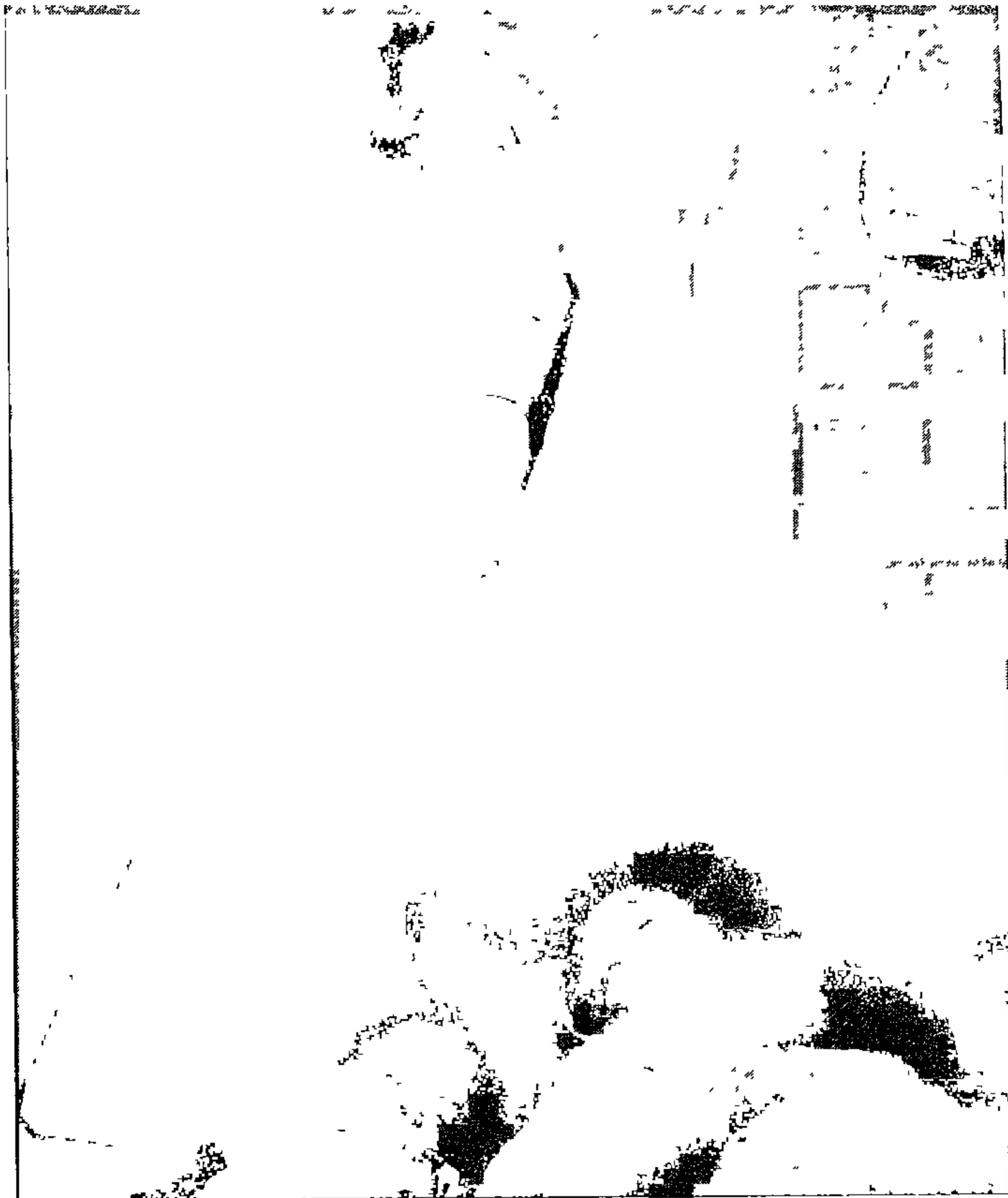
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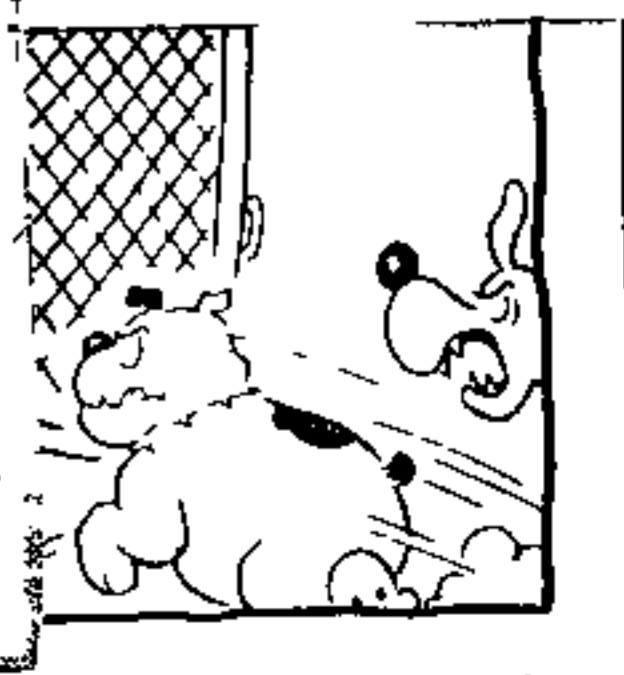
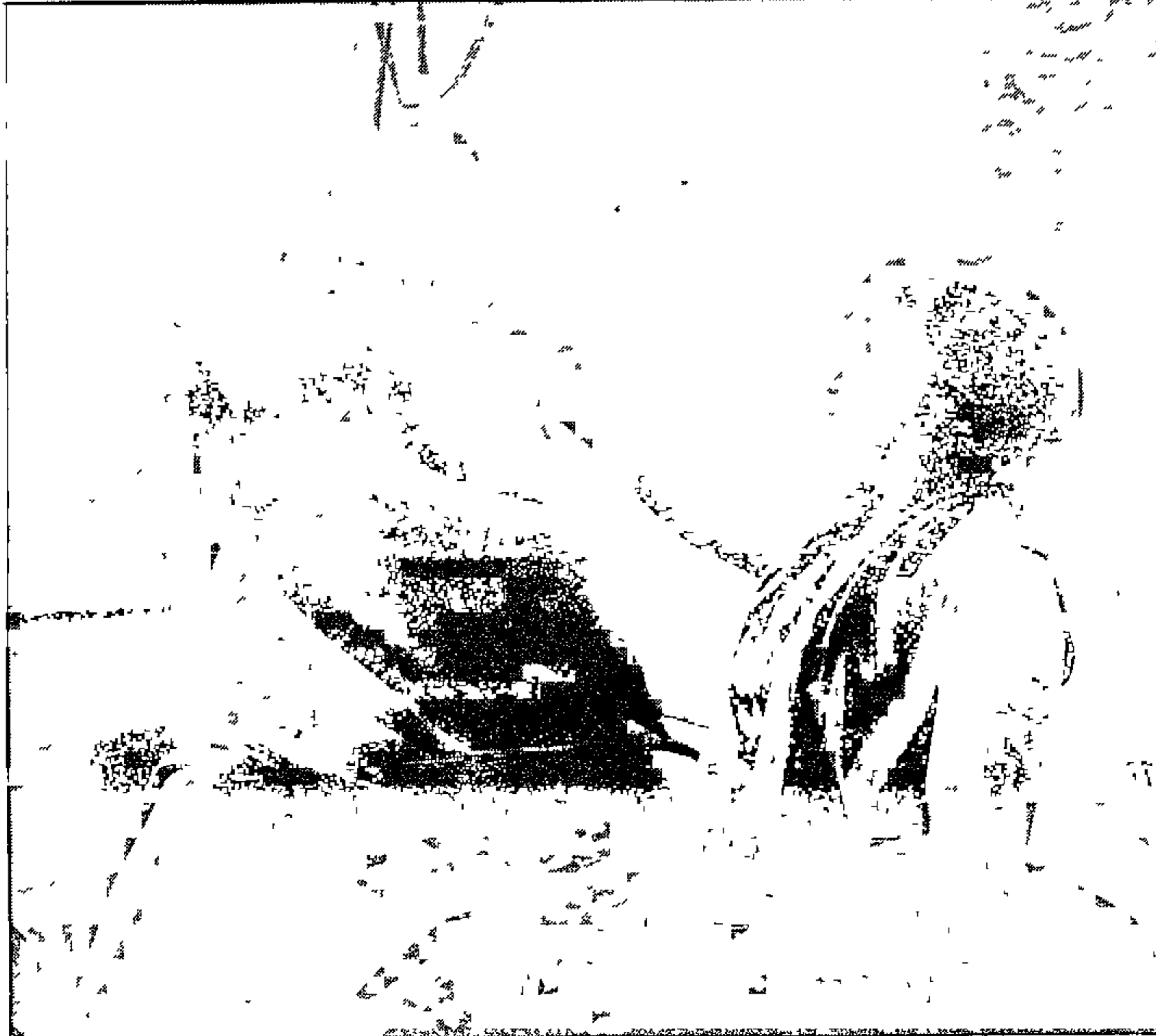
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PIN-UP GIRL ... Charlotte Tyutu and son Sibusiso are fast asleep in their room.

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... to a male friend.

WAIT A MINUTE! ... A resident covers up as the photographer sneaks into her room.

WITTY KORNER!

Row brewing over bonds

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Sowetan 30/9/91

Sowetan Reporter

THE Civics Association of Southern Transvaal is to meet financial institutions today to discuss the land and housing crises in the black communities

The president of Cast, Mr Moses Mayekiso, said the organisation was concerned that "the banks have pulled out in financing housing in developing areas"

"Cast feels financial institutions should provide finance in a manner that will meet the needs of the communities. This means education on bonds, explanation on hidden costs and interests, careful monitoring of defects in building as well as the reputation of builders and private financial institutions and civics

"Cast strongly feels that the financial institutions owe a duty of social responsibility to the community in this respect."

Mayekiso said Cast dissociated itself from the boycott of bond repayments

He said the conference aimed at finding interim measures while the national policy was still being negotiated

Mr Tim Hart, the executive director of the Association of Mortgage Lenders, said all the financial institutions would attend

Cast leader assassinated in Thokoza ⁽¹²⁷⁾

CIVICS Association of Southern Transvaal (Cast) general secretary Sam Ntuli was shot dead by unknown gunmen yesterday

SAP spokesman Capt Henriette Bester said an occupant of an unmarked Toyota Cressida fired shots from an AK-47 rifle at Ntuli as he stood in a street in Thokoza, on the East Rand.

Ntuli died instantly *B(wcy) 30/9/91.*

There were no reports of other injuries in the shooting incident, which happened about 11,45am

VERA VON LIERES

Cast president Moses Mayekiso yesterday blamed hit squads for Ntuli's death, saying it could be linked to the "targeting" of the democratic movement's leadership.

ANC president Nelson Mandela told a rally in Eldorado Park that NP members were safe but that ANC leaders were being shot

"Government is aware of the presence of death squads but is refusing to disband them," Mandela said

Star 1/10/91 (12M)

450 families to move

About 450 Mamelodi families staying in a danger zone close to an open mine are to be moved to a nearby area as from tomorrow, Transvaal MEC John Mavuso said yesterday. The Mamelodi Civic Association had indicated its willingness to cooperate with the move.

Urgent talks held over homes crisis

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

Banks and building societies have formed a working committee with Transvaal civic associations to address bond repayment problems and the shortage of housing

A crisis meeting was held in Johannesburg yesterday

Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST) spokesman Mohammed Dangor said, issues included access to and affordability of housing and finance, foreclosures, the impact of VAT, lack of information for prospective borrowers, community trusts and the state of the economy.

● The meeting began with a short memorial service for CAST general-secretary Sam Ntuli, who was shot dead on Sunday

R25 million levy

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council may have to refund local residents nearly R25 million following last week's ruling by the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein.

The court found that a special levy implemented by the council two years ago was null and void.

The levy was implemented in an apparent bid to avoid refunding residents following unlawful rent increases in 1985.

The ruling, made last Friday, followed a successful appeal by Mr Thabo Sehume of Atteridgeville. The respondents were the council and the Administrator

By MONK NKOMO

of the Transvaal.
Sehume, a member of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, successfully challenged service charge increases imposed by the council in 1985.

Atteridgeville's administrator, Mr Maartiens Nel, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration said he was unaware of the judgment. He said he would issue a statement after he had studied it.

In a statement released yesterday, Azapo said the ruling meant that the council should now refund

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Council 'owes residents' in wake of court ruling

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residents an amount of money still to be established by the organisation's accountants

The amount is believed to run into more than R25 million. The Pretoria township has 11 000 tenants

Mr Justice Stafford

ruled in the Pretoria Supreme Court on June 17 1988 that the increases imposed by the council in 1985 were void after Sehume, who was represented by the Legal Resources Centre, submitted that they were not properly advertised

The council then filed

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an application for leave to appeal on July 8 1988 but withdrew the application on February 17 1989

Instead of refunding residents, the council promulgated a by-law in 1988 which provided for a special levy to be paid by tenants retrospective to the time that the unlawful increases were implemented.

The Pretoria Supreme Court had earlier ruled that Sehume was entitled to a refund for rent money invalidly collected by the council

Mr Justice Kriegler, acting judge of the Appeal Court, ruled last Friday that the council had discriminated unreasonably against householders who had made payments for charges for municipal services under the invalidated by-laws

Kriegler said both in its intent and its effect, the special levy imposed by the council served to reverse the invalidation of the laws

Reacting to the latest ruling, Azapo said "This is a tremendous victory for the residents of Atteridgeville who were deprived of a refund by the council despite their hard-earned victory in a court of law.

"Residents would soon be informed of the amounts they are owed by the council. But we can state categorically that the amount due to the tenants far outstrips what is owed to the council, and we hope that this will lead to the immediate restoration of electricity in the township."

Atteridgeville power restored

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ELECTRICITY supplies to Atteridgeville will be restored today, it was officially announced yesterday.

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By **MONK NKOMO**

rubbish removal, water and electricity.

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CAST rejects new township bosses

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Municipal Reporter

The Civic Association of Southern Transvaal has dismissed the appointment of white administrators for Alexandra and Kagiso as a non-event

CAST vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu yesterday said nothing had changed as black local authorities were still intact

MEC Olaus van Zyl said in a statement this week that the regional services council chairmen of the areas in which Alexandra and Kagiso were situated would take over from councillors who had not bowed to pressure from extra-parliamentary organisations to resign.

The councillors would

retain their positions, but would relinquish all decision-making powers to newly appointed administrators, CA du Bruyn and John Griffiths

Mr van Zyl said this would ensure the continued provision of essential municipal services

Mr Mosunkutu said the civics had repeatedly called for the resignation of all black councillors

"This is no event at all. We don't want apartheid cities. The black local authorities must be scrapped and the councillors must resign.

"In the interim, all services must be taken over by the white councils until there is a new dispensation because they have the expertise, the finance, and our people have been contributing to them for years."

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Council owes R25m to residents — Azapo

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THE Atteridgeville Town Council might have to repay local residents more than R25m following successful legal action by Azapo, the organisation said yesterday

Action challenging the legality of tariff increases imposed by the council from April 1985 was brought by Azapo member Thabo Sehume — represented by the Legal Resources Centre — in March 1988, Azapo said in a statement

Sehume had submitted that the increases were not properly advertised

Judgment passed by the Appeal Court in favour of Sehume last Friday meant that increases implemented in April 1985, April 1987 and January 1989 were illegal, Azapo Central Transvaal region secretary Kabelo Seabi said yesterday

After Mr Justice Stafford had declared on June 17 1988 that increases implemented in 1985 and 1987 were null and void, the council filed a notice of application for leave to appeal, but withdrew the notice in February 1989, Azapo said

"Thereafter, increase No 3 (January 1989) came into (effect) with a special levy which was reflected in the January 1989 accounts," the organisation said

"We took the council to court and on August 29 1989, the court ruled in favour of the council concerning the 1989 increase"

The organisation launched an appeal in September 1989, leave to appeal was granted and the actual appeal started in the Appellate Division in January last year

"The matter was heard before the Appellate Court on September 10 1991 and on September 27 judgment was passed in our favour," Azapo said

It said since the only lawful increases were those introduced in March 1982, the council owed the 11 000-odd Atteridgeville households all the extra payments they had made, which Azapo put at more than R25m

Azapo said yesterday its accountants were still working out exactly what was owed

Atteridgeville administrator Martien Nel could not be reached for comment.

A TPA spokesman said the province could not comment because an extract of the judgment had not yet been received

The township, which owes the Pretoria City Council about R5,78m for electricity, water and sewage removal, this week had the electricity supply reinstated after a two-month cut-off This followed provision of surety by the Pretoria RSC

Cosatu clarifies statement

COSATU spokesman Neil Coleman said yesterday the federation wanted to clarify that it had not called for a national economic negotiating forum to replace the National Manpower Commission, as may have been implied in yesterday's Business Day

He said Cosatu would re-join the commission if it was restructured to perform the function of a negotiating forum, representing all major parties It was presently merely an advisory and unrepresentative body Cosatu's withdrawal followed a failure by government to implement an

Business Day Reporter

agreement to restructure the commission on this basis

He said Cosatu was not proposing that the commission should deal with broad economic issues It should perform its function directly in relation to labour legislation However, it had become apparent that there was a need for a separate forum involving unions, employers and the state to discuss constructively economic and labour issues which included job creation and retrenchments

OVER AND LOOK FOR CABERNET

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Civics furious over spy at

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South 3/10-8/10/91
By Rehana Rossouw

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STAFF of the National Civics Interim Committee are convinced that security forces are attempting to spy on them after a worker was approached to provide information for a shadowy research organisation.

Last month, Ms Cathy Aranes, an administrative worker at the organisation's national office at Community House in Salt River, was offered money by two people if she photocopied minutes of its meetings. Aranes believed she was targeted by people listening in on her telephone conversations, but a sweep of her office on Wednesday failed to locate a listening device or transmitter. She is the second member of the civic organisation to be asked to pass on information in recent months.

The approach came days after Aranes had used the office phone to discuss finding another job with an employment agency.

She later received a telephone call from a woman calling herself Annamarie Laubscher, who said she had obtained her telephone number from Laubscher asked if Aranes would be interested in an office administration job and Aranes arranged to meet her later to discuss it.

"She arrived in a blue Opel Kadett with a man who introduced himself as Carel," Aranes said.

"We went to a restaurant to discuss the job offer over coffee, but even before we got there I was suspicious. They asked me about my job and what it entailed, but then they began talking about Cast (Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal)."

At the restaurant "Carel" said they were part of a group researching what people on the ground" felt about organisations. He said Aranes could help them by photocopying minutes of civic meetings and giving it to them. They were particularly interested in arguments and problems members had with each other.

Township tariff

rises 'illegal'

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Atteridgeville Town Council may have to refund more than R25m to residents of the township following successful legal action by Azapo, the organisation said yesterday.

In March 1988, Azapo member Mr Thabo Sehume instituted action challenging the legality of tariff increases imposed by the council.

Mr Sehume had submitted that the increases were not properly advertised.

Judgment passed by the Appeal Court in favour of Mr Sehume last Friday meant that increases implemented in April 1985, April 1987 and January 1989 were illegal, an Azapo spokesman said.

Cast probes Ntuli murder

THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday criticised police investigations into the assassination of its general secretary Sam Ntuli, and said it had begun its own probe into the murder.

Police said, however, that their investigation was hampered by a lack of co-operation from residents of Thokoza, where Ntuli was gunned down on Sunday. Investigating officer Lt Rudi van Olst said witnesses were reluctant to come forward with information, and conflicting reports had been received.

Police had no hard facts to work on, but were taking statements and continuing with the investigation.

In another development, the Thokoza ANC Youth League said yesterday that Ntuli had been warned on Saturday that elements of the East Rand community wanted him dead.

Local Youth League chairman Mbongeni Radebe said the warning had come from residents "with links to other structures" in the township. He added that the

JONATHON REES

car used by the killers had been seen in Thokoza before.

The killing was part of an organised attempt to destroy progressive organisations, Radebe said.

Cast vice-chairman Kgabisi Mosunkutu said the organisation was following various leads in its investigation and would later compare notes with the police.

He said the community would not withhold information from police and had pledged to assist their investigations.

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said police should stop making excuses and get on with their investigation.

Cast, meanwhile, has called on communities to maximise their personal security. Government, the organisation said, should publicly disband its counter-insurgency units and death squads.

A memorial service will be held for Ntuli in the Thokoza auditorium on Sunday.

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Phalaborwa gets first black resident

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DAVE LOURENS

PHALABORWA's first black resident has moved into his new home in the CP-controlled town despite furious opposition from right-wingers

Mine supervisor Mackson Ngobeni was allocated a house in white Phalaborwa by his employers, Palabora Mining Company (PMC), in accordance with the non-discriminatory company housing policy adopted after the scrapping of the Group Areas Act.

But the CP-controlled town council opposed the move, calling a referendum

on August 22 to gauge public sentiment.

Only 20% of the town's population bothered to vote, with 1 328 "no" votes against 45 "yes" votes.

Although the council interpreted the results as a mandate to try to block Ngobeni's arrival, mayor Jan Grobbelaar said the council could do nothing as long as Ngobeni was within the law.

PMC declared itself an "equal opportunities"

employer in 1983

The only area of company policy in which discrimination was practised was in housing allocations, which were regulated by the Group Areas Act.

PMC, which owns 1 160 out of the 3 100 stands in Phalaborwa, approved Ngobeni's application after the Group Areas Act was repealed and allocated him a house in Knoppeldoring Street. Two other black employees have since applied for houses in the town and a coloured mechanic is to move into a block of flats

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Movement cast giant shadow

Star 5/10/91
THE emergence of the black local authorities, forced upon black communities during the dark days of apartheid, were always doomed to fail.

And with the brutal stifling of political activity by the Government for decades, a revolution in the black communities gained momentum

No wonder that last September, at the height of the countrywide townships rent and services boycott, individual civic associations found it difficult to deal with their own areas in isolation

Unity

Eventually 38 townships representatives met last summer and thrashed a plan to form a civic association for the southern Transvaal

The result, aimed at national unity, was the formation of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal.

Its immediate aim was to intensify the rent boycott until black councils "urgently" looked into

the grievances that had led to the boycott.

High rentals, untarred roads, inconsistent refuse removal, evictions before notification, closed-door policies of many councils, corruption and nepotism within the councils all these were part of a long list of complaints

Residents' disillusionment was soon to be used in CAST's subsequent calls on councillors to resign

Born during trying times, CAST, which was not to be politically affiliated, soon grew in leaps and bounds

Adamant mayors, many of whose claims to democracy and "serving our people" insulted logic and intelligence, failed to anticipate that their master, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, was going to abandon them

For when CAST's prominence could no

longer be ignored, the TPA opted for negotiation with the movement

Councils which had not joined were to realise they had lagged behind the true political times

When these councils felt the heat of isolation, many started preaching "Talk, talk"

It was too late

CAST, dominating the scene, began dictating to the TPA as to who could be at meetings and who could not. Many councillors were not welcome

And when CAST persistently called for their resignation, it was taken seriously. Those who refused did so under extreme hard-heartedness. By now, they knew they were unpopular

Said a councillor, who bowed to pressure and resigned "We felt snubbed by the TPA when it held discussions with the civic associations in our absence"

Many of their colleagues cited intimidation as their reason for

resigning. Others apologised, and publicly declared their support for CAST

Two months after CAST's emergence, 237 of the 692 council seats in the Transvaal were vacant. Also, 24 of the 82 councils were not operating normally. Province-appointed administrators were running 19 black local authorities

Crisis

To sum it up, by November last year the crisis in local government had become major

Now, CAST's main aim — forming a nonracial local government — is on the verge of fulfilment after the signing of the blueprint for the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber

But at the end of the day, the formation of CAST and its growth in popularity is unlikely to be forgotten by political commentators, historians, the public and, above all, the councillors

A man who hated councillors and courted host of enemies



PREMONITION Sam Ntuli often talked of death

SAM Ntuli was a man with a mission he aimed to wipe black local authorities off the map. His efforts to drive black councillors to mass resignations were not futile.

Many resigned, with some, such as former Davyton mayor Tom Boya, ending up working with him after being politically "cleansed".

But Sam Ntuli, the general-secretary of the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST), knew the dangers of his kind of work. Often he talked of death. He knew there would always be someone waiting to kill him. Last Sunday his fears became reality.

He was gunned down in Tokoza, while on community business, by men who are believed to have been armed with AK-47 assault rifles.

It was an end he knew he had been courting for some time, not least of all since developments last November Mr Ntuli (31) had been making things extremely difficult for councillors. He had just sent shockwaves into black communities by spearheading a "resign now" campaign, which was to be supported with festive-season marches on the homes of councillors reluctant to relinquish power.

The marches were organised to take place between Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Councillors had to resign by November 30 or face the consequences.

On December 14, with two weeks to go before the marches began, the town council of Ikageng, near Potchefstroom resigned en masse.

Mr Ntuli reported at a

press conference later that day "it now means 101 out of 262 councillors have heeded our call. It's encouraging".

But Mr Ntuli's wrath did not stop there. Soon in an interview with the Saturday Star, he said of the councillors who had not yet resigned: "Their businesses will be boycotted, (along with) anyone seen in their company".

Orchestrated

"We must alienate these people."

When asked why, he said the aim was to ensure maximum success for the CAST campaign.

In January, Mr Ntuli took on the Alberton Town Council when he, with the help of colleagues in the Tokoza Civic Association, orchestrated a consumer boycott of white-owned bu-

nesses in town in retaliation for the cutting off of the electricity supply to Tokoza, where he was born and bred.

When the Saturday Star visited Alberton at the height of the boycott, only three of the 37 tills in a leading supermarket were manned serving small queues.

A leading businessman commented at the time: "We appear to be the most hard-hit. Losses in turnovers range from 50 to 100 percent."

Then, in February this year, Mr Ntuli's Tokoza home was bombed. Five people, including an 18-month-old baby girl and a nine-year-old niece of Mr Ntuli, were injured in the attack.

Mr Ntuli arrived 10 mi-

minutes after the blast and immediately blamed Inkatha. "This will in no way alter my views," he said defiantly.

In April, on the eve of the signing of the blueprint for the Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Mr Ntuli's dislike for the councillors again came to the fore.

There was violence in the townships and he declared "Councillors have become the actual source of violence against our people".

He then announced that civic associations would no longer be allowed to sit with councillors, even at meetings of the Metropolitan Chamber. The condition was later to delay and seriously threaten the future of the chamber.

On April 20 Mr Ntuli caused another stir when

he revealed, in an exclusive interview with the Saturday Star, that the much-talked-about self-defence units should not be seen as a "fashion show". He said "For five years, defence units had been in place country-wide, ready to be activated."

Clampdown

He added that "secret residents' groups" had remained "sleepers" since 1986 as a result of former President P W Botha's clampdown on political activities.

He claimed that CAST had more than 50 defence units, but refused to elaborate on how they operated or where training was offered. "The issue is sensitive," he said.

When the question of taking part in the Met-

ropolitan Chamber brought about internal wrangles in CAST Mr Ntuli worked hard to keep the matter out of the press.

Although his assistant, Cas Coovadia, had made it clear to the press that he had resigned from CAST, Mr Ntuli calmly denied knowledge of it.

Last week Mr Ntuli raised eyebrows at banks and building societies when he said black people might resort to bond boycotts if those institutions failed to address land and housing problems.

He said such institutions had to consider the needs and nature of consumers' communities. "Financial institutions must educate consumers on housing bonds," he said, before lashing out at

"hard to afford" repayments.

His eight-months pregnant wife, Leah, said of him: "He spent his time attending meetings or conferences. We never really had our time together."

"He knew he was going to get killed. He had said it quite often, especially recently, but avoided talking about it whenever I asked. Maybe he didn't want to hurt me."

His colleagues in the Tokoza Civic Association said Mr Ntuli had recently complained about strange cars that had been following him.

And last Thursday, addressing a memorial service for a health worker at Natalpruit Hospital Mr Ntuli spoke about his fears for his own life.

"He had a premonition," said a Tokoza community leader.



LONG WAIT . . . Women and children outside Waldorf Heights wait for a lawyer to get them back in. They were evicted by the landlord in an argument over rent payments. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

Flat tenants out on the street

By ERIC NAKI (127)
TENANTS at Waldorf Heights flats in Hillbrow, including two women, spent the whole day in the street on Wednesday after being evicted for not paying rent directly to the landlord

Although the tenants claim to be up to date with rent payments, the owner, Joe Faber, kicked them out because he had

not received the money. In August, tenants decided to keep their rent payments in a bank trust account because Faber neglected the building.

They claimed they had been without electricity since last year

The only lift for the 11-storey building has been out of order for the past two years. In most flats, window panes are broken

and doors leading to the balcony have no handles. When City Press visited the flats, tenants waited outside while their lawyer negotiated with security personnel to allow his clients to re-occupy their flats in terms of an agreement reached with the owner.

Later in the evening a list of legitimate tenants was read out and those

with keys for their flats were allowed in, together with their sub-tenants

One woman had to sleep on the pavement the whole night and another was allegedly raped by a security guard

Faber told City Press he had nothing to do with the issue as the letting agency he used – which he refused to name – was dealing with it

Black family moves in amid AWB threats



FEARLESS. Mackson Ngobeni and his wife, Gelly, who say they will not be intimidated
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

A BLACK family moved into a white suburb of a right-wing town this week after their lawyers warned the AWB to stop its death threats and racist talk

The threats against Phalabora Mining Company father of five, Mr Mackson Ngobeni, 46, and his wife Gelly, 42, have sparked a massive ANC consumer boycott which will begin in the mining town on Tuesday. *SITimes 6/10/91.*

Legal Resources Centre lawyers informed Mr Fritz Meyer, leader of the AWB Wenkommando in Phalaborwa, that an urgent court interdict would be sought if he did not stop verbally harassing Mr Ngobeni

Mr Meyer, who is also a spokesman for the CP, HNP, Phalaborwa Tuiswag and Boerevryheidsbeweging, confirmed he had been asked not to infringe on the rights of Mr Ngobeni, but added that "nothing much would come of this"

"Mr Ngobeni's lawyers said the interdict would forbid me from going within a one-kilometre range of his house. In that case they will have to get an interdict against almost every citizen of Phalaborwa, because we do not want this family to live among whites

By JOCELYN MAKER

"No matter what happens, he and his family are not safe. Every black man who moves into our town will leave us no choice — they all will become targets.

"Open war has been declared now that he has moved in and I can do nothing to stop people from harming them," he said.

Mr Meyer said "blood would flow" in the streets of the CP-controlled town if black families moved into houses allocated to them by the PMC.

Mr Ngobeni has been an assistant shift foreman at PMC for the past 20 years. He said his new home was like a dream come true.

"I was so happy when I was told we could move here. We lived in the Namakgale township, which meant I had to travel 43km to work and back every day.

"The people who make these threats and those who do not want us to live in our house do not know what kind of man I am. I am a Christian man who lives a religious, good life with my family.

"But I believe that no one will harm us, I believe in the goodness of mankind.

"My neighbours have been very friendly and I am sure no one will interfere with us."

He said his children had also settled down in their new home.

Mr Paul Clothier, a PMC spokesman, said yesterday his company would continue implementing its non-racial housing policy.

The spokesman for the local ANC branch and the Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Ludwig Raklaba, said "The boycott will go ahead and it will continue indefinitely.

"We have handed our demands over to the council, but they refuse to speak to us. The local Chamber of Commerce has also been informed," he said.

14 families out on the streets

ABOUT 14 families were evicted from a Johannesburg block of flats yesterday for allegedly failing to pay rent.

This is the second eviction at the flats in a week. Four families were evicted last Tuesday.

The 14 families, most of whom began staying at Claridge Court in Joubert Park since the flat was decontrolled in 1989, said they were not warned of the eviction.

Caretaker Mr William Tekane said management had evicted the tenants for failing to pay rent since June.

The families' clothing and other belongings were scattered on the pavement yesterday.

Actstop executive member Mr Tshidiso Lebelo refuted management's allegations.

He said the problem started in June when tenants were told that the

By ISAAC MOLEDI

owner, Gorffill Brothers, had sold the building to driving school owner Mr David Phahladira.

They were also told by Gorffill's agent, Lector, that Phahladira had decided to increase rent. By June, tenants were paying between R260 and R450 a month.

Lebelo said tenants had embarked on a rent boycott after several attempts to meet the new owner had failed.

Phahladira knew nothing of the arrangement, Tekane said.

Mlokoti

In the issue of October 7 Sowetan inadvertently misspelt the name of Dr Gail Mlokoti, the intra-organisational communications manager at Eskom.

The error is regretted.

Home of black supervisor in 'white area' attacked

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Own Correspondent

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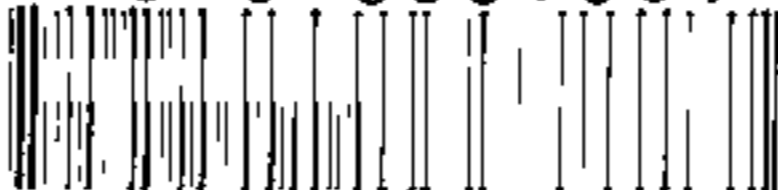
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Cast/mortgage lenders meeting gives hope for resolution of housing crisis

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By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THERE are glimmers of hope about the financing crisis in the black housing market. But it is still far from being resolved, despite increased contact between civic organisations and financial institutions.

All that a meeting last week between the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) and the Association of Mortgage Lenders achieved was the formation of a joint working committee to resolve the crisis.

At the heart of the crisis is financial institutions' cold feet about lending in black townships. As a result, private developers are stampeding out of black townships.

The financial institutions' main concern is the profitability and risk factor lending to township dwellers entails.

However threats of bond boycotts have aggravated the banks and building societies' paranoia.

The recession's products of low wage increases, increased retrenchments and high interest rates are taking their toll on township dwellers' ability to meet bond payments.

Thus civics are demanding affordable interest rates; a moratorium on foreclosures; and the reversal of the 0,25 percentage point bond rate rise.

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A participant at the talks says "there was agreement on some issues but we disagreed on many more than we agreed on. Given such a situation and the almost irreconcilable positions of the two groups the working group certainly has an arduous task ahead".

Nedbank chief economist Edward Osborn, speaking in his private capacity, says there is no room for compromise on the issue of interest rates and risk assessment.

"If you're going to make exceptions insofar as interest rates and risk assessment what are you going use as your criteria: colour, income level or area of residence?" he asks.

He points to the danger of distorting the market and also compromising financial institutions' obligation to their clients and shareholders.

A way of this logjam is what Osborn refers to as "appropriate government subsidised institutions for risk venture lending" and Cast calls a "people's bank that will provide local communities with access to their savings and loans mechanisms".

But unless the state intends financing such an institution through huge foreign borrowing or excessive taxation, the financial institutions are still going to have to play major role.

By **THEMBA KHUMALO**

A SECOND massive rent boycott is looming in Soweto after thousands of residents received high bills in Greater Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow townships.

According to councillor Benjamin Mtinkulu of Diepmeadow Council, scores of bewildered residents in Diepkloof Zone Six last week showed him their electricity and rent bills, some of which amounted to R900 a household.

"I collected the bills and took them to the council's chief accountant for his inspection at New Canada. I myself was sent an exorbitant bill which I think I'm not prepared to pay unless the accountant resolves the matter ami-

Bills spark rent threat

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cably," Mtinkulu said

Mtinkulu, who is also an ANC member, blamed the council staff for the bills and accused the meter-readers of being inefficient. They are employees of a private company hired by the council for the task.

"I burst into the offices of senior officials and told them to hand over the township administration to the ANC because they are a failure," said Mtinkulu.

Residents only received their August bills at the end of last month. The

Diepkloof Civic Association called a public meeting at the local hall last week to discuss the issue. However, City Press could not establish the outcome of the gathering.

Matters have been made worse by a council worker strike at the Diepkloof rent office. Staff are protesting against an official's appointment to a senior position.

A Dobsonville resident showed City Press the R800 bill he received in August. He claimed that

when he and other residents approached the local town clerk for an explanation, the official left his office and told them he was in a hurry.

Residents in Greater Soweto have been threatening to resume a second rent boycott after most of them received exorbitant bills in the last few months. They argued that the meter-readers had used the "old trick" of not reading the meters properly.

In August Eskom and other major consortiums such as the Rand Water Board threatened to discontinue their services in the area if residents did not stop boycott action.

Civic and political bodies have subsequently renewed their call for the councillors' resignation.

Beyond the water pail

By DAN DHLAMINI

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AT least 10 people were allegedly arrested for stealing water in one of two western Transvaal townships where authorities have cut water and electricity supplies this week.

However, western Transvaal police said only seven people - not 10 - from Schweizer-Reneke's Ipelegeng township were arrested and charged under the Fencing Act, and not for water theft.

The spokesman said the Schweizer-Reneke Council had instructed police to arrest anyone who jumped the fence which served as a border between Ipelegeng, Sharon coloured township and Schweizer-Reneke.

Seven residents will appear in court on Novem-

ber 14 to face charges under the Fencing Act.

Ipelegeng Civic Association spokesman Jerry Maine said residents felt police were taking sides with the Ipelegeng Council and were trying to prevent residents from obtaining water.

"Our coloured and Indian brothers were giving us water free of charge. The tap in Sharon has now been disconnected, but people travel about two kilometres to draw water from the mosque," said Maine.

Maine said residents were retaliating with a two-day stayaway starting tomorrow and a boycott of white businesses in Schweizer-Reneke.

Koster's Reagile township, the second township to experience water and electricity cuts, has been

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plagued by violent clashes between the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) supporters in the past months. Township residents have been boycotting white businesses since September 23.

According to former mayor Jonathan Marota, the residents demanded the Reagile council - mostly IFP members - resign because they were funding Inkatha with rent money.

Marota said Reagile residents had requested that they pay water and electricity rates directly to the Koster Council, but this was rejected.

He said the community felt that the Koster Council did not want to involve itself in the "struggle of the people". They therefore felt they had to exert pressure on white voters

to force the council to respond positively.

Koster town clerk Johan Truter said the consumer boycott and the disconnection of water and electricity were totally unrelated.

Supplies were cut because Reagile owed Koster about R30'000 for services rendered.

Transvaal Administrator Olaus van Zyl recently visited Carletonville's Khutsong township, following protests by several residents.

Residents of Extensions One and Two had staged a council sit-in to protest exorbitant electricity bills.

After discussions with Khutsong Civic Association representatives, Van Zyl said he would look into the grievances.



LOCKED OUT ... Sarah Segoba has been barred from home by lodgers. ■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

'I want my house back'

By **MONWABISI NOMADOLO**

LOOKING as frail as a flower, a sobbing 92-year-old granny this week said all she wanted was her house back and not to be sent to a home for the aged

Sarah Segoba, one of the oldest residents and first teachers in the West Rand township of Mohlakeng, had her three-roomed house taken over by lodger Sello Ditse, allegedly without her consent

"I agreed to stay with them as I was living alone at the time," she said

She was now a stranger in her house after Ditse took over ownership, she said

Ditse, who is in his early 30s, said he was given the house by the council's housing committee. He

refused to name the people who allocated the house to him

Segoba told City Press she had stayed alone in her house in Mokhele Street since 1964.

"But now I'm told to go to a home for the aged. I don't want to leave my house," she said, tears rolling down her wrinkled cheeks

She said she was locked outside the house when Ditse and his wife, a high school pupil, were away

"They would leave me a bowl of soft porridge outside," she said

Ditse, who moved in 18 months ago, did not deny locking the old woman outside. "Neither did he deny taking Segoba to a doctor in order to obtain a medical form with the intention of sending her to a home for the aged.

"She is old now and she forgets to lock the house. As a result, we could get our property stolen," he said

Defending himself, he said he consulted her family before taking the decision to send her to the home. This was denied by Segoba's relatives

Ditse said he was related to the 92-year-old woman through his wife

The council superintendent, Vuyo Peach, confirmed the house had been transferred to Ditse with Segoba's consent.

Segoba, who still speaks fluently for her age, said her misery started 18 months ago when a local councillor brought in the couple to stay with her.

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Township borehole battle rages

Battles raged around a single borehole in Schweizer Reneke's Ipelegeng township yesterday, with police and residents clashing violently as council officials tried to shut off the only water supply in the parched western Transvaal township.

All services to Ipelegeng — water, the removal of buckets of human waste and the supply of electricity — have been suspended in reaction to the rent and service tariff boycott.

A few days ago the Ipelegeng Civic Association activated a pump at a disused borehole on private property to ensure that residents had some access to water, said the organisation's attorney, Chris Watters.

But the town council decided that no water was better than water of uncertain quality and took steps to shut off the supply. Explained town clerk R Hat-

tingh: "The water was unfit for consumption. It was brackish and unpurified."

She confirmed that the council sent workers into the township to dismantle the pump yesterday and that they had insisted on police protection.

According to regional police commissioner Lieutenant-Colonel Ben van Heerden, the move provoked a violent response

while the council workers were busy, 500 people started stoning them and the police Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

It is understood that five policemen were slightly injured.

Mr Watters said he had received reports that civic members later repaired the damage done to the pump during the morning. His clients described

the situation towards sunset as very tense.

Relations in Schweizer Reneke were strained before the Battle of the Borehole. Last week residents mounted a three-day stayaway to protest against the cutting off of services.

According to Mrs Hattingh the township council owes the Schweizer Reneke council about R46 000 for services. It cannot meet this commitment because of the residents' rent/service tariff boycott.

Residents cry out for homes

MORE than 1 000 desperate QwaQwa residents have in the past few weeks mobbed the offices of the territory's local authorities, demanding affordable homes

The incident happened after the QwaQwa Housing Department opened 187 affordable homes for sale in Namahali, a district of the area *Sowetan 17/10/91*

The general manager of QwaQwa Housing, Mr Anton Valks, called the resultant melee a crisis - "but not because of the huge number of people vying for so few houses"

"We felt we were being confronted with the whole truth about the acute housing crisis in the country," he said, adding, "In a way, the show of demand was also an endorsement of our mission, which is the provision of affordable housing and the promotion of home ownership among the people"

QwaQwa Housing was established in 1989 with the major objective of providing

housing in the territory, thereby helping in its own area, to ease the serious housing backlog currently facing South Africa

He said "Since our inception, we have built close to a 1 000 houses the majority of which are in the affordable range. Our main concern is the ordinary person who would not normally be able to afford a house"

The houses sold by his department are sold to low income earners - R600 and below - at R9 000 and at a low deposit of R100

He said that they offered a one-step service which included planning, building and loan finance

In the 1991 financial year housing delivery had been planned to reach 3 000 units. The cost of the entire project was expected to exceed R24 million on completion

He said additional 2 000 affordable houses were due for delivery by December

Uproar over power cuts in Pretoria

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SCORES of residents in Atteridgeville are up in arms over constant electricity power cuts in certain parts of the township since Monday.

Affected residents, including those in Matsemela, Mngomezulu and Ramokgopa streets on the western side of the township, as well as those people staying in areas bordered by Sekhu, Maunde and Ntshu streets, have complained of black-outs since Monday, especially in the evenings after 6pm

A spokesman for the town council yesterday confirmed that problems existed but assured residents that the matter was being attended to

Remedy

He added that the black-outs were caused by the upgrading of electricity sub-stations in those areas.

"We appeal to residents to bear with us. We are doing our utmost to remedy the situation", the spokesman said.

Chairman of the local civic association, Mr Reeves Mabitse, yesterday said they were unaware of the problem but

By MONK NKOMO

promised that they would discuss the issue with the administrator, Mr Maartiens Nel

"We assure residents affected that everything will be done to stop this inconvenience," Mabitse said.

Residents in the affected areas said they had heeded the call by the authorities to start paying a flat rate of R75 a month during October and November

The call followed successful negotiations between community-based organisations and the authorities which led to the restoration of power supplies in the township on October 2.

Electricity was switched off on July 22

"We appeal to the local town council to address the problem of regular power cuts as soon as possible because we no longer want confrontations with the authorities, especially on the issue of electricity", residents said

In the dark

"We have paid our accounts as requested and we expect the town council to deliver the goods. We have been in the dark for a long time and we cannot be inconvenienced again especially after we have paid for the essential service".

Nel could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Rising costs may force landlord to evict 4 000

A LANDLORD who owns eight blocks of flats in Hillbrow, the CBD and Joubert Park and who can no longer afford mounting municipal costs and continuous resistance to rent rises, may be forced to evict his tenants — all 4 000 of them

David Gorfil, of Gorfil Brothers Investments, the director of the group which owns the blocks, says "The rents would have to more than double for the buildings to stay open and meet the present monthly municipal rates and taxes.

"I have to close and empty these buildings so as to stop a monthly running loss of more than R60 000 — but this could so easily be avoided

"The city council and the Independent Development Trust have expressed a desire to participate in a scheme which would make all the flats in these buildings available to the tenants through ownership at a

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fraction of their market value.

He has even intimated that his company would be prepared to throw the units into such a scheme without immediate down-payment

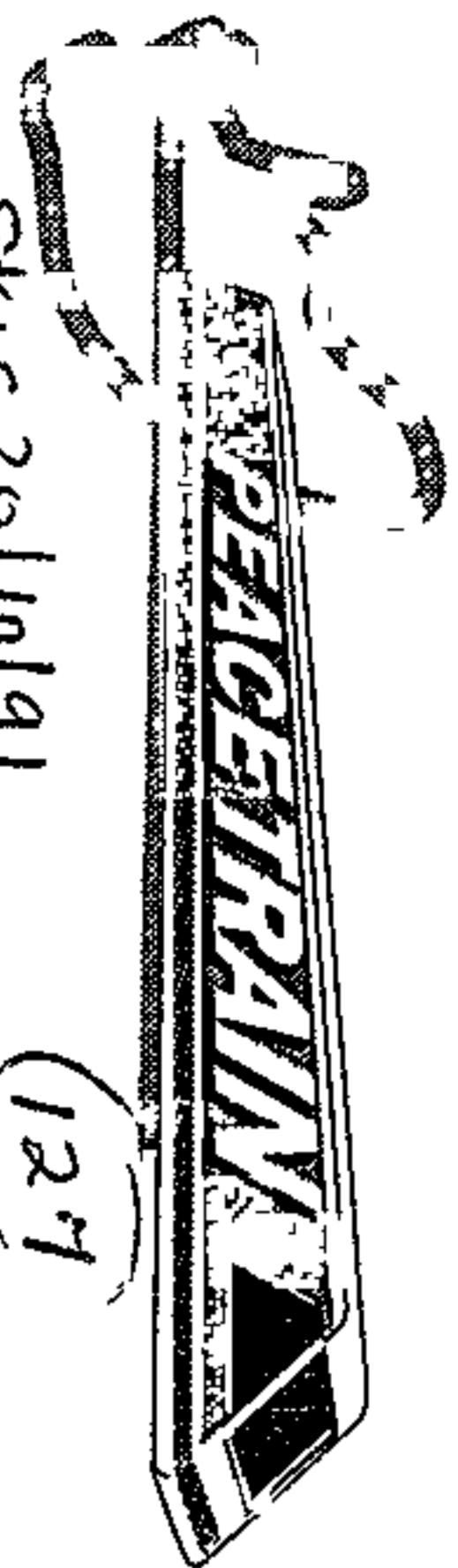
Mr Gorfil believes one of the major burdens is the matter of water consumption and the "inequitable" municipal charges on the blocks

Tenants are apparently enthusiastic about securing ownership of the units but it all depends on the municipality "coming down to Earth with reasonable charges", says Mr Gorfil

Clifford Garrun, Chief Whip of the Democratic Party in the city council is sympathetic to the problem and says the matter will be discussed next week

Wall comes tumbling down

Brakpan's great divide suddenly disappears



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Maurien Isaacson
THE Great Wall of Brakpan came down this week the way it went up — fur-

tively
The near-completed wall shut out Tamboville, an informal settlement, from the northern side of the suburb known variously as Dalpark 6, Leachville Extension 1 and Grenelafe

It took time before the long, 1,8 m-high precast concrete structure appeared. It took only an afternoon to pull it down again.

But nobody mentioned a word to the residents of the 19 households who signed a petition against the wall and who were directly affected by its fall.

They were surprised and delighted when they returned home from work to discover that the wall no longer existed.

Since Tuesday afternoon, residents of the small suburb have been able to see out across the low walls that surround their houses, straight on to Leeupark Dam and the stacks beyond.

No longer will the flamingos and the 26 other species of water birds that inhabit the dam be obscured from view.

And the factors that led them to sign a petition against the wall disappeared with it.

No longer need they feel claustrophobic, staring at a bleak grey intrusion.

No longer need they fear the devaluation of their property —

primely positioned houses facing the dam fetched an estimated R10 000 more than those on the interior of the suburb.

Even the fear of increased crime has diminished, oddly enough, instead of preventing burglaries and attacks, according to residents, the wall made these possible. It provided a place behind which thieves could hide and stack stolen goods.

"I never wanted it up in the first place," says policeman Manoj Bhawanbheekh. "Anything could have happened on the other side of the wall."

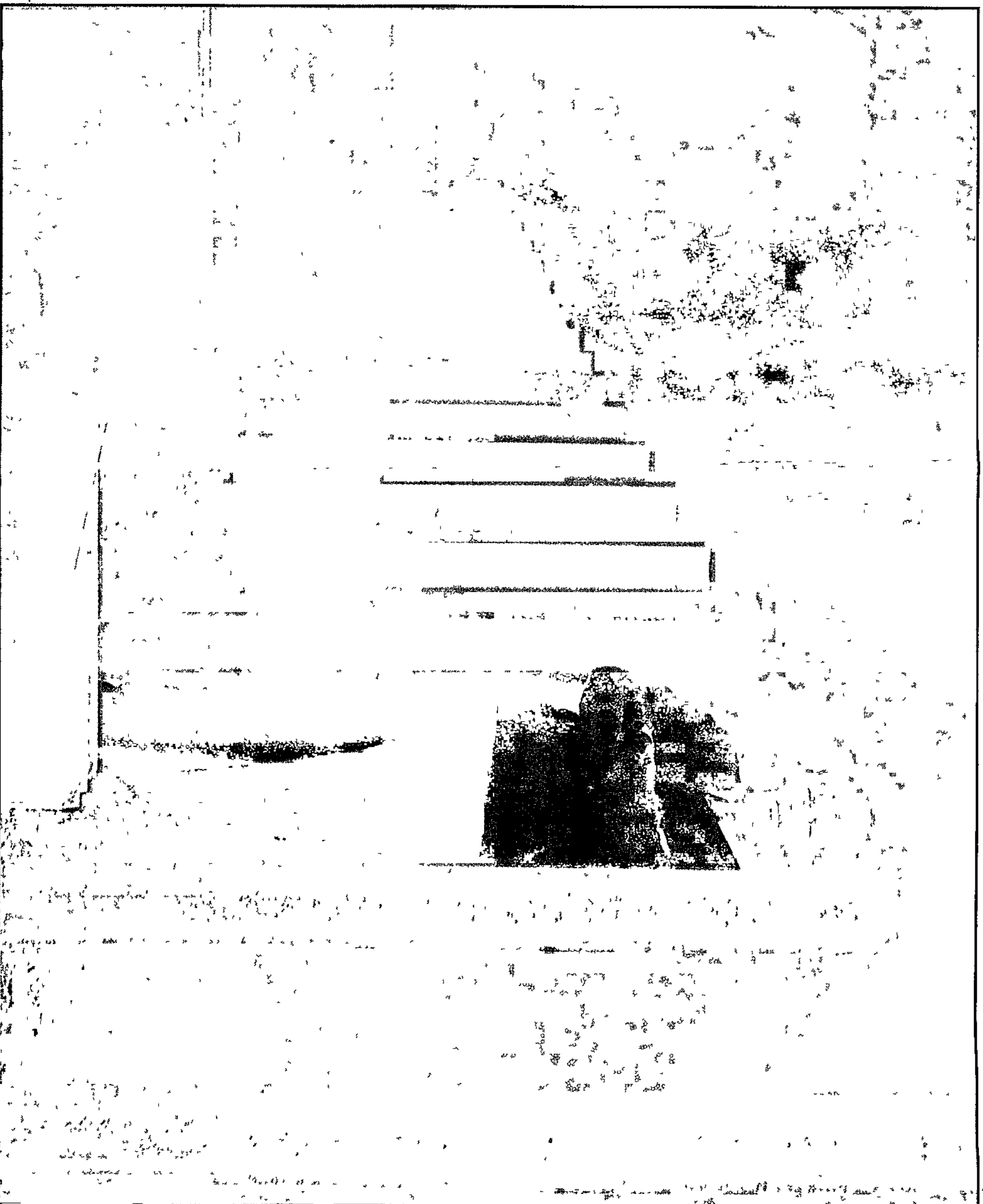
Says Johnny Booyesen, meter-reader at the Benoni City Council, "I think the wall must be down — we could see nothing."

"If they didn't break it down I would have broken it myself," says security systems rep Piet van Rensburg.

"Now I've got an open view to the dam again. It was a waste of money putting up the wall. If people were going to come in they would have done it anyway. Anyway, these properties are more expensive because of the lakeside view — did I pay extra to look at a precast wall?"

For the moment, the concrete poles still stand. The town council apparently has plans to replace the wall with gun-poles that will prevent vehicles from entering the veld area.

And although residents are talking of planting trees and greening the area, no official decision has been taken.



GOING DOWN . . . now Chris Kleynhans, one of those who signed the petition against the wall, can see the dam from his house.

Picture: Debbie Yorzhek

Rates 'tax' to provide better suburb security?

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
Crime Staff

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Private security companies could provide 24-hour total suburban security for R10 or R15 a month per household if municipalities would take over the administration of the payments

"Several companies are prepared to get together and form a common company that would virtually take crime off the streets in the suburbs," Barry Blyth, group manager for one of the companies, said

Mr Blyth said the conglomerate would provide trained, armed security officers in patrol cars, bicycles and on foot. A central control would co-ordinate what he described as "a mass of people on the streets 24 hours a day"

It would cost each household R10 to R15 a month

"All the companies involved would lose money in the scheme, but it would be worth it to get rid of the incredibly violent crime in these areas," he added

The proposed organisation would work in conjunction with the police, who had a bitter shortage of manpower on the streets. "We are not trying to get rid of the police," Mr Blyth said, "but they are so short of manpower. We are not law enforcement officers. We can only prevent crime. Once we make a citizen's arrest, the police take over from there"

All detective and judicial work would be left to the State

Domestics

Security training for the public would be included in the R10 fee. Houseowners and their domestic staff would be trained in basic security awareness and first aid at regular seminars

Mr Blyth said the Neighbourhood Watch system contributed to crime control, but what was really needed was a full-time high-visibility skilled force

"What we are offering is a practical solution to the problem of crime that will do more than any number of stickers on walls could ever do," he said

The security companies had been negotiating with residents

associations in Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton

"But the logistical nightmare of getting people to pay the R10 would mean virtually an entire operation on its own," Mr Blyth said. Administration costs would raise the fee several thousand percent

"But if we can get the municipalities to add the cost to the normal rates, we could start almost immediately," he said

The three municipalities had been approached, and had felt the idea was a brilliant one, Mr Blyth said, "but they say they have to form a committee to discuss the matter"

"It is no good forming committees. Six months down the line they will still be voting for a chairman and we will have even more brutal murders on our hands"

However security director for the Johannesburg municipality, Gerhard Vandermerwe, said it would be "virtually impossible" to add a security levy to rates

"This would have to be negotiated with the ratepayers and people are very nomadic, so the ratepayers change all the time," he said

Residential sector quiet

PETER GALI (1209)

WHILE Rabie Property Developers has moved into the white housing market, it retains a presence in the low-cost housing sector

However, the group says the residential market seems to have become quiet. B/Docu 23/10/91

VAT is having little effect on the market, says national sales director Dave Harris.

"While VAT has affected prices by between 5% and 6%, this is not really stopping people buying. The market has become tougher but there is a huge backlog of homes for blacks"

Rabie's latest project, the New Tembisa Gardens development, has about 400 stands for sale. Homes range from 44m² to 120m² and start at R53 000, including the stand.

"The development is attracting families with a joint income of R2 500 a month, and about 70% of sales are to government employees"

The group's Dobsonville North Gardens project has also been successful, with about 400 of the 900 homes already sold

Garden Route house prices top of MLS lists

HOUSE prices placed with Multiple Listing Services (MLS) in Johannesburg rose 22,7% in the six months to end-September, compared with the same period last year, figures released by the company show.

"However, Johannesburg house prices recorded only the third highest increase of the 10 regions covered, with the Garden Route and Cape Town showing better growth of 34,8% and 29,4% respectively," MLS MD Bruce Wilson said yesterday.

Average selling prices for Johannesburg houses at the end of September, as recorded by the MLS members, was R141 900.

Durban showed growth of 21% in house values

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"This was considerably higher than our national average selling price which rose by 14,44% to R121 441," Wilson said.

Prices in the Free State dropped by 17,4% with the average selling price there dipping to R93 500 from R109 800.

Houses in the Johannesburg area took longer to sell at 44 days in the period to end-September compared with 34 days previously, with the national MLS average being 36 days.

"Of major concern to the MLS board is widespread over-valuation of properties," Wilson said.

Plan to merge four Rand towns comes under fire

(127) WILSON ZWANE

THE plan to amalgamate four southeast Rand towns into a single nonracial local authority came under fire from the Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) yesterday. B1 Day 24/10/91

Southeast Rand Co-ordinating Committee (Sercom) member and Bedfordview town clerk Anton Kruger said Bedfordview, Germiston, Katlehong and Palm Ridge were expected to merge within six months.

"The amalgamation, as far as I know, is the first of its kind in SA," Kruger said yesterday.

But Cast president Moses Mayekiso said in a statement yesterday that the amalgamation of the four towns into a single local authority would worsen rather than improve the problems that exist in black residential areas.

"We see this move as an attempt to reverse the gains achieved in Alexandra, where the provision of electricity has been transferred to the white municipality without reviving the half dead (black) councillors," Mayekiso said.

Sercom, which recommended the merger of these four towns earlier this year, said in a statement this week that "all the present councillors of the four local authorities will become members of the amalgamated council."

Alternative policing takes centre stage in war on crime

By Shirley Woodgate

dogs, burglar bars and double locks

Johannesburg City Council plans to pump an additional R20 million a year into security. Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis-control centres, and private residents are flocking to join blockwatch schemes to combat the wave of crime engulfing the Reef.

In addition, private security firms have overnight become big business as a large number of people sign up for protection, often as back-up to other precautions including vicious guard

thumbs-down for plans to launch a municipal police force, claiming this was not provided for in legislation and that the SAP had responsibility for criminal policing.

Johannesburg's newly trained traffic department recruits will patrol suburban and business areas, armed with traffic tickets which Mr Asherson believes will dent the huge bill incurred for their employment by at least R1 million.

Randburg management committee chairman Andre Jacobs said his council would soon be

asked to endorse recommendations in a joint SAP/council crime prevention report to the Commissioner of Police.

He hinted the scheme involved a protection force similar to the bobby-on-the-beat.

In Sandton, which operates a crisis control centre linked to the police and the Defence Force, additional security plans are being discussed by a group of members of the SAP, ratepayers and the council.

Last week, private security companies offered to supply 24-hour total security for suburbs

at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household, but their appeal to municipalities to take over administration of the payments by including the cost in rates has been turned down.

The rejection is mainly on legal and logistical grounds.

But residents in Johannesburg's eastern suburbs have not sat back and waited for official reaction.

Blockwatch instigator in the area in 1987, former city councillor Lionel Keenan, said crime figures had plummeted since

the launch of the scheme, linked to the local police station.

Termed by local ratepayer chairman Bentley Cooke as "not a bunch of vigilantes or cow-boys, but the eyes and ears of the police", Sandton's Linbro Park have manned a blockwatch for years.

"People simply have to take action and stop relying on the police. At the end of the month a Federation of Blockwatch Associations is to be launched — proof that the movement is not only growing but successful," Mr Keenan said.

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CAST slates joint councils

Political Staff

The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal has rejected the amalgamation of white and black local authorities, especially where these mergers are pursued without consulting township residents' associations

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said his organisation was "unimpressed by attempts by the white-led East Rand Coordinating Committee to unite the local authorities of Germiston, Katlehong, Bedfordview and Palm Ridge"

Not only was the move undemocratic — since residents had not been consulted — but it would prolong the life of "unpopular and corrupt black local authorities".

Mr Mayekiso said the Germiston-centred merger was very different from the co-operation negotiated between Sandton and Alexandra, since provision of electricity to the township had been taken over by

Sandton "without reviving the half-dead councillors"

It also contrasted with agreements reached through the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber for the regional services council to take over the supply of electricity to Greater Soweto

"We hail this development as a positive product of genuine negotiations"

CAST would continue to press for white local authorities to take over township servicing during the phase of political transition, "not because we recognise them as legitimate but because they have the resources and skills accumulated through our taxes".

This position implied that black local authorities should go, said Mr Mayekiso.

"CAST challenges the TPA to dismiss these councillors immediately. The time has come to use wages and allowances, spent on councillors, to provide for facilities and the development of our people"

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Cut-off (127) extension

By ALINAH DUBE

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents who have not paid their current rent accounts have been given until mid-November to pay up or face a black-out.

The township's administrator, Mr Maartiens Nel, said community representatives requested that the threat to disconnect electricity supplies to rent defaulters be suspended until November 13.

"Until October 23, 83 percent of accounts had been paid, indicating willingness by the community to honour the agreement signed on their behalf by their organisations," Nel said. *Sowetan 25/10/91*

Residents make sure their case gets headlined

Star 26/10/91 (124)
ZINGISA MKHUMA

MORE than 20 Ennerdale residents protested in The Star's foyer yesterday against what they said was a lack of press coverage of the cutting of electricity and water supplies to parts of their suburb.

The placard-waving group initially refused to leave the premises until they were met by representatives of the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress and the Azanian Peoples Organisation.

However, the group eventually left the premises after speaking to The Star's Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Rex Gibson.

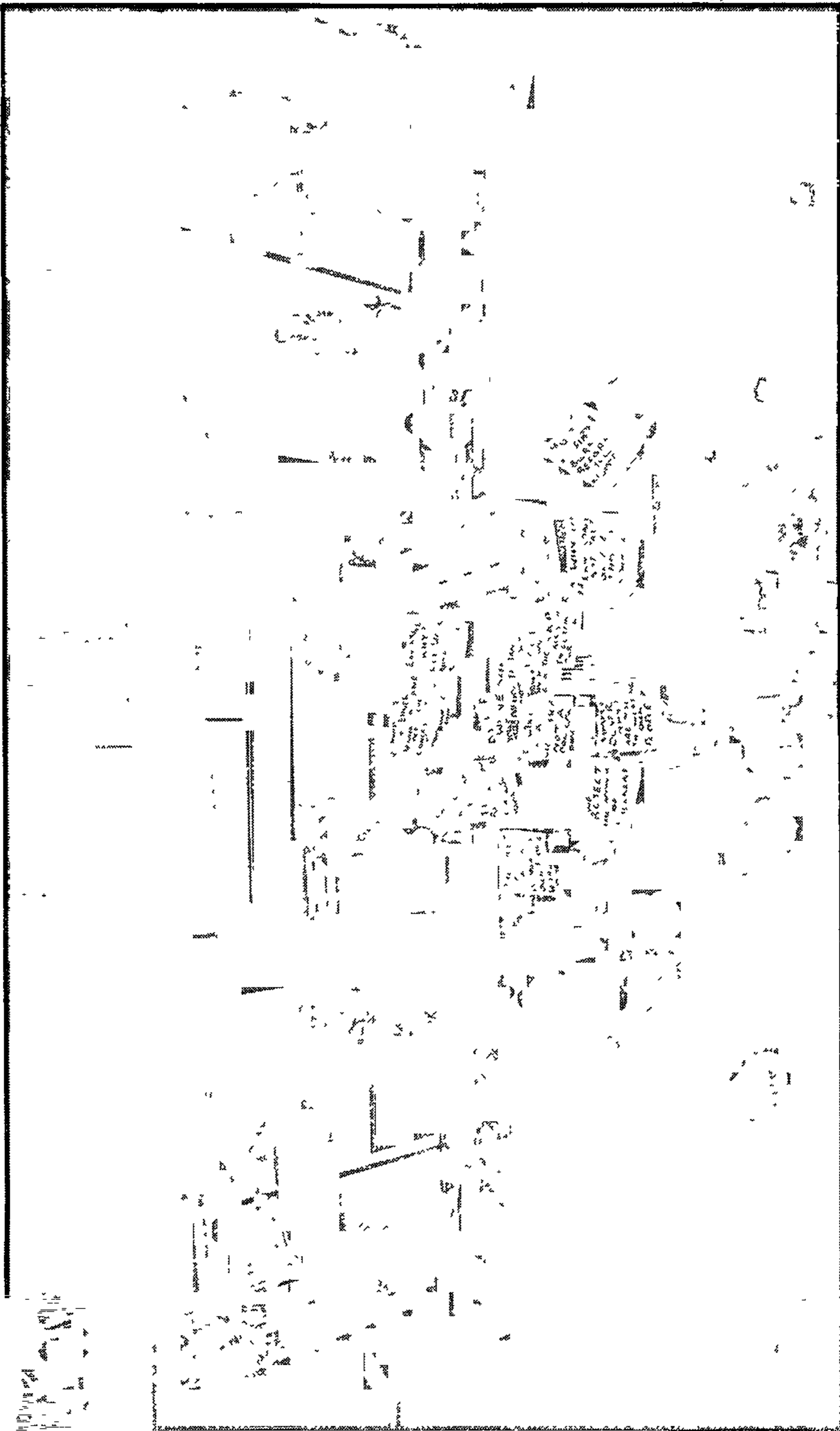
The residents said they wanted the political organisations to persuade the Ennerdale Development Board (EDB) to re-connect the services.

The Board had cut off supplies to some houses for non-payment of rates, which residents say are too high. They stopped paying rates in August, after the EDB failed to come back to them on a dispute over allegedly faulty meters.

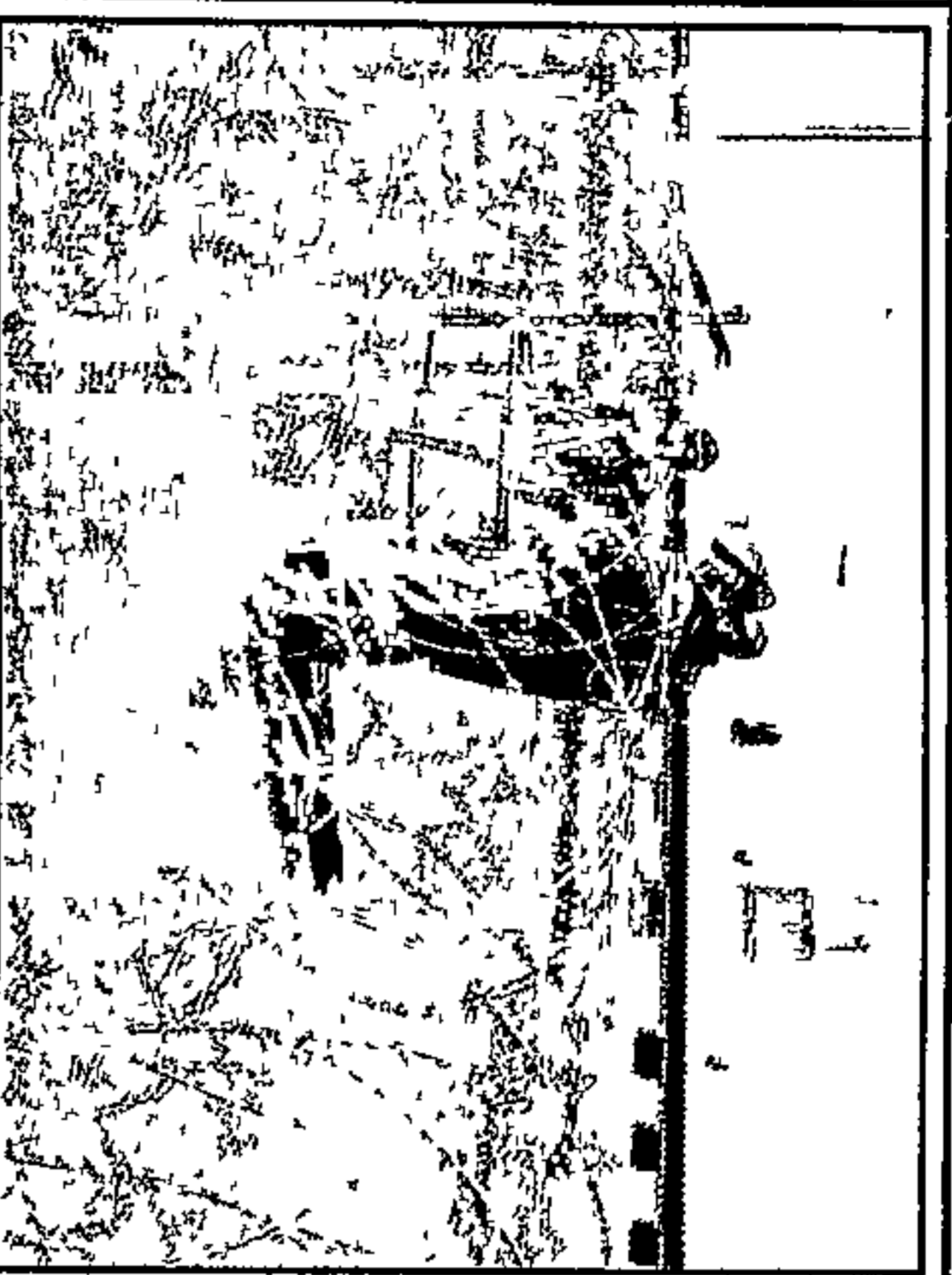
Two weeks ago EDB officials, accompanied by police, cut off electricity supplies to some houses. Residents who tried to re-connect their supply were threatened with arrest and legal action.

A spokesman for Ennerdale Surroundings Civic Association, Clifford Smith, said the protest was to highlight their plight to authorities and to the political organisations.

Members of the EDB were said to be holding a meeting yesterday and were not available for comment.



ATTENTION SEEKERS - Ennerdale residents protest in The Star's foyer yesterday against a lack of press coverage. ● Photograph: SEAN WOODS



Police, left, erect razor wire around a hostel, allegedly to protect hostel dwellers from township residents. The picture on the right shows the courtyard of another hostel complex — just waiting for the summer rains to turn it into a mudbath.



DORMITORIES OF DESPAIR!

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BY DESMOND BLOW

IN Thokoza, one of the country's worst centres of unrest, I last week visited a rat hole called a hostel where 6 000 men — mainly Zulu-speaking — live in semi-darkness.

The rain was coming down heavily, turning pools of water in the overgrown courtyards into filthy, muddy lakes. Inside unemployed men sat around on a few cement benches, or on oblong tin boxes they used as beds. Pools of water were forming on the floors.

Primitive

The hostel complex is made up of many narrow buildings with entrance rooms containing stone tables and stone benches. There were two interlead

Food is shared in the dark, damp hostels

The depression I felt and it look me back to the overcrowded tenement slums I saw in Harlem, New York, over 20 years ago. It was a time of heavy rotting by black Americans and it was made clear to me by sociologists that the overcrowded living conditions, the oppressive heat and unemployment created the frustration that fanned the riots. It was also clear to me this week that the shocking conditions at the Thokoza Hostel created the frustrations which con-

cause they feared for their safety," he added. Combrink said each hostel dweller was required to pay a rental of R15 a month, but many did not pay.

"We know that the hostels are in a terrible state, but Thokoza does not have the money to repair them. The people of Thokoza are unwilling to use their money to repair the hostels for people who are only there temporarily."

He said however, the council was prepared to repair the toilets when

hostel dwellers lived in terrible conditions, he blamed the unrest on political and ethnic differences, saying all the trouble came from ANC supporters who resented the presence of the hostel dwellers.

"They don't want us here and attack us," he said.

The hostel dwellers also resented Thokoza residents, blaming them for the fact the council was not improving the hostels.

They rejected Combrink's claim that complaints about the abutment blocks were attended to

by people living elsewhere in the township. A typical hostel dweller is Jeremiah Ndlovu, 22.

He said he had lived at Thokoza for the past five years and had a good job in a die casting plant where he did shift work.

He is the eldest of seven children and regularly sent money home to his parents in Natal to help raise his six brothers and sisters.

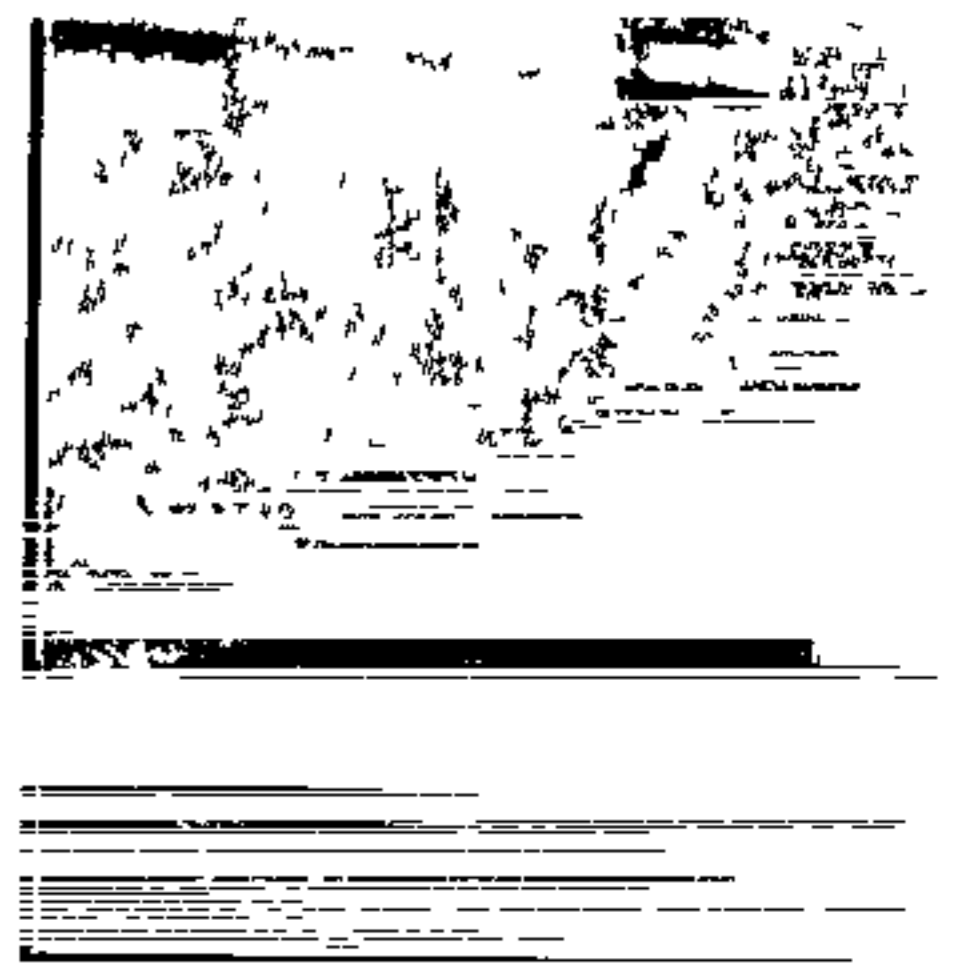
Like others in the hostel he supports Inkatha, but said he had not been involved in any unrest. Although he agreed the



HARD LIFE... A hostel dweller washes himself with cold water. A recent survey showed that most hostel dwellers were without jobs, and those that worked supplied most of the food.



right shows the courtyard of another hostel complex - just waiting for the summer rains to turn it into a mudbath.



DORMITORY OF DESPAIR

(/PRES 24/10/91)

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The hostel complex is made up of many narrow buildings with entrance rooms containing stone tables and stone benches. There were two interleading bedrooms on each side, but no doors

The only pieces of furniture in the bedrooms were four tin trunks, without mattresses, on which the men made their beds.

In some of the entrance rooms men were stoking coal fires. Although it was late afternoon, the rooms were dark. The windows were painted and holes stuffed with newspaper and rags

A few men were playing cards near an open door, screwing up their eyes to see

The weather added to

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flushing with permanent township residents

These conditions made it easy for troublemakers using political or ethnic excuses to incite the restless, unhappy and lonely men to violence

Those I spoke to had heard of the "peace accord" - but it meant nothing to them. The "new" South Africa also held no benefits for them. In fact, the abolition of influx control had made things worse.

Thousands of men have

come to the Witwatersrand from Natal, unsuccessfully looking for jobs. They are told that this was the result of the ANC-backed sanctions against South Africa

I asked several unemployed men how they managed to survive

I was told there was a spirit of camaraderie among the hostel men. Those who had jobs provided food for the others.

The men all claimed they were bachelors, saying people in the township resented them "chatting up" their women.

Others have left their families in Natal, hoping to send them money when they worked.

On some of the walls there were pictures of women, footballers and placards praising Inkatha

The hostels are surrounded by rolls of barbed wire, put there at the request of the hostel dwellers, according to Thokoza's town clerk, H Combrinck.

"They requested it after last year's unrest be-

cause they feared for their safety," he added

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However, I was shown an ablution block where the sewage from half a dozen toilets lay centimetres deep on the floor

"We cannot use the toilets," I was told

Attacked

The hostel dwellers denied that they caused the trouble in the township

They claimed they have had no trouble with their closest neighbours across the road from the hostel

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Landlord hammers crime

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By Monica Oosterbroek

Star 28/10/91
Landlord George Gabanellis smashed down the doors of seven of his tenants' flats with a sledgehammer last night as he began a one-man crusade against crime in a Johannesburg building he has owned for less than a month.

Mr Gabanellis, who owns Impala Lodge in Bree Street, claims the tenants were running shebeens and dealing in drugs. Some had not paid rent for more than three years and most were guilty of overcrowding.

He said notices of complaint and eviction orders had been ignored — so he

had to take action himself.

"This flat is a den of iniquity and a hell-hole. Police are too scared to come here so I have to do something on my own," he said.

Mr Gabanellis said he started his rampage after a tenant tried to stab him. He tried to evict the tenant this week and claims the tenant came to his take-away across the road to kill him.

"I grabbed the knife and poked him in the face so he is probably bleeding to death somewhere," he said.

Mr Gabanellis reported the attack to the police and has laid a charge of attempted murder.

"I then stormed into my

building and bashed his door down with a hammer and told his wife to get the hell out."

He went through the building, bashing down the doors of tenants he wanted out.

"And I took the doors away," he said.

Other tenants, including Actstop members, seemed delighted with Mr Gabanellis's actions last night. They said at least two of the evicted tenants had harboured criminals with AK-47s in their rooms.

"All night these people kept us awake with noise and their criminal goings-on. I am very happy they are moving out," one tenant said.

Security now top issue for most Reef councils

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The need for additional security in crime-plagued Reef towns and cities is now a top priority among councils investigating various protection measures for residents and business premises.

The Johannesburg City Council has made an annual R20 million pledge towards security and the councils of Sandton and Midrand have launched crisis control centres and hugely successful blockwatch schemes. Randburg may soon introduce a joint-protection force with the SAP along the lines of the bobby-on-the-beat.

Private security companies last week offered northern suburbs' councils 24-hour total security for suburbs at a cost of between R10 and R15 a household.

On the West Rand, where 306 people were murdered in the first six months of this year, councils have stepped up traffic police patrols in the suburbs. The Randfontein council has

introduced more regular car patrols of all areas on a 24-hour basis, a spokesman said.

Krugersdorp has patrols working in shifts in residential areas and Roodepoort is looking very seriously at the possibility of stepping up patrols.

Town clerk Div de Villers said the council felt very strongly about the issue and would start the patrols as soon as funds permitted.

Spokesmen for the three Vaal Triangle town councils of Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark and Meyerton agreed that private security patrols were probably the answer and that these councils would now seriously consider these measures.

A Meyerton municipal spokesman said extra security could be seriously considered, provided the service rendered were good and if ratepayers were to contribute towards it. Local residents would also have to be sounded out on the issue.

There were 44 murders in the Vaal Triangle between January and September this year and more than 3 000 burglaries.

On the East Rand, where 241 people were murdered in Au-

gust and September, councils have done little to step up security, and those contacted by The Star revealed no future plans.

In Pretoria, the crime rate is far lower than on the Reef — and residents ascribe it largely to the effectiveness of neighbourhood watches.

A recent survey showed that about 43 percent of Pretoria's citizens — black and white — felt neighbourhood watches best contained crime.

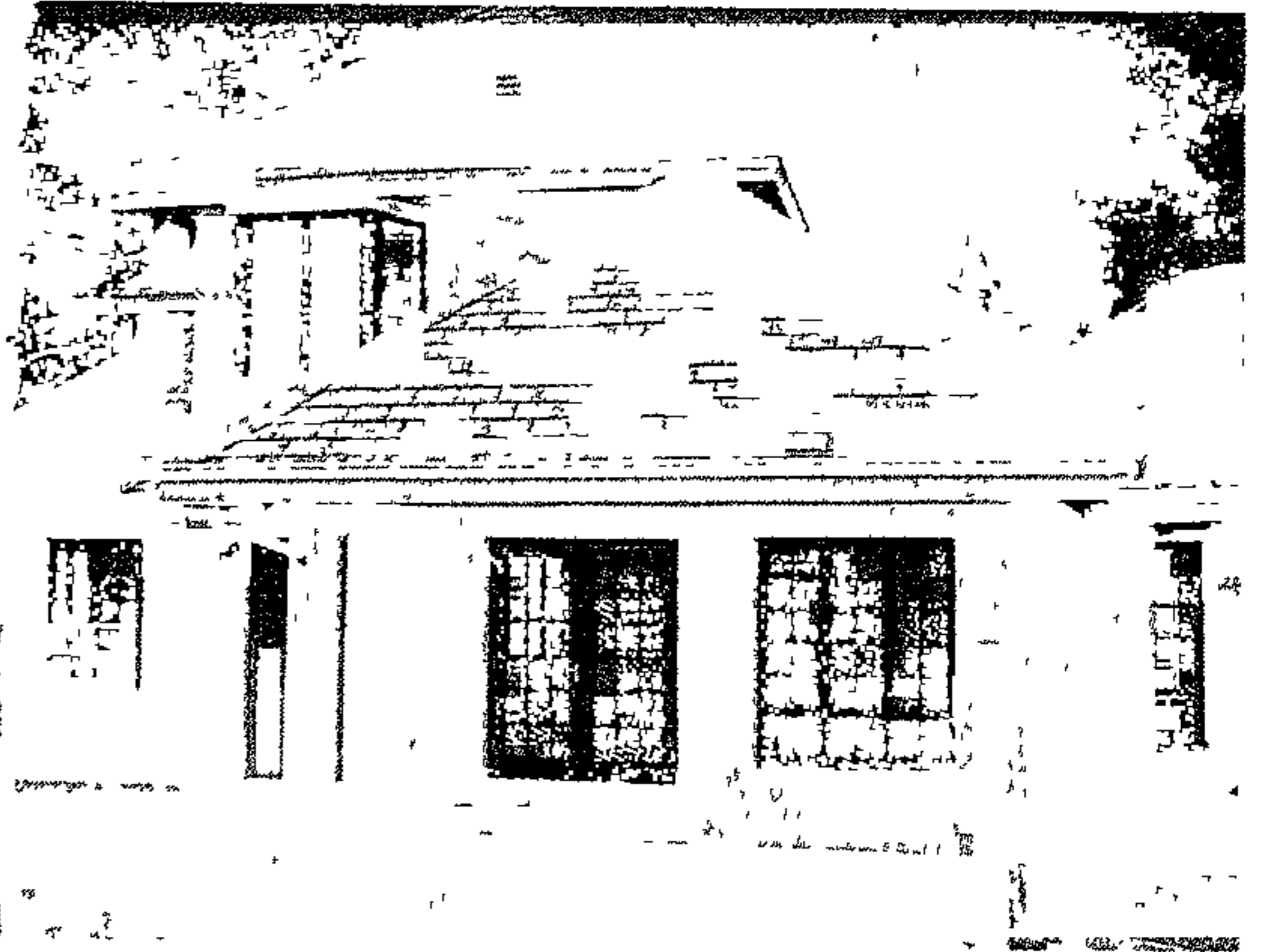
Only 18 percent of those interviewed relied on the police and individual security for controlling city crime — Afrikaans-speaking individuals contributing only 8 percent and blacks 26 percent to this average.

Pretoria management committee chairman Pieter Smith revealed that the Pretoria council had not placed security at the top of its list of priorities.

"We are fortunate not to have the same level of crime as on the Reef, so there isn't really a demand for us to address security. At one stage, the question of city police was raised, but we felt the SAP handle their duties very well in the city."

Business Day SURVEY

Rivonia-based 5th Avenue Properties has gained a good deal of market share in the area in the three years it has been operating. Good access and the trend towards decentralisation have contributed to Rivonia's popularity and it has lived up to expectations as a growth area **PETER GALLI reports**



Brecknock, an English-style development offering buyers an excellent setting.

Residential market is backbone of growth

AS THE residential market was instrumental in the founding and initial growth of 5th Avenue Properties, and with the perception of related market indicators and trends, the company decided to concentrate on marketing large group housing and sectional title schemes

In addition, most of the present staff have previously worked in the residential area

The company tends to develop developments where it procures the land, puts a developer on it and then markets the units for the developer

Residential director Sharon Scott says "This area has shown outstanding growth and we have about 180 units available in five schemes, all of which are under sole mandate to us."

About 90 of these units have been sold, and units range from R160 000 to R480 000

5th Avenue specialises in top-quality affordable clus-

ter homes, she says

"We have set a ceiling on residential units at about R500 000, thereby concentrating on affordability in the Sandton area

"We have also clinched two deals with Permprop," Scott says

5th Avenue's residential focus is concentrated in the northern Sandton areas and the company intends to remain in this area as it is well positioned and there is a lot of land around that offers good potential

Affordable

In addition, Sandton is a popular residential area that, with 5th Avenue's input, offers affordable up-market homes

Marketing of Le Mistral, an upmarket development of 25 units in conjunction with Permprop, began recently, and three units have been sold

Situated just off Rivonia Road in the heart of Morningside, the units offer buy-

ers a choice of 10 different designs and between two and four bedrooms, depending on their requirements

The units are being targeted at around R480 000 and have excellent finishes and skylights, with the emphasis on security

Another development, Brecknock, offers prospective buyers a choice of four English-style designs in Bryanston

Units start at around R230 000 and buyers are offered treed stands in the pine forests of Bryanston

Of the more affordable units handled by 5th Avenue Properties, 38 of the 63 units in Malaga, in Athol Gardens, have been sold since its launch in June

Cluster homes are becoming popular as they have security appeal, potential staff problems are reduced and first-time home buyers are able to acquire an upmarket home at a price they can afford, she says

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Witbank ratepayers protest

By Shareen Singh

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Ratepayers in Witbank have accused the Witbank Town Council of mismanagement of services and finances and said they are determined not to pay the exorbitant increases in tariffs. *Star 31/10/91*

Chairman of the Witbank Ratepayers Action Committee, Corrie Burger, said some tariffs had gone up by a ridiculous 800 percent and those that would be most affected by it would be pensioners and people in the lower income bracket.

"We held meetings with the town clerk and with the entire town council and we suggested to them that tariffs should not go up by more than 50 percent. This is all we are prepared to pay," Mr Burger said.

He pointed out that several services were running at a loss, which ratepayers attributed to mismanagement. For instance traffic control showed a loss of thousands of rands and "we question whether they are not overstaffed".

The cultural centre showed a loss of nearly R4 million "We say the people of Witbank cannot afford culture and recreation if it comes at such a high price," Mr Burger said.

Services that were running at a loss should either be stopped or privatised, he said.

The council was in debt of nearly R160 million which ratepayers believed was far too much for a small town such as Witbank.

"We cannot understand how the town council could have allowed this situation to develop and we want all those councillors who have been in the council for a long time to account for this," he said.

Two long-serving councillors have already been sacked by the Conservative Party but ratepayers are going to call for the sacking of a third councillor who has been in the council for many years.

Civic upset over flat rate arrears

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CIVIC officials in Soshanguve, Pretoria, yesterday expressed concern about residents' delay in paying an interim flat rate of R50 for October agreed to with the Department of Development Aid.

Deputy chairman of the Soshanguve Residents Association Mr Benny Makena voiced his concern after examining figures released by the department.

Department spokesman Mr Thys Hyman announced that only 32 percent of township residents paid the flat rate for October.

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There were also those who failed to pay for August and September - months included in the interim agreement.

Defaulters

Hyman said the money paid by the residents so far was not enough for the township manager's office to pay for bulk services including electricity and water.

He said according to the agreement the residents who had not paid had until Friday afternoon to pay their accounts. He urged those still owing for August and September to use the opportunity to pay their arrears by the set date.

He said any action to be taken against rent defaulters would be decided at a meeting between the department and officials of Sorea, scheduled for November 7.

The two parties have been involved in discussions since mid-April after Soshanguve residents resolved to embark on a rent boycott because of alleged continued irregularities in rent accounts and false meter readings.

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Own house for R10 000

ABOUT 84 houses of all shapes, sizes and designs have sprung up alongside the Golden Highway on what was previously the farm Drieziek, near Evaton within three weeks

The houses were specially built for the Golden Highway Housing Expo by 43 private companies who built the houses to show potential home owners what is available for an outlay of R10 000 or less

The deputy director of the Department of Plan-

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Property Reporter

ning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, Mr Alex Weiss, said approximately 25 000 people visited the Expo organised by his department.

The developers would be paid the costs of erecting the homes, which would then be handed over to the TPA to market. The houses

would form the nucleus of a new township at Drieziek

The homes for the Expo are designed for people earning less than R1 000 a month. The services which have been supplied are a tap for every 10 houses and an "aqua privy" for each house

The African Builders Association, which is affiliated to Foundation of African Business and Con-

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sumer Services, was one of the main exhibitors at the Expo with 14 houses on show

"We would like to see the private sector become involved in low cost housing as a financier. If each employer could finance a home for his employees with a satisfactory work record, it could go a long way to reducing the housing backlog," Weiss said

Rude welcome for homeowner

By Gien Elsas
West Rand Bureau

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A Greenhills, Randfontein, man, who bought a house in the neighbourhood only three weeks ago, had his car tyres slashed and rude messages spray-painted on the vehicle and veranda on Tuesday night

Bennett Makgatho, a Kagiso businessman, was cleaning the house and measuring for curtains when he saw about six men jump over the fence

They moved across the lawn and when they reached his car, which was parked in the driveway, they slashed the tyres and sprayed rude messages on the windows. They also painted words on the veranda before they left. Star 31/10/91

Mr Makgatho said the men wore stockings over their faces and at least one was armed. He had switched off the light and watched from a dark room.

"It was a really unpleasant experience. I was also armed and was concerned for my own safety. I decided to hide inside the house rather than confront the men. I don't want to create bad feelings here," Mr Makgatho said.

He has reported the matter to the police.

City centre flatland 'no go area for granting bonds'

By Jo-Anne Collinge (58)

Major financial institutions have virtually called a halt to the granting of bonds in Johannesburg's central flatland area on the grounds that the risk is too high for them to take.

Confirming that they have declared Hillbrow, Joubert Park and most of Berea as areas where new home loans would not be approved until matters improved, spokesmen for Amalgamated Banks of South Africa — embracing the United and the Allied — and First National Bank blamed the physical deterioration of the area in the last five or six years

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and declining property values
Standard Bank divisional general manager Eric Tomlinson denied that his bank had turned off the tap entirely

Perm marketing manager for home loans Dave Wright said the Perm had reached its limit on overall market share — at around 30 percent — and "if you look at our exposure, we're as far as we want to go"

Estate agents have branded the ban as indiscriminate. They claimed that loans made by institutions which denied a blanket ban were few and far between.

By making home ownership impossible, the banks and building societies were promoting the physical decay of Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park, estate

agents claimed

"They are creating a vast slum between the northern suburbs and the city centre," charged the director of one estate agency

Julio Luccarda of Hometeam said the decision flew in the face of experience which showed that "if people can actually buy a home — no matter how small — they will look after it a lot better"

Some agents felt that the targeting of Johannesburg's flatland had racial undertones, although the restriction applied to both white and black buyers

FNB senior manager Andre Latre said the bank had continued to lend in the Hillbrow/Berea area long after other institutions had stopped

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Daring Marc set for the last laugh

STimes (Byss) 3/11/91

By IAN SMITH

MARC WAINER can remember vividly the alarm on the faces of Investec group directors when he said he wanted to spend R90-million on buying flats in Bedfordview

After all, institutions had been shedding their investments in apartment buildings for years and no block had been built anywhere near central Johannesburg in a decade

But entrepreneurial Mr Wainer, 43-year-old head of independent banking group Investec's new property division, convinced the board that his dream of introducing a different lifestyle could produce profits

He was given the green light and Investec Property Group led a consortium of investors in the purchase of 11 blocks with 964 flats on 10 ha in Bedfordview

A total of R5-million was committed to refurbishing and establishing a "village estate" with entertainment and recreational facilities, landscaped gardens and high-level security

Option

The market's view of the deal is shown by the 30c jump in the share price of the seller, Stanprop. But Investec and its consortium partners look as if they will have the last laugh

Sales of the flats in Bedford Gardens started in May, and after only four months more than a third have been sold

Investec's annual report says returns in the next two years are expected to be large

Johannesburg-born and educated Mr Wainer, who dropped the option of a



MARC WAINER Property boldness pays off
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university degree to become a rep for a company selling display equipment, says he had no doubt that the time was ripe for an entry to the residential property market

The gap between purchase prices and replacement costs has never been bigger and is still widening, he says. Rising rents will increase demand and there are people who can afford to buy in spite of high interest rates

There is a growing opinion that interest rates are likely to soften. The scrapping of the Group Areas Act will strengthen the market

Mr Wainer says a typical two-bedroom flat in Bedford Gardens selling for R160 000 would cost R240 000 to build today, without any allowance for the price of land

Investec Property Group's commitment extends beyond the refurbishment

and sale of the Bedford Gardens flats. The management company is trying to foster community spirit and social activity by residents

"We want to bring back a way of life enjoyed by families 20 years ago," says Mr Wainer

Security is vital, and the grounds are patrolled 24 hours a day

Investec's involvement in the property business stems from the merger with Metboard, which brought the Incity property trading company into the group

Mr Wainer started Incity after a spell with the family-owned grocery shop in Yeoville and as a shopping centre manager. He and his two partners sold a large part of the business to Metboard before Investec came on the scene

Major

Mr Wainer says "When the merger with Investec came about I did not think I would stay long. But I have learned far more from Investec than I ever believed possible

"I now wish I had been involved with a group like Investec much earlier in my business life"

He says the bankers were a little worried about the property business in the early days, but once they were convinced that ideas were sound they gave their full support

Only over a year ago the property business became a major force when I Kuper & Co was bought and merged with Incity to form Investec Property Group

They were complementary companies, Incity concentrating on buying property, adding value and selling. Kuper is a market leader in property management and administration

In the year to March 31 the property business contributed nearly 23% to Investec group, which has assets R2,8-billion and funds under administration of R6,8-billion

Right-wing attack on black homeowner

By PETA KROST

A BLACK man has vowed not to let violent right-wingers drive him from his dream home

Yesterday, Mr Bennet Makgatho's attractive house in the quiet Randfontein suburb of Greenhills still showed the evidence of an ugly incident — profanities and threats spray-painted over the front of the house

Mr Makgatho, 45, who bought the house three weeks ago, said "I left the township for peace and quiet, but instead I got this ugly welcome on Tuesday night"

Lying in wait for him at 10pm that night were 10 abusive young men clad in black with their sleeves cut off

Gun

Mr Makgatho said "As I got out of my car, two black women across the road warned me these people were in my garden. Then I saw them and asked what they wanted

"When they started swearing and threatening me, I realised there was trouble"

Once behind a locked door and security gate in the darkened house, Mr Makgatho peeped out of a window and saw a white man shaking the gate and motioning others to join him

"When the others came closer they covered their heads with balaclavas and I saw one of them had a gun tucked into his pants

"I wasn't afraid, just angry"

The intimidators then slit all the tyres of Mr Makgatho's German car and came back to shout more abuse

They disappeared for 15 minutes, but returned to

spray-paint vulgarities over the front of the house

Once the men had left, Mr Makgatho made his way "ducking and diving" to the police station a few kilometres down the road

Watching the incident from a neighbouring house was a family and their domestic worker

The family, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution, had been woken by their domestic worker, who had warned Mr Makgatho while she was waiting for her friend's lift to arrive

"I heard them threatening to kill that man. We saw the whole thing"

Her employer said "I phoned the police four

times and it took them an hour to get here

"If they had come when we phoned, they would have caught these men."

This weekend, Mr Makgatho, who owns a bottle-store and beerhall in Kagiso, was insistent "I'm staying in my new home

"I'm not afraid. Living in the townships, I've got used to worse things than this. It happens all the time. I have always fought intimidation

"Once they realise I don't scare easily, maybe we can become friends"

Mr Makgatho will eventually bring his wife, Lebo, and two daughters, Npho, 11, and Lesego, 5, to live in their Greenhills home

STANDING FIRM .. Bennet Makgatho outside his new home
Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN



Transvaal will spend R7,7m on hostel upgrading project

MOVES were afoot to upgrade 36 Transvaal hostels, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said at the weekend.

Du Toit said although no upgrading had yet taken place, TPA and Provincial Affairs and Planning officials were touring all the hostels "to see for themselves what the state of the hostels is".

"As soon as the needs of the hostels have been assessed, the TPA will put its upgrading strategy in place," she said, adding that some of the hostels would be converted into family units.

The upgrading of hostels is part of government's scheme to inject R1bn into socio-economic projects.

Economic Co-ordination Minister Dawie de Villiers recently announced that R31m of the money would be allocated to the upgrading of the hostels.

The Provincial Affairs and Planning Department confirmed at the weekend that the plan to upgrade hostels had been endorsed by the cabinet.

In terms of the plan, Reef and Vaal Triangle hostels — the flashpoints of violence

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over the past 14 months — were among the Transvaal hostels which stood to be upgraded with the R7,7m received by the province.

The Cape received the biggest share — R16,09m while Natal and the Free State received R4,09m and R2,2m respectively.

Du Toit said because not all the hostels fell under the jurisdiction of the TPA, the administration would have to allocate funds to individual local authorities for the upgrading of their hostels.

She would not say how much each municipality would get, saying "that is still under discussion".

Among Reef hostels which will be upgraded are Mapetla, Nhlazane, Nancefield, Dube, Thokoza, Sebokeng, Vosloorus, Kaphong, Tembisa, Denver and George Gogh.

But Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said, all plans to upgrade hostels were doomed to failure "unless such plans are negotiated with the people concerned — the hostel dwellers".

'Civics still want power for people'

By Nomavenda Mathiane

The civics are still trying to destroy local authorities and hand over power to the people. This was the message delivered by Moses Mayekiso, president of the Alexandra Civics Association (ACA), on Saturday.

Launching "Operation Khanyisa" at the second congress of the ACA held at the Alexandra arts centre, Mr Mayekiso outlined what "Operation Khanyisa" would involve

- Intensifying the fight against black local authorities
- Addressing homelessness and land development
- Health issues
- Transport and developing a culture for liberation
- Combating crime

He hailed Alexandra's people's courts, blaming the Government for not protecting the residents and said Alexandra people had no choice but to protect themselves

"We had to devise a system to combat crime in the townships. We had to create an Alexandra justice system"

Residents must look to the ANC and MK for defence, as well as creating their own defence structures, he said.

In a democratically-run meeting conducted mainly in African languages, as well as English, delegates from the 12 areas of Alexandra township were active at question time

Dominant issues were violence and homelessness

Reminding the meeting of Alexandra's culture of resistance, Mr Mayekiso said even though the Government had responded to the ACA by incarcerating the leadership, residents did not give up.

Taking the meeting back to 1986 and the six-day war where over 44 people died, he said "The Government then introduced the state of emergency because it could not deal with people's power"

Mr Mayekiso was confident that "Operation Khanyisa" would soon go national

Land and rental values are going up

THE latest Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust (RMBT) industrial review indicates a rise in land and rental values, but mainly in the Johannesburg northern areas

This compares with virtually no movement in the previous quarter, says RMBT industrial manager Simon Noyes-Lewis

"Average rentals for areas such as Eastgate and Wynberg have risen by about 4% to R11,50/m² and R11,00/m² respectively, with land values increasing about 2% to R215/m² and R210/m²"

Other industrial areas had remained fairly static except for Isando, where increasing demand had pushed values up to more than R100/m²

"The review may mislead those

who are still not aware of the inclusion of VAT for land sales and rentals VAT may be deducted where buyers or tenants are registered for VAT and, because most are, the effect of VAT on these values is negligible," Noyes-Lewis says

Optimism in the market is spreading as demand improves, with the feeling that values will start rising considerably by the middle of 1992, he adds

Propco director Grant McLeod says prime industrial properties in Durban are in good demand, with investors seeking opportunities to place "abundant funds"

"Institutions and private investors still have an enormous amount of money to invest, but prime properties are in short supply and those that

come on the market are quickly taken," he says

The RMBT survey shows land values in the Durban region vary from R5,50/m² in Hammarsdale to R220/m² in Springfield Park

A modern, purpose-built factory at Springfield Park was recently sold by Durban-based industrial property brokers Propco to a McWilliam-Murray investment syndicate for R1,6m

"Terms include a leaseback over five years with escalation at 12% and an option for a further five years The factory has 1 700m² under cover with 240m² of carpeted, air-conditioned offices," McLeod says

In another sale, a 1,5ha property with two road frontages at Mkondeni in Maritzburg was sold for R1,15m to a local industrial developer

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**Staff homes
are going up**

PICK 'n Pay is building 50 homes for its staff housing scheme at Siluma View on the East Rand at a contract cost of R2,2m

The houses — 34m² in size on average — will be priced at R29 000. The project is scheduled for completion next April. The development is to be carried out by Let Property Developers.

It will use the Corowall system, based on the single-skin exterior walling concept. Firm orders have been received for developments in the Transvaal, Free State and QwaQwa.

Let Property Developers MD Jeff Letape says: "Affordability and quality were the two key criteria required by Pick 'n Pay when they asked us to submit recommendations for staff housing" (127)

The Corowall system makes clay face-brick walls a viable option in the low-income housing field. The houses will be constructed on a fully serviced site with high-mast street lighting, roads, electricity, water and sewerage.

Each house will have two bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom and living area. Pick 'n Pay will advance R5 000 to employees who qualify for the scheme, and provide mortgage collateral.

"The keen support shown so far underscores the massive demand for cost-effective quality housing. Indications are that the systems will also find acceptance among developers, local authorities, finance houses and contractors," Letape says.

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Iranian calls for ties with SA, Egypt

NICOSIA — A prominent Iranian parliamentarian yesterday called for restoration of ties with SA, Egypt and Morocco, the Islamic Republic News Agency (Irna) reported. Saeed Rajae Khorasani's call for restoration of ties with Egypt and Morocco was not unprecedented.

However, SA, along with Israel and the US, is a country with which Teheran had pledged never to restore ties. Irna reported Khorasani as saying Iran's objection to Egypt's relations with Israel concerned the late President Anwar Sadat.

He said the government of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak could not be held responsible for Sadat's actions. Irna said Khorasani's opinions did not reflect parliament's Nonetheless restoration of Teheran's ties with Cairo and Rabat was considered imminent.

Under President Hashemi Rafsanjani, Teheran has been moving to reverse the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's isolationist policies — Sapa-AP.

DP faces rift in motion of no confidence debate

burg South) was horrified by the proposal and ensured that the DP caucus discussing it terminated its meetings and suggested that a task group instead be set up to look at contacts with other parties.

Adding to the strain in the party during the debate was speculation, that could not be confirmed, that various Natal DP MPs were holding secret discussions with Inkatha to look at an alliance.

Stuck in the middle of the DP are those MPs holding firmly to their belief of what the DP's role, and that of its predecessors had always been — to be the liberal opposition performing a watchdog role and fighting for a middle ground.

Leon's strong motivation for the Hulley option was in part influenced by developments in the Johannesburg City Council and its management committee where a DP/NP pact was tacitly agreed upon, the source said.

He said there were many frustrations among MPs that the policies they had been developing over the years and striving to have implemented had been taken over by the NP in the past two years and sold as its own. Many of the MPs were of the opinion that the DP had run its course and they should throw their lot in with one of the major players

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a counter strike and supporting Mombert in his bid to wrest the DP chairmanship from Ken Andrew

The first time the ANC issue raised its head publicly was at the Johannesburg congress last year when it decided to allow joint membership under special circumstances determined by the DP's National Council.

Constantia MP Roger Hulley was the first to take advantage of this when he proposed that the DP enter into a working coalition with the NP

Proposal

He wanted leader Zach de Beer and caucus chairman Colin Eglun to negotiate a parliamentary pact with the NP so key members of the DP could serve on the Cabinet.

His proposal was strongly supported and, to a large extent driven by, Houghton MP Tony Leon.

Other MPs supporting the pact were Lester Fuchs (Hillbrow), Mike Tarr (Maritzburg North), Mike Ellis (Durban North) and Brian Goodall (Edenvale).

However, the strong pro-ANC group of Jannie Mombert, Jan van Eck (Claremont), Pierre Cronje (Greytown) and Rob Haswell (Maritz-

Ratepayers' chance to hit back, says Moss

TANIA LEVY
THIS month's Johannesburg city council by-election in Killarney and Houghton would be the "first real opportunity in ages" for ratepayers to show their objections to the management committee, independent candidate Sam Moss said yesterday.

A former PFP leader in the council, Moss has squared up against DP candidate Geoff Klass to contest the by-election on November 13.

Moss said the council had become a "tyranny of the majority" since the DP and NP had formed a coalition. They did not oppose one another in by-elections and there was no effective opposition in the council. Moss said he was angry at the deterioration in services and "arrogant, off-handed" approach with which the council's management committee dismissed ratepayers' complaints.

Property values on the new valuation roll, which had pushed up assessment rates, were "extraordinarily" high compared with market values. Ratepayers were probably in for a worse stock next year when the actual assessment rate would be hiked, he said.

The management committee was "extorting" more income to cover the cost of golden handshakes, the "aesthetically disastrous" Civic Spine and councillors' unnecessary overseas trips.

Moss's opponent, DP candidate Geoff Klass, said the management committee had had to take unpopular decisions to wipe out past mistakes.

The flak they had attracted over the rates issue was unjustified. In the past the council had used profits on services such as electricity to balance the rates account but councils were not there to make a profit out of providing services.

Klass said that if he was elected he would involve himself in promoting cultural events in the city and lobby for legislation to help preserve Johannesburg's historical buildings. This could include incentives, such as a rates rebate, to owners of these buildings.

Water cut threat

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

RESIDENTS of Ratanda in Heidelberg may have their water supply cut on Friday.

The township's mayor, Mr MH Mokone, said in a statement yesterday that the Ratanda Council owed the Heidelberg Town Council R142 000 for water supplied in July, August and September.

He said the Heidelberg Council had threatened to cut the water supply unless the money was paid by tomorrow or an advance payment of R14 000 was made to secure an additional seven-day water supply.

This move comes after a council meeting on October 5 attended by community organisations, the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party failed to resolve the issue.

A flat rate of R20 a month had been suggested as an interim measure

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Eskom to act against council

ESKOM would not suspend legal action against the Soweto City Council for unpaid debts of R131m, Eskom distribution and marketing deputy GM Allan Morgan said yesterday *8:00am 7/11/91*

Morgan was responding to a statement by Soweto Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseki that Soweto had rejected plans for the Central Witwatersrand RSC to take over electricity supply from itself. This was because Eskom was going ahead with legal action against the council while at the same time talking to the RSC.

"We have less chance of handling this in a sober manner if we are under such pressure," Moseki said.

Eskom could withdraw while discussions were going on, he said.

Morgan said Eskom had no intention of suspending the legal action against Soweto because it was the utility's policy to "secure its rights as a creditor" by taking legal action against debtor authorities.

"We have taken legal action against 22 local authorities. Summonses served on the Soweto City Council for unpaid debts of R131m still stand," he said.

The RSC accepted a central Wits Metropolitan Chamber proposal last month that it should assume, on an interim basis, the service from the cash-strapped councils of

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Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville. The RSC had appointed Eskom as a sub-agent to render the service on its behalf.

The three councils were recently reported to be in such a bad financial state that they faced a collapse of essential services.

RSC deputy CE Nantes Botha said his council had asked Soweto to come forward with proposals on what "the takeover contract should look like".

"We have not yet received any response," he said.

□ Sapa reports that rent defaulters in Soweto, shangwe, outside Pretoria, will have their fate decided today at a crucial meeting between the Department of Development Aid and the local civic association.

The residents, who were allowed to pay an interim monthly flat rate of R50 for the past three months while the two parties negotiated an increased rent and service tariff, had until last Friday to pay up.

Department of Development Aid liaison officer Thys Human said only 32% of residents had paid their rents for October. However, no action against the defaulters had been planned.

A decision would be taken at today's meeting, he confirmed.

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Massive plan to electrify Evaton

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

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EVATON township, one of the oldest locations in South Africa where blacks still enjoy freehold rights, is to be electrified at a cost of hundreds of thousands of rands

The electrification of Evaton will mean that thousands of residents will eventually deal with Eskom, directly, with regard to all matters concerning electricity - application for new supplies, payments and faults with existing supplies.

The agreement to electrify the townships is in response to a large number of applications for supply from the residents to the local city council who approached Eskom for assistance.

Massive project (27)

In a statement, Eskom said residents who already had a supply of electricity, will remain the customers of the council until such a time as they could be phased into the Eskom electricity network.

The electrification of Evaton is a massive project, costing millions of rand. It will thus be necessary to electrify the city in phases, starting with the construction of a sub-station in the north of the city and the electrification of the adjacent Extensions Five and Six first.

This area is situated between Easton Road in the south, Hamilton Road in the east and old Golden Highway in the west.

Coupon meters

Metering will be by means of Budget Energy Controllers (coupon meters), similar to the system used in the neighbouring Palm Springs.

A temporary Eskom service centre will soon be installed next to the local council office. Thus offices will provide an information service to residents requiring to know more about the electrification programme. Full details of how the project will be executed will be made available to interested parties.

Electricity customer advisors from Eskom will shortly start canvassing the residents in the target areas. This will be done to determine who requires a supply of the commodity. All those who desire a supply will be required to pay a connection fee.

The standard Eskom tariff will eventually also be charged throughout Evaton.

Smiles as compromise bears fruit

Landlords, tenants both win

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TENANTS and landlords in some parts of the Hillbrow/Berea/Joubert Park flatlands area are burying the hatchet — and are showing political leaders how to conduct the subtle art of negotiation and compromise

Instead of the usual confrontation of eviction and lawsuit, landlords and tenants of 14 blocks have come to a practical agreement whereby tenants either buy the building — or administer it and pay landlords a monthly commission

The arrangement has so far been very successful, with problems such as crime and overcrowding on the retreat in the relevant buildings, according to Actstop activist Moses Mashoeshe

Tenants of Naverone Court in Esselen Street, Hillbrow, started the arrangement in February the owner of the building made a final attempt to evict his tenants, but failure to do so brought the two parties together

After several meetings

AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

it was decided the tenants would administer the building and pay the owner a commission of R3 000 a month

But now they have got together and decided to buy the building

The sale is already in its final stages and while tenants are paying their landlord his commission, they are also learning how to administer the property themselves

According to David Batyawa, one of the future directors, 32 people will be shareholders after the sale has been concluded

Pride

Mr Batyawa said that currently they were responsible for the maintenance, cleaning and security of the building

He added that the decision to buy had given them a sense of pride, responsibility and security

"We know the building is soon going to be ours, so now we are looking after it Whenever something needs fixing, we do it ourselves And no one hesitates to lend a hand whenever it is needed

"In the process we

have managed to stamp out the criminal elements from the block Previously we had lots of she-beens but this is something of the past

"The flats used to be very overcrowded but currently less than 60 people are staying in 32 units

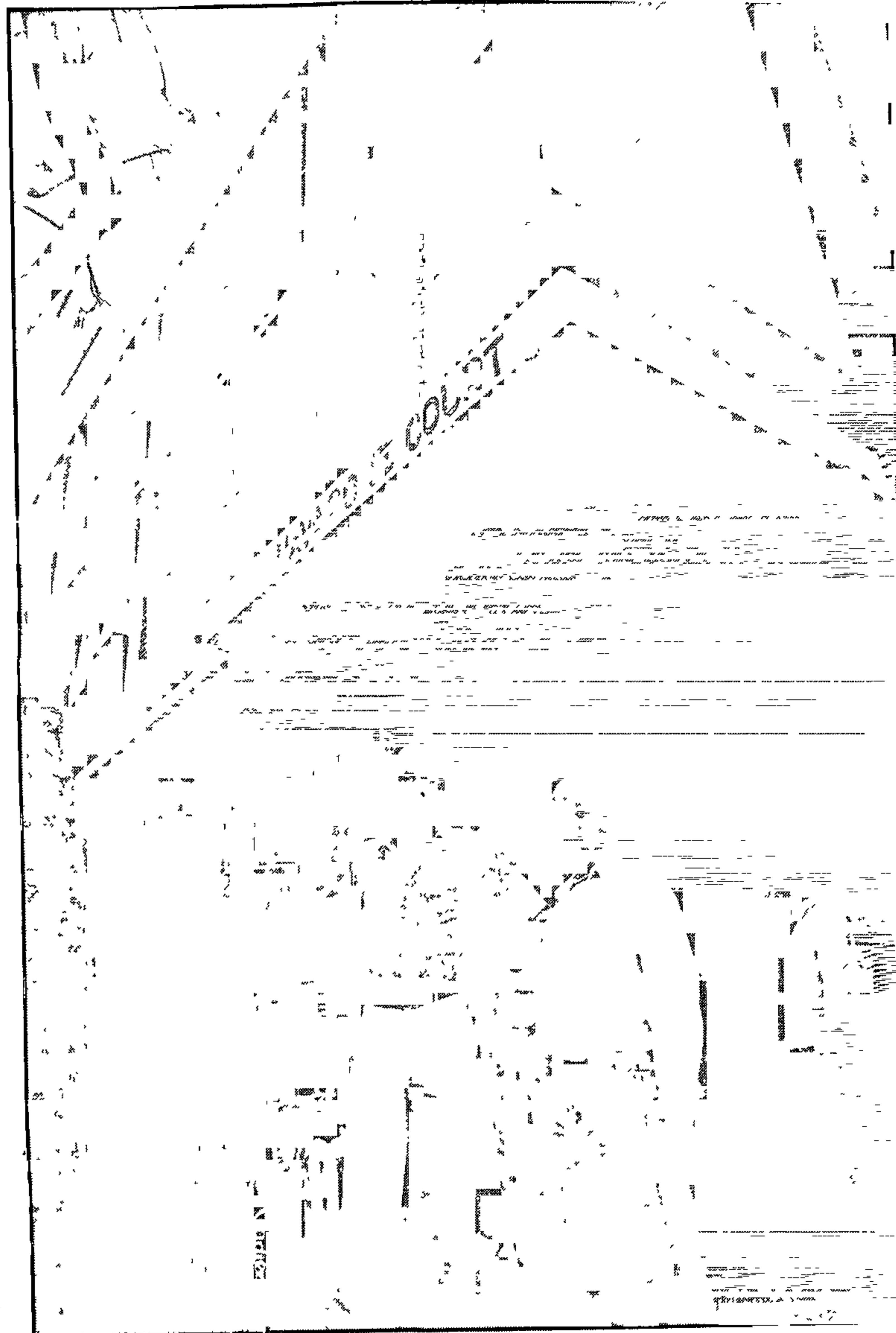
"Our agreement has also created a few job opportunities We are now employing two cleaners and we are hoping to employ a number of security guards soon"

The reduction in overcrowding has also brought the rents down Before the agreement Mr Batyawa used to pay R283 a month for the rent, water and electricity of his bachelor's apartment Now he is paying only R208

"When a flat is overcrowded, people tend to use more electricity and water With fewer people in a flat, everything becomes cheaper, even the building maintenance

"We are also earning a bit of money through our garages, which are in short supply in the area

"Most of us don't have cars and are renting our garages out at very reasonable prices"



FUTURE SHAREHOLDERS: Tenants of Naverone Court in Hillbrow are running the building themselves and are busy negotiating to buy it from the present owner. From left are Joseph Mabula, F... Matsepe and David Mashoeshe. ● Picture JOHN HO...



RUBBISH DUMP: Flat dwellers throw out their garbage in a service alley.

City flatland has its good spots — and its bad ones

IT MAY come as a surprise to many, but the good news is that the vast Hillbrow/Joubert Park/Berea flatland is *not* turning into a slumland.

Although conditions there are crowded, most of the buildings are in good condition, according to a Johannesburg City Council spokesman. Of the 410 blocks of flats in the area, only 20 have been declared unsuitable for human habitation, 282 have been declared "good" and 108 "fair".

Ever since the influx of black residents into the area began in 1989, the city council has been closely monitoring the standards of premises. Any landlords guilty of neglecting their properties have been prosecuted and fined, the spokesman said.

Miller Mansion in Joubert Park was recently described as one of the worst blocks to occupy. Situated in Quartz Street, approximately 250 people are living under very overcrowded conditions in 33 apartments.

The plight of tenants at

AL-AMEEN KAFAAR

Miller's Mansions came under the spotlight about two weeks ago when a broken pipe discharged raw sewage into the courtyard.

On a visit to the block this week, the Saturday Star was met by the stench of human excrement and the sight of children playing in a courtyard filled with human waste.

In the corner of the ground floor was a pile of refuse. This is where tenants periodically empty their dustbins.

Music blared from several flats.

Ashamed

Tenants did not hesitate to express dissatisfaction with the conditions at Miller's Mansions. Zack Mangaliso, a porter who recently lost his job, said he was ashamed to invite his friends over.

He stays in a bachelor flat, no bigger than 16 square metres, with two other people.

"I had nowhere else to go. To find a decent flat in this area is very difficult. Conditions at Miller's Mansions are appalling. Our toilet is not working, we haven't had hot water since we moved in, and now we are faced with this horrible smell".

Catherine Bokveld and seven others have been occupying a two-bedroomed flat in the block since April 1990.

Since moving into Miller's Mansions, no maintenance has been done to her flat. Although the flat was very neat, she said it had "more than a hundred shortcomings".

"The flat has never been painted. We have had a leaking roof and taps since we moved in, all the doors in the flat are missing, and we have been without hot water for months.

"The flats are also infested with shebeen owners. Of the 33 units, 11 are selling liquor," Ms Bokveld said.

Two health inspectors at the premises refused to comment.

Munsieville switched off (12)

MUNSIEVILLE, near Krugersdorp, was plunged into darkness on Thursday night after some residents failed to settle services arrears.

Township administrator WA Greyvenstein said in a statement on Friday that the electricity supply was disconnected after repeated attempts by the

local authority and Krugersdorp Town Council to find a way out of the impasse.

The talks collapsed after the local civic association decided to allow Eskom to take over bulk power supply on condition that it rewired all township houses.

Greyvenstein said, the authorities regretted the inconvenience to those who were up to date with their accounts.

"We hope the residents of Munsieville will urge the civic association to resume negotiations with the council," he said - Sapa

1.1 pavement is their only home

By SOPHIE TEMA

12/11/91

MAGGIE spends her days sitting on the pavement, her baby strapped on to her back. Her hopes of ever having a home of her own have been dashed.

Six months ago Maggie and other tenants were evicted from McKay Mansions in Johannesburg and were offered temporary shelter in an old, vacant building - Red Cross House in De Villiers Street.

The evicted tenants decided to pool their money and buy their own block of flats, hoping they would never have to face another eviction.

Johannesburg City Councillor for Joubert Park, Desire Simpson, who had found the tenants temporary accommodation, later appealed to the council and the private sector to identify and purchase vacant buildings in the city to be used as safe transit houses.

She said "I have tried to look around for suitable flats for the tenants but there has only been a limited number of small blocks that have gone up for sale. I know these people are desperate to own homes and most of

them have security, so they can make good homeowners."

But for Maggie and her co-tenants, hopes of ever owning their own homes were dashed when they found themselves in the street once more after having been evicted for being in arrears with rent.

The tenants said they had been paying R50 a month for water and electricity to two men who claimed they were collecting the money on behalf of the owners of the building.

The tenants were shocked when police arrived at the building on Thursday last week and after hustling them into police vans, drove them to John Vorster Square where they were charged with trespassing.

As she sat between a staircase piled with furniture and reeking of sewage, Maggie looked dazed.

Ironically, a plaque behind her was inscribed "This stone was laid by the Hon JH Hofmeyr Minister of Public Health, 1935."

Today the former Red Cross building falls short of all health standards. The floors are dirty and the walls old and dingy. Maggie's problems suddenly

started all over again when a police truck stopped in front of the building and a policeman jumped out and hustled her into the truck.

He ran into Red Cross House followed by several other policemen and came out followed by a crowd of tenants. They were all driven to John Vorster Square and charged with trespassing.

About 80 people were kept in the cells - including two babies only months old - and were only released after they had all paid R50 fines.

When they returned to their homes, they found their belongings had been thrown into the street and many had lost valuable possessions, including money.

They all have nowhere to go and have slept on the pavement since Thursday last week.

Councillor Simpson said "I can understand that if people do not pay they have to be evicted. But this is a different case. These people were paying money to people known to them, and who they believed were collecting the money on behalf of the owners of the building."





DESPERATE LOT . . . Furniture heaped on the pavement outside the Red Cross building (above right). Fifteen-year-old Ntombifuthi Nyawuza with her eight-month-old baby sister, Nkululeko, on her back, does family washing on the street. ■ Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

Group will represent hostel dwellers

HOSTEL dwellers on the East Rand are to form a single representative association to conduct negotiations.

The new body will resist the planned upgrading of urban hostels.

Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said at the weekend that a recent announcement by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) that it would spend R7,7m on upgrading was

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of "grave concern" (12'D)

"We reject the plans by the administration or anyone to upgrade hostels without consulting us," he said.

The Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association would facilitate the formation of the association.

The hostels which will be represented include Thokoza, Katlehong, Wattville, Tembisa and Vosloorus.

Rand hostels to form body

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Mine's policy blamed for arson

By Dirk Nel
N Transvaal Bureau

PHALABORWA — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging has blamed the Palaborwa Mining Company's mixed housing policy for the burning of a black employee's luxury car.

The AWB said the company settled black families in white suburbs against the will of the townspeople.

Police are investigating charges of arson and malicious damage to property after mine foreman Tennyson Pilusa's

car was gutted early yesterday.

Local AWB leader Fritz Meyer said he was not surprised.

"Regrettably, there will be many more such incidents if the mining company persists with its provocative action."

"I have tried to persuade our people not to act irresponsibly while moves to impose the new South Africa on us go ahead, but they feel threatened, and will not accept integrated residential areas and schools," he said.

Referring to an opinion poll on mixed housing, organised earlier this year by the Phalaborwa Town Council, Mr Meyer said the mining company had to note that 96 percent of those who voted were against the idea.

Mr Pilusa said he moved into Phalaborwa from Namakgale Township on October 15. Three other black families had also settled there and all were on good terms with their neighbours.

No comment could be obtained from the mining company.

Ratanda still without water

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ABOUT 50 000 residents at Ratanda, Heidelberg, were without water for the third day yesterday.

The Heidelberg Town Council cut the township's water supply last Friday because residents had not paid their accounts

Residents are now getting water from two tankers on a local farmer's borehole

A spokesman for the town council said the local civic association had insisted on a monthly payment of R10 for all services. Not all residents were, however, paying this amount and only about 22 percent of the town's projected income was being generated every month.

The spokesman said Ratanda owed Heidelberg about R113 000

Meanwhile, the township was still receiving electricity

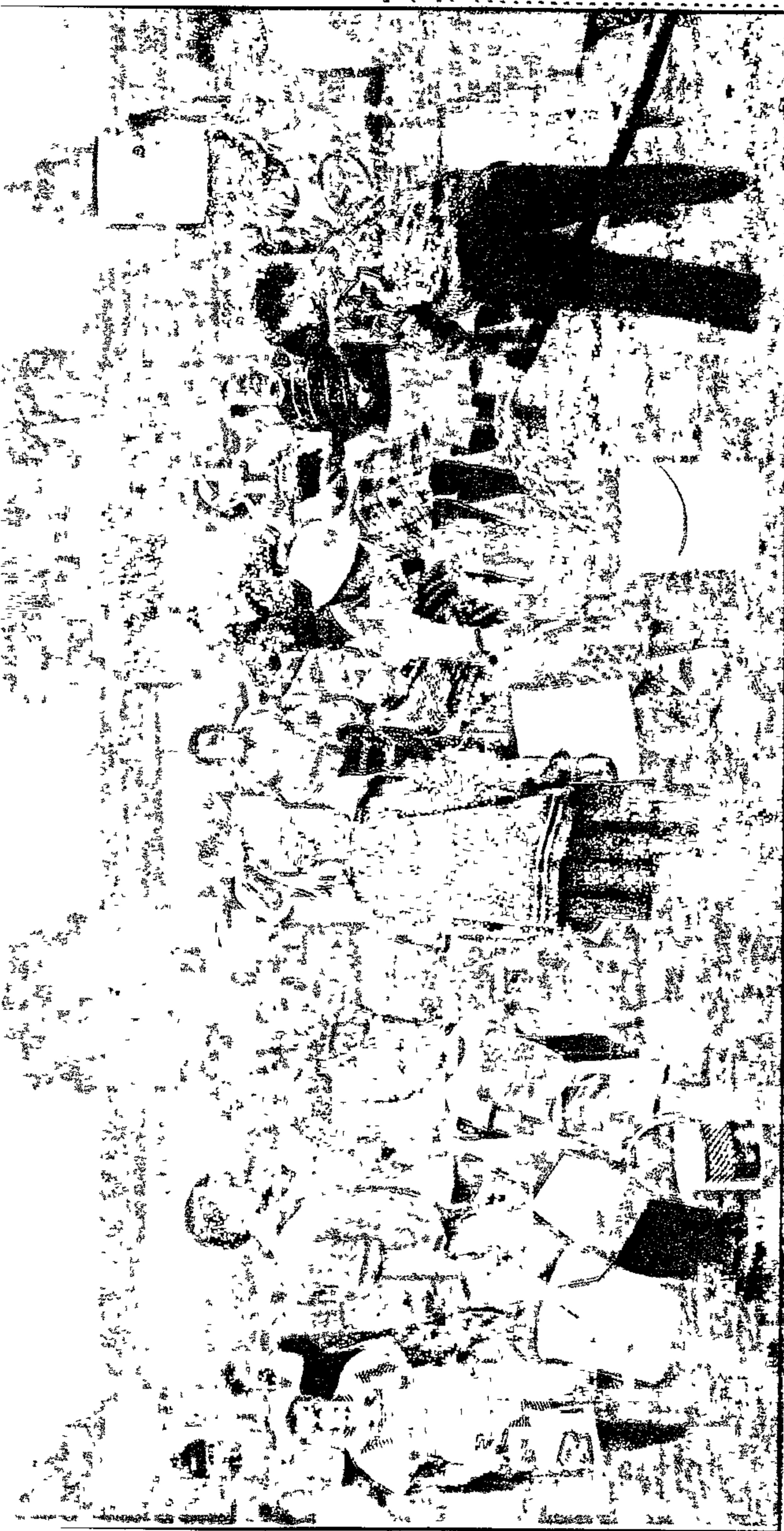
from Eskom despite an arrears account of nearly R2 million

The spokesman said nearly 4 000 people had settled in Ratanda during the past year and many were unemployed.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Mbekweni near Paarl in the Cape, Mr Mzimkhulu Myataza, says the Paarl municipality had to cut the electricity supply to the entire township for the second time this year because residents had failed to pay their accounts.

He said his council owed the Paarl municipality more than R300 000 and the municipality had no alternative as the residents had failed to keep their promise to pay arrears.

Myataza said switching off the electricity had come at a time when his council was busy repairing vandalised meter boxes in preparation for a switch-on if residents decided to negotiate - Sapa



Taking their turn . . . Ratanda residents queue up for water from a borehole supplied by local farmer Piet Pienaar. Picture: Alf Kumalo

Heidelberg farmer helps township after water cut off

Staff Reporter
13/11/91

Local farmer Piet Pienaar has come to the help of Heidelberg's Ratanda township's 50 000 residents, who have been without water for the past five days.

Mr Pienaar has donated two water tankers to the Ratanda Town Committee and made available pipe borehole water on his farm.

Yesterday hundreds of residents queued with buckets, drums, dishes and plastic con-

tainers at Mr Pienaar's farm and at the Ratanda Town Committee offices — pushing and shoving for their share.

The Heidelberg Town Council cut water to the township on Friday because it has been R114 000 in arrears since July.

Heidelberg town clerk Gawie Scholtz maintained that it was not a political decision but the fault of the Ratanda Town Committee.

"A contract is a contract. The town committee failed to meet its obligations and that's it."

Ratanda town clerk Dawie van Rensburg blamed the impasse on the civic association, which had insisted on paying a R10 flat rate that could not meet the expenses.

Mr van Rensburg said the flat rate was not feasible as it meant the poor subsidising the rich, which was unfair.

He added that the civic association had reneged on its undertaking to persuade residents to start paying the rates on November 1. Until yesterday only

R12 000 had been collected. Mayor Michael Mokone urged residents to pay for services as his committee had tried to persuade the Transvaal Provincial Administration to come to their rescue, but to no avail.

The association's publicity secretary, Zakes Machitje, condemned the heavy-handedness of the CP-dominated Heidelberg Town Council despite residents' attempt to resolve the problem.

Mr Machitje described the council's action as a slap in the

face for the community. He called for the resignation of the town committee and for it to be replaced by the administrator, who was appointed by the TPA and the community.

Mr Machitje urged the Heidelberg business community to pressure the town council into having a change of heart.

He added that if all else failed, the community would embark on mass action including a consumer boycott and stayaways.

Electricity cut off in Munsieville

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By ISAAC MOLEDI

RESIDENTS in Munsieville have been without electricity since last Thursday, after the council failed to pay its debts to Krugersdorp.

The electricity supply was previously cut in February due to a services boycott.

It was reconnected for a month on July 4 after the West Rand Regional Services Council made a guarantee to Krugersdorp and after the Munsieville Civic Association made an assurance that all consumers would regularly pay an interim flat rate for electricity based on average household consumption.

Residents

A statement issued by the Munsieville council disclosed that between July and October it only managed to pay R77 250 of the R172 926 owed for electricity consumed by residents.

"Since the community has not endorsed Eskom's decision to take over the bulk electricity supply, Krugersdorp Council resolved to terminate the supply," Munsieville town council administrator Mr WA Greyvenstein said.

RSC to take over Soweto electricity supply

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8/10/91
THE Soweto City Council had finally agreed to the takeover of electricity supply by the Central Wits RSC, the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber's monthly meeting was told in Johannesburg last night

The proposal came from the chamber four months ago when it was disclosed that the finances of the three greater Soweto councils — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — were in a state of crisis and essential services were on the point of collapse

Soweto was the only council that was still objecting to the takeover, the others having consented to it last month. The Soweto council, a bulk-buyer from Eskom which in turn supplied the other two councils, was re-

ported recently to be facing court action from the utility because it owed it R131m

Metchamber CE Vic Milne said last night Soweto had agreed to the handover of the running of electricity, on condition that the RSC took over all its electrical department employees

Milne said after the meeting that a meeting of the Greater Soweto Principal Parties would meet "soon" on the question of the RSC absorbing Soweto employees

About 30 placard-carrying residents of Ennerdale coloured township caused a stir when they walked

into the chamber while the meeting was in progress yesterday

The members of the Ennerdale and Surrounding Civic Association, who are engaged in a dispute with the Johannesburg City Council over the "poor state of the houses" in their township, requested to read a statement to the meeting

Metchamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert refused to let them do so, saying the meeting was not a Johannesburg council meeting

He allowed the protesters to leave their memorandum with chamber officials and they left quietly

The memo requested the chamber to mediate on Ennerdale's behalf and get the Johannesburg council to meet its residents within 48 hours

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A worker operates a brick-making machine which can be used to manufacture bricks cheaply.

White Ironside opens up for black occupation

IRONSIDE, a formerly whites-only suburb outside Evaton township, has been opened for black occupation.

More than 90 percent of the residents in Ironside were government employees. About 100 upper-class houses have been built.

The situation in the town, however, has drastically changed since the

Group Areas Act fell away and an open township was introduced early this year.

Presently the area is completely mixed and there are 100 black families and 20 white people staying harmoniously in the same township.

Developer Mr Mark Seymour said: "This town is made unique by the fact that it is quiet and because the stands are big enough.

"The average size of a plot is 900sm - a story unheard of in the neighbouring Evaton and Sebokeng black townships."

He added that the area was still managed by the Peri-Urban Areas Board and this ensured the town was managed in an orderly way.

It was estimated that development would have a boom in the area next year because stands were being sold to the public at a very reasonable price.

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Security is the name of the game. With violent crime soaring, the security of property now often takes precedence over almost all other considerations for many home buyers, hence the popularity of cluster housing.

For those who have this view, it would seem The Waldorf cluster development in Morningside, Sandton, could be the ultimate answer. Developers of The Waldorf have received a vote of confidence from PFV Insurance Brokers for its custom-designed, hi-tech security system.

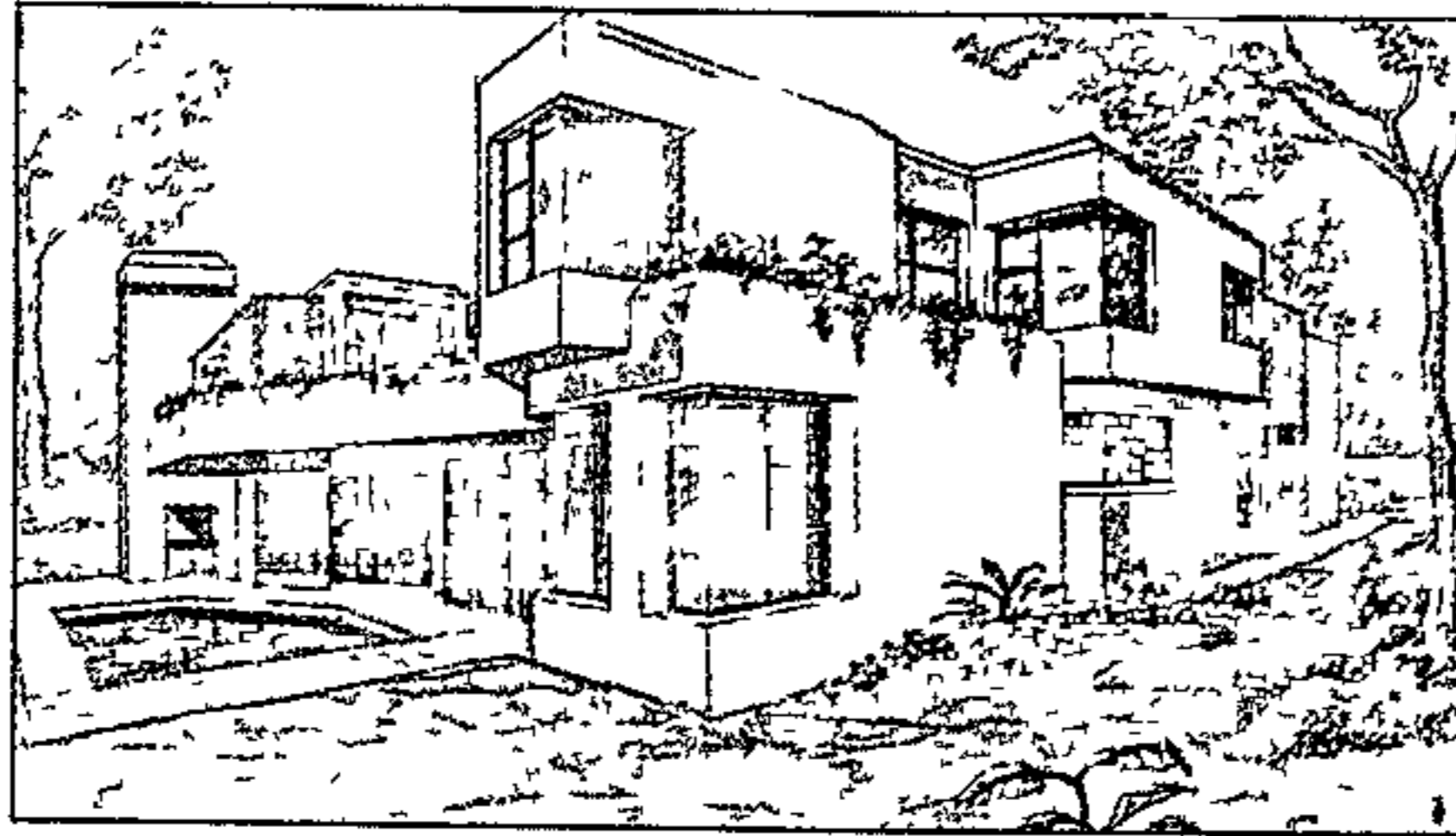
New owners, spending up to R2m for a property, can expect sizeable reductions in property insurance premiums because

of the all-encompassing system described as "the ultimate in protection of life and property." That is in addition to the high protective walls pictured.

PFV's David van Heerden says: "Clients will automatically receive discounts of up to 45%."

But what is it that makes the system so special? Developer Ezra Silosky points out that the protection for The Waldorf cluster homes will embrace electronic sensors, beams and intercoms. Though sophisticated, it will never be obvious. "Our clients would never tolerate razor wire and gun-toting guards," he says.

He adds that input for the design of the system was received from architects, conservationists, landscapers and engineers. "Their ideas and recommendations were given serious consideration by the team of local and international security specialists. The result is that it fulfils the original brief: To produce the ultimate in unobtrusive security."



on municipal issues

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sion and fear among white voters.
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Rescue plan for Soweto

THEO RAWANA

PLANS to save the Greater Soweto area from financial ruin received a boost this week when the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber said it was making progress in negotiations on the issue

An announcement on a rescue scheme was likely to be made at a special meeting of the chamber on December 4, said chamber CE Vic Milne *6/10/91*

Four months ago the finances of the three Greater Soweto councils — Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto — were reported to be in a crisis state *15/11/91*

Basic points of departure for an interim local authority in the area were approved at Wednesday's meeting

Among these was that means of giving immediate attention to the financial and administrative crises in the region be determined in conjunction with interim structures and arrangements necessary to give effect thereto".

Squatters move to plush suburb

By Shirley Woodgate

stay 15/11/91

Ivory Park squatters have been settled within 500 m of the up-market Midrand suburb of President Park and angry residents claim to have been betrayed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration

Smallholders living on the 4 ha plots priced between R250 000 and R500 000 complain that the TPA is intent on "chasing the whites" out of the area

They say the TPA assured them in writing that a buffer zone consisting of more expensive houses and schools would be developed between Ivory Park and President Park

But, despite alleged promises two years ago, squatters have been settled up to the Republic Road eastern border which residents claim would further depreciate the value of their homes.

Headed by local residents' association chairman Ron Smith, the residents are planning a strong protest to the TPA

Mr Smith said they were in possession of a letter from President de Klerk saying he would like to believe the TPA

had made arrangements to protect the affected area

TPA spokesman Magda du Toit confirmed that squatters had been moved on to 1 500 500 sq m stands in the area on Saturday

Although there was a gentleman's agreement with the Midrand Town Council about the buffer zone, it was decided that there was a greater need for low-cost housing than for schools and better-class homes.

"If we are being criticised, then we stand accused of providing homes for poor people who have nowhere else to go," she said

Squatter spokesman Esther Chawuke, who was yesterday digging out vlei grass to make a garden outside a shack within sight of mansions across the veld, said the squatters were delighted to be there. The TPA had supplied toilets and water tanks, and residents paid R55 rent a month

President Park resident Ann van Rensburg said the 85 000 population of Ivory Park on 13 000 stands was already double that of Halfway House. She said there was written proof that the area would be reserved as a buffer zone

These black leaders forsake townships for life in the city

Star 16/11/91

ABBEY MAKOE

WHILE their followers stay in the townships, some leaders of the liberation movements have moved into some of Johannesburg's relatively affluent suburbs

Activists, many of whom are former political prisoners, seem to be enjoying having swapped prison cells for luxury apartments

Before February 1990, anti-apartheid leaders who lived in the "white" sections of Johannesburg were mostly those on the run from the police

But now it has become fashionable for activists to meet in yuppie pubs and enjoy dinners in exclusive restaurants while their followers have to contend with crowded township shebeens

Among prominent anti-apartheid leaders who have moved to the suburbs are

- Dr Pallo Jordan, head of the ANC's information department, who is understood to live in Ponte City

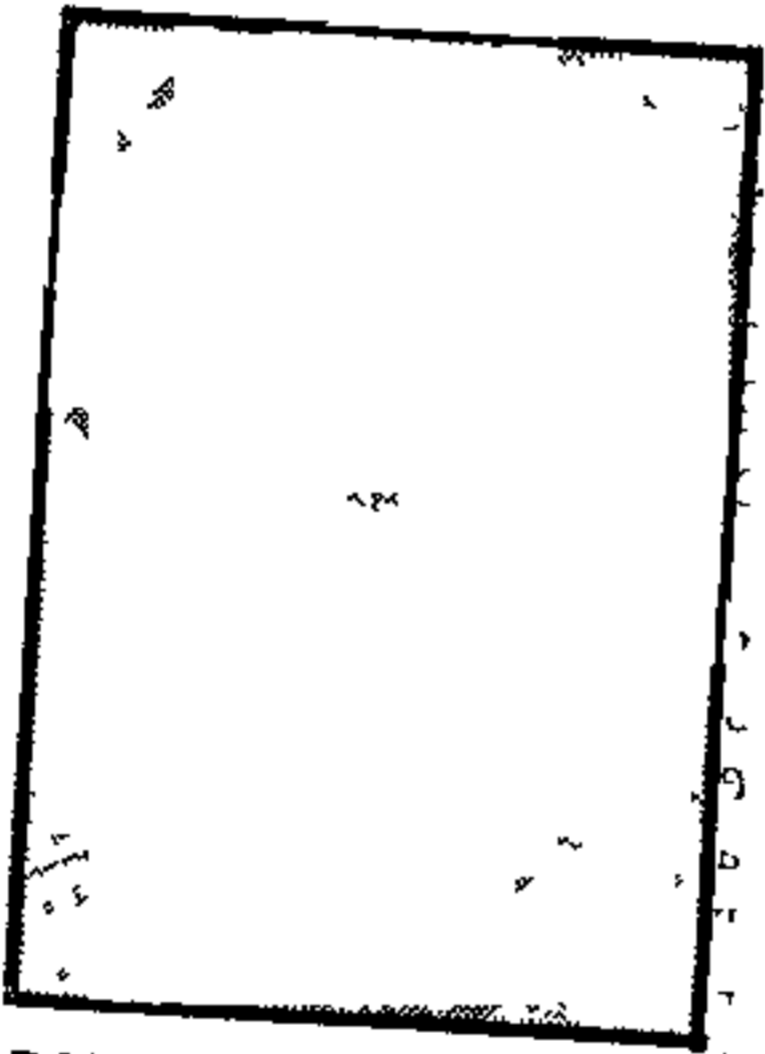
- Themba Khoza, Inkatha's Youth Brigade leader in the Transvaal, who lives in Hillbrow

- Pandelani Nefolovhodwe, president of Azapo, who lives in a flat in central Johannesburg

The ANC supports political leaders leaving the townships to start new lives in town. Said PWV spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa "After all, we have long been deprived and this is what we have always fought for — to live where we please, without restrictions"

Dr Jordan said the whole question depended on affordability "If I have money and there is no Group Areas Act, I will live where I choose to. There's no reason blacks cannot live in Sandton if they can afford it," he said

He was not happy when asked where exactly he lived "You journalists should be writing about the scandalous, criminal shortage of housing for black people and not inquiring about where the ANC leaders live"



PALLO JORDAN lives in Ponte City, Berea



GOMOLEMO MOKAE lives in Mabopane

Inkatha's West Rand leader Humphrey Ndlovu said "I find nothing wrong in my colleague Themba (Khoza) living in town"

Another Inkatha official, Suzanne Vos, said she had nothing against anti-apartheid leaders living where they chose, including in the suburbs "But whether that is politically sound is another thing," she said

Mr Nefolovhodwe left the township after the four-roomed house he had rented was put on sale

He too would not say where he lived in town "I am hiring a flat I cannot afford to buy a property," he said

But not everybody is so accepting of political leaders living in greater comfort than their fol-

lowers Azapo education secretariat head Dr Gomolemo Mokae said he could not support activists "pre-occupied with integration euphoria"

"Leadership by remote control from the rarefied atmosphere of Waterkloof, Lower Houghton or Durban North can only go against the grain of liberatory aspirations," he said

Dr Mokae added that people in leadership "should serve as beacons of hope by being literally in the thick of things with the oppressed"

Dr Mokae lives in Mabopane, outside Pretoria



PANDELANI NEFOLOVHODWE lives in the city



THEMBA KHOZA. Lives in Hillbrow

Bond boycott is planned

ABOUT 240 households in the Vaal would this month embark on a bond payment boycott, it was announced at a news conference on Friday.

Civic Association of the Transvaal (Cast) official Tsepo Sebusi told reporters the boycott would be undertaken by 241 bondholders from Zone 16 in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng, to press for reduction of the interest rate to a "reasonable amount"

Sebusi said residents resorted to the bond boycott as a result of the failure on the part of Khayaletu Agency, a subsidiary of the South African Housing Trust, to address their complaints

Said Sebusi: "Whereas we have not yet formulated any policy on bonds, or arrived at a position on a bond boycott, we are bound to render whatever assistance we can to any of our affiliates engaged in any action"

In Sebokeng's Zone 16 the residents' action was sparked off by several complaints about workmanship.

Houses were not built to specification, roofs leaked, walls were cracking, and interior walls and ceilings were not painted

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Cast said they were confident all the residents were committed to the bond boycott, and 78 percent of the total households with stop-order facilities had arranged payment be redirected into a contingency trust account

This arrangement, said Sebusi, would enable residents to pay their bonds without difficulty, should an amicable agreement be reached between affected parties.

It was one of the residents' conditions that such payments would not accrue additional interest.

Charles Kemp of the South African Housing Trust did not know about the boycott and said as far as he was concerned the company had always addressed all the residents' grievances "within our power" - Sapa

THEO RAWANA

THE SA Housing Trust (SAHT) was trying to contact Vaal civic leaders at the weekend following a threat by the Civics Association of the Transvaal (Cast) that about 240 Sebokeng households would boycott bond repayments.

Cast assistant general secretary Tsepo Sebusi said on Friday the Sebokeng Civic Association had begun boycotting bond repayments because of the unwillingness of SAHT subsidiary Khayaletu Agency to address complaints raised by residents of Sebokeng Zone 16

"As from the end of this month, the

Threat to stop bond repayments

residents will not be paying anything to Khayaletu towards their bonds,"

Sebusi said in a statement

He said there were complaints that the houses built for the residents were inferior and repayments "very high"

Other complaints were that.

- Houses were not built to specification,
- Foundations were shallower than specified on architectural plans,
- Roofs were leaking;
- Interior walls and ceilings were unpainted;

Walls cracked within 10 months of the residents occupying the houses,
 Promises that monthly rates would be reduced on payment of deposits higher than required were never honoured.

Residents were demanding that their houses be repaired and interest rates reduced to a reasonable level

SAHT head of corporate marketing Mike Fowlds said he could not comment because there had been no official contact with the local civics yet

"The project managers were taken by surprise and we are not sure what is happening there yet," he said.

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Lenasia groups join hands

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ORGANISATIONS with diverse ideological views in Lenasia, Johannesburg, have formed a community forum to represent the interests of residents.

Forty-three organisations, including major religious groups, health groups, sports organisations, various political groups, traders' associations, women's organisations and parent-teacher associations held a joint meeting for the first time on Sunday, (12th)

Among the tasks to which they have pledged themselves are to facilitate local participation in the drawing up of the country's new constitution, ensure community involvement and control over development and to contribute to negotiations for a democratic, non-racial local authority - *Sapa*.

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Power cut warning to authorities

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Municipal Reporter

Financial aid to black local authorities to keep essential services running would be cut off after March if communities did not act responsibly and pay their electricity bills, Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council chairman John Griffiths said last night.

The four black local authorities of Soweto,

Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Alexandra will owe the RSC and the Johannesburg City Council a total of R106 million for bulk services by June 30. 20/11/91

Last night, the city council asked the RSC to act against the four councils to force them to pay R25 million owed to the council for the provision of certain services and assistance

"This will now be the

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last chance for people to act responsibly. If the residents of the areas are not prepared to pay for services, then at the end of March, we will re-evaluate the situation," Mr Griffiths said

"These are harsh words, I know, but once and for all, we have to face up to it and steps will be taken"

The RSC agreed last night to reschedule projects to enable some of the debt to be paid

Joint effort to combat city crime

By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A major conference to address urban decay and crime in Johannesburg and to create a structure to deal with central city problems, gets under way on Sunday.

Business leaders, community representatives, civic associations and the Johannesburg City Council will participate.

The main issues to be dealt with by delegates include plans for Johannesburg 2000, economic and social strategies, determining who is responsible for what, a look at future resources and addressing immediate problems such as security.

To make sure things run smoothly at the conference which is a first of its kind, a facilitator from the United States, Richard Bradley, has been brought in for the two days.

Mr Bradley heads the International Downtown Association based in

Washington DC, of which the Johannesburg Central Business District Association is a member.

Mr Bradley, who has visited Johannesburg before, said the city was large by international standards. "It must accommodate and serve as the centre for Johannesburg, but at the same time it is in competition with 'edge' cities (Midrand, Randburg and Sandton)," he said.

The conference will be opened by community leader Dr Nthato Motlana on Sunday and the closing address will be delivered by Dr Frederick Van Zyl Slabbert, Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman, on Monday.

Other papers will be delivered by consultant Nigel Mandy, Actstop chairman Mohammed Dangor, Professor Michael Katz, Mr Bradley, Anglo's Gerald Leissner, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson, civic spokesman Cas Coovadia and the Mayor of Johannesburg, Elliot Kretzmer.

Call for power to

all Rand

Star 21/11/91
By Louise Burgers
Municipal Reporter

A task group to formulate strategies for the creation of a regional electricity supply system on the Witwatersrand should be formed as soon as possible, according to a report tabled at the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council on Tuesday.

The investigation into the provision of services on a regional basis was commissioned by the RSC, which last night called for comment on the report from the relevant local authorities, Eskom and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber by January 31.

The present fragmented electricity supply within the Central Witwatersrand RSC's region had created numerous problems regarding the standard and maintenance of the service, especially in the black communities, due to a lack of expertise, manpower and capital.

The reorganisation of the electricity supply within the region could lead to major savings and the effective utilisation of available financial, human and other resources.

Blasts as SA, police flags torn down

Staff Reporters

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A special constable was slightly injured yesterday when about 1000 angry Munsieville residents gathered at the Krugersdorp township's municipal offices to protest against electricity cut-offs 15 days ago because of non-payment of accounts.

Protesters tore down the South African and police flags and Riot Squad members used rubber bullets to disperse the crowd.

A mini-limpet mine and hand grenade explosion occurred at the nearby police station *Star 21/11/91*

A man and a woman were arrested after allegedly assaulting the special constable. They are expected to appear in court tomorrow.

Munsieville owes the Krugersdorp Town Council hundreds of thousands of rands in outstanding electricity payments.

The violence seems to have been partially triggered by residents' desire to hand a letter of demands to township administrator Bill Greyvenstein, including a complaint about the supply of electricity to the municipal offices and the nearby police station while the rest of the Krugersdorp township has been left without electricity.

West Rand police spokesman Captain Henriette Bester said about 1000 placard-wielding residents gathered at the municipal offices and tried to kick open the doors. They moved to the adjacent police station and tried to break open doors there.

The crowd was warned to disperse.

The group then tore down the police and South African flags and tore up the national flag.

An explosion was then heard behind the police station. Police determined that an S1 hand grenade and a 158 mini-limpet mine had been detonated.



Aftermath a municipal policeman assesses the damage caused by the limpet mine blast

Picture Alf Kumalo

Mr Greyvenstein last night said Munsieville's civic association — the Civics — had held meetings with residents nearly every second night since the power cut. Residents had formulated a list of grievances and demands and wanted to hand it to him yesterday.

Mr Greyvenstein said the situation was "fairly volatile" and

that residents were upset that the police station, municipal clinic, hall and offices had electricity while they did not.

These two buildings, where the two blasts took place, are supplied with a power plant.

The Civics proposed that the flat rate for electricity be increased by R10 to R40 a month and that the additional money

needed be obtained from the Munsieville business sector.

The Krugersdorp council responded by saying it would reconsider its decision to cut the power supply once residents had addressed the matter of arrears. Until such time, the council could not supply power as Munsieville was deep in debt.

Mr Greyvenstein said 800 of

the 1000 houses now had individual meters. He was hard at work arranging for the other 200 houses to be metered as soon as possible.

When The Star visited the scene yesterday, the situation was tense. Doors were broken, and broken glass lay scattered at the entrance to the municipal offices.

Dark day Mamelodi will never forget

Source 21/11/91

ON November 21 1985 Mamelodi residents staged a march to the local town council offices to protest against, among other things, rent increases and restrictions placed on funerals.

But what started out as a non-violent demonstration ended in a bloodbath

Thousands of residents who had marched to and gathered outside the local town council offices that morning were confronted by security forces who opened fire on the crowd - estimated at more than 50 000.

Wounds

Pandemonium broke out. Teargas and rubber bullets were fired at the people, mostly elderly.

At the end of that day 13 people, including two-month-old Trocia Ndlovu, had been killed. Some of them died of heart failure, others of gunshot wounds.

Those who died were: Trocia Ndlovu, (2 months), Mrs Miriam

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Mello (65), Mrs Sarah Tefo (63), Mrs Anna Gomba (54), Mrs Elizabeth Msiza (45), Mrs Salome Mabena (48), Mr Jacob Buti Masanabo (32), Mrs Thoko Beauty Malaza (24), Mr Dipuo Masombuka (19), Mr Jerry Shikwane Ngwatle (19), Mr Jacob Songo (19), Mr Jacob Mavimbela and Mrs Magdeline Mlambo (69) were maimed.

The police version was that the crowd had displayed open hostility

They said abuse was hurled at them and the mayor at the time, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, who tried to address the crowd from a Casspir.

Political and community-based organisations rejected the police version and said no threats were



made to any of the security forces members or Ndlazi. The local civic association condemned the "unprovoked action" and immediately called for a rent boycott in protest against the killings.

After a lengthy inquest hearing at the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court, the presiding magistrate, Mr

JN Pretorius, ruled on June 23 last year that he was unable to make a finding and referred the evidence to the Attorney-General

Pretorius said it was difficult to determine whether the deaths were brought about by any act or omission amounting to an offence on the part of any person.

Tragic

Those of us who remember the aftermath of that tragic day think of the pile of clothes and shoes next to the council office's fence.

The pile told a story A story of defenceless people who had enough of this country's apartheid laws - laws that even barred you from burying your loved one with dignity. Laws that ordered you when and how to bury your dead

Struggle

It was the worst of times.

Those who died that day - November 21 1985 - will always be remembered as martyrs in the struggle for justice and equality in this country.

Black commando platoon is slammed by the ANC

PLANS to create a black commando platoon to be based in townships at Vanderbijlpark in the Vaal Triangle have been condemned by the African National Congress as "irresponsible and provocative" *Sowetan 21/11/91*

The South African Defence Force expects to sign up about 40 black volunteers to form the core of a "hearth and home" unit following a recruitment drive begun several weeks ago

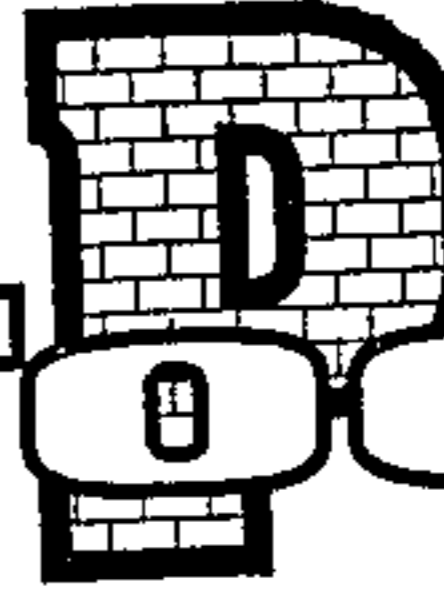
The men, about 20 of whom live at Iscor hostels at Sebokeng, are mostly

Zulus

South Sothos, Xhosas and Tswanas are also represented, according to Major Andreas Jordaan of Witwatersrand Command, to protect their own residential areas as well as national key points and industrial installations.

In a statement yesterday, the ANC said the recruitment programme "can only contribute to further tension and violence in these communities". The SADF, it said, should stop the recruitment campaign immediately. - Sapa

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Building the Nation



Impala to phase out hostels

Sowetan 21/11/91

A MAJOR housing project in the pipeline for Impala Platinum Mine is to construct 270 housing units for its employees at Tlhabane near Rustenburg before the end of the year.

Employees will have the opportunity to buy or rent the houses, the managing director Mr Michael McMahon, said at a ceremony where an employee was handed the keys to his new home.

For Mr Thomas Khunou, his wife Pauline and their three children, it was a dream come true when the keys were handed to them.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Khunou (73) who started work at Impala mine complex in 1979, said it was one of the greatest moments of his life to swop his small dwelling with its corrugated roof for a spanking new home.

"For my entire family the Parabloc home has been a godsend I have no words to express my gratitude for the first decent place I have owned in the course of my whole life."

His home was offered at no cost on condition that he makes it available as a show house. This

would enable his fellow employees to familiarise themselves with this type of housing unit. Parabloc is the term used to describe the construction method used.

McMahon said it was the company's objective to move away from the migratory labour system whereby people were accommodated in hostels away from their families.

Instead, he added, Impala wanted to place employees in a position to acquire their own family accommodation by means of home ownership schemes. The idea was to move as fast as possible in order to achieve this objective by the end of the century.

One of the biggest constraints facing the company is the availability and affordability of land. He said that, despite these constraints, they had taken a leadership role in acquiring land by enlisting the help of the Government, housing companies and building societies.

Blast rocks Munsieville police station

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A BLAST rocked the Munsieville, Krugersdorp, police station yesterday as members of the local riot unit fired rubber bullets to disperse about 4 000 demonstrators.

The group were demonstrating against electricity cuts in the township.

West Rand police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester said the protesters tore up the national and police flags as tempers flared during the demonstration at the township's offices, adjacent to the police station.

No one was reported injured in the explosion. Explosives specialists immediately combed the scene to establish the type of device used in the blast.

Bester also reported no casualties during the police action to halt the demonstration. An activist who took part in the protest confirmed that no one had been injured.

The activist, Ms Nkapi Mokowe, said 4 000 people took part in the demonstration to back demands that electricity be restored to the township.

Non-payment of services

Power was cut about two weeks ago because of non-payment of services.

Mokowe said protesters fled and others jumped over the fence to escape the rubber bullets and teargas. Other protesters fell down and scrambled up to safety, she added.

Bester said police fired rubber bullets moments after the

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A policeman surveys the aftermath of the blast at the Munsieville police station.

Demonstrators tear up flags

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demonstrators tore down the flags and the explosive device blew up.

"The group tore down the SAP flag and the national flag from the flagpoles and destroyed the national flag by tearing it to pieces

"Shortly thereafter an explosion was heard behind the police station," she said

In the ensuing clash, the residents hurled stones at police vehicles, damaging one slightly, she said.

Mokowe, a local civic association official, said scores

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of policemen arrived at the scene in vans, minibuses and cars soon after the demonstration began about 8am.

She said the singing and placard-carrying protesters marched on the council premises to meet the administrator.

"The police came inside the yard and started shooting rubber bullets and teargas as we sang and waited for the administrator," Mokowe said.

The administrator could not be reached for comment.

Bester claimed protest organisers had intimidated residents to stay away from work.- Sapa.

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Fairway drive

JCI Properties has teed off to a cracking start with Dainfern, its integrated golf course, country club and residential estate near Fourways, north-west of Johannesburg.

The developer still needs formal proclamation of the estate but says 70%, representing 108 stands, of the first phase has been sold. Of these 18 have been sold since the official launch at the beginning of September. There was expected to be a noticeable decline in buying after the introduction of VAT but, according to JCI, this has not happened.

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In view of this the developer is putting plans in motion to launch phase two which could come on to the market by June.

JCI Properties' Chris Spiers says the possibility of including some corporate lodges for companies wanting their own hospitality or staff facilities in the Reef area is also being investigated.

"The lodges, similar to those at Natal's Selborne Estate, will provide guest accommodation and access to the country club facilities."

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Building begins

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However, unlike Selborne, which is aimed at second (holiday) homes for the affluent, Dainfern, though also targeted at the upper end of the market, with serviced stand prices averaging R143 000, is aimed at primary dwellings and will include conventional houses, cluster homes and what JCI calls gentlemen's estates of 1 ha.

Spiers says the development hasn't been officially proclaimed but some buyers have already begun building homes.

"We will be in a position to open the township register within days rather than weeks. So we hope to have proclamation either towards the end the month or some time in December, so I don't think those who are jumping the gun are taking much of a risk."

Though one might tend to agree it shouldn't be forgotten that Dainfern is on land that included the Fourways golf course developed by the ill-fated Glenanil organisation which went to the wall, along with some other major building companies with household names, in the Seventies.

'Kick in pants' forces DP to polish image

Star 22/11/91
 By Louise Burgers
 Municipal Reporter

The "kick in the pants" the Democratic Party received from ratepayers in Johannesburg has forced the party to immediately introduce steps to repair its tarnished image, Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said yesterday

At a crisis caucus meeting of DP councillors on Wednesday night, Mr Davidson was given a unanimous vote of confidence in his leadership of the party and as management committee chairman.

Mr Davidson said the party recognised that a serious lack of communication had led to the backlash against the DP

in the Houghton/Killarney municipal by-election last week in which independent Sam Moss won the seat with an overwhelming majority

Reasons given by ratepayers for their dissatisfaction with the management committee were escalating crime, rates increases, the John Pearce affair, the Civic Spine, and Civic Theatre expenditure

To try to win back the "faith and trust" of residents, Mr Davidson has set up a committee to investigate methods to curb crime and has also promised better communication channels.

"Our image became tarnished because of a lack of communication. There is absolute agreement in the NP and DP caucuses in the council that what we are doing is right, but the how — our style — is wrong"

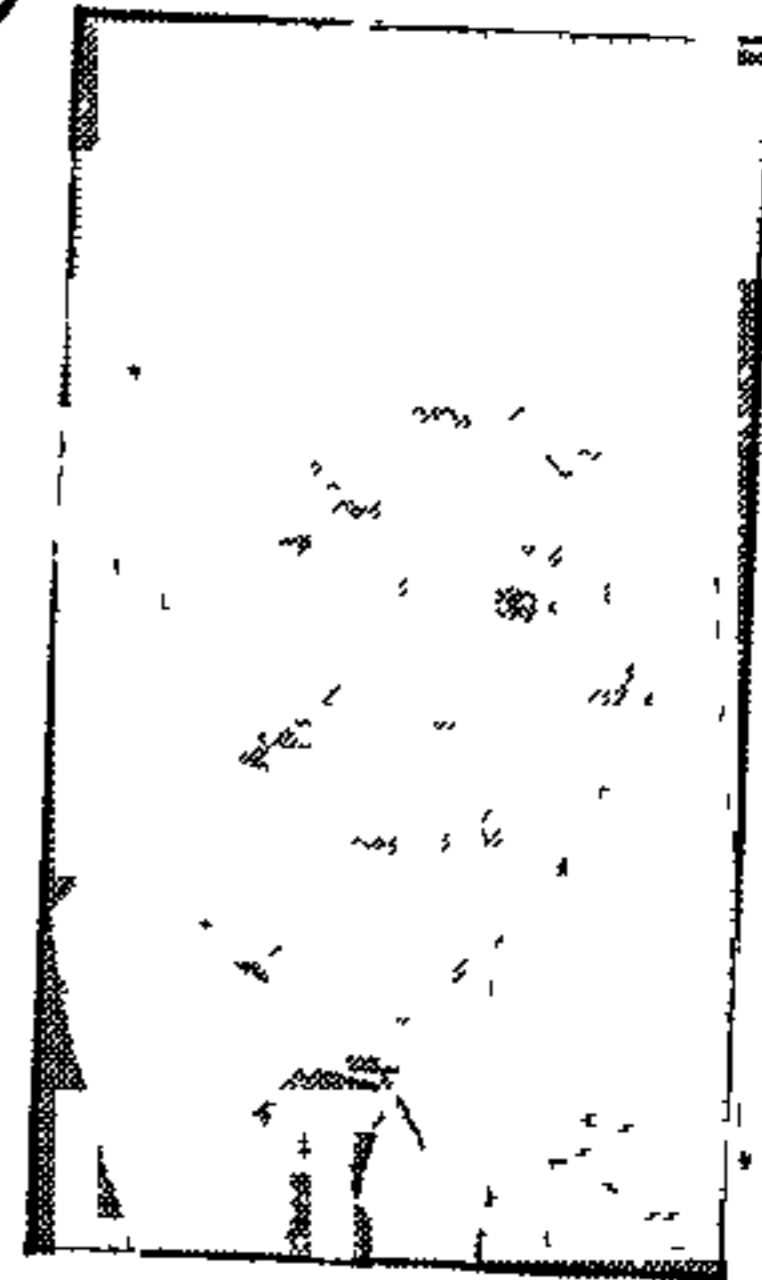
Mr Davidson said the party had to come up with initiatives to bring people back into the mainstream of government after the shock election defeat.

Security would be an absolute priority

The DP had taken note of the clear message sent out by voters "We did what we believed was necessary — possibly we were a little insensitive

"When we took over the management committee, we were faced with raised expectations. What we inherited was an enormous mess and we realised we had to take a number of unpopular decisions

"This is a typical mid-term situation where the governing party gets a kick in the pants. It's to our credit that we took our eye off the political ball and did the right thing, despite knowing



Ian Davidson . . . our style is wrong

that our decision would be resented," he said

"We have come from a position where we were following, floundering, racked by acrimonious political debate — to a city which has taken the lead in local government. Now we must not be seen to falter"

Council ordered to repay interest to man in arrears

Star 22/11/91. (127)

By Jo-Anne Collinge
 and Mckeed Kotlolo

In an unusual twist to the tale of unpaid service bills, the Appeal Court recently ruled that the Mamelodi Town Council should pay R103,36 to a man whose service payments had fallen substantially into arrears.

The amount pertained to interest which had been charged by the council on the overdue service bills owed by Modiredi Johannes Setsedi, the appellant in the case.

Mr Justice HJO van Heerden found that the council was bound by law to fix interest at a level approved by the Administrator.

Since the Mamelodi council had not obtained the specified approval, it was not entitled to charge interest at all.

Now, according to a council spokesman, about 70 percent of householders in Pretoria's largest township

will be entitled to claim the same treatment as Mr Setsedi.

He said residents would not be paid out, but would be credited with the relevant amount.

Overall, residents still owed the council about R20 million for services.

The question nobody can answer is how many other residents in other townships are affected.

Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Magda du Toit said she believed only "a few" other councils had made the same mistake as Mamelodi.

Most had applied for their interest rates to be approved by the Administrator.

In any event, from early 1990 a general ruling had been made which covered the entire province, she said.

But lawyers at the Pretoria Legal Resources Centre, which assisted Mr Setsedi in bringing his case, believe

thousands of householders in various townships might be in line for repayment for service charges over a substantial period.

In his judgment, Mr Justice van Heerden made it clear that there was a distinction between commercial interests and ordinary residents when it came to determining interest.

"There is much to be said for the argument put forward by counsel for the appellant that there is a perfectly good reason why the legislature intended that a local authority should charge interest on arrears at the rate approved by the Administrator, and only at that rate, the reason being that such an authority is established for the benefit of residents of its area and that it is not a commercial institution."

In addition to ordering the council to pay the R103,36, the judge also ordered it to pay costs.

Campaign to cut rates

Philip Zoio (2nd)

Representatives of Johannesburg ratepayers' associations last night agreed to launch a campaign to force the Johannesburg City Council to revise its recent rate evaluations.

At a meeting in Highlands North, representatives of ratepayers' associations agreed to demand the resignation of the council's management committee should it fail to respond appro-

priately to their proposals

They agreed on the following proposals, to be put to the council on Tuesday

- The current valuation roll must be scrapped and replaced by a valuation based on realistic property values

- The proposed valuation roll must be properly publicised and the ratepayers must be given the opportunity to voice their complaints

- Pending the formulation of an approved valuation roll, the levy of assessment rates should be

based on the valuation roll that was effective until July this year, but should include an increase in rates of 10 percent.

- The council should obtain a maximum profit of 10 percent on the provision of electricity.

The proposals were initiated after public meetings with city councillors had failed to resolve the controversy over the rates increases which came into effect with the new valuation roll on July 1.

According to the representatives, the proper-

ty values reflected in the valuation roll are excessive

Former city valuer Dr John McCullough, who compiled the initial proposals, said the valuations were based on "astronomical" market prices for scarce individual stands

The representatives, including chairmen and committee members of ratepayers' associations of the city's east, west and north suburbs, will put the proposals to their members in the near future for ratification

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Tembisa down in the dumps

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THE collapse of refuse removal services in Tembisa due to the rent boycott has led to a marked increase in diarrhoea and dysentery in the township, Germiston's chief medical officer of health, Dr Cora Erasmus, warned. She said a clean-up campaign would be launched in the township tomorrow — helped by members of the business community — and appealed to residents to give their full support.

— Staff Reporter (27)

Water-deprived Ratanda plans mass action

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STAN HLOPHE

THE Heidelberg Mass Movement yesterday called for a two-day stayaway from Monday in protest against water cuts in Ratanda which have left the East Rand township dry for the past 15 days

The mass action, which includes a protest march to the Heidelberg Magistrate's offices on Tuesday and a two-month consumer boycott, has been spearheaded by the local

ANC branch, ANC Youth League, Ratanda Civic Association, Cosatu and South African Democratic Teachers Union

The Mass Movement has also called for the resignation of the councillors, Ratanda Town clerk, and the immediate restoration of the water supply

ANC branch chairman

Obed Nkosi said it was a crime against humanity to deprive people of water "which is a necessity not a privilege" Mr Nkosi said the community was faced with a health hazard and diseases.

Mr Nkosi added that other demands include one tax base for Ratanda and Heidelberg town councils, a commission of inquiry, intervention by Minister of Health Dr

Rina Venter, and a lowering of the high crime rate

The civic association's general secretary Zachius Machitje said they had noted with shock the "inhuman" water cut-off for the past two weeks by the Heidelberg Town Council

Mr Machitje said numerous efforts had been made by RCA to get water supplies restored in the area to no avail

CAST opposes call for Vaal bond boycott

23/11/91 **MUSA MAPISA**

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THE Vaal Civic Association is at loggerheads with its parent body, the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST), over its call for a bond boycott

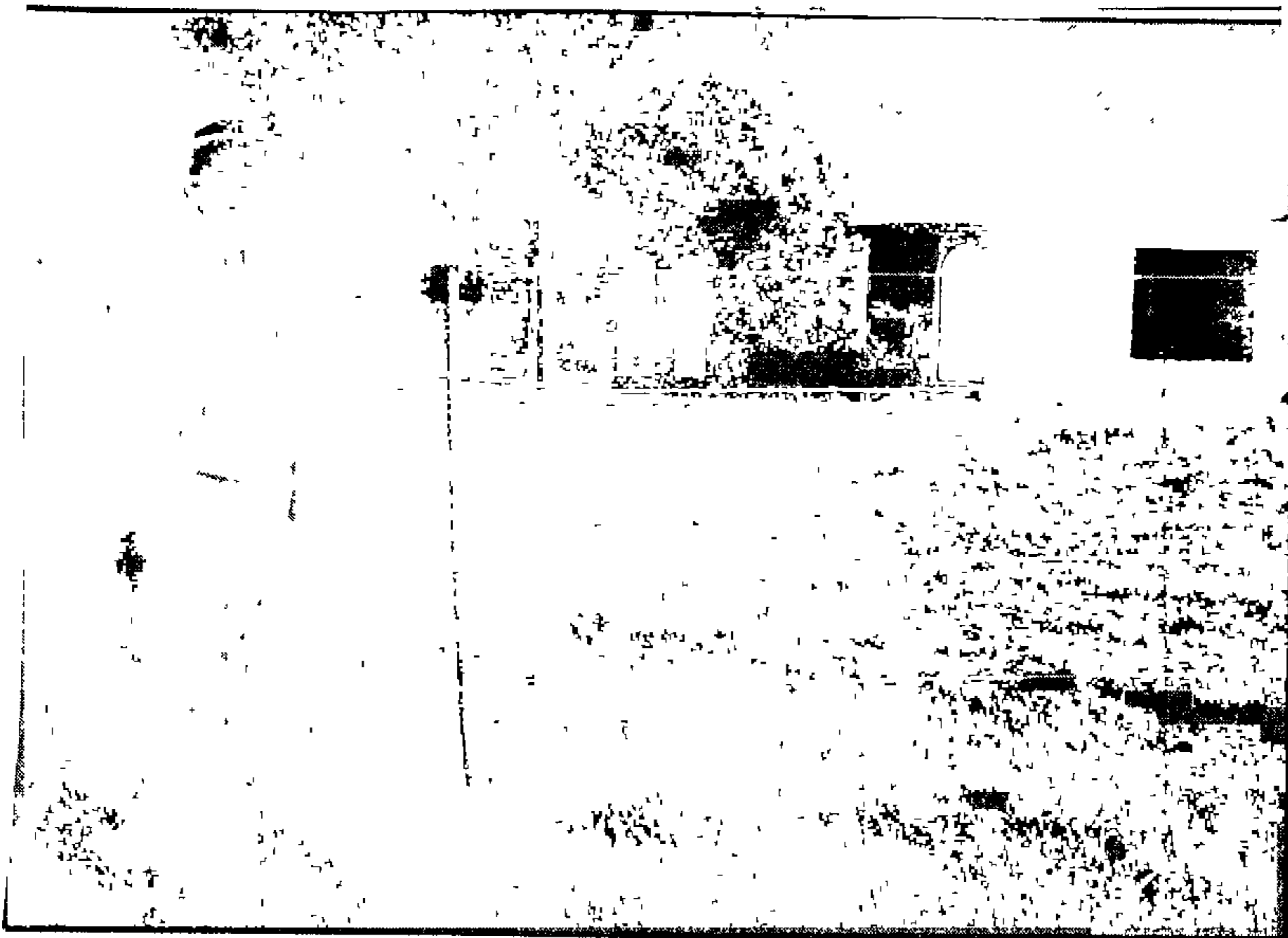
The VCA this week confirmed that the bond boycott, due to start at the end of the month, would go ahead despite CAST president Moses Mayekiso saying his organisation had no plans for such a boycott

He said a bond boycott would be a last option because it was not viable. "Such a strategy could be detrimental to the people and we would not encourage it," he said.

The boycott call by the VCA follows complaints by residents of Zone 16 Sebokeng about the poor quality of their newly built homes

VCA spokesman Tsepo Sibuse said a demand would be made to the South African Housing Trust and Khayaletu Home Loans at a meeting today, that interest not be charged while the boycott was on

The general manager of Khayaletu Home Loans, Ben Peters, confirmed that his company would have a meeting with VCA today. He said he was optimistic that an agreement with VCA would be reached.



PLOT THICKENS . . . The ground rules? What exactly are the ground rules? John Mxesibe, on the land he recently bought in so-called AWB country. Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI

Hard times in heavy territory

By **MONWABISI NOMADOLU**

WELL-KNOWN herbalist John Mxesibe, 54, says white racists are intimidating and harassing him.

The flamboyant Mxesibe says rightwingers are trying to force him out of his plot in the conservative area of De Deur in the Vaal.

Mxesibe, from Rockville in Soweto, told City Press he was told by police that the area "belonged" to the AWB.

The herbalist, who bought the plot for R70 000, from an estate

agent five months ago, blamed a neighbour for orchestrating harassment.

"The man is a policeman and I don't understand his behaviour."

He says he was intercepted by the policeman — in full uniform — driving a car two months ago while on his way to his Soweto house.

The policeman complained about noise from his plot.

The neighbour also warned him to ensure that his employees did not steal his goats, he said.

Three days later armed policemen came to his plot and searched workers

without explanation, he said.

Mxesibe, who runs a tuckshop and sorghum beer outlet, said the police demanded to see his licences. They took the sorghum licence, he said.

Two days later another group of policemen returned in three cars but did nothing, he said.

In a subsequent incident, police told him not to continue with the roofing of his house "because I would be in trouble."

Mxesibe also said he suspected the CP-controlled Vereeniging council was harassing him.

"I've been paying

R150 for three months but since trouble started, I received an account of R800," he said.

Mxesibe's aide, Richard Kalongau, said on November 8 police arrived and found the workers drinking in a garage.

They ordered everybody to leave and later returned.

"Workers were beaten and others got injured while a number of them were arrested," he said.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer, Captain Henrietta Bester, could not confirm the alleged incident.

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ANC man slams threats

By THEMBA KHUMALO

AN ANC official in Klerksdorp has been singled out as a rightwing target — not because he's with the ANC, but because he lives in the white town.

Hate pamphlets bearing the AWE logo and calling for a "Mass White Protest, Keep Klerksdorp Clean" have been distributed in town.

Trained MK cadre Isaac Moroe said he was prepared to defend himself at all costs, and would also take the matter to the Commission on Violence.

The pamphlet described Moroe as a "black adder" and expressed indignation that whites should live near blacks.

Moroe said the clash started when a friend of his Virikaner neighbour came over and asked to speak to the "baas".

"When I told him there was no such animal here he promised to fix me up."

On another occasion Moroe was visited by his ANC comrades and local rightwingers threatened to assault them.

AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche denied issuing the pamphlet.

"I will hit with bombs and donner (beat up) any man with stinking communist ideas," he said.

'Legal' marchers arrested

By KURT SWART

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SITIMES [C.M.]
FORTY-SEVEN people have been arrested in Vil-
liersdorp during a march to
protest against high rents
and service charges in the
Boland town

Spokesmen for the com-
munity claimed they had
gained magisterial permis-
sion for the march yesterday
— but police denied this
and said most of those ar-
rested would be charged
with taking part in an illegal
gathering

An African National Con-
gress activist said there had
been a misunderstanding
and he believed the reason
was that lawyers had not
given the marchers a copy of
the magistrate's written per-
mission.

The secretary of the Vil-
liersdorp Civic Association,
Mr Peter de Wet, said the
march had followed com-
munity dissatisfaction with
the municipality.

Police spokesman Captain
Attie Laubscher said 47
people had been arrested.

MCA assaulting squatters - claim

By MONK NKOMO

TWO senior officials of civic associations in Atteridgeville and Mamelodi in Pretoria, have quit their posts amid claims of a power struggle, inefficiency and lack of political foresight in organisations.

Former publicity secretary of the Mamelodi Civic Association Mr Patsy Malefo, who was ousted from his post last week for allegedly bringing the organisation into disrepute, struck out this week and accused the MCA officials of "blatant dishonesty, inefficiency and lack of political foresight".

Some of these cases are sparked off by residents who belittle officials at the advice office."

Malefo also accused the MCA of collecting R5 from each family at Stanza Village, despite the fact that nobody has accounted to anyone about this money.

It is alleged that the money is collected to pay for the hiring and service-

ing of mobile toilets by a city company.

Malefo added that the MCA official collecting the money refused to submit financial statements to the executive committee for scrutiny.

"Right now the toilets have not been emptied for weeks, creating a serious health hazard despite the fact that people are paying. The executive

committee has now increased the amount to R10 despite the fact that nobody accounts for this money."

Toilets

Mzwayne denied the claims and said the increase was agreed to by the residents in the area. He admitted that there were problems regarding the removal and servicing of toilets. This was due to a four-day strike at the company providing these

services, he said

Asked about the collection of the money from the families, Mzwayne conceded that there were problems regarding the matter, but said this was due to a misunderstanding between the collector and members of the executive committee

"As far as we are concerned, there is no money unaccounted for."

Malefo is also angry at the fact that the meeting

which decided his fate was attended by about 400 residents and he was not allowed to state his case

Power

Mr Simon "Chippa" Tshidi, who resigned as general secretary of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation, has kept a low profile.

In the wake of allegations of a power struggle and differences regarding the finances of the civic association, Tshidi has preferred to keep quiet.

"I hope that one day I will be given the opportunity to state my case to the residents of Atteridgeville. If not, I will convene a Press conference and give reasons why I quit," Tshidi said this week

Astro's publicity secretary, Mr John Ramatsui, declined to comment about allegations of a power struggle within the organisation and on problems regarding the finances of the organisation

According to Mr Lazarus Mzwayne, chairman of MCA, Malefo was relieved of his duties after residents resolved at a public meeting on August 25 that he should be fired following claims that he had paid R500 in rent arrears to the local town council.

Decision

Mzwayne said residents were angered by the fact that Malefo was party to a decision to pay a flat rate of R50 a household for rent and services.

"Residents felt he had been dishonest"

The decision to oust Malefo has now resulted in a war of words

Malefo has lashed out at the MCA for urging residents to stop paying rent without consulting other community-based organisations

Boycott

Malefo accused certain MCA representatives of assaulting residents at Stanza Village, a squatter camp in Mamelodi East, on a daily basis

The executive committee of the MCA, Malefo said "it is both paralysed and scared to take action against its own representatives".

He also criticised the calling of a rent boycott at a public meeting attended by about 500 people. "This is politically dangerous and suicidal", he said

Property

Malefo denied that he paid R500 in respect of rent arrears "I paid R500 to release my property which was attached. The MCA expects me to give up my property for auction."

Mzwayne said they had been reliably informed that Malefo had paid the R500 to reduce his rent arrears.

"We have also established that his property was never attached. He is not telling the truth"

Mzwayne admitted that there were "isolated cases" of assault involving civic representatives "These result mostly out of personal grudges

JOHANNESBURG

'Dead' Group Areas Act lives on

By Mono Badela

South 5/91 - 11/9/91

ESSENTIAL apartment's "dead" in South Africa, but blacks here have so far shown very little interest in buying in "white" areas.

Estate agents canvassed here this week reported little change and some even say interest has tailed off.

Many black people who wanted to buy in white areas did so some years ago, as was the case with Soweto businessmen Mr Richard Maponya and Mr Simon Maghanga.

Mr Maghanga has been living in Kelvin for at least two years. His first home was a three-roomed bungalow in Soweto (one bedroom, one lounge, one kitchen, no electricity). But as his career progressed — he is now community affairs manager at a leading bank — Mr Maghanga and his wife, Zodwa, built their own four-bedroomed home with two bathrooms and a dining-room.

As their family grew they sold their house in Soweto for R120 000 and moved to their present home, which cost about R250 000.

Another professional who has been living in Sandton for a year is Dr Nono Makhudu, a clinical psychologist.

After studying in the United States for eight years, she returned last year and moved into a Sandton townhouse. "I find life fine and I like it here. I



ONE MAN'S CASTLE Mr Simon Maghanga at his home in Kelvin

have been received very well by neighbours although there were one or two who were very unscrupulous. One moved out when we moved in.

"It's nice here. There's never a dull moment. We enjoy ourselves," she said. Mrs Fedile Tshabalala, a secretary working in central Johannesburg,

moved to the conservative town of Sasolburg on the borders of the Free State, a month ago.

"We moved here because my husband, a mineral engineer, wanted to be nearer his work," Mrs Tshabalala said. "We had no worries about coming here even though we are the only black family on our road. I have never found

white people a problem when I work with them and some of my neighbours have been very pleasant since we moved in."

Only limited interest has been shown by black people in such areas in the northern suburbs as Midrand, Bryanston, Sandton, Lombardy West, agents said. Other suburbs reporting little or

no change in interest are Bezuidenhout Valley, Randburg, Kensington, Malvern, Cynildene, Observatory, Edenvale and Orange Grove.

Agents said black people who have bought or are looking to buy in white areas were

- Mostly professional people.
- Well informed on current property prices and seeking value for money.
- Mostly interested in well-managed homes in tidy suburbs.
- Showed strongest demand for up-market areas, particularly Sandton.
- Often buying with company subsidies.

They said the main reasons for declining interest were

- People who wanted to relocate had already done so.
- Affordability.
- Inability to sell township homes — particularly expensive houses in up-market areas like Diepkloof in Soweto and Spruitview in the East Rand, where homes are either sold for less than their value or rented out because people are unwilling to pay high prices for them.
- Lack of public transport.
- People preferring to remain within their own social structures and race groups.
- Difficulties in getting bonds from building societies, especially for houses in black townships. Reasons given by the building societies are the violence and failure by township buyers to honour their responsibilities and that blacks change their jobs too often.

Sectional title properties in Hillbrow, Yeoville and Berea — popular while the Act was in place — have lost none of their appeal. Business has picked up in such areas since June 26, said Ms Brenda Klavansky of Property Market.

Nel in a bid to resolve Atteridgeville crisis

Sowetan 5/9/91

THE new Atteridgeville administrator, Mr Martiens Nel, met with the management committee of the Pretoria City Council to try and resolve the rent crisis in the township

Nel and the deputy chairman of the management committee of the council, Mr Cor Uys, announced yesterday that a firm of consultants would assist the administrator to develop a new strategic

management plan (127) Nel took over as administrator of Atteridgeville on September 1 after the term of his predecessor, Dr Ernie Jacobson, expired at the end of July

The rent crisis, which prompted the council to discontinue bulk electricity supplies to the township on July 22, is still continuing

"The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the new administrator

with events to date and to discuss a possible new approach in order to resolve the ongoing refusal of the majority of Atteridgeville residents to pay their accounts, which resulted in the local council being unable to meet its financial responsibilities," the statement said.

The Pretoria council said it would only consider restoring power, when the township had paid the account in full or came

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Alex is dump site, health chief is told

By Carina le Grange

Star 4/1/91

Health education was the answer to environmental problems threatening health care services, the director-general of the Department of National Health and Population Development, Dr Coen Slabber, said in Alexandra yesterday

Dr Slabber wanted to acquaint himself with health care services and the environment in the township.

He said health care workers in the area were coping with tremendous problems but were doing very good work. He said he was specifically concerned about "environmental factors" such as refuse, the lack of clean water and sanitation.

He said health education was the answer to these problems and that the work of health educators was becoming more and more important.

Dr Slabber was shown a voiced-over tape by members of his department which claimed the township was being used by outside agents for the dumping of refuse and rubble.

AS ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela engages in unlikely statesmanship in trying to save the lives of rightwingers, an opposite drama is building in Phalaborwa.

There, in the northeastern sleepy town of about 6 700 whites, an ANC member who plans moving into town faces lynching by rightwingers intent on keeping the town white.

The ANC member, mine supervisor Mr Mackson Ngobeni (46), apparently intends to run the full rightwing gauntlet.

Durability

And so the durability of the current *loendering* between opposing groups, as seen by the meeting of Mandela and Orde Boerevolk leader Mr Nic Strydom in Pretoria on Monday, may be put to the test sooner rather than later in Phalaborwa.

While everyone we spoke to, including Conservative Party members, town mayor Mr JH Grobelaar and Phalaborwa Mine Company spokesman Mr Tony Moore, all expressed hope that no violence would erupt, the AWB has said it will shed blood to stop Ngobeni from moving in.

It is a threat that cannot be dismissed lightly, considering the AWB's indiscriminate attack on blacks in Welgevonden, Venterdorp, Louis Trichardt and Krugersdorp. And so, what was once a sleepy town that only made the news as the hottest part of the country, may ex-

plode onto the front pages of newspapers showing rampant lynch mobs reminiscent of the film *Mississippi Burning*.

Ngobeni, bondholder of a house in Zone C, Namakgale, was a content man doing his job as assistant shift foreman, a senior position at PMC.

His house had been valued at R9 700 and he had been paying rent of R6,09 a month, excluding water and electricity.

PMC, a subsidiary of the British company RTZ, had since 1983 become an "equal opportunities" company that did not discriminate except in its housing policy, which was governed by legislation.

The company has houses for its black employees in Namakgale Township, about 12km from the town and for its white employees in town itself.

When State President FW de Klerk scrapped the Group Areas Act in June, PMC wasted no time in amending its housing policy.

Being the biggest single estate owner in town, with 1 160 stands out of the total 3 100 in town, PMC wasted no time in advising its employees that those who qualified in terms of their grades for town houses could apply.

Uncertainties

A notice dated July 19 to all employees tried to allay fears of white workers.

"Clearly South Africans going through a process of change," the notice said. "To many of us this creates uncertainties and even

Drama in a sleepy dorpie

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BY MATHATHA TSEDU

Lynch mobs may form to keep blacks out of town

The resolution passed on July 30, highly insulting to blacks, read:

"That the standard of service and all other standards set by and adhered to by the council shall be kept up and not be lowered to Third World standard.

"That the council will endeavour to do everything in its power to protect the community life and welfare of its residents, despite the political deception of the Government, which had assured the community that its own community life

and residential quarters would not be affected, and

"That the residents of Phalaborwa consulted by way of a survey to determine whether they support the council in its opinion that occupation of properties by families of other races is not acceptable because an own community life, value of properties, First World standards and good order will be affected and lowered."

Ngobeni made his application, which was duly processed. He was allocated house No 5 on Knoppeldoring Street, Phalaborwa.

The council did a three-day opinion poll from August 22 to 24, in which residents were asked: "Are you in favour of the occupation and inhabitation of properties in Phalaborwa by families of other races?"

Town clerk Mr Willy Fouche said the outcome was a less than 20 percent poll, with only 1 328 people out of the 6 700 registered voters taking part.

Of the respondents, an overwhelming majority of 1 280 voted against blacks moving in - they wanted their "First World standards" to be kept.

The outcome was controversial. The CP and AWB say the majority are against the move while other people say a 19 percent poll is no barometer

Others also argue that if the "silent majority" had been against the move, they would have taken part in the poll.

But for Ngobeni and PMC, the whole exercise was academic. The Group Areas Act was out and there was no legal basis on which the council could stop Ngobeni moving in.

Violence

The mayor, when asked yesterday what would be done with the outcome, said it had been communicated to all employers in the hope that they would heed residents' feelings. But he said the council could do nothing to stop PMC as it would be illegal to interfere.

He also said he hoped there would not be violence as his party did not support violence.

PMC was this week renovating Ngobeni's new house, which has air conditioning in all rooms and which will cost him a mere R16,35 a month, excluding water and electricity.

But the threats of rightwing violence are not being taken lightly, Moore said, and security will be provided for the family.

Perhaps Ngobeni should also approach his president, Mandela, and ask him to speak to Strydom, father of mass murderer Barend Strydom, about a reciprocal gesture.



CAST steps up efforts to isolate councillors

Star 3/9/91
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The Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) has decided to double its efforts to "eradicate" black local authorities and management committees.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso and publicity secretary Sam Ntuli told a press conference yesterday that CAST's conference on local government and housing at the weekend had resolved to call on community members to intensify campaigns for the resignation of black councillors and management committee members.

The conference called for the isolation of town councillors "in all spheres of life".

Mr Ntuli said the conference came out strongly in support of negotiations on local government, land allocation for development, housing development, the supply of electricity and public transportation.

The conference recommended that white local authorities take over the supply of social services to adjacent townships and the administration of these townships until nonracial local governments had been formed.

CAST said white municipalities, which had a sound fiscal base and "efficient administrative capacities", should take the blame for the deterioration of services in adjacent townships

Blacks apply for houses despite threats by AWB

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TWO more black employees of Phalaborwa Mining Company have applied for houses in the town amid rising tension and threats by rightwingers to stop blacks from moving in.

This brings to three the number of employees who have applied for houses in the Conservative Party-controlled town over the past months.

PMC estate manager Mr Tonny Moore also disclosed yesterday that a coloured mechanic would this week move into a previously whites-only flat block.

The applications followed the desegregation of the company's housing policy.

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Following the company's announcement of the new policy in July, the town council passed a resolution by five votes to three on July 30 calling on white residents to reject integration and defend "First World standards and good order".

An opinion poll by the council last month had a poll percentage under 20 percent. Of the 6 700 registered voters in the town, only 1 328 participated, 1 280 voting against blacks moving in.

The AWB interpreted the result as a mandate to stop blacks from moving into PMC houses and has threatened that "blood will flow" if attempts were made to disregard the poll outcome.

Open purses to halt housing crisis, urges Mayekiso 127

By Jo-Anne Collinge ^{Stew} 2/19/91.

Financial institutions, employers and the Government had to share the blame for the mammoth housing shortage and had to begin to "open their purses" to alleviate the crisis, according to Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal chairman Moses Mayekiso.

He was speaking at a two-day conference on housing, organised by CAST and Operation

Masakane for the Homeless, co-sponsored by City Press and the SA Lumber Millers Association (Salma) and held near Johannesburg at the weekend.

Mr Mayekiso stressed that the civic associations were involving themselves increasingly in the developmental process and the structural changes necessary to promote development.

He said their campaign against the black local authorities would be pursued, not as

simple "trouble-making" but because their demise would eliminate an obstacle to development.

Mr Mayekiso said the profits from the recent Government sale of oil reserves should go partly towards housing the homeless — but if it went via the black local authorities as intended, "we won't see any development".

He emphasised that there was an ongoing need for a rent-

al sector to house those without any form of capital or security — like hostel residents and shack-dwellers

A later speaker put the number of unemployed at about 4 million out of a possible workforce of 12 million

Salma executive director Andries Swart emphasised that the necessary resources existed in South Africa to meet the challenge of housing

He said Salma research had shown that even shack dwellers spent hundreds of rands in erecting their shelters — and that they were poorly serviced, often depending on informal sources to supply materials at exorbitant rates

With decent materials, provided at cheaper rates, and with training, there was no reason why people should continue to create perpetual slums, he argued

Police presence (127) deters takeover (127)

THE planned takeover of 150 houses at Lotus Garden did not materialise yesterday as police were seen combing the outskirts of the township.

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation had planned to let homeless people occupy houses built for the Indian community in Lotus Garden as well as have people set up shacks there.

Asro planned a march from the local Mbolekwa ground to the neighbouring township, where some people would occupy the empty houses while others would put up shacks.

People interviewed said the march could not take place because the police were out in force and it was too risky. Sowetan 2/9/91

Asro officials could not be contacted for comment. - Sapa.

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Wraps off municipal models

By EDYTH BULBRING

THE Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal will meet behind closed doors in Johannesburg today to formulate policy on non-racial local government and a model for interim metropolitan chambers

Chairman Moses Mayekiso is expected to present Cast's proposed model to restructure the existing Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. He believes the Chamber needs to be revamped to ensure grassroots community participation

Addressing a policy conference on local government and affordable housing yesterday, Mr Mayekiso said existing boundaries of local authorities had to be reassessed in order to establish viable tax bases

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Cops to block squatter plan

POLICE will be out in force this morning to prevent blacks occupying empty houses in an Indian township. (27)

Atteridgeville residents are reportedly planning to march to nearby Lotus Gardens in Pretoria to take over unoccupied houses and vacant land. (28)

This follows a decision at a public meeting last week convened by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation.

A strong police contingent will be at Lotus Gardens, but the residents' body is determined to go ahead with the squat.

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Protest action 'on hold'

INSTEAD of participating in protest actions, civic associations were now working on development of processes for a new society, Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal chairman Moses Mayekiso said on Saturday.

Speaking at a two-day symposium on affordable housing and Cast's first policy conference, Mayekiso said although civic associations were no longer involved in protest action, it did not mean they would refrain from taking mass action for social and economic development.

Public transport, he said, could not be privatised but had to be subsidised as it was government which had put the workforce far from towns and industries (124)

"The crisis in housing was caused by the government to curb the influx of people to the cities. We need a national policy on housing, transport infrastructure and local government."

There should be a negotiating forum on housing in which government was an equal partner and did not dictate what had to be done, he said — Sapa